

# Elmet Almanac

*January* for snow on the hills and sledging on the slopes

*February* for the reassuring rattle of woodpeckers in Hardeastle Crag

*March* for the welcome return of curlews and lapwings to Crimsworth Dean

*April* for fields overflowing with excitable little lambs

*May* for an aurora borealis of bluebells in the woods

*June* for golden plovers peeping and fifty shades of green

*July* for heavenly hay meadows and endless summer days

*August* for a purple haze of heather carpeting the moors

*September* for hedgerows full of berries and bracken on the turn

*October* for spectacular autumn colours, a canopy of gold

*November* for cosy log fires and hilltop firework displays

*December* for leafless trees, icicle grottoes and heavy frosts