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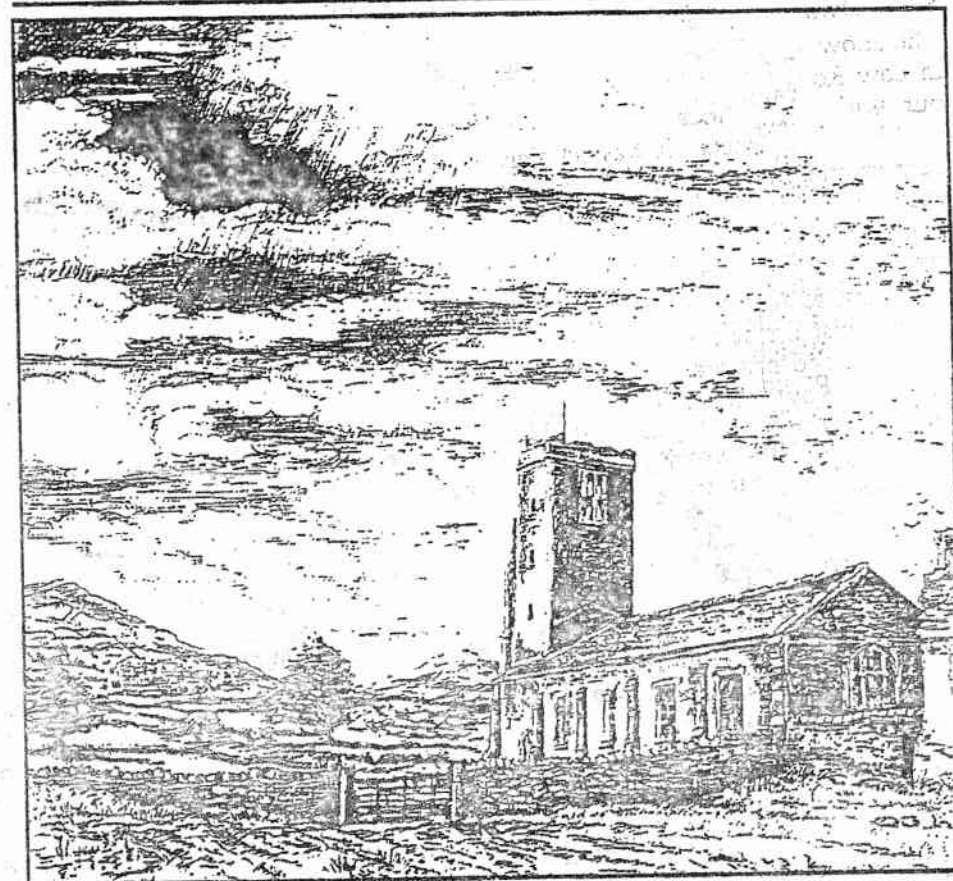
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LOCAL NEWS

"FEETHAM FOOLS" PANTOMIME

By now most readers will have heard of the success of the brilliant production of a local version of the Pantomime "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" by the Feetham Fools.

The show staged over three evenings in Low Row Institute was a total sell out with many local people being unable to get tickets. It was certainly Pantomime at its very best, an excellent evening's entertainment for which all involved should be justly proud. From the scenery, the cast, the costumes, to the ladies providing the tea and biscuits at the Interval it was just great and has brought the people of Low Row closer together, an excellent effort.

The Cast: Snow White: Victoria Lundberg; The Prince of Healaugh: George Aitken; The Queen of Booze (now banished to the Buck!) Sarah Waggett; Cynthia: Norman Sunter; Alberto: Lucy Gillon; The Mirror: Gerry Ward; Sidney: Susan Alderson; Theakston: Peter Roe; The Dwarfs: Anne Sunter, Susan Sunter, Michael Hodgson, Emma Lundberg, Tony "Blinking" Sunter, Trixie Roe and Janet Sunter. The Chorus: Rosalind Brown; Judith Callow, Peter Callow, Christine Ford, Ray Ford, Susan Hird, Marjorie Lundberg and Brian Sunter. Music was by "Take Five" - Keyboard: George Lundberg, Flute: Jill Lundberg; Clarinet/Sax: Steve Walsh; Bass: Ruth Calvert; Percussion: Rebecca Lundberg. Stage Manager: Norman Sunter; Stage Crew: Alan Kilburn, David Calvert and Richard Calvert. Stage Building: G E Brown & Sons,

Builders, Low Row. Lighting: Malcolm Sunter and David Wagget. Scenery: Steve Crowe. Wardrobe: Barbara Riley and Christine Ford. Box Office: Anne Kilburn. Hall Manager: Raymond Alderson. Prompter: Marjorie Lundberg. Refreshments were by Jennie Sunter and the "Ladies." Musical Director Director: George Lundberg and the Producers were Michael Hodgson and George Lundberg.

The "Feetham Fools" are a group of local people from Low Row, who got together to put on a Pantomime and wish to record their thanks to all those people who worked so hard to this a "community" performance - all the back stage crew, and the Institute Committee for their support and encouragement. They would also like to thank the Trustees of the Muker Educational Trust for their financial assistance in the hiring of the lighting. They hope to do another show!!!

In true pantomime tradition there was a happy ending, Simon didn't get a customer and Theakston has returned to his "nesting" place. Perhaps he may be there that way that his beard will grow again!! But, what happened to the Props? Maybe a "Topsy Turvy" Pub has the answer.....!!!



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COMPROMISE?

A compromise or delaying tactics for the inevitable? We've just heard that on the subject of inspected only accommodation premises (Bed & Breakfast; Holiday Cottages, etc) being allowed to advertise in official Tourism brochures or at Tourist Information Centres Richmondshire District Council have suggested a compromise. In future there is, we understand, going to be two "lists" - inspected and those not. Therefore those not officially inspected - those not in the Key, Crown or Star scheme will be segregated and detailed differently. All operators offering accommodation, etc are more than happy for their premises to be inspected at any time, but those not "officially" inspected are to be discriminated against so some compromise! Further information, comment, will be given once full details of the "compromise" are received. If you have any comments on the subject please let us know.

REETH INFORMATION CENTRE

The National Park advise that funding for the Reeth Information Centre has now been approved and the applications for tenders for the various internal works will appear in the Press very shortly (or Tel. 01756 752748.) Providing there are no complications the Centre should open in the Summer. Staffing levels are still be announced Once open the Centre will include a Tourist Information Centre and offer the usual services for local accommodation etc. There still remains the concerns about the commercial aspects as other National

Park Centres sell a variety of merchandise and the Business Association has a meeting in the near future to discuss this problem. In the interim when the Folk Museum opens at Easter it will continue to be the local National Parks Information Point.

REETH ROAD

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RECENTLY)
JANUARY 1996**



The reworked cartoon from last months issue was sent in from Mike Masterman, Senior Assistant County Surveyor of the NYCC Highways & Transportation Department. Thank you point taken, it's good to see that some people have a sense of humour.

APOLOGY

We would like to apologies to all of you who submitted material for this months issue but we just ran out of space, we will hold it over for next months issue.

Thank you for your understanding.

"HERRIOT" FOOTBRIDGE RESTORED

The Footbridge which spans a tributary of the River Swale at the watersplash between Swaledale and Arkengarthdale, made famous by television's All Creatures Great and Small has been rebuilt.

"The new 6-metre twin-beam wooden bridge may not be the longest in the Dales, but it is a very popular spot with visitors," explains Simon Lovel, Field Supervisor for the north-east part of the national park. "People use the bridge to take photographs of the ford. The bridge forms the only crossing point for walkers, other than the ford itself which can be difficult to cross in wet weather."

The work was part of a joint project between the Yorkshire Dales National Park and North Yorkshire County Highways, which is responsible for the ford itself. Although the bridge does not lie on a public right of way,

the national park agreed to replace the bridge in conjunction with county highways in view of its importance to the visitor from home and abroad.

Replacing footbridges is an important aspect of the work of the Area Management teams of the National Park. There are over 400 such bridges in the care of the National Parks Authority. Many are vital links in the 2100 kilometre network of public rights of way in the Yorkshire Dales National Park.

The above information is taken from the YDNP press release.

Editors note: Because YDNP and NYCH couldn't agree as to who was responsible for the bridge, it has taken nearly two years for it to be back in commission. If there hadn't been the speedy intervention of some local residents we would have had what the YDNP recommended namely a highly inappropriate clapper bridge!

TOP TEN HYMNS

Thought which Hymns you are going to nominate yet? As stated in last month's issue we are looking for the Top Ten Hymns. That is those hymns which you like to sing or enjoy to hear the most. Is it a special Ea stertime Hymn? A Harvest Hymn, A Christmas Hymn or a general Hymn? We are waiting to hear YOUR choice. A special "Songs of Praise" is being planned for the May Bank Holiday in Reeth Methodist Chapel which will feature your Top Ten Hymns. Please give the subject a little thought and jot your favourite Hymns (not necessarily ten) on a piece of paper and drop it in at either Reeth Manse or Reeth Post Office.

"FREMINGTON FREDDIE"

For those of you concerned about "Freddie." We are advised that that is the name given to a snowman that always used to appear by the gate to Hurst on Fremington Edge, when there was snow about. It was even suggested that the Leadminers used to build him on their way to work at Hurst. Perhaps someone has a photograph of him to assist with our search? Or is it that local walking groups no longer have time for such frivolities?

Robert Ballard

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RENTED HOUSING UPDATE

Home Housing advise that the new houses currently being built off Silver Street are progressing well and are currently only one week behind schedule. They will be starting the programme of home visits for the prospective tenants before too long. If you are interested in one of the houses and have not yet registered your interest or made an application please contact Carol Ramsay at Home Housing Tel. 01937

588497 as soon as possible. It may be of interest that Home Housing are also negotiating other local properties for rent so if you need a house, or know of anyone after a house locally please contact Carol at the above telephone number.

Home Housing Association remain interested to hear from any person with property that they are considering letting. They may be able to help; advise or even point you in the direction of the various grants available to bring the property up to letting standard. Again please contact Carol Ramsay at the Wetherby Office Tel. 01937 588497.

Home Housing Association apologise for the mud, etc on the road and any other inconvenience that may be caused during the construction of the new houses.

YOUTH CLUB

Reeth & District Youth Club has now opened and meets each Wednesday 7 to 9pm in the Memorial Hall. Currently a Youth Worker from Richmond is travelling up each week to run the Club. Activities so far have included many games and an animation project. Visits for games

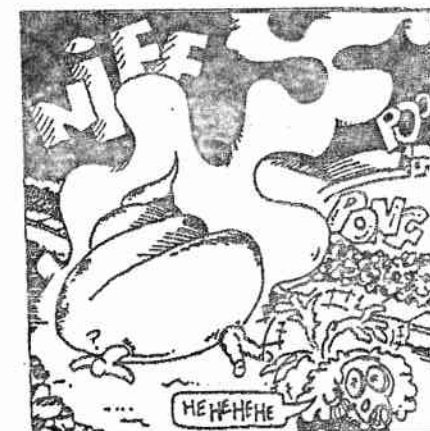
evenings to other clubs and the cinema at Leyburn are planned and hopefully a local Youth Leader will be appointed soon.

REETH SHOW

The Annual General Meeting of the Reeth & District Agricultural Society will take place at 7.30 on Friday 16th February in the Memorial Hall, Reeth. The agenda includes Presentation of Accounts and Election of Officers.

DOGS

Many complaints are being received at this present time about dog dirt and especially on the Back Lane near the Doctor's Surgery and the Children's Playground. Regrettably the cause of this problem at this time of the year can only be attributed to local dog owners. Therefore this is a timely reminder about local byelaws regarding dogs fouling footpaths. Some dog owners are very responsible with their dogs but there are those that just don't bother and this selfish attitude spoils it for everyone. Please be considerate and clear up after your dog.



THIS DOG POO PROBLEM HAS TO BE SORTED!

LOCAL INFORMATION

AGE CONCERN

The local Branch of "Age Concern" advise that their Insurance Services offer certain savings on Household & Contents, Holiday, Car (plus Motor Breakdown), Injury Cash Plan and even Pet Insurance. Telephone the local office at Harrogate on 01423 502253 for further details.

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The Learning Helpline is the FREE and EASY way in which information and advice can be obtained by those who are interested in finding out more about Local, Regional and National Learning Opportunities with additional information on:

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- Qualifications
- Out of school childcare
- Local transport provision

The Learning Helpline is provided by North Yorkshire Access Points who are experienced in providing this type of service and funded by North Yorkshire Training and Enterprise Council (NYTEC).

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY

Grants for personal and career development.

The Open University Yorkshire Region has received grants from various sources which will enable them to subsidise 50 places on an outreach choices and access programme which gives open learning support to unemployed adults in rural areas of Yorkshire and this area is within the designated area.

The grants of £350 are for a programme based on high quality Open University materials "A Portfolio to Personal and Career Development" which starts in March and finishes in September. There will be group support given in two half day local workshops, and, the nearest for this area is Leyburn

Applications must be received by 15th February. Some applications forms are available in the Post Office or you can get more information from the Open University at Leeds Tel: 0113 244 4431

RICHMOND DISTRICT COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Do you have a skill or knowledge that you could pass onto others?

Would you like to lead an adult class in Richmond or surrounding areas?
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Yes!

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Anne Frizell, Community Education
Richmond School Tel: 01748 85017

RICHMOND SWIMMING POOL

Richmond Swimming Pool will be closed for about 14 weeks commencing Sunday 3rd March for a major refit. Work being carried out includes:- replacement filters; replacement pool disinfectant system; replacement boilers; upgrading the office area; changing facilities and shower/toilet areas and the introduce a Health Suite which will include:- sauna; spa bath; Turkish room and sun

bed. During the close down customers will be able to use the Garrison Swimming Pool in Shute Road, Catterick Garrison. For further information please contact the Richmondshire Recreation Services Department on 01748 824581

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To: The Chief Officer of Police,
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To: The Chief Fire Officer, North
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To: The Chief Executive,
Richmondshire District Council.

To: The Clerk to the Arkengarthdale
Parish Council

I, Alan AMBLER, now residing at Arkleholme, Reeth, Richmond, having during the last six months carried on the trade or calling of restaurateur do hereby given notice that it is my intention to apply at the transfer sessions to be held at The Court House, Richmond on the 1st day of March 1996 for the grant to me of a Justices Licence, authorising me to sell by retail intoxicating liquor of all descriptions for consumption either on or off the premises situate at Arkengarthdale and known as The C.B. Hotel of which premises Natwest Plc is the owner.

Given under my hand this 5th day of February, 1996

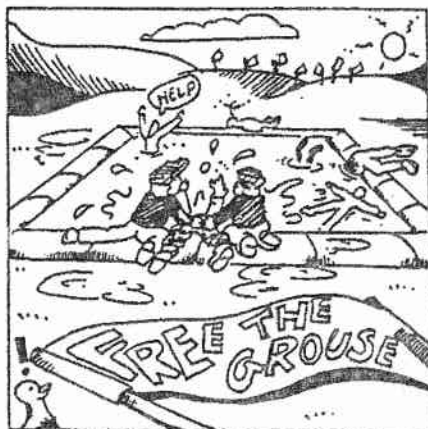
Signed: A. Ambler

DEADLINE FOR ITEMS FOR
OUR NEXT ISSUE IS:

24 Feb

Planning Permission

We understand a local landowner has applied to have a pond installed on his land for 'Fire Control'!!



TELL YOU WHAT DES... THIS
NEW POOLS HANDY.

Twitchers Corner

Occasional rumours are being heard in the Dales that this winter a rare sighting has been made of "The Greater Yellow Gritter". This species, once a common winter migrant often seen on the highways and the byways of North Yorkshire is now all but extinct except within a short radius of County Hall where it is believed a stock remains securely in captivity.

It is suggested that one reason for the decline of The Greater Yellow Gritter could be the lack of maintenance of their traditional habitat but equally the decline of both the species and habitat could result from a single source.

Those concerned with the lack of this frankly ugly but welcome species are urged to write to their County Coucillor.

D.N. Williams Langthwaite

RECIPE of the MONTH PANCAKES

Its pancake time again - here is a mouth watering suggestion. Serves 4:

Batter: 2 Eggs; 2 teaspoons sugar; 6oz plain flour; 1/2 teaspoon vanilla essence; 1/4 pint milk; 2-3 oz melted butter.

1. Whisk together all of the above to a smooth, fairly thin batter - adjust the consistency if necessary with a little water.

2. Fry in thin pancakes - make at least 8 - they can be allowed to go cold.

Filling: 1lb to 1 1/2lb apples; juice of 1 orange or 4 teaspoons of fresh orange juice; juice of lemon; 7fl oz water; sugar to taste.

1. Make a syrup with the fruit juices, water and sugar to taste. Boil.

2. Peel, core and finely slice, poach the apple in syrup until just tender.

3. Remove from the syrup and divide between the pancakes evenly, roll up.

4. Place in ovenproof dish.

5. Bring the syrup to the boil again, add 2oz flaked or blanched almonds if you wish, add 1 or 2 glasses of "Cointreau."

6. Reduce slightly

7. Pour over the pancakes.

8. Reheat in moderate oven for 10 - 15 minutes. Serve with freshly whipped cream or ice-cream.



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COMMENT

The recent bad weather has brought the usual problems and criticisms of winter road clearance by Highways. It is the current policies of the Highways department that people comment about. Their local employees do sterling work and deserve due praise but they have to work within their respective guidelines. Local Parish Councils have taken up the matter with Highways and received the usual reply. Any individuals with constructive comments, or complaints should consider writing direct to Highways with a copy to the local Parish Council so that the problem can be monitored. To be fair, North Yorkshire Highways in this area certainly appear to have "performed" better during the recent heavy snow than their colleagues on the East Coast, in Cumbria, or Durham.

Still on the subject of Highways we are pleased to publish a cartoon, by way of reply, about the recent criticism on the state of repairs on the Richmond road. Favourable comments have been heard about the recent repairs undertaken on that road.

The local Press recently has had some interesting articles about a proposed new local radio service for the Dales. Radio reception, and TV reception, remains an emotive issue in this area so hopefully those proposing to bid for a licence to transmit a local radio will give due consideration to this area and not as usual consider that the Dales is only Wensleydale and Wharfedale. Any information we receive we will do our best to publish and wholeheartedly support the concept of a Local Radio service for

this area.

The idea of a picture on the front cover of each issue has proved popular. We will try to feature a different local artist for each issue.

If you have any drawings of local views worthy of consideration for our front page please let us have them. Last month's drawing was by W Ramage and this month's is by Steve Crowe.

Some very interesting articles have come forward and also some interesting documents of bygone times, so thank you to those who have and do submit, please keep them coming. We have an old guide (Identified to date from about 1890) to Reeth, Upper Swale & Arkengarthdale, which, from time to time we will reproduce sections, there are some interesting small advertisements for businesses in Reeth and throughout a very eloquent and descriptive use of English. Any article, letter, etc. can be dropped in at Reeth Post Office.

Peter Brant.



THIS NEW POOL OF PEELES IS
BRILL.....AND GIVE US ANOTHER
RUB-DOWN WITH THAT CHIP
FAT"

BOOZE WOOD UP-DATE & COMMENT

It is hoped that the concerns of Arkengarthdale residents and visitors will be received sympathetically by the owner of Booze Wood, as there seems nothing or little that the official organisations can do to modify the manner proposed for the 'thinning' of the wood.

As far as the National Parks are concerned the virtual decimation of a wood is not covered by the same sort of conservation and protection rules deemed necessary for the colour and style of a Dales window frames, would you really expect it to be otherwise?

The Forestry Authorities position is much the same, 'it's a mature wood, in parts, and it needs to be cut down' no other considerations enter into their brief. In fact in their response to the Arkengarthdale Parish Councils enquiries they posed the question: Should the Council oppose the felling, will the Council accept responsibility for/in the event of, a tree falling on someones head?

The Arkengarthdale Parish Council, officially has had the concerns it is able to express answered. They have requested an on site meeting with the landowners agent, well known in Arkengarthdale for being an expert, in what is not so well known.

The facts: Quite simple the wood was planted some 100 years ago, to aid the development of the wood, conifers, predominantly Scots Pine, were planted among the hard woods, mainly Beech. The conifers should have been cut out some 50 years ago, the hard woods by that time having taken. Over the years all of the trees have grown, the conifers especially are

very tall mature trees. A licence for thinning the wood has been applied for, more than 30% of the trees are marked to be felled. Of all the trees marked 95% of them are the conifers, which constitute in parts concentrations of up to 60% of the trees. This sort of felling apparently falls within the parameters of thinning.

Opinion: The next time you are on Raw Bank pause and ponder; what will the naturally developed canopy of the wood look like with most of the conifers removed. If you walk along the track through the wood, consider how and where are they to drop these very tall trees without seriously damaging the adjacent trees. How are they going to remove the timber from the wood without tearing the undergrowth to pieces. By which route and with what means are they to transport the timber away from the wood, that alone will cause a pretty sight. Not along the track and through the village of Langthwaite, that much we are assured. The felling we understand will be done when it is dry, late spring-summer when birds will be nesting and wild flowers blooming etc...

No one denies that for the long term feature of the wood, it needs some serious management and husbandry, but there has to be more than just the commercial aspect to be taken into account.

If you would like to know more about the project, then write to the landowners agent: Mr. A.T. Thornton-Berry, Estate Office, Swinithwaite, Leyburn, DL8 4UH

"HEARTFELT" AID TO BOSNIA

Just before Christmas Dave Hodgson of Reeth, using his own Land Rover joined other volunteers to take humanitarian aid to Bosnia in support of the charity "Heartfelt." After weeks of preparation Dave drove down to Dover to meet up with the other members. He was one vehicle in a convoy of ten which after taking the ferry to Calais drove through France and Italy to Ancona to await the ferry to Split. After a rough crossing they were delayed on the docks at Split by Customs. When finally cleared the U.N. advised them not to cross into Bosnia due to heavy snow and adverse weather conditions. After a further three day delay consideration was going to be given to allowing certain Croatian refugee camps to benefit from the aid being carried by the convoy.

Then at last, a slight improvement in the weather enabled them to proceed into Bosnia. Dave was amazed at how inadequately prepared some of the others in the convoy were. This expedition was certainly no picnic. Dave went as far north as Travnik and Zenica and as far east as Sarajevo concentrating mainly on the Bugojno/Donji Vakuf/Gornji Vakuf area. The aid being carried was predominantly food and medical supplies (not forgetting the teddies!!) which was delivered to schools, hospitals and families (quite often isolated) and to a Red Cross warehouse. Despite the devastation, small arms fire, road blocks and other sights and sounds of war, life seemed to continue and the warmth and courage of the local people was an inspiration.

Dave left Bosnia via Mostar to Metkovic and drove up the Croatian coast, through Slovenija, then through Austria and into Germany. Unfortunately he was stranded in Germany for a few days with fuel pipe problems before continuing through the Netherlands, Belgium and France. Through use of volunteers providing their own vehicles "Heartfelt" manages to get its aid direct to the more isolated areas of Bosnia.

Dave wishes to record his appreciation to the many people who supported him in this venture, for, by supporting him he can definitely confirm that the supplies he carried were most definitely delivered to people in desperate need of such aid.

TEDDIES FOR TRAGEDIES

I thought I had better put in an update, as Teddies have been arriving here from all over the place, and have been sent onto various countries. In the October issue, I said that 945 teddies had been sent out. These last couple of months its been a case of I haven't gone looking for places to send teddies, they have come looking for me, and in terms of the numbers of Teddies we have received and then sent out, it's almost like the party game which asks you to think of a number, double it, etc.

In October I heard of a Church in Northallerton who were going out to Romania, so I contacted them about taking some teddies with them. They went to two hospitals and an orphanage which they visited last year, and then went on to the northern city of Satu Mare. to an orphanage

which had not receive any outside help. It houses 200 girls with mental disabilities, and the conditions they found "almost defy belief." They only have 94 beds, which are so close to each it is impossible to walk between them. The five toilet cubicles were filthy, with no doors or seats. The playroom just had a television in the corner - no toys or books. The people who went there said "the sight of these girls receiving the very first Christmas present in their entire lives is something I will never forget and more than compensated for all the hard work." I understand that they took a short video, and it shows one of the girls receiving her teddy, running along the corridor and jumping onto her bed, and sitting there cuddling her teddy.

Thanks to one of our knitters, I found a group who take aid to Poland, and in November they took 120 teddies, and some soft toys out to children there - and have already said would like more in the spring.

Also in November I sent 170 teddies out to Bosnia and Croatia, and, thanks to their local charity, UMPROFOR, they went to an orphanage in Sarajevo.

David Hodgson took 170 teddies with him, on his trip to Bosnia.

I thought that was it for the year, but it wasn't. At the beginning of December, Gunnerside School had a letter from the "Peace 2000 Institute" asking for "Peace Flight '95." They wanted toys and gifts, ready wrapped, to go the former Yugoslavia, in time for Christmas. They were to be distributed through a local charity over there, working with 2500 displaced children. I asked about

Teddies, and was told they would be glad of some Thank you very much to everyone in the Dales who responded so magnificently - 14 very large sacks of presents, clothes, and 780 teddies were ready for collection at the appropriate time. Before anyone asks, no, I did not wrap the teddies up as Christmas presents!!

That means that, since September, we have sent out 1490 teddies, and have sent out a total of 2435 in 1995. Thank you very much to all who helped. I wonder how many teddies there will be this year, and where they will end up??

But that is not the end for as we have prepared this article a further 130 teddies are on their way to India. Yes India, we have responded to a request from a Church working with a charity over there. Then there is still more wanted for Poland in the spring.....

The pattern for the teddies is available either from the Post Office or the Manse. If you need wool I could even help you there. Once again thank you for your help in 1995, but please keep on knitting in 1996. What was that song, "The terrible knitters of"

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PARISH COUNCIL

Amongst the topics on the agenda for the recent meeting of the Reeth Parish Council were the proposals put forward to the National Park for submission for funds to the Millennium Commission. Councillors felt that there was a need for an enhancement scheme for the village to include improvements to the Memorial Hall, works on certain footpaths and most importantly the recobbling of the High Row, Market area and other areas around the Green. The Green itself should be fully kerbed. However Councillors were cautious that such an ambitious scheme might have cost implications for the Council but all felt that the proposal must be made and that if funding is available it must be attracted to Swaledale.

Highway matters - a reply from the County Highways regarding gritting and snow ploughing was noted. However the recent cold and bad weather certainly questions the contents of the reply which suggests that their policy for winter road clearance remains unchanged despite recent budget restrictions. The problem needs to be monitored and if residents have any comments then they should be addressed in writing direct to County Highways with a copy to the Clerk.

Street Lighting - a number of the recently erected lights do not appear to be working correctly. It was noted that Northern Electric will be carrying out certain works on the High Row in preparation for an additional sub station near the Dalescentre so

hopefully those works can be coordinated with columns for the Green.

Rented Housing - a reply from Home Housing Association has been received in response to concerns over the suggested rents which many residents felt were too high. There is still concern that the houses will be allocated to persons from outside the local area if there are insufficient local applicants. Home Housing expect to be conducting the home visits in the near future and any problems regarding the proposed rents will be addressed on an individual basis. See also feature.

Police Liaison Meeting - this can only be progressed through the local County Councillor who is Dr. R King of Hawes. It has been proposed that the meeting be held in May.

National Park Committee Membership - further discussions on the proposals are being adjourned until after a meeting with the National Park and the Yorkshire Local Councils Association in the Memorial Hall on 26 February. Other local parish councils have been advised of the meeting. More local representation on the National Park is very much needed.

Planning Officer - Mr. McCullagh, Senior Area Planning Officer is due to attend the next Meeting.

Healaugh Square - various tenders for this project were considered and dependent on a forthcoming meeting involving funding the contract will be awarded locally.

Correspondence - the continuing work on the Black Bull was noted and supported. Changes in ownership/ licensee at the Kings Arms and the Buck were noted. Support will be given to a renewal application to keep caravans at a local location that has been used for over forty years.

Dales Radio - (a proposal by a consortium involved with the "Dalesman" Magazine for a local radio station for the Dales.) Radio reception remains a problem for this area and a local open meeting was felt necessary before the scheme and its benefits could be considered.

Youth Club - a grant towards the Youth Club was approved.

Carol Service - the collection realised £96 for Imperial Cancer Research.

Bus Shelter - local tenders are invited for certain repairs. Please contact the Clerk for details.

Dog Dirt - see feature.

Footpaths - certain repairs and access problems in respect of particular paths in Reeth (off Langhorne Drive) and Healaugh were discussed and the assistance of the National Parks is to be sought.

The next meeting has been altered to Friday 23rd Feb.

GRINTON and ARKENGARTHDALE - regrettably no reports on their recent meetings were received in time for this issue.

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UPPER SWALEDALE & ARKENGARTHDALE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

The Guest Speaker at the January Meeting was Sarah Hudspith from the North Yorkshire Training & Enterprise Council. Sarah detailed the variety of advice and courses available through NYTEC to assist small businesses. Information on certain grant aid, especially to new businesses and the new "Business Link" was made available to members at the meeting. Sarah stressed that the advice from NYTEC is available free of charge and therefore no business should consider paying for the same advice canvassed by certain commercial organisations. For more information on Courses, Certain Loans and Advice call the TEC Directory on 01904 692777. The contact number for other enquiries about NYTEC is 01904 691939.

Members present were updated on the progress of the proposed Business Exhibition scheduled for May with the venue confirmed as the Burgoyne Hotel. Sponsorship is still being sought with the National Park and such companies as: Barclays Bank; GiroBank; Theakstons Brewery and Parcelforce showing interest. Parcelforce have recently upgraded their services available through Reeth Post Office by designating it a full Datapost Collections Office which, hopefully, will be of benefit to the businesses in the area.

The Association has been discussing the problem of additional charges for refuse collection in respect of certain businesses and are not impressed with the standard reply received from Richmondshire District Council.

However, the Chief Executive, Harry Tabiner has agreed to attend an officers meeting to discuss this and other problems which is yet further recognition of the effectiveness of the Association.

Members are reminded that membership renewals were due by 31st January. Any business not a member and interested in joining are invited to contact either Philip Bastow Tel. 884555 or Ian Whitworth Tel: 884203.

The popular "On Route Guide" is being enhanced and should be ready for April. There are no current plans to combine both the Crafts People Guide and the "On Route Guide" as previously suggested. A promotional leaflet for the area is very much needed and under consideration but currently cost is a prohibitive factor. The team behind this Newsletter are currently exploring certain options with a view to producing a leaflet in time for Easter.

The next meeting will on 13 February when the Guest Speakers will be Geoff Herbert (Economic Development Officer for Richmondshire District Council) and Lynne Ridgeway from the "Dalesmade" Project. Hopefully Geoff will be able to give details of the new Business Development Fund which comes from the European 5B Funding.

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- 1 Zeros in a Billion
- 2 Two Fat Ladies
- 3 Speed at Which a Record Revolves
- 4 Miles Per Second (Speed of Light)
- 5 Planets in the Solar System
- 6 Sinking of the Titanic
- 7 Three Score Years and Ten
- 8 Old Pence in Pound
- 9 Horsemen of the Apocalypse
- 10 Dwarves in Snow White
- 11 Socks in a Pair
- 12 Books in the Old Testament
- 13 One Less than a Thousand
- 14 Wheels on my Wagon
- 15 George (King of England)
- 16 Wonders of the World
- 17 Days and Nights of the Great Flood
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Did you see the recent programme on BBC 2's "Close up North" detailing the major concerns of farmers and environmentalists on "Moorland Gripping." This is the title given to the programme of drainage by trenches to "improve" thousands of miles of boggy moorland which was funded by the Ministry of Agriculture in the 50's and 60's. It is claimed that the trenches drain the water too fast from the hills and heighten the risk of major flooding similar to that experienced last spring. It could also be a reason behind the water shortages for the natural collection of water on the moors necessary to fill the reservoirs has been bypassed.

Stanley Bainbridge from Marrick Abbey was one of the farmers interviewed on the programme.

A Ministry of Agriculture spokesman admitted "Gripping is not seen as a success in terms of agriculture production and has proved detrimental for wildlife conservation."

WEEKENDERS

Friday, 2.30pm - the phone rings, its the boss from London "Where are the weekly figures, productivity levels low, staff sickness above the usual level, the computer is going down on Monday, must keep HQ happy you know have a nice weekend, Oh! don't forget the yearly performance targets on Monday morning - most important."

Into the car and leaving Leeds already my mind sees Swaledale coming into view as I drop from Stainton Top, Reeth shimmering in the distance - just the A1 to navigate first. Mustn't forget the performance targets for Monday.

The drive goes to my house in Hull where I quickly pack the car in preparation for a weekend in the cottage in Langthwaite, lock the house and prepare to leave. I wonder if the snow is still on Frem Edge.

Have the feeling I have forgotten something oh! yes, the wife. That problem is soon solved ... you can't be happy all of your life! Don't forget the performance targets.

Zap along the M62 and try to enter the Friday stream of Mad Max on the A1. The cars are packed tight, a better defence the OJ Simpson! Hope the cottage in Langthwaite isn't too cold or I'll be off to spend time in the Red Lion until the stove does its work-terrible! Theakstons or John Smiths, regular or smooth. The decisions one has to make in the pursuit of weekend enjoyment can be too much to bear. Monday morning, first job, performance targets - mustn't forget.

I'm away in the A1 traffic, check the wife, yes she's still there.

I pass away the next forty minutes perfecting my road rage techniques, the A1 is an excellent training ground

and I gather consolation knowing that my non verbal communication and gesticulation skills targeting my fellow road users, sharing the delights of this scenic and relaxing route, have now reached an impressive standard.

Where should I walk tomorrow, around Calva, to Gunnerside or from Langthwaite to Reeth - and where should I eat tomorrow night. Yes more decisions to make. These weekends can be a bag of nails. Remember the performance targets!

The Catterick turn off is soon reached and so its farewell to my recently found friends still on the A1 - with a bit of luck there maybe a big hold up at Scotch Corner - that'll teach them!

Through Tunstall, along the tank road (haven't seen one in four years!) over Stainton Top and into Swaledale. Performance targets - don't forget!

Having spent the last week travelling between Wakefield, Bristol and London the road along Swaledale provides the perfect antidote. Marrick Priory - the imagination sees the nuns donned in their cloaks walking around the grounds - watch out for the sheep and cattle. Performance targets - Monday!

Through Grinton, I feel the car pull to the tight and I fight with the steering (against my better judgement) to stop driving into the Bridge Inn car park - Saturday night perhaps.

Over the Swale and into Reeth, I look around and examine the Black Bull sign? It must have been a hard week!! Check the Green, not a patio table or chair in sight, where did they go? Just like the question of how do snow plough drivers get to work, the mystery of the table and chairs is one of life's great unsolved mysteries!

Turning right at the Buck, Arkengarthdale provides the icing on the cake. Over Raw Bank, through Arkle Town (you call this a Town!) Langthwaite nestling in the valley bottom. Chimney smoke raising lazily into the air not caring where it meanders and who can blame it. The background of the illuminated church boasts isolation and presides over the Dale warding away the unwanted - unfortunately not always successfully. Monday mornings job-performance targets. Yes I know!! Parking the car, grab the bags (don't forget the wife) enter the cottage. My licks in the cottage is cold and so its fire on and into the Lion. At a push I can make it from the cottage to the pub in 8 seconds but what's the hurry. I may as well take 10.

Theakstons or Smiths, regular or smooth. The most difficult questions should not be answered in a hurry and as my managerial training emphasises, take stock of all the facts, evaluate all possibilities and then make a reasoned assessment. Good idea, I'll try them all before I decide, the night is young and the weekend starts here.

What was that about: performances targets?

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QUIZ

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DIARY DATES

February

- 5 Dales Ladies - 7.30pm Mem. Hall Illustrated Talk by Mr Braithwaite on other people's gardens.
- 7 Reeth WEA "Women in Art" for six weeks in Reeth School at 7.30pm Further Details 884279
- 8 Melbecks Society, Low Row, 7.15pm Guest Speaker Mr J B Brown - "Why Me?" The appointment and job of a Magistrate
- 13 USABA Meeting 8pm at The Buck
- 15 Valentines Junior Disco at The Buck 7 - 9pm Further details 884428
- 16 Reeth & District Agricultural Society AGM - 7.30pm Mem. Hall
- Domino & Whist Drive at Marrick Priory. Starts 7.30pm
- 23 Parish Council Meeting 7pm
- 26 YCLA & YDNP Forum on local representation on the National Park Committee 7.30pm Mem. Hall

March

- 1 Whist and Domino Drive in aid of the Playgroup 7.30pm - Mem. Hall
- 4 Dales Ladies - 7.30pm Mem. Hall Embroidery by Mrs. Tock
- 8 Reeth & District Agricultural Society Annual Whist & Domino Drive 7.30pm Mem. Hall

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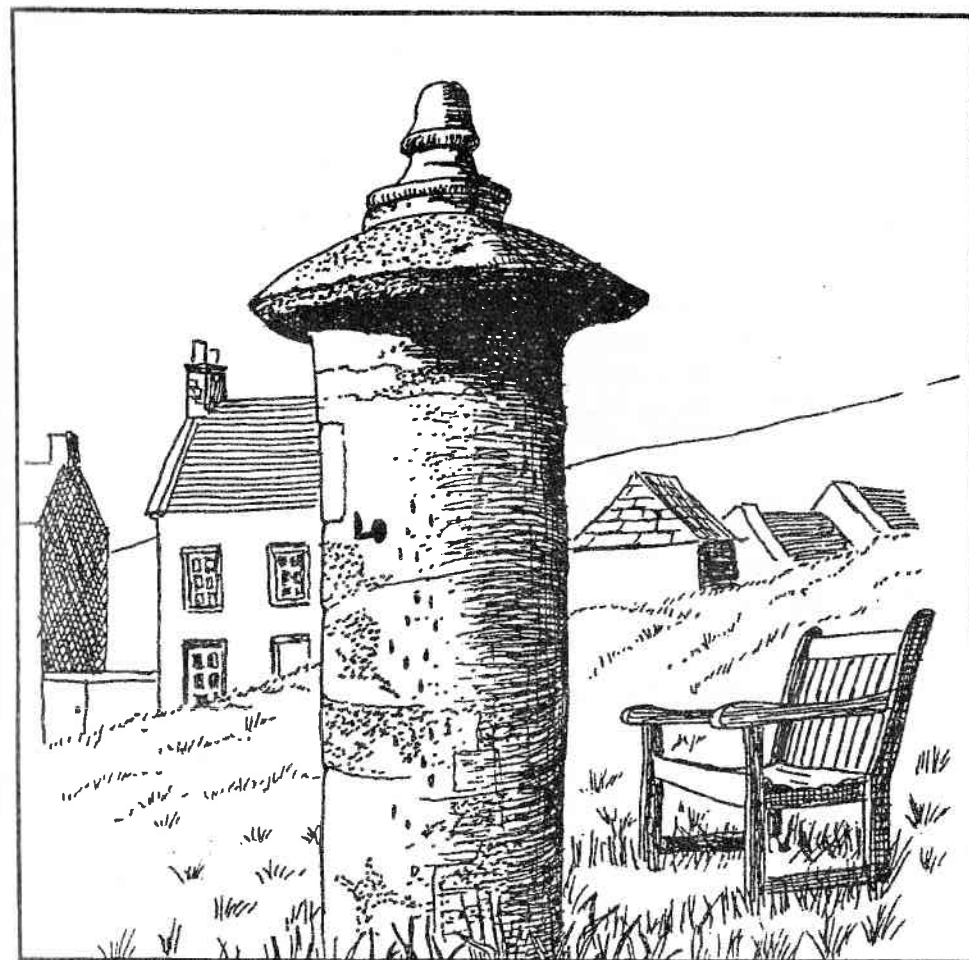
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