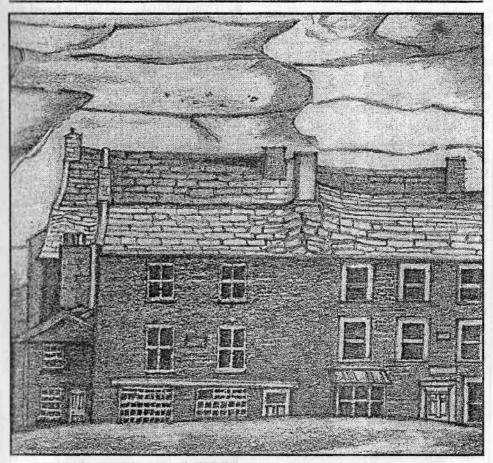
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#### LOCAL NEWS

#### **DALES LADIES**

At the recent AGM the following officers were elected: Chairperson: Rosemary Frankland; Vice Chairperson: Maggie Pleasant: Secretary: Sylvia Barnett: Treasurer and Press Reported: Elaine Brant: and Hostess Secretary Kathleen Hird. Thanks were expressed to the retiring officers. Membership has increased and the Dales Ladies have enjoyed a series of guest speakers on a variety of subjects plus some very interesting visits, the last being to the Wensleydale Creamery. There was a good representation and all enjoyed a Pea & Pie Supper provided by Margaret Woodward' Marjorie Gall and Jenny Sunter. The next outing is on July 25th when there is a Trip to the Mill Shops, persons wishing to attend should contact either Margaret Woodward or Sylvia Barnett as soon as possible.

#### **THURSDAY CLUB**

At their recent Annual General Meeting it was decided to close down the Club due to decreasing membership. The final meeting was a Dinner at the Bridge Inn, Grinton when all members were present. The Chairperson, Mrs G Griffiths expressed regrets at closing after 13 years of happy meetings and outings. She thanked Winnie Coats for all she had done for the Club during those years and presented her with a plant and two rose bushes from the members. Mrs I Allison, a past Chairperson, also thanked everyone for their help and support over the years. Mrs Coates thanked the members for the gifts and said she had enjoyed being a part of the Club. The balance at the bank of \$11.46p was donated to the Memorial Hall Fund.

#### COLLECTION

The recent collection in Langhorne Drive raised \$18.48 for Muscular Dystrophy.

#### **EU'S LEADER PROGRAMME**

A manager has been appointed to ensure the right type of businesses and community projects bid for a share of \$500,000 from the European Union's Leader Programme.

He is John Whittaker and will be based at Thornborough Hall, Leyburn Tel: 01969 623148

Leader funding can be used for a range of community projects, including village improvements, tourism and building renovation. John intends to visit local communities to advise on the eligibility of projects and assist with the application process.

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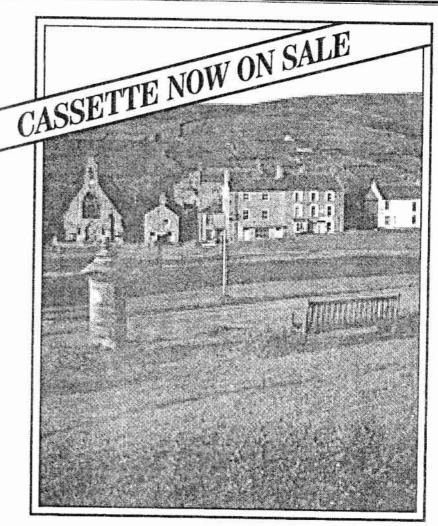
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# REETH GREEN



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#### **HEALAUGH SQUARE**

A plague was recently "unveiled" to acknowledge the support of various agencies to enable this project to be completed. The surfacing of Healaugh Square has been discussed for many years but various restrictions always prevented anything from being done. With the availability of European Funding and at the request of Reeth Parish Council the National Park coordinated a project which was supported by funding from the Parish Council, Euro 5b, the National Park and the Rural Development Commission. The works were undertaken by local builders Blenkiron's and completed to a high standard in May.

# TAN HILL SWALEDALE SHEEP SHOW

After a wet start the day became warm and dry providing one of the warmest days for the Show in years. The Show produced one of the best collections of tup hogs seen for many years. Last year John Richardson from Dufton, near Appleby was the first ever breeder to carry off the prizes for both the Champion tup and ewe. This year he repeated his success again.

#### **SWALEDALE MARATHON**

The recent Swaledale Marathon was held under a cloudless sky. More than 400 runners and walkers set off from Reeth Green on the 24 mile circular route which passes up Fremington Edge. Langthwaite, Great Punchard Head, Blades and Calver.

This year's winner, from Middlesbrough completed the course in three hours, a remarkable feat.

Private buyer seeks cottage in Reeth or close surrounding area please telephone 01482 659430

#### PLACE HILL

The new housing on Place Hill (Silver Street), Reeth is now complete and the residents have moved in. The homes were constructed by Lowther Construction, for Home Housing and are finished to quite a high standard. However the move into the new homes has not exactly been straightforward. Excusing certain design faults one problem was when a removal vehicle reversed into one of the walls, demolishing it before the wrought iron fencing could be completed. The other was a swarm of bees became very attracted to a new house before the official tenants could move in. The bees had made made themselves very much at home in the cavity wall and were impossible to remove and had to be destroyed. Despite the calamity of the moving in we hope that all the residents will be very happy in their new homes.



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#### **REETH MARKET**

The success of this popular market relies on your support. The Market, every Friday, was reopened three years ago has recently attracted some new stalls and now offers a range of goods from fruit and veg, cakes, butcher, plants to tools, crafts, clothes, shoes, domestic supplies, second-hand books and a whole variety of stalls traditional to a market.

In recognition of his loyalty - Tom, with his fruit and veg stall, has not missed one market, regardless of the weather, since the market reopened - was recently presented with a wall clock.

The summer period traditionally attracts new stalls who will remain loyal to our Market if they are supported.

So, on Fridays, don't just drive through, stop and browse around the Market - you'll be pleasantly surprised. The Shops and Tea Rooms in Reeth are also worthy of a visit

For further information on Reeth Market please contact the Market Manager, Elaine Johnson, Tel: 884590

On July 5th there will be a cake and produce stall on Reeth Market on behalf of St Mary's Church Arkengarthdale. Contributions are earnestly requested, please contact Gladys Atkinson on 884550 or bring it on the day before 10am.



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#### **SHOW SEASON**

The Show season is with us once again and many local farmers will be hoping to repeat or improve on their successes at the Great Yorkshire Show in Harrogate between 9th and 11th July.

Reeth Show: Wednesday 28th August - as we publish this edition of the Gazette schedules for this year's Show will be available from either Reeth Post Office or Barclays Bank, Reeth.

#### **HAZEL BROW FARM**

The remarkable success of the enterprise by the Calvert's at Hazel Brow Farm, Low Row to encourage visitors to their working farm has given rise to the renaming of that part of the Dale, by the "Dalesman Magazine" as "Calvert Country." A tribute no one will deny to such a strong local farming family. One wonders if the the new self-guided trail around the farm will become known as the "Calvert Way" for many routes locally seem to named after persons of renown.

All joking apart they deserve their current high profile and the various awards they have recently won. Their farm is now a popular sought after place to visit that last year attracted some 1500 visitors. That figure, this year could easily double especially with the opening of their new tea room. A visit to the farm is now very much part of the recent Swaledale Festival Programme.

Visitor facilities include: tearoom, shop, toilets, picnic area, farm and riverside walk with picnic area and seats along the 1 mile route. Their is disabled access to the main farm buildings.

The farm is open 5 days a week - Sunday to Thursday from 2.00pm until 6.00pm for further details please contact Susan or Catherine Calvert Tel: 886412 or 886224

#### PRAM RACE

That time of the year is coming round again. The Pram Race will be held in August and will cover the same route - Reeth to Grinton and return with a final lap around the centre Green. Entries of all ages are encouraged, and most "baby" carriages are accepted as long as they can carry one "baby" and have no engine.

Further details from Willy McCleary Tel: 884428

#### REETH MEMORIAL HALL

The next meeting on Thursday 4th July, at 7.30pm will be an open meeting. It is anticipated there will be some news on the grant aid thus allowing consideration for some of the planned improvements to proceed. Hopefully the roof on the supper room can be replaced and the kitchen refitted during the summer holidays. The kitchen is in urgent need or improvement to comply with current hygiene standards.

All users of the Hall are urged to consider fund raising events to assist with the cost of the improvements. Reeth Brass Band are holding a Concert and Coffee Evening on Tuesday 23rd July, in the Hall at 7.30pm and will be playing some of the music from their recently released tape.

Any donations for the Memorial Hall Refurbishment Appeal can be left at Barclays Bank, Reeth.

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#### **OFF TO SOUTH AMERICA**

Davina Hepworth from Muker will be going on a month long expedition to Bolivia with the Yorkshire Schools Exploring Society during her Summer Holidays. The expedition will include field and environmental study, a project with the Aymara Indian community in their primary school, and possibly a visit to Lake Titicaca and the Putina sulphurous hot springs.

Davina has had to pass a difficult selection weekend and raise the necessary funds for the expedition for which she has been well supported by local people. However she still needs some ration packs for there are few villages on their route. She is looking for donations of cereal bars, boiled sweets, dried fruit and other provisions to keep two people going for five days.

Anyone who can help should contact Davina on 886397

We first featured details of Davina's expedition in our October issue and are pleased she has been successful with her fund raising. We wish her well on her adventure and look forward to being able to carry another feature on the Expedition on her return.

#### **DALESNET**

An Information technology and communications network is planned to take the Dales firmly into the 21st Century. Such a network is thought to be essential to stimulate social and economic regeneration in the Dales.

The network - known as the "DalesNet" - will enable much improved access to the information society via the information 'superhighway.' It will be built on a vision of communities using technology to shape their own future, to fulfil their economic potential in a technological age and to express traditional rural culture.

The project could cost \$2 million, much of which could come in grant from the National Lottery through the Millennium Lottery Commission. Over 40 organisations are involved, including the Yorkshire Dales National Park, government agencies, local authorities, libraries, voluntary groups, and academic institutions such as Craven College, Manchester Metropolitan University, Huddersfied University and Teesside University.

The objectives of the DalesNet are to:

- \*Improve the communications infrastructure by equipping and connecting nodes via established and new telecommunications technology.
- \*Enable public access to the network through the provision of community access stations.
- \*Develop a comprehensive regional database of public and business services and information: a "virtual" Dales for those who wish to access it.
- \*Establish systems enabling greater business communications and bookability of Dales services.
- \*Train local people on how to get the best out of the network.
- \*Provide opportunities for distance learning

The Government's Rural White Paper, published last year, draws attention to the opportunities now available to rural communities and businesses brought about by the telecommunications and information technology revolution. The DalesNet project seeks to grasp such opportunities by connecting and coordinating existing IT systems and developing new one for the Dales community.

Chris Wood, Information Services Officer for the YDNP, says, "It is intended that the network should be an engine of growth, linking individual users, businesses, local statutory services, voluntary groups, remote rural dwellers and the homebound, one with another, regionally, and ultimately, via the Internet, nationally and internationally.

Explaining the National Park's involvement, he says, "Clearly this project is of considerable importance to the YDNP, both in view of its role to "foster the social and economic well-being of the local community" and from the fact that there will be greater operational advantages in being a part of the propose network."

Further details are obtainable from either Chris Wood or Richard Witt on 01756 752748 Footnote: Since being connected to "YorkshireNet" following a recent talk to the local Business Association, Richard Good of the Ghyll, Arkengarthdale has reported some Bookings from the Internet. So it does work and is possibly the way forward for the future.

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#### **EERIE SOUNDS IN THE DALE ??**

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Peacocks have come to Gunnerside!!

# HAVE YOU LOCKED YOUR CAR??

After a spate to "auto crime" (theft of and from motor vehicles) the local Police are very concerned that we are not trying hard enough to prevent it. They convened a public meeting in Reeth Memorial Hall to discuss and advise on the problem and regrettably the attendance was poor.

You can help prevent your car being stolen by some very simple measures:

- 1. Lock it up at all times.
- 2. If you have a garage use it

Please never leave valuables in your car. This simple advice applies to both residents and visitors.

See something suspicious - Dial 999 and tell the Police immediately.

Footnote: Reeth will be getting a new resident Beat Officer very soon. He is PC Dave Cockrills who has recently been working from Leyburn.



# NATIONAL PARK INFORMATION CENTRE

We are pleased to feature, for this month's cover picture, a drawing by Joan Harrison\* featuring the old Literary Institute and former Doctor's Surgery in Reeth which is due to open very shortly as a National Park Information Centre.

At the time of going to press there is no exact date for the Centre to open as there are still problems with the contractors who are behind schedule. However we can advise that the YDNP have arranged an Open Evening in the Centre for Local Businesses and Accommodation Providers on Thursday 1st August.

We are sure that the opening of an Information Centre in Swaledale will be very beneficial for the Dale. The Centre will be open from 10am to 5pm Daily, including weekends for the remainder of the season. Winter openings are still to be confirmed but the Centre will be open at weekends.

In the last Century Literary Institutes were opened in many villages in the Dale to provide a venue for learning and information. Most included libraries for many Dalesfolk who were keen to "better themselves", most of their study was in the late evenings, this being their only free time. It is fittingly ironic that at the end of the 20th Century the Reeth Institute is opening as an Information Centre for the very authority charged with the responsibility of preserving and maintaining the Dale, by providing information on the National Park for both resident and visitor alike.

\*Joan Harrison is a freelance illustrator who specialises in accurate, beautifully observed and detailed tonal drawings. She lives near Leyburn and can be contacted on 01969 624347

#### **LOCAL TOURISM BROCHURES**

We note with concern, reports in the local press that only registered prmeises will be able to advertise in the 1997 local Tourist Brochure which is be be a joint publication with Richmondshire DC, YDNP, Craven DC and South Lakeland DC. This was announced last year and the premises/businesses affected will be advised direct from the Richmondshire Tourism Unit.

#### FREMINGTON FLOODING

There have been various reports in the local press following a decision by Richmondshire DC not to assist with flood protection along the Arkle at Fremington. This has been a matter discussed on many occasions since the problem of 1986. We are aware that the Reeth PC has previously been involved in with certain discussions, but not recently. Whilst we support the concerns of local residents we are unable to comment without additional information.

#### **MUSIC SUCCESSES**

At the Upper Wensleydale Music Festival on June 15th the Swaledale Parish Choir won first place in the Mixed Choir Class; the Gallow Top Trio won the under 16's Recorder Class; the Gallows Top Quartet won joint first place in the Junior Brass Class; Rebecca Lundberg won the Cup for the oversall Best Brass performance of the Festival and Emma and Victoria Lundberg were joint second in the under16's Brass Solo Class.

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#### CRIME

Thefts are still plaguing Arkengarthdale. Cocker John's pickup was stolen early in the evening, from outside his house. The load of logs were found the following day on the Sleightholme road. The pickup was discovered a few days later burnt out with the engine missing dumped in a quarry hole over near Bishop Auckland.

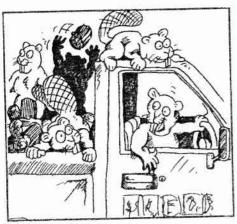
A visitors car was stolen the following night from the Dale but found some days later, we understand undamaged, in Bishop Auckland.

The third incident was the torching open of parking meter in the Arkengarthdale car park the same night that the pay phone in Reeth was robbed by the same method. One has to wonder at the lack of common sense in putting such a meter in the first place in view of the same happening several times at Muker. Local feeling is that we would have been better served by a simple 'honesty box' as Reeth have, which could have been emptied each day and returned a modest income to the Parish. The car park is of course a great benefit to the Dale and has eased visitor parking difficulties in Langthwaite in particular.

The Neighbourhood Watch signs should be up in the near future, coordinators have to meet to fix a date for putting the signs up.

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#### **Swaledale Scout group News**

The Beavers, Cubs and Scouts have all had a busy time in June. All sections went on a half term trip to Lightwater Valley, all had a great time, there were some tired but happy young people arriving back in Reeth.

The Beaver Colony visited Reeth Fire Station, they were shown round the Fire Engine, had a photo call and were told about the danger of fire. Our thanks to Mr Raw and the Reeth Firemen for making the Beavers so welcome. The Beaver Scouts are going to a District Beaver Party at Kiplin Hall in July, the national Beaver section of the Scouting movement celebrates its tenth birthday this year so there will be a birthday tea and of course lots of fun and games.

The Cub Scout Pack joined over 2.000 Cub Scouts from all over the region for 'Cub Antics' at Wetherby Race Course. They participated in a wide selection of activities, most of them came home covered in face paint in support of the England football team who were playing Spain the same afternoon.

Some of the Scouts went on a Water Activity Day at Ellerton Lake and had a

great time but got a bit wet. The Scouts are having a weekend camp and midnight hike in July.

The Scout group AGM held in early June was very well attended by parents. Thanks were expressed to the leaders for all the hard work they put in. The meeting was told of the successful formation of the Beaver Scout Colony. A sub-committee was formed to help with the general administration and organise fund raising activities. Richard Good informed the meeting that the Cub Pack and the Scout Troop had grown encouragingly during the year and that it was hoped to extend Scouting to the upper reaches of Swaledale in the forthcoming year.

For further information about Scouting for all age groups contact the Group Scout Leader Richard Good on 01748 884353.

#### VISIT Swaledale Folk Museum



Open every day 10.30 to 5pm from Good Friday to
October 31st.
Contact the Curator

Mrs. D.J. Law 01748 884373

#### Arkengarthdale Sports & Sheep Show

The sun shone brightly for the start of the 1996 Arkengarthdale Sports and Sheep Show, held on Saturday June 1st, a good omen for what turned out to be a well attended and superbly supported day. The children's fancy dress parade led by the Muker Silver Band paraded through Langthwaite to the sports field where Chloë Orange as 'Toad of Toad Hall' was judged champion. There were a few anxious moments during judging when it clouded over and started to rain, but as soon as it started it stopped and we had a fine afternoon

The Silver Cup for the best sheep to win on points was won by Mr. J. Clarkson. The Local clay pigeon shoot was won by Paul Terry and the Open by Mr. R. Matthews. Mrs. Pam Wickham won the ladies quoits and Mr. Steve Calvert the mens. Thomas Hollingworth won the cup in the fell race.

Chairman, Mr. Stephen Stubbs thanks everybody for their support and help with the preparations, hard work for and on the day, especially the Ladies for preparing the magnificent traditional afternoon teas, the judges and Mr. John Allison for the use of his field.

#### Detailed Results

Fancy Dress: Under 5 Girls: 1 Lucy Lundberg; 2 Bethany Stubbs; 3 Emma Clarke. Boys: 1 Jack Stones; 2 Daniel Stubbs. 5-7 Girls: 1 Chloë Orange; 2 Amy Stubbs; 3 Siohaun Smith. Boys: 1 Christopher Harker; 2 Carlin Peterswold; 3 Oliver Gardener. 8-10 Girls: 1 Sally Orange; 2 Amy Hayes; 3 Jane Fawcett. Boys: 1 Ben Malton; 2 Haydn Peterswold; 3 James Birks & Michael Harker. Girls under 15: 1 Jemima Stubbs; 2 Sarah Esarte Sarries; 3 Kirsty Taylor.

Children - Handwriting: Under 5: 1 Daniel

Stubbs. 5's: 1 Edward Birks; 2 Matthew Esarte Sarries. 7's: 1 Chloë Orange; 2 Abigail Stubbs; 3 Christopher Harker. 8's: 1 Philip Wickham; 2 Sally Orange; 3 Charlotte Stubbs. 9's: 1 Chloe Crofton; 2 Haydn Peterswold; 3 Amy Hayes. Over 11: 1 Victoria Lundberg; 2 Jemima Stubbs; 3 Martin Birks.

Painting: Under 5: Daniel Stubbs. 5-6: 1 Amy Stubbs; 2 Edward Birks; 3 Matthew Esarte Sarries. 7-8: 1 Chloë Orange; 2 Carlin Peterswold; 3 Christopher Harker. 8's: 1 Charlotte Stubbs; 2 Philip Wickham; 3 Michael Harker. 9's: 1 Jane Fawcett; 2 James Birks; 3 Amy Hayes. 10's: 1 Matthew Wickham; 2 Christopher Allison. 11-12: 1 Jemima Stubbs; 2 Sarah Esarte Sarries; 3 Martin Birks.

Decorated Plant Pot: 9 & under: 1 Michael Harker; 2 Abigail Stubbs; 3 Amy Stubbs. 10 & over Miniature Garden: 1 Victoria Lundberg; 2 Martin Birks.

Cooking: 9 & under, Gingerbread Man: 1 Christopher Harker; 2&3 Amy Hayes. 10 & over, a Chocolate Cake: 1 Victoria Lundberg.

Adults - Water Colour: 1 Mrs. B. Birks; 2 Mrs. M. Wood; 3 Mrs. J. Birks.

Photography: Class 1; 1 Mrs. R. Hutchinson; 2 Mrs. A. Whitworth; 3 Mrs. M. Wood. Class 2: 1 Mrs. E. Lundberg; 2 Mrs. M. Winkfield; 3 Mr. S. Stubbs. Class 3: Mr. P. Lundberg; 2 Mrs. E. Lundberg; 3 Mr. R. Stubbs.

Baking, home produce, Ladies, Fruit Scones: 1 J. Lundberg; 2 M. Clarkson; 3 J. Birks. A Quiche: 1 R. Allison; 2 M. Clarkson; 3 M. Barningham. Gentlemen, Cheese Scones: 1 G. Lundberg; 2 P. Lundberg; 3 D. Harker. Jam: 1 Mrs. M. Clarkson; 2 Mrs. R. Allison; 3 Mrs. J. Walters. Lemon Curd: 1 Miss D. Allison; 2 Mrs. R. Allison; Mr. G. Lundberg.

Open Clay Pigeon Shoot: 1 Mr. R. Matthews; 2 Mr. K. Stones; 3 Mr. I. Coates. Local: 1 Mr. Paul Terry.

Ladies Quoits: 1 P. Wickham; 2 E. Patterson; 3 L. Metcalfe & M. Wood. Gentlemen's Quoits: S. Calvert; 2 W. Hird; 3 D. Hollingworth & R. Stubbs.

Sheep - Shearling Ram: 1 J. clarkson; 2 J. Porter, 3 J. Allison & sons. Tup Hog: 1 J. clarkson; 2 J. Porter; 3 J. Clarkson. Ewe: 1 G. Harker; 2 J. Allison & sons; 3 J. Porter. Gimmer Hog: 1 J. Clarkson; 2 J.B. Harker & Sons; 3 G. Harker. Gimmer Shearling: 1J. Porter; 2 J. Allison & sons; 3 G. Harker. Pair Tup Hogs: 1 J. Clarkson; 2 J. Porter; 3 J. Allison & sons. 1 Tup 1 Gimmer Hog: 1 J. Clarkson; 2 J. Porter; 3 J. Allison & sons. Best Pair: 1 J. Clarkson; 2 J. Porter; 3 G. Harker. Best Coated: 1 J. Porter; 2 J. Allison & sons; 3 J.B. Harker & Sons. Consolation: 1 J. Allison & sons; 2 G. Harker; 3 J. Porter. Champion Female: G. Harker. Champion Male, Points & Special Champion for best Tup Hogg: J. Clarkson.



Policeman: "Slap the cuffs on im Bill" Sheep: "Ewe can't do that i'm a local" Policeman: "Yaa...thats what they all say"

#### **MEADOW MANIA**

Looking back at the Open Day held at Yealands Meadow Nature Reserve, Muker on Saturday 15th June, the phrase that springs immediately to mind is "somebody up there likes me." For anyone contemplating a booksigning session in a field in an English summer must be regarded as a supreme optimist, or a raving lunatic!

The event, organised by the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust as part of their Golden Jubilee celebrations, proved to be a roaring success, thanks in the main to a glorious summer's day and so the optimism was well founded. About 100 visitors drifted through the gate into the meadow through the day, most were Trust members with a few from neighbouring Trusts in Lancashire and Cumbria. Expert botanists mingled with novices, and many had travelled long distances especially for the event from as far afield as Bradford, Brighouse, Beverley, Skipton and Hull. Other visitors were holiday-walkers from Buckinghamshire and Scotland as well as a number of curious passers-by.

The main objective of the day was a booksigning session by local flower artist, Judith Bromley from Askrigg. Her display of cards and books was a very popular attraction, and the sale of her new book "Step inton the Meadow" was brisk with a proportion of the profits very kindly being donated to the Trust. Anybody who is familiar with Judith's work will have a chance to see it for themselves as she is to hold an Exhibition, together with five other local artists at Askrigg Village Hall from 10th to 18th August. Don't miss it!!

David Perray Yorkshire Wildlife Trust

Footnote: "Step into the Meadow" by Judith Bromley and published by Smith Settle priced \$8.95 PB; \$11.95 HB was reviewed in our June Issue. It is a beautiful book and is now available from Bookshops and Reeth Post Office.

#### THE REETH FABRIC CRAFT GROUP

I shouldn't imagine when Kate Trusson started her quilting group in 1984 that she envisaged it would eventually expand into a very popular Craft group enjoyed by a number of enthusiasts who now meet each Tuesday afternoon in the Methodist Church Schoolroom.

Kate, who lives in Marrick, is a well known teacher of the art of embroidery, in all its forms, was later joined by Joan Bell's well established rug-hooking group. The members pursue a wide range of traditional crafts, like quilting, rug-hooking, lace making, canvas work and embroidery, and meetings are held throughout the year, excepting August, from 2pm to 4pm.

Sadly, we are soon to lose Joan Bell who will be moving to Saltburn, where her talents as a rug-hooking teacher are already in great demand.

A last chance to see her wonderful work will be at an Exhibition to be held in the Methodist Chapel, Reeth on Tuesday 30th July, when there will also be an opportunity to view examples of work, together with demonstrations by the other group members.

Admission is Free, but a donation to the Church Funds would be greatly appreciated.

Morning Coffees and Afternoon Cream Teas will be on sale.

Enquiries about membership will be welcomed on the day, or you can simply turn up at the Schoolroom on any Tuesday afternoon. So please come along, enjoy the Exhibition and think about joining the Reeth Fabric Craft Group - who knows, you may be able to develop a talent you never knew you had.

David Perray.

#### REQUEST

We are considering a display of photographs as a fund raising project for the Memorial Hall. We are particularly interested in photographs of the Swale especially how over the years erosion has altered the course, particularly down by the Swing Bridge. If you have any interesting photographs of the area over the years please let us know.

#### **THANKS**

Josef Willkomm would like to express grateful thanks to the many friends who sent cards, gifts, letters and who visited him in Hospital, for all who offered and helped on the farm and provided transport for Katie, and for the many good wishes and prayers for his speedy recovery. All this kindness is much appreciated.

# E R G I R S T N A

See if you can make 140 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 longest and complete entry drawn.

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Last months prize winner was Ann Alderson of Reeth

Tony Sunter
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# PARISH COUNCILS

#### **GRINTON**

Coun. Harold Brown, chairman of Grinton Parish Council has been nominated for the new position of parish member of the Yorkshire Dales National Park Commitee for the Swaledale and Arkengarthdale area. He was the only nomination.

Wrecked Car: concern was again expressed about the abandoned and vanadlised car near Grinton Smelt Mill. Ownership and responsibility for removing it remain a problem.

Notice Board: the new Parish Notice Board is place in the bus shelter.

Great British Poppy Chain: It was agreed to support this worthy appeal by the Royal British Legion with a donation of \$20.

Village Hall: it was pointed out that the name of the public building in Grinton was no longer the Institute, despite the name above the door and the plaque inside, and should now properly be called the Village Hall.

#### MUKER

Ashtrod Path, Keld - the Water Board were presently working in this area and they needed to be requested to reinstate the footpath in a safe condition.

Keld War Memorial - YDNP had sent a report on the intended work from David Edwick of Hexham who felt that long term remedial action, which would involve full structural repair, was necessary. Councillors expressed confidence in the original quote from H A Green & Sons and voted to proceed on that basis.

Yorkshire Water - the leak at Clogger Brigg had now been repaired.

Church Snicket Footpath - a reply had been received from YDNP indicating that all

projects to be considered for Millennium funding had to meet a certain criteria but they could not confirm that this project would be acceptable and in any case 50% grants were the maximum available. David Sykes the Area Manager had agreed that they would reconsider repairs to the snicket and base costings on repairs to the path and retaining wall above the path, and an appraisal for ongoing maintenance which would include strimming.

Beehive Bin, Thwaite - this was being considered by Richmondshire DC

Notice of Audit - a full audit had been requested this year and the Clerk would meet with the Auditor on 8th July. As usual the accounts were available for public viewing at Breconside, Muker prior to that date.

Mobile Library Changes - the information on this subject was noted (see feature)

Planning Matters - Andrew McCullagh, YDNP, Senior Area Planning Officer attended the meeting to discuss development control matters and answer any queries put to him by the Council. A healthy, wide ranging discussion ensued, ranging from such matters as the Parks approach to barn demolition, removal of slate roofs, re-use of materials, barn conversions, new housing, classification of abandonment of house, size of windows, and their policies regarding UPVC windows. The inconsistent approach of the Park was challenged and in reply Mr McCullagh felt that the YDNP were now more consistent in their approach as their policies were clearly laid out in the Local Plan and they rigidly applied these policies. A number of local contentious issues were discussed and the Park's reasons explained. In the main

applications were not refused but the contentious applications tended to be the ones that were remembered and caused aggravation.. He stressed that they did not discriminate against farmers and went on to explain the policing arrangements of the various approved applications to ensure that completed works agreed with the plans as submitted. Questions were asked on how the YNDP{ defined the boundary of a village with regard to new housing development and the provision of car parking spaces at holiday homes, where car parking space is being claimed which has never been a right since most of the open space was common land. Mr McCullagh stated that house could be built on sites adjacent to village boundaries in larger villages such as Reeth, where there was an accepted need for new housing, but the local plan did not allow for development in smaller villages. His remit did not cover car parking at holiday homes. Councillors stressed that Dales people did not want to spoil the area and felt they had been too honest in their approach and had suffered accordingly. It was felt that planning is necessary and it was obvious that the role of the YDNP was difficult. Mr McCullagh was thanked for attending. Councillors then went on to consider planning applications: Salt Pie Cottage, Ivelet: Ravensghyll, Muker and Crackpot Hall.

Annual Civic Service, Low Row United Reformed Church on Sunday 7th July -Councillor Calvert agreed to attend.

The John Woodrow Life-Line Fund - details of the Fund's constitution were shared and an appeal for information about local acute an hospitalised cases so that their held can be immediate was requested. A donation of \$50 was agreed.

Tier Two Meeting with the Police - the Clerk is to again contact County Councillor King to follow up the request for such a meeting.

Disability Benefits Take-Up Campaign - a notice had been place on the notice board (see feature)

Next Meeting will be Tuesday 13th August in Muker Institute at 7.30pm A provisional date for the September meeting was set for 24th Sept and David Sykes YDNP would be invited to that meeting.

#### REETH

National Park - David Sykes, Area Manager YDNP attended the meeting and detailed the responsibilities of the Area Management Service (formerly the Park Wardens) which include: public access - all issues to do with public rights of way, woodlands, farm conservation, maintaining and fostering links with the local communities - especially farmers, landowners, parish councils and others; assisting with community initiative grants and general advice. He hoped that with the opening of the Reeth Information Centre that his team will be readily available each Friday for advice, etc.

Most of the work undertaken by his team is maintaining footpaths and he detailed recent projects which include the footpath from Quaker Close to Langhorne Drive, the footbridge at the "watersplash" work with the NRA on the Swale at Grinton. One project currently under discussion is river work on the River Arkle, near Storthwaite Hall. Due to recent flood damage the river has cut a deep channel thus eroding the footpath and they intended to reinstate the riverbank and the footpath, also carry out certain treeplanting. The project has not been finalised and due to sensitivity over Booze Wood a site meeting is planned. Mr Sykes was thanked for attending.

Planning: various applications were noted including RawBank House, Anvil Square and Mill Lane. Members remain concerned

that the contents of a recent letter from the YDNP outlining their reason for refusing retrospective planning permission for the removal of the rendering off the Black Bull is ill informed. The Council stands by its decision to fully support the application and will make its comments known to any subsequent appeal. The Anvil Square application is a resubmission having initially been declined as the YDNP "prefer" the building to remain for industrial use. The Council is keen to encourage local housing especially as new industrial units remain vacant. Much can be achieved with cooperation with the Park but members feel aggrieved that their observations are continually ignored on planning issues.

Highways Matters: Highways are to follow up the request to consider advance warnings of narrow roads and bridges within the Dale. The new yellow lines and white lining in front of the Mews is expected to be completed within the next eight to ten weeks. Resident Parking status is to be considered for Langhorne Drive. Posts for the path by the Fire Station are to be actioned to prevent vehicle parking on the path thus obstructing pedestrian use. Highways are to be challenged regarding their verge cutting policy and the continual ignoring of the problem with Quaker Flags.

Street Lighting; a decision was still awaited on the ducting for the High Fremington light. In order to complete the current lighting programme including the lights in Anvil Square and the Straits the additional light on the Old Manse will be reviewed at a later date.

Low Pump: necessary repairs will be auctioned, but full repairs will be delayed pending the decision of grant aid by the YDNP.

Grass Cutting: the Green wardens are compiling a detailed map on the areas to be cut by the Parish and those areas that are cut that are reclaimable from other agencies.

Notice of Audit: accounts and documents are to be made for the Annual Audit on 8th July. The accounts are available for public examination at the Clerk's address of Haggs Gill Farm, Ellerton Abbey.

Millennium Project: following on from the success of the Healaugh Square project the PC will con tinue to liaise with the YNDP on this project which includes the recobbling of the High Row and Market area and improvements for resident parking on the greens at Healaugh and Reeth. This will involve the use of a plastic grass-securinghoneycomb to prevent the destruction of the Green by vehicles yet retain the grass area. There will be a cost implication to the PC and other projects will be included in the Millennium bid and it was felt that a "Local Plan" is necessary. This will allow time for local consultation and is necessary to ensure the phased completion of the project over a period of time. Once costings have been agreed a plan of the proposed improvements to Reeth Green will be made available.

Memorial Hall - see feature

Crime matters - see feature. The recent meeting convened by the local police on Auto Crime was poorly attended and progress has been made on the long awaited Two Tier Meeting with the Police and other local Parish Councillors. The meeting will be in August and at the Memorial Hall. The PC have been discussing various surveillance schemes.

Recycling Bins: The PC is keen to expedite this matter but is being frustrated by Richmondshire District Council. A contractor actually called to deliver a glass recycling bin but had to take it away. (Some residents had seen its arrival and promptly came with items to dispose of!)

Healaugh: a new notice board is being made for the village.

Local Map: the local map by the Bus Shelter is to be updated and persons wishing to have details included should contact Reeth Post Office asap.

Market: the recent advertising campaign has attracted seven new stalls. Tom McManus, the fruit and veg stall was recently presented with a wall clock to acknowledge his 100% attendance since the market reopened three years ago. The Council is keen to encourage the regular attendance of stall holders for only by their regular attendance can local confidence be gained thus ensuring the future of the Market (see feature)

Playground: a request for the PC to assume responsibility for the Playground is being actioned.

Richmondshire Local Sports Council: it was agreed that the PC should be affiliated.

Street Party: it was agreed, in principle to support a request for such a party but more details are required.

Quoits: various matters concerning the pitches on the Green were discussed and it was agreed to allow further improvements provided there is no cost implication to the PC.

Langhorne Drive: the Council supports residents concerns that the gardens have still to be reinstated following the recent improvements to the bungalows. This is the responsibility of either the contractor or the Richmondshire DC and members are concerned that the village should not be penalised for the condition of these gardens, having regard to the efforts currently being made for the forthcoming Best Kept Village

competitions.

Old Doctor's Surgery/Institute: The Council

note with interest that the YDNP are to consider making two self contained flats above the new Information Centre and support all efforts to encourage local housing. An open evening for local businessess and accomodation providers is being planned in the Information Centre on Thursday August 1st. The Centre is due to open shortly

Vendors on the Green: following a recent request, excepting the Market, no vendors are allowed to ply their business/trade from the Green.

Benefits Agency: concern has been expressed following information that the Mobile Service by the Benefits Agency has been withdrawn hence the incorrect information in the last two issues of the Gazette.

Dales Radio Station: the Council has supported the application by "Sounds of the Dales" West Yorkshire Radio Ltd. as the best applicant for this licence (details will be announced on 4th July). This is the same applicant as supported by Richmondshire DC and Muker PC.

Annual Meeting: the following officers were appointed: Chairman & Mem Hall rep: Coun. Peter Brant. Vice Chairman: Coun Martin Bearpark; Green Wardens: Couns David Hutchinson and Martin Bearpark.

Other items: included the new housing on Place Hill (see feature); the NYCC Mobile Library (see feature) and the Take-up Campaign by the North Yorkshire Welfare Benefits Agency; plus repairs to the steps; bus shelters and trimming of the trees by Reeth Bridge.

Next Meeting: Monday July 22nd, 7pm in the Memorial Hall

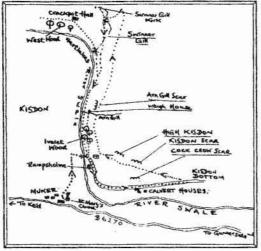
#### ALONG THE HIGH SCARS ABOVE MUKER

We are about to set off on one of the loveliest and most interesting walks in all Swaledale, perhaps 9 miles long. The trouble is that there are so many things to look at on either hand that you find yourself in grave danger of going cross-eyed!

To begin with, this beautiful wall on your left in Muker as you climb up towards St Mary's Church, is all purple with thick growing aubrieta. Then, on your right, is the Literary Institute, "not to be overlooked," says Sir Nikolaus Pesvsner in his "Buildings of England." It was given a flying start in 1867 with a gift of 600 volumes, to meet the need of local folk to "better themselves" by study, usually at night as this was their only free time.

There was a tremendous drive amongst Dalesfolk in the last century for learning. Many villages in the Upper Dale had a Literary Institute complete with library and reading room. Keld, Muker, Gunnerside, Low Row, Reeth and Grinton all had one. In these days they no longer serve the purpose and in Muker it was, until recently, used by Barclay's Bank, of all people! In Reeth the old Institute is soon to open as a National Park Information Centre which I suppose fulfils its original role as people used to go to the Institute to seek Information. We digress.

St Mary's Church, built in 1580 with a ling thatch, has the distinction of being one of the very few erected in England during the reign of Elizabeth I. Notice above the East window the initials of Jesus, "IHS," beautifully carved, and a pretty little round window in curvilinear tracery, both 14th Century and perhaps from Coverham Abbey. The two church bells here are said to be from Ellerton Priory.



So we emerge on to the Show Field. (I have a photo taken in 1971 of the famous Muker Silver Band playing at Muker Show, with the equally famous Mr Sim Raw conducting it.) At every Show there is a Fell Race, when a group of incredibly fit young fellows all sprint up the almost vertical Ivelet Side, closely watched from the Show Field. They shout out their name to a check point at the top and rattle down again.

We cross the fields on Muker Carrs down to the river and Rampsholme. This is one of several D-shaped areas of farmland hereabouts in which the curved part is bordered by the river - they are a peculiarity of Swaledale and Arkengarthdale. Others are Hartlakes, Hilly Home and Castle.

After crossing the river by Rampsholme footbridge you find yourself on the thousand-year-old farm track made by the Norsemen linking their farm settlements or "saetrs" on the north side of the Dale, ie: the sunny side. It is hard to imagine Swaledale when this was the only road, down which, for four centuries until Muker Church was built, the funeral processions

for the whole of the Upper Dale made their way to Grinton Church for burial in the enormous churchyard there.

Soon we pass Calvert Houses, one of the many hamlets in the Dale, ie: a collection of perhaps half-a-dozen houses, sometimes rather scattered, as in Birkdale. This is another distinctive feature of Swaledale. We have, for instance, Ravenseat, Stonesdale, Crackpot and Blades. Two others we can see from Calvert Houses, namely Rash and Low Oxnop across the Dale. Rash means "a steep bank," and the Rash we see here is a scattering of Houses nestling at the foot of a steep bank called Rash. ("Park Rash" in Coverdale is a steep bank in the Deer Park of the old Lords of Middleham.)

At Kisdon Bottom we turn uphill on to a footpath far older than the Norseman's farm track, for it passes several prehistoric sites belonging to the Iron and Bronze ages. At Cock Crow Scar, for instance, just above Calvert Houses, are tiny fields of an Iron Age farmer, ie: in the time of the Roman occupation. A Bronze Age burial of about 2000BC has been discovered on Arngill Scar, and further along, above Fair Yew End, are the hut circles of an Iron Age village.

The stormy plateau up here is subject to all winds that blow, and primitive man, with his hardy wife, must have had the deuce of a rotten time of it - weaponry of the crudest and continually faced with the stark prospect of "kill or be killed" by the wild animals which roamed the forests growing thickly on the floor of the Dale.

The footpath here, clinging as it does to Ivelet side, reminds me very much of a similar one on the North-West Frontier of India on which, in 1937, the 2nd Indian Infantry Brigade, all 4000 of them, marched in single file for 26 miles across the remote Khuda Janta Khan (The Lord Knows

Where) Mountains. The footpath was just like this one, with a precipitous fall-away of ground on one side - and our column was four miles long!

You can see Muker in the distance, surrounded as it is by small ancient fields from which it got its name, Mu-acre. Still further off, to the south of Muker side, are the long straight boundary walls marking out the enclosures of common land in the last century. They represent the pencil lines drawn with a ruler on a map by the Land Agent, and look rather like slices of some gigantic cake. ("How much would you like, Sir? Six acres?....")

At Arngill are the remains of two lead mines belonging to the Denys family of Draycott Hall, Eliza Level (unsuccessful) and Adelaide Level (a tremendously lucky strike. You can tell this by the huge spoil heap beside the Weigh House here.) Mining finally closed as recently as 1920. The nearest smelt mill, however was in faraway Oxnop Gill, so lead ore had to be carted through Ivelet Wood and over the River by Ivelet Bridge (perhaps brawn by the little mythical elephants that are still talked of in Swaledale!)

ill Scar a Bronze Ag

At Arngill Scar a Bronze Age burial was discovered by a passing gamekeeper, as described by Edmund Cooper in his excellent "History of Swaledale." (alas now out of print.) Our track now continues along a high but fairly straight contour from here to the head of Swinnergill and the ruins of Swinnergill Mill, where a little judicious and timely cementing by the National Park authority would help to make sense of what is gradually becoming a

meaningless jumble of stone.

At this point, then, we turn down into Swinnergill on our way homewards. We cross the beck halfway down and emerge on to the riverside at Hartlakes, the D-shaped grassland, when Swaledale was great deer forest, the deer (harts) did "lekking," or courting.

So back to Muker alongside the Swale, feeling that we could eat a horse.......

#### Major FTC Williams

Footnote: Whilst in Muker browse around the shops, especially Swaledale Woollens and those with a hearty appetite will find a warm welcome in the Farmers Arms or in the Muker Village Store & Tea Shop

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#### MARIE CURIE CANCER CARE

A recent "Strawberry Tea" afternoon at Ashlands, Reeth raised \$208 for the Marie Curie Cancer Care.

#### **MOBILE LIBRARY**

The Mobile Library Service is still making its fortnightly visits to the area, at its usual times. Consideration is being given to altering the frequency of the visits, to possibly three weekly, but no decisions have yet been taken.

# NORTH YORKSHIRE WELFARE BENEFITS UNIT

The Unit is currently undertaking a Disability Benefits Take-up Campaign and throughout July and August will be visiting the District to provide talks, training and a benefits checking service to ensure that sick and disabled people, and those caring for them are claiming their full entitlement to benefits.

Leaflets are being distributed which are also available from the Doctors Surgery and local Post Offices. For further information write to: North Yorkshire Welfare Benefits Unit, Freepost, (No stamp needed) York, YO1 1TP

For more information contact either the Citizen's Advoce Bureau in Richmond Tel: 823978 or the Social Security Freephone number 0800 882200.

#### **DISCO NIGHT:**

A Disco Night is being held in the Buck Hotel on 12th July in aid of the forthcoming Reeth Street Party. The Disco will start at 7pm for Juniors and 9pm for Seniors.

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#### **SUNDAY BUSES**

Yes buses to run on Sundays!

Full details of the Services can be found in copies the "Dales Connections" available from local National Park and Tourist Information Centres and Post Offices. Examples of Services from Reeth each Sunday until 29th September:

To Richmond dep 11.55 Return dep from Richmond at 15.20 To Leyburn dep 15.45, 17.55

To Hawes via Muker 14.50 Return dep from Hawes at 17.10

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#### **REETH HOME GUARD**

In response to Rod Hall's letter in our June Issue we are proud to be able to feature two photographs of the Reeth Home Guard kindly loaned by Geraldine Coates and George Graham. Whilst we can identify some of the members on the photographs we would welcome further information to enable us to identify them all.



For printing limitations reasons this article has had to be split

#### REETH BRASS BAND

#### **Reeth Brass Band AGM Report**

The minutes of the last AGM were read and accepted. Matters arising; Uniforms would be purchased for the Junior Members of the Senior Band. Election of Officers; All officers were reelected, with Dr John Wilkinson as Assistant Secretary and John Blenkiron Jnr as Press Officer. Treasurers Report; The report was passed round and was accepted.

Other Matters; Richard Horsley see to starting a fund raising '100' Club.

Band Masters Report; The Band Master Michael Blenkiron gave his report on his first year in office, he thanked all the band members for their hard work and commitment over the last year, especially towards their forthcoming tape. Thanks and appreciation was given to Peter Cuff the Musical Director for all his hard work and for his commitment in pointing the Band toward bigger and better things. Thanks were given to all the Officers for keeping the wheels in motion and to all spouses, partners and parents of band members for their continued support of the

band. He summed up by saying that with continued commitment, hard work and dedication, the Reeth Brass Band could grow to be a force to be reckoned with in the Brass Band World. The meeting closed at 9pm.

#### **Engagements for July**

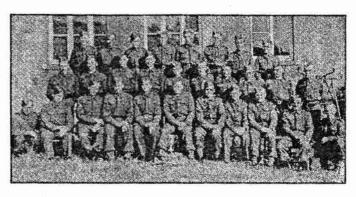
Saturday 6th Melsonby Gala 1pm Sunday 14th Reeth Green 3pm Saturday 20th Grinton Church 7.30pm Tuesday 23rd Concert in aid of Memorial Hall 7.30pm

Friday August 2nd Reeth Methodist Chapel

#### 100 CLUB

Subject to being able to generate sufficient interest the band will be starting a '100' Club. Each member of the Club will be allocated a number, numbers will be drawn on the last Tuesday of each month and the first three numbers drawn will win! The cost will be \$5 per month with prizes of \$100, \$50 & \$25. For complete details contact Richard Horsley on 01969 622440

#### **REETH HOME GUARD**



There is another question. What happened to the Cup? We understand that the Cup was won following a Training Session at Strensall about 1945 and the proud winners are featured in front of the Memorial Hall with the Cup.

In answer to Rod Hall's query, yes the Home Guard did train in and around Reeth - with blanks!

The Swaledale Folk Museum, also has a display on the Home Guard.

We look forward to hearing more information on the Reeth Home Guard, and/or the Home Guard in Swaledale and Arkengarthdale

#### 16th ANNUAL SWALEDALE FESTIVAL

As the 1996 Festival concludes, Elizabeth Carter, the Organiser and her band of volunteers must be congratulated on one of the finest Festivals to date.

The Festival fortnight brought a variety of events to the area the highlights being: the enchanting "Magic Lantern" evening in Arkengarthdale. the wonderful performance of "Not just the Brontes" and exhibitions at Castle Farm, the entertaining "Tale of Beatrix Potter" at Muker, the superb Village Concert at Marrick; the fabulous "French Evening" at Muker (especially the cheese and wine!) the hilarious "Brothers Grinn" at the Punch Bowl and the first class concerts in Grinton Church (particularly the fine concert by the Normandy Band of the Queen's Division from Catterick Garrison.)

However, these events must not overshadow the excellent local Exhibitions

and Band concerts with Muker and Reeth Bands that are now a traditional part of the Festival Programme. There is some amazing talent within these Dales as any visitor to the local crafts exhibition in the Memorial Hall and the exhibition by the Swaledale artists at East Windy Hall will agree.

Two long term projects, involving schoolchildren came to fruition when they were launched at the beginning of the Festival. Both are remarkable, commendable projects that require continual promotion long after the conclusion of this year's Festival programme. They are the launch of the tow Books:

"Primary Colours" a wonderful collection of Dales children's poetry, and "Chips Express" a delightfully written story featuring the exploits of two engines on the Wensleydale Railway written by Christopher Awdry (of Both books are available from good bookshops, local Tourist Information Centres and Reeth Post Office.

Numerous events were featured in the packed Festival fortnight and included: Farming in the Dales at Hazel Brow Farm, guided walks, art exhibitions, ghost stories, photography courses, and Quoits. Plenty to be enjoyed by both resident and the visitor. The 1997 Festival will take place from

#### **FESTIVAL PRAISE**

Friday 23rd May until Sunday 8th June.

For those who missed the Festival Praise evening there is another opportunity for some really enjoyable community hymn singing at another Praise Evening, accompanied by Reeth Band, in the Reeth Methodist Church on 2nd August.



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#### INCREASING OUR CIRCULATION

As the "Gazette" represents Reeth and District might you consider your distribution area to include Markse, not by Sea, but in Swaledale.

The social urge to look west from Reeth, as "the Dale" may be fine for those who consider anything east of Grinton Bridge to be over the edge of the world. Geographically however, the Swale is contained within its Dale until it pours past the lofty, now vacant residence of one Alan, Count of Brittany some twelve river miles east of Reeth.

Hidden in a small feeder valley of Lower Swaledale, H Speight writing in 1897 describes Markse as "a quiet nook.... in a huge, cauldron - like dell, where the only break upon the all-prevailing tranquillity is the perpetual boiling of the peat-brown beck in its bottom-most depths." Since then nothing has changed.

We in Markse (in Swaledale) including the outlying farms with the Parish number 122 adults, children and babies. We are shopless, publess and have not tourist information centre! Val provides an invaluable limited postal facilities service. Carol skilfully negotiates the bends, the brows and the diary herds to deliver her yawing pantechnican of library books to an eagerly awaiting posses of full-bloomed, well seasoned villagers. Steve travels weekly from far away Grimsby with a tantalising array of wet fish and friendly gossip.

The highlight of the week is not the Monday bin collection, nor the twice daily pick-up of mail. The joy is simply living in a verdant bucolic idyll, where the fastest movement is from the booted 'coasters' homing-in on Evelyn's cup of tea and soft drinks service proceeds to our St Edmund's Church roof appeal. Other walkers fast march to the promise of a generous libation five mile to the eat, via Applegarth, Whitcliffe Woods to Richmond, to the jaws of Swaledale.

Let us hope that in future issues of your snappy publication the voice of Marske may be occasionally heard amid the welter of mid an up Dale confabulation.

Gordon Sargent

Markse-in-Swaledale.

Footnote: We are happy to include Markse in our circulation, after all copies of the Gazette do encroach down to Richmond and even tantalise areas of Wensleydale.

We are only too pleased to feature any articles on Swaledale and Arkengarthdale. Gordon has volunteered to distribute copies of the Gazette around Markse.

#### A VISITOR'S COMMENTS

I have just recently returned from a short break based at a cottage in Arkle Town. The area was just as beautiful as on my childhood visits 20 years ago. When I purchased an Ordnance Survey map at Reeth Post Office I was given a copy of your magazine which I found most interesting.

Your letters page (May edition) featured a number of letters from some residents not surprisingly annoyed by "A Walker" writing in a previous edition. We walked for about 8 miles, partly with the Swaledale Marathon runners and found all farmers and landowners to be most considerate with well marked and maintained footpaths. They are tolerant enough of the sheer numbers of walkers without unnecessary rude remarks such as this. It is perfectly possible for walkers and farmers to enjoy a harmonious and mutually beneficial relationship. We detoured greatly to report an injured ewe near Grinton and appreciate the opportunity offered to us by the local stewards of the countryside.

I read with interest the situation regarding Booze Wood. As Parish Counsellors in North Staffordshire/Shropshire Boarders we have experienced similar problems with aggregate extraction and over felling of woodland and hedgerows. Apart from persuasion and persistence with the appropriate authorities/councils another option is to contact the Woodland Trust who may be interested in purchasing threatened areas. They are at Autumn Park, Grantham, Lincs. NG31 6LL.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the friendly traders of Reeth, especially the helpful Post Office and the Garden House Pottery where an early Christmas present was ordered. I would strongly recommend the King's Arms Hotel in Askrigg for good value Bar meals and the Burgoyne Hotel for its first class restaurant. We have told Egon Ronay the same.

Graham Sedgley Shropshire



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#### LETTERS \_\_\_\_

Re. "Prof." S Crowe's letter in the last Issue: There are, I understand, several known case in this area, however, I can reassure anyone concerned that the condition is only temporary and is not contagious. Some of the more serious cases, which "Prof." Crowe omits are: floppy disks in the spinal cord; deafness in the eyes and blindness in one ear. Not to mention a tendency to think Binary maths, Q.Basic and D>O>S. C:...... Sorry I had a minor relapse!"

Mr Roger Ram ERS.ASNT.ASME.

Addendum For those worried about screen radiation levels. The Radiological Protection Board recommend a safety level in the region of 0.75 to 2.75 m\rems per ht.. My dosimeter gives a reading of over 150 Rontgens per hour! At this level and with constant exposure, symptoms include, blood cell changes, increased acidity, granularity of the protoplasm, crumbling of the chromosomes and halting of cell divisions. Epilation, loss of appetite, diarrhoea and emaciation.

I therefore thinks, that "Prof." S Crow with a "E" has little to worry about as at these levels, all of us who suffer from "Computeritius" will be dead!

Addendum 2 Recently, "Prof." S Crowe asked me if I would photograph his "Heath Robinson Lead Miner Bird Contraption." We agreed on a date and approximate time. However, I arrived, I think, a little earlier that he expected. When I entered the house, "What did I see on the table?" - A COMPUTER! I think therefore, "Prof." Crowe has some explaining to do!

We welcome letters on all topics. Letters should be addressed to the Reeth & District Gazette, c/o The Post Office, Reeth, DL11 6SE and should include the name and address of the writer

#### COMMENT

Our twelfth issue. It's quite staggering what has been achieved over the past year. Try to imagine the Dale without the "Gazette" now. Your generous support and favourable comments are very much appreciated and we will continue to appraise the development of this local magazine. We have made mistakes and apologise if any offence has been caused which was quite unintentional. Our unofficial competition of "spot the mistake" remains very popular as we strive for perfection.

The success of the publication is very much down to our band of loyal volunteers. This month's contributors include: Richard Birks, Eleanor Reddington, David Perray, Major FTC Williams, and Matthew Frankland. We are again experimenting with the reproduction of photographs as we are now using a scan-printer. The contributions from Grinton and Muker Parish Council are much appreciated

The National Park have been very helpful in repairing the footpath between Quaker Close and Langhorne Drive and in other matters around the Dale. However it is planning issues that always seem to be contraversal. The comments of local Parish Councils and residents always seem to be overlooked to such an extent that one begins to wonder why local comments are sought in the first place. Many local people have been the custodians of the area for many more years that the National Park has been in existence and they certainly do not wish to spoil the area. "There's nowt as certain as change" and no one objects to practical change! We note from the local press that yet another planning application has been granted despite realistic objections from the local Parish Council. The subject of rendering of properties continues. One house of the opposite of the Green to the Black Bull can remove theirs

and reveal high quality stonework and we understand that a property near Crackpot which also has beautiful stonework must now replace the rendering. Crackers! we could say for common sense certainly does not seem to prevail.

Hopefully in our next issue we can report on some progress for Reeth Sports. There seems to be very little interest but it would be a shame to see this traditional event fade away. Also in that issue we will be able to report on the new local Radio Station for the Dales.

Peter Brant.

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#### The Junior's Column

#### "MY TEACHER"

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Jane Fawcett, Age 9 - Arkengarthdale

# Who says living in the country is boring for kids?

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If you are the adventurous type, why not try Reeth Scouts? For ten year old boys AND Girls. If you enjoy camping, designing, challenging, competing and doing different but always fun activities then the Swaledale Scouts is definitely for you! If you decide you would like to join Scouts but are not yet ten, how about joining Cubs? Cubs is just as much fun, from 6 - 7.30pm. Also, six to eight year old's can now join the Beavers. Further details from Richard Good 884353

Girls aged seven to ten could join Reeth Brownies where they play games, earn badges and raise funds for needy causes. Further details from Barbara Rowlands 884306

Musically minded children could try out for Reeth Junior Brass Band, whether you can play an instrument or not. Further details from George Lundberg

Wednesday night is Youth Club night at Reeth Memorial Hall for the over 11's, where you can hang out with your friends, do various activities and even get to go off on bus trips to more exciting locations!

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Jemima Stubbs Langthwaite





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#### July

- 3 Guided Walk "Walk of Enchantment in Arkengarthdale" with Major FTC Williams Meet 11am at the CB Hotel
- 4 Memorial Hall Open Meeting at 7.30pm
- Wine and Cheese Evening in support of the Richmondshire Subscription Concerts at St Nicholas Richmond (by kind permission of Lady Serena James) Tickets \$5. Further details Tel\* 850576 or 01325 718368
- 6 Reeth Brass Band Play at the Melsonby Gala at 1pm
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- 7 YDNP Guided Walk Summer Flowers in Swaledale, meet at Gunnerside Village Institute at 20m. Adults \$1.80; Children 70p
- Midsummer Festival at Gunnerside Methodist Church - 2pm Children's Service; 6pm Community Hymn Singing led by David Rutter; 6.30pm Evening Service with musical items by the Gunnerside Choir and special Preacher, Rev Keith Jackson
- 8 Illustrated Talk "Birds in the Dales" by Colin Straker 8pm in Fremington Sunday School
- 9 Arkengarthdale Jubilee Club 7.30pm Talk on Archives. The Methodist Church
- 10 YDNP Guided Walk Wildflowers and Landscape of Arkengarthdale, meet at the Red Lion at 2pm. Adults £1.80; Children 70p
- 14 YDNP Guided Walk Haymeadow Heyday, meet at Farmers Arms, Muker at1.30pm. Adults £1.80; Children 70p
- Guided Walk "Leadmining in Gunnerside

- 14 Gill" with Roger Pettican, meet 2pm at Gunnerside Village Institute
- Reeth Brass Band play on Reeth Green at 3pm
- 15 YDNP Guided Walk The story of the rocks of Calver Hill, meet at the Watersplash, Fore Hill Gate on the Low Row to Langthwaite road at 2pm Adults \$1.80; Children 70p
- Illustrated Talk "Yorkshire Relish" by Norman Davidson 8pm in Fremington Sunday School
- 20 Reeth Senior Citizens outing to Redcarfor details please contact either Mrs A Alderson or Mrs H Guy before 13th July
- 21 YDNP Guided Walk In the footsteps of Miners, meet at the Red Lion at 2pm Adults \$1.80p; Children 70p
- 22 Reeth Parish Council Meeting 7pm Memorial Hall
- Illustrated Talk "Walking the Northern Dales" by John Atkinson 8pm in Fremington Sunday School
- 23 Reeth Brass Band Concert 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall in aid of the Memorial Hall Refurbishment Appeal
- 24 YDNP Guided Walk Scenic Swaledale, meet at Reeth Green (Bus Shelter) at 1.30pm. Adults \$1.80p; Children 70p
- Pantry Shelf, 2pm Reeth Methodist Church
- 25 Dales Ladies Outing to the Mills Shops
- 28 YDNP Guided Walk Wildflowers & Landscape of Arkengarthdale, meet at the Red Lion at 2pm. Adults \$1.80p; Children 70p
- 29 Illustrated Talk "Where the Curlew Calls" by Ken Biggs 8pm in Fremington Sunday School
- 30 Reeth Fabric Craft Group Exhibition Methodist Schoolroom
- 31 Pantry Shelf 2pm Reeth Methodist Church

#### August

- I Reeth National Park Centre Open
- Evening see featureSongs of Praise with Reeth Band,7.30pm Reeth Methodist Church
- 4 YDNP Guided Walk Haymeadow Heyday, meet at the Farmers Arms, Muker at 1.30pm. Adults £1.80; Children 70p
- 5 Illustrated Talk Whaw and Wild Heather by Major FTC Williams 8pm Fremington Sunday School
- 7 Guided Walk "Whaw and Wild Heather" with Major FTC Williams, meet at Whaw Lane End at 11am
- Pantry Shelf 2pm Reeth Methodist Church
- 8 YDNP Guided Walk In the footsteps of Miners, meet at 2pm at Surrender Bridge. Adults £1.80 Children 70p

#### OTHER DATES OF NOTE August 26 Reeth Sports August 28 Reeth Show

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#### 20th

5 & 8pm "Leaving Las Vegas" (18)

#### 25th

5 & 8pm "La Ceremonie" (15)

#### 26th & 27th

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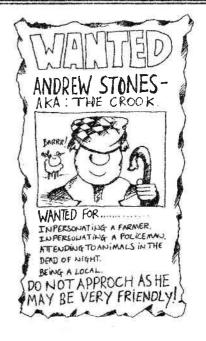
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