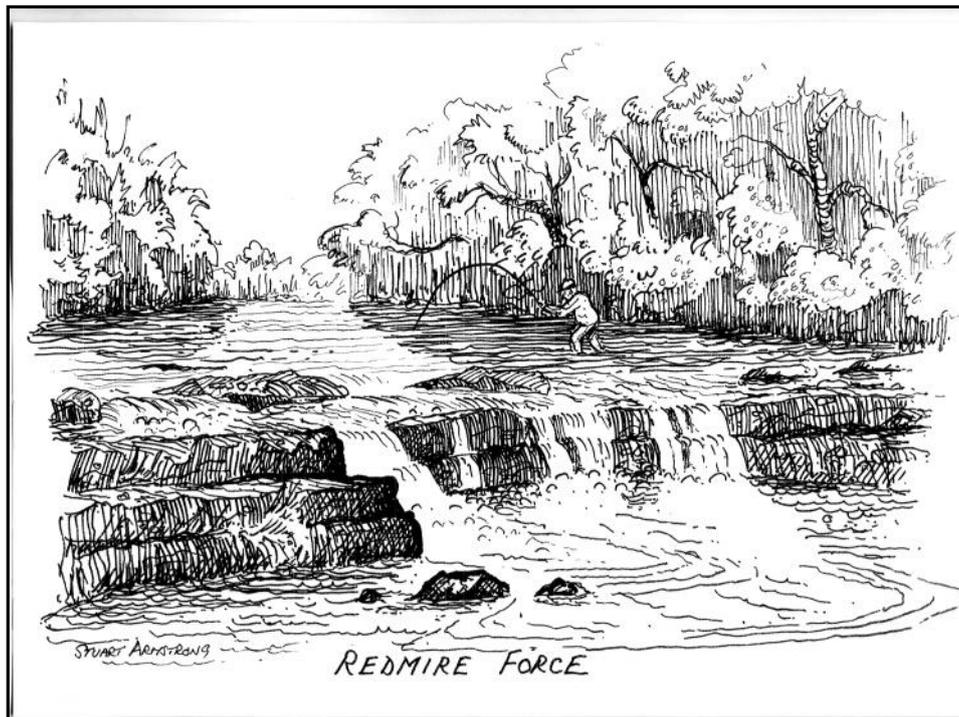


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Readers will have noticed that Newsletter editorials do not carry a by-line. This is because although they begin as the 'brainchild', usually of the editor, they are then subjected to the most detailed, pernicious and often hilarious scrutiny by the monthly committee! However from time to time we are pleased to welcome guest submissions from others, which are published just as they come, and this month we thank Betsy Everett, Askrigg.

Guest Editorial

Much as I dislike the new year season with all its hopes and promises regularly unfulfilled and its ridiculous resolutions so rarely adhered to - a whole year's gym membership last year never even saw me at the treadmill - I can't help thinking that 2017 is going to be - well, different. It's the year we'll at least begin to see what Brexit might mean, with the UK economy either heading down the swanny or sailing the high seas of new-found prosperity, and what a Trump presidency will bring: hard to think of a positive to offset the negative possibilities of that one, but life is full of surprises as indeed his election to the office of leader of the free world proves.

So this year instead of resolutions I'm making predictions: always a dodgy business but if leading economists can get it so wrong why shouldn't I? Here are mine:

A new iPad will be launched by Apple: it will have an app called 'bedtime' which tells us when to go to bed and when to get up. It will have another that reminds us to breathe for a whole minute and congratulates us for having done so. Oh - hang on a minute: my iPhone has both those already. Invaluable . . .

Someone will invent an ingenious new method of communication so simple we'll wonder why it hasn't been tried before. It won't go into your spam folder or be sent inadvertently and inappropriately to your mother; it won't set off a complicated chain reaction of confusing arrangements that nobody can follow and, unlike virtually every email you ever send, it will almost certainly get a reply from the recipient who will have taken time to consider the contents. It will be called a letter and will require only a piece of paper, an envelope and a stamp which - mainly male - obsessives will be able to collect for future generations. Can't wait!

Local authorities and other quangos will stop awarding so-called 'grants' which are really just another way of stopping us getting our hands on what is, after all, our money. We won't have to go around not upsetting people for fear of having that

match-funded grant, which has taken you 15 attempts to get right, rejected. Match-funding, of course, proving you're prepared to work really hard to raise half the money yourself for the volunteer group you're part of, because giving hours of your time to the actual work of the group is no real evidence of commitment: you have to organise a pie and pea supper or a pub quiz or a parachute jump as well. Preferably all three.

Meanwhile the government will give back to local authorities the money - our money - it's deprived them of over the years so they can stop spending time working with private enterprise to get them to do, for profit, the work they themselves did more-or-less perfectly well pre-austerity.

Oh yes: and elderly folk who've paid their taxes for a whole lifetime in the foolish belief that they'd be cared for when they got old will not be imprisoned in their homes or hospital beds because there's nobody to look after them.

Libraries will reopen, schools won't close, and pigs will undoubtedly fly. Happy 2017!

Betsy Everett

Acorn Wensleydale Flyer

Sponsorship by Acorn Stairlifts of Steeton, West Yorkshire has guaranteed continuation of the DalesBus 856 Sunday and Bank Holiday service throughout 2017

New timetables are available for the Northallerton -Hawes/Gayle service, now known as the *Acorn Wensleydale Flyer*. This all-year service makes three return journeys, connecting Northallerton-Bedale-Leyburn- Aysgarth-Bainbridge and Hawes/Gayle every Sunday and most Bank Holidays i.e days when there is NO other public transport on the route.

The bus departing Hawes at 11.15 arrives in Northallerton at 12.35, giving nearly three and a half hours in Northallerton. For passengers travelling in the other direction, stays of nearly four or nearly seven hours in Hawes are possible, making it a particularly good destination for a full day out or family visit. Concessionary bus passes and One Way £1 fares for young people are valid on the *Acorn Flyer*.

Timetables for these services are available at the Hawes Community Office, the new Sycamore Hall shop, Askrigg News Room and elsewhere. Please let me know if you would like some to distribute in your village or to local clubs and societies.

Ruth Annison 650349

Competition

Add a letter. Example: Flyer sugar source =
Bat; Beat

1. Corner adornment
2. Those subject
3. Light weight jump up and down
4. Big old ship singing flyer
5. Could be Cornish hobby
6. Bag hut
7. Loud deep sound brush
8. Wild animal flat wood
9. Arrived with a hump
10. Just under 60 degrees glowing brightly
11. Believer clear condensation
12. Points the way to young snorters
13. Look intensely at broken skin
14. Very cold insects
15. Went faster make more important
16. Male average
17. Central passage Jack
18. Not on posh guy

Advance Notice of Carperby Concert

Germany's favourite English folk duo will be playing at Carperby Village Institute on **Saturday March 4th**.

Broom Bezzums is a unique, powerful live acoustic duo featuring the talents of Andrew Cadie and Mark Bloomer. It will be three years since they were last in the dale when a full house enjoyed a fabulous evening. Fiddle, guitar, mandocello, Northumbrian small pipes and foot drum are all deployed to give a big, rich sound to their own self-penned songs and traditional tunes.

For this concert they will be joined again by Katie Doherty, an extremely well respected and award-winning singer and songwriter from the North East of England.

Tickets are £13 in advance or £15 on the door. All proceeds to Carperby Playing Fields Association. Call **663808** to book or for further details.

Steve Sheldon

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Eunice the Ewe

I was in H and M advert on page 21 and the winner of the £10 prize is **Ella Thwaite of Hawes**

December Competition Answers

Dingbats

1. I'm in love
2. Mixed vegetables
3. Look both ways
4. Head over heels
5. I understand
6. Uneven ground
7. Mince pies
8. White Christmas
9. Noel
10. London Underground
11. Marmite
12. Don't talk back
13. Four wheel drive
14. Cross roads
15. Syrup
16. Grown up
17. From inside information
18. Advent

The winner of the £20 prize donated to Hawes Christmas Lights was **Peter Annison, Askrigg**

Pop into Yoredale, Bainbridge

We have an "informal" show on at Yoredale at the moment, but we all think it is rather good.

The younger children of officers here at the Authority were asked to do a picture over the Christmas holidays of what the Yorkshire Dales National Park meant to them. Understandably, sheep and farming feature quite heavily but it is interesting to see how children interpret the meaning of where they live, including a focus on night skies and a fondness for Aysgarth Falls.

The paintings, drawings and collages will be on view until the end of February.

Lesley Knevitt

Wensleydale Concert Series

Our first concert of 2017 is on **Saturday February 18th** at the Friends Meeting House in Bainbridge at **7.30pm**. The meeting house is a warm, intimate venue and a great place to experience an outstanding musician at close quarters.



We are very pleased to welcome back the amazing violinist Fenella Humphreys to give a solo recital of music by Bach, Ysaye, Kreisler, Paganini and works written especially for her by Cheryl Frances Hoad and Sir Peter Maxwell Davies (one of his last compositions).

Fenella has just been featured in BBC Music Magazine with the award of "Instrumental Choice" for January 2017 (her previous CD won the same accolade in Oct 2015).

Full details and tickets available at www.wensleydaleconcertseries.co.uk

Hawes Christmas Lights

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who contributed to make Hawes 'shine' over the recent festive period.

All help is much appreciated, be it from our team of volunteers (including the new ones who helped to erect and dismantle the lights and decorations) or all those who donated so generously; our 'Friends', local business owners, Hawes Group Team, the North Riding Dales LVA and the ongoing support from the Market Tolls Trustees.

A new initiative came from the Wensleydale Creamery who donated the funds raised by charging for carrier bags.

In addition, we were awarded two grants. The first from the Roger Stott Community Grant through the Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust and Richmondshire District Council's Area Partnership Fund which helped with the upgrading of the lights.

We are now planning for 2017 and if you would like to be involved or have an idea to raise money, please let us know via **Whites of Wensleydale or Wensleydale Press**.

Liz Lawson

Greetings and Acknowledgements

Valerie Alderson of Dale House, Bainbridge wishes to thank her family, friends and neighbours for all the good wishes, cards and gifts received during her hospital stay, and visits both in hospital and at home. They were all much appreciated.

(We apologise for the lateness of this acknowledgement. Ed.)

Congratulations Mum and Dad

on your Golden Wedding Anniversary, February 25th.

All our love,
Yvonne, Kevin and families.

Mary Hugill sends a big thank you to everyone for the cards, flowers and presents I received for my 60th birthday.

Thank to Jean Cockburn and all my friends at Whist for the surprise party you organised.

Wally and Muriel Dinsdale

would like to thank family, friends and neighbours for the lovely cards, flowers and gifts received on the occasion of their 90th birthdays

Gillian Thwaite of Bainbridge and her family thank all those who made donations to Marie Curie Cancer Care in memory of Ken. A total of £720 was raised for the charity.

Hazel Snaith would like to say **thank you** for the many cards, flowers and gifts on the occasion of her 80th Birthday.

Prunings: February 2017

The tiny snowdrop needles poking through

Promise that Spring will soon paint all things green,

And 'though the earth is cold, the sky is blue,

And life awakens where decay has been.



It's wonderful to see the beginnings of a new year and tiny spikes of green poking through. However horrible the weather may turn, nature will be beavering away below the surface all ready to spring into action when conditions

are propitious. On that note I wish you all a happy and verdant new year and may all your projects come to fruition.

We had an exciting time over Christmas and New Year due to the appearance of a couple of marauding "woollybacks". These two young sheep terrorised the village for at least a fortnight; they got into every garden more than once and ate the lot. They were penned up several times, but they would not have been secure in Alcatraz as they just jumped every obstacle and walked on wall tops. Eventually the only one with an ear tag was caught in a rugby tackle and the owner identified. They spent an hour or two securely tied up until they could be collected. We all breathed a sigh of relief. I fear some of the prize shrubs may never recover.

I have a golden privet, and at the moment it is a wonderful shade of acidic yellow. Unfortunately the mild temperatures have kept it growing and it now sports an unfortunate number of dark green shoots. If you have variegated shrubs you will know that the effect of photosynthesis is much stronger in the natural growth, and if you don't cut out the dark parts, it will in time revert to its original form. When I get a decent day I shall have to attack it with the scateurs.

If you feel like big splashes of bold colour in the summer one of the easiest solutions is to put in some lilies. There are so many choices – tall, short, scented, and a whole plethora of colours and shapes. Almost all are perfectly happy in pots, and so can be brought to prominence when they are about to flower. It is simple to do, and much cheaper than buying them ready grown. I usually stick to single colours in each pot because they will grow more evenly, and of course I don't mix the heights. Use

fairly deep pots, especially for the taller specimens. Put a moisture retentive compost in the bottom to help prevent them drying out, and lie the bulbs well down with the growing tips pointing outwards. As the shoots grow they will hit the side of the pot and then grow upwards. Fill them only half way and then top them up as the stems appear. Roots will form along the stems as they grow helping the anchor them. I always congratulate myself if I've managed to space them evenly round a decent sized pot. If you are really dedicated you can propagate the best specimens from scales after flowering, but it really is a project as it takes a long time. Good luck! And whatever you grow, take time to enjoy it.

Rose Rambler

'Tornado' on the Settle & Carlisle Line

There is a big Valentine's week treat in store on February 14th, 15th and 16th for steam-train enthusiasts.



On those days, a total of twelve Northern services will be run by steam-hauled, eight-carriage trains between Appleby and Skipton (and return). They will pass over the 'roof of England' behind

Britain's newest steam locomotive, 'Tornado'.

Preliminary timings are:

Appleby (depart 0830) to Skipton (arrive 1009)

Skipton (depart 1045) to Appleby (arrive 1216)

Appleby (depart 1507) to Skipton (arrive 1604)

Skipton (depart 1710) to Appleby (arrive 1841)

More detailed information on station timings, stops and tickets availability can be found by visiting the web-site www.settle-carlisle.co.uk.

This unique operation is thought to be the first time in 50 years that steam has been used to haul scheduled passenger trains in Britain.

It is the happy outcome of a collaboration between the railway industry and the Settle-Carlisle line during the lead-up to the line's official re-opening on March 31st 2017. The line has been closed north of Armathwaite since a major landslide in February 2016.

Police Report

I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year and hope you all had a lovely Christmas.

The period since the last publication has seen a variety of incidents occurring including the following;

- One burglary.
- Theft of a jacket from Cunningham's, Hawes.
- Two cases of criminal damage in Hawes.
- An incidence of violence at Aysgarth.
- A computer hacking fraud.
- Four road traffic collisions, damage only.
- Two road traffic collisions, caused as a result of the drivers being over the prescribed limit.
- Numerous reports of suspicious activity, for which once again, we thank you for your vigilance.

Another reminder, for those of you who like to be aware of incidents in your area;- North Yorkshire Community Messaging is now available. You can choose your preferred contact method, be it, email, SMS (text), or phone (voicemail). Visit www.nycm.co.uk on a smart phone or PC, registering is safe, secure and easy, or if you would like a paper application form, contact me leaving your name and address and I will deliver one to you.

Leyburn Police now have equipment for the permanent marking of property, "dotpeen", which can be used for marking saddles, garden tools, work tools, farm tools, mobile phones and cycles. For more information about the FREE dotpeen property marking service, please contact the Richmondshire Neighbourhood Policing Team via email : richmondshirepropertymarking@northyorkshire.pnn.police.uk.

Alternatively, forms will shortly be left at Hawes community office, Hawes Auction mart and local shops throughout the area, which you can complete and hand in or post to,

Leyburn and the Dales: Leyburn Police Station, Grove Square, Leyburn, DL8 5AQ.

This issues quote: " The thinking that got us where we are is not the thinking that will get us to where we want to be. " – Albert Einstein.

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 email Donald.watson@northyorkshire.pnn.police.uk

Do You Have a Septic Tank or Package Sewage Treatment Plant?

New rules were introduced in January 2015 to simplify the way septic tanks and small sewage treatment plants are regulated in England. All households and businesses with septic tanks and small sewage treatment plants in England are responsible for meeting the legal requirements, which are called 'general binding rules'. From 2020 discharges from a septic tank direct to a surface water will not be permitted.

There is particular concern about the level of phosphate pollution in Semerwater and the River Bain. Excess phosphate leads to algae growth which prevents light reaching through the water and uses up oxygen, affecting the water creatures. Phosphate comes from several sources including: dishwasher and laundry detergents added to soften and hold dirt in the wash water, human sewage and animal manures or fertilisers washing off fields and yards. Yorkshire Dales Rivers Trust (YDRT) are therefore launching a campaign to raise awareness about off-line sewage treatment in Raydale in January 2017. Our Project Officer will be offering advice to help residents and businesses identify which type of off-line waste treatment they have, that the system is operating properly and to give guidance on interpreting the new rules. It is part of a wider Yorkshire wide campaign – Call of Nature Yorkshire. For more information contact:

Rita Mercer, YDRT at rita.mercer@yorkshiredalesriverstrust.com

Wensleydale Decorative and Fine Arts Society

Middleham Key Centre

Tuesday February 14th; 2.00pm

TITLE: The Arts and Crafts Garden Idyll

The transition from the 19th century to the 20th 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 earlier 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 this lecture and to any future lectures of interest. The cost is £8 per lecture. Contact **01765 635244**, rosalindhigson@btinternet.com

Angus

To some he will seem like the elder statesman of Hawes landlords, a fixture that has always been here, to others he is probably still the cocky young lad who bought the Fountain Hotel in Hawes nearly thirty years ago. I'm talking, of course, about Angus McCarthy.

What do we know about Angus? He was born in Grimsby but at the age of three moved to Scarborough where he went to school (he was not academic, he told me) and then to Scarborough Catering College where he took a three year course. His employment in the hotel trade started as a porter in the Royal Hotel in Scarborough and then, through a contact with a friend, as a junior assistant manager in the Crown Hotel also in Scarborough. There he says he really learned about catering from the "Old Masters" – the senior staff in the dining room!

The Crown was a privately owned hotel but when taken over by Quality Inns in about 1980 this opened up opportunities for Angus to work in their prestigious properties in other parts of the country. When in 1988 the group was taken over for the 6th time in two years, lastly by Trust House Forte, Angus went back to Scarborough and decided it was time to branch out on his own.

His aim was to buy a small country pub, perhaps with three or four bedrooms, and he decided to look at Wensleydale, starting in Leyburn. He came to look at the Green Dragon in Hardraw but felt that to be expensive for what it offered and came into Hawes to ask around. He discovered that the Fountain was for sale and on February 29th 1988 bought it from Jim and Pat Wood (the parents of David and Sue from the launderette). Here, he got the best deal in his life; he didn't just buy a Hotel but he met Mandy who worked there and soon become his wife!

You might think that running and developing the Fountain would take all of Angus's energy, but no, he is always on the go and, like most who make a success of living in the Dales, he got stuck into life in the community. In 1989 he went to see Salad Days, the Hawes Amateur Operatic Society's Christmas production – and decided that he wanted to be part of it. In the following year he took the lead in The Boyfriend and continued to perform every year until his last show, Cinderella, in 2003. During this time he was ambushed by John Cockett at one AGM and left the meeting as secretary of HAOS, a post which he held for over three years. Clearly he was a good secretary, as he then became secretary of the local pub darts league 16 years ago, of the local dominos league 16 years ago and of the North Riding Dales Licensed Victuallers Association seven years ago. This last role

includes the major task of organising the annual charity bike ride from Hawes to Leburn, last year with over 200 riders, many in fancy dress, who this year alone raised £11,610 for local causes.

Is there more? In his spare time he was a keen member of the Hawes Sea Angling Club (now defunct) with their regular day trips to Hartlepool; he enjoys shooting clays and game and the occasional round of golf when the opportunity arises!

Angus has seen many changes in his time in Hawes – he married Mandy, had two children - Kim who works at the Fountain and Henry who is currently training to become an airline pilot; the smoking ban has impacted the way in which people drink and socialise in the pub (he was initially against but is now pro); people have changed from one long holiday in the UK to more shorter breaks leading to an increase in the length of the season with more activity and special interest holidays. Looking forward, he is very positive about the business climate in Hawes over the coming years.

We are lucky to have someone as enthusiastic and committed as Angus "The best landlord in Hawes" he told me before pointing out that all the others are landladies. Has he thoughts of retirement? "Certainly not, I'm enjoying it far too much! I love it."

Good, we wish him well!

A.M.

Help for the Irish, Please!

We have been contacted hoping that a few of our older readers might help. A lady in Ireland who is just recovering from a stroke has become very interested in her late father who was one of the many Irish workers who came over to help with haytiming, in his case during the second world war.

His name was Joseph O'Grady from Kilkelly in Co.Mayo, and he worked with two men: Jim Hunt and Michael Duffy on a farm 'in the Hawes area'.

We have explained to the lady's son that many of the small farms from that time have now gone.... but you never know, we've some long-standing locals with good memories! Please contact the *Newsletter*.

A.S.W.

Bainbridge Women's Institute

Bainbridge WI meet on the third Thursday in the month at Bainbridge Village Hall. The meetings start at **7.30pm**. We also have extra activities for a Craft Group, a Walking Group and a Book Club.

The **February 16th** speaker will be Wendy Knight and she will be giving a talk on *The Role of the Hand Knit Designer*

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

February 2017

- 1 Hawes Drama Group reads 'Party to Murder'. Gayle Institute 7.00pm
- 1 Bolton cum Redmire Church Coffee Club, 10.30am to noon. Park Lane House, Castle Bolton
- 3 Lent Lunch; Redmire Village Hall. From noon. See page 10
- 3 Wensleydale Society talk, 7.30pm. West Burton Village Hall. See p 11
- 4 Men's Prayer Breakfast, 8.30am, Sycamore Hall, Bainbridge, Speaker Richard Wilkinson
- 5 North Yorkshire Dales Methodist Circuit Full Circuit services: Richmond 10.30am, Harmby 6.30pm
- 10 Lent Lunch; Carperby Institute. From noon. See page 10
- 10 Mosaic Workshop; 10am to 4.00pm. TOSH Leyburn. See page 40
- 11 Dales Community Choir, 10.30am. TOSH Leyburn .See page 21
- 11 St Oswald's Coffee Morning at Askrigg Village Hall. 10.00am to noon. £2.50 (including scones and tombola)
- 12 Holy Communion Penhill Together Service, 10.30am, St Andrew's, Aysgarth with Bishop of Ripon,
- 12,26 Bainbridge Methodist Church service in Sycamore Hall; 10.45am
- 14 Decorative and Fine Arts Society. See page 7
- 14 St Valentine's Day
- 14 YDNPA Planning Committee; Yoredale, Bainbridge, 1.00pm
- 14,15,16 "Tornado" steam train on the Settle to Carlisle line. See page 6
- 15 Penhill Ladies 'Amala Trust', Carperby Institute, 7.30pm
- 15 Penhill Benefice Wednesday Club, 2.00pm. Redmire Village Hall
- 16 Bainbridge W.I. talk. 7.30pm. See p 8
- 17 DCM Friends Lecture: Fell Rescue. 7.30pm.
- 17 Lent Lunch; West Burton Village Hall. From noon. See page 10
- 17 U3A Talk. 10.30am, Leyburn Arts and Community Centre. See page 11
- 18 Yoredale Strummers Ukulele Band. TOSH Leyburn. See page 21
- 18 Concert at Friends Meeting House, Bainbridge. 7.30pm. See page 13
- 19 Bainbridge Methodists to Aysgarth, 10.45am
- 19 Prayer Fellowship, 7.30pm. Gordon Lodge, Redmire
- 21 Singing for then Memory. Leyburn Arts and Community Centre, 2.00pm. £2 including tea and biscuits
- 21 Local History Group; 2.00pm, Middleham Key Centre. See page 30
- 22 Family History Group 2.00pm Harmby Village Hall **0743 2677783** for info
- 23 Musical Workshop 10.00am, Reeth Memorial Hall. See page 21
- 24 Concert; Reeth Memorial Hall 7.30pm. **01748-884759** for info
- 24 Musical Workshop 10.00am, Leyburn Arts and Community Centre. See p 21
- 24 Lent Lunch; Thoraby Village Hall. From noon. See page 10
- 25 Musical Workshop 10.00am, Hawes Market Hall. See page 21
- 25 Ceilidh at West Witton 8.00pm. See below
- 26 Gayle Chapel service at **2.00pm**, (not 6.00pm)
- 26 Penhill Benefice Children's Church, 9.30am-11.00am. Refreshments and newspapers for parents who wish to stay **663097** for info
- 28 Shrove Tuesday
- 28 LASS. Film 'Then Usual Suspects'. The Oak Room, Thornborough Hall, Leyburn 7.15pm. **624635** for info

March 2017

- 3 Hardraw Church 3.00pm. See page 17
- 4 Folk Concert at Carperby Village Institute. See page 4

Ceilidh at West Witton

A ceilidh is being held at West Witton Village Hall on **Saturday February 25th** starting at **8.00pm** (**doors open from 7.00pm**)

Music is by the excellent *Blethermen*

Tickets are priced at £10 each which includes a Hot Buffet Supper.

A bar is available serving Yorkshire Dales Beer, wine and soft drinks.

Ticket numbers are limited so to avoid disappointment please order in advance by contacting **Frank Kopka on 624810**.

Tickets are also available from the shop in West Witton.

Everyone is welcome.



DCM What's On

The children at Dalesplay returned in January full of stories about their fabulous Christmas with family and friends - we hope everyone else had a wonderful holiday. Unfortunately Dalesplay took a little bit of battering with the high winds over Christmas so we will need to do some fundraising events to help with the repair costs to the building. If anyone has any ideas we would be very grateful.

The children have been looking at the environment around them; they thoroughly enjoyed the recent snowfall, exploring the different temperatures, making different patterns in the snow, building fabulous creations in it and playing with the small world polar animals. Our role play area has transformed into a garage. We have had some great mechanics fixing up the cars, working out which pieces go where and writing some interesting invoices.

Dalesplay would like to thank the LVA for their kind donation - the money will be put towards our outdoor area to enhance our provision and help to create a wonderful learning space for the children. We would also like to welcome Sarah Reynoldson to our team of staff; Sarah has started with us in January to cover Adelle's maternity leave. She will be with us as an apprentice play worker as we train her up to gain a level 3 qualification in early years. A huge congratulations goes to Adelle and Trevor Sharples as we welcome Baby Zara Rose into the world, Adelle has worked at Dalesplay since it opened 10 years ago and now she has started a family of her own. Zara and Adelle are both doing well and both look amazing.

If you are looking for childcare or government funded 2, 3 or 4 year old provision for your child, please come and have a look around and see what we have on offer. We are a charity- run nursery providing high quality care by trained staff at reasonable prices. Take a look at our Facebook page; 'Dalesplay', give us a ring on **667789**, or email us on; dalesplay1@btconnect.com. If the setting isn't used it runs at a risk of being closed as we aren't in it to make a profit, we are here to provide a service that families in the Dales need.

Joanne Fothergill

Pie and Peas Supper with Quiz

Friday February 24th

The Wensleydale Pantry, Hawes.

Supper from 6.30pm

Adults £7.50 Child £5.00

Tickets on sale at Whites of Wensleydale and The Old Sweet Shop, Hawes.

All proceed for St Margaret's Church Restoration

Exploration of Land and Nature

February 1st - April 2nd

Stunning photographs by David Higgins and Gary Lawson, inspired by the landscape and wildlife of the Yorkshire Dales National Park

Dark Skies Festival February 18th-26th

A festival celebrating the sky at night and National Parks after dark

www.darks skiesnationalparks.org.uk

18 'til 26 10.00am to 5.00pm

Animals under the Stars

A trail around the museum looking for nocturnal animals

Painting the Northern Lights

Create your own glittering galaxy or pom pom planet, add to our giant northern lights

Galaxy Geocaching Hire a GPS or use your own, to discover the geocaches hidden around Hawes. £5 GPS Hire

20 Children's Planet Trail, 4.00 to 5.00pm.

Join Stage 1 Cycles to learn about planets and constellations on this special planet bike trail. Suitable for under 10s and bikes are available from Stage 1 Cycles on **666873**

21 Space Crafts 10.30am to 12.30pm. Have a go at making your own spaceships

21 Storytelling and Hot Chocolate. 1.30 to 3.30pm.

22 From the Moon to Mars. 2.00 to 4.00pm. A quick guide to equipment you need to start stargazing

24 Rocket Workshop, 10.00am to 4.00pm. Call in and make your own rocket. Launching times at 11am, 1pm and 3pm. Bring an empty 1 litre fizzy drink bottle or buy one for a £1

25 A Ride on the Dark Side (age 18+)

6.00am to 8.00am. A 2 hour off road bike ride at dawn to watch the stars disappear, with a full breakfast at the Firebox Café on return. Adults £25. Booking essential with Stage 1 Cycles on **666873**

All included in museum admission unless stated.

Christian Aid Lent Lunches.

Lunches will be held on the following dates and locations:-

February 3rd Redmire Village Hall

February 10th Carperby Institute

February 17th West Burton Village Hall

February 24th Thoraby Village Hall

Lunches will be from **noon to 1.30pm**. There is no set charge for the food which will be soup, bread, cheese and tea or coffee but please give a donation to Christian Aid.

The Little White Bus- Wednesday Outings

Our first trip of the year was enjoyed by all, in winter sunshine and with the added benefit of some bargains in the Kendal January sales.

We have now put together our schedule of trips for the year ahead and hope that we have included some of your favourites. The full schedule will be printed next month but the next two trips are:-

February 22nd KENDAL (with a visit to the out of town larger stores if required)

March 22nd BOUNDARY MILL (SALE just beginning)

We have raised the fares by only a £1 to £9 return which we hope you will agree is still amazing value. For those living in Askrigg or Bainbridge there will be an additional £1 each way as usual to help with the additional fuel costs.

We look forward to welcoming our regular passengers and new-comers alike. Book early to avoid disappointment !

Happy tripping in 2017!

Richard and the all Little White Bus team

Low Mill Outdoor Centre

Low Mill Outdoor Centre in Askrigg was awarded an 'Outstanding' ranking from the Council for Learning Outside the Classroom in 2016.

A total number of 1,866 children stayed at Low Mill representing 4,569 bed nights, which is around 38 per cent occupancy. Last year Low Mill launched an appeal for bursary funds to national as well as local charities and first to offer financial aid was the Wensleydale Rotary Club. Ruth Farrow, chair of the Friends of Low Mill, said new canoes, dormitory bedding and a potentially life-saving defibrillator had been purchased, none of which could have been done from revenue. "It would be lovely to have some new members on the committee to bring fresh ideas and to lighten the load on those already serving," she said.

Wensleydale Society

The February meeting will be held on **Friday 3rd at 7.30pm** in West Burton Village Hall. The speaker is Stuart Huntingdon on Scottish Munroes. Stuart claims to be a local 'munroe bagger.' Guests are welcome for a small charge of £2, but free to members. Refreshments are provided after the talk. There is coach transport from Middleham, Harmby, Leyburn and West Witton. Please call **622287** for more information. The Society also has a walks programme and membership is £5 per year



Mystery picture
Last month's was of the hostel between Thoralby and Newbiggin. Where's this?



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Leyburn and District U3A

Professor Charlotte Roberts will be speaking on 'Disease as seen in the past from skeletal remains' at the monthly meeting on **Friday February 17th at 10.30am** in Leyburn Arts and Community Centre. Coffee is available in the Café. All welcome

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Hawes School News

Early Years Foundation Stage Outdoor Area

Miss Burton, Miss Caygill and Carol Bell have been working with colleagues from Errington Primary School in Marske on developing the areas of provision for our youngest children. We have further developed our maths area with scales, number lines and a large abacus for the children to develop their mathematical understanding.

We have developed our water area with pipes, funnels and tubes so the children can explore pouring and finding out where the water is travelling to. We have had one or two wet socks!

We now have an outdoor music area which uses pans, wooden spoons and other kitchen utensils. The children have developed their use of making



sounds and we have some budding musicians who also enjoy singing along.

All the children are excited about next week when our Mud Kitchen will be ready to use. We are still looking for old pans, wooden spoons and other kitchen utensils to add to our Music Area and our Mud Kitchen. If anyone has any of these please drop them off in school..

Cycle Training

On **Tuesday January 31st and Wednesday February 1st** Y6 children will have on-road cycle training by North Yorkshire 'Bikeability' instructors where they will be taught how to ride their bikes safely on the road.

Thank You!

We are very grateful to Mary Hugill and Gayle Whist Club for their donation of £50.00 to school.

Volunteering at Gayle Mill

Open Days;- Thursday March 9th and Wednesday March 15th 2017

Have you got a talent for talking to people? Do you like meeting new people? Are you interested in historic buildings and our industrial past? If so, Gayle Mill could be the place for you! We are currently recruiting new volunteers to come and help us at our historic Georgian water-powered sawmill.

Gayle Mill was built in 1780s as a cotton mill and after many reincarnations, is now open to the public as a preserved working sawmill.

Gayle Mill Trust is a charity with responsibility for operating the mill and we are totally reliant upon our volunteers. If you have a few hours each week to spare, we would be delighted to hear from you. We have opportunities for tour guides, receptionists, woodworkers, craft people and much more. There is something for all, whether you would like to give guided mill tours or get physical chopping firewood: let us know - come and meet the team of volunteers at one of our Open Days.

We are throwing the mill doors open on **Thursday March 9th and Wednesday March 15th from 11.00am – 4.00pm**. Come and pay us a visit, talk to our volunteers, find out what we do at Gayle Mill, tell us what hidden talents you have and register your interest with us. A warm welcome awaits and you too could become a part of the Gayle Mill Experience. We are only a telephone call or email away! Call us today on **667320** or email: admin@gaylemill.org.uk
Claire Lambert, Manager

Bainbridge Shop

In Sycamore Hall; most readers will be aware that this is now in the capable hands of Sykes Shop in Askrigg.

What is probably less well-known (and recalled for us by Janet Rawlins), is that it is exactly 202 years since the first general store was established by Alexander Tiplady, a couple of years after he returned from the battle of Waterloo in 1815. It passed down to his son John and ultimately came into the Leyland family and Janet's late husband, Peter.

Doctors' rotas as supplied by the Health Centre

HAWES SURGERY ROTA Wb - week beginning						AYSGARTH SURGERY ROTA Wb - week beginning					
Wb	Jan 30th	Feb 6th	13th	20th	27th	Wb	Jan 30th	Feb 6th	13th	20th	27th
Day						Day					
Mon	FJ	BP	FP	JB	FJ	Mon	BP	FJ	JB	FP	BP
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Thur	B	F	P	P	B	Thur	P	B	F	F	P
Fri	P	P	B	F	P	Fri	F	F	P	B	F
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>					

Rainfall Figures in mm							
	July	August	Sep- tember	Octo- ber	Novem- ber	Decem- ber	Total for year
Hawes	85	159	111	50	150	118	1531
Carperby	53	84	98	48	122	73	1048
Bainbridge	74	108	85	45	152	74	1209
Thornton Rust	65	118	111	43	146	85	1195
West Burton				25	100	60	N/A

Mason Scarr, who has been recording for Bainbridge for 26 years since 1991, tells us that last year (2015) was the wettest he has had (1819mm) and 2010 was the driest with only 864mm.

He receives the newsletter from the Met Office for our area, named Central England, which covers an area from Whitby, across to Ravensworth, then down the Pennines to Sheffield, south west to Nantwich to the Welsh border and then back north east to the Wash. In that area Bainbridge tops the rainfall chart! However, to put this in a national context, for the same wettest year, Capel Curig in Snowdonia recorded **4346mm** followed by Cluanie Inn in NW Scotland with 3401mm. In fact December 2015 was the wettest calendar month going back to 1910. Crib Goch in Snowdonia recorded a new monthly extreme rainfall of 1396mm

John Turner, who keeps the records for Hawes (Thorney Mire) also points out the huge differences between the annual totals for 2015 (2185mm) and 2016 (1531mm) especially noting that this December's figure was less than a fifth of that for 2015 (623mm!)

We welcome Margaret Proctor who is now supplying West Burton's readings.

Heavens Above

There's a partial Lunar eclipse this month when the Moon passes through the penumbra – the outermost part of the Earth's shadow - on February 11th beginning at 12.45 in the morning. You might notice a slight reddening where the shadow falls on the Moon's surface but to be honest the event is nowhere near as spectacular as a total lunar eclipse.

Venus continues to dominate the early evening sky blazing away like a miniature beacon over the south-west horizon. The planet reaches its greatest brilliancy, magnitude 4.8, on February 18th – bright enough to cast shadows from a really dark location. During the first half of the month our sister planet has a close encounter with Mars - a striking sight with low powered binoculars. Mars, to the upper right of Venus, is much the fainter of the pair.

If you can brave the cold, February's frosty nights provide some of the best star-gazing of the year (and you won't have to stay out all that late to enjoy the view!). Soon after dark Orion and his retinue of bright constellations are all well on show in the south. Sirius, the brightest star in the sky, is particularly striking, flashing all the colours of the rainbow low over the horizon,.

Over in the north-eastern part of the sky you'll see the familiar shape of the Plough or Big Dipper, standing on its handle. Its seven stars form part of a much bigger constellation, Ursa Major, the Greater Bear, the third largest in the sky. The Lesser Bear, Ursa Minor, home to Polaris, the Pole Star lies not to far away roughly halfway up the northern sky. The brilliant yellow star high overhead is Capella, the 'little she-goat' in the constellation of Auriga the Charioteer. See if you can spot the 'Kids' a pair of much fainter stars slightly to the west. Lower in the north-west, beyond Polaris, is the squashed W shape of Cassiopeia, the Lady in the Chair. The bright blue -white star right down on the northern horizon is Vega in the constellation of the Lyre.

Towards the end of February the winter star groups begin to drift noticeably westwards. Coming in from the east to replace them, are some of the early springtime stars – Leo the Lion and the Herdsman, Bootes. Bootes main star is golden Arcturus, the brightest star in the sky's northern hemisphere. You'll find it low in the east-north-east around 10.00 pm. If you're not a fan of the cold, cheer up – to seasoned observers, Arcturus' return is a sure sign that winter is finally drawing to a close and that spring is just around the corner. Have clear skies!

Al Bireo

Middleham and the Dales Local History Group

The Life of a 'Proper Theatre': the archive collections of the Georgian Theatre Royal, Richmond.

Middleham Key Centre,

200pm, Tuesday February 21st

We are really fortunate to have the oldest working theatre in its original form in the U.K. on our doorsteps. Built in 1788, Richmond's Georgian Theatre Royal is also a living museum which offers tours of the playhouse and its attached exhibition.

The theatre's fascinating archive of over 4,000 items includes:-

Playbills and ephemera from its Georgian heyday;

Documents relating to its rediscovery and restoration;

Programmes, posters, photographs and autographs recording the life of a provincial theatre since 1963.

Susie Wood, the Heritage Learning Officer at the theatre, will discuss the history of the archive, its links to other archives and the use and care of the collection. Old and new members and visitors are always welcome, annual membership is still only £10, or £3 per meeting for visitors.

For more information telephone Tony Keates **640436** or email dotandtonyk@btinternet.co

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for news, articles, reports, letters, What's On dates, competition entries, suggestions and comments:	
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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

A684 Part Three Into Bainbridge

What you might have forgotten—or never realised!

First, the Bainbridge motorway! That is how it was talked about in 1967-68! There is just one big layby remaining from the old road as it comes in from Hawes but observant eyes will be able to see more evidence of the ‘new’ straightened and widened road.

We are very grateful to Mason Scarr for these pictures:



Original road; looking towards Bainbridge from just below Field Gate with the Old Gate House (Toll) with its roof being removed.



Towards Hawes; trees felled to make way for the new road, being used to support it over a boggy section



Towards Hawes, work in progress

For a small village Bainbridge has a great deal to tell us. For a start it is very old, the hill (Brough Hill) beside the road across from the garage, having on its top the fairly well-defined Roman Fort. Two Roman roads, from Ilkley and Lancaster (the more clearly defined one) come down to Bainbridge but no-one ever seems to have discovered how and where they linked with the east or northeast.

After the Norman Conquest large areas of the upper Dales became hunting ‘forests’ with a forest lodge in Bainbridge as an administrative centre. The Old Forest



Notice how the walls beside the new straightened road, still visible, go up and down over the hillocks. That practice was ended later.

Horn still hangs in the *Rose and Crown*, but hasn’t got a resident ‘blower’ so is only used very rarely.

Now have a look round; the fast flowing little River Bain (as you surely know, at two miles, the shortest in England) meant that mills made use of its flow. The Lower Mill beside the Green, now a B and B, still contains the mill wheel etc.

Bainbridge High Mill, next to Hammond’s butchers just by the river bridge has an interesting history. It was a corn mill until 1890, then a saw mill. In 1912 the Bainbridge Electric Light Co. installed a water turbine. This prospered and by 1929 it powered 12 street lights and 60 private properties. A diesel engine was installed in 1943 for extra power, but then a little later the National Grid arrived and the mill returned to being sawmill until 1998.

And as for coming full circle, the village now has its modern Archimedes Screw, visible over the bridge as you go east.

Places of worship. The Quaker Meeting House built in 1836 replaced a cottage bought in 1668 and there has been a burial ground since 1672.

The Methodist Chapel of 1836 is still in regular use. The Congregational Chapel of 1864 is now a private house.



Quaker Meeting



Congregational Chapel



Methodist Chapel

We haven’t finished with Bainbridge yet!

Next time there are more buildings to feature and on our way along to Worton we’ll digress a bit south to remind you of the Isolation Hut in the Hospital Field.

A.S.W.

Windows 10 revisited

Just a quick reminder that the free Windows 10 upgrade from Microsoft was withdrawn last July. However, it has just come to my attention that you can still get a free upgrade if you have Windows 7 and Windows 8.

Whilst there is much to dislike about Windows 10 we have to accept that it is here to stay and has seen a number of improvements and fixes that make it a stable choice if you take advantage.

I have no idea how long this will remain available but if you have a computer that is Windows 10 compatible it is probably a good idea to upgrade while you can.

To do this go to the Windows Upgrade page, download the upgrade tool and run it. Before upgrading it will check your computer is compatible and then you can either upgrade directly or download the upgrade programme and make a DVD or USB stick so that you can reinstall it in future. You can find the download page here: <http://tinyurl.com/w10tool>

Incidentally if you upgrade a copy of Windows 7 or 8 Home editions but have a serial number from a Pro copy of Windows 7 or 8 you can automatically unlock Windows 8 Pro by entering a license key.

If you want full instructions there is an article to guide you here:

<http://tinyurl.com/zd-w10upgrade>

Is Windows 10 driving you mad?

A couple of things you can do to make it more like Windows 7 are:

1) Download and install Classic Shell from www.classicshell.net which replaces the new start menu with the familiar Windows 7 start menu and hides all the tiled apps that many people just don't want to use

2) If you don't want to have to login with an email address and password every time change to using a local account. You can do this through Start > Settings > Accounts > Sign in with a local account. Once you have logged in again with a local account if you want to remove the password go back to the same place and select change password, enter the existing password for the last time and then leave the new password blank.

3) Change the power settings – go to Control Panel (visible in Classic Shell or right click on Start) and

type Power. Open the “Power Options” page and click on “Choose what the power buttons do”. Click “Change settings that are currently unavailable” and then scroll down and make sure Fast Start up is NOT ticked and click OK. Fast Startup was introduced by Microsoft to make windows start faster – it does this by storing common settings when you shut down and reloading them when you switch on – this has caused quite a few problems recently with updates that had ‘issues’ – particularly wireless connections.

Communications 2017 style

It is unbelievable that the iPhone is having its 10th birthday. Who could believe that smart phones have had such an impact on the way many live their lives. Don't forget though that there are other ways to communicate with people! If you use Apple products you can use Facetime – but only with other Apple users. To keep in touch with friends there is the ubiquitous Skype – which is available on most devices (Windows, Mac, phones and tablets) and Skype to Skype calls can be video and are free – you can also send types message and even share files quickly.

Another option is Facebook messaging and the Facebook messenger app. This allows typed conversations but also allows voice and video chatting and conferencing and is free. I don't find Facebook as smooth an experience as Skype but it is often more convenient if you are a Facebook user. Finally if you like to make phone calls overseas a very good service I have used for years is www.telediscount.co.uk which supplies access numbers to different countries and is very low cost. There are no contracts – the access number appears on your bill. Just go to the website and find the country you wish to call and use the access number provided for calls to landlines or mobiles.

IMPORTANT: the cheap rates ONLY apply if you make the calls from a landline – mobile operators will charge a lot more.

That's all for this month. If you have any questions or ideas for articles feel free to send me an email at carol.haynes@dalescomputerservices.com or call on **663798**.

Quiz Night

Teams of up to 6

Saturday February 25th at 7.00pm

West Burton Village Hall

Tickets: £8 includes hot supper

Phone **Chris 663792**

'Waiting for Tom' by Tom and Rosemary Stephenson

Just how much farming and even living conditions have changed in the Yorkshire Dales since the early 1960s is very evident in the personal memoir, *Waiting for Tom*, by Tom and Rosemary Stephenson.

It's hard now to imagine a couple with young children moving into a farmhouse that had ice-cold bedrooms in winter and no vehicular access to a road. But that's what the Stephensons did when they arrived at Howesyke in Bishopdale in late 1962.

It wasn't long before Tom was gaining a reputation as a farming pioneer. He was the first in Bishopdale to bale hay rather than stack it. And it might have been his attempt at silaging that led, in 1984, to the Ministry of Agriculture asking them to host a demonstration of this using bags. One local farmer commented: "It'll never take off!"

In this enjoyable memoir the couple describe Rosemary's childhood in Hurstpierpoint, Sussex, and her memories of the 2nd World War as well as how she came to meet Tom when he was working on his family's farm near Market Weighton in the East Riding of Yorkshire. After their marriage in 1952 they remained at that family farm until they moved to Bishopdale ten years later.

She explained that the title of their memoir came from her being married to a busy farmer and so she was often Waiting for Tom. They are now retired and living at Sycamore Hall in Bainbridge.

The farmhouse at Howesyke is now very different and the new owners want to make even more changes. Their application for planning permission includes extending the house, erecting two semi-detached rural workers cottages and converting a barn into five short term holiday lets.

The road and bridge that the Stephensons had built in 1963 has certainly proved useful. But that was after Rosemary's adventures of being transported by Land Rover to an ambulance... *Waiting for Tom* costs £9.95 and is available at Hamilton's Tea Room in Aysgarth.

Pip Land

Women's World Day of Prayer

**Friday March 3rd
3.00pm**
at Hardraw Church
All welcome

Panto News

Well, Christmas has come and gone and with it the panto season. What a time for Wensleydale Music and Theatre Group! After the traditional early December run of four performances at Hawes Market House, we took the show to Leyburn for three more at The Methodist Church Hall in the first week in January. Our production of **Cinderella** was a joy to do and was well received by our audiences. Thank you to everyone who came, bought tickets, programmes and raffle tickets and supported us.

Whilst the performers bask in the glory of cheers and applause we must not forget that the whole thing would never happen without so many people making important contributions. Thank you to all those businesses who advertised in our programme and to everyone who donated raffle prizes. A very big and special thank you to our back stage crew. What a massive undertaking to transport the backcloths and lighting to Leyburn and there build a stage and set and tiered seating. You were the real stars.

If you would like to relive the panto, DVDs (£13) and Blu-rays (£14) are available from Jennifer Fawcett or contact any of the cast to arrange for you.

Our next event is a **Murder Mystery Dinner** at Hawes Market House starting **7.30 pm Saturday March 11th**. The event will consist of a staged murder mystery, "Who killed the Director?" accompanied by a two course meal. At £15 a head, what a great night! You can bring your own drinks. So come along with your friends and form a team and see if you can detect the crime and work out 'whodunit'.

Tickets available from any member or on the internet via our Facebook page or at

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/venue/EKIELH>

Graham Di Duca

Air Ambulance Collection

Advance Notice: An Air Ambulance Clothes Collection will take place on **Wednesday March 15th** in aid of the restoration of St Margaret's, Hawes.

Bags of clothes, shoes, blankets and curtains may be left in the church anytime between now and March. 15th.

No duvets or pillows, please

Yoredale Wifi Schemes

Connecting the last remaining remote properties to superfast broadband.

When Superfast North Yorkshire announced they had reached the target of 90% coverage in the county at the end of phase 1, Wensleydale outside Leyburn only had 40% of properties connected. These were Hawes, Gayle, Bainbridge, Askrigg, Redmire, West Burton and Thoraby. But even those places had some parts that were not connected.

Yoredale Computer Services has been working for several years designing, installing and managing the wifi systems for the Holiday Property Bond Company at their sites across the country and also in some of the European locations. When fibre optic broadband became available in Askrigg it was



obvious that our business needed to be connected in Aysgarth so we could benefit from the better internet speeds.

A phone line in Askrigg and a pair of long range wifi antenna to give a line of sight link to Aysgarth, and we achieved 65 Mbps internet speeds. This was soon extended to link across to Woodhall and we had our first community broadband scheme that now services 12 properties and three businesses including our own.

The next scheme was a small one connecting properties in Lower Abbotside to a broadband account in Bainbridge sharing a 60 Mbps connection. Currently this involves five properties and is planned to be extended across the river to include East Borwins and the Abattoir.

Connecting Raydaleside has been the biggest challenge. I was initially asked if it was possible to reach Raydale House. The answer was yes, but only with the co-operation of various farms and properties to provide a chain of line of sight links to where fibre broadband is already available. The best way of achieving this was to increase the scale to include the whole community and share it with those who wished to participate.

The principle of the scheme is to install a wifi network that can connect all the properties in the community to a point where fibre optic broadband is available, and then share the access between participants.

It had to be recognised the lack of size of the

community and the distances between properties meant that this would never be a commercially viable venture so would require funding with participants paying towards the installation costs. Even with future plans for superfast broadband to reach 95% of properties it will still not reach many of these isolated locations. The National Park Authority agreed to give the project some financial support in the form of a grant from its *Sustainable Development Fund* and the owners of seven farms offered the use of agricultural buildings to situate relay stations and provide the electric power.

Because people are willing to host the links and pass them on for the benefit of others and we are not having to lay long cable runs, erect masts or have new power supplies installed, the cost of the scheme became viable.

Each participating property has a small wifi antenna installed where it can get a link to a main access point. This supplies a firewalled wifi router similar to any normal broadband connection.

The performance we have been able to achieve after 23 kilometres of wifi is better than that available via our FTTC connection over the phone line in Aysgarth.

Caroline Sunter from Raydale says "The speed of the connection is far better than my previous satellite internet connection. It is almost instant, and is actually faster than my connection in my office in the centre of Skipton. It allows me to work efficiently from home without frustrating delays; and as a family we can now watch You Tube etc and watch On Demand TV, which previously was impossible.

Previously during periods of poor weather the satellite connection would fail, often for days at a time. This was particularly frustrating as it is usually the days when the weather is poor that I need to work from home. Since having the new connection it has not once failed due to poor weather. All this and it is cheaper than my previous connection!"

For those who are interested in the technical stuff::

The wifi network is contended, in so much that all participants share a finite capacity.

Internet connectivity is supplied by a 330 Mbps FTTP Unlimited Business Broadband account.

Wifi back haul links use point to point air-fibre links giving over 500 Mbps carrier capacity as far as Semmerdale, and 300 Mbps to Stalling Busk

The capacity is further shared out so the carrier from Raydale House to Marsett is 160 Mbps

The wifi network is a managed system using GPS

technology so the controller is aware of the specific location of each transmitter to ensure efficient throughput without conflicts.

Each access point has a maximum capacity of 200 Mbps shared between clients on each house using the managed wifi system to ensure equality. Each client account has a maximum of 40 Mbps download speed.

Each client account has its own firewalled router to ensure privacy and give wifi and a network connections in the house. For network security our router limits each participating property to internet access and blocks access to any of the wifi devices or other property connections.

A limited number of external IP addresses are available for allocation to clients who require secure VPN connections to office networks, or need to monitor security cameras etc.

The usage for December was 1150 GB for the 17 participating properties, giving 67GB per house. This was obviously concentrated at the peak times of day, but even so the internet access averaged at about 5% of capacity at the busy times with bursts of 10 – 15% for a few seconds at a time.

Gavin Edwards

News from The Wensleydale School and Sixth Form

Students have been given an insight into the world of work thanks to a partnership with Dales employers. Special sessions for young people were staged at a workshop organised by Wensleydale School and Sixth Form and Lower Wensleydale Business Network.

More than 100 Year 11 and 12 students were offered the opportunity to hear about routes into a variety of careers from representatives of North Yorkshire Police, UK Border Force, Ripon Land Rover, Partridge Financial Ltd, Fitness4All, Health Fusion and Blue Fizz Marketing and Event Management. They heard from delegates about the diversity of entry requirements, opportunities and life-style associated with working.

David Poole, chairman of the not-for-profit Lower Wensleydale Business Network which works to promote and support enterprise, said: "It is so important for students to be able to meet people from the world of work who they can chat to informally to explore what it is like to have a job."

Assistant head teacher Charlie Barnett said: "Having the support of so many employers provides our students with an invaluable insight into a host of careers. It also helps set their schoolwork in context and offers them an appreciation of the value of what they learn in the classroom."

Andy Wilkinson

National Park Ranger Service Update

As you may know, the Yorkshire Dales National Park increased last August by almost a quarter. The total area of protected landscape is now 841 square miles. The extension area now includes the northern Howgill Fells, Wild Boar Fell & Mallerstang, and the limestone terraced area of Great Asby Scar. The new area also includes fells around Middleton, Casterton, Barbon and Leck. In fact 1% of the Yorkshire Dales National Park is now in Lancashire.

The YDNPA ranger service will also manage the public rights of way network within the new areas of Cumbria and Lancashire. To take into account the additional 300 miles of new routes we have reorganised the ranger service in three areas.

The 'South' (Craven district and Lancashire), the 'West' (Cumbria) and the 'North' (Richmondshire district). We have also taken on two new rangers, James Firth, from Leyburn who will work in Wensleydale and Suzannah Barningham from Swaledale who will be in the Cumbria area of the National Park.

Within the 'North' we now have;

Area Manager – Matt Neale

Area Ranger Wensleydale – Nigel Metcalfe

Access Ranger for Upper Wensleydale – James Firth

Access Ranger for Lower Wensleydale (incl Coverdale) – Paul Sheehan

Area Ranger Swaledale and Arkengarthdale – Michael Briggs

Access Ranger Swaledale and Arkengarthdale – Ian Broadwith

Apprentice – Jack Banks

Over in the 'West' (the Cumbria part), we have a small office and workshop in Orton, near Tebay. The Area Manager is Steve Hastie and there are 3 rangers based there.

We will continue to provide updates on our work during the year through the Newsletter. If you want to contact any of us, please use the email format below; just substitute the appropriate name for that of the person you want to get in touch with. Or call in at Hawes, Aysgarth Falls or Reeth National Park Centres to leave a good old fashioned hand written note. We do still like to talk with people as well!

@dalesranger for those on Twitter

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Local Charity Events: Monies Raised.

Each year we try to compile a full list of the charities supported, especially over Christmas. Here are what we have heard of, with a few comments as well.

St George's Crypt Busking by Bolton cum Redmire. The most generous people of Hawes and Leyburn gave an amazing £623.14! This year, our seventh, we had mild weather for all three last Market days before Christmas, with very little rain and not much wind (so the "being homeless" experience wasn't quite so austere for us, or for the shoppers). As well as the donors' generosity the teashop opposite in Hawes and Barclays behind our stance in Leyburn generously plied us with coffee and mince pies to sustain us.

Robert Hall

Action for Children. West Burton chapel would like to thank the people of the village for their support of the carol-singing and the Nativity Service which raised £379.50.

Mike Pledge

Air Ambulance has benefited to the tune of £300 from the fortnightly Carperby lunches. Thanks to all helpers and attendees.

Margaret Woodcock

The Children's Society received £57 from the Hardraw Christingle and £100 was donated to **SASH** preventing Youth Homelessness.

Sue Foster

Marie Curie Wensleydale branch has received £2285 from the Annual Hawes Charity Concert. This is the third time the concert has benefited Marie Curie.

Stan Roorcroft

Christian Aid has benefited from the Taize Service in Gayle chapel: £60+, and a huge pile of toys went to the **Salvation Army** from the Toy Service.

Graham Di Duca

And more for **St George's Crypt**: Aysgarth St Andrew's Christmas services: £479.80. Bolton cum Redmire Christmas services: £400.

Children's Society: Preston under Scar carol singing: £136; West Witton Crib service: £153.70.

Mary's Meals (supports child feeding projects in some of the world's poorest areas) Thoraby Carol service £144.88; Preston Carol service: £38.57.

The Salvation Army has received £20 from Marsett Methodist Chapel. **Elaine Ewbank**

Air Ambulance: Preston Carol service £38.58

Children in Need and Action for Children: Aysgarth Methodist Nativity service: £100 to each.

Although we haven't the precise breakdown, **the Children's Society, the White Helmets of Aleppo, the Aries Trust South India** have all benefited over the year from St Oswald's, Askrigg.

Gayle Mill Events

Demonstration Tours – Sunday February 5th 11.00am and 2.30pm. £12

Come and join our Demonstration Tours first Sunday of each month. A two hour tour where you get to see the original 1879 machinery working! Includes light refreshments.

Nest Box Building – Wednesday February 22nd 10.00am – 1.00pm Admission for Adults £3 Children Free. Nest Boxes are £7 each

As part of National Nest Box Week, come and have a go at making your own nest box to take away and hang in your garden. This event is for children under 16 years of age accompanied by an adult.

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

Description as above

Hands-on Heritage Wheelwrighting - Saturday March 18th 9.00am – 5.00pm £80 per

person You can join us, as did Guy Martin in Channel 4's 'How Britain Worked' to have a real hands-on experience in making a traditional steel-hooped hot bonded



cartwheel from scratch. All participants work as a team of six and together help to make the hub, two spokes each and a felly and work together to hot-bond a steel hooped rim onto the wooden wheel. All tuition, lunch and other refreshments are included and if you wish, you even have the opportunity to buy the wheel you have helped to make, on a first come basis!

For further information on any of the above or to make a booking phone the Mill on **667320** or visit www.gaylemill.org.uk.



Leyburn Arts & Community Centre - Events Calendar

Richmond Road, Leyburn DL8 5DL - Film Tickets: Adults £6 - Concessions £5

FILMS

Fri 03 Feb - 5.00 pm & 7.30 pm - **Deepwater Horizon** (12A) 1hr 47m.

Tue 07 Feb - 7.00 pm *only* - **Britain on Film: Railways** (U) 1hr 23m. (Exploring Film)

Fri 10 Feb - 5.00 pm & 7.30 pm - **Bridget Jones's Baby** (15) 2hr 03m.

Fri 17 Feb - 5.00 pm & 7.30 pm - **Hunt for the Wilderpeople** (12A) 1hr 41m.

Fri 24 Feb - 5.00 pm & 7.30 pm - **Dare to be Wild** (PG) 1hr 40m.

Sat 25 Feb - 2.00 pm *only* - **Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory** (U) 1hr 41m.

Dress up and join us in an afternoon of chocolate-dipping fun. £5 Adults, £2.50 children.

EVENTS

Fri 10 Feb - 10.00 am to 4.00 pm - **Mosaic Workshop** with Mosaic Artist Julie Hand. Contact The Old School House for details and to book your place.

Sat 11 Feb - 7.30 pm - **Dales Community Choir - Fundraiser** A concert at St. Peter & St. Paul Church, next to the Old School House. Tickets Adults £8, under 16's £5, including tea or coffee and cake.

Sat 18 Feb - 7.30 pm - **Yoredale Strummers Ukulele Band - Fundraiser** An evening of good-time music sung and played at the Old School House in aid of the Great North Air Ambulance. Tickets £5 on the door, raffle and bar.

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Get Musical Workshops

February half-term

Singing | Percussion | Composition

You are invited to join community musicians Colin Bailey and Julie Simpson for a fun-filled three hours of creative music-making on the

21st Richmond Youth Centre Tuesday

23rd Reeth Memorial Hall

24th Leyburn Arts and Community Centre

25th Hawes Market House

The sessions are aimed at primary school aged children (six to twelve years old) and will explore sound, rhythm, percussion and popular song. (Sessions are suitable for families to take part together; younger children must be supervised by a responsible adult).

Activities will include Bucket Beats, Boom Tunes, Create-a-song and the Get Musical Jam Band. Children who play an instrument can bring it along too, if they would like to, and there will be plenty of singing and percussion-based activities for everyone to try as well.

Sessions run from **10.00am to 1.00pm** with breaks (squash, fruit and biscuits will be provided). There is a charge of £5.00 per child. Places are limited so please book early to avoid disappointment at www.blueboxt.co.uk or **07711 211169**.

Get Musical is part of the NYMAZ Youth Music Programme for North Yorkshire. NYMAZ (The National Foundation for Youth Music) www.nymaz.org.uk provides high quality music-making activities for young people who might not otherwise have the opportunity.

All this from an Old Exercise Book!

Book Review: 'An 1844 Pennine Way from Tees to Ribble', by Janet Rawlins

In her husband's old family home Janet came across a section of a 19th century exercise book in beautiful copperplate writing detailing this walk from Crook to Settle. She was determined to piece together details of the five botanist-walkers including the writer of this incredibly painstaking extract which lists every plant found with its location, the daily distances and routes taken, places stayed and even all their expenses.

The book contains a facsimile of the exercise book (with later transcription), details of the walkers, sketches of the places stayed, inevitably some of Janet's lovely wild flower drawings, and reproductions of textile collages plus drawings of notable landscapes visited — and one or two modern photographs.

As the route proceeds from High Force, Cauldron Snout, High Cup Nick, Pendragon Castle, Cautley Spout to Ingleton's waterfalls you almost feel to be there — but in 1844 hostelryes or Meeting houses.

As for the wild flowers, well I think we all know how famous the route is for these, especially Upper Teesdale, but our five walkers' list is mind-boggling. Puts my once-sighted Teesdale Gentiana Verna into perspective.

This isn't a large book but it's lovely and to be highly recommended.

Copies, £12, can be collected from Janet at Unicorn House, Bainbridge, DL8 3EH or by post for an additional £2.50.

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