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Issue N°2

September 1995

CONGRATULATIONS**REETH**

Congratulations you all, Reeth is the best, and that's official !! We've won the **Best kept Village** competition organised by Richmond District Council. Judging was in July when the Green was looking its best for many years and many local residents and businesses made a superb effort with an excellent display of flowers in gardens, window boxes, hanging baskets etc. Some even tidied up paths, steps and weeded around cobbles. We won because of a great team effort by you all, well done and thanks to those of you who regularly walk around and pick up litter.

Reeth will be presented with a tree later in the year. Regretfully the Council are no longer providing a seat or plaque due to financial restrictions. Reeth was 1st in its category of village populations between 400 & 1,000, 2nd was Gilling West with Melsonby 3rd. Don't let Reeths win overshadow the success of other local villages, in fact it was a virtual clean sweep for Swaledale. In the under 200 population category; 1st **Gunnarside**, 2nd **Fremington** and 3rd **Grinton**. There is tremendous pride in keeping our villages tidy in Yorkshires loveliest Dale.

Reeth Parish Council will not rest on its laurels and is keen to maintain the standard the village now enjoys.

BULBS

The Parish Council is keen to encourage groups, particularly local youth groups to embark on a campaign to replant bulbs around the area, particularly on the High & Low Greens Reeth. The expertise of the local gardening club is to be sought and any ideas or suggestions can be left at the Post Office.

QUIZ

A	U	R
M	G	I
S	N	E

See if you can make 90 words of four letters or more using each letter only once. The letters also make a nine letter word, what is it? Small prize for the first complete correct entry drawn. Drop in your entries to the Post Office by 21st September.

August's competition was won by Susan Allison of Cogden Hall, Grinton, who received a small prize sponsored by Reeth Post Office.

CHRISTIAN AID

The Christian Aid stall at Reeth Show realised £128.61p

I was interested to read that there was to be a VJ Day children's party on Reeth Green, and also a peace service at St. Andrew's at



Grinton. What, I wonder, do the children imagine it is all about? I would like to share my memories of events of fifty years ago.

As one of several thousand British prisoners of war who had just returned from forced labour on the Burma/Siam railway, I was back on Singapore Island, in Ghangi, Civilians were interned in the old Changi jail and we were housed in bamboo huts around about. We were not in good shape, we were ill and weak, surviving on meagre rations of rice and watery vegetable stew. We were allowed to drag up the roots of trees to use as fuel for cooking, and this exhausting activity took up much of our time.

A few brave men continued to relay news from their hidden radios, so we knew the war in Europe was over and that the Allies were making progress in Asia. All the same morale was low, we were pessimistic about our own chances of survival. We could not see how a safe release could come about in the event of a battle for Singapore.

Then on the 16th of August the news was passed around the camp that an Atom bomb had been dropped, devastating the city of Hiroshima. We had no idea what an Atom bomb was, only that it was something new and extremely powerful. We had mixed feelings of incomprehension, horror, relief. We were ordered by our own senior officers to behave as though we had heard nothing and waited in apprehension, not knowing how the

local Japanese would respond. Then as the days passed we suddenly realised that our Japanese guards were fewer, until they finally had all disappeared and we heard of the Japanese capitulation.

Far from having the gates of our prison flung open, we were once again ordered by our own officers to remain within the wires and to be calm, mainly for our own safety as we knew little of what was happening much beyond our camp. I have recollections of sitting under the palm trees waiting and waiting, day after day, for some sign of freedom! A few days later a plane appeared in the sky and circling above us it dropped supplies and provisions.

We sat about and were 'entertained' by recordings of Winston Churchill's wartime speeches. I vividly remember my neck-hairs rising as I heard that voice for the first time... 'Blood sweat and tears...' 'We will fight them on the beaches...'

Then a flurry of excitement in the camp. Lady Louis Mountbatten arrived and made a tour of the place with her staff officers. What she made of this pathetic army of skeletons still clinging to the remnants of clothing we were captured in four years previously, is hard to imagine!

Finally after several more weeks of waiting troopships appeared to take us away. I think I was on the fifth ship, but my memory of how I went to Singapore Port, or indeed the rest of the journey home, is very vague. I do recall arriving at Colombo, in Ceylon, where Lord Louis had mustered dozens of young ladies (European)

dressed in white, to cheer us ashore. Socialising was strictly supervised, and we were only allowed off the ship very briefly!

The most emotional moment for most of us was when we steamed up the Solent in the mist, suddenly it lifted to reveal the Isle of Wight, dazzling in autumn light. What a contrast to the heavy greens of Malaya. It was most moving, and many of us wept.

In Southampton, to our amazement, we were welcomed like conquering heroes! Years of brain-washing by the Japanese had convinced us that we would be disgraced in the eyes of many for our ignominious defeat. We were given a cursory medical check, (no counselling or psychological help in those days to make the adjustment to the frightening early days of freedom!) and off we went with our new Demob suits hanging about us, and a chit to say we were entitled to an extra pint of milk a day!

And so to face the terrors of the public telephone, negotiation of London traffic, and all the complications involved in caring for our own futures after four years of doing only what we were told!

Duncan Campbell Arkengarthdale.

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Need 3 volunteers to help with the Luncheon Club on the day.
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VJ Day Street Party

The service and party held on the village Green for the Senior Citizens and children was a great success, but if it wasn't for the support of parents and grandparents it might never have got off the ground.

But I would like to thank Judith and Dawn for the tremendous help from the start and all the businesses in the village.

Plus Victor and George for supplying bunting and also the Kings Arms for the use of the Hotel.

Willie McCleary

PS Let's have a good bonfire night and safe!

Low Faggergill Mystery

While talking about the Gazette at the Red Lion in Langthwaite another customer introduced himself as a regular visitor to the area, who out walking a few years ago found a number of items dumped in a plastic bag in Sloat Hole at Low Faggergill in Arkengarthdale. The finder Mr. Clem Oxby of Cumbria would be more than happy to pass on the trove to a relative. They have absolutely no financial value, but include an address book and post cards addressed to Miss Dorothy Baker and Miss Sanders both of Arkle Town Arkengarthdale. Is there anyone who can help trace a relative or shed any light on why these items should have been dumped in such a remote spot in the first place? Any information may be passed via the Post Office or to Richard Birks on 884513.

REETH SPORTS & SHOW

A sunny day enhanced the warm and friendly welcome to the Reeth & District Sports. The event started with a Fancy Dress parade led by the Reeth Band from the High Row to the Sports field. The standard of entries for the fancy dress was impressive but disappointingly the numbers were down. Following the judging the excitement really started with the children's races, the Fell Race, Tug of War and Quoits competition. The committee would like to thank all those who helped in anyway, especially Keith & Chrissie Slater and all the local businesses who donated prizes.

Results:

Fancy Dress, under 5: 1. Emily Alderson - Ladybird 2. Holly Braithwaite - Sunflower 3. Laura Barningham - Tooth fairy
5>8: 1. Claire Stephenson - Triplets 2. Holly Smith - Toadstool Brownie 3. Matthew Gold - Mad Hatter
9>15: 1. Katie Smith - Bee Happy 2. Kate Allison - Pilgrim 3. Alex Liddle - Milk Race
Group: 1. John & Richard Wallis - 50 Years of Peace 2. Elizabeth Dollin & Anna - Coast to Coast 3. Ben & Scott Malton - Bill & Ben
Adults: 1. Graham Watt - Pirate 2. Doreen Watt - Mystic Meg 3. Dennis Moody - Milky Bar Kid
Cup: John & Richard Wallis
Flat Races, under 5: 1. Adam Calvert 2. Nicholas Bastow 3. Amy Nims
5-6 Girls: 1. Claire Guy 2. Holly Angus 3. Lindsay Bainbridge

5-6 Boys: 1. Ben Hayes 2. Joshua Woodward 3. Richard Wallis
7-9 Girls: 1. Christine Beeston 2. Frances Blaylock 3. Veronica Lee
7-9 Boys: 1. Simon Woodward 2. Richard Blaylock 3. Scott Malton
10-12 Girls: 1. Katie Smith 2. Katy Sunter 3. Rachael Maddison
10-12 Boys: 1. Martin Angus 2. Paul Dobinson
13-15 Girls: 1. Catherine Everett 2. Jody Copeland 3. Tracy Adams
13-15 Boys: 1. Thomas Hollingsworth 2. James Markham 3. Craig Leach
Slow Bicycle Race: 1. John Sunter 2. Alex Liddle 3. Georgina Maxwell & Rachael Roger
Sack Race: 1. Rachael Roger 2. Lindsay Bainbridge 3. Michael Roger
Egg & Spoon Race: Matthew Gold
Obstacle Race: Under 10: Stephen Allison
10 & over: Tom Lowson
Half Mile: 10 & Under, Girls: 1. Katy Sunter 2. Frances Blaylock 3. Lesley Ann Hutchinson
Boys: 1. Simon Woodward 2. Martin Angus 3. Paul Dobinson
Mile: 11-14, Girls: 1. Katherine Everett 2. Lucy Gregg 3. Tracy Adams
15-18: 1. Jackie Clarkson
Boys: 1. James Smith 2. Chris Everett 3. Ashton Goldsmith
15-18, Boys: 1. John Sunter 2. Paul Foster

Fell Race: 12 & Under, Girls: 1. Katy Sunter 2. Georgina Maxwell
Boys: 1. Ashton Goldsmith 2. Chris Everett 3. Michael Rasbeary
18 & under: 1. Thomas Hollingsworth 2. James Smith
Welly Wanging
6 & Under: Robert Price. 7-11: Kate Allison. 12-16: James Markham
Quoits, Stephen Calvert

A fine summers day greeted show day to enhance the friendly warm welcome at one of the most popular local shows and probably the most important date in the local diary.

The fine weather ensured that crowds flocked to the show for what must have been a record gate.

As usual competition was fierce with many local reputations at stake thus ensuring a high standard for all the entries into the cattle, sheep and horse classes.

Not to be outdone the standard of entries for the crafts, children's and horticultural classes gets higher each year, proving that there is a wealth of talent in the Dales. Much well deserved praise goes to Mrs. P. Cowan for her prize winning Christening Dress. With such high standards it is sometimes a shame that a winner needs to be singled out. The judges' task certainly never gets any easier.

Some may blame the hot weather for the small number of entries for the horticultural section, there is certainly no doubting the high standards of the prize winners but with all the gardeners around surely we can look

forward to more entries for this section next year.

After the Camel races of last year visitors were unsure of what to expect with 'Kangaroos' advertised. However they were pleasantly surprised with the impressive gymnastic display.

Walking sticks again proved a very popular, this emphasising the wealth of local talent for this traditional craft.

The Fell Race always attracts popular entries and the times remain very competitive.

With an abundance of trade, craft and information stands, Reeth Show proved yet again that it is a strong local show of high repute with something for everyone and long may it continue.

The popular disco concluded what must be one of the best shows for many years, a just reward for the hard work of the committee and their many helpers.

The full results (with a few errors) appeared in the 2nd September issue of the Darlington & Stockton Times.



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Crime statistics for the Reeth Beat in August

Burglary - Two walk in burglaries, one business one household, make sure doors are locked even during the day and when in.

Theft of Vehicles - Two stolen 4x4's in the area (Fremington and Walburn), thieves bypassed alarms and immobilisers. If you own a 4x4 or any vehicle make it as hard as possible for thieves to steal it. The biggest problem are thefts from unattended vehicles, mostly from visitors parking in remote areas and leaving valuables in the car whilst walking; don't bring unnecessary valuables with you and leave them in the car, even the boot is not always safe. 5 cars in the area were broken into in August. Look out for and report sighting immediately (Telephone 884222) Red Vauxhall Cavalier Reg JNK 687Y, Bishop Auckland number, highly suspected as being used by burglars in our area.

To Langthwaite, Arkengarthdale (From a Holiday Diary)

Written in the 1930's Subscribed by
Mrs. M. Winkfield of Langthwaite

I love the Dale's abiding peace,
Its wind-stung hills which grandly rise
To meet the ever-changing skies;
I love the flower 'broidered fields,
The singing woods, the leafy glades,
Enhanced by summer's green-lit
shades;
I love the Church, God's rich abode,
Where hearts unite in Christian Grace,
And one gray homestead set within
The rural hamlet's warm embrace
Has filled my soul with deep delight
Which time and change can never
blight.

BONFIRE

For the annual Bonfire on Reeth Green the Parish Council has agreed to organise a proper Fireworks Display. This event will take place at 7pm on Saturday 4th of November. The ad-hoc letting off of fireworks around the Green is to be discouraged.

Support is already growing for this idea and some fund raising is being organised. Obviously fireworks are expensive and we will have some proper display fireworks to make it a worthwhile and memorable display.

A small organising committee is being convened and the display will run in liaison with the Reeth Fire Service. The display will also be a fund raising event for the Fire Services National Benevolent Fund. Donations for the display can be deposited at Reeth Post Office.

In organising such a display safety for all will be paramount. The next issue will feature full details of the event, but in the meantime we are pleased to have your opinions and offers of help. We aim to make the display as spectacular as possible within a limited budget.

A final word on the Bonfire, which despite rumour contrary is being positively encouraged. Please no rubbish etc on the Green until after details are published in our October issue.

REETH PLAYGROUND FUND

The grant aid has finally been approved, we are now awaiting confirmation of when the funds become available.

PARISH COUNCIL

The use of land at the rear of the Reeth Dales Centre as a temporary car park over the Bank Holiday weekend has proved very beneficial and clearly identifies an urgent need for a permanent car park in Reeth. The support of the Rural Development Commission was very much appreciated and the council will be seeking longer term use for the next season.

Highway Matters; The council is still awaiting the Highways to complete the promised white lining on the High Row and the erection of the signs to the Doctors Surgery. The council is to press for a site meeting to seek alterations to certain waiting restrictions particularly on Arkengarthdale Road, Silver Street opposite the fire station and on the High Green. Whilst the Council is aware of local concerns on which they are happy to act, the Chairman stressed that letters to the Clerk, not individual Councillors, do very much strengthen the Council's case when making representations to various bodies and especially the County Highways.

Improvements to the Quaker Close Bungalows; The Chairman said that he had discussed the problems with Richmondshire District Council and was pleased report that the Clerk of Works is on site daily and the work is now ahead of schedule.

VJ Day; The events and celebrations had proved popular and it was agreed to send a letter of appreciation to William McCleary and his supporters.

Market Bus; The support of the Market Bus was 'disappointing and appreciation was expressed' to Malcolm Terry and Harkers Coaches for their support in this venture. The Council is still to seek a meeting with the Royal Mail about the possibility of a Post Bus and the Rural Transport issue will remain on the agenda.

Reeth Market; Is still proving popular and twelve stall holders attended for the extra market on Bank Holiday Monday. They reported brisk trade but thoughts from local traders need to be sought.

Bonfire: See feature

Mower; The dry summer has eased the problem of the mower but it is still an item the Council needs. It was agreed to trade in the old mower and purchase a new one. A suitable model had been recommended and tested with great success. Alternative suggestions proved too costly.

Bulbs: See feature

Healaugh Square; Despite the dry weather a drain has been causing local problems. The origin of the problem has probably been caused by other agencies, but in the interim the responsibility falls on the Parish Council to dig it out and complete the necessary exploratory works. It was agreed that the work should start as soon as possible.

Audit; The Clerk Margaret Bainbridge reported on the Annual Audit.

Street Lighting; The new lighting is still causing local concerns, but the situation is being monitored. It must

be appreciated that the lighting is 'amenity lighting' and not highway lighting. With the approach of dark evenings the Council will press for the urgent completion of outstanding works, especially along the Back Lane, Mill Lane and Fremington.

Other Items; Litter and dog fouling is still a general gripe. One resident had asked for consideration of the installation of traffic lights on Reeth Bridge but it was agreed that this was not practical. On conclusion of the main business the Chairman again opened the meeting to members of the public present.

The next meeting will be at 7pm on Monday 25th September in the Memorial Hall.

LOCAL NEWS

QUOTTS FINALS

The Swaledale & Arkengarthdale Quot's knockout finals were held at the Bolton Arms in Downholme on 13th of August, with the following results: Team knockout Bolton Arms 'A' 143 points Arkengarthdale 'B' 126 points. Pairs Final, J.E.D. Collins & A. Richardson of Arkengarthdale 'A' beat T. Scrafton & J. Edmondson of Bolton Arms 'A'.

Singles Final, Stephen Calvert of the Buck 'A' beat Anthony Hird of Arkengarthdale 'B'.

League Champions for the 95 season Buck 'A' runners up Arkengarthdale 'A'.

ARKENGARTHDALE CAR BOOT SALE

Following a dubious start to the day the first Arkengarthdale car boot sale held in the field of Mr. Clark Stones, Langthwaite, turned out to be a

moderate success, raising a total of £418 in aid of the restoration funds for St. Mary's and Methodist Church's. The field could have well accommodated more stalls but the event was well attended and enjoyed by locals and visitors alike. Thanks are extended to all who donated items for sale on the two church stalls and to those who also helped with the event especially the ladies who ran the refreshments stall.

St. MARY'S CHURCH ARKENGARTHDALE

The traditional August Bank Holiday Monday afternoon teas held in Arkengarthdale School on the 28th was a great success. Not only as a local event enjoyed and supported by all members of the community and visitors alike, but also for its secondary fund raising function. The first raffle prize, a beautifully iced fruit cake, was won by Hodgson family of CB Yard. The raffle raised a staggering £116!, the bring & buy £87 and the teas £144, donations to the Church on the day amounted to £210. The ladies of the dale produced their usual excellent selection of sandwiches, flans, buns, cakes for the teas and the ladies and gentlemen provided for the bring & buy stall. The hard work and contributions from all were gratefully appreciated.

OLDEST RESIDENT?

Mrs. Eleanor Robson of Quaker Close at 92 thinks she maybe the oldest resident in Reeth.. unless you know better. We would like to hear from you so that perhaps as time goes on we could do a small feature in future editions of the Reeth & District Gazette.

40 YEARS SERVICE

On Tuesday 22nd August Mr. George Hird was presented with an Oak Mantle clock in recognition of 40 years of service with Blenkiron & Son, builders & joiners of Reeth. Mr. Hird began working for Blenkiron at the age of 15 on leaving school and can still remember day vividly, Mr. Hird said, "That was the day we began to renew the Reeth School dining hall floor and I was called back to the workshop to make a coffin".

REETH RENTED HOUSING

Following the feature in our last edition, work on the site for the six rented houses to be managed by the Home Housing Association started on September 4th. A representative from Home Housing will be at the next Parish Council Meeting on Monday 25th September at 7pm. Persons interested in housing are urged to attend.

FRIENDS SCHOOL AT REETH TRUST

Applications are invited for grants towards further education from those under the age of 25 years and whose parents are resident in Arkengarthdale & Swaledale - west of the Borough of Richmond. Applications to be sent (by 14th September) to: Mrs. A.J. Rowntree
Low Riseborough, Ellerclose Road,
Leyburn DL8 5EZ

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Your local correspondent is Peter Brant at Reeth Post Office. Peter is happy to hear of all your local news etc, for the D&S and the 'Proforma' for weddings are also available at the Post Office.



LITTLEWOODS CHARITY SCRATCHCARDS

As from Monday 18th September most Post Offices will have new LITTLEWOODS Charity Scratchcards and the new 'QUIX FIX TEN' pools coupons available.

KEEP FIT

Ladies 'Keep Fit' (affectionately known by some as 'Keep Fat') resumes in the Methodists Church Schoolroom at 7.30pm on Wednesday 20th September, new members are always welcome and the tutor is again Gillian Hayes.

FREE HELPLINE

There is a new free helpline providing information about local health services, waiting lists, self help groups, complaints procedures, diseases, conditions and treatments. Telephone 0800 665544 - your call will be automatically routed to the local information service.

CAN YOU HELP?

The following organisations are anxious to attract volunteers: WRVS - CAB - Alzheimers Disease Society, Telephone 01748 822537

Cub Scouts & Scout

Our thanks go to all the people who supported our two fund raisers in August, the stall on Reeth market raised £100 and the stall at the Arkengarthdale Car Boot Sale, a further £50. We are currently selling tickets for the North Yorkshire Scouts 'Dream Holiday Raffle' first prize, A Holiday of Your Dreams to the value of £2,000, second prize £500 Holiday.

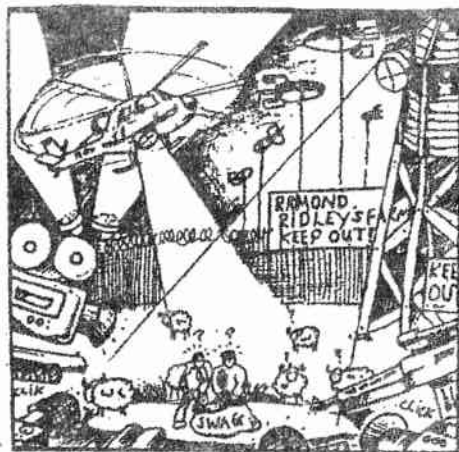
Cubs and Scouts start again on Monday the 10th of September at Reeth School which will also be an open evening for the Cubs from 6 to 7.30pm, boys and girls aged between 8 and 10 years are very welcome to come along and see what fun Cubs are, there will be lots of things to do so why not come and see for yourself. The Scouts are open from 7.30 to 9pm and young people aged between 11 and 15 are welcome to come along and join in our activities on that evening to see what Scouts is all about.

If you want further details about either Cubs or Scouts ring Sheila or Richard Good on 884353.

We still need an adult to help us start a Beaver Colony for boys and girls aged 6 to 8. Being a leader is great fun and very rewarding, ring Richard Good, the Group Scout Leader for an informal chat about Beavers.

THANKS

A hearty thanks to all who helped and attended the recent Manse Open Day which realised £450



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ARKENGARTHDALE SPORTS ASSOCIATION

Raffle tickets are now available for the Arkengarthdale Sports Association Christmas Raffle, there are some excellent prizes this year, so make sure of your chance by obtaining your tickets before it's too late. To date they may be purchased from the Red Lion and village shop in Langthwaite and the Post Office in Reeth.

EDITORIAL

The response for our first issue is very encouraging. We hope we can maintain the standards.

I must place on record thanks to the small team who have worked hard behind the scenes; Elaine Johnson, Matthew Frankland, Richard Birks and Eleanor Reddington.

The need for such a newsletter has been clearly identified and some very interesting features will be appearing in the months to come.

This edition has been slightly delayed to include a report on Reeth Show. We apologise for not being able to reproduce all the results but they were featured in the Darlington & Stockton Times of September 2nd, page 9.

The long hot dry summer has produced many problems from a ban on hose pipes (unnecessary in this area) to a shortage of winter fodder. Also the problem of moor fires for which keepers, farmers and local firemen worked extremely hard to combat. The recent fire on Grinton Moor was an example of just how hard a community works together visitors cannot appreciate how hard local farmers and keepers work to maintain the fine balance of nature to preserve not just their livelihood but the future of the landscape.

With September it is back to school and the darker evenings, Autumn in the Dales is generally an abundance of colour and the warm and friendly Harvest celebrations, evening classes restart. We apologise for any errors in the Adult Education details but the organisers seem to be totally confused as to local arrangements.

Our Diary Dates page is proving popular, it would be helpful to have an

up to date list of contacts for all local organisations so that we can ensure that all dates are included.

Please keep the information coming, we'll do our best to publish it. All articles adverts etc. can be left at the Post Office. Articles and photos of bygone days always prove particularly interesting.

We hope our unofficial competition of 'Spot the mistakes' becomes harder each month. At least our whole first issue had less mistakes than one recent newspaper had on one page!!

Peter Brant

Please support our advertisements, this edition is again sponsored by Reeth Parish Council.

MEMORIAL HALL

Reeth Memorial Hall, built in 1905 initially as the Conservative Club, is in need of some refurbishment. There are currently a number of grants available to assist with projects of this kind. Whilst there is the funding available, we need to make the necessary applications, to them on our hall. The Memorial Hall is very much the centre of the community and is available for use by all. Projects being considered include; total rewiring, replacement of radiators, roof repairs and toilets upgrading. We could consider minor internal structural alterations. Other issues need to be addressed such as do we need the stage? Specifications need to be drawn up. It is your hall. There will be an open public meeting at 7.30pm on Wednesday 4th October in the Hall to discuss the refurbishment project. Please ensure that your organisation is represented.

Community Education Courses in our area

Monday

German

For those wishing to improve their standard of German to a higher level. An appropriate examination available. Morning session, Tutor: Hazel Bruce, Reeth Methodist School Room. For 26 weeks beginning 18th September, Fee £37

Conversational and Holiday German for the beginner. Afternoon/evening session, Tutor: Hazel Bruce, Reeth Methodist School Room. For 10 weeks beginning 18th September, Fee £33

Tuesday

English Literature

Books, plays & poems for pleasure. 7.30 to 9.30pm, Tutor: Mary Thomas, Gunnerside Village Hall, For 10 weeks beginning 19th September, Fee £33

Spinning & Weaving

Weaving techniques, braid weaving, spinning, dying, felt making, frame weaving, design. 10 to 2pm, Tutor: Hanna Hipkin, Reeth Methodist School Room. For 5 weeks (every other week) beginning 19th September, Fee £33

Wednesday

House Maintenance

Simple DIY jobs for around the home, 7.30 to 9.30pm Tutor: G Brown, Gunnerside Village Hall. For 3 weeks (dates to be arranged), Fee £9.90

Keep Fit

Rhythmical Keep-Fit to taped music. 7.30 to 9.30pm, Tutor: Gillian Hayes, Reeth Methodist School Room. For 10 weeks beginning 19th September, Fee £33

Thursday

Art

Informal and relaxed classes tailored to suit individual requirements. Afternoons, Tutor: Hazel Smith, Reeth Methodist School Room. For 10 weeks, beginning 21st September, Fee £33

Car Safety

A guide to safety checks and use of the car. A very basic car maintenance, oil, tyre checks, wheel change. 7.30 to 9.30pm, Tutor: B Robinson, Reeth. For 4 weeks (dates to be arranged), Fee £9.90

Flower Arranging

Fruits and Flowers - Autumn arrangements. 10 to 3pm, Tutor: Anne Pratt, Gunnerside, 1 day course (date to be arranged), Fee £8.25

Antiques

10 to 3pm, Tutor: Anne Pratt, Gunnerside, 1 day course (date to be arranged), Fee £8.25

Editors Note; We are aware that some of these dates are subject to alteration. Please note enrolment for the Swaledale courses are on Wednesday 13th September, from 6 to 8pm in Reeth Methodist Schoolroom.

HOCKEY

The Hockey Team trains on Monday evenings and will be pleased to welcome new members; contact Shirley Clarkson on 884430

BADMINTON

The junior Badminton Club is seeking a new instructor, for further details and information of training sessions; contact Julie Smith on 884746

REETH W.E.A.

Two six week courses are scheduled to run at Reeth School.

Local Natural History and Ecology; Essentially a habitat-by-habitat approach with an emphasis on locally represented types. Some discussion of ecological 'principals' such as food webs, pyramid of numbers, bird migration. Possibility of some field work in the summer.

Tutor: Christopher Lowe

Starting on Wednesday 4 October, 7.30 - 9.30pm, for six weeks.

Full fee: £13.20 Concessionary fee: £8.40

Women Artists and Women in Art;

A look at women painters and sculptors from 1500 onwards. The reasons for their 'invisibility' and gradual emergence. Also one or two evenings will be devoted to the representations of women in art, and the ideology behind these portrayals. There will be slides and opportunities for discussion of both topics.

Tutor: Elisabeth Sutherland

Starting on Wednesday 7 February 1996, 7.30 - 9.30pm, for six weeks.

Full fee: £13.20 Concessionary fee: £8.40

For more details on both courses please contact: Elisabeth Sutherland, Mill House, Grinton, Richmond DL11 6HL (01748 884279)

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The Social Democratic Party in the Richmond area is thriving. A meeting was held at The Angel Hotel, Catterick, on August 8th, when the following officers were elected: Chairman Mr. Tony Pelton, Secretary Mrs. Betty Robertson and Treasurer Mrs. Sue Clouston.

If you would like to join and support the aims of the Social Democratic Party, branch subscription £1, please contact Tony Pelton on 01748 884703 or Betty Robertson on 01325 718777.

Before it is all lost

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LETTERS

Housing Subsidies in the Yorkshire Dales

If a local or indeed an in-comer wanting to make his or her permanent home in the Dales, buys a house they will be entitled to a derisory amount of MIRAS relief for mortgage interest paid.

The Chancellor is under pressure from the housing lobby to increase relief for housing to boost the market. My personal view is that the market is high enough and any relief would be inflationary. The Government however keeps using the cliché 'a level playing field' (a rarity in the dales) so why is it that in-comers buying up housing stock in the dales or indeed anywhere else enjoy subsidies of up to 40% or more? A taxpayer can roll over (ie delay paying) capital gains tax by buying a holiday cottage which then need only be let about 10 weeks a year, probably enough nicely to cover its overheads.

It would appear that the purchaser is then excused paying the Parish rate and may often also pay a reduced Council tax if the property is not assessed to business rate as many are not.

Why is there this one subsidised class of taxpayer who are frankly are less deserving than those who make their homes here and contribute to the community 12 months a year? They are noticeably absent when the snow needs shovelling.

As this I understand is a greater problem in Wales perhaps our local MP, who must be congratulated on his promotion to the cabinet as minister for that Principality, will whisper in the Chancellor's ear.

D.N. Williams FCA Langthwaite

MARKET PLACE

POETRY READ-IN. 12th October, Zetland Centre, Richmond, 7.30pm
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DIARY DATES

September

9 Punch Bowl, Low Row, Live Music; Dave 7 Lulu - Jazz Blues & Pop.

10 Methodist Church Harvest Festivals, Arkengarthdale and Marske, 6.30pm

11 Cubs and Scouts restart their meetings following the summer break, Cubs 6 to 7.30pm, Scouts 7.30 to 9pm.

- Brownies restart in the Methodist Chapel Schoolroom at 5.30pm
- Methodist Church Harvest Festival Marske, 7pm followed by sale of produce.

12 Circuit Meeting at Low Row at 7.30pm

- Arkengarthdale Jubilee club outing, 7.30pm at the Violin Makers workshop, leyburn

13 Enrolment for Community Education Courses in the Methodists Schoolroom from 6 to 8pm

17 St. Mary's Church, Arkengarthdale, Harvest Festival at 6.30pm

- Methodist Church Harvest Festivals, Reeth at 10.30am & 6.30pm and Muker at 6.30pm

18 Harvest Auction in St. Mary's at 7.30pm

- Methodist Church Harvest Supper, Reeth at 6.30pm

19 Methodist Church Harvest Festival, Hurst at 7pm

- Arkengarthdale Parish council meeting, Arkengarthdale School at 8pm

20 Distribution of Bus Passes by Richmondshire District Council 10 - 11.30am in the Methodist Chapel Schoolroom

23 Punch Bowl Inn Low Row, Live Music; Rockin John McGough - 'Mr. Sax'

24 St. Andrew's Church, Grinton, Harvest Festival Service at 9.30am
- Reeth Congregational Church Harvest Festivals, 11am & 6.30pm
Methodist Church Harvest Festival, Gunnerside at 6.30pm

25 St. Andrew's Harvest Supper in Fremington Sunday School at 7pm

- Reeth Parish Council meeting, Memorial Hall 7pm
Hurst Methodist Church Council 7pm

29 Coffee Morning and Bring & Buy in aid of the Macmillan Nurses, Methodist Chapel Schoolroom 10-12noon

30 Saturday 30th Football Club disco at the Buck Hotel

October

1 Methodist Church Harvest Festivals, Low row at 2pm and Keld at 2 & 6.30pm

2 Reeth Dales Ladies - Tyneside Tableware open evening in the Memorial Hall 7.30pm

4 Reeth Memorial Hall Opening Public Meeting to discuss refurbishment project 7.30pm
Muker Methodist Church Council 2pm

9 Marske Methodist Church Council 7.30pm

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Your Help is need:

We have had a request and issue a challenge to all our Readers. We need to raise £700 for some desperately needed medical equipment that can be kept at the Reeth District Nurses. The equipment required is a Syringe Driver to deliver pain killers, or other drugs, to a patient over a 24 hour period to stabilise pain or sickness. Currently if this equipment is needed it has to be loaned, if possible, from Richmond. Hopefully you will all appreciate that this situation is far from ideal and some local fund raising could very quickly enable the Nurses to be able to purchase this item of equipment. Donations please to the Swaledale District Nurses Fund to either Dr. Bond's Surgery or the Reeth and District Gazette c/o Reeth Post Office. Please let us know of any fund raising activities and who knows by our next issue we may be able to report some good news

Rented Housing Update:

Following the confusion from the receipt of certain letters in reply to certain applications to the Home Housing Association Limited for consideration for the new Rented housing currently under construction off Silver Street Ms Carol Ramsay, their Housing Officer, attended the recent Parish Council Meeting. Ms Ramsay apologised for the confusion and stressed that those replies should never have been sent. Ms Ramsay confirmed that no houses have been allocated and would not until such time as each applicant has been interviewed by a member of staff from the Housing Association probably early in the New Year. Ms Ramsay confirmed the article which featured in our first edition that the housing was for local people and that all applicants would be considered. The Parish Council will have a strong involvement with the allocations. Any enquiries should be addressed to her at their Wetherby Office Tel: 01937 588497. Full details of their address can be obtained from Reeth Post Office together with a copy of the above mentioned article from our first edition.

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the High Row, Reeth between 2pm
and 3.30pm on Tuesday 24th October.