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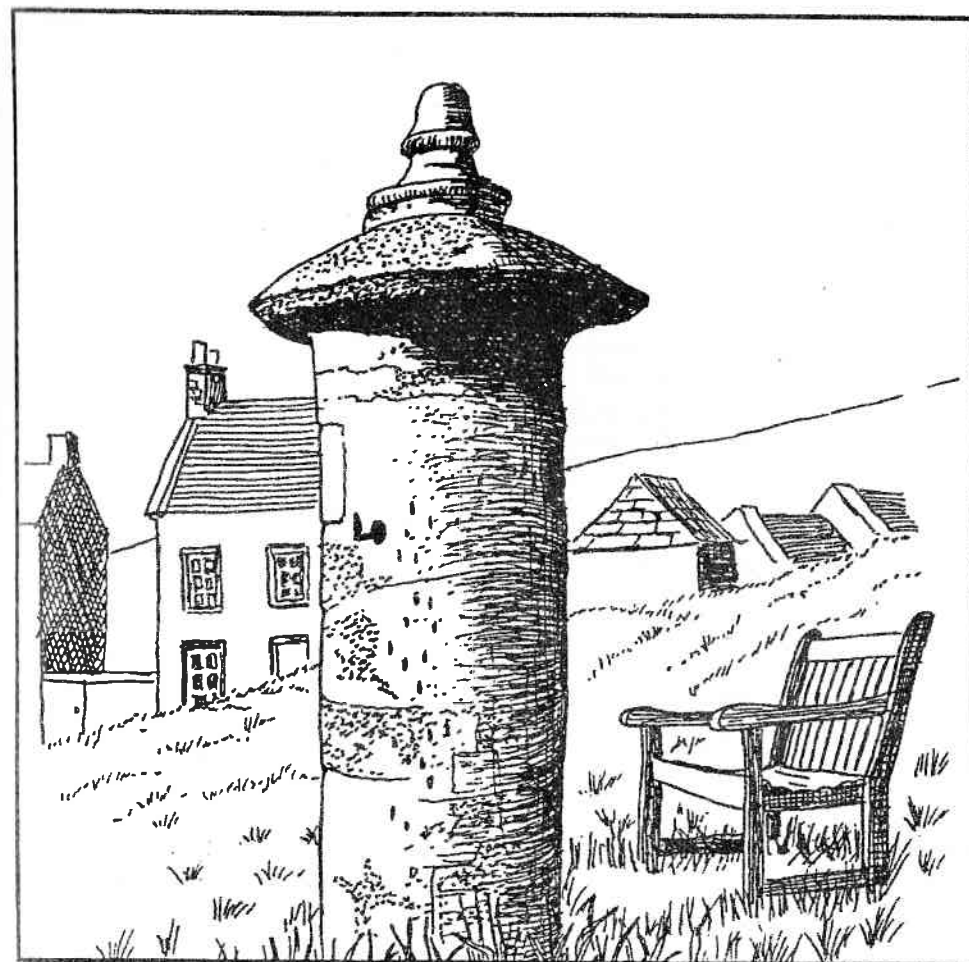
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and many other features

# LOCAL NEWS

## LOTTERY WINDFALL

Reeth Brass Band is to receive £13,730 in the latest round of Lottery hand-outs to the Arts. The grant will be used to buy new instruments.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Calvert Family at Hazel Brow Farm, Low Row. They have won one of the first Dales Environment Awards made by the Yorkshire Dales National Park in recognition of outstanding contributions to the environment for developing an open farm that attracted some 1500 visitors last year. Guided tours were offered around the working farm, concentrating on a hands-on approach, particularly for children who had a chance to feed farm animals. This summer there are plans to set out a self-guided trail. The judges were particularly impressed with the farm's role in creating a better understanding of hill farming and conservation.

They have now been put forward into a national competition to find the best project from all 11 national parks in England and Wales.

Other winners included the Wensleydale Creamery at Hawes and a project by Kirkby Malham United Primary School with some woodland at Malham Cove.

## CARAVANS MUST BE MOVED

Harold Brown of Swale Hall, Grinton has lost a planning application to keep the two caravans that have been on his land for over forty years. For the last twenty years they have had

planning permission which was renewable every five years, but two years ago the National Park changed its mind and gave only two years' planning permission which expired in January. Mr. Brown did appeal but the planning inspector agreed with the National Park stating that the caravans detracted from their beautiful surroundings and that the site was not suitable for tourism development.

The application was supported by both Reeth and Grinton Parish Councils and the caravans are virtually invisible to all but the passer by in their respective locations. Other caravans in the vicinity are quite obtrusive. Coun James Kendall spoke out in favour of the application at the recent National Parks Committee meeting.

With hindsight, it would appear, that Mr. Brown would have been better off not applying for planning permission. Some caravans that have been in their respective locations for many years do not have such permission. The decision of the park authorities seems to conflict with the government policy of encouraging farmers to diversify into tourism.



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## REETH SHOW

At the recent AGM of the Reeth and District Agricultural Society Chairman Malcolm Allison express thanks to all the officers, volunteers and any person who helped in any way with the Show. Their hard work is very much appreciated. Despite good weather which saw an increase in the visitors to the Show it is the special efforts such as the after show Disco and the Annual Whist Drive and Draw that keep the Show in profit. Costs are ever increasing. Officers and Committees were re-elected enblock and include: President: E S Bainbridge Esq.; Chairman: M P Allison Esq.; Treasurer: S Charlton Esq.; Secretary: Mrs. E A Harker; Hon. Medical Officer: Dr. P Bond and Hon. Veterinary Surgeons: Swale Veterinary Surgery.

Planning is well advance for this year's Show which is on Wednesday 28th August. The main attraction, apart from the ever increasing sheep, cattle, livestock and horse classes will be a display by the "Mid Wales Axemen." Their spectacular display features the use of chain saws, axes and felling techniques. The Show traditional provides an excellent day out and is an important date in the local calendar. Entrance fees are being held again.

A new cup for the Children's Section has been presented to the Show in memory of the late Arthur Durston by Phillip and Margaret Durston. It is hoped that more entries can be attracted for the Horticulture Section especially as there appears to be a thriving local Gardening Club.

Tickets are now available for the Grand Draw with many fabulous prizes which will be drawn at the Annual Whist and Domino Drive in the Memorial Hall on 8th March.

Any enquiries about the Show should be directed to the Secretary: Mrs. E Harker Tel:884247.

## SWALEDALE FESTIVAL

Message for Volunteers.

If you would like to volunteer for any jobs during the Festival period, please do call in and see Elizabeth Carter on Tuesday 2nd April between 6.30 and 9pm in the Fremington Sunday School. Help is needed with staffing concerts and other venues, publicity, distributing leaflets, hospitality and other small jobs. Any help is most welcome.

If it is more convenient, you can call Elizabeth at the Festival Office on 01969 622217. (Be prepared for an answering machine!)



**Mother's Day March 17th**

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## A LOCAL RADIO STATION FOR THE DALES?

Things are beginning to take shape in the quest for the licence to operate a local radio station for the Dales. We have previously reported on "Dales Radio" a consortium from the "Dalesman" Magazine. We understand that there are another two companies also making applications. They are the "Yorkshire Dales Radio Group" and "Yorkshire Radio Ltd." It get very confusing when the press report on Radio Dales or Dales Radio but to date there are three applicants - DALES RADIO; YORKSHIRE RADIO LTD.; and YORKSHIRE DALES RADIO GROUP. All promise to transmit local radio at its best which includes local news, farming and business news, interviews, music to suit all tastes and variety of other programmes. To date we are aware that "Dales Radio" and the "Yorkshire Dales Radio Group" are contemplating basing their studio in the Skipton/Wharfedale area whilst Yorkshire Radio is looking at the possibility of a studio in either Wensleydale or Richmond. The area to be covered by the new radio station is the Pennines from the Keighley area to Weardale. It will be a commercial radio station.

The applications for the licence are to be submitted to the Independent Radio Authority by late March, with a public consultation period through April and the decision will be announced in late May. You the prospective listeners have your chance to say what you would expect from a local radio station. Next month we will carry more information on where you can write to but in the meantime we can advise you of two public

meetings. The first by "Dales Radio" (the "Dalesman" Magazine consortium) at the Buck Hotel, Reeth at 7pm on Wednesday 13th March and the second by "Yorkshire Radio Ltd" (see advert) in the Memorial Hall, Reeth at 7pm on Thursday 4th April. These meetings are open to all ages so please try to come along and find out how they intend to present your new local radio station.

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# PARISH COUNCILS

## ARKENGARTHDALE

Many children use the road on the High Green on their way to school. Once again the Council heard that NYCC Highways would be unable undertake the construction of a footpath in the foreseeable future. The Council agreed to seek alternative funding and if successful construct the footpath themselves.

Thanks - were expressed to Stephen Stubbs and his helpers for the Christmas lights and to Nuala Stubbs and her helpers for the Children's Christmas Party.

Booze Wood: Members are aware of the upset the proposed thinning of the wood is causing locally. Regrettably all professional bodies contacted to date seem to support this thinning, as good forestry management is long overdue. Negotiations are in progress to try to find a satisfactory solution.

Neighbourhood Watch: Members supported the intention to put up signs in the parish which they hoped would be self financing.

Winged Fellowship: Members again approved sending £20 in support of its activities.

## GRINTON

The Chairman of Richmondshire District Council, Nigel Watson attended a recent meeting and spoke about forthcoming reorganisations within the Council.

Ponds - notification had been received about planning applications for three ponds for fire control on certain locations on Harkerside and Whitaside moors. Concern was expressed about

possible contamination of the domestic water supply from one of the proposed ponds above Dyke House, a site meeting had been requested.

The National Park has given assurance that the overdue repair to the footbridge over Grinton Beck would be carried out as soon as possible.

Concern was expressed about the status of certain footpaths and unclear right of way therefore the National Park would be asked to provide a definitive map.

## REETH

Healaugh Square: The project is being match funded by the Parish Council, Nationals Parks, Rural Development Commission and Euro 5b Funding. All funding is now in place and the contract has been awarded to Blenkins and work must start in March. However last minute reservations by Coun. Kendall on the cost implications to the Parish almost prevented the project from going ahead. The project is being supervised and managed by the National Parks on behalf of the Council.

Planning: The Parks area planning officer Mr A. McCullagh was a visitor at the Meeting and spoke on the Park's planning policies. Considerable criticism was voiced in the light of certain recent planning decisions that defy all logic in the opinion of residents and at times even conflict with the Park's so called policies. Particular reference was made about the unfair decision to compel Harold Brown to remove his caravans.

Street Lighting: There are still

problems with some of the new lights and cost implications seem to have stalled the scheme for a light at High Fremington. The Council may have to consider contributing to the cost and details of costings, budgets are now being sought from Richmondshire District Council.

**New Housing:** It was agreed to name the development "Place Hill" after the family who originally owned and farmed the land. Home Housing Association have been interviewing prospective tenants but they are still able to consider others. Persons interested should contact Carol Ramsay at the Wetherby Office

Tel: 01937 588497

**New Seat:** A seat in memory of John Boreman has now been delivered and will be located in the area adjacent to the Post Office in due course.

**Best Kept Village Competitions:** The Council are entering both the Richmondshire and the Yorkshire Rural Community Council/"Dalesman" Magazine competitions. The problem of dog dirt remains, and the recent use of the Green as a grass track, by we understand, local person(s) is a matter of concern. Consideration is to be given to improving the area where the market stands.

**Leader Project:** The Council is to register interest in the scheme which offers grants to community projects of less than £10,000 from European Funds for three years commencing this April. (Further details of this scheme are also contained in the feature on the Business Association.)

**Precept:** The thorny subject of reinstating a precept (local rate) was discussed. The precept was dropped

last year because of the revenue gained from the honesty boxes and the market. However some members feel strongly that these additional monies should be used for the benefit of the Parish especially as so many projects requiring grant aid need to be match funded. Grass cutting costs are traditionally covered by monies from the Honesty Boxes. In a prepared statement Coun. Kendall stated, "When elected to Reeth Parish Council a number of years ago I pledged myself to the rate payers of Reeth to keep the Parish rate static or reduce it. Due to the wisdom and foresight of previous Parish Councils through car parking charges and latterly the Market the rate payers in Reeth at this moment in time do not pay a Parish Rate. With the revenue from the Market and Car Parks we have given monies to various local organisations without cost to the Ratepayers and therefore I object to a Parish Rate."

Coun. Hutchinson supported the objection. A split vote was taken in favour of a precept of £1500 equal to half the Council's estimated basic running costs.

**Memorial Hall:** see feature. The project will be reliant on support and funding from the Council which was agreed in principle.

**Local Radio:** see feature

**Other items:** Approval of a local tender for Shelter repairs was given. NYCC Highways have notices displayed regarding extensions to No Waiting restrictions from the end of March. Approval was given for Morris Men to use the Green in May.

**Next Meeting:** 7pm Mon 25th March. Correspondence is welcome and should be addressed to the Clerk.

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## SWALEDALE SCOUT GROUP NEWS

The Swaledale Cubs and Scouts have been very active in recent months. In January we joined hundreds of other Cubs, Scouts and Beavers from all over North Yorkshire for an Activity Day at Catterick, the highlight was a visit by the Chief Scout Garth Morrison. Some of our Cubs met the Chief as he toured the many activity bases. The Chief Scout presented further Long Service awards to Cub Scout Leader Sheila Good and Group Scout Leader Richard Good, for over twenty five years service each as Leaders.

We had a visit to the Swaledale Fell Rescue HQ at Marske, the Cubs and Scouts saw a slide presentation on the work of the Team and were shown the equipment used in rescues. Our thanks to the Rescue Team for an interesting visit.

During the half term holiday twenty Cubs and Scouts had a great day at 'Wet & Wild'. Many of our Cubs took part in the Richmond District Handicraft Competition, winners from the Pack were; 8 year olds Badge design 1st James Birks, 2nd Charlotte

Stubbs, 3rd Matthew Gold. 8 year olds Airfix Model Philip Wickham and 10 year olds pencil drawing Stephanie Matthews. Congratulation to them all. Both the Cub Scout Pack and the Scout Troop have entered teams in the County Cross Country run in Thirsk. Seven of our Scouts will be flying high when they go gliding at Sutton Bank in March.

Our Scouting Family expands in April when we open the Swaledale Beaver colony, Beavers are for Boys and Girls aged 6 to 8 years. Their theme is 'Fun and Friendship'. We launch the Colony on Monday 22nd April at Reeth School, from 4.45 to 5.45. Parents wanting to know more about Beavers, Cubs or Scouts can ring the Swaledale Scout Group Leaders on 01748 884353.

## WINTER'S LAMENT

*I wish this wintertime would pass,  
I'm tired of falling on my a.....'  
When spring arrives and the sun is bright,  
I'll possibly fall down in the s.....,  
When the summer comes and flowers bloom,  
The fear of falling will still loom,  
When winter comes with snow and rain,  
No doubt I'll fall on my a..... again*

*As winter's end is drawing nigh  
Depression lifts for you and I  
The spring arrives in full song  
The summer won't be very long,  
The summer is here, the sky is blue,  
All the meadows are in full hue,  
The flowers bloom, the trees are green,  
All the beauty can be seen,  
The sun shines nearly all the while,  
It makes you light up with a smile,  
When Autumn comes, with golden sky,  
Remember the times that have passed by.*



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## SNOW IN SWALEDALE

My grandfather kept a Family Album. In it I have found the following account, written by my Great-Great-Grandfather, Matthew Cooper, at the end of the last century. Matthew was born in 1814 and died in 1903 in York, where he had become a successful saddler.

Readers my well feel that they have had it easy during the recent snow falls when they read this article:

"I have known the inhabitants of secluded farmsteads snowed-up for six weeks, and during that time they have not had intercourse with the outside world, either food or fuel. During the winter of 1821-2 snow accumulated to enormous depth in Swaledale. I was seven years old at the time and well remember how the old road to Richmond was blocked with drifts. The road had been impassable for some days, and early in January an incident occurred which may be of interest to mention.

A Captain Harland, who resided in Reeth, got together volunteers and they went forth to cut the drifts on the road towards Marske. I stood at the end of Grinton Village and with boyish interest, watched the brave toilers file away under his command. I counted the men, and it was an interesting sight to see weather-beaten faces of men who earnestly went forth to the arduous task. Many of the men were Miners, and several were experienced in the work, and took a supply of beef suet to grease their shovels. Those that were not supplied with the lubricant were unfortunately tired out in their toil, and had to be helped home in an exhausted state. In the bustle of their return I prattled

around the Captain, and he questioned me as to the number of men he had taken with him. I answered boldly, "114." He, with an air of surprise, patted my shoulder, and said, "You're right, my boy!"

During the severe winter of 1895 many roads were snowed up and the people of Arkendale had to come down on sledges over the moors for provisions. The snow lies a long time in the gullies and sheltered places, and often deep until the sunny month of June is far advanced.

*Matthew Cooper."*

I hope Matthew's last sentence is not prophetic! I don't know when the "New Road" to Richmond was built, nor whether Matthew at the age of seven was living in Reeth of the Tollhouse. His father, James kept one of the many pubs in Reeth (now defunct) and moved to take charge of the Toll Gate on the road between Grinton and Ellerton.

*Jocelyn M. Campbell  
Arkengarthdale*

## NORTH YORKSHIRE WELFARE BENEFITS UNIT

The Unit is currently running a benefits take-up campaign to promote awareness and increase the take-up of disability related benefits. Leaflets are being sent to every household and are also available at Post Offices and Libraries, to promote two benefits in particular - Disability Living Allowance and Attendance Allowance.



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On Thursday ~~4th~~ April, we shall present full details of our plans to a PUBLIC MEETING in Reeth Memorial Hall. If you are interested in those plans please do come along and have a coffee with us - 7pm on ~~4th~~ April.

*If you've not given us your views, please do so now - only three weeks left!*

We look forward to meeting you on the ~~4th~~ April, but if you can't make it and would like a copy of our proposals, please write to us:

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## "GARY THE GRITTER"

C'mon, C'mon, D N William of Langthwaite who in last months Gazette complained at the apparent extinction of the Gritters in the Reeth area.

On behalf of Gritters everywhere I would ask readers to have consideration for the plight of us Gritters who have until this year been thoroughly abused by motorists and public alike. How would your readers like to be imprisoned in a wire compound all year around, having to endure the summer sun with scant attention? As soon as the snow arrives our keepers don their fluorescent jackets and take us out into the depths of winter along roads not safe or passable by other users. To share and gloat in our discomfort we are then subject to a stream of cars and trucks following immediately within our wake along the roads and byways that WE HAVE MADE SAFE.

Plough your own roads is what us Gritters say and leave us in the sanctuary of the County Council Compounds! - it is pleasing to see that council officials believe in this ideal and do not share the concerns of D N Williams.

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## MOBILE LIBRARY

There is concern about possible reduction in services by the Mobile Library as part of the NYCC Budget cuts. To date no decision has been made. We will publish any details of changes in the current service in our next issue.

## BOOKS

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## QUIZ

E	A	N
R	R	D
E	G	S

See if you can make 70 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. Drop in your entry to the Post Office by 22nd March.

Last months prize winner was  
Stephen Guy of Muker

## The descent of Manor of Arkendale & ownership of mines

### Ownership of the Manor

Kindom of Mercia  
Honour of Richmond 1088 - 1181  
Crown 1181 - 1628  
Citizens of London 1628 - 1654  
Dr. John Bathurst 1654 - 1659  
Theodore Bathurst 1659 - 1697  
Charles Bathurst 1697 - 1724  
Charles Bathurst 1724 - 1740  
Turner, Sleigh, Forster 1740 - 1808  
George Brown 1808 - 1814  
Rev. John Gilpin 1814 - 1854

John Gilpin Brown 1854 - 1889  
George Thomas Gilpin Brown 1889 - 1918  
Col. Guy Greville Wilson 1918 - 1942  
Sir Thomas Sopwith 1942 - 1975  
Duke of Norfolk 1975

### Ownership or lessees of the mines

Honour of Richmond  
Crown, Lessees  
1628 - 1654, Not known  
Dr. John Bathurst 1654 - 1659  
Theodore Bathurst 1659 - 1697  
Charles Bathurst 1697 - 1724  
Charles Bathurst 1724 - 1740  
Turner, Sleigh, Forster 1740 - 1800  
Easterby Hall & CO. 1800 - 1812  
Arkendale & Derwent Mines 1821 - 1821  
Jaques, Knowles, Tomlin 1821 - 1830  
Lease renewed 1830 - 1848  
Jaques, Knowles, Tomlin 1848 - 1870  
Arkengarthdale Mining Co. 1870 - 1890  
Arkendale Mining Co. 1890 - 1891  
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Sunday 7th April	By Harker's Side Meet at the Burgoyne Hotel, Reeth at 2 p.m.	Paul Denning 5 miles
Wednesday 10th April	Isles Bridge to Blades Meet at Isles Bridge at 11 a.m.	Major F.T.C. Williams 7 miles
Sunday 5th May	A Walk across the Frontier Meet at Burgoyne Hotel, Reeth at 11 a.m.	Paul Denning 11 miles
Wednesday 8th May	A Walk to Grinton Mill Meet at Grinton Lodge at 11 a.m.	Major F.T.C. Williams 7 miles
Sunday 19th May	Leadmining in Slei Gill Meet at Red Lion Inn Langthwaite at 2 p.m.	Roger Pettican 5 miles
Sunday 26th May	Aerial Views of Swaledale - Meet at Surrender Bridge on Low Row to Gunnerside Road at 11 a.m.	Paul Denning 10 miles
Wednesday 29th May	Old Gang Mines and Mills - Meet at Surrender Bridge on Low Row to Langthwaite Road at 2 p.m.	Lawrence Barker 3 miles
Sunday 2nd June	On the Edge Meet at Marske Bridge at 2 p.m.	Paul Denning 4 miles
Tuesday 4th June	The Grinton Mines and Mill Meet at Grinton Church at 2 p.m.	Lawrence Barker 3 miles
Wednesday 5th June	Along the High Scars above Muker Meet at Muker Car Park at 11 a.m.	Major F.T.C. Williams 7 miles
Wednesday 3rd July	A Walk of Enchantment in Arkengarthdale Meet at the Charles Bathurst Hotel at 11 a.m.	Major F.T.C. Williams 7 miles
Sunday 14th July	Leadmining in Gunnerside Gill Meet at Gunnerside Village Institute at 2 p.m.	Roger Pettican 6 miles
Wednesday 7th August	Whaw and the Wild Heather Meet at Whaw Lane End at 11 a.m.	Major F.T.C. Williams 7 miles
Wednesday 21st August	Old Gang Mines and Mills - Meet at Surrender Bridge on Low Row to Langthwaite Road at 2 p.m.	Lawrence Barker 3 miles
Sunday 1st September	Leadmining near Keld Meet at Keld at 2 p.m.	Roger Pettican 3 miles
Wednesday 4th September	Up and Over Calver Hill Meet at the Burgoyne Hotel, Reeth at 11 a.m.	Major F.T.C. Williams 7 miles

*Please bring a packed lunch for walks which start at 11 a.m.  
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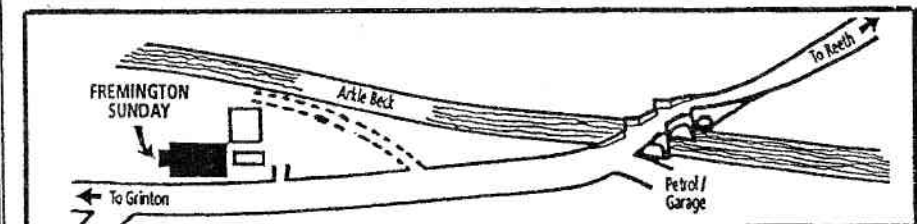
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April 8	Swaledale: The Old Corpse Way or In the Steps of the Norsemen	Major F.T.C. Williams
April 15	More Lost and Secret Places of the North East	Mark Whyman
April 22	It's Not all Black and White: Border Collies and Working Sheepdogs	Nicki Oliver & Mike Cooke
April 29	Swaledale Tales	Marjorie Daniels
May 6	Some Sunny Spots of Greenery: A Survey of Idyllic Picnic Spots	Major F.T.C. Williams
May 13	The History of Sheep & Wool	June Hall
May 20	Within the Five Yard Limestone	Roger Pettican & Paul Denning
May 27	The Dales Throughout the Year in 3D	Dave Weedon
June 3	The High Scars around Muker	Major F.T.C. Williams
June 10	Leadmining in Swaledale and Arkengarthdale	Lawrence Barker
June 17	Wild Flowers of the Dale	Tony Wood
June 24	Grouse Moor Management in the Yorkshire Dales	Dave Newborn
July 1	Arkengarthdale: A Walk of Enchantment	Major F.T.C. Williams
July 8	Birds in the Dales	Colin Straker
July 15	Yorkshire Relish	Norman Davidson
July 22	Walking the Northern Dales	John Atkinson
July 29	Where the Curlew Call	Ken Biggs
August 5	Whaw and the Wild Heather	Major F.T.C. Williams
August 12	Defending our Homes against the Scots	Jane Hatcher
August 19	The Story of Two Dales A Brief History of Swaledale and Arkengarthdale	Lawrence Barker
August 26	The Landscape of the Dales: A Geologist's View	David McMahon
September 2	Up and Over Calver Hill	Major F.T.C. Williams
September 9	Winter Wonderland in the Dale	Marjorie Daniels



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## TOP TEN HYMNS

Have you got a favourite Hymn?

Do you have a number of Hymns that you like to sing or hear?

Then we would like to hear from you. We are searching for the Top 10 Hymns that people from this area like to sing, hear or play. Why? Because there is to be a special concert featuring your Top 10 Hymns in Reeth Methodist Chapel on Saturday 25th May at 7.30pm. The weekend also coincides with one of the Swaledale Festival weekend so some surprises are promised for the Concert. To date an interesting variety of hymns have been nominated but there is still time for your nomination. Nominations must close on 17th March. Please write down your nominations for your favourite hymns(s) and drop it in either at Reeth Manse or Reeth Post Office.

## DALES COLLEGE

Darlington College of Technology has applied for permission to build a new centre at Catterick Garrison. The new £6m. college would offer students the chance to work from home via computer links. The plans for the two storey layout do not feature classrooms. The expansion is dependent on funding from the European Union and the Millennium fund. North Yorkshire Training and Enterprise Council see the proposed development as a tremendous boost for this area which as a very rural area has, until now, very little to offer in the way of vocational education or training facilities, especially for adults. With the very latest in technology the development is seen as global as students will be able to be linked

electronically to other parts of the world. No doubt the development of the scheme will be watched with interest.

## MEMORIAL HALL

A decision has now been made to seek maximum funding for a major improvement project. Many grants are available but the project must be match funded. Plans detailing the proposal are currently being drawn up and a number of estimates must be submitted with each grant application. Local traders are being invited to submit estimates for the works. The project needs to be administered through the Parish Council and local fund raising will be encouraged. Improvements include rearrangement of toilet and cloakroom facilities to include a disabled toilet, complete rewiring to include an audio system, refitting the kitchen and the installation of calor gas for cooking purposes, replacing the roof over the extension, new storage facilities including an extension built at the rear of the stage over the boiler house to specifically cater for the Band's equipment, various safety features for the benefit primarily of the playgroup and rearrangement of certain internal doors. The improvements will be phased in accordance with grants received but hopefully some works can be completed this summer. The Memorial Hall is for the community and it is only right that whilst a number of grants are available for such projects Reeth should seek to obtain the maximum benefits. Local tradespeople requesting more details should contact Peter Brant at the Post Office.

## BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

The Upper Swaledale & Arkengarthdale Business Association are to hold a Business Exhibition on 16/17 May in the Burgoyne Hotel to promote the two Dales, and in turn, local businesses. Within the two Dales there is an abundance of small businesses ranging from shops, hotels, and restaurants to crafts, farms and other accommodation providers. The area is of outstanding natural beauty with many interesting places to discover such as Hazel Brow Farm and the Swaledale Folk Museum. The operative word is "discover" for there is remarkable ignorance of this area within certain sectors of the tourist industry and it is tended to be eclipsed by Wensleydale.

The Business Exhibition will be a determined effort to remedy this. The first day will be to primarily promote the tourism aspect of the two Dales with invitations being extended to various tourism officers and operators to incorporate a "Day Out" in the area and a trade exhibition. The second day, also a Market Day, will be a trade exhibition open to the public. Hopefully the publicity that the exhibition should attract will raise the profile of the many excellent local businesses and prove that the area is very much a living community and not just stones walls and sheep. Yet sheep and farming are as much part of the local business scene and hopefully that important aspect will not be forgotten by the Exhibition organisers.

Both the National Parks and Richmondshire District Council are supporting the event and sponsorship has been given/offered by local Breweries; Barclays Bank, Yorkshire

Bank and Parcellforce. A grant has also been made by the the North Yorkshire Small Project Fund which supports local initiatives. Local businesses are being offered space for the trade exhibition free and those interested should write to Steve Ottevanger, Dyke House, Harkerside, DL11 6JB very quickly for space is limited and being allocated on a first come basis.

The Exhibition will also be used to promote the Association's popular "On Route Guide" and a portfolio is to be produced which is to made available to the invited persons on the first day. The suggestion of a new promotional leaflet for the area appears to have been temporarily shelved due to lack of funding. The "Darlington and Stockton Times" will be featuring a "Day Out" in this area in their May edition of the "Yorkshire Times" supplement which highlights their positive support of the Exhibition and presents an excellent advertising opportunity for local businesses. The team behind this Newsletter has offered to produce some of the additional material for the Exhibition as it could assist our long term objective to purchase our own printing equipment which will improve on our print quality and be beneficial the area.

Guest Speakers at the February Meeting included Geoff Herbert (Economic Development Officer, Richmondshire District Council) who detailed some of the grants that might be available to small businesses from the Business Development Fund. He also detailed the Fells and Dales Leader Programme which will administer grants to community projects where the total cost of the project does not exceed £10,000. This new programme will be



operative for three years commencing in April and a series of local meetings will be held to initiate the programme. Both Grants he mentioned are from Euro funds and interested parties and organisations are invited to register their interest via the Leader Support Officer, European Unit, County Hall, Northallerton, DL7 8AD.

The other speaker was Lynne Ridgeway on the "Dalesmade" project. "Dalesmade" is now in its fourth year and is a scheme operated for the benefit of Dales Manufacturers.

The scheme has had a mixed reception and has always been seen to be based at Watershed Mill, Settle. They are now looking to open a Centre within the Northern Dales so that they can be of more support to such businesses in this area. Such a venture needs to be on a high profile tourist route which alas seems to discount our area. Facilities at the Reeth Dales Centre appear unsuitable which is interesting as the scheme was originally supported by the Rural Development Commission. To date the scheme has been very successful for the Wharfedale/Settle and has much to offer the small manufacturer. Lynn is determined to be more positive in supporting this area, and will be in Reeth again on 7th March. Since the meeting Lynne has indicated that she is hopeful of a stand at Reeth Show for the benefit of such businesses from this area. For further information Lynne can be contacted on 01729 825111.

Other matters discussed included the proposed National Park Information Centre to be opened in Reeth in the early summer. Certain reservations have been expressed on the commercial aspect of the Centre but having regard

to the space that will be available for such enterprise any effect should be minimal and clearly outweighed by the advantages. It is hoped that the Centre will very much raise the profile of the area.

Local Tourist Information Centre and National Park Centres are to pilot a computerised booking system. The concept is ideal for this area and follows a successful similar project operating in Mid Wales. Initially the service will greatly assist the accommodation providers within the Bed and Breakfast trade with short notice bookings. Administrative details are still to be finalised but it is hoped that the service will be available from Easter. Clarification is still required as to whether the service will be available to non inspected/approved premises especially as the trend appears to be only allowing approved/inspected premises to advertise through such Centres and Tourist/Local authority produced brochures.

Concern has been expressed about incorrect data given about the area and that recently published leaflets for neighbouring Dales conveniently blot out our area. This Newsletter has become a popular local magazine which is circulated widely and can now offer a photocopying service to support local businesses or organisations. It is pleasing to note that a certain Cabinet Maker is moving into the Reeth Dales Centre and hopes to be open in time for Easter.

The next meeting is scheduled for 12th March. Any business or person needing more information on the USABA should contact either Steve Ottevanger Tel. 884498 or Philip Bastow Tel. 884555.

## COMMENT

One wonders just what the National Parks policy really is. Yet again a decision that defies local logic has been made. Harold Brown must remove his caravans, ones that have been well maintained in their present location for many years, yet others that could be considered an eyesore can remain. One minute the Government is trying to encourage diversification in farming and support rural issues and the next ..... we have the National Parks. Fortunately they do have a few good points but do they really encourage local support, after all they should be working in partnership.

The BBC did reschedule their programme "All Washed Out" in the Close Up North Series which proved to be very interesting. Experts profess to understand nature so why don't they listen to the farmers to live and work the land day in day out, all year. Booze Wood is still very much topic of the month. We must apologise to Arkengarthdale Parish Council if certain views in our last issue appeared to read as opinions of the Council. No offence was either inferred or intended but the article does reflect the strength of local feeling. The environmental issues, wildlife habitat etc., seems to have been overshadowed. Once again "experts" seem prepared to advise against what local people know.

Much consideration is given to the visitor to the area, especially how things look for the walker. But we all know about walkers. Especially the litter left and damage to farmland, surely the farmers deserve as much consideration.

Did you notice in our last issue the reply from NYCC Highways on the subject of the Richmond Road. Grand to see they have a sense of humour and concede the point. The recent repairs are great, problem is the rest of the road, and we do understand the problem. No doubt the road will remain a constant topic in this publication.

The Swaledale Festival organisers seem to be having a change heart on local items and venues for the Festival after all it is still the Swaledale Festival. Please consider their plea for volunteers. Our next issue will detail more on this year's Festival.

Finally a few words on this publication. The Gazette was set up with a small grant from Reeth Parish Council but is very much independent of that Council. Costs are covered by the small advertising charges for which we are very grateful to local businesses. Thankfully the Gazette is obviously popular and not only circulates widely within the Dale but to other parts of the country and even the world. We are happy to consider extending our area. The Upper Dales are always keen to receive copies and some articles are filtering through. Parish Reports are popular but we can use the information we are given. We are currently seeking grant aid to purchase our own printing equipment, and would appreciate any help/ideas in our quest. For the benefit of the Young Farmers who keep wondering if to let us have their information.

Features, stories, letters etc are all published/reported free of charge. Please keep the articles coming they are very much appreciated.

*Peter Brant*

## THE SWALEDALE LEAD MINER BIRD (continued)

To continue the exciting saga of the Swaledale Lead Miner Bird: The last correspondent on this fascinating subject believed that this rare creature ended its colonisation of the area at the Old Gang Mine above Low Row.

Not so ..... Inside information suggests that the area populated by this phenomenon extends beyond Swaledale and into Arkengarthdale where it resides in Faggersgill Mines.

This latest information is borne out by those employed to maintain things on Cleasby and Stang Moors who have reported sightings at Blind Gill and the Scar beyond, usually it is said one hour before dawn during the month of April.

To reach this point it is believed the bird travelled from Hurst to the Chert Mines at Fremington Edge via Stoney Pippin, then to Hurgill Shaft round Elsey Crag to Blind eventually making its home in Nut Hole Level.

If one takes one's ease on the Fryingpan Stone, rumblings from the creatures underground activity can be heard, which suggests its territory is being extended further, possibly to the Tan Hill Coal Pits.

If this prophecy is correct, could it be the start of a truly North Circle Line!!!

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## ATTENTION ALL PHOTOGRAPHERS!!

"Practical Photography" magazine, February issue, detailed a competition being run in conjunction with Royal Mail requesting photographs of the exterior of Post Offices. Black and White or Colour, slide or print and there is a category for the under 16s. A total prize pool of photographic equipment to the value of £20,000 is on offer to the lucky winners. Entries to: Post Office Competition, Practical Photography, Apex House, Oundle Road, Peterborough, PE2 9NP by 1/4/96.

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## A LIGHT HEARTED YORKSHIRE A - Z QUIZ

- A There is said to be evidence of a Brigantes hill-fort here.
- B Said to be the shortest river in England. *GAIN*
- C The hill (height 1599 feet) behind Healaugh. *CHURCH*
- D So-called because they are built entirely without mortar. *DRY STONE*
- E Village with a remarkable rectangular village green. *GRIVELY*
- F Janet's *F. B. S.* is a water-feature near Gordale Scar
- G The name given to vertical crevices in limestone pavements. *GRIVELY*
- H Gullies produced in the search for fresh lead veins. *WUSLES*
- I A cave here was first opened to tourists in 1838. *INSLINGTON*
- J Cistercian monks moved here from Fors, near Bainbridge. *SEVASTIAN*
- K Surname of the author of "Water Babies," said to have been inspired by Malham Cove. *KINGSLEY*
- L Ancient terracing cut into and across hill sides. *LYNCHETS*
- M The name of the Inn placed at the junction of the Kirby Stephen/Sedbergh/Hawes road.
- N The fortified manor house, 15th century, home of Metcalfes. *NAPPA*
- O River which eventually takes the water of the Swale and Ure. *OUSE*
- P Hill in Wensleydale, site of beacon for the coming of the Spanish Armada. *PENIN*
- Q A religion which once had strong connections in this area. *QUAKER*
- R One time resident of Middleham Castle. *REARDED*
- S A funnel-shaped depression in the ground in limestone country, often formed by water precolating and allowing soil to subside. *SINK HOLE (SHAKE)*
- T Richard and Cherry Kearton, early wild-life photographers, were born in this village.
- U River which runs through Wensleydale. *URE*
- V Some rebellious areas of Yorkshire were ruthlessly devastated by these invaders. *VIKINGS*
- W One of the three peaks. *WHARFSDALE*
- X Sir "X" (inventor of the Sopwith Camel) - doesn't begin with "x"!!!!
- Y Old name for Wensleydale. *YORGBALE*
- Z A Hunt of this name hunts the wily foxes of North Yorkshire. *ZETLAND*

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## STOP PRESS

The Junior section of the Reeth Brass Band has been awarded a grant of £615 for uniforms, from the North Yorkshire Small Projects Fund.

On Friday March 1st, Mr. Alan Ambler currently of Reeth, successfully applied for and received a licence from Richmond Justices Licensing Committee, which will allow him to progress his plans to reopen the CB in Arkengarthdale.

## MUSICAL EVENING

There will be a Musical Evening by Gunnerside Choir with supporting artists on Sat. 30th March in the Village Hall. Admission £2.50 which includes supper; Children £1.50. Proceeds in aid of the Senior Citizens. Everyone welcome.

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## MILLENNIUM BID COULD TAKE DALES INTO 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY

If a bid for the National Lottery money to the Millennium Commission is successful, projects worth £12million could go ahead in this National Park. The work would aim to take the very best environment possible into the 21st century. News of whether the bid is successful is expected by the end of April. If it is, the go ahead will be given for a range of conservation, interpretation and community projects including a computer-based virtual reality experience of the Dales, a visitor heritage centre based at Langcliffe Quarry, refurbishment of Garsdale Station, footpath restoration, undergrounding of cables in Dales villages, four education centres (including one at Muker,) and over 130 other local schemes of all types, one of which it is hoped is at Reeth. We will report as we get the information but in the meantime see local press for more details.

## REETH BRASS BAND

Contrary to local rumours circulating the village the Band is not spending the winter in the Seychelles on the proceeds of the National Lottery grant which they have just been awarded, they are in fact, hard at work rehearsing for what looks like being quite a busy year. The Lottery grant, which you may have read about in the press, of £13,730 has to be used exclusively for the purchase of new instruments and while it sounds rather a lot, when you consider that "Tubby's" new tuba (no excuse now Dave!) is costing almost £4000 you quickly realise that you don't get much for your brass when buying brass instruments. Our grant is actually quite small when compared to those awarded to other brass bands, however we are extremely grateful for it and we hope to be able to show off the new instruments as soon as possible. While on the subject of grants we would like to thank the Muker Trust for their recent award which is being used to purchase some much needed music. Following on from the success of last Autumn's concert with the Swaledale Parish Choir we have decided to get together again for a Spring concert, the exact date of which is still to be arranged but we will of course let you know the details as soon as possible. After much ummhing and aahing (or should that be huffing and puffing?) and many requests from our supporters we have at last decided to produce a tape of the band. We are spending a great deal of time and effort, not to mention money, on producing a quality recording of popular music which will appeal to everyone and will, hopefully, be ready

in time for the Summer season.

One definite date we can give you is May 26th when we will be out on Reeth Green (providing the snow has gone) making the traditional start to the Swaledale Festival (competitively priced tapes will hopefully be on sale.) While on the subject of the Festival, we have been approached by the organisers with a view to making a more significant contribution to the 1997 Festival. As we understand it, this welcome invitation comes as a result of protestations that local groups are somewhat underrepresented in what is, after all, our Festival. If this is correct then we in the Band would like to express our most sincere thanks to those responsible for championing the cause of musical groups within the area.

Finally we would like to take this opportunity to wish Mrs. Cherry a speedy recovery from her recent illness. As most of you know Freda is the Band's secretary, a position whose duties she fulfils with extreme conscientiousness and vigour, word has it from her hospital bed that she is chomping at the bit to get back, the sooner the better we say because it's not quite the same having Pete Alderson sat on your knee while dictating letters!

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## RECIPE Simnel Cake

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1. Grease and line 9ins cake tin.
2. Cream the butter and sugar, add the lemon rind.
3. Gradually add the eggs to the butter.
4. Add the fruit, cherries, peel and almonds.
5. Add the flour, spices and salt.
6. Spoon 1/2 the mixture into the cake tin.
7. Roll out one pack of marzipan into a circle place on top of the cake mixture.
8. Put the rest of the cake mixture on top.
9. Bake in a moderate oven for 30 minutes 350F, Gas 4
10. Turn down the oven to 325F, Gas 3 for a further 2 1/4 hours or till cooked.
11. Turn out onto a wire tray.
12. The other pack of marzipan, split in two, roll out one half and place on top of the cake, cover the cake with the jam first.
13. With the other piece of marzipan either roll out and make strips plait these together and use to decorate the edges, or, make in ball shapes, place on top.
14. This cake can be grilled to a golden brown, if you wish, but not necessary.

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the Roof" (15)
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- 11 > 13  
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OUR NEXT ISSUE IS:

**25 Mar**

# DIARY DATES

## March

- 5 Arkengarthdale PC Meeting - 8.00
- 8 Reeth Show Annual Whist and  
Domino Drive plus Grand Draw  
7.30 Memorial Hall
- Reeth YFC Disco - Buck Hotel
- 10 Arkengarthdale Methodist Church,  
2.00 Service
- 13 National No Smoking Day  
- Public Meeting in the Buck Hotel at  
7.00 by "Dales Radio"
- 14 Melbecks Society - Low Row  
Institute 7.10 - Guest Speaker Mr  
Mark Jones on "Around the  
Snickleways of York"
- 15 British Legion Whist Drive -  
Memorial Hall - 7.30
- 17 Mothers Day
- 19 Arkengarthdale Sports Association  
AGM 7.30
- 20 Whist Drive - Grinton Institute - 7.30
- 22 Live Music at the Buck - Band "No  
More Heros" plus Disco - tickets £5  
from the Bar but are limited to 100.
- Illustrated talk by Dave Carlisle, 7.30  
Arkengarthdale Methodist Church  
Hall, adults £2 children £1
- 24 Arkengarthdale Methodist Church,  
2pm Service
- 25 Reeth PC Meeting 7pm
- 26 Freshwater Fishing Season open -  
don't forget your NRA Permit  
obtainable from Post Offices
- Benefits Agency mobile information  
unit, Reeth, 1.30 > 3.00
- 29 Reeth Friday Market, Full Market
- 30 Musical Evening with Gunnerside  
Choir in the village Hall.
- 31 British Summer Time begins  
Move clocks on
- Palm Sunday, Parish Eucharist with  
the Choir 10.30 at St. Andrews  
Grinton

## April

- 2 Swaledale Festival - meeting for  
prospective volunteers - Fremington  
Sunday School from 6.30 to 9pm.
- 4 Public Meeting in the Memorial Hall  
at 7pm with Yorkshire Radio Ltd
- Easter Junior Disco (Under 16s only)  
at the Buck 7pm to 9pm
- Maunday Thursday, Eucharist, 7pm  
at Low Row
- 5 Good Friday, Grinton 9.30 Eucharist.  
Arkengarthdale 11am Service for  
Good Friday. Low Row 2pm Service  
for Good Friday. Muker 7pm  
'Stainer's Crucifixion & Prayer.
- Children's Service - Reeth Methodist  
Church - 3.30pm
- Evening Service for Good Friday -  
Reeth Methodist Church - 7pm
- 5 to 7th - Keld Easter Weekend
- 6 Gospel Service - Reeth Methodist  
Church - 7.30pm
- Holy Saturday, Grinton 8pm Re-  
affirmation of Baptismal Vows with  
Easter Fire
- 7 Service - Reeth Methodist Church -  
3pm - led by Rev Eleanor  
Reddington
- Arkengarthdale Methodist Church,  
Easter Day Service 6pm
- C of E. Easter Day. Grinton 9.30  
Sung Eucharist. Muker 9.30  
Eucharist. Arkengarthdale 11.00  
Holy Communion 1662. Low Row  
11.00 Sung Eucharist.
- 8 Coffee Morning - 10am -  
Arkengarthdale Methodist Church
- Coffee Morning - 10am - Gunnerside  
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- Coffee Morning - 10am - Muker  
Methodist Church



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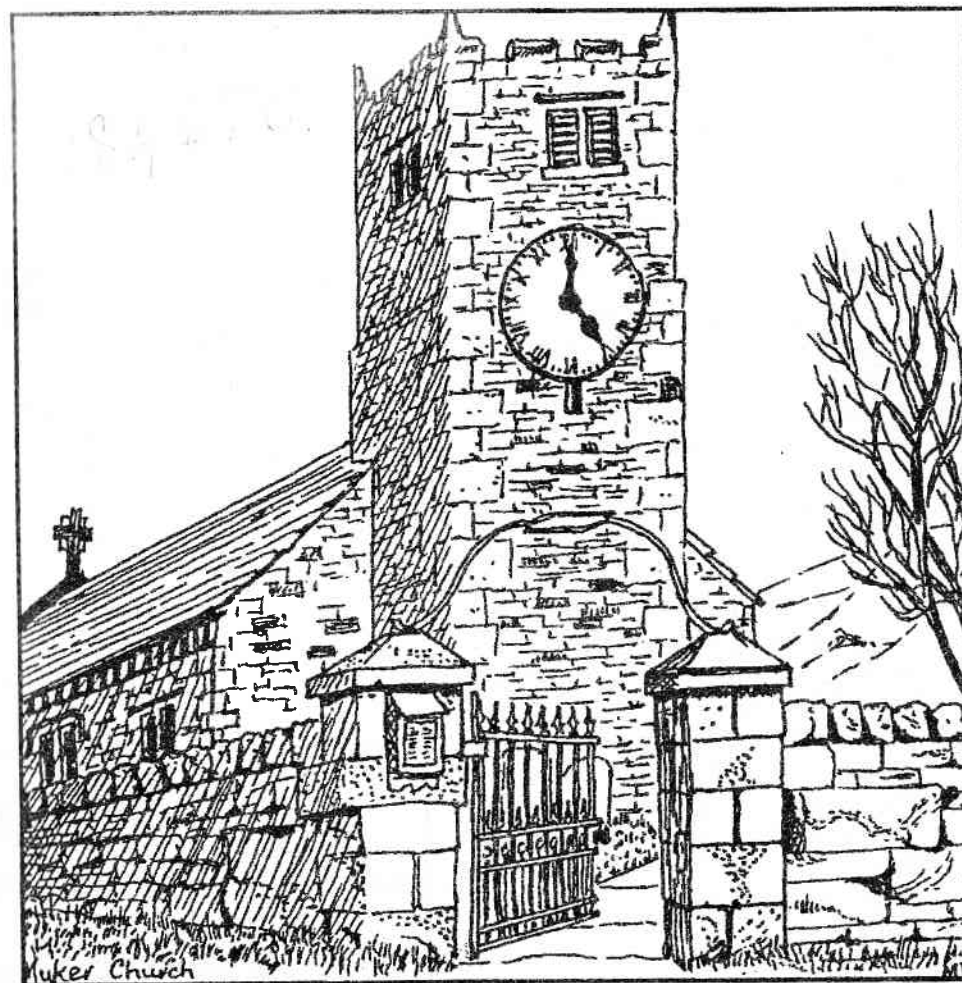
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