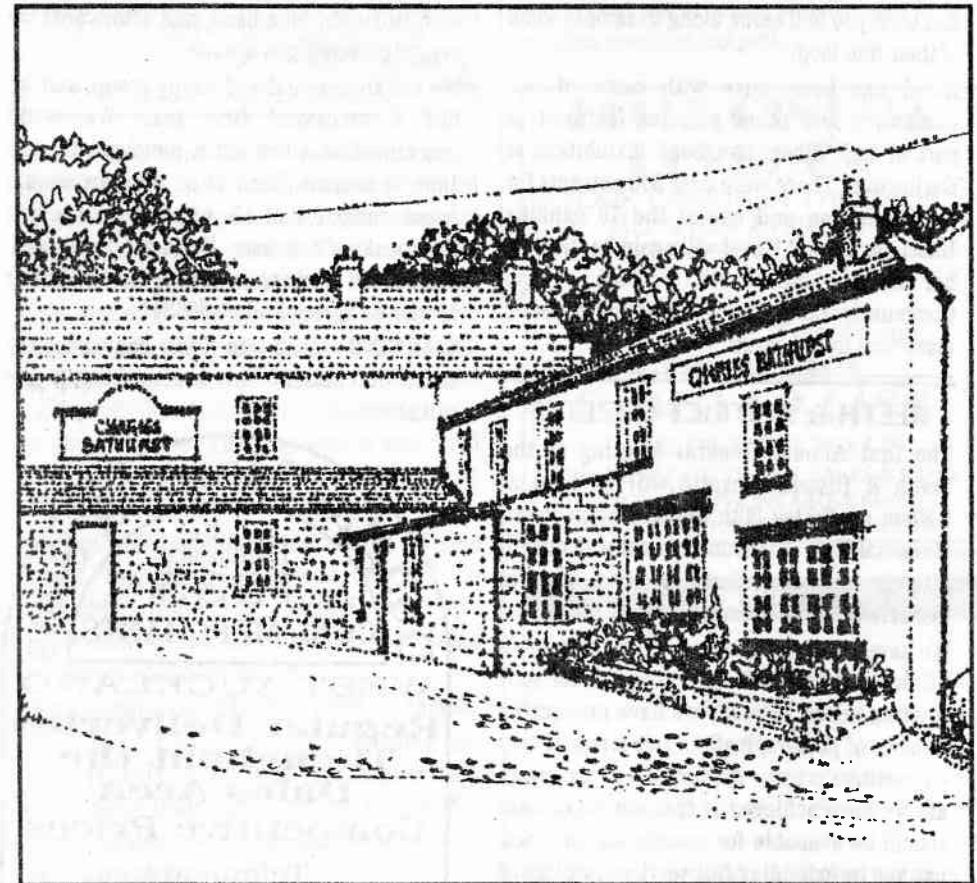


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## LOCAL NEWS

### COVER PICTURE

This month's Cover Picture is provided for us by Hazel Smith and very aptly features the recently reopened C.B. Hotel. Charles and Stacy Cody offer a warm welcome in the refurbished (by Blenkinsop's of Reeth) Hotel and trust you will come along to sample some of their fine food.

Hazel has been busy with some of her miniatures and other pictures featured as part of the "Silver Longboat" Exhibition at Darlington. There were over 300 entrants for the Exhibition and out of the 79 exhibits Hazel has three!! Hazel will again be tutoring her Art Course which is part of the Community Education programme detailed elsewhere in this issue.

### REETH & DISTRICT GAZETTE

The first Annual General Meeting of the Reeth & District Gazette will be held at 7.30pm on Friday 20th September in Reeth Memorial Hall. Everyone is most welcome to attend, and contribute to the general discussion on the "Gazette" and its future.

We have now taken delivery of our own scanner and will be happy to quote for your printing needs. Already we have produced a number of posters, leaflets and forms at very competitive prices. A condition of the grant-aid we have achieved is that our equipment should be available for community and local use and by extending this service it will assist us to supplement the costs to maintain the "Gazette."

This service is in addition to the current A3 and A4 photocopying service currently available.

For further details call in at Reeth Post Office, Tel: 884201.

### SWALEDALE

#### LADIES' LUNCHEON CLUB

We meet on the first Wednesday of each month from October to April, at Ghyllfoot Cafe in Gunnerside at 12.30pm. We are served with an excellent two course lunch with coffee for £6 a head, and afterwards we are entertained by a speaker.

We are an informal and happy group, and we had a successful first year. We could accommodate a few extra members for the 1996/97 session. Each of us pays an annual membership fee of £5, which goes towards the speakers' expenses. If you are interested, please call Barbara in Muker on 886480 or Marion at Spring End on 886341.

**WARNING** - don't join if you can't bear the noise of chatter - we are nothing if not talkative!

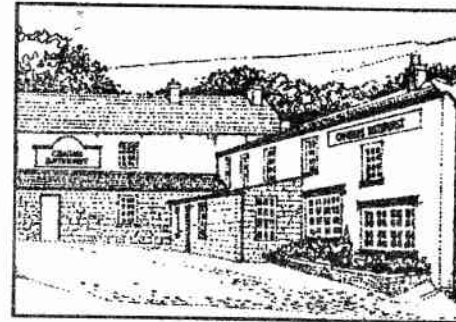
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Six en-suite bedrooms consisting of one single, four doubles and one twin will be available from the second week in September, with another four en-suite twins to follow in time for Spring.

Please call us on 01748 884567 for tariffs.

We will be having an official opening day with Theakstons on Saturday October 13th when their Dray Horses will be visiting the Dale. Further details on this event will be appearing shortly.

### LOCAL RADIO STATION

We note that Yorkshire Dales Radio have made a planning application to erect a radio transmission aerial in the Hawes area but we remain concerned, like other communities, that we still have had no communication with them.

### HIGH GREEN, LANGTHWAITE

The Yorkshire Dales National Park have offered a grant of £1000 (the maximum available under the Community Initiative Scheme) to Arkengarthdale Parish Council to assist with the cost of demolishing and rebuilding a stone wall alongside the road opposite High Green, Langthwaite and with the cost of constructing an extension to the existing roadside footpath.

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### QUIZ

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See if you can make 100 plus 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  
21st September

Last months prize winner was  
Mr. G Wilkinson of Bradford

## W.E.A. REETH/SWALEDAL BRANCH

The course for the coming Autumn session will be on the subject of Astronomy. It is an introduction for those who are interested in being able to go out and look at the night sky with binoculars. There will be six illustrated evening talks starting on Wednesday October 9th at Reeth Primary School. Open to everyone. Full details next month.

## UPPER SWALEDAL YOUTH CLUB

An outdoor Games Evening and Barbecue are planned for Saturday 14th September, on the Gunnerside School Playing Field from 4.30pm. A cricket match will take place for Youth Club members and their friends, and parents and supporters will have the option of joining in a game of boules/petanque. Refreshments, including barbecued food will be on sale afterwards.

A Domino Drive and Supper will be the October activity, intended as a Fun and Fund raising evening. It will take place in Keld on October 11th. More details to follow next month.

From now until October 11th, everyone is invited to join in the "Guess my Birthday" competition for a beautifully knitted golfing doll kindly donated by Mags Bridel. The doll will be on display in the Gunnerside and Muker pubs in the coming weeks for anyone to have a go. Simply pay \$1 and write your name against the date you think is his birthday. Profits will be split between the Youth Club and a cancer charity, and the draw will take place in October.

## COMMUNITY EDUCATION

See feature - Enrolment of the Reeth and Swaledale Courses is between 6 and 8pm on Wednesday 11th September in the Reeth Methodist Schoolroom or at the first class of the Course.

## NEW STAMPS

The next issue of Special Stamps go on Sale on 3rd September and feature 50 years of Children's Television. These colourful stamps feature "Muffin the Mule," "Sooty," "Stingray," "The Clangers," and "Dangermouse." The October special issue stamps are to feature classic cars. Only available from your Post Office.

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FEES £18 (£9)

TUTOR - HAZEL BRYCE

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## DALES LADIES

The outing to Boundary Mills at the end of July was enjoyed by 31 members and friends. Many bargains were purchased and a good time had by all, ensuring a repeat visit next year.

The next outing is to Bowes Museum on Thursday 17th October - details from Sylvia Barnett Tel 884754

Monthly meetings resumed on Monday 2nd September in the Reeth Memorial Hall at 7.30pm. (and every first Monday.) New members are very welcome - just come along to one of our Meetings. The September meeting guest speaker was Mr Bill Sellars on "A little of this and that." The October evening, Mon 7th, is an Open Meeting when Mrs Chris Marsden will give a talk called "Jambo Africa," for which there will be a collection in aid of the Swaledale District Nurses Fund.

## THE REETH FABRIC CRAFT GROUP

At the end of July The Reeth Fabric Craft Group held their first display of work in the Methodist Chapel, mainly as a tribute to the work and guidance of Joan Bell, the Founder member of the Reeth Rug-Hookers. Joan will shortly be starting a new life in Saltburn and this was a final opportunity for everyone to view a selection of the excellent rugs she has made over the years.

In addition to the rugs, the display was coupled by an exhibition of embroidery, quilting and canvas-work by the other members. The event was warmly received by residents and visitors alike with a steady stream of people coming to examine the displays. An enormous amount of interest was generated - one couple even travelled from Birmingham to holiday in Reeth that week.

The display in the Chapel was supplemented

by some of the membership giving advice on the items, together with a small workshop of members demonstrating their particular craft. Visitors were able to watch Joan herself, and Eileen Martin rug-hooking, while Elizabeth and Rex Bassingdale, from Richmond, together with David Wood were demonstrating embroidery and canvas-work, and Marjorie Heywood from Barningham generated a lot of interest with the lace-making. The day was completed by the ladies of the Chapel who worked very hard supplying everyone with morning coffees and afternoon teas.

The event was a great success and raised a staggering £206 for the Chapel Funds. The Reeth Fabric Craft Group would like to thank everyone who came along to see their work and hope that you enjoyed it as much as we did.

*David Perray.*

## VISIT Swaledale Folk Museum



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## MILK

It pays to support your local Dairy person and milk rounds person! In a recent competition to promote milk the White House Tea Room were fortunate to win one of the major prizes. They obtain their milk from Shirley Raw of Town Hall Farm, Reeth Tel: 884377

## WORLD'S BIGGEST COFFEE MORNING

"Nescafe" are again sponsoring the World's Biggest Coffee Morning. All over the UK special Coffee Mornings are being held on Friday 4th October in aid of the Macmillan Cancer Relief Fund. One such Coffee Morning is being held in the Methodist Schoolroom, Reeth and in addition to a cup of your favourite "Nescafe" Coffee there will be a cake stall and tombola. Help us to make this the Biggest Coffee Morning ever and join us on Friday 4th October.

## THANK YOU

To all who helped us during the recent Christian Aid Week in which £850.92 was raised in Upper Swaledale and Arkengarthdale.

## NATIONAL PARK & TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRE

The Reeth National Park & Tourist Information Centre is now open and is open Daily from 10am to 5pm until the end of October and then every weekend during the winter period. As a T.I.C. all the usual facilities, bed booking, etc are also now available. Please call in. The telephone number is 884059.



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## REETH MEMORIAL HALL

With maximum grant aid for the current project being achieved work has now started on alterations to the Supper Room and Kitchen. The next meeting is on Thursday 5th September at 7.30pm is an open meeting to discuss and coordinate Hall use for the forthcoming year. There will be a number of special fund raising events including Band Concerts, cookery demonstrations, local Crafts exhibitions and a concert by "Forum." Everyone is most welcome to attend and contribute to the general discussion and future of the Hall.

## WALKERS AND GATES

We note in the Press that various bodies continue to press for the rights of walkers to have access to the Moors and Dales. But what about consideration for the farmer and landowner - many of whom take great care to ensure that rights of way for all are easily maintained? We are aware of the damage caused to stiles and gates by walkers but one particular instance has caused particular concern to one of our readers. The access to their farm forms part of the Coast to Coast route and to assist with access and stock control they had installed an automatic gate. Press a button and .... the gate opens, allows enough time for the walkers or vehicle to pass through then..... closes. We all know how often gates are left open by the walkers who ignore the Country Code. Not anymore with this gate, for it has been broken, presumably by the walker too lazy to walk a few feet back to press the button to open the gate. One can only presume that being used to automatic doors, which opens as one approaches, in the shops in the modern shopping centres, to press a button to open a gate in an isolated area of outstanding natural beauty is a little too complicated.

## FUNERAL OF MRS THELMA M HARDY Nee Jackson (formerly of Silver Street, Reeth)

Relatives and friends over a wide area of Swaledale and beyond were deeply saddened to learn of the sudden illness and death of Thelma Hardy during her return journey home with husband John from a cruise holiday, which had been planned to mark the beginning of their Ruby Wedding celebrations.

She met John while he was serving as a Probationer Minister in Gunnerside and they were married in Reeth Methodist Chapel in July 1956. So instead of a Ruby Wedding Anniversary celebration, John, the family and friends turned Thelma's Funeral into a joyful service of Thanksgiving for her life and work as a most caring person who had helped so many folk, through her untiring loyalty whether as a teacher or personal friend.

Thelma, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Clarkson Jackson, and a descendant of a long line of Jacksons who for generations served the folk of Swaledale as Jackson & Son, Drapers & Clothiers of Silver Street was educated at Reeth Friends School, Richmond High School and the Manchester College of Housecraft where she subsequently served as Senior Lecturer in Needlework. Afterwards, following a period of general teaching at Yorebridge School, Wensleydale, she moved into Secondary Schoolteaching and became Senior Mistress at Longland School in the Midlands.

The Funeral was conducted by Rev Eleanor Reddington with the Lessons read by the sons, Christopher and Nicholas Hardy followed by burial at Grinton. This was followed by a gathering of combined family and friends at the adjacent Hardy-Jackson homes in Silver Street.

## MORE STRANGE HAPPENINGS

With eerie sounds in the Upper Dale and reports of a "plague" at Healaugh, the mind boggles at the antics that give rise to a "bust" shelter. Anything to do with the recent entertainment at a nearby Hotel? Now we have a Werewolf sighted up near the wilds of Tan Hill. Not to worry, summon for help from the outside world using a "Vodaphone" - oops! they still don't work in most parts of these two Dales! Then try a BT phone but only when the sun is shining! With dark nights coming what other spooky things will appear out of the mist - no - not that .....???

## SWALEDALE FESTIVAL

The Annual General Meeting of the Swaledale Festival will be held in the Fremington Sunday School at 7.30pm on Monday 30th September. Everyone is most welcome to attend, and contribute to the general discussion on the Festival and its future.

## CYCLE TRAINING

Eleven pupils at Reeth School have successfully completed a course of Cycle Training. As well as on and off the road training the course included lessons on looking after their bicycles, road safety, hazards for cyclists, traffic signs and planning a safe journey.

The School are most grateful to the residents of Place Hill for their patience with the children during their training.

Head teacher, Mrs Rosalind Earl, presented certificates and badges to: Katy Sunter, James Rutter, Ian Pybus, Sophie Bulman, Adam Lovatt, Ben Malton, Stephanie Matthews, Kate Allison, Duncan Stocks, Caroline Allison and Melissa Guy.

## VILLAGE HALLS

It is pleasing to record that most Halls in the Dale are taking advantage of the current grant aid that is currently available to refurbish our Halls. Plans are in hand at Keld, Low Row, Gunnerside, Marske and Grinton. Work is nearing completion at Muker and work has started at Reeth with maximum grant aid being achieved for the current projects. These Halls are essential to the local communities but unfortunately we tend to take them for granted and forget that they too do need maintenance. All projects are very worthy of support and all parties are working together to ensure the very best for our communities. Tony Clark of Richmondshire District Council is very helpful with all the projects. Please keep the Gazette informed of the progress, various projects and details of fund raising events.

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## PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

In our March Issue we detailed a competition organised by Royal Mail and sponsored by the "Practical Photography" magazine, titled "The Great British Post Office."

Michael Tarn of Billingham won the first prize of photography equipment worth up to £10,000 with an unusual photograph of Reeth Post Office. The photograph is a spectacular shot of Reeth Post Office taken early on a February Saturday evening. It features the lights of the Post Office (which is open until 5.30pm six days per week) and the recently erected traditional decorative light which is part of the Yorkshire Dales National Park and Richmondshire District Council improved amenity lighting scheme for Reeth, with a new moon rising over a snow covered Fremington Edge.

Rosena Robson, Royal Mail's Special Stamps Manager, said: "This competition was an ideal opportunity for creative photographers to capture many of the country's more unusual Post Offices. Post Offices are at the heart of Britain's communities and the affection they aspire was clear from the entries we received. We had an overwhelming number of entries, the standard of which was exceptional. One of the aims was to gather reference material for next year's set of special stamps marking the centenary of the National Federation of Sub-Postmasters and this has clearly been achieved."

The photograph, titled "Reeth in Swaledale" has pride of place in an exhibition at the National Postal Museum in London until the end of September.

This is not the first time that Reeth Post Office has featured in Post Office publicity material. In the early eighties National Savings commissioned a number of paintings by artist and author Martina Selway on Post Offices. Ironically she too choose a winter's scene also with the backdrop of Fremington Edge.

Michael's brother David, is already a locally renowned landscape photographer with many of his photographs featured on local post cards, in local books and on calendars. A number of various agencies have used his photographs to publicise the Dale.

A copy of Micheal's prizewinning photograph is now on display at Reeth Post Office and a limited number of prints are available.

(It is interesting to note that the Post Office have recently addressed correspondence to Reeth Post Office as "Reeth, Swaledale, North Yorkshire and the postcode." The "Richmond" has been dropped! Does this mean that we can all drop "Richmond" and a last give Swaledale some recognition?)

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## COMMENT

Regrettably the weather changed for the Bank Holiday weekend which turned out to be a damp squib. So far it has been a poor season which started late. Hopefully the season will extend into the late Autumn. Happily the weather was not able to dampen the enthusiasm or enjoyment of the local events over that period. Our deadlines and publications dates clashed for reports of those events but we will feature some of them in our next issue.

Some of our young folk find it amusing to write obscenities about themselves in the bus shelter, on walls and even seats. They would be more resourceful if they cleaned up these areas, for many find their scribbles repulsive.

The long awaited changes to the Mobile Library Service have now been announced and just to make things really complicated they've altered the day of the week in addition to the frequency which from October will be three weeks

This month we hold our first Annual General Meeting which is at 7.30pm on Friday 20th September in the Memorial Hall. Having regard to how popular this magazine has become we hope that the meeting will be well attended for we wish to hear your views.

Once again the August issue was a complete sell out. Visitors who wish to receive each copy can make a subscription for which we will happily forward the next twelve issues.

Thank you for the letters highlighting certain typographical errors. We do try our best and there are no prizes for finding them!

Contributors for this issue include: Major FTC Williams, William Dinsdale, Mike Beckwith, Elaine Johnson, Richard Good, Richard Birks David Perray, Eleanor Reddington, Matthew Frankland, Duncan Bythell and Jemima Stubbs.

For forthcoming issues we hope to include a

local Christmas Shopping feature and possibly even a feature on local eating establishments. We will be seeking a suitable picture for our Christmas edition from our young artists and will be contacting the local schools in due course.

*Peter Brant.*

## THE ARKENGARTHDALE CAR BOOT SALE

The Arkengarthdale car boot sale held on August Bank holiday Monday morning was a great success, raising £525 for the communities two Churches. Thank are extended to all who helped, donated items for the Churches stall and Mr. Clark Stones for the use of his field.

## St. Mary's CHURCH ARKENGARTHDALE

The afternoon teas in aid of St. Mary's Church Arkengarthdale raised £357 a splendid effort and greatly appreciated, thanks to everybody who supported and helped with the event.

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## REETH SHOW

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## SHEEP

*Now sheep are a peculiar thing  
The Mother's are scrawny and thin  
Yet their Lambs are so deliciously  
round and plump  
And ever so nice with mint!*

L. Lamb Arkengarthdale

## THE MERLIN

*Falco colombarius*

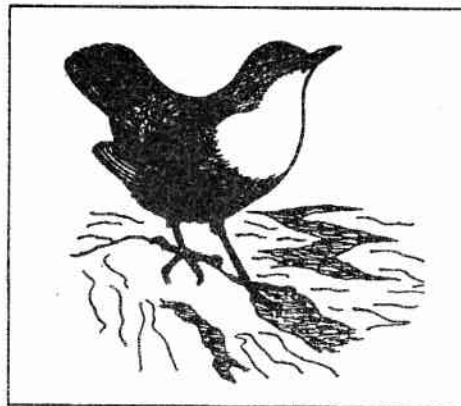
Merlin, flying low, fast and level, with quick, shallow wing-beats, the Merlin, little bigger than a Mistle Thrush, quarters the heather-clad moors of northern Britain. Because they are low-flying and do not engage in the aerobatics of other falcons they are hard to spot.

Merlins, the hunting bird of noblewomen during the Middle Ages, are shy and rare, and declining in numbers. Arkengarthdale has recently suffered the loss of *one* such bird, believed to have been resident in the Dale since 1976.

If any rambler should behold The Merlin, maybe they could call in on their CB and report its whereabouts and hopefully encourage its return.

**PLEASE!**

## THE RIVER WATCHDOG



It was in the mid-eighties that the sight of a Dipper bobbing up and down amidst the torrents and tumbling waters of our upland streams was feared to be in danger or becoming less common. The problem was that clouds of "acid rain" formed by emissions from the power stations of North Wales and the North West were being driven over the Pennines and Dales by the prevailing westerlies. This could have had a devastating effect on our rivers and one of our most common and fascinating water birds.

The Dipper, a close relative of the Song Thrush, and a local country name of "Water Ouzel" has a main diet of caddis fly and black fly larvae, and many fly nymphs. As most of its found is to be found on the river bed, the Dipper has evolved a unique method of feeding. It literally flies under the surface and locates its prey by means of a pair of very unusual translucent eyelids, that close upwards enabling the bird to see it's prey even when it's eyelids are closed. This movement of the eyelids can be seen on a sunny day, as the bird rests and bobs on a stone in the middle of a fast flowing river.

As the larvae hatch out in early spring, the Dipper starts to nest as early as February with many pairs having complete clutches by the end of March. The nest itself is a characteristic ball of moss and grass, well concealed under the roots or an over-hanging bank. Some nests are even built behind a

waterfall, so the parents have to fly through a curtain of falling water. Others may be located under bridges or culverts.

Happily Dippers seem to have successfully survived the threat of "acid rain" around Reeth, and can be seen nearly all year round on the fast flowing sections of both the Swale and the Arkle. In winter they often move away from their usual habitat in search of a wider variety of food, and can sometimes be seen in the beck in Arkengarthdale Road, for example. But since the Dipper stays mainly in it's breeding area during the winter months, they can be severely affected by freezing conditions but they have been recorded feeding under the ice providing some point of entry remains open.

Because Dippers have been shown to be good indicators of any pollution, it is therefore very important that every effort is made to improve river conditions.

David Perray Yorkshire Wildlife Trust.

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and the missing bacon and eggs ...

One night in June 1940 when some the men of the B.E.F. (British Expeditionary Force) were still on the beaches at Dunkirk, Roland Weighill and myself were listening to the 9-o'clock news in our house. The news was indeed very grim. After the news, Anthony Eden who was then at the War Office made an appeal for volunteers to defend their locality. The force was to be known as the Local Defence Volunteers. He asked all those able to bear and use arms to go to their local police station and offer their services. After he had finished his appeal Roland and myself decided to go next morning to the police station at Reeth and volunteer. We were the first to do so, and within a few days we told to report to the "Buck Hotel" where the landlord Major McLoughlin has received twelve old Canadian Ross rifles and the same number of uniforms. Roland and I were the first to receive a rifle and denim uniform with an arm band bearing the letters "L.D.V." a service gas mask, also a broad leather belt with brass buckle - which I still have and wear today.

To begin with there were not many of us, but we immediately began taking turns to do sentry duty in two wooden huts every night, one situated on Raw Moor Top, the other about half a mile beyond Grinton Lodge on the Leyburn Road. Grinton Lodge, then a shooting lodge, was full of men straight from the beaches of Dunkirk who had marched from Darlington Railway Station. We continued to do this until the end of October. When on duty one of us would stay awake carrying our loaded rifle. I remember we were told to particularly watch the sky for paratroops while the other one would try to get some sleep on the bare boards of the wooden hut. One night I was asleep on the floor when my mate awoke me to tell me something was creeping up on us. I rubbed

the sleep out of my eyes and we went to investigate. It turned out that in the light of dawn he had seen the reflection in some sheep's eyes. I was never very keen to duty with that particular chap, because when it came to my turn to lie down, he was always seeing parachutes dropping or Germans creeping up on him. We took our job seriously and I don't doubt he was a very conscientious century.

One memorable event, not long after we began took place at the Green Howard's Barracks in Richmond in July when we were inspected by the King and Queen. The Queen stopped in front of me, took a look and moved to Roland standing next to me, whose physical dimensions and stature were far more impressive. She asked him, "How long have you been able to shoot?" Roland replied, "For quite a long time Ma'am." She then asked, "Where did you learn?" When Roland hesitated, the officer escorting her replied, "He probably learnt at school." Then she passed on. To Roland and me it was all very exciting, because in those days before TV, and for many before radio, with a very discreet press the monarchy had an air of mystique.

We continued to do duty in the wooden huts well into October, but on two occasions in September we were put on full alert, which meant there was a suspected German invasion. At that time there were masses of barges and other craft assembled across the Channel.

The rifle, as Lawrence Barker described in the August issue, was long and awkward to shoulder and do parade drill with and especially with the long bayonet on the end. We soon got used to it and were able to use it. I'm sure in the early days when we did not have any military training, we would still have been of some account if we had been called upon, because we knew our locality inside out. That would be true of the half

million recruits who came into the L.D.V. in the first two weeks - all volunteers and able to use a firearm.

In October we did not take it quite so seriously when we moved to a more comfortable duty post at the Club Room - now the Memorial Hall. One night I was doing duty with Roland and between us we had a frying pan, several rashers of home cured bacon (half an inch thick) and a dozen eggs. There was an old paraffin stove, and the only thing we were interested in that night was the frying pan. If I remember correctly I had four eggs with my bacon and Roland had the rest, which again was proportionate to his physical dimensions. Roland and I did quite a few duties together, always with the frying pan. After the first duty we were joined by Sergeant Hatton, the local policeman, who shared in the spoils of our cooking. He said that he never did as well with anyone else, but we did have the benefit of living on a farm, and I don't think the other members of our respective households knew of undercover acquisitions of bacon and eggs. Although I do remember Roland saying he had heard his grandfather, Tom Brown, of Seal Houses, exclaim one day how fast the bacon was going, and my mother saying that the hens were not laying!

On one occasion, we as usual had to parade at the Club Room only to find it had been commandeered by the army for the purpose of providing entertainment for the soldiers stationed locally. The Home Guard, as we had become know, had a command structure in place and someone with pips or stripes told us to parade somewhere else. By my side was Harry Peacock. We pretended not to hear the order and went to the E.N.S.A. concert. Half-way through the concert Corporal Sunter and another chap came to arrest Harry and myself. We continued enjoying the concert sitting at the back of the Hall, and refused to be arrested. After the

concert had finished we were persuaded to be taken to the Commanding Officer where we were told to be present the following evening to be Court Martialled! Harry and I agreed in advance to say we had presented ourselves at the Club Room as usual and knew nothing of the order of the parade elsewhere (a little white lie.) Anyhow we were severely reprimanded. In a way I suppose we were under Military Law and had to take it seriously. I remember I did not like it. Perhaps I resented the pips and stripes and authority given to men who had not done duty in the wooden huts, who came into the Home Guard later on. I think there was compulsory recruiting later on.

Our training included manoeuvres and mock battles. One night Roland and myself, maybe later joined by Harry waited on the bridge over Grinton Beck, knowing some of our adversaries (not the mock enemy) were coming underneath. We were ready with a container of dirty water. The never did find out who or what soaked them. Another time we had some fire crackers, representing hand grenades that made aloud bang, which we used rather indiscriminately. Anything that would tease the pips and stripes that somehow we had come to resent - although we had a quiet respect for most of them. Particularly Harry Chapman and Jimmy Allison, who because of their First World War experience were able to give us some good advice. Anyhow we three rebels were teenagers and when by comparison with many of today's teenagers, our antics were relatively mild.

When Hitler took his Forces East and got embroidered with Russia, making the same mistake as Napoleon, by launching his attack too late to have any chance of defeating the Russian Army before the onset of the Russian winter. The threat of an invasion of this country had gone, and so had our interest in the Home Guard, which to me, had become

rather farcical and more and more like "Dads Army."

I got out of it by volunteering to do service in the Royal Observer Corp., urgently needing recruits to man a new post near Grinton. Our job was to identify, if possible, and plot every aircraft, visually or audibly, day and night, and feed the information back to Headquarters at York. Prior to the post being set up, there were quite a number of aircraft crashes in Swaledale, but these ceased when the post became operative.

However that's another story for any ex-members of the Royal Observer Corp., whose motto was "Forewarned is Forearmed."

*William Dinsdale*

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## COMMUNITY & POLICE

The Memorial Hall Reeth was packed for the recent long awaited meeting with the local Police, called by our County Councillor Dr. Bob King from Hawes at the request of the Parish Councils of Swaledale and Arkengarthdale following local concerns about the sudden increase in crime last winter.

The lengthy meeting, chaired by Dr. King had a wide representation from all the Parish Councils and communities within Swaledale and Arkengarthdale. Police Officers present were: Insp John Fowler - local area commander; A/Sgt. Keith Ruff - team leader at Leyburn; PC Mick Edwards - from the Traffic Section; Section Officer Robert Elphick and Special Constable Andrew Stones - Special Constabulary; plus the Swaledale Officer, PC Mark Raspbeary who was off duty.

### Speeding through villages and other traffic matters:

PC Mick Edwards detailed the problems and resources of the Traffic Department for the Dales area and in particular Swaledale. Speeding through the villages, particularly Fremington and Reeth is seen as a problem locally. Reeth, especially on Silver Street and Arkengarthdale Road. PC Edwards commented that when enforcement action is taken in respect to speeding over 75% of the offenders caught are local people and in some cases the speed is so excessive that a prosecution for dangerous driving is more appropriate. Coun. Raymond Alderson raised the topic of speed humps and gates. PC Edwards commented that they were effective for reducing speed at that particular location, but, in reality, drivers quickly sped away from them. Speed cameras were also discussed as a way to reduce speeding in local villages. Another problem particularly in the tourist season was the slow driver. The

driver who dithers along the narrow roads to admire the scenery oblivious to the fact that other drivers need to get to other places. This driver can often be the cause of an accident, and again, where appropriate, action will be taken. Staying on the subject of inconsideration, parking and obstruction was the next topic raised. Certain preventative action, taken by Reeth Parish Council last year has still to be actioned by County Highways. Again many visitors see a quite gateway, pull in, park, and go off for a walk oblivious to the fact that farmers and landowners need access to their land. Modern traffic and tourism will always be a contentious issue, and the police, whilst sympathetic to local concerns will take the appropriate action to ensure both the free passage of traffic, and the interests of road safety. Ian Wood raised the problem of large coaches and the problems they caused with some of the narrow bridges particularly in the Upper Dale, which is a problem that is currently being monitored.

### Local Area Policing.

Insp John Fowler, the local Area Commander, detailed the current Local Area Policing scheme introduced in 1995. Firstly he expressed appreciation to the fact that in a recent survey over 75% of the local people consulted were happy with the local policing, making his area the best in the Force. The establishment for the area had remained consistent but there will be no increase. The sheer size and sparse population created many problems, especially in respect of response times. Policing within the area is now 24hrs, with local officers, which differs to the previous traditional 16hrs. Following up from the information provided by the community they have had many successes with local operations to target the travelling criminal which is a major problem in this

area. The police are reliant on the eyes and ears of the local people, but they have to prioritise their response to numerous incidents. He confirmed that the Swaledale beat would not close or be withdrawn and that the officer would remain resident in the area. Appreciation was expressed by those present, and the local community, for the manner in which the current local officer, PC Mark Raspbeary undertakes his duties. Yet again he was at a meeting in his own off duty time. In detailing the current local policing scheme the meeting felt that whilst Insp Fowler gave his presentation very well, he was stating the current policing policy rather than listening to the needs of the local communities. The public still like to see a local officer patrolling his area and liaising with the community rather than just responding to incidents. Current police policy dictates that with stretched resources, the traditional "bobby on the beat" is fading into fiction such as "Heartbeat."

With many close knit communities in the Dale any crime becomes an epidemic, when according to official statistics crime is falling in the area. Many would argue that statistics can be manipulated and the current policy of recording crime has certainly altered. A number of residents from Arkengarthdale were concerned about the problems from the South West Durham area and Insp Fowler stressed that the problems of the travelling criminal are being targeted. He could not stress too highly the importance of local people reporting suspicious incidents immediately and emphasised that they should always Dial 999, in preference to trying to contact a local officer. Routine matters can still be reported to either Richmond or Leyburn and the routing of non urgent calls to the police is currently under review. When making a 999 call Insp Fowler pleaded that the caller should be precise and give as much information as to the location

as possible. There are several places with the same names within North Yorkshire.

### Special Constabulary;

Section Officer Elphick detailed the current role and the strength of the local Special Constabulary. "Local people who identify a problem and volunteer to do something positive." Local Specials are assisting the local Police in many more ways, but remain there to supplement, not to replace. The meeting brought up the subject of local people undertaking nightly patrols with Coun. Kendall suggesting a rota for which the probability would be once a year if all participated. No one wants vigilantes and in many ways the role of the Special Constabulary satisfies this need. They are properly trained, enjoy certain powers, and their numbers are increasing.

### Neighbourhood Watch:

A/Sgt. Keith Ruff detailed the role of the Neighbourhood Watch and that most communities within the Dale now operate the scheme. In a large rural area they are very much the eyes and ears of the police. Mike Beckwith of Muker, was concerned about the very poor response given to Neighbourhood Watch coordinators. Often information is passed but the result is rarely given. The meeting agreed that this "Gazette" was now the best way to pass information around the Dale and that the Neighbourhood Watch could make more use of the publication. A/Sgt. Ruff detailed the current "Ringmaster" scheme. With limited police resources the community need to be more positive about their own crime prevention. How many people with garages actually use them? This led to a discussion on surveillance cameras. With their increased use in urban areas, rural areas are seen as a soft option and many feel that cameras might be the only real way to redress the problem. Current crime prevention partnerships are looking into funding more schemes,

including a portable scheme which could be taken into any area where there might be a problem. However there are still administrative and legal problems with portable schemes.

#### Other matters:

Other matters discussed included the problem of communications which has been highlighted in recent Press reports by all emergency services. Even mobile phones still do not operate in this area. Gordon Lumley of Muker disputed the alleged reception problems for he has considerable knowledge on the topic. Insp Fowler conceded that the lack of financial resources was the fundamental problem and that the new police radio scheme should eventually resolve the problem. County Coun. Mike Childs suggested that use could be made of the new local radio station once it became operative. Security of any communication scheme must also be a consideration.

Throughout the meeting, admirably chaired by Dr. King there was plant of input and discussion from the floor. However, it was felt unfortunate that a more senior police officer did not consider the meeting appropriate to attend and that the Police were advising us of their problems and policies rather than listening to the needs of the community.

Dr. King suggested a follow up meeting, if canvassed through the Parish Councils. (North Yorkshire Police have recently published a "Special Newsletter" and seek your views on their Policing Plan. Please send your views to: David Bramhall, Clerk to the Police Authority, PO Box No. 48, Northallerton, DL7 8XA.)

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A new product recently developed to help cut crime and catch the criminal is the Dotty Bottle. The small bottle hold an acrylic lacquer containing thousands of microscopic plastic dots - each individually coded with your post code etc, - is permanently spread over car parts, or other valuable household items: TVs, videos, computers which directly links them to the owner. If the car or other item is stolen a simple microscope device can immediately identify the real owner. Each bottle contains the owners post code and unique number, logged at the manufacturers HQ permanently. Police are so convinced of its potential success that they are telling crooks what it does so they know what they are up against! - Stop and Search? - with a special microscope to hand. Champion!! The produce is considered so successful, Jaguar cars have been marking all its cars with for a year. If you require more information and wish to purchase this marvellous product please contact me and a bulk order will be sent so obtaining a quantity discount.

Information about other police matters and the liaison meeting are covered elsewhere in this issue.

I have received the resignation of Mr Neil Fraser, the local coordinator for Ivelet area who is due to shortly leave the district. Many thanks for his support and best wishes to him

for the future. Just a reminder, your local coordinators to whom queries can be made and from whom help should be sought and the £1 membership fee can be paid are as follow.

New volunteers welcomed:

**Muker:** Mike Beckwith - Breconside - 886307  
Peter Guy - High Row - 886350

**Thwaite:** Ian Danton - Kearton House - 886277

**Keld:** John Rukin - Park Lodge - 886274

**West Stonesdale:** Audrey Thornborrow - Gate House - 886405

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*Mike Beckwith*

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A hand-drawn map of the Wharfedale area, showing the Wharfe River and various gills (creeks). The map includes labels for 'Tan Hill', 'Arkle Beck', 'Low Fagger Gill', 'Punchard House', 'Seal Houses', 'Wharfe Lane End', 'Old Tollgate', 'Arkle B.', 'Langthorpe', 'Hungry Hushes', 'Wetshaw Head', 'Old shafts', 'Forefield Rake', 'Wharfe Moor', 'Danby Level', 'Wharfe Edge', 'Boundary stones', 'Grange Butte', 'Little Panchard Gill', 'Foxes Level', 'Agnes Level', 'Knot Hills', 'Great Panchard Gill', 'Kitchen Sink', 'Rough Level', 'Tongue End', 'Ford', 'Wharfe Moor', 'Wharfe Edge', 'Danby Level', 'Langthorpe', 'Hungry Hushes', 'Wetshaw Head', 'Old shafts', 'Forefield Rake'.

To begin with, our start point is quite exciting, for, at Whaw Lane End just above Whaw, is on the original turnpike, ie: toll road, from Richmond to Tan Hill long before railways were invented. Only a few yards back towards Langthwaite is one of the toll-gates, where you paid your toll, your contribution towards the cost of the upkeep. (There is another toll-gate similar to this one between Richmond and Reeth. It was cheaper and simpler to build in duplicate, of course, just like the railway stations on the old Wensleydale Railway, all with rather elegant stepped gable-ends. But the most remarkable duplicate of all must be the

So, now we know, and lets us be off. We follow the old packhorse road (still a bridleway, ie: for pony-riding or a horse and cart - not those new fangled mountain bikes!) and

The grand panorama of the Upper Dale slowly opens before us: the distant heathery fells of Punchard Moor, and to the right the magnificent sweep of Arkengarthdale, stretching far into the hazy darkness of Sleightholme (pronounced "Sleetum" by the way,) and beyond that again the seemingly endless moors of Stainmore ore Forest, for so long the natural boundary between England and Scotland. On the boundary, indeed, still stands the Cross of the Kings, where William the Conqueror and Malcolm Canmore, King

From here onwards we are in the Wild Heather country - that is, if we are here in the right season, August or September. We trot along towards the beautiful dark purple Knot Hills on the northern side of Punchard Moor. Suddenly the footpath dips down and we find

ourselves facing the wonderfully impressive Great Punchard Head, where the track is lost in a forest of bracken and heather mixed. Before you follow it down (rather blindly, I'm afraid) you will see at the top of the bank opposite an oblong white something. From here it is difficult to tell what it is. In fact, it is an old-fashioned kitchen sink. It marks the point on the track opposite where our footpath joins it, climbing up diagonally from the bottom of the Gill. So the sink is quite an important landmark!

Although now sadly out of repair this was once the turnpike that carried a considerable volume of horse-drawn traffic between Richmond and Tan Hill. At Tan Hill it crossed the ancient Drove Road and continued on down to Brough, where it joined the Roman Road, now the A66. The Drove Road at Tan Hill is now the Pennine Way northwards.

It is with a bit of a sign of relief that we find ourselves marching down Punchard Gill at last, safe and secure on the turnpike. This was the connecting link between the 16th-century leadmines of the Conyers family in Punchard Gill, the Agnes, the Fox, the Routh and the Stone Level and the all-important smelting mills (also owned by the Conyers) in faraway Clints, on the Markse Beck near Orgate. The first mill was smelting in 1589 (see Raistrick's "Smelting Mills" page 21 published in 1975 also sadly now out of print) and served all the mines of the Conyers family in the 16th century. As mining expanded the first mill proved inadequate for the demands made upon it, and a map of 1759 shows pictorially three mills, all on the east of Marske Beck below Orgate, and all with a chimney smoking furiously and a water mill at one side. A note on the map says, "Here Lead from Arkendale is smelted." A closing date for the mills has not been found, but it may have been as late as the completion of the Great Octagon Mill near

Langthwaite about 1803.

A glance at the map will give some idea of how laborious and painful the trek from the lead mines of Great Punchard Gill to the smelting mills at Orgate must have been; and the distance? Perhaps 12 miles? They would have come down to Langthwaite by the packhorse road (and later on the turnpike.) Here they crossed the Arkle Beck and continued by the becksides all the way to Storthwaite. Above Storthwaite Hall there was a pretty steep climb up to Fell End; yet it was a well engineered packhorse road all this way (and still is, though these days on the signposts described as a "BW" ie: bridle-way for a bit of pony-trekking - the section up to Fell End being perhaps a bit too arduous?)

The track then crosses the wild and rough Hurst Moor (a haunt of the will-o'-the-wisp in times gone by. It was a pale blue light caused by marsh gas or methane, and would appear on noses, hats, fingers and other extremities. Its appearance was uncanny and folk were frightened by it.) The road must have forded Holgate Beck, then up to Holgate and across Helwith Hall, over Munn End and down round Telfit, crossing from here over to Orgate on the east side of Marske Beck.

To return to Great Punchard Gill, we make our way down to Tongue End at the foot of it, from where there is a splendid view of Punchard, where the Conyers family lived in former times. It is now the home of George Harker who breeds very high quality Swaledales in the fields all around.

So we wind round the ancient turnpike homewards, in the steps of countless pack-pony trains, horses and carts, and heavy wagons - but never, praise be, a single motor-car!

*Major FTC Williams*

## REETH & DISTRICT SPORTS

The Bank Holiday rain did not drown the fun. Whilst the Fancy Dress entries were down the standard was high with Judging taking place in the Congregational Church Hall. The Sports still went ahead with many children having great fun racing in the rain. Some parents looked a little miserable though! Full results in our next issue.

A Disco is being considered in the near future.

The AGM for the Sports will be held in the Memorial Hall at 8pm on Monday 9th September. It is vital for the future of the Sports that as many as possible attend to discuss the 1997 Sports - for it would be a pity for this popular and now traditional event to fade away through lack of interest, especially as we are very near our Diamond Jubilee! Please come.

## AUSTRALIAN TV

Channel 9 Television from Australia will be filming a live Breakfast programme for Australian TV from Reeth on Wednesday 30th October. A number of local people and Reeth Brass Band will be involved in the filming. The programme theme will centre on community life and farming, not necessarily tourism. They are wanting the Green to be as natural as possible for the time of year and request that the area is relatively clear of cars. The problem will be the bonfire which they do not wish to have included in any filming. There will be considerable long term benefit to many people and your cooperation will be very much appreciated. A copy of the unedited film - especially the "bloomers!" - has been promised to use as a fund raising event for the Memorial Hall. The film crew will be visiting Reeth in Mid-September to finalise details. Full details next month.

## THANKS

Willy McCleary wishes to convey his thanks to all who helped in anyway with the recent street party, especially the Buck Hotel for raising the money.

## SPONSORED PRAM RACE

The Pram Race from Reeth to Grinton and return has been rescheduled for 3pm on Sunday 29th September. The same rules and details apply. Hopefully there will be plenty of entries. Details from Willy McCleary Tel' 884428.



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A new uniform: Band members are about to be measured for new uniforms, the colour and style of which were decided after a recent display in Muker Public Hall. Like the recordings the uniforms will be in production over the coming winter, and will be worn for the first time at Easter 1997.

A History of the Band: The Band's conductor, Duncan Bythell, who is a professional

historian, has been researching and writing the Band's history, and the complete text is now ready for the printers. The resulting booklet of about 40 pages will include photographs of the Band from the early 1900s to the present day, and will provide a definitive history of a typical Dales village Band over the last hundred years. Publication is planned to coincide with the launch of the new recording, at Easter 1997. "D-Day:" is scheduled for FRIDAY 4th APRIL, 1997, when the recording, the uniform, and the history will be launched simultaneously at a special concert in Muker Public Hall. This will mark the start of a programme of Centenary Celebrations which will run throughout the summer months of 1997. Full details of the planned events will be announced early in the New Year.

Watch this space!

*Duncan Bythell*

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## LETTERS

### REETH AT WAR:

One may wonder why a teenager soldier should want to return to the 1943 Battle School of Reeth which I attended in the bad winter of '43 and stationed in the Old Schoolroom, now the Museum. The Recce Regiment was stationed at Catterick and the six weeks battle and assault course was at Reeth and its surrounding areas.

As I said before what can possess someone to return to the scene of such trials and tribulations and indeed for some lot of suffering, marching, crawling in snow, being fired at up on those hills, wading the swollen river. We didn't get much time to socialise, partly because of the lack of money, partly because we were exhausted, but at our age I suppose it was a great adventure. We never thought of what the eventual conclusion might be when a war was on. We all seemed determined to survive the course, even if some of us didn't survive the war. One of the bonuses was the people of Reeth who were so kind and thoughtful, their privacy invaded by hordes of khaki clad youths parading everyday on the hallowed village green. Yet they mothered and smothered us with kindness, never a complaint. Two buses a day out of the village which was a security area was, it seemed their only break from the army influence which was their lives every day.

The Officers Mess was in the Burgoyne and as far as I recall the dining room was behind the Half Moon. There was a little tea-room at the top of the hill. The Laurels Hotel or house was the name where we could relax on a Sunday which was our only day off. A lady used to sell us home-made fruit loaf during our breaks on the Village Green. I think she was in the Kings Head Hotel and it was 2 or 3d a piece. She used to bring it out to us. We slept on the floor in the Old Schoolroom with

straw filled palliasses and bolsters and four heavy blankets. There was a huge fire place at one end which kept us warm that cold winter in '43/'44. I say slept, but some nights we were taken 50 or 60 miles across country and had to find our way back in the dark with maps. If we were caught on a road we were sent back to the last point.

We really did get lost once, somewhere around Hawes and on knocking at a farmhouse about 11pm the owners made us tea and redirected us. We didn't mention this at the time or we would have been shot at dawn. The ladies of Reeth were up and about early those days and were giving us tea when we came staggering in around 6am with the promise of a hearty breakfast, which incidentally we never got. We had to use our own rations, but no complaints we survived thanks to Reeth and its residents.

We were virtually scattered to the winds after returning to Catterick. Most of us about 18/19 years old were kidded into believing we would be leading the Victory Parade in Berlin but what they didn't tell us was that we would have to fight our way there, which indeed a lot of us did.

I know there are still a number of people still in Reeth now who were living there during the War, although I have only spoken to two. One lived, or maybe still does live in a cottage near the Museum, the a Mrs Cherry who also knows of the War years in and around Reeth.

Yes we were stationed in many places in the UK, but none so hospitable as the folks of Reeth and its surrounding area. It took me a long time to return and have a look around and I am pleased I made the effort some 10 years or so ago, because I have stayed in the village often these last few years and not a lot has changed. A few less shops and pubs maybe but the canny folk of Reeth are still about to welcome all and sundry who pass



through. I hope to be able to visit Reeth for a long time to come as I did 53 years ago, although that was at His Majesty's expense, and it certainly was no holiday! Keep up the good work in the Museum, we might see some more RECCE photographs one day although 53 years on is a bit much to expect, although funnier things have happened.

I often wondered where the rest of the Battle School were billeted, apart from the staff, there were only about 10 or 15 of us in the Schoolroom, now the Museum.

Allan Blackburn (Gateshead)

Trooper Recce Regiment 1943/44; Yorkshire Hussars 1944; 7th Batt. Royal Tank Regiment 1944/47.

## ECOLOGICALLY SOUND

With reference to the short piece on the shooting season in August's Gazette, I confess to being one of those people who "do not understand." Having looked up several dictionary definitions of the word 'ecology,' I have come to the conclusion that it has something to do with a living creature's natural relationships with its environment. Nowhere do I find it defined as "breeding for the purpose of killing, in the name of sport, at a later date."

Should this definition be added to the Oxford English Dictionary, perhaps "ecologically sound" will be then defined as "shooting of defenceless creatures, profitably."

Margaret Lowndes

Langthwaite & High Wycombe

## MISPRINT?

Readers of the reportage in the "Reeth Gazette" may conjecture life in Swaledale to be both hazardous to the health, yet at the same time, rather exciting. In the July issue it was reported that (quote) "A plague had been unveiled in Healaugh Square." Most irresponsible I would have thought; I hope

that Dr. Bond has been informed.

In the August issue we discover that Reeth now possess a bust shelter. How uplifting - and certainly worth our support.

I await the September issue with a tingle of excitement

Rod Hall Reeth

(Editors note: Has anyone found the "U" missing from "Tranquillity" in the August issue? - perhaps there is a thief about!)

## LITTER

I think that most people who read this "Gazette" will agree with me that we live in a very beautiful part of the country. It puzzles me, therefore, why so much litter is left on the Green and along various footpaths round about. No wonder farmers complain!

Whilst walking up and down the Arkengarthdale road one evening I was appalled by the number of cans and cigarette packets, etc, presumably thrown out of car windows. Perhaps all of visitors and residents alike could make a special effort to keep this part of the country unspoilt.

Joyce Greenleyside Reeth

## DALESBUS

I wonder if I can ask for more help. We have set up a Dalesbus suers group. At the moment most of its members are West Yorkshire based but we would like members from the Dales. There is no formal membership or membership fee at present. We would like to here views, opinions and suggestions from the "Reeth Gazette's" readership about Dale bus services.

The contact is: Mr H Handley, 3 Shaw Villas, Queensway, Guiseley, LS20 9GJ. Tel 01948 879538

We will be meeting some of the bus companies soon and one of the things I will try and do is persuade them to pay for an ad

in your magazine.

Someone in the group with better proof reading skills than I have found several errors in the Gunnerside timetable, but the other timetables sent were OK. It might be as well to alert readers to check Gunnerside times. As I mentioned last time it will be better next year. I have had to learn a lot of things quickly at a time when I had many other things to contend with.

Nevertheless I appreciate that sending inaccurate timetables is extremely unhelpful and again I apologise. I promise next years will be properly proof read.

Ray Wilkes Shipley

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.

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## WHEN TIME STANDS STILL

Hints & Tips for clock owners.

"My clock was going fine until we moved it to decorate the lounge; now it won't go again."

Just one of the many comments that I hear on the telephone from anxious clock owners wondering if their pride and joy.

Sometimes their cause for anxiety is justified, but occasionally, their problem can very easily be solved.

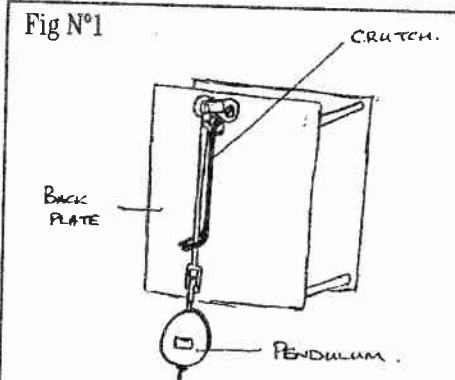
For a pendulum clock to run properly it must be "in beat." This means that the "tic-toc" of the clock sounds exactly equal. It is "out of beat" when the "tic-toc" sounds uneven with, for example, the "tic" being longer than the "toc."

Easy to hear and detect, but not easy to describe!

So how can a clock that has been going perfectly well for a considerable period, suddenly go out of beat?

One of the usual causes is that the clock has been moved with the pendulum still attached. This is what had happened in the case cited above and was easily remedied. In fact, if the owner had understood the problem, she could have put the matter right herself.

Her clock was a prewar Westminster chiming mantel clock, fitted with a friction crutch (fig. 1). By understanding the problem and



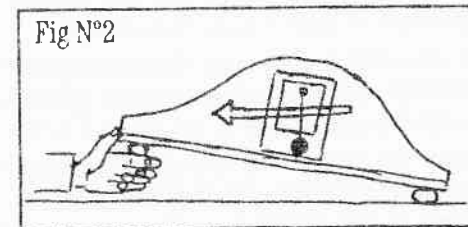
Rear view of clock movement (simplified)

following this simple procedure the clock could have been put back "in beat" very quickly.

- Put the clock on a level surface and gently set the pendulum swinging.

- If it is out of beat, i.e. the "tic-toc" is uneven, gently lift one side of the case a little and listen for the difference. Put it down and then lift the other side and listen again to the sound of the "tic-toc". Listen carefully to find out whether this makes it sound better or worse.

- When you have found the side which needs to be lifted to make the clock tick evenly, put the clock down and move the crutch (fig. 1) a little towards the side which was lifted (fig. 2). Don't move the crutch too



much - the minutest amount at a time is all that is usually required.

- Re-start the clock and see if it is "in beat." If it is, your worries are over. If not, adjust the crutch once more until an even "tic-toc" is produce.

The above procedure is the same for any type of mantel clock fitted with a pendulum, although not all are fitted with a friction crutch. In this type of clock, gently bend the crutch until the clock is "in beat."

Pendulum wall clocks can be adjusted by a similar procedure although some are fitted with screw threaded beat adjusters which can make the job a lot easier. Final adjustment of a wall clock can be made by moving the bottom of the case very slightly to one side.

Many modern clocks have automatic beat adjustment fitted.

So remember, if a clock is to be moved and it is fitted with a pendulum, remove the pendulum before moving it.

Finally, of after carrying out the above procedure, your clock will still not go, then the problem is a little more complex and you should call in your local clock repairer.

*Ian Whitworth* Clock Works, Arkengarthdale  
Tel: 01748 884203

### APOLOGY

We would like to apologies to Dave Salvin of Downholme for omitting a piece he requested for last months issue, concerning a sponsored walk he organised in aid of a fund raising for an electric wheelchair for a local girl. The aimed at sum is \$2.400, if anybody would like to make a contribution (belatedly) to the fund, then please contact Dave Salvin on 01748 825463 or The Bolton Arms Downholme on 01748 823716

### Bishop of Ripon

The Bishop of Ripon will be celebrate and preach at the 11am Sunday service at St. Mary's Church Arkengarthdale on September the 8th. All members of the district and community of all denominations are very welcome to attend.

### THANK YOU

Warmest thanks are extended by Nicola & Philip Alderson to everybody who supported them on the day of their recent marriage.

**Tony Sunter**  
Dry Stone Walling  
Telephone 01748 884624  
after 6pm

## SWALEDALE SCOUT GROUP NEWS

The new Swaledale Beaver Scout Colony, continued it's celebration of the 10th Anniversary of Beaver Scouts with a barbecue at Arkle Town. The Beaver Scouts invited other members of the Group to enjoy games and the barbecue, cooked by the Scouts. There was even a special "Birthday Cake." Guests included the Assistant County Commissioner for Beaver Scouts, Miss Pat Stainsby, Richmondshire District Commissioner John Powis and Assistant District Commissioner for Beaver Scouts Lynda Dickenson.

The Cub Scouts ended the Summer Term with a trip to Richmond Swimming Pool where a number were successful in gaining their Swimmers Badges, Thanks to Mrs Stocks for organising the trip. They also had a camp at the end of August.

Members of the Scout Troop attended the North Yorkshire County Scout Camp "CAPER '96" at Pateley Bridge. Martin Birks and Jemima Stubbs gained their Scout Awards during the Camp. Kate and Caroline Allison won first place out of over 300 other Scouts in the "Ripon Trial" competition (see Jemima's report following).

The Scouts are going to the Richmondshire District "Activate Weekend" at Kipling Hall in September and the Cub Scouts will also being going to a Cub Day at the same event. The Beaver Scouts continue with their "Lets Party" year by attending the North Yorkshire Beaver Party, in Thirsk, at the end of September.

Meetings for Beaver Scouts, Cub Scouts and Scouts resume at Reeth School on Monday 9th September. For further information of the Swaledale Scout Group please contact Richard Good Tel: 884353.

As part of a Special "Golden Promotion" the Group will be taking orders for Spring Bulbs.

There are two packs available: (1) 75 Daffodil Bulbs or (2) 50 Dwarf bulbs to include: Crocus; Tulip; Snowdrop; Iris and Daffodil - both packs are \$5 each. This is a great way to bring some early colour to your gardens next spring and to help your local Scout Group raise funds. Details and order forms from Reeth Post Office or Tel: 884353. All orders must be received by 30th September for delivery in October. Cash with order please.

### JUNIOR SECTION

Recently, a small patrol from Swaledale Scout Group went to "Caper" camp at Pateley Bridge.

We had a week of fun, doing various activities including: ice skating; pony riding; orienteering, canoeing, wind surfing, gorge walking, mountain biking and more. We played several sports including uni-hoc, volley ball, football, basketball, etc. Coach trips included the Museum of Film and Photography at Bradford and the Royal Armoury at Leeds. Some Scouts managed to earn badges whilst we were there and we all had to use our skills learned through our cooking badges as we had to prepare and cook all our meal!

It was exciting and every day was different and apart from being saddle sore, having blisters, getting soaked and being exhausted I actually had a fantastic time!

*Jemima Stubbs* Langthwaite

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# PARISH COUNCILS

## MUKER

Following on from the June meeting Coun Porter wished it noted that regarding access past Ivelet Farmhouse he had not indicated that a garden had been created, simply that access had been restricted by stones placed on the verge near the garden.

**National Park:** David Sykes, Area Manager YDNP gave an overview of his role and the Schemes he was presently involved in. These included the rotation of routes on Nine Standards Rigg and the beneficial effect to these paths: the 100% Grant funding for the Church Snicket; repairs to the river bank below confluence with Strawbeck and the intention to plant woodland to stabilise the bank; consideration being given erecting a Pennine Way sign at Thwaite and the location of an information board; the feasibility of erecting a directional sign for the ford at Rampsholme; the YDNP's intention to count the number of people using various paths and to look at improving the surface of these paths; repair work near Rampsholme to prevent losing a well used right of way. Mr Sykes said he was looking for feedback and the involvement of the Parish Council. If the Park was successful in its Millennium funding this would be used to improve paths. Coun. Reynoldson said that he thought the National Park wasted a lot of money and didn't agree with wasting Lottery money. He was concerned at the reduction in numbers of birds, fish and flowers locally and agreed to discuss his theories with Mr Sykes at a later date. Coun. Porter said he had observed, on a recent visit to Grasmere, that they had successfully tarmaced the footpaths in the area. He thought they looked neat and tidy and didn't interfere with machinery as did the YDNP's preferred option of flagging paths. Mr Sykes requested to be invited to meetings annually.

**Ashtrod Path, Keld:** the stop tap had been repositioned against the wall but the path needed more surface material to reduce the slope of the path.

**Keld War Memorial:** the YDNP has resolved to offer 50% of the total eligible works towards the costs of restoring this Memorial and are prepared to accept Green's quotations.

**Church Snicket:** David Sykes advised that he had secured grant funding of 100% under the Community Initiatives Scheme and asked the Clerk to secure quotes for repair to the retaining wall and erection of a handrail at the South View end of the path. Once the path was finally designated on the Definitive Map the YDNP would then programme and undertake any general maintenance required. Quotes are to be sought from local builders.

**Beehive Bin, Thwaite:** the Clerk was asked to write again requesting removal.

**Audit:** this had been satisfactorily completed.

**Planning:** Ravensghyll, Muker - there apparently had been some misunderstanding over the Parish Council's intentions. The Parish Council set out to help Mrs Whitehead achieve easing of the restriction on the property and that was the successful result.

**Planning Matters:** various Minutes of YDNP Meetings were received. Notice of decision: full planning permission for change of use from residential to estate office at Salt Pie Cottage, Ivelet was granted. The use hereby permitted shall cease on or before 31 Dec. 1997.

**Bench Seat, The Green, Muker:** the seat is broken and estimates for repair are being sought.

**NYCC:** a newsletter was read with interest, also the information about members of the

Council. Coun. Porter said that he objected to a recent comment by County Coun. Dr. King about restricting coaches in the Dale and his reference to "pack horse bridges."

All members agreed that they were against restrictions on coaches which were essential to local business's and other visitors to Swaledale. Coun. Porter also said he agreed with a recent letter in the Press from Mr Beckwith about vegetation encroaching the highway. It is time the Highway authority paid more attention to the roads in the Dale. The PC have been pressing for road improvements in the Upper Dale for a number of years.

The next meeting will be held in Muker Institute at 7.30pm on Tues 24th Sept.

## ITEMS COMMON TO ALL PCs.

Yorkshire Local Councils Association - Minutes of Meetings and Annual Report and Accounts have been received.

Transfer of Highways Bedale Area Office - to County Hall Northallerton.

Police Meeting - see feature.

Library changes - see feature

**National Park - the Swaledale Parish Council** representative on the new Committee has been confirmed as Harold Brown from Grinton. James Kendall will continue to represent Richmondshire DC. Other new members of note include Alec Dinsdale,

(Hawes), John Blackie from Hawes rep Richmondshire DC. Dr. Peter Annison (Askrigg) nominated and, Coun Coun. Dr. Robert King.

## MELBECKS

**Tree Planting:** grant aid has been applied towards a tree planting scheme in Gunnerside Ghyll and it is hoped that work can commence in October.

**Car Park:** the PC are trying to identify land at Gunnerside for a badly needed Car Park.

**Timetable Case:** after a site meeting, in the interests of safety, environmental services

dept. are to be asked to move the newly erected bus time-table case to the opposite parapet on Gunnerside Bridge.

**Low Row Institute:** to assist with the current refurbishment plans the Council agreed to act as banker.

**Millennium:** an update on the current Millennium bids was noted and as some of the larger proposals seem to have been dropped separate applications to other funds were being made.

**Planning:** there were no objections to an application for conservation area consent to demolish a barn in location at Birk Park, Healaugh.

**Kerbing:** following a site meeting with Highways at Broeca Bank, Low Row it was considered that the recent kerbing had not narrowed the carriageway. However the situation is still not satisfactory and further problems are anticipated.

**Resignation:** after serving for over 30 years Coun Norman Rutter of Gunnerside is mowing out of the area and his resignation was accepted with great regret. The Council wishes he and his wife happiness in their new home and thanks him for his service over the years. Richmondshire DC have been notified of the casual vacancy.

The next Meeting is Wednesday 2nd in Low Row Institute.

## REETH

The meeting was too late for inclusion in this issue but the Judges report on the recent "Dalesman" Magazine and YCLA Best Kept Village Competition is included elsewhere in this issue. (Reeth Parish was one of the few to enter its villages in this particular competition. The results of the Richmondshire Best Kept Village Competition are still awaited.)

# **BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION REPORT OF JUDGING**

Organised by the  
YORKSHIRE RURAL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

JULY 1996

## **OTHER ENTRANTS**

### **FREMLINGTON**

In this hamlet, the main road verges had only been partly trimmed and the area around the notice board was untidy. The two seats required restoration and rubbish removal.

The chapel hall was tidy but the garden needed extra effort.

The bridge area was free of rubbish with the river clean.

The garage was rather primitive and was assumed to be catering largely for the farming community.

The village requires additional community effort. With this, certain improvement will be seen.

### **HEALAUGH**

The hamlet of Healaugh was a new entry to the competition. It is in the process of being 'improved' with several of its ancient buildings undergoing restoration and conversion.

The small village green was tidy and recently mown. The central cobbled square with the village notice board and two stone troughs was attractive. An adjacent house had a delightful garden and flowing stream which fed the stone troughs.

The village had a tiny post office and an extremely well maintained phone box with carpet and fresh flowers. There was an attractive guest house. The working farms, at either end of the village, were tidy.

The verges had not been attended to and detracted from the village's compact, ancient appearance. The newly applied red paint on barn doors was judged to be rather jarring.

The judges were convinced that the village, with its natural stone attractions and compact size, could progress further next time.

### **REETH**

The village was visited on a warm, sunny day in clear, ideal weather conditions. Reeth's open square layout and the superb views from Quaker Lane and from the school clearly impressed the judges.

There was some litter in the cobbled surrounds to the square but there were many visitors and the area was being used as an open air Café and beer garden.

The shops, bank, post office, inns and hotels around the square and adjacent greens were well presented and welcoming. The judges noted the upside down 'Black Bull' sign but this will no doubt be reversed when the local dispute ends.

In addition to the benches and tables put out on the cobbles there were numerous seats dotted around the village. Some of these were in need of refurbishment.

The school building was excellent, with impressive views over the river valley. The Quaker Lane children's play area had been attractively carried out with imaginative equipment and soft landing surfaces. However there were untrimmed areas and some debris left by the installers of this equipment.

The church and churchyard were tidy and maintenance was taking place in this disused churchyard. The Methodist Chapel had recently installed flower boxes which improved the exterior.

Two local farms were rather an eyesore and the judges suggested that, in both cases, screening could have disguised equipment and building debris. The local garage, in contrast, was well presented.

The village hall was rather sombre with faded paintwork and in need of an upgrade. The new memorial on the green was well kept. Public lavatories were satisfactory.

The village greens were well tended but the judges were not complimentary towards the car parking signs which were thought to be of the wrong colour with amateurish signwriting. The tourist information board at the bus shelter site was clear, but the information board in the clean, well used bus shelter was untidy, and there were no Best Kept Village Competition posters.

There was an untidy area at the entrance to the village and there was quite a lot of weed. Also, some verges were uncut.

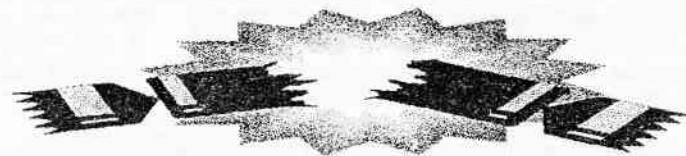
The judges thought that with a little more attention to detail the village could have been amongst the finalists. Private gardens were extremely good throughout and a little concerted community effort could have tidied up the bleak spots. A good effort nevertheless.



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## in ARKENGARTHDALE and SWALEDALE

### 1st September

9.30am St Mary's Muker  
 10.30am Reeth Methodist  
 Low Row URC  
 Gunnerside Methodist  
 11.00am Holy Trinity Low Row  
 Reeth Congregational  
 2.00pm Low Row Methodist  
 6.00pm Reeth Methodist  
 6.00pm St Andrew's Grinton  
 6.30pm Muker Methodist  
 Reeth Congregational  
 7.00pm Hurst Methodist

### 8th September

9.30am St Andrew's Grinton  
 10.30am Reeth Methodist  
 Low Row URC  
 Muker Methodist  
 11.00am St Mary's Arken'dale  
 Reeth Congregational  
 2.00pm Keld Methodist  
 4.00pm St Mary's Muker  
 6.30pm Arken'dale Methodist  
 Marske Methodist  
 Gunnerside Methodist  
 Reeth Congregational

### 29th September

10.30am Reeth Methodist  
 Low Row URC  
 St Mary's Muker  
 11.00am Reeth Congregational  
 2.00pm Low Row Methodist  
 6.30pm Muker Methodist

### 15th September

9.30am St Mary's Muker  
 10.30am St Andrew's Grinton  
 Reeth Methodist  
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 Gunnerside Methodist  
 Muker Methodist  
 Reeth Congregational

### 22nd September

8.00am Holy Trinity Low Row  
 9.30am St Andrew's Grinton  
 10.30am Reeth Methodist  
 Low Row URC  
 11.00am St Mary's Arken'dale  
 Reeth Congregational  
 2.00pm Arken'dale Methodist  
 Low Row Methodist  
 Keld Methodist  
 Keld URC  
 6.30pm Marske Methodist  
 Gunnerside Methodist  
 Muker Methodist  
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6.30pm Gunnerside Methodist  
 Marske Methodist  
 Reeth Congregational  
 7.00pm Hurst Methodist

## CHANGES TO MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICES

The new three weekly service will be introduced from Monday 30th September.

In order to make the changeover as smooth as possible there will be NO MOBILE LIBRARY Service during the period 23rd to 27th September.

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 Langthwaite 1.15 to 1.35  
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 Eskeleth 1.50 to 1.55  
 High Eskeleth 2.00 to 2.05  
 High Seal Houses 2.10 to 2.20  
 C.B. Yard 2.50 to 3.10  
 Whaw 3.15 to 3.30

#### WEDNESDAYS from 16th October and every three weeks:

Weststonesdale 10.30 to 10.45  
 Hill Top Farm 10.55 to 11.00  
 Hogarth's Farm 11.05 to 11.10  
 Bridge End 11.15 to 11.20  
 Catrake Cottage 11.30 to 11.45  
 Keld Village 11.50 to 12.05  
 Keld Y.H.A. 12.10 to 12.35  
 Thwaite 1.15 to 1.30  
 Shunner Fell 1.35 to 1.40  
 Muker 1.45 to 2.30  
 Satron 2.40 to 2.45  
 Spring End 2.50 to 3.00  
 Banks Head West 3.15 to 3.20

The Gables 3.30 to 3.35

#### THURSDAYS from October 10th and every three weeks:

Healaugh Post Office 9.45 to 10.00  
 Healaugh Square 10.05 to 10.20  
 Strands 10.45 to 10.55  
 Gunnerside, Old School House 11.00 to 11.30  
 Gunnerside, The Bridge 11.35 to 12.35  
 Dyke Heads 1.10 to 1.20  
 Gunnerside Lodge 1.25 to 1.30  
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 Ivelet 1.55 to 2.00  
 Low Row, The Manse 2.15 to 2.25  
 Low Row, Durham House 2.40 to 2.55  
 Low Row Post Office 3.00 to 3.10  
 Feetham 3.15 to 3.20  
 Wood End 3.25 to 3.35  
 Whita Bridge 3.40 to 3.45  
 Harkerside Place Farm 3.50 to 4.00  
 Swale Hall 4.05 to 4.10

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# DIARY DATES

## September

2 Dales Ladies - "A little bit of this and that" by Bill Sellars - Reeth Memorial Hall

- Illustrated Talk - "Up and Over Calva Hill" by Major FTC Williams - 8pm  
Fremington Sunday School. Admission £1.50 Adults; Children 50p

### 4 MUKER SHOW

- Guided Walk - Up and Over Calva Hill with Major FTC Williams - meet outside the Burgoyne Hotel at 11am.

5 Memorial Hall Meeting 7.30pm

6 Coffee Morning, Bric-a-brac, and Home Produce - Reeth Methodist Schoolroom from 10am - in aid of Hurst Chapel Restoration.

8 Hardraw Scar Brass Band Contest - please go along and support our local Bands

- Harvest Festivals at Arkengarthdale and Markse Methodist Churches 6.30pm

9 Reeth & District Sports AGM - Memorial Hall 8pm

- Illustrated Talk - last in the 1996 series! - "Winter Wonderland in the Dale" by Marjorie Daniels - 8pm Fremington Sunday School. Admission £1.50 Adults Children 50p.

- Swaledale Scout Group (Beavers Cubs & Scouts) meetings resume

- Arkengarthdale Sports Association committee meeting 7.30pm

10 Arkengarthdale Jubilee Club: Mrs. Harker Will give a talk on Quilling  
**Competition:** An interesting Pen

11 Enrolment Evening for Community Education Course (see feature) between 6 and 8pm - Reeth Methodist Schoolroom

14 Festival of Harvest Fruits and Flowers - Holy Trinity Church, Low Row. Open to visitors from 10am to 6pm

15 Festival of Harvest Fruits and Flowers - Holy Trinity Church, Low Row. There will be a celebration of Eucharist for Harvest Festival with the Swaledale Parish Choir at 11am and the Church will remain open until 6pm for the floral display.

- Harvest Festivals: Reeth Methodist Church 10.30am and 6pm

- St Mary's Arkengarthdale 6.30pm

- Muker Methodist Church 6.30pm

- Hurst Methodist Church 7pm

### 16 Grinton PC Meeting

- Harvest Supper - Reeth Methodist Church

20 Reeth & District Gazette AGM - Reeth Memorial Hall 7.30pm

22 Harvest Festivals: St Andrews Church Grinton 9.30am

- Gunnerside Methodist Church 6.30pm

23 Harvest Supper - Fremington Sunday School

- Reeth PC - 7pm - Memorial Hall

24 Muker PC Meeting - 7.30pm - Muker Institute

29 Sponsored Pram Race - Reeth to Grinton and return - details Tel: 884428

- Harvest Festivals: Keld URC 2pm and 6.30pm

30 Swaledale Festival AGM - Fremington Sunday School at 7.30pm

- NYCC Changes to Mobile Library commence - see feature.

## October

2 Melbecks PC Meeting - 7.30pm Low Row Institute

4 World's Biggest Coffee Morning - for Macmillan Nurses - Reeth Methodist Schoolroom from 10am

7 Dales Ladies - Open Evening featuring "Jambo Africa" by Mrs Chris Marsden  
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