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Editorial

One thing that can be said about the referendum is that it fired up many people; unfortunately, we think, by generating anxiety, fear and aggression, and concentrating on 'difference', often negatively.

So this month let's concentrate on what we all have in common and try to see a wider picture; for a start, one world – only one – with its immense and ever-growing population, every one of whom is entitled to (but doesn't get): clean water, enough food to support the family, shelter, at least primary education and basic health care and space to breath with freedom from fear.

No wonder the world's people are on the move more than ever before, not only out of desperation, but also in the case of younger generations, the sheer ease and excitement of travel, and for new experiences. For many, in all parts of the world, movement continues to escalate. However, getting to know other cultures and lifestyles is beneficial all round.

Worryingly, all this movement can bring with it increased spreading of viruses and infections, and coupled with the huge use of antibiotics and resistance to them, real worries about hard-to-control epidemics. Throw in the reality of climate change – 2016 is expected to be globally the warmest recently recorded (whether you believe it is the result of human activity or not) - and it becomes obvious that the whole world has enormous issues to deal with; the sadness is that it doesn't.

Countries tend to put up barriers, build walls – real or imaginary – turn in and think only of themselves and re-arm. We've seen it all before (or read about it), and it's scary. The United Nations is weak and seems to carry little weight although it has some commendable parts: the World Health Organisation, UNICEF and UNESCO to mention just three. But there is good news too; for example, when huge natural disasters occur the humanitarian response from so many nations with different politics and creeds is exemplary.

Do you remember the phrase: 'Stop the world, I want to get off'? We can't of course, but dare we start to think a little more widely?

Leyburn and District U3A

Pip Land will be speaking on Female Education in the 19th century: a Global Partnership, at the July monthly meeting on **Friday July 15th at 10.30am** at Leyburn Arts and Community Centre, The Old School House. Committee members will be available for questions before the meeting from 10.00am.

Eunice the Ewe



I was hiding in the School of Theatre Dance on page 5 of June issue and the winner was

Cara Harrington, Spennithorne.

We are grateful to Hazel Dwyer, May's winner, who has returned the cheque for a local charity. We chose Yorkshire Air Ambulance.

Swaledale Barns in the Spotlight

Dilapidated barns in the Muker Parish will be receiving special attention over the next 18 months in a bid to give them a new lease of life. The YDNPA Muker Barn Restoration Project will see local builders using traditional materials, techniques and craft skills to conserve the barns for future generations.

The scheme will be partly funded by a £100,000 legacy, bequeathed to the Authority by an anonymous donor - additional funding being provided by the Authority and Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust. As well as repairing the buildings, the project aims to support a broad range of training events and opportunities focused on building heritage skills, working alongside skilled local craftspeople and training organisations.

The physical restoration work will be complemented by another NPA project called 'Every Barn tells a Story', recording the history and stories of the barn, providing opportunities for them to be used and understood by local people and visitors. 'Every Barn tells a Story' has been awarded £65,800 from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF), with the Authority contributing an additional £20,000, and Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust £5,000.

P.S. Did you know that a barn in Upper Swaledale is called a cow house – pronounced 'cowus'!

Moorcock Centenary Show

This year will be the 100th Moorcock Show and to mark this event there will be a Centenary Celebration on **Friday September 2nd** at Thwaite Bridge Farm, Hawes with doors opening at **7.00pm** and food being served from **7.30pm**.

On the menu is a Hog Roast, with sides and a sweet. There will be the usual bar until late and music from Eddie Lord, DJ.

Tickets can be obtained from **Stephen/Alison Pedley on 01768 341616** or from **Graham/Kelly Scarr on 01539 620512**

From Green to White but ‘All Systems Go’

Any readers who visited the Green Dragon at Hardraw between last August and this May will already have met the new management team at the White Hart in Hawes and be confident of their ability to maintain the high standards established by Pat and Matthew Kirkbride.

So let us introduce them to you and explain how they found themselves as hoteliers and publicans in Wensleydale. They are two couples— Martin and Roz Helstrip and Helen and Terry Wood. Until 12 months ago they were all working full time in various roles in the NHS and private health care based from their homes in Leeds. Helen and Terry had been regular visitors to Brown Moor Caravan Park for the last 15 years so knew the area well and had occasionally come on holiday to Wensleydale with their friends Martin and Roz.

Whilst on a walking holiday in the area in April 2015 they had a thought – “why are we spending so much of our lives in these stressful jobs travelling up and down the country being long-distance commuters to various locations in the UK. Why don’t we relocate to the Dales and find some other occupation that doesn’t involve so much travelling”.

A few days later they found themselves having a drink at the Green Dragon and overhearing that the pub was up for sale. “Why not try running a pub” they thought and a few weeks later agreement had been reached for them to take over the Green Dragon for a six-month period with the view to then buy it. So they put their houses in Leeds up for sale and Martin and Helen resigned from their jobs to become full-time publicans. Terry and Roz found new health care posts in the area but were also committed to help in running the pub.

They quickly built up a reputation with both locals and visitors for excellent food and friendly atmosphere, and thoroughly enjoyed the new challenge and experiences. With every intention of making their new home permanent, they invested in structural improvements to the Function Room but were unable to obtain the necessary terms and conditions to allow them to stay and, much to their (and their customers’) disappointment their tenure ended on May 17th.

Meanwhile, however, Pat and Matthew been thinking of ‘retiring’ from running the White Hart Inn and concentrating on Café Curva. They’d personally experienced the good ‘vibes’ at the Green Dragon and, hearing of the upcoming departure had wondered if Martin and Helen might be the ideal Management Team to take over from them at the White Hart.

Having thoroughly enjoyed their nine months in the area and the friendliness of the locals, Martin, Helen, Roz and Terry were keen to find another local opportunity. They were impressed by the quality of the staff and the food at The White Hart and agreement was soon reached for them to take over. All the existing staff have been retained including top-rated chef Luke Summersgill and in the short-term there will be little change as the White Hart has such a good reputation for food and facilities.

Martin and Helen are keen that the White Hart whilst retaining its ‘gastro-pub’ reputation should also be a place where locals and visitors go for a drink in the evening. They will also explore the possibility of the Legion Room being equipped with a bar and becoming a function room for future events.

We wish the four of them good luck in their new challenge.

It’s Dark in the Park

The Yorkshire Dales National Park is one of the darkest in England when it comes to night skies – and that’s official.

The most detailed satellite maps of England’s light pollution and dark skies show that the National Park is ranked as the third darkest behind Northumberland and Exmoor. According to the ‘Night Blight’ maps – which were produced using satellite images captured at 1.30am throughout last September – 98 per cent of the skies in the Yorkshire Dales National Park are in the darkest two categories.

And the National Park Authority’s new Local Plan contains policies that will help to keep it that way – recognising that the levels of light pollution elsewhere make the dark night skies here increasingly special. Many children in urban areas may not have seen the Milky Way due to the veil of light that spreads across their night skies. Dark skies are a key characteristic of what makes the countryside so different from urban areas.

Flower Festival

St Andrew’s Church, Aysgarth
July 29th - 31st

We are celebrating 150 years of Beatrix Potter, with flowers. There will be a Children’s Quiz, cake stall, plants for sale, refreshments, together with music played throughout the days. We hope you will come along and support our fundraising event to raise money for the repair of the church roof after the lead was stolen last year.

Askrigg and District Produce Show Sunday August 28th 2:45 pm

It is summer at last and the Askrigg and District Produce show is just round the corner. This is a call to all of you would-be champion growers, bakers, painters, craftsman, flower arrangers and others to enter exhibits in our well-loved show. As always we've tried to update some of the categories without losing the traditional feel of the show which many of our exhibitors will remember from their childhoods. If you haven't been to the show for a while why not come and have a blast of nostalgia along with a cup of tea and a homemade cake.

I was really happy to welcome last year some 'guest' artists who provided a very eye-catching array of pictures for our art categories that made a great display as people came into the village hall. I'm hoping that Mary Rose has kept the pressure up this year and we have another good showing. I'd be even more delighted if we have more people competing in other sections. For example, we've had a growing band of stalwart male bakers who have risen to the challenge (sorry – couldn't resist) and have produced some fabulous loaves of bread so they probably need putting back in their place, ladies!

The children's section is always a particular favourite of mine and we are fortunate to have a very supportive school (well, three schools) who encourage children to enter items into the show with guidance from Amanda Killip who is our school liaison person. I'm expecting some enormous sunflower heads to appear this year grown by our local children.

As always we rely on the kindness and hard work of many to make the show happen and I'd like to thank the committee, those that turn up without (much) arm-twisting to put up trestles, make tea, wash up, steward our judges and generally be helpful. Please keep doing it or we're sunk. You know who you are and I know where you live!

The schedule for the 2016 show is on various notice boards and is also available online on our website at: askriggproduceshow.weebly.com/. So – let's all get growing, painting, creating and make this the best show ever. If you want to help out with this wonderful show, please get in touch.

Mike Dechezeaux, Chairman – Askrigg and District Produce Association
650424

Wensleydale Concert Series

Our new programme is available which includes concerts from July 2016 to October 2017. We are gradually distributing them and they are available in National Park Centres, or you can download a copy from our website. We are very pleased to welcome a wonderful and varied group of musicians over the next 18 months. Please do check the new programme and website for details and tickets.



Our next concert is on **Saturday July 16th** and is a Guitar Recital by the very talented guitarist and composer Matthew Sear. Full details of the programme are on the website: including a link to hear Matthew playing.

If you want to keep up to date with developments sign up for our monthly newsletter at the website and come and find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/wensleydaleconcertseries

If you have any questions about the concert series please ring **Carol or Liz** on **663026**

July Competition

Parts of the body

1. Three would fit in the yard!
2. _____ hurray
3. Sounds like M.Ps have it when they win
4. Often comes at the end of a book
5. Sounds like to make better
6. Two full stops?
7. This to make— or that?
8. _____ tree, or _____ beech, or _____ court?
9. Mess up match so easily
10. It might give you a rum read
11. How big? - meaning what ____? said the lisper
12. I'm part when involved
13. Too posh an event for the slovenly speaker?
14. Twist the pea neck
15. Play around with the rice bag
16. Very small illustration



*Mystery picture.
Last month's was of the hostel between Thoraby and Newbiggin on the B6160.*

June Competition Answers

'Heritage' sites; places to visit in Yorkshire (plus one in Co.Durham!) Anagrams.

1. DREAD LINED (museum)
Nidderdale
2. LESS ICY DATE ROUND (museum)
Dales Countryside
3. I BE HAMS
Beamish
4. I NEARLY SAW A WED YELL
Wensleydale Railway
5. LEEDS A LAW (museum)
Swaledale
6. MARROW TO MINE
Marmion Tower
7. CARTONS OUST NIT
Scruton Station
8. WHEN LABLY
Newby Hall
9. MASHING PEARLY WELTY
ShIPLEY Glen Tramway
10. CHEATED MAD MILLS
Middleham Castle
11. WAIL AT A YARN LION (museum)
National Railway
12. SATNAV ROCK WIGGLER
Twin Locks Gargrave

Gayle Chapel Camp Meeting

Gayle Chapel hosts its annual Camp Meeting at **2.00pm on Sunday July 3rd** with Rev Martin James and Hawes Silver Band outside the chapel building (inside if weather inclement). A buffet will be served following the meeting. All welcome.

Hawes Junction Chapel, Garsdale Head

Saturday July 2nd

GUIDED WALK ROUND GRISEDALE

Meet 1.00pm at Chapel or 1.15pm Moor Rigg

Short historical walk of three/four miles

(If really bad weather,

car tour round church and chapels of Garsdale,

with history)

From 4.30pm: TEA

7.00pm: ILLUSTRATED EVENING OF LOCAL HISTORY

Sunday July 3rd, 3.30pm

SONGS OF PRAISE followed by tea

Prunings

In the sunshine the hawthorns have been white and frothy as if dressed for a wedding. In contrast, on dull damp days they have a strange, ethereal distant quality. As the blossom goes over it loses its white crispness, but the variations are still fascinating; as you leave Leyburn coming west, before the railway bridge there are lots with pink tinges which have darkened as the flowers age. Of course there are plenty of bright pink species available – at a price, but these trees must be a natural hybridisation. However it happened it is lovely to see.

If you have rhubarb you have no doubt consumed a fair amount of it by now. We have lots of it, and, judging by the colours there is more than one variety, but as in most dales' gardens it was there before us, and consequently we have no idea which varieties we grow. RHS advice suggests that it should not be picked after the end of June to give the plants time to recover. I have to say that some of ours crops well beyond this and it comes back vigorously every year. The only care we take is to pull it gently and always leave some stems protecting the crown. When it looks as if it is preparing to flower we cut off the head so that it doesn't waste energy producing seed.



If you are a cuttings fanatic now is a very good time to attack shrubs, or anything with stems which are semi-ripe. I've been eyeing up the weigelas as Florida variegata is looking gorgeous at the moment. All shrubs benefit from the mix of warmth and wet we've had recently. Cuttings taken when the plants are growing strongly and are well watered stand the best chance of taking, so secateurs and penknife at the ready, I shall make a start. Look for non-flowering stems if you can, but most will take even if you have to cut the flowers off. The RHS list a really beautiful weigelia Florida called "Monet" which has a pinkish tinge to the leaf and seems to be a fairly small specimen. I shall be looking out for it next time I go shopping!

Last week Garden News ran an article about research into methods of slug and snail control because there is concern about over-use of the chemicals in the more widely available pellets. I planted a new hosta a few weeks back and I am amazed at how little damage it has sustained so far, as it has had no treatment. Of course it could have something to do with the fact that there has never been a hosta in that corner before and they just haven't found it yet.

The winter pansies which have flowered almost continuously since the autumn are looking fairly bedraggled. To be fair, I think I might be to blame. I had wrongly assumed that the tubs would hold plenty of moisture and came home one hot day to find them keeling over. A great deal of water later, they had more or less recovered, but they are definitely past their best. Pelargoniums next I think!

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

Rose Rambler

Burtersett Show Sunday July 31st at 2.00pm

To be opened by Jonathan and Judith Woolley
Hawes Silver Band • Fell Race • Dog Show

- Tombola • Cake and plant stalls etc.
- Refreshments in the Institute

Children's classes: under 7, 7-10, 11-16 years

- Garden in a tin • Three decorated biscuits
- Poem on the Olympics • Painted pebble
- Stuffed animal (excludes taxidermy!)
- Collage of a meadow
- Longest dandelion leaf

Adults : 17 years and over

- Garden in a tin • Painted pebble
- Rhubarb jam • Elderflower cordial
- Limerick about the weather
- Flowerpot person/people
- Lemon drizzle cake

VACANCY Askrigg Playgroup ...

is seeking a new member of staff
to start in September.

Tuesday and Thursday mornings
during term time only.

For further information please contact

Laura Alderson (Chair Person)

on 07508 104301.

Closing date: July.31st.

Heavens Above

One of the finest of all the constellations is nicely on view this month - Cygnus, the Swan. You can't really miss it high in the south-east by late evening, flying majestically down the Milky Way towards the southern horizon.

Cygnus is fairly easy to recognise. Face south and then look for Vega, a really bright blue-white star almost overhead in the constellation of the Lyre. Cygnus lies to its left, a large cruciform shape with one line of stars forming the Swan's body and elongated neck and another, at right angles, its outstretched wings. You can see why it's often referred to as The Northern Cross. The bird's tail - the top of the cross - is marked by the constellation's brightest star, Deneb, a real powerhouse tens of thousands times brighter than our own sun. Together with Vega, and Altair in the Eagle, Deneb makes up the well known Summer Triangle asterism which dominates the high southern sky for the next few months. At the other end of the cross, marking the Swan's beak, you'll find Albireo, one of the most beautiful double stars in the sky. The primary is golden-yellow and its slightly dimmer companion, a distinct bluey-green - the pair are a lovely sight in even a small telescope.

Cygnus lies in a particularly rich part of the Milky Way and on a dark moonless night its dense star fields and numerous open star clusters are a glorious sight swept with low-powered binoculars. From a really pitch-black location you should be able to make out the famous Cygnus Rift, a dark lane of interstellar dust that obscures more distant stars and divides the Milky Way in two.

Planets on view this month include Jupiter, still shining brightly low in the west an hour after sunset, and Mars, low in the south-south-west. Jupiter sets about 11.00pm and Mars around one o'clock in the morning. Saturn, to the left of Mars but a good deal dimmer, follows the Red Planet below the horizon an hour later at 2 am. Venus and Mercury aren't well placed for viewing at the moment, but look out for Venus later in the year when it puts on a terrific display as a brilliant evening star. Have clear skies!

Al Bireo

Penhill Together United Service

10.30am on Sunday July 10th at St Oswald's, Castle Bolton, speakers: Sarah and Mark Newham speak on their work with Mission Aviation Fellowship. There will be a Holy communion and the service will include the Commissioning of Lay-Reader, Hilary Disney

July Events in Hawes Market Hall For St Margaret's Church, Hawes

- **Sunday, 10th at 7.30pm**

Concert by Hawes Prize Silver Band with singing by 'The Young Voices'
£7 Adults/£3 Child

- **Friday, 22nd at 7.30pm**

Muker Band - £7 Adults/£3 Child

- **Saturday, 30th 10am to 4pm**

Summer Fayre

Stalls, tombola, raffle., refreshments all day.

Can You Play an Orchestral Instrument?

The Wensleydale Philharmonic Orchestra is keen to attract new players to all sections, but particularly in the string section. We are all amateur players with a common interest in orchestral music. Our rehearsals take place on **Thursday evenings** at Thornton Rust Village Hall, **7.30 until 9.30pm**. There are no auditions to join the orchestra, and we manage to accommodate players of very different abilities and ages. We don't take ourselves too seriously and a good sense of humour is important!

We are holding an 'Open Rehearsal' on **July 14th**, so if you would like to come along to hear and meet the orchestra, you would be very welcome. The evening takes place at our regular venue in Thornton Rust and starts at 7.30pm. The evening finishes with refreshments provided by orchestra members.

For more details contact **Christine Mutter (624527)** or **Fiona Johnston (663325)**

Defibrillator Awareness Session

Defibrillators are now installed at various locations in the Upper Dales, so if you'd like to learn how to use them, then join a session of 'Basic Life Support & Automated External Defibrillator Awareness', to be run by The North Yorkshire Ambulances Service.

7.00pm on Tuesday August 2nd

at the Old School House in Hardraw.

The session lasts approximately 90 mins, is free and tea/coffee will be provided. If you'd like to attend, contact Helen or Andy on **666034** so they can have enough coffee tea and biscuits available!

What's going on with Windows 10?

Basically it is a case of Microsoft knows best.

If you have Windows 7 or Windows 8 on your computer and you haven't been automatically upgraded to Windows 10 yet you are lucky.

Microsoft have taken it on themselves to download Windows 10 to users' computers and then automatically upgrade the computer without permission from the owner. Quite a few people have, quite reasonably, become quite upset about this and it will be interesting to see if the lawsuits start rolling out at some point.

What can you do? Various options:

- 1) Accept the upgrade and start getting used to Windows 10 (see my comments below)
- 2) If this happens to you then you do have the option to decline the upgrade. To install Windows 10 your computer will restart and you will be confronted by a screen with a typical legal document to agree to – just refuse to agree to the document and your computer will be reverted to your old version of Windows. (Note it will probably have another go at upgrading in the future but should stop after July 29th when the free upgrade period ends).
- 3) If your computer upgraded in the last 30 days you have the option to revert to your old Windows. Click on Start and then PC Settings, click Update and Security and select Recovery. Use the go back to Windows 7 or 8.1 option.

If you are happy with Windows 7 or 8 and definitely don't want Windows 10 and it hasn't already installed go to www.tinyurl.com/blockWin10Upgrade (care with capital letters) – it will download a small file to your computer – double click on the file and allow it to make changes to your computer. Restart the computer and you will never see Windows 10 again.

If you choose Windows 10 what to expect

If you had Windows 8 the first thing you will notice is the return of the Start menu (unless you have a touch screen device); for Windows 7 you will see a new style of start menu. The new menu has an apps panel to the right. You can download new apps from the app store (some free and some paid for). I may be a bit of a dinosaur but on a computer I really can't see the point of this, other than to make Microsoft money – which is precisely what it is designed to do.

If you prefer the old Windows 7 style menu you can download "Classic Shell" for free from www.classicshell.net, install it and it replaces the new menu with one that looks and behaves exactly like the old Windows 7 start menu. You can still access the new version by holding the shift key while you click on the start button.

The second thing you will notice is the new browser Microsoft Edge. This has not been terribly popular and has a number of glitches and strange behaviours that are gradually being sorted out. Internet Explorer is still available (just click Start and type Internet Explorer) – or even better download and install either Mozilla Firefox or Google Chrome as a more reliable and quicker alternative.

As with Windows 8 the new Windows comes with Windows Defender preinstalled (in Windows 7 it was called Microsoft Security Essentials and you had to download it and install it yourself). This is a reasonable and completely free AntiVirus programme. If you have another antivirus installed (such as Norton, MacAfee, Avast, AVG etc) then Windows Defender will be automatically disabled. Uninstalling your other antivirus and restarting brings Defender to life. I still recommend buying a copy of Malwarebytes AntiMalware (www.malwarebytes.org) irrespective of the antivirus you use.

Other than the fact that the computer settings are now scattered into different places under windows 10 (not just the control panel) and that you have no control over windows update any more you won't really see a lot of difference in Windows 10 since windows 7 or 8 and it should be fairly easy to adapt.

Should you upgrade?

Generally I would say yes, and do it now if you are going to. The only exceptions are if you use programmes that don't work in Windows 10 or if you have an old Windows 7 computer that will need replacing before 2020 (in which case stay with Windows 7). Also check external devices (printers, scanners etc. will work in Windows 10 – they are not all getting new software from the manufacturers).

If you do decide to upgrade I would suggest backing up any important documents, uninstall any programmes you don't use. Uninstall your antivirus and other security software before the upgrade (most will not be needed in Windows 10 but you can reinstall it if you need to).

That's it for this month – any questions, ideas for articles etc. please email me at carol.haynes@dalescomputerservices.com

Hawes Midsummer Bash Saturday 2nd July 2016

Against the backdrop of the breathtaking Yorkshire Dales the sound of live music will echo around the hills once again.

This long established, family-friendly concert has been running for 14 years now, this year we're raising the stakes and hosting more performing bands than ever before! - hopefully making a brilliant event and raising money for local charities and the Yorkshire Air Ambulance.

All ages are encouraged to come along to the Community Field and take part in the carnival of dancing with DJ Wilko spinning the decks. Parents can bop to Brown Sugar while the kids let off steam with air guitars!

What's your poison?... A cold pint with 'Back in Black' from Rhubarb Red - or a G&T with Gwenda and 'Fame'... maybe a prime local burger with the 'Queen'?

So as we give it some 'welly' this summer, let's hope we don't have to use them! Ponchos away! See you there!
Di Blades

Leyburn Bowling Club

Leyburn Bowling Club is holding a Coffee and Cake Morning in our clubhouse on Moor Road, Leyburn (100 yards past Thornborough Hall on the left) on **Saturday July 9th at 10.30 am.**

As well as enjoying the refreshments there will also be the opportunity to try your hand at Flat Green Bowling, if you wish! Equipment and tuition will be provided free of charge.

Leyburn's good start in this year's JSW League has continued and in the past month we have recorded wins against Topcliffe and Northallerton Blue, to give us six consecutive victories at the time, but then we disappointingly lost our next two games, though we have followed these two defeats with a convincing home win against Northallerton Gold and we currently stand 4th in the JSW League.

In our other competition, the Bateson League, we have continued the strong defence of the title we won last year. In our first match this month we won at Harrogate, followed by a very narrow defeat against Northallerton, since recovering well to record two convincing wins against Dishforth and Masham. After five matches we are currently in 3rd place in the Bateson League, with a game in hand of the leaders.

Mervyn Buckley

Date for your Diary

The new and improved Bainbridge 'Bash' will be held on Bainbridge Village Green on **Saturday August. 13th**
More details will follow nearer the time

Gayle Mill Events

Demonstration Tours – Sunday July 3rd 2016
11.00am and 2.30pm £12 Adults Children 16 years and under have free entry. Come and join our Demonstration Tours first Sunday of each month. A two hour tour where you get to see the original 1879 machinery working! Includes light refreshments.

Gayle Mill remains open for one hour tours **Sunday to Friday at 1.00pm and 3.00pm.** £6 Adults Children 16 years and under have free entry.



Hawes and High Abbotside Parish Council...

invites everybody to two very important events for our community. Both will take place on **Sunday July 17th**.

At 2.00pm there will be a short Service of Dedication to open the new Parish Council non-denominational Cemetery next to the Methodist Cemetery at the eastern entrance to the Town. Present to assist by giving their blessing to the new Cemetery will be Bishop James of Ripon, the Rev Janet Park, and a representative of the Catholic Church. The entrance to the cemetery is on Old Gayle Lane. Parking is available free of charge at the Hawes Auction Mart, just five minutes walk away or alongside the A684 by the Methodist Cemetery.

At 3.00 pm there will be a Community Service to dedicate the War Memorial to the Fallen which the Parish Council has commissioned on the grass triangle at Town Head. 64 members from either the Parish of Hawes or High Abbotside gave their lives for us all in one or other of the two World Wars, and at long last there is now a beautifully crafted inscribed Memorial (by local stonemason, Jim Spensely) to commemorate their Sacrifice.

The emphasis in the Service of Dedication will be very much on the local community, but various Churches and other organisations such as the British Legion, the Armed Forces, the Emergency Services, Local Authorities, youngsters from the School, the Hawes Prize Silver Band and above all else local people, will each play an important role in making the event particularly fitting for the occasion.

The A 684 between the bottom of Turfy Hill and the Cattle Market, and also Gayle Lane, will be closed from 2.45 pm until the Community Service is concluded, with diversions signposted for through traffic via Hardraw or Marridales, and there will be free parking all day in the District Council's Gayle Lane car park. Following the Service you are all invited to a light finger buffet in the function room of the Fountain.

**John Blackie, Chairman –
Hawes and High Abbotside Parish Council**

Preston under Scar

The annual Preston under Scar Art and Craft Exhibition will be held in the Village Hall on **Friday, Saturday and Sunday, July 15th—17th from 10.00am. until 6.00pm.** each day. All the art work and craft items are made by residents of this small village. Entry is free but donations are welcome for this year's charity, Marie Curie. Refreshments will be available.

Dales Discovery

Friends of St Margaret's Church, Hawes are to present this year's series of illustrated Dales Discovery talks.

The six Wednesday evening talks in the church start at **8.00pm** Admission £3.00 (child £1.00) which will be used for the continuing programme of church restoration. Your support will be most welcome.

July 27th Dr Malcolm Hamer; Medical services in the Dales in the 20th century.

August 3rd Jack Sutton: Signposts to the stars.

August 10th Matt Neale; Red squirrel conservation in the National Park.

August 17th Jonathan Woolley; Wensleydale and its neighbours.

August 24th Graham Di Duca; Walking the Pennine Way with a rubber ball.

August 31st Spellbound Productions; Spellbound in the North Riding.

Does Anybody Know...

Several people doing research on **Stan Laurel** (of Laurel and Hardy fame) have uncovered the fact that although he was born in Ulverston in 1890, it appears that his mother, Margaret Metcalfe, and other relations, lived in Hawes and Upper Wensleydale.

The burning question: does anyone know exactly where in Hawes their house is (or was)? Please contact this Newsletter.

Wild Flower Walk and Talk

Martin Allen, wildflower specialist and multiple Royal Horticultural Society gold medalist, will offer a Wildflower Walk and Talk at the Yorebridge Sports and Leisure Centre on **Wednesday, July 6th**, as part of the Learning Curve project. We are extremely lucky to be able to follow in the footsteps of this internationally recognised botanical artist and have clear identification of some rare and wonderful flowers in our meadows and woodlands.

Meet at **9.30am** at Yorebridge community centre for registration and car sharing. The walk will be from 10am to 1pm, there'll then be half an hour for lunch, and a 60-90 minute classroom session with Martin from 1.30pm. All attendees should be suitably dressed, wear waterproof walking boots and don't forget to bring your camera and packed lunch. The cost will be £15 and booking is essential.

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

July

- 1-3 Middleham Celebrates Richard III – A weekend of events
- 2 Redmire Duck Race
- 2 Midsummer Bash. See p.11
- 2, 3 Hawes Junction Chapel events. See p.7
- 2,3 National Meadows Day Celebration: Nethergill Farm, Oughtershaw. **01756 761126** for details
- 2,3 'Tudor life' events. Bolton Castle
- 3 Carperby Open Gardens. See p.17
- 3 Gayle Chapel 'Camp Meeting'. 2.00pm See p.7
- 3 Bainbridge Methodists at Aysgarth. 10.45am
- 5,12,19,26 Tea and Scones from 1.00 to 3.00pm: St Margaret's Church, Hawes
- 6 Askrigg Flower Walk See p.12
- 8 'Filling Station', Middleham Key Centre, 7.00pm
- 10 Penhill Together at St Oswald's, Castle Bolton at 10.30am. See p.9
- 10 Hawes Band and Young Voices Concert in the Market Hall. See p.9
- 10,24 Bainbridge Methodist worship in Sycamore Hall, 10.30am
- 12 YDNPA Planning Committee, Yoredale Bainbridge, 1.00pm
- 12-14 Great Yorkshire Show
- 14 Wensleydale Orchestra Open Rehearsal. See p.9
- 15-17 Preston under Scar Art and Craft Exhibition. See p.12
- 15-17 Wensleydale Railway Annual Diesel Gala
- 16 Wensleydale Chorus; Haydn's Creation. St Oswald's Church, Askrigg. See p.14
- 16 Wensleydale Concert Series, Guitar recital. See p. 6
- 17 Methodist service in St Margaret's, Hawes, 10.30am
- 17 Hawes and High Abbotside war memorial and cemetery events. See p.12
- 18 Leyburn and District U3A talk.
- 19 Singing for the memory. See p.20
- 20 Young Farmers' car rally. See p.24
- 22 Muker Band Concert in the Market Hall, Hawes. See p.9
- 23 Wensleydale Railway 1940s weekend
- 24 Aysgarth Methodist at Sycamore Hall, 10.30am
- 25-29 'Captive Queen' event. Bolton Castle

- 25-31 National Parks Week 2016. Aysgarth Falls N. Park Centre. Events Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday
- 27 Annual 'Dales Discovery' series begins See p.12
- 28 Singing with friends, Gayle Institute,2.00pm
- 28-31 Beatrix Potter Flower Festival, St Andrew's Church, Aysgarth. See p.5
- 30 St Margret's Summer Fayre. See p. 9
- 31 United service for St Oswald's, Askrigg Aysgarth and Bainbridge Methodists at Bainbridge, 10.30am
- 31 Penhill Praise Family Service: St Andrew's, Aysgarth (Flower Festival Weekend) 10.30am
- 31 Burtersett Show. See p.8

August

- 1-5 King's Club; Askrigg
- 2 Defibrillator session. See p.3
- 6 Thornton Rust Country Show. See p.37
- 6,7 Garsdale Station Anniversary events See p.34

Two Brief Notes

Because of great pressure on space in most issues, the Newsletter cannot print obituaries but will accept acknowledgements.

There has been an inquiry about large print issues of the Newsletter. Would readers please let us know if there would be more interest and we will explore the cost and availability. Please note that the Newsletter on the internet (without commercial adverts) is in a form that can easily be enlarged to view. Simply put "Upper Wensleydale Newsletter" in your search engine

A Trip to Emma Bridgewater in Stoke

Thursday August 11th
Leaving Askrigg 8.45am
Picking up in Hawes.

Cost around £15, deposit required on booking.

Please contact **Jo Hammond 650596**
for more details or to reserve places.

DCM What's On



Exhibitions and events:

5th July to 28 th Sept.

In the Footsteps of Turner. Celebrating the Bicentenary of JMW Turner's visit to the Yorkshire Dales, featuring the work of Jo Hume and Debbie Loane. Meet the artists Sunday afternoon 10th July.

July

- 3 Pathfinder Intermediate Navigation. 10.30am to 4.30pm. Gain skills in map reading and compass work, includes 8km walk. Adults £15. Booking Essential
- 3 Discover Aisgill Force. 1.30 to 4.00pm. A 4 mile walk along the beck through a narrow wooded gorge to reach the spectacular falls. Adults £5, Child Free. Booking Advised
- 6 Hawes Town Trail. Join with Volunteers on this easy 3.2km guided walk. 2.00 to 4.00pm. Free Event
- 15 Friends of the Dales Museum Gift Day: 7.30pm. Bring your donations and enjoy a social evening followed by a talk on the Askrigg Village Book
- 17 Explore the Villages of Upper Wensleydale 1.30 to 4.00pm. A moderate 3 1/2 mile guided walk. Adults £5, Child Free. Booking advised
- 24 Hawes Rural Heritage: 11.00am to 4.00pm. A 7 mile rural walk
- 26 Drystone Walling Demonstration: 11.00am to 3.00pm. Join one of the five short drop in sessions with Dales Volunteers as they talk through the process of turning a pile of stones into something which will last for centuries
- 27 Let's Go Fly a Kite! 11.00am to noon 2.00 to 3.00pm. Kite making workshop. £3
- 28 Join Area Ranger Matt Neale talk about red squirrel conservation work. 2.00 to 3.00pm
- 29 In the Kitchen: 11.00am to 3.00pm. Join us in our traditional farmhouse kitchen
- 29 Bugs Galore: 1.00 to 4.00pm. Become nature detective and find and identify these small creatures.
- 30 Walk through Time: 1.30 to 4.30pm. Meet at Askrigg Village Cross for this 3 mile circular walk
- 31 Magical Moths: 11.00am to 4.00pm. See moths up close and identify them

For further information on any activity 'phone 666210 '

TOSH LEYBURN: Events

FILMS: Fridays at 5.00 and 7.30pm :

July 1st In the Heart of the Sea (12A)

July 8th Joy (12A) **July 15th** Hail Caesar! (12)

July 29th (7.30pm only) Trumbo (15)

YORKSHIRE SILENT FILM FESTIVAL

(with piano):

Tuesday July 12th, 2.30pm

The Count (U) and A Pair of Tights (U)

Friday July 29th, 5.00pm Safety Last (U)

EXPLORING FILM SEASON:

Tuesdays at 7.00pm:

July 5th The Program (15)

August 2nd Withnail and I (15)

EVENTS:

Saturday July 9th, 7.30pm

Bob, Jess and Guests

Friday July 22nd

Singalong Supper

July 23rd, 24th

Leyburn 1940s Weekend

The Wensleydale Chorus

proudly presents

The Creation

by

Joseph Haydn



Saturday July 16th 7.30pm

St Oswald's Church, Askrigg

Saturday July 23rd 7.30pm

St John's Church, East Witton

New members are always welcome –

no auditions, just a love of music is required!

If you would like further information please contact

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A Royal Visit

As the Moorcock Show approaches its 100th anniversary this September, many can look back to the visit to the show in 1986, by His Royal Highness, The Prince of Wales. To the younger readers and incomers to the area, this may give an insight into a memorable day in the show's history.

The weather is often unkind to the Moorcock Show but this was a perfect autumn day with autumn tints just showing in the trees. Guests to the field were "security checked" by Mr. Van Cutzem's father and son gamekeepers, resplendent in new plus four suits.

A large number of exhibits were spread around the field including local crafts, famous local cheeses, and the Hawes Silver Band played almost non-stop all day; stone-wallers took down and re-built dry stone walls around the field and a section of the field was set aside for sheep dog trials. The central theme of the show, then as now, was the judging of the Swaledale sheep for which there was a bumper number of entries – no doubt due to the Prince's presence.

The Prince arrived in a pale blue Rolls Royce at 12.30pm, together with an entourage which included his Equerry, the Vice Lord Lieutenant for North Yorkshire right down to a lowly Detective Constable wearing an ill concealed side arm in a shoulder holster!

After a tour of the sheep classes when Patrick Sowerby explained the ins and outs of hill farming in the Dales, followed by drinks in Mr. Van Cutzem's hospitality tent, an invited party of 80 went to the beautifully decorated luncheon marquee where a six course banquet, truly fit for a king, had been prepared. Local produce reigned supreme with local brown trout, wild mushroom soup, hot Swaledale saddle of lamb, late summer pudding, and of course Wensleydale cheese was served. How hot saddle of lamb could be served to eighty people in a field in the middle of nowhere is a marvel and a tribute to the local ladies who cooked and served it. By 2.30pm everything was running late and the Prince was still tucking into his sweet course with cheese and speeches yet to come. He was now due to be at the sheep dog demonstration.

Lunch over, the Prince spent the remainder of the afternoon visiting the trade stands. Much to the consternation of the organizers, the sheep judges were only beginning the judging of the final, very large class, and the Prince's departure was long overdue. Suggestions that the judges might be asked to hurry

hurry up was countered by the opinion that this would cause them to take longer than ever.

The Prince was, however, more than happy to wait and presented the prizes.

The Rolls appeared and the royal party departed – after spending six hours at the Moorcock Show. One of his security men is said to have said that he only spent two hours at the Great Yorkshire Show, the last time he was there.

The Prince donated a beautiful silver plate from the royal silversmith to mark his visit. This is still treasured by the show committee and is presented at each show to the Champion Swaledale Sheep.

While no royalty is expected this year, the committee is expecting a major celebrity to attend.

With thanks to The Journals of a Country Bank Manager for much of the background. **A.M**

Ageing!

An elderly couple in their nineties are both having problems remembering things. During a check-up, the doctor tells them that they're physically okay, but they might want to start writing things down to help them remember.

Later that night, while watching TV, the old man gets up from his chair. "Want anything while I'm in the kitchen?" he asks. "Will you get me a bowl of ice cream?" "Sure".

"Don't you think you should write it down so you can remember it?" she asks.

"No, I can remember it"

"Well, I'd like some strawberries on top, too. Maybe you should write it down, so as not to forget it?"

He says, "I can remember that. You want a bowl of ice cream with strawberries"

"I'd also like whipped cream. I'm certain you'll forget that, write it down?" she asks.

Irritated, he says, "I don't need to write it down, I can remember it! Ice cream with strawberries and whipped cream - I got it, for goodness sake!"

Then he toddles into the kitchen. After about 20 minutes, the old man returns from the kitchen and hands his wife a plate of bacon and eggs. She stares at the plate for a moment. "Where's my toast?"

Thoralby Village Hall

Another in our village hall series

The village hall at Thoralby must be one of the oldest public buildings in the Wensleydale area. Many a visitor has stared at the datestone—1704— and wondered about its history. There is evidence that it was at one time two cottages, as it is split into an upper and lower level. It only became a village hall in 1953, perhaps a good deal later than some other villages in the dale.

The early history of the hall has been difficult to trace but after the First World War, during which six lives were lost from Thoralby and Bishopdale, a war memorial fund was set up. In February 1936 a meeting was held to decide how to spend the £115 which had accumulated. This and subsequent meetings were held in the Reading Room and it was initially thought that that building might make a suitable venue for the village hall but it is very small with restricted scope for extension. The Reading Room does still exist and may feature in this series of articles about public buildings.

The Second World War intervened and it was 1952 before further plans were made, much prompted by the needs of the Women's Institute for a meeting place. Bob Heseltine was prepared to sell an empty property for £80 including garden and garage. At the time it was being used for storing timber. Its main drawback was that it was only fifteen feet wide. The new committee decided to remove the south wall and extend the premises to 24 feet wide, creating a main hall, a committee room, cloakrooms and a kitchen. Some extra stone, along with four handsome oak doors were brought from the recently demolished Rookery, a big house up Bishopdale. This was a big job costing £2,540. 7s. 0d, a large sum in those days. With the exception of the dance floor, laid by a specialist firm from Hull, all the work was done by local craftsmen.

The building was officially opened on October 7th 1953. The ceremony was followed by an auction of gifts which helped to pay for the outstanding cost of the building work. Early minutes of meetings make interesting reading: September 14th 1953 "resolved that a Gift Sale of farm Livestock and Deadstock etc. be held at 2.00pm on Oct 8th"; young committee members are now senior inhabitants of the village; others have passed on but members of their family have taken their place.

Hiring the hall in its first year cost thirty shillings

for a major event and only five shillings for the small room. Today's charges are £14 and £7 respectively. Dances were particularly popular in those days and continued to be so for many years but had largely lost their appeal before the end of the twentieth century. Whist drives and bring and buy sales also featured strongly in the early fundraising efforts.

Shortly after the hall was opened a memorial to the six soldiers who died in World War I was dedicated. This is still there on the inside of the south wall and it is an official war memorial.

In many respects the work of the present committee, which numbers about sixteen people, is much the same as previously. References to building maintenance now read very similarly to the minutes of sixty years ago. The present committee is a good mix of local people and others who have moved into the area and it organises about eight events each year. These are generally well attended as the local villagers are very loyal and turn out regularly.

In 2013 a very popular event was the Diamond Jubilee of the hall, held as near as possible to sixty years after the opening ceremony. There were historical presentations by Penny and Bob Ellis who have done a great deal of research on Thoralby and to whom I am deeply indebted for much of the detail in this article. Penny has a website www.thoralbythroughtime.net which is well worth a look. It is a work in progress and she is always looking for further information.

The hall is an asset to the village and surrounding dale. With grants from Richmondshire District Council it has recently been refurbished. To celebrate this a "Posh Afternoon Tea" event took place on May 7th and there is a lively programme of events later in the year.

N.P.

Plant Sales in Castle Bolton

Reasonable weather this time, though still not so good at the start as on March Easter Monday! This time Margie came with her accordion to lend some tone, and send a signal to draw in passers-by.

As usual plant selling isn't for us so brisk as earlier in the year: possibly people are more interested in bedding plants by late May, whereas we usually have a majority of well grown-on perennials. But we made £150, bringing our total this year to £580, to be divided between our Mission Partners, Scripture Union and Mission Aviation Fellowship.

Robert Hall

The W.R. Mitchell Archive



As so many Dales people will know, Bill Mitchell MBE was a prolific journalist and editor of *The Dalesman* for many years. It was here that founder Harry Scott told him to '*put people before things*', a thought that was to remain with Bill throughout his life.

Bill left behind a collection of more than 600 audio interviews, 50 videos and 15,000 photographs. It is the mission of *Settle Stories* to save this archive in the form of digitising it, so that Bill's precious work is not lost for current and future generations. This Newsletter has been able to send a donation to help in this.

A few years ago Sita Brand of *Settle Stories* had gone to visit Bill about an event he was going to do. He was due to tell stories at their festival. She sat having a cup of tea with him in his kitchen and he said, "Have you got a moment?"

"Yes," she replied. Bill took her to his study where he had piles of old C90 cassettes with interviews with people like Kit Calvert, Hannah Hauxwell, Alfred Wainwright and hundreds of others.

At that point she determined to set up an online community archive to preserve these extraordinary interviews. Funding was received for a pilot project which enabled the creation of a website to test a process to digitise and catalogue the material. Fund-raising continues to digitise more material.

Many of the 15,000 images are of Dales and Cumbria scenes from a time long ago and they look very different now.

There really is an outstanding collection of interviews. Most exciting is the excellent search functionality which most community archives lack. It is set up as an archive that can be used by researchers; you can put any word into the advanced search and you will find a list of all the relevant links in the digitised archive.

Of the importance of this archive, Sita Brand says, "Firstly this is an Archive that celebrates the lives of ordinary people; many of them working class people. So much of recorded history gives us the history of the aristocracy but it's much more difficult to find out about the lives of ordinary people. Secondly, Bill was a fabulous journalist and a great interviewer. This meant he was able to draw out stories from people in a way that others aren't always able to do. It makes the interviews particularly interesting. The archive also covers extraordinary

people. As Bill was visiting people in the 1980s, he frequently interviewed those who were talking about people they knew as children. In some cases, this meant they were describing life in the late 1800s."

The ultimate aim is to digitise all the material to make it available to the public through a fully searchable website.

Discover the W.R.M. Archive online and hear the stories for yourself. There is an immense amount of material.

Visit www.wrmitchellarchive.org.uk

Renaming Ceremony Following restoration and repainting of Class 47 Diesel Locomotive.

Councillor David Jeffels, past chairman of North Yorkshire County Council and Keith Madeley, chairman of the Yorkshire Society, 'Mr. Yorkshire', recently renamed a Class 47 Diesel Locomotive following restoration and repainting by Wensleydale Railway volunteers.



"We began this project with great enthusiasm and, after four months of very hard work, the results are impressive. We still have some minor jobs to do to complete the project, but will be ready to use **Haymarket** on our service from this summer onward. The restoration work has been undertaken by volunteers with the support of local people and businesses," commented Wensleydale Railway general manager, Nigel Park.

Carperby Open Gardens Sunday July 3rd 11.00am to 5.00pm

Food served all day - Free parking.

Twenty gardens to visit. £4.00

Local Farriers Forging Ahead

We had heard the rumour that two Farriers were forging a living in Appersett, so to hear their story straight from the horse's mouth I trotted off to meet David and Louise Golec (don't worry I'll stop the horse related puns now).

The couple met at agricultural college whilst studying for their Diploma from the Worshipful Company of Farriers. I was particularly intrigued to discover what enticed Louise into such an ancient, male dominated profession. Louise explained that she had horses as a child and passionately wanted to work with them as a career. She quickly realised that grooms earn very little, but discovered farriers can make a decent wage, so she enrolled on a professional course straight from school at 16. She was the only girl in her class, but soon built up the physical strength and skills to match her male counterparts. To qualify they had to complete a four and half year apprenticeship in addition to their studies. Louise met up with David whilst on the course and they set up in business as mobile farriers straight from college. They have been working together for the past seven years in the Wakefield area where they developed a busy practice.



Four years ago they got married and honeymooned in Stalling Busk and vowed they would return to live here one day. When they had Florence (who has just had her first birthday) they decided to make the move to the Dales before she started at nursery school. Louise is taking a break from the physical trade whilst looking after Florence, doing up the house and running the business. David currently travels back to the Wakefield area a couple of days a week where he continues to care for their loyal equine clients, while he builds up more business in this area.

They have a van with an LPG powered forge and take their skills directly to the horses. He can cover a wide area from the A1 across to the M6 and hopes to develop close links with local vets and stables. David told me that the traditional skills of a farrier have changed very little, but the development of new materials means that plastic horseshoes can be moulded in hot water, enabling the vet and farrier to work together to treat injuries more effectively. He explained that specialised lightweight aluminium shoes are fitted for racehorses for speed on race day and heavier shoes are fitted for training.

They own two fell ponies called Blizzard and Magic that they have had since childhood. The ponies currently live in Wakefield near David's mum but they hope to bring them up to Appersett soon, especially as Florence gets older and wants to ride. Louise and David have felt very welcomed by neighbours and the Hawes community and are looking forward to developing their business locally, so if you own a horse or know someone who does, why not get in touch. **07530 397264**

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K.J.

Police Report

Well that's it, the Summer Solstice has been and gone, it's downhill all the way to Christmas now. After that cheering thought, a few incidents that have occurred. There have been six minor RTCs, one violent crime, two thefts - one of which was a bicycle from Lowfields after the annual charity bike ride and, despite my last report, another case of sheep worrying.

Travellers making their way to Appleby Horse Fair passed through our area, in lower numbers than usual and without causing too many problems for our residents.

As usual I would remind you of all the visitors who come to enjoy the hospitality of the Dales, by foot, two wheels or four and may be concentrating on the scenery instead of where they are going. So, as you have seen it all before, stay alert to their inattention when out on the roads.

I will leave you with this thought. "Laugh and the world laughs with you, snore and you sleep alone". (Anthony Burgess). **Don Watson**

Thornton Rust Country Show

Saturday August 6th - Opens at 200pm.

Presentations at 2.15pm.

Auction of produce at 3.15pm.

Craft stall, tombola and tea

Trip to Try

We go south to dip into the Old West Riding and the Lancashire Witches Country.

Beginning at Settle, take the A65 via Long Preston then turning on the A682 as it winds its way down the Ribble valley to Gisburn. Beware, this stretch of road is one of the most accident-prone around.

There are cup-of-tea places here. Proceed on the A682; you have probably time to turn off right to the village of Rimington to see where Handel Parker wrote his famous tune *Deep Harmony* for the hymn 'Sweet is the work my God my King' and return past the lovely Martin Top chapel to the main road, climbing to the old boundary sign for the County Palatine of Lancashire just short of Blacko. The austere looking Blacko Tower is ahead. It's claimed the builder thought he would be able to see Blackpool Tower; he hadn't bargained for Pendle Hill or Longridge Fell in the way!

Just beyond here turn off right to Roughlee to enter the **Pendle Witches Country**.

During the sixteenth century whole districts in some parts of Lancashire seemed contaminated with the presence of witches; men and beasts were supposed to languish under their charm. Was the family visited by sickness? Did the cattle sicken and die? The witch and the wizard were the authors of the calamity.

"Did the yeast refuse to ferment, either in the bread or the beer? It was the consequence of a 'bad wish'. Did the butter refuse to come? The 'familiar' was in the churn. Did the ship founder at sea? The gale or hurricane was blown by the lungless hag who had scarcely sufficient breath to cool her own pottage. Did the river Ribble overflow its banks?"

"The blight of the season, which consigned the crops of the farmer to destruction, was the saliva of the enchantress, or distillations from the blear-eyed dame who flew by night over the field on mischief bent."

Of the twenty sent for trial in 1612 at Lancaster Assizes sixteen were women, the most notorious from just a few families— Demdike, Chattox and Alice Nutter.

The villages of Roughlee and Newchurch in Pendle contain the most relics and references to these most feared (often older) women.

From Roughlee turn on to the Newchurch road passing on the right one of the last remaining old Independent Labour Party Clarion tea rooms for

cyclists and ramblers, looking like a cricket pavilion and still open on a Sunday afternoon after a hundred years, with an ambience well worth dropping in on!

In Newchurch there are 'witches' everywhere as the 'eye of God' looks down from the church tower and the *Witches Galore* tea room provides all the information you could want.



Don't get the wrong idea! This is a very attractive area of narrow, steep lanes and becks as you now turn north to Barley, the approach village for one of the most popular routes up Pendle Hill and again with places for refreshment.

Proceed north, climbing beside Pendle, and after about 3k turn left down to Downham, said to be the prettiest village in Lancashire. (It's not bad!). Carry on left over the A56 via Chatburn to join it and soon turn off left to Sawley with the very few remains of Salley Abbey. It is hard to believe that it held huge areas of land in the Dales in the medieval age. The beautifully situated *Spread Eagle* beside the Ribble is worth a mention.

About 4k and (if you haven't been this way before) turn off left to sample *Holden Clough nursery and restaurant*, or right to enjoy the pretty village of Bolton by Bowland, before continuing on the good road just east of north all the way to Wigglesworth thence to Rathmell with its woodland burial ground if that is your taste in these matters. Cross the Settle bypass, and you know the way home from there.



A.S.W.

I'm a Senior Citizen and...

I'm a walking storeroom of facts; unfortunately I seem to have lost the key to the storeroom.

I'm anti-everything now: anti-fat, anti-smoke, anti-noise, anti-inflammatory.

I'm not grouchy; I just don't like traffic, waiting, children, politicians.

I'm the first one to find the toilet wherever I go.

I'm the life of the party— even when it last until 8.00pm

I'm very good at opening childproof caps with a hammer.

The real reason I have to smile all the time is because I can't actually hear a word you are saying.

Hawes Market Tolls

We are not sure why, during the last 20 years, we have never featured the Tolls Trustees. Local people in Hawes will have heard of them; some will know what they do, how they came about and who they are; others round about may not.

So here we go! It was in 1699 that one Matthew Weatherald was granted a Market Charter from the King for £210. This was soon to be divided between seven shareholders at £30 each.

At first, of course, and until the early years of the last century the animal market, as today's general market, was held in the Market Place in the centre of the town. When this was transferred to the Auction Mart on Burtersett Road the Tolls lost considerable income and the seven shareholders were set up as Trustees with the express purpose of making money *for the benefit of the Town*. They are established as a company and liable for corporation tax.

Income comes from rental on the properties and several pieces of land they own: Penn House (round the back of the Spar shop), the nearby weighbridge and Tolls House (the official name for Stacey Moore's new gallery).

The Tolls Trustees also own the Penny Garth car park (that is why it is free), and the land on which stand the toilets, the Hawes Chippie and Fox's garage area.

Income comes also from all the outdoor stalls and each year stall holders can bid for the opportunity to organise and collect the stall rentals. Stephenson's Greengrocers do this at the moment. The Market House has a completely separate board of trustees.

The initial charter which still stands allows for a weekly market plus two fair days each year. We haven't found out when the fairs were last held!

The present seven Trustees are Ian Scott, John Moore, James Ward, Elizabeth Hogg (the first ever female trustee), Philip Mason, David Cockett and Roger Iveson who is the longest serving, having been appointed in 1979. The secretary is Tina Spence.

The Tolls Trustees are proud of their record in benefiting the town with thousands of pounds over the years with recent examples being grants to the Gala, Church, Fireworks, Hawes in Bloom, School trips, Dalesplay, Football and Cricket Clubs.

Any groups or organisations with schemes or events they are planning are invited to ask if a grant might be available.

**A.S.W. (with grateful thanks to
Roger Iveson)**

Upper Dales Family History Group

Our speaker in May was Maxine Willett, the project archivist from the North Yorkshire County Records Office who has co-ordinated the mammoth task of sorting and indexing several centuries' worth of paperwork belonging to the Graham family of Norton Conyers near Ripon. The valuable archive was stored in an assortment of trunks and boxes in no particular order but a £96,300 grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund enabled NYCRO to acquire and preserve the collection. Maxine and her team of more than 40 volunteers have now reduced the chaos to 97 carefully sorted archive boxes of cleaned, transcribed and digitised documents which could be a gold mine of useful snippets of information for anyone whose ancestors lived on or near one of the Grahams' estates.

The family acquired Norton Conyers in the 17th century and the archive is particularly rich in items from the 17th and 18th centuries but does include some items from late medieval times, as well as documents from Nunnington Hall and Kippax. Details of the ongoing work can be followed in the blog at:

www.atticsandacres.com.

The documents include a large number of deeds, including some Medieval examples; manorial records including fines levied at the manor court for a range of offences; maps showing sizes of individual holdings and details of field names; personal papers including letters, diaries and notebooks; estate records showing rents, building repairs and sundry expenses; albums of family photographs from Victorian papers which included recipes and home remedies.

Meetings begin again on September 28th at 2.00pm in Harmby village hall when the speaker is Dawn Webster on 'Kiplin Hall in time of war – from the 17th to the 20th century'.

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

Singing for the Memory

A session will be held on
Tuesday July 19th at 2.00pm
at The Old School House, Leyburn.
For enquiries please ring **622023**.
All welcome.

Doctors' rotas as supplied by Central Dales Practice
Please note there is no difference between am and pm doctors

HAWES SURGERY ROTA Wb - week beginning						AYSGARTH SURGERY ROTA Wb - week beginning					
Wb	July 4th	July 11th	July 18th	July 25th		Wb	July 4th	July 11th	July 18th	July 25th	
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Mon	FP	J	FJ	BP		Mon	JB	FP	P	FJ	
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Wed	F	P	F	J		Wed	J	J	J	P	
Thur	P	P	J	F		Thur	F	F	P	B	
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Doctors: B- Brown, F - France, J - Jones, P- Pain , C - Closed Morning Surgery: 8.45-10.15am Tues till 10.45am; no appts Afternoon Surgery: 5- 6.00pm Tues 1.30-4.00pm; appts only <i>For appointments and all enquiries ring 667200</i>						Doctors: B- Brown, F - France, J - Jones, P- Pain , C - Closed Morning Surgery: 9.00 - 10.30 am no appointments Afternoon Surgery: 4.00 - 5.30 pm appointment only <i>For appointments and all enquiries ring 663222</i>					

Bainbridge and District Motor Club

The Summer rally on Wednesday June, 15th had us going round in circles - quite literally!

Before we set off we were challenged to parallel park between, and as close to, two sets of cones and a wall, and to reverse up to a set of cones as close as possible without hitting them. Parallel parking isn't my strong point, but I managed itin a fashion!

Eight teddy bears with names on them were hidden on the route round, we were to spot them and make a note of their name; they must have been in some sneaky places as most cars only came back with four of the names!

The route then had us going round in circles, visiting Spennithorne a few times, Harmby, Middleham, East Witton and Carlton, going along the back roads coming out where we had just been - but it made for a fun rally and we all learnt some new back roads!

Thank you to Mike and Chloe Percival for organising this.

The Canny Rally will be held on **Wednesday July 20th**; it starts from Swan Farm, Redmire and is being organised by Matt Foster and Adam Billingham **07854 111876**.

This rally is being held for the Young Farmers who are raising money for Macmillan Nurses. Everyone welcome.

Emma Teasdale

Hawes Gala



The 49th Hawes Gala had everything in its favour. The Hawes in Bloom hanging baskets in place, imaginative shop window displays (winners Mason

Newsagents), a dry and quite warm day— and even the police with us!

Bishop Auckland Pipe and Drum Band led the



Gala Queen procession and the fancy dressers down to the Community Field with its many stalls and side shows, both outside and in the very large

marquee.

There were large inflatables, refreshments for all tastes, cherished vehicles to admire and despite a horizontal field a wet and soapy Jack and Jill slide! Our pictures set the scene: the procession rounding the corner at Town Foot and two general views across the field.

Once again the young Gala Committee and helpers deserve our thanks. **A.S.W.**

Wensleydale School News

Armed Forces Day at Catterick Garrison

On Friday 17th June a group of our students spent the day at Catterick Garrison.

The purpose of the day was to give service children and non-service children the chance to see what life is like for those children who have



parents serving in our armed forces. It allowed our students to actually see what equipment their parents use whilst on deployment and even taste the food that they would eat.

The Wensleydale School and Sixth Form will form a 'Service Children's Champion' group from September to enable our students to meet other service children and get peer support when their parents are away on deployment.

Phoebe Whitbred who was interviewed by Tyne Tees Television said: "The Service Children's Day was a very good idea because it was a chance to show children whose families aren't in the armed forces what service life is like and what our families do and the equipment they use. It is also good because we get to meet other service children who are in the same situation and who know what it feels like to have their family in a dangerous war zone."

GCSE Geography Coursework in Hawes

On Friday 10th and Monday June 13th our Year 10 Geography students went for their annual visit to Hawes. The aim of the visit was to investigate the hypothesis that Hawes is a tourist honeypot that is strongly affected by tourism in the area.

The visit began at 10.00am with an interesting talk by Matt Neale, the National Park Ranger, at the Dales Countryside Museum. Students were amazed to find out the number of visitors to the area and that tourism actually started in the 1700s with a tour round a show cave near Skipton.

After the talk the students were let free to collect their data. They had questionnaires, pedestrian counts, traffic surveys and their own survey that ranged from land use to a car park survey. Students were a little shy at first but as their confidence grew they were amazed to find visitors from all over the world and were pleased at how friendly everyone was. Mrs Huitson and Mrs Polley, our headteacher, helped to ensure that all students were well supported on the visit.

The students returned to school with full

tummies, full booklets and full of motivation to complete the report in school. As usual, our students were a pleasure to take out of school, extremely polite and hardworking.

Andy Wilkinson

Hawes School News

Sponsored Walk

On Thursday June 9th we went on a sponsored walk to Hardraw and back to our school. Nursery, Class 1 and Class 2 walked, it was 5km long. We had to be in partners but sometimes we had to



walk single file. We did it to raise money for a new school library; it was really fun but hot during the walk. It was a lovely summer's day with some lovely views Classes 3 and 4 do a longer walk in the next few weeks.

Adam Heseltine and Lara Scarr Y2

York Residential 2016

On Tuesday June 14th, years 4, 5 and 6 went on the annual school residential; this year we went to York. We did multiple activities during our stay. These included ten pin bowling, a ghostly bus tour, a visit to the Yorkshire Museum and trips to the Scarborough Sea Life Centre and the National Railway Museum.

On our visit to the Sea Life Centre we saw many different and exotic marine animals such as black tipped sharks, snake necked terrapins, and Humboldt Penguins. We also saw a giant sea turtle whose name meant Princess in Greek. She had been rescued from Zante.

We stayed in the YHA in York and had a delightful time there; with delicious food and very comfortable rooms. Overall we had a brilliant time and thoroughly enjoyed our stay. We would like to say a massive 'thank you' to all the staff and Mrs Adele Eldridge, who accompanied us and made this trip possible, and also to Hawes Tolls Trustees, PTFA and Wensleydale Rotary Club who helped to finance the trip.

Matthew Lewin and Jenna Drury Y6

The Learning Curve

The Learning Curve project at the Yorebridge Sport and Leisure Centre in Askrigg goes from strength to strength with several successful courses completed and more planned for the summer and autumn. Mike Barker, a national news photographer and videographer, took the fear out of photography with a two-hour 'taster' session, with lots of simple, practical exercises. Mike's aim was to give people the confidence to ditch the auto button and learn through doing. Another 'starter' session with Mike is planned for **Saturday, August 6th, from 10am to noon**. The cost is £10 and pre-booking is essential if you want to be sure of a place. Call Jan on **650060** or **07968 606571** for details. There will be a more advanced course later, so watch this space.

Meanwhile, economist and writer, Hugo Radice, held us all enthralled with his talk on the European Union, its structure and operations, helping us to a better understanding of what the referendum was all about. We're hoping to welcome Hugo back to talk about 'Austerity' and other aspects of the economy in the early autumn.

More 'Know Your i-Pad' sessions are also planned for August - we held a series of six in the spring - but no dates at the time of writing. Call me on **650180** or email jbetsyeverett@gmail.com, and tell me what days and times would most suit you. There are also classes in conversational Italian and Spanish running on a Thursday morning, with more planned in the autumn, possibly including French conversation,

Very soon a survey will be distributed to every home in Askrigg, Bainbridge, and other villages, to see what sort of activities and courses people would be interested in, or could offer. Painting, collage, photography, first aid, local history, family history, job skills and financial planning are just some of the many ideas.

We have been awarded a generous £1,500 from the Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust's Roger Stott community grant, to help with tutor costs, publicity, administration and to purchase a projector. Roger was the founding chairman of YDMT who died last year. We may need to seek further grants, but are hoping to generate enough income through (reasonable) course fees to be largely self-financing.

Betsy Everett

Wensleydale Cooking and Baking Club



I'm new in the area and am hoping to set up a Cooking and Baking Club. The idea is that people who enjoy cooking and baking (and eating the results!) can get together regularly and learn more about food, local ingredients and produce, and generally have fun!

The Club's activities would be decided by its members, but I've come up with a few ideas to give you a flavour(!) of what we could do:

- Preparation, cooking and eating meals as a group
- Attending food and drink events as a group
- Preparing meals for charities, good causes etc
- Demonstrations by chefs
- Organising food seminars and cookery training
- Food forages
- Visits to food producers etc..

If you're interested, please contact Jon Stack on **07813 618831** or **350070** or email jon.stack@united-energy.co.uk.

Open to everyone, from novices seeking to learn about cooking right through to experienced chefs...

Jon Stack

Garsdale Station Anniversary

Local events to mark the 140th Anniversary of the opening of Garsdale station include talks by two authors who are well-known for their books on local railway subjects. Christine Hallas (*The Wensleydale Railway*) will speak on **Saturday August 6th** and David Joy, former editor of *The Dalesman* and author of many railway books, will speak on **Sunday August 7th**.

Both events will be held at **11.45am** at the Dales Countryside Museum, Hawes, from where the full programme will be available in mid-July.

Ruth Annison (650349)

July – National Park Guided Walks

Sunday July 3rd– “Discover Aisgill Force”. Meet at the DCM at **1.30pm**; four mile walk.

Wednesday July 6th– “Hawes Town Trail” **2.00 to 4.00pm**. Meet at the DCM and join this easy two mile walk through Hawes and Gayle exploring the history of the area. Free event.

Sunday July 10th – “Falls, Freeholders and Flagstones”. Meet at Aysgarth Falls National Park Centre at **1.00pm** for a five mile walk.

Sunday July 17th– “Discover Lower Wensleydale”. Meet at Aysgarth Falls National Park Centre at **1.00pm** for a five mile easy walk.

Sunday July 17th – “Explore the villages of Upper Wensleydale”. Meet at the DCM at **1.30pm** for a 3.5 mile walk.

Thursday July 21st– “By Castle and Byway”. Meet at Aysgarth Falls National Park Centre at **10.00am** for a seven mile walk.

Sunday July 24th– “Hawes Rural Heritage”. Meet at the DCM at **11.00am** for seven mile walk exploring the history around Hawes, Burtsett and Gayle.

Thursday July 28th– “Kisdon Classic”. Meet at the Keld Heritage Centre at **11.00am** for a six mile walk to Muker and back.

Sunday July 31st– “By Castle and Byway”. Meet at Aysgarth Falls National Park Centre at **10.00am** for a seven mile walk.

Sunday July 31st– “Falls, Freeholders and Flagstones”. Meet at Aysgarth Falls National Park Centre at **1.00pm** for a five mile walk

Bainbridge Women’s Institute

Bainbridge W.I. meets on the third Thursday in the month at Bainbridge Village Hall. Meetings start 7-30pm. We also have extra activities for a Craft Group, a Walking Group and a Book Club.

The meeting on **July 21st** is a demonstration of Tai Chi Qigong by Annie Anwar and the meeting on **August 18th** is a talk and demonstration by Richard Clark of the Wensleydale Creamery

COACH TRIP

The W.I. has arranged a coach trip to Salford on Tuesday August 2nd. There will be a guided tour of the BBC Media City in the morning(cost £10-00) and then in the afternoon there will be an opportunity to visit Salford Quays and the Lowry Museum. All are welcome and if you would like to go please contact **Mary Alderson 650366**

Police Report

Well that’s it, the Summer Solstice has been and gone, it’s downhill all the way to Christmas now. After that cheering thought, a few incidents that have occurred. There have been six minor RTCs, one violent crime, two thefts - one of which was a bicycle from Lowfields after the annual charity bike ride and, despite my last report, another case of sheep worrying.

Travellers making their way to Appleby Horse Fair passed through our area, in lower numbers than usual and without causing too many problems for our residents.

As usual I would remind you of all the visitors who come to enjoy the hospitality of the Dales, by foot, two wheels or four and may be concentrating on the scenery instead of where they are going. So, as you have seen it all before, stay alert to their inattention when out on the roads.

I will leave you with this thought. “Laugh and the world laughs with you, snore and you sleep alone”. (Anthony Burgess). **Don Watson**

Young Farmers Car Rally

Wednesday July 20th

Starts at Swam farm, Redmire

between **6.00pm and 7.00pm**

Cost £7 per car

For details contact Carolyn on **667139**

In aid of Macmillan Cancer Care

Happy 18th Birthday Daniel
June 30th
Lots of love from
Mum, Dad, Stuart and Megan
xxx

Lorna and James Ward
would like to thank family and
friends for making their recent
Golden Wedding Anniversary
so special.

Happy 50th Birthday Dad
With lots of love
Laura, Emma and Jack

Also to Martin Mc.
(both on 30th)

Drop-off points and contacts	
For news, articles, reports, letters, What's On dates, competition entries, suggestions and comments:	
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Bainbridge:	Sylvia Crookes, 3, Bainside 650525
Askrigg:	Rima Berry, 8 Mill Lane 650980
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West Burton:	Nadine Bell, Margaret's Cottage 663559
Aysgarth:	Hamilton's Tearoom 663423
Redmire:	see Carperby above
Thoralby:	Sandra Foley, Shop 663205





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