

UWFRA lend a hand on way back from Buckden Gala

Four ladies returning from a church weekend at Scargill House near Kettlewell hadn't got far when disaster struck by way of a flat tyre and to add to this none of their mobile phones could raise a signal to the breakdown service let alone back to Scargill House.

Group organiser Cath Wood from Calverley near Leeds explained their dilemma "We were really stranded and to add to the situation , one of our ladies was just recovering from a hip operation and another was into her 80's." But their luck suddenly changed when along came the control vehicle of the Upper Wharfedale Fell Rescue team who were returning from the Buckden Fell Race. Typically of the team they pulled up and within no time had the wheel changed over. "We were so grateful to them and it was such a kind gesture" said Cath, adding "We all went home with an amazing tale to tell of the day the wonderful Mountain Rescue came to our aid" .

Heroes of the day Stuart and Julie Benson from Addingham and Peter Huff from Threshfield said they were just pleased to help. Adds Stuart " They were lovely ladies and it was just good to see the relief on their faces when we set about the wheel change but as we expected we are now getting calls asking for our personal telephone numbers and such questions as "do we do oil changes"

The trio now have to also try deal with the team humour with 'Changing wheels' replacing 'Saving lives' from the national Mountain Rescue slogan ' Saving lives in wild and remote places'.