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and Bishopdale,
Swaledale from Keld to Gunnerside plus Cowgill in Upper Dentdale.

Guest Editorial

I first discovered the Dales years ago, when I was a young lecturer at the University of Lancaster where I had to persuade reluctant students to take an interest in Anglo-Saxon language and culture. This was no easy task because although it was compulsory, they hated it, arguing that the subject was completely useless.

Now unlike French or Spanish, you can't teach anyone to speak Anglo-Saxon because the language died out centuries ago. But it is the basis of the English we all use today, and studying it has helped me to understand so much about how contemporary English developed, explaining, for example, why we say 'I sang', not 'I singed' and why there is an apostrophe in the phrase 'the dog's bone'.

But explaining a few linguistic facts was never going to be enough for reluctant students, so I came up with other ideas to get them thinking. Lancaster is barely an hour away from the Lake District and the Yorkshire Dales, and the North carries traces of centuries of different inhabitants which are preserved in the names of people and places. I set my students projects: I sent them round cemeteries to read the names on headstones, then find out what the origin of those names might be Saxon, Old Norse, that is, Viking, Norman or anything else. Some did family history charts, looking at surnames in their own families. One young man called Dyson was intrigued to discover that his ancestors had been part of a clan from the Borders, well-known for cattle rustling and raiding, many of whom had been hanged at Carlisle. My great-grandmother was a Renwick, and her name derives from a place in the Eden valley in Cumbria, from Old Norse hraefn (raven) and wic (outlying settlement).

Many surnames can be tied to places, and once you start looking at place names that is another rich area to investigate, because in the Dales the place names reflect the history of the different peoples who settled here. So we have old British names, like Pen-y-Ghent (windy summit), Viking names like Thwaite (sloping meadow) or Gunnarside (Gunnar's hillside, or

saetr), or Hawes (narrow pass), Saxon names like Bedale (Beda's little place), Norman names like Richmond. As you go up Wensleydale or Swaledale the Saxon names lower down gradually turn into Old Norse names, showing that the Vikings settled further inland in the higher, more remote pastures.

Different groups of Norsemen could communicate with one another, but they spoke different dialects which are reflected in the names of places where they lived. So you tend to find words like ghyll (ravine) and rigg (narrow ridge) more widespread in Cumbria and the upper end of the Dales, though anywhere in England where you find a town ending in 'kirk' or 'by' you can be sure that Danes were there. In Modern Danish the word 'by' still means town.

One name that crops up a lot in Yorkshire and in Cumbria is Wath, and places with this name are always by rivers. The name comes from an old Norse word meaning ford, and the origin of that word is connected to the word 'wade', which involves walking through water.

I don't know if I convinced all the students that it was worthwhile studying a dead language, but some of them did become interested in tracing family and place names. They learned about settlement patterns across the North, and they learned too that names cannot be taken for granted because behind even the most ordinary-looking name there is a rich history.

Susan Bassnett

Hawes United Football Club

Fund Raising Sponsored Walk

Sunday July 15th

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Hawes School News

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We are very grateful to those people who have already donated online. So far we have raised £835.10 + £121.25 gift aid. Our target was £500.00, which thanks to your help we have exceeded. We are now aiming for £1000.

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Thank you.

Midday Supervisor Assistant Vacancy

We will have a vacancy for a part time Midday Supervisor Assistant in September for Tuesday and Thursday each week during term time. The hours are from 11.55am until 1.10pm (1 1/4 hours per day) and the rate of pay is £8.55 per hour term time only (band 3 point 7, rising annually to point 9). If you are interested please see Dawn in the Office for further details.

Hawes University Week 2nd-6th July 2018

As a school, we are always looking to enhance and develop the learning of the pupils. We would like our pupils to develop an understanding of Hawes and its community.

The aim is to give children a chance to learn and find out about different jobs and businesses in the local community, also to learn new and different skills.



Eunice the Ewe

Last month I was gazing through the widow in the H&M advert on Page 22 and the winner of the £10 prize is Christine Sturdy of Middleham.

Where am I hiding this week?

The aim is to expose our pupils to different types to inspire and excite their interests.

We have a number of people, including a vet, a firefighter and a farmer who will be coming into school during the week July 2nd-6th which will be our Hawes University Week.

Sports Day

Our Sports Day which was held on **18th June** was a great success despite the threat of rain and being windy. The house winners were DALE and HILL were a close second. All the children and parents had an enjoyable afternoon.



Dawn Alderson

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On the Buses

Service Reduction

If you travel by bus (or know someone who does) please note that the last afternoon Little White Bus between Bedale/Leyburn will not run from the end of June; more information from the Community Office. This is a reduction in travel opportunities between the county town (Northallerton) and Upper Wensleydale, as well as a service lost between Bedale and Leyburn. Passengers wishing to comment should make their views known to local councillors and to County Hall.

Sunday and Bank Holiday Bus Connections

Connections with Railway Stations in Wensleydale (names of places with railway stations in capitals).

DalesBus No 857: this is a new summer Sunday and Bank Holiday service until September 2. Known as the Wensleydale Wanderer, it runs from Hawes (Wensleydale Creamery) via Bainbridge, Askrigg, Carperby, Castle Bolton, REDMIRE, Preston-under-Scar lane end, Wensley, LEYBURN (MARKET PLACE), Middleham and Jervaulx Abbey to Masham, giving one hour in Masham before returning to Hawes/Gayle.

DalesBus No 856: the regular Acorn Wensleydale Flyer makes three return journeys on Sundays and Bank Holidays from

NORTHALLERTON via BEDALE, LEYBURN, Aysgarth, Bainbridge, Hawes to Wensleydale Creamery and Gayle makes three return journeys **until October 21**.

DalesBus No 855 (Sundays but not Bank Holidays) Hawes to Garsdale Station Shuttle. A combination of scheduled and bookable services on Sundays until September 2nd thereafter fully bookable (tel **667400**). (Weekday services all year are a combination of scheduled and bookable services on this route).

In addition there are enterprising - although limited - DalesBus summer Sunday bus services into Wensleydale from Wakefield, Leeds, Ilkley, Wharfedale, Preston, Lancaster, Ingleton, Ribbleshead station, Middlesbrough, Stockton, Darlington, Richmond etc.

830 Middlesbrough-Darlington- Richmond-Reeth-Buttertubs-Hawes and **830** Preston-Lancaster-Ingleton- Ribbleshead- Hawes-Buttertubs -Reeth- Richmond (Sundays only); **831** Hawes-Settle; **875** Wakefield-Leeds-Ilkley-Kettlewell-Aysgarth-Hawes. 7 day Hawes-Garsdale station-Hawes minibus.

Little White Bus enquiries (including LWB Hawes - Garsdale station service and bookings) to the Community Office **667400**, **weekdays** or to the National Park Information Centre in Hawes **666210**, **7 days a week** or see **www.dalesbus.org.uk**.

If you are an adventurous bus passenger, many interesting journeys and destinations are possible this summer. Check return details with care - or why not stay for a week's holiday?

Ruth Annison

St Margaret's Summer Fayre

St Margaret's Church Grand Summer Fayre is in the Market Hall, Hawes on **Saturday, July 28th from 10.30am**. Come along and enjoy coffee, lunch and tea. Stalls will include Cakes and Produce, Books, Nearly New, Bric a brac, a Raffle and a Tombola. There will be activities for children. Any donations for the stalls will be gratefully received and may be left in the porch of the church or brought to Ings House.

Jane Macintosh

Drop-off points and contacts

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

Hawes:	Community Office	667400
Gayle:	Sarah Champion	
	23, Little Ings	667006
Bainbridge:	Sylvia Crookes,	
	3, Bainside	650525
Askrigg:	Rima Berry,	
	8 Mill Lane	650980
Carperby:	Margaret Woodcock,	
	Bella Cottage	663488
West Burton:	Nadine Bell,	
	Margarets Cottage	663559
Aysgarth:	Hamilton's Tearoom	663423
Redmire:	Kevin Davis	624165
	Westholme	
Thoralby:	Sandra Foley, Shop	663205

Quoits News

The first of the cup games – The Johnny Fawbert Cup knock-out was played on Sunday, May 27th on the village green, East Witton commencing at noon. It was a lovely spring day with plenty of sunshine and we had a record number of players entering the competition from teams as far afield as Kirkby Malzeard, Leeming Village and the surrounding area.

As the afternoon progressed there was a steady stream of walkers, locals and drinkers from the Blue Lion, who came over to chat and see what was happening. The final was played by Richard Duck of the Dalesman Quoits Club, Leyburn and Billy Hudson who plays for both, The Green Tree, Leeming Village and Kirkby Malzeard 'A' Team. The eventual winner was Richard Duck.

The League Cup knockout has also begun with the semi-finals due to be played on **26 July**, with the Final being held on **23 August**. We will keep you informed of the teams who reach the semi-final and final. If anyone wants to come along and watch please contact Martin Baggeley on **623927** or **dalesquoits@gmail.com** with your location and Martin will advise of your nearest match. We will also keep you posted via the magazine.

The current standing in the league after 5 matches: The 1st division top two places are: Kirkby Malzeard "A" team with 30 points followed closely by Middleham Quoits Club on 27 points.

The current standing in the league for the 2nd division top two places are: The Dalesman Club – Leyburn with 33 points again followed closely by The George & Dragon, Aysgarth on 30 points

There are two more Monday night matches to play before we reach the halfway point of the season and it is looking as though it could be a closely fought contest between these two clubs to see who comes top of each division by the end of the season.

As a reminder to any person or pub/club, there are several venues within the Wensleydale area that have unused quoits pitches and also no team. If anyone is interested in putting a team

together and needs a pitch please contact me on **662743, 07826716146, 07803519848** or email: **Stephen.mason@william-rowland.co.uk** for further details of the closest unused pitches to you and how to proceed.

Ladies are always welcome and there are teams within the league who play mixed teams – so don't be shy! Trust me ladies there's immense satisfaction I believe in getting one over on the men!

Stephen Mason

Muker Band Concert

Saturday, July 21st

In the Market Hall, Hawes at 7.30pm

£8.00 on the door with a Raffle

Proceeds towards the restoration fund for St. Margaret's Church, Hawes.

Wensleydale Society

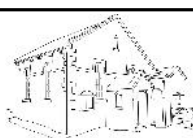
The Summer Walks programme continues and bookings are being taken for the visit to the Mouseman Museum, Kilburn and Ampleforth Abbey on **Wednesday, September 19th**. Membership of the Society is £5 per year. For more information please contact the Secretary on **624246**.

Lift needed

Redmire to Leyburn Tues and Thurs morning to arrive in Leyburn approx **8.00am**

Also return needed lift from Leyburn to Redmire set off Leyburn approx **4.20pm**

If you can help with any of the above times please contact **V Foster on 07803364785**.



Burtersett Village Institute

Self-service teas and coffees available. All welcome. Open every day except Monday (Bank Holidays excluded). All proceeds towards the Institute.

July Competition

This month's competition is a missing vowels competition. Identify the expressions all of which involve body parts.

1. HDNTH CLDS
2. LW YSNM YBCK
3. L TYRHRD WN
4. K PYRC HNP
5. R SDYBR WS
6. MKSMY BLDBL
7. TH MBS P
8. BRDNTHHND
9. HRDSH LDR
10. LB WGR S
11. NTH LPF THGD S
12. LNGFTHL W

Send in your answers to arrive by **Tuesday, July 17th** for a chance to win the £20 prize which will be sent to your nominated charity.

June Competition Answers

This was a cryptic "sounds like" competition where the answers were all vegetables. The answers are:

- | | |
|-----------------|-------------|
| 1 Pommy granite | Pomegranate |
| 2 Melancholy | Melon |
| 3 Sat Summer | Satsuma |
| 4 Neck Terrine | Nectarine |
| 5 Cab Age | Cabbage |
| 6 Pair | Pear |
| 7 April Cot | Apricot |
| 8 Man Go | Mango |
| 9 Turn up | Turnip |
| 10 Lent ills | Lentils |
| 11 Sell eyrie | Celery |
| 12 Shall lot | Shallot |

The winner drawn this month with the only 100% correct answers is Kevin Sorsby of Askrigg, the only one whose brain works like Barry's! His chosen charity is Yorkshire Air Ambulance which will receive a cheque for £20.

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National Park Guided Walks in July

Sunday 1st – “Discover Aisgill Force”
1.30pm to 4.00 pm. Meet at the DCM for a 4 mile walk to discover the spectacular waterfall.

Thursday 19th – “Hawes Rural Heritage”
11.00am to 4.00pm. Meet at the DCM for a 5.5 mile walk in the “Herriot Country” passing through Burtersett and Gayle. Bring your lunch.

Sunday 22nd – “Barns, Walls and Bridges”
1.30pm to 4.00pm. Join our experienced Dales volunteers at the DCM on this 4 mile guided walk to see an old packhorse bridge and part of the route used by Lady Anne Clifford.

Tuesday 24th – “Secret Squirrel” 2.00pm to 4.30pm. Meet at the DCM when Ian Court the YDNP Wildlife Conservation Officer will take you for a gentle 1.5 mile stroll through Snaizeholme looking for red squirrels. Adults £5.00, under 16's £2.00 (includes transport to Snaizeholme).

Sunday 29th – “By Castle and Byway”.
11.00am to 4.30pm. Meet at Aysgarth Falls National Park Centre for a 7 mile walk. Bring your lunch.

Booking is advised for all walks via the National Park Centre (see page 20) Adult £3.00 Child free to age 18 and under.

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Our speaker on **July 20th** is Helen Bainbridge, curator of Swaledale Museum who will be bringing along some artefacts from the museum. She will be asking us to identify some of these artefacts as well as speaking about the museum itself and the history of Swaledale. The Committee and coffee will be available from **10am at Leyburn Arts & Community Centre**, the talk begins at **10.30am**.

Hawes Christmas Lights
 are inviting participants for

**Wensleydale's
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Sunday 12th August 2018
 commencing **7.00pm** prompt

Hawes Market House

Any type of group/solo entertainment, any age, welcome

Closing Date for entries Friday 27th July 2018

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Windows Upgrade woes – April update rolling out.

I realise that by the time you read this it may be too late as I have already had a number of people contact me with some problems.

The free Windows 10 update that Microsoft announced on April 10th (known as the 2018 Spring Creators Update) started rolling out worldwide and will take some time. It is an enormous download and can take hours to install and unfortunately there is no simple way to stop it being installed.

This is very much the new model for Microsoft – a couple of times a year they effectively ‘offer’ a new version of Windows 10 to users. This isn’t the usual update, it is pretty much a whole new version of Windows with new features and some older features removed. Much of the emphasis is on the newer app interface. I put the word ‘offer’ in quotes because Microsoft effectively force the installation on all Windows 10 users. There are ways to temporarily delay the installation but they are not easy to access, especially in Windows 10 Home versions.

You can see if you already have the latest version installed by clicking on Start and going to the Settings cog icon. In the settings window open System and then scroll down and click on About. The newest version is build 1803.

There have been lots of niggly problems that people have had to deal with and many of them are conveniently listed with solutions on this page: <https://tinyurl.com/scu2018>.

There have unfortunately also been a few major issues resulting in people ending up with unusable computers. It is sometimes difficult to know the exact cause of these issues – even when they are well documented online.

Here is my best advice (and this applies generally) to using computers but especially before you attempt major upgrades: **MAKE SURE YOU HAVE A BACKUP OF ALL IMPORTANT DATA.** Ideally also make sure you have a full system backup so that you can

roll back if your system no longer works.

Lenovo computers seem to have a specific issue (albeit intermittent). There is a feature in older Lenovo computers (especially those originally supplied with Windows 7, 8 and 8.1) called “Lenovo Service Engine”. This is part of the computer BIOS and has a number of issues – including known security problems but also issues with Windows updates. Lenovo no longer support it and you should disable it. If you have a Lenovo computer turn it off – then turn it on and start tapping F2 before the LENOVO screen appears – keep tapping until the BIOS screen appears. You will need to use the arrow keys to find Lenovo Service Engine – set it to disabled and then go to Exit and use Save and Exit.

There is also some related software installed in Windows. You need to remove that too but it is model specific – go to the Lenovo website and search for your computer in support and there should be a tool you can download to uninstall LSE from Windows. You can see if your computer is affected here: <https://tinyurl.com/lenovolve>.

That’s all for this month, if you have questions or suggestions for future articles please feel free to email me at

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Young Ranger Leaders Needed

People who love the outdoors and enjoy spending time with young people are being urged to volunteer as a Young Ranger Leader in the Yorkshire Dales National Park.

The three Young Ranger groups in the Park, for 11 to 16 year olds, meet once a month to carry out vital conservation work such as tree planting, rights of way maintenance and wildlife monitoring.

'Dales Learning and Engagement Volunteers' are urgently needed to help the Young Ranger West group (based around Sedbergh) and the Young Ranger North group (Hawes and Reeth). Volunteers would be asked to give six days a year, and would receive training in time for the new season of Young Ranger meetings starting in September.

A current Young Rangers volunteer, David Robinson, who travels into the Park from Bingley, said: "All the young people have been enthusiastic; they get tremendous enjoyment and satisfaction out of the experience. It's very rewarding to be a volunteer and it's good to meet other people from the area."

Young Rangers Officer at the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority, Rachael Alderson, said: "Young people in the Dales are crying out for opportunities to get involved in conservation. They want to get close to nature and to help it thrive. All they really need are adults prepared to give up a bit of their time to make it possible. I can promise that volunteering will be a rewarding experience. We get up to all sorts, from 'Balsam bashing' to making bird nesting boxes."

For more information or to apply to be a Young Ranger contact Sally Robertshaw at sally.robertshaw@yorkshiredales.org.uk or 01756 751644.

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Police Report

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There have been two reports this month from local gamekeepers of damage caused to their legal avian cage traps. The principle of such traps is to lure pest species such as crows, rooks and jackdaws into the trap by having a live decoy bird in place within it. By law gamekeepers have to comply with strict rules under a General Licence before using such traps. This involves them having to check the trap at least once a day and remove and dispatch trapped pest birds quickly and humanely, free any captured non-target birds (such as any birds of prey), and provide food, water, shelter and a perch for the decoy bird. If you come across such a trap whilst out walking and believe it may be illegal or you have concerns for the welfare of any birds within it, please make a note of the location (preferably by grid reference) and if possible take a photograph of it. Then contact North Yorkshire Police on '101' and a local Wildlife Crime Officer will be notified. In most cases the traps that are examined are actually fully compliant with animal welfare legislation, where they are not, we will take the appropriate action. We understand that there are strong feelings on both sides regarding vermin control in the countryside but North Yorkshire Police take any wildlife crime reports seriously, and need to be given the opportunity to deal with them fairly in an 'evidence based' way.

Parking; I am sure you all know what I am going to say as I know many of you have heard it a hundred times but please can I ask that everyone respects the 'Keep Clear' and hatched areas in Hawes market place. I realise that it may be visitors who are inadvertently or otherwise parking where they shouldn't but it always helps where we can set an example. This also applies to keeping walkways and pavements clear enough that a wheelchair or pushchair can easily pass. Myself and the rest

of the Safer Neighbourhood Team will be paying close attention to this issue over the summer.

I am repeating this from the last edition as having sat myself and watched the traffic between Askrigg and Brecon Bar, I am sad to say that it appears to be local drivers who are equally culpable. So, here goes... The problem of speeding drivers into Askrigg continues to be a matter of concern as vehicles enter the 30mph zone. Please can I remind drivers that this 30mph limit is there for a reason and we will continue to take a hard line approach to speeding drivers.

If you have any community issues or concerns, please contact either myself or **PCSO Don Watson 5232 via '101' option 2** (quoting name or collar number) or by e-mail **Lucy.Osborn@northyorkshire.pnn.police.uk** **Donald.Watson@northyorkshire.pnn.police.uk**. If you are reporting suspicious vehicles/behaviour/incidents, please report this to the Force Control Room on '101'.

Any groups or clubs that would like us to visit whether it is to discuss crime prevention, road, personal or online safety, online banking fraud/scams etc. then please do get in touch.

PCSO 3744 Lucy Osborn
North Yorkshire Police

Hawes Community Field

An open meeting about the community fields in Hawes is to be held at the **NASH on Thursday, July 5th at 7.30pm**. It is likely that the meeting will involve setting up of a working committee to look into the potential for new facilities and sources of funding. There will be discussion about a pavilion (ie toilets/changing rooms) and also a "pump track" which is being proposed by Stage 1 Cycles for the hilly area near the football pitch.

The meeting will be chaired by John Blackie, one of the three trustees of the Upper Wensleydale Sports and Recreational Association Limited registered charity, which is responsible for the fields.

All are invited. All questions answered.

Afoot in Two Dales Challenge Walk

The Irregulars is a local group within the Long Distance Walkers Association (LDWA) for people with the common interest of walking long distances in rural, mountainous or moorland areas. The group is currently organising a 50 mile/5,500ft circuit of the Yorkshire Dales for experienced walkers and runners, entitled Afoot In Two Dales (AKA The Yorkshire 50), to be held over the weekend of **7th/8th July 2018**. This is a circular walk on footpaths, bridleways and quiet roads through Swaledale and Wensleydale and offers some of the best walking that the Yorkshire countryside has to offer. After starting at Harmby Village Hall, participants make their way to checkpoints at Castle Bolton, Haverdale, Muker, Hardraw, Bainbridge, Thoraby and The Gallops, where they are given refreshments, eventually returning to Harmby for a cooked meal. They will be setting off from Harmby at 8:30am on Saturday and have 20 hours to complete the route.

We charge an entry fee to cover the cost of e.g. hiring several village halls, provision of food and drink, transportation for anyone dropping out through injury or fatigue and first aid at the finish. After the event our intention is to use any surplus funds to make a donation to St Gemma's Hospice in Leeds. We anticipate around 200 people entering the event and over 100 have already signed up.

The event is held with kind permission of the walk's originator Jill King, and the Cleveland LDWA Group, and is available as an 'Anytime Challenge' walk that could be completed over two to three days.

Further details can be found on the Irregulars' LDWA webpage.

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This has been the most amazing year for tree blossom. In the early Spring when the Blackthorn was hiding beneath a sea of white foam, I had no idea that all the trees and shrubs were going to give a similar performance. Rowans were beautiful, - Hawthorns were festooned and Elder filled the hedgerows. Now it looks as if some of the cultivated Summer flowering shrubs will also be laden with blossom, at least those that have not been damaged by the high winds. In fact the Weigelia florida which I have contemplated digging out because it blocks the view, has been so impressive this year that I am having second thoughts. Later on, when all this effort produces branches groaning with berries we will be tempted to say that it forewarns of a hard winter to come. I am more inclined to think that it is likely to be the result of a wet Spring, which benefited the plants. In a dry spell such as we had in early June we worry about the plants in our gardens, and grass on lawns often suffers in the short term, but the trees, with their enormous deep root systems are unlikely to suffer. They are in it for the long term.

I have been impressed by some of the hardy geraniums, and they truly are hardy. Early in the year we had temperatures well into negative double figures but they have all thrived. There cannot be a more useful family of plants. They can be small, tall, shrinking violets or in your face, and the colours range from white through blues and pinks, dark purple, to almost black. Generally they take very little looking after, cutting back after the first flush may produce a second flowering. Add to this occasional division and they will keep going for years. Most are very simple to propagate, side-shoots taken off with a heel root really easily. From the same family, the Meadow Cranesbill on the roadside keeps on coming back even though it gets pretty awful treatment, including heavy doses of salt in the winter, but it is still one of our hardiest natives. I think my favourite of all the cranesbills is a small alpine type – Geranium Dalmaticum. It is a diminutive plant with beautiful pink flowers which will survive in the most inhospitable places.

Another plant which has come up trumps this

year is Phuopsis. This is a relative of Goose Grass, but not sticky and it does not seem to self seed. It happily spills out over walls and edges, producing rounded clusters of bright pink tiny flowers almost 2 inches across. Not only is it good ground cover, super to look at, but the bumble bees love it as well.

I can't believe the state of my French beans. I bought some young plants, put them in large pots, and, worried about slugs I gave them a liberal mulch of sheep wool pellets and a dousing. Despite all this they have been eaten. I don't think rabbits can get to them, so it must be the birds.

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

Rose Rambler

Eileen Allen

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We had passed the AA box near Aysgarth on numerous occasions when driving around the Dales, when nearly always I told Peter, my partner, "it's a listed building. Something should be done to emphasise the fact and stop it deteriorating."

So, in 2000 I think it was, (I've always had a bad memory but now I'm old I have an excuse) I decided to drive the 50 mile round trip to "do something about it".

Peter wondered if I would get into trouble but I felt that no one seemed to care anyway. But it was too difficult for me as the two gardens were a mat of grass, therefore I "volunteered" the said Peter one Saturday to take the top off to expose what was underneath – half a bag of grit, a broken wing-mirror but very little rubbish.

That started the cultivation of the gardens and there followed many years of gardening "by the road side". All the flowers were planted by me except the bluebells along the back walls. They were the only wild flowers barring the snowdrops on the side walls. I took plants from my own garden and plants donated by neighbours, and ramblers passing by would donate cash when told that it was all voluntary. They were always very surprised and would congratulate us.

The two parking areas each side of the Box were practically non-existent because of brambles, nettles, docks and all sorts of weeds, therefore Peter and I cleared them out one Saturday and were amazed how much bigger they seemed to be.

I was gardening on my own one day when in the afternoon a car stopped (as happened quite

often) and a lady came to ask "Are you crazy or what? You've been here all day, I've seen you." It turned out that she was a reporter from the Northern Echo and she was interested in my story.

Then it happened! My 15 minutes of glory. The Dalesman magazine then took it up and afterwards cars would toot their horns as they passed and people would leave items of AA memorabilia at Barton Post Office (where we lived) for me to collect. The reporter told the AA and I was photographed receiving a bouquet of flowers and an AA 100 years celebration album from the "Patrolman of the Year". We were also presented with tins of paint so we could paint the box which I thought was very "decent" of them – don't you think?

I remember one day we arrived to find that one of the plastic logos on the right-hand side of the box had fallen off and was smashed on the wall below. So we picked up all the pieces we could find, tiny or otherwise and I took them home and painstakingly glued them together again piece by piece over many days until it was very nearly intact. Peter then glued it back onto the box.

The box was not locked then so I cleaned it out every visit and I made a notice board of our own photos "before and after" and momentos of the AA donated to me. We also met one of the last patrol men to use the box, George Percival

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(no relation to Peter who bears the same surname) whose lovely family we got to know. Sadly, he died shortly afterwards.

Thanks to everyone who expressed good thoughts etc. and we're so glad someone is taking up the task because it was heart-breaking to see it going back to the neglected state that it had been before our time spent on it. I physically cannot work as I used to and can't drive, so unfortunately had to stop.

I hope the lady doing her bit now gets some more help as it is time consuming – but it is worth it.

Marjorie Workman
Barton

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An added bonus on July 27 is the presence of the planet Mars, a brilliant orange spark immediately below the Moon. Mars is exceptionally bright this month as it's at its closest to us since 2003. At magnitude minus 2.3 it outshines even mighty Jupiter. It reaches opposition (Sun, Earth and planet in a dead straight line) the same night as the lunar eclipse but reaches its closest point to the Earth - due to the shape of its orbit - a few days later on July 31. Mind you, 'closeness' is a pretty relative term - the Red Planet is still over 35½ million miles away!

Jupiter itself, remains a striking object low in

the south-west right through the month setting around one o'clock in the morning. In the south-east you'll find the ringed planet, Saturn (a fair bit dimmer) amongst the rich star fields of Sagittarius. Both of them are outshone by Venus, a lovely 'Evening Star' over in the north-west where it sets a little over 2 hours after the Sun. At the beginning of July, you might just catch a glimpse of the innermost planet, Mercury, to the lower right of Venus. By mid-month it's lost in the long summer twilight, so catch it while you can. Have clear skies!

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DCM What's On

July

- 1 Songs of Praise at Hawes Junction Chapel at 2.00pm. See p.15
- 1 Carperby Open Gardens. See p.6
- 1 Alverton Singers Tea Concert at St Andrew's Church, Aysgarth See p.9
- 4 Networking event for Dales businesswomen at the NASH, Hawes. 6.00pm.
- 5 Open meeting about Hawes Community Fields developments. See p.10
- 7 Summer Fayre at Garsdale Village from 11.00am. See p.15
- 7/8 Two Dales Challenge Walk. See p.11
- 8 Bellerby Open Gardens and Scarecrow Trail from 10.30am to 4.00pm
- 12 Wensleydale concert series at St Andrew's, Aysgarth at 7.30pm. See p.13
- 14 Hawes Gala. See p.37
- 15 Gayle Chapel Camp Meeting. See p.29
- 15 Hawes United F.C. Sponsored Walk. See p.2
- 19 Bainbridge W.I. "Notorious Emma Hamilton". See p.34
- 20 Friends of the DCM, Gift Evening. See p.33
- 21 7.30pm. Concert by Muker Silver Band at the Market Hall, Hawes, in aid of St Margaret's Church, Hawes. See p.5
- 21 Evie Ladin & Keith Terry at Reeth Memorial Hall, 8.00pm. See p.34
- 24 Planning Meeting for Stalling Busk Flower Festival. See p.29
- 25 8.00pm. First Dales Discovery Evening at St Margaret's Church, Hawes. See p.35
- 26 Semi Final of quoits league. See p.5
- 28 10.30am to 3.00pm. Summer Fayre in Market Hall, Hawes, in aid of St Margaret's Church, Hawes. See pages 4 and 31
- 30-Aug 2 Dance and Art Summer School at the NASH. See p.34

July

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- 27 Taste in Time- Farmhouse Food. 1.30 to 4.30pm. Taste old fashioned Farmhouse food and hear how cheese, butter and oatcakes were made.
- 28 The Wills and Inventories in 17th Century Yorkshire: 10.00am to 3.00pm. Members of the Ingleborough Archaeology Group give two talks and a re-enactment on The subject. Part of Council for British Archaeology Festival.
- 29 A full day workshop, 11.00am to 4.00pm with rug maker Heather Ritchie. £50 Adults including materials and lunch. 10 places available. Booking is essential.
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The Upper Dales Health Watch

Synopsis of the meeting held on **June 18th**

Dentistry – CQC has confirmed dentists can undertake home visits if they carry out a risk assessment.

Dr France will be retiring at the end of July. Patients will also be able to sign a card and/or contribute to a leaving present at both surgeries.

Dr Alex Scott will be moving from Edinburgh to start with the Central Dales Practice 4 days a week as from 1st August. He knows this area having previously worked in Leyburn and Northallerton.

Tracey Donachie, known as ‘Dolly’, is training as a Healthcare Assistant at Aysgarth.

Tom Scriven will be working as a phlebotomist at Aysgarth on Mondays and Tuesdays.

Miriam Scarr, who works at Hawes on a Wednesday, will be retiring at the end of the year.

The Monday medication delivery will be changing to a Wednesday as from 1st July.

The Practice will be signing up to **two NHS developments** by March 2019: - Care Navigation and Skill Mix (of staff).

Better Access is being organised by the Heartbeat Alliance to help patients have evening and weekend appointments for routine consultations.

The Practice has started to produce a **newsletter** every 2-3 months. Patients wishing to receive an electronic copy need to go on to the Central Dales website (www.centraldalespractice.nhs.uk) to sign up for it.

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Yorkshire Hay Time garden wins Silver

Yorkshireman Chris Myers has won a silver medal with his show garden, Hay Time in the Dales, at this year's RHS Chatsworth Flower Show.

The garden is a picture-postcard representation of life in the Yorkshire Dales, with a small converted barn and cottage garden, as well as some of the area's fantastic wildlife habitats, including a mini broadleaved woodland planted with species typical of the Dales, dry stone walls complete with mosses, lichens and sheltered nooks and crannies, and a traditional hay meadow full of native wildflowers.



As well as being an experienced garden designer and TV presenter, Chris is also an ambassador for local charity Yorkshire Dales

Millennium Trust (YDMT) – a role which had a big influence on his award-winning design.

Chris said: "The Yorkshire Dales landscape is changing. Many of the barns once used to shelter sheep are now houses, and the species-rich hay meadows on which those sheep were fed are now grassy fields with no wildflowers. We've lost 97% of our traditional hay meadows. Fortunately, YDMT is working hard to save these precious habitats and the wildlife they support, and I'm passionate about supporting this work. I'm really chuffed that this garden has proved popular with the RHS judges here at Chatsworth. Fingers crossed the visitors will be inspired too."

Once a common sight, species-rich hay meadows like the one featured in this garden at Chatsworth, are now among the most threatened habitats in Europe.

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Ranger's Report

Taking the lead

A note to dog owners during the remainder of the bird breeding season. The next few months are crucial for wildlife and farm animals alike, and dogs can cause lasting damage if they are allowed to roam free.

The breeding season - which lasts until 31 July - is a very sensitive time for birds and domestic and wild animals as they give birth to, and then raise, their young.

We would advise owners to keep dogs on a lead to reduce the risk of unintentional disturbance. There are some simple rules under the Countryside Code that pet owners must remember. The most important is that on most areas of open country and common land – known as 'access land' – you must keep your dog on a short lead between 1 March and 31 July, and all year round near farm animals.

Rangers and National Park Centre staff are only too happy to give advice to anyone who is concerned about going into an area that may be used as a breeding ground by wildlife. More information about the Countryside Code and dogs can be found on the National Park Authority website at

www.yorkshiredales.org.uk/dogs

Bag it and bin it!

I am also asking visitors and locals alike to clean up after their dog. We have noticed that there has been an increased number of incidents of dog fouling, especially on paths around villages. If your dog fouls a public place, including public footpaths, bridleways, open access land, pavements and car parks, then you must clean up after it. Failure to do so may result in an on-the-spot £50 fine.

Footpath maintenance

Since my last report, Rangers and Dales Volunteers have been maintaining the public rights of way network throughout the area. Paul Sheehan - Access Ranger for Lower Wensleydale - and his team of volunteers have completed this year's coppicing in the central part of Freeholders' Wood, adjacent to the Middle Falls at Aysgarth. To encourage bees and butterflies, Paul and the volunteers have created a new wildflower area adjacent to the public toilets at the Visitor Centre. They have also been working in Swaledale on the newly opened Swale Trail.

James Firth - Access Ranger for Upper Wensleydale - and his volunteers have been undertaking drainage works on a bridleway above Appersett. Two pipe culverts have been fitted, draining the track of standing water. Aggregate will be added to the track later in the

year and further refinements made to the drainage.

Volunteers have helped replace a rotted boardwalk near Aysgill force and the Upper Wensleydale walling team have been busy repairing a wall head at Widdale. New volunteer recruits have been out helping the rangers midweek on rights of way maintenance jobs and the Saturday group are busy with more boardwalk repairs at Lunds.

Local contractor Peter Iveson has realigned and repaired the stepping stones across the River Ure between Askrigg and Brush House using the existing limestone blocks of stone.

Hit the Trail

A few words from Michael Briggs - Area Ranger Swaledale and Arkengarthdale - regarding our new, easy going cycle route:

"The National Park Authority's flagship project, the Swale Trail, is a 20km cycle route between Grinton and Keld in Swaledale. Launched in April, it follows existing public rights of way for about 12 km, with the rest mostly on quiet public roads. We've improved surfaces, infrastructure and signage to provide a safe and fun cycle trail for those new to mountain biking, especially young teenagers and their families.

Starting from Grinton, the route heads up the dale along walled lanes and pasture land - but as you progress towards Keld the challenge factor increases! Fortunately there are plenty of opportunities to make a shorter route or link to other bridleways in the area. There are plenty of refreshment stops along the route and you could build up to the whole route over several visits.

Already we are receiving really positive feedback, with lots of people using the route for recreation, commuting to work and getting fit.

Leaflets with a map and description of the route are available at our National Park Centres. There is even a Viking Challenge to entice children to discover Swaledale's Norse heritage. And the best part - it's free!"

A new look for Aysgarth

Aysgarth Falls National Park Centre - which last year welcomed more than a hundred thousand visitors - reopened on Good Friday after a full refurbishment this winter.

Interactive displays on local flora and fauna sit alongside a wider range of local products and crafts for sale, together with the usual wealth of information about places to visit and what to do in the area. The Centre is open seven days a week, 10am to 5pm, until the end of October, with our Information Advisors on hand to help people get the most from their visit. The new displays will give people a fascinating insight into the natural history of Aysgarth and surrounding area.

There is car parking for 80 cars. Coach parking is available at the Aysgarth Falls car park on Church Bank at the junction with the A684.

If you encounter any problems whilst using public rights of way or open access land, please contact either access rangers **Paul Sheehan (Lower Wensleydale & Coverdale) on 666226** or **James Firth (Upper Wensleydale) on 666225**, or myself on **662912**.

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Upper Dales Family History Group

Our May speaker was Peter Higginbotham, who talked about his new line of research into children's homes, giving an overview into the different types of homes which had existed over the centuries and how to trace the records of their inhabitants. His research can be read on the website at www.childrenshomes.org.uk/.

Peter began by outlining some of the early homes set up from the 18th century onwards by a wide variety of organisations, such as religious or occupational groups, and by individual philanthropists such as Thomas Coram who set up the famous Foundling Hospital in London which was supported by many well known names of the time.

Admission policies varied widely between the institutions. Corams would take in foundlings left at the gates but others had quite restrictive rules about who could qualify and children were admitted by a ballot of the subscribers. Many institutions began in London or other big cities but then moved out into the countryside as their organisation changed (and they realised how much their original sites were worth).

Other famous names were Thomas Barnado

who began a work in the east end of London, Thomas Bowman Stephenson who started the National Children's Homes (now called NCH Action for Children) and Edward Rudolf who began the Waifs and Strays Society, now called The Children's Society, based in smaller, 'family' homes within the local community.

There were many occupational homes that took in children whose fathers had followed a particular line of work, sailors was an obvious one, with an example from Hull, but there were also homes for children of clergymen, actors, railway workers, commercial travellers, and policemen, funded by donations from members of that trade.

Other homes were run by religious denominations particularly for children from those churches and there were also 'emigration homes' training those going abroad in essential agricultural and domestic skills. Some were run by the Poor Law system, and later by local authorities, as part of the Workhouse system. To keep children away from the 'corrupting' influence of adults, they were housed in Industrial Schools where they received training in various industrial skills.

In the later 19th century many of the big organisations adopted the 'cottage homes' system, housing children on smaller self contained village style sites. From 1930 onward local authorities took over and the focus changed from large institutions to keeping the

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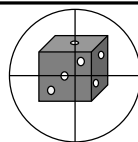
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children at home if possible, or fostering or adoption. The very last option was to place a child in a home, and they were usually ordinary houses with small numbers of children on ordinary housing estates.

Peter then moved on to talk about record keeping; some charities have good records, others none at all. Some charities have changed their names, or disappeared entirely. Several have survived but no longer run children's homes and have changed their focus to giving grants or supporting children in other ways. Some have deposited their records at local archives or research institutes. If the charity has ceased altogether there may be information with the Charity Commissioners.

Meetings recommence on **September 26th at 2.00pm in Harmby Village Hall** when David Turner will be speaking on 'Quakers, radicals and mill owners' his research into the Baynes family of Sedbergh, Middleham and Skipton. For more information contact **07432677783** or email: **tracy@swaledale.org**. **Tracy Little**

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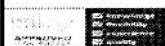
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Hawes Playgroup News

Summer time is in full swing at playgroup with plenty of planting, crafting and sensory play over the last few weeks. A big thank you to Hudspeth Flooring in Leyburn who kindly donated a great new mat for us to play on, a much-appreciated addition to our resources.

Keep an eye out for us on 2nd July when we will be doing a sponsored toddle through Hawes shaking donation buckets and hoping to raise lots of money! We meet in the Market Hall, Hawes every **Monday in term time from 9.15am – 11.15am** and welcome all pre-school age children and babies. Bring and share healthy snack, drinks provided and of course a cuppa for the adults!! £3 per child and just 50p for siblings, under 1's - £1. For more information call **Steph Bland 666928/07834 158 239**.

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What A Find!

Last year my wife Alison and I visited the Dales Countryside Museum (DCM) at the old Hawes railway station site whilst renting a cottage nearby.

Firstly, this is a fantastic place that encapsulates the history of the Yorkshire Dales and well worth a visit.

After looking around the excellent exhibits and watching the DVD's etc., we popped into the local history and archive rooms.

After looking through a few photograph albums and various artefacts, I inadvertently stumbled across several Aysgarth school photographs of my late mother, Margaret Hollingworth, (and one of her sisters, Gladys, my late Aunt). I had never seen these photos



before in my life, and to suddenly unexpectedly see them before me was an incredibly emotional experience. She was just a small child, smiling and happy amongst her childhood friends, some of whose surnames I recognised from conversations and letters in her later life.

She was born in one of the cottages near Aysgarth Falls in 1929 where the family lived

prior to moving to West Witton where they moved to the Old Vicarage (now a superb guest house) to open a bed and breakfast holiday retreat. However, they found it too big and moved directly next door to Valley View (currently a lovely family home) shortly afterwards, which was much easier to run as a b&b for her parents.

It was here that my mother met my father, Hugh Lynn, who visited regularly on holiday with his parents, travelling the fifty odd miles or so from Sunderland where the family ran a newsagents, a post office and an electrical retailing business.

They were married in March, 1957, in the now unused West Witton Methodist Church, with their reception in the village hall. Many local families attended such as the Guys and Harkers as well as people from much further afield. I was born in December, 1957, apparently conceived during their honeymoon in Majorca! Quite a wow factor destination to visit back then, when a more likely honeymoon destination may have been Scarborough or such like.

Because of the link to Wensleydale, my family have visited the area from Sunderland regularly over the years and love it with a passion. It's a fantastic, atmospheric and beautiful area with people as friendly as you'll find anywhere in the world. We class ourselves as 'semi locals' and visit regularly and I obviously have 50 per cent Dales blood running through my veins!

If anyone remembers my mother, who sadly died early of natural causes in 1981, or has any photographs of her or her family, please let me know at: tom.lynn@ntlworld.com.

Dales Countryside Museum...thank you.!

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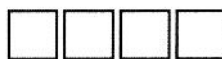
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Our theme for the summer holidays will be 'under the sea', we will have lots of activities to suit all ages from birth up to 12 years. To book your space please contact Dalesplay on **667789** or email dalesplay1@btconnect.com. We will be running the holiday discount package from

9.00am-3.00pm and can offer care from 8.00am -6.00pm.

The children have been busy making Father's day gifts and cards, making dens outside, taking care of the plants and much more. We currently are raising money to buy some wooden outdoor play blocks and a new sandpit by running a tombola at the table top, having a raffle at the Co-Op in Leyburn and selling dates in the diary. We are very grateful for any donations of tombola prizes to help us raise money for these resources.

Looking ahead to the Autumn term we are asking any families who may be eligible for 2,3 or 4 Year funding and wish to use their funding at Dalesplay to apply now online and let us know ASAP on the contact details above to ensure we have space for you in September and make sure we are meeting your needs. Dalesplay are also running a special promotion in September and October; for those who register their child, they will receive 25% off their first invoice!

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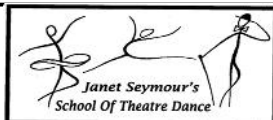
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Wensleydale farm payment pilot

It's not every working day you see something very special and rare. Yet that's what I could tell the family after coming through the door one Monday evening in mid-June, after visiting two of the finest traditional hay meadows in the Yorkshire Dales.

Most of the meadows around us, those carpets of gold, are far less diverse than they used to be. They have been improved through the application of fertiliser and sprays. A meadow with more grass and fewer flowers means more fodder for the stock.

Compensation payments for keeping meadows unimproved ("flower power") have been around for decades. But they have a bad name. The current national scheme, Countryside Stewardship, is regarded by many local farmers as unworkable.

In Wensleydale and Coverdale, a new approach is being piloted. A total of 19 farmers have entered bits of land into a scheme which tries to make the most of their experience and knowledge, rather than tie their hands. There are no prescriptions – on cutting dates for instance – and payments are made according to results. The more species-rich the meadow, the higher the payment.

To see how it worked in practice, I went to Sheena Pratt's Dale View Farm in Thornton Rust. She was hosting a training event for farmers in the scheme, run by the National Park Authority.

The farmers each had a clipboard with the all-important scheme scorecard attached. The scorecard contained a list of 34 "positive plant species" and eight "negative plant species". An orchid, for instance, scored four points, while nettle, as a negative species, scored minus two.

Into the meadow we went, walking in a straight line diagonally across the field. We stopped ten times at equal distances apart. Each time we counted the flower species around our feet, ticking them off on the scorecard.

Straight away we found two of the most important indicator species for hay meadows: yellow rattle and sweet vernal grass, which is what gives hay its sweet smell. Another species, ribwort plantain, was abundant.

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sheep love it. They'll pull it out of the hay first. And because the sheep love it, I love it as well."

The meadow seemed to get better and better and at the final, tenth stop, we saw a pink pool of ragged robin beside a purple patch of meadow cranesbill.

It was time to tot up the scores for each species. Rattle, for instance, with a species score of two, had been found in nine of the ten quadrants. That meant it contributed 18 points to the total meadow score, which in the end came to 200+ points, triggering the highest payment of £371 per hectare. As the field in question was just over a hectare, it would net the farmer a payment of about £400.

Could this sort of scheme be part of a post-Brexit farm policy for England? The farmers in the scheme are certainly very supportive of it, although they remain circumspect.

Tom Fawcett from Nappa Scar put it bluntly: "It's farming first and this second," he said.

"If you have a small farm, all the costs are going

up. The only way to stand still is to grow more grass. If people want to see these hay meadows, they've got to be prepared to pay for them."

He is absolutely right about that. Farms are businesses above all else. Yet something tells me that if traditional meadows are to be conserved or restored, then we'll need more than public money to fund farm payments. We'll need farmers who are willing to count and protect the flowers and the birds, and think that it is not daft to do so.

Andrew Fagg (YDNPA Media Officer)

Friends of the DCM

Friday, July 20th at 7.30pm is the Gift Evening of the Friends of the Dales Countryside Museum. Come along and socialise with refreshments and enjoy a talk entitled "on't Hills", stories and poems from the dale by Margaret Rule and Marilyn Longstaff. Any donations for the Museum are most welcome.

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Bainbridge W.I. meet on the third Thursday of the month at Bainbridge Village Hall at 7.30pm. At the meeting on the **19th July**, Dennis Brickles will be telling us all about the "notorious Emma Hamilton".

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29 August *	An evening with the Yorkshire Shepherdess, Amanda Owen

All events take place in in St Margaret's Church, Hawes and the first five events cost £3 per person, payable on the door.

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Tales of a Cycling Offcumden

I got my first bike when I was about ten. But it was a slow roadster and I never went on any long rides. But when I was about fourteen my mother, who was working at Stirling Engineering, a firm famous for making the Stirling sub machine gun, got me a genuine sports bike from a cycle firm working on the site. I quickly realised that it had the right quality to go to exciting places. It was a great time for adventurous travel. There were few cars on the road; there was little money for luxuries. The roads were virtually clear, the air was clean and there were many exciting places to visit.

In the next few years, together with friends at school, I would gradually explore the areas around London. One of our favourite routes was to travel along the main A13 road towards London and then to turn off towards Woolwich and the River Thames. As you travelled through Woolwich you could see ocean-going vessels towering above the terraced houses. Once by the Thames we would go on the famous ferry, then down to the engine room and see those gleaming steel pistons pushing the ferry across the dark oily waters of the Thames. Once across the river we would go south till we reached what is known as the garden of England, an area full of orchards and market gardens. One area round Paddock Wood was well known to all Londoners. It was where the famous hop fields

could be found. Every autumn thousands of women and children from the poorer areas would catch trains from London Bridge to have a working holiday hop picking on various farms. They would sleep in small wooden huts on mattresses filled with straw and have their meals cooked over fires in the open air. The children from the mean streets of the East End loved it. The freedom to roam through woods and fields; the smell of meat being cooked for supper drifting in the evening air thrilled them. The conditions were primitive, not the sort to attract a modern family.

A bit later my friends and I got more ambitious. We decided to reach the towns of the South Coast. The first long journey was to Brighton and back in a day, a round trip of 130 miles. Then a similar trip down to Hastings. The longest day trip made was to Portsmouth and back, a distance of about 180 miles. After taking my GCE exams I did a tour of Wales as far as Aberystwyth. I stayed in Youth Hostels existing on a budget of £2.50 for the week. I would often quench my thirst drinking from the streams flowing down from the hills. I worked out that you could live on oranges and cheese and bread and remain fit and healthy. But I was always hungry!

I seem to remember that England was a peaceful happy place to live in the post-war period.

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Hawes & District Gala

2.00 pm, 14th July, Hawes Community Field
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Programmes will be available from the **7th July**, and can be purchased from the National Parks Museum, Masons, and the Community Office for the cost of £2 (free entry to the Gala with a pre-purchased programme).

Entry to the Gala will be £2 (includes a programme) with under 16s and dogs free!

The day will begin with a Fancy dress procession around the Gala field which will be led by the Gala King and Queen. This will be followed by a demonstration from Arashikage Martial Arts Academy, a bike session with Stage One Cycles, a Dog Show, as well as family fun races to add to the mix. A disco will take place on the field from **6.00 pm**.

Competitions

The fancy dress competition will be judged in the following categories: Age 0-5

individual / Age 0-5 groups / Age 6-15 individuals / Age 6-15 groups / Over Age 16.

Other open competitions that will be judged on the day are:

- Fruit Scone Baker of the year – bake four fruit scones to enter.
- Vegetable Animal – create an animal out of vegetables.
- Open Arts and Crafts based on the theme of ‘Dales Life’.

We welcome all ages to enter. Please bring entries to the Gala field between **10.30 am** and **1.00 pm** so that they can be made ready for judging and display.

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Asian Hornet Threat

Without pollinators our diet would be greatly restricted and uninteresting and pollinators have been coming under increasing pressure for a while now. Honey bees (*Apis mellifera*) are of particular importance as their colonial nature means they visit a great variety of flowers in great numbers to obtain nectar and pollen.

Honey bees have been under pressure for some time and for various reasons from pesticides to pests and diseases. The latter two are of particular importance because of the growth of global travel and the movement of goods. A pest or disease which in the 1800s may have taken centuries to move far can now be transported round the world in a few hours. The varroa mite arrived in the UK in 1992 from Asia and has become a considerable pest to bees and a major concern to beekeepers. It severely weakens colonies and if not treated can kill the bees.

More recently the Asian hornet (*Vespa veluta* or Yellow legged hornet) is threatening to invade Britain. It arrived in France in 2004 in a consignment of pots from China but unfortunately the French didn't control it and it spread relatively quickly throughout the country, spreading at 60-100 km per year. It then jumped from France to the Channel Islands. The jury is out on the question of whether it could actually fly across the Channel but a following wind would be a great help to it!

In Sept 2016 a nest was discovered in Tetbury in Gloucestershire and destroyed by the National Bee Unit. Subsequently hornets have been found in North Somerset (2016. Single hornet), in North Devon 2017 (Nest) and also in a retail warehouse in Scotland (Single hornet -- travelled in a vehicle?) and most recently (2018 single hornet) in Bury, Lancashire in a cabbage from Lincolnshire. So these hornets are coming from somewhere. The problem associated with the hornets potential spread is that it puts out new queens in August and these fly off to start a new colony. So left to it's own devices the formation of new nests can be quite quick.

But why are they a problem to bees? This is because, like wasps, they need a source of

protein for rearing their young and in the case of the Asian hornet they get this from the flight muscles of honey bees. The adult hornet hawks along the hive entrance taking bees, killing and dismembering them, the thorax with its powerful wing muscles being the prize. A colony of hornets can take 30 bees a minute and can do a great deal of damage to the honey bee colony by reducing its numbers.


How can the general public help? Walking groups, individual walkers, natural history societies could all help in the search. Importantly, to help you get a grip of what nests and hornets look like, you can do no better than to 'google' Bee Base. This website is the digital public face of the FERA based National Bee Unit, at Sand Hutton near York. On the left hand side of the website front page are a list of subjects including the Asian Hornet. Have a good look at this to see nests and the hornet itself. Try to remember the difference between the Asian hornet and a wasp and the Giant European Hornet as this will definitely help reduce false alarms. Beware of squirrel drays or other nests.

Nests are usually though not always, built high up in trees. They obviously start small but can reach 90 cm long by about 70 cm wide. Early in the year is the best time to spot them as the trees have few leaves except for 'evergreens'. If you do find a nest note its location and if possible take a photo of it and inform the National Labs at alertnonnative@ceh.ac.uk or indeed a beekeeper if you know one. On no account should you touch or try to take a nest down as these insects can be dangerous and removal is a specialised business.


Dead single hornets can be put in a container in the fridge. If you capture a live one also put this in the fridge to calm it down and subsequently kill it. If you can photograph it email photo to the National labs or the non-native species email address above.

The more people we have looking for this potentially deadly predator of honey bees the better. Thanks for your potential help.

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