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7th June

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- 10.30am Gunnerside Methodist
Family Service
- Reeth Methodist
- 11.00am Holy Trinity Low Row
United Eucharist
- Reeth Congregational
- St Edmund's Marske
Holy Eucharist
- 2.00pm Keld URC *Family Festival*
- 2.30pm Arkengarthdale Methodist
Holy Communion
- Low Row Methodist
- 6.30pm Keld URC *Family Festival*
- Muker Methodist
- Reeth Congregational
- Reeth Methodist

21st June

- 9.30am St Mary's Muker *Eucharist*
- 10.30am St Andrew's Grinton
Family Service/Communion
- Reeth Methodist
- Low Row URC
- 11.00am Holy Trinity Low Row
Eucharist Rite A
- Reeth Congregational
- St Edmund's Marske
Holy Eucharist
- 2.00pm Keld Methodist
Sunday School Anniversary
- 2.30pm Arkengarthdale Methodist
- Low Row Methodist
- 6.30pm St Mary's Arkengarthdale
Holy Communion BCP
- Gunnerside Methodist
Holy Communion
- Keld Methodist
Sunday School Anniversary
- Marske Methodist
- Muker Methodist
- Reeth Congregational
- Reeth Methodist

14th June

- 9.00am Keld URC
- 9.30am St Andrew's Grinton *Eucharist*
- St Michael's Downholme
Holy Eucharist Rite B
- 10.30am Low Row URC
- Reeth Methodist
- 11.00am St Mary's Arkengarthdale
Holy Communion BCP
- Reeth Congregational
- St Edmund's Marske
Morning Prayer
- 2.00pm Keld Methodist
- 2.30pm Gunnerside Methodist
- Low Row Methodist
- 4.00pm St Mary's Muker
Communion & Sunday School
- 6.30pm Marske Methodist
- Muker Methodist
- Reeth Congregational
- Reeth Methodist

28th June

- 8.00am Holy Trinity Low Row
Holy Communion BCP
- 9.30am St Michael's Downholme
Holy Eucharist Rite B
- St Andrew's Grinton *Eucharist*
- 10.30am Reeth Methodist
Sunday School Anniversary
- Low Row URC
- 11.00am Reeth Congregational
- St Edmund's Marske
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THE ALTERNATIVE



Friday June 26th
No experts Prizes for best & worst
Also Beer Card Draw Night!

H.R.H. The Prince of Wales Dropped in on Sunny MUKER.

Friday the 15th May dawned sunny and bright for the long awaited visit of H.R.H. Prince Charles to Muker, the most picturesque of dales villages. His crimson helicopter approached from the east, took a turn around Kisdon hill and settled in the valley of the Swale just above Rampsholme footbridge. Prince Charles, accompanied by Sir Marcus Worsley, were met by the new Chief Executive of the Yorkshire Dales National Park, Mrs Heather Hancock, who was delighted to welcomed the Prince and party to our corner of the National Park. The Prince and party were escorted to and over Rampsholme footbridge where the Prince paused to take in the views, both up and down river. Here his Highness was introduced to Mr. David Sykes of the National Park, Mr. William Raw and Mr. Norman Hunter, local landowners and farmers. A few moments were taken to explain the recent river bank reclamation work, necessary to protect the natural hay meadows from the destructive power of the river Swale in flood and to repair damage caused by the recent flooding. The Prince, with crook to hand, trod the newly flagged footpath through the seven

meadows and greeted surprised holiday makers with a bright Cheerio and Good Day. Many, after doing a double take realized just who it was they were speaking to and whilst some were shy, a lot will have warm recollections of a man who had time to talk, asked searching questions and also listened to their answers. A stone barn in one of the meadows, belonging to John & Alan Kilburn, the 250th to be restored under the Parks, Barns & Walls conservation scheme, was next on the Prince's schedule. Mr. John Kilburn, his wife Joyce, daughter Deborah and niece Joanne, after introduction, led the Prince along to see the work in hand. Mr Graham Darlington of the National Park explained the benefit of the scheme in maintaining the unique picturesque nature of these small individual field barns. Donning a green hard hat, the Prince shinned up a ladder to the top of the scaffolding to meet the men and lads of Messrs. Geo. E. Brown & Son, Builders. Mason Mr. Alan Kilburn, brother of John, introduced Mr Dave Alderson and they jointly gave a description of the repairs underway. Mr. Andrew Brown, representing the builders kept a close eye to the safety of the Prince. From here the Prince strolled slowly up through the Show Field to received a welcome to the Parish from Mr. Ernest Whitehead, Chairman of the Parish Council, and

his wife Doreen. A ripple of applause and a few cheers met the Prince as he approached this gateway to the village. The crowd about forty strong was made up mainly by people of Muker. Prince Charles taking time to talk to as many as possible left a wonderful impression with young and old alike. Among the crowd were Mrs Maggie Metcalfe, Mrs Harriet Alderson, Mrs Margaret J. Peacock, Mrs Nellie Whitehead, Mrs Molly Whitehead, Mrs Hilda Raw, Mrs Annas Metcalfe, Miss Sheila Peacock and many others, all had high opinions of the kindly manner of the Prince and thought well of him. At the gate Lucy Liundberg, aged three, quite unprepared, presented Prince Charles with a posy of flowers she had collected. Smiles and cheers spread through the crowd as the Prince chose a flower and placed it in the lapel of his jacket. Proceeding to the centre of the village the Prince was introduced to Mrs Mary Guy, Muker Sub Post Mistress, here there was a lovely display of flowers, normal at this time of year in the front of Mary's Post Office. Running rather late by now the Prince finally arrived at Muker Village Shop & Tea Rooms to take morning coffee. Mr. & Mrs David May, Proprietors, welcoming Prince Charles, were very pleased that the weather was fine so the Royal Party could sit at an outside table. This endeared the Prince to the locals and visitors alike because it allowed

many people to see him close up, chatting to friends and locals and gave many people the chance to obtain perfect photographs to record the happy visit. Taking morning coffee at the next table to the Prince were Miss Lizzie Calvert, Mrs Ivy Mosley, Mrs Sheila Spencer and the newly appointed Vicar of Swaledale the Revd. Tim Turley, rather camera shy because he had cycled to Muker and was wearing his dog collar, uniform shirt and *shorts*. No body really noticed Tim. Next to be visited by Prince Charles was what the National Park designated a text book case of a barn conversion to a dwelling. The home of Dr. David Hill and his wife Dr. Kathleen Raw and young family of Foalings, Muker. Here the Prince was also introduced to Mr. Andrew McCullagh, Senior Area Planning Officer with the National Park. Some time was spent looking at the property but, with Dr. Hill and his wife being professional Ecologists the conversation with Prince Charles soon got round to Flora & Forna and Game birds etc. Then our Prince and friend was whisked away to Hawes for lunch and more. Good words were said of the *man*, H.R.H. Charles, Prince of Wales.

A lovely visit,

a gay memorable day.

Mike Beckwith. 16th May 1998

RIVER SWALE

REGENERATION PROJECT

A Public Meeting is being held in the Memorial Hall on Friday 5th June at 7.30pm to discuss the River Swale Regeneration Project. The Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority is acting as a lead authority in the development of a project which could bring vital monies into Swaledale and Arkengarthdale to tackle issues relating to river management. The Environment Agency, Salmon and Trout Association, Yorkshire Wildlife Trust, Ecoscope (of Muker) and other local interests and the Park Authority have been working on a proposal which it is hoped will be attractive to European Union 5b Funding. If the bid is successful, work could start in January 1999. Riverside footpaths and land has been lost due to river erosion and currently Reeth Athletic Club are having to carry out urgent repairs to the river bank to protect the Sports Field. These are just some of the problems to targeted as part of the project. In order to assist the application a survey is being carried out, funded by the Leader 2 Fells and Dales Programme. Before the bid is finalised the Authority wish to consult and discuss proposals with people from the Dales and take into account all ideas for projects. All are welcome to attend this meeting.

GRINTON LODGE OPEN DAY

Grinton Lodge Youth Hostel is celebrating its 50th Anniversary.

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Reeth Youth Club

Members recently travelled to Carlton Miniott for the official launch of the Van Plan - an extensively equipped mobile unit as part of the County Youth Services Outreach Project to enable the rural areas the benefits of an array of up to date equipment including computers, videos and musical equipment. The van has already visited Reeth and members have been working on their own video of life around Reeth. At the recent AGM officers elected were: Chairman - Peter Smith; Vice Chairmen Rev Andrew Bell and Rev Timothy Tunley; Secretary and Treasurer Margarita Owen, Committee - Peter Brant and Ian Brown. Retiring Chairman Peter Brant and retiring Treasurer Margaret Bainbridge were thanked for their support in re-establishing a Youth Club in the area. Thanks were also expressed to the support provided from the Richmond Youth Centre. A list of forthcoming activities and events is being developed and on the 9th June there is to be a special meeting in the Methodist Church Schoolrooms to develop the way forward for a Reeth & District Youth Drop-in Centre, the aim being to provide a similar facility to that at Hawes and to the Richmond Youth Annex. Anyone interested in Youth Work, which could lead to a recognised qualification and a paid position, should contact any committee member or Viv Osbourne at the Richmond Youth Annex

Forthcoming Events:

- Sun 7th June - Reeth Green activity
- Tues 9th June "Drop-in-Centre" planning meeting
- Sun 21st June Marrick Priory activity evening and BBQ
- Wed 24th June "Buck Disco" 7 - 10pm.
16 yrs +
- Sun 28th June football vs Gunnerside
- 4th & 5th July Weekend Camp

Arkengarthdale School Football

Arkengarthdale C of E School took part again in this popular and particularly well organised football festival. The organisers were able to introduce an effective form of seeding whereby teams were playing others of anticipated similar ability, thus enabling the larger schools to field two teams and giving a fair chance to the smallest schools.

Arkengarthdale School, despite being without a key player, enjoyed a particularly good day, both on and off the pitch winning all four of their matches without conceding a goal. The first game against West Burton saw two evenly matched teams with James Birks scoring the only goal for Arkengarthdale. The second game was against *Bainrigg*, a team of younger players drawn from Bainbridge and Askrigg schools. The *Bainrigg Nippers* put up a spirited performance against a stronger team restricting Arkengarthdale to a 2 goal victory with James Birks and Michael Harker the scorers.

The third game against Spennithorne was again more even but with Arkengarthdale having the edge on experience resulting in another two goals scored by Michael Harker and Sally Orange respectively. The final game against Leyburn RC was perhaps similar to Spennithorne with Arkengarthdale having the edge and playing very well. Sally and James each scored again. The overall result was very creditable to Arkengarthdale, especially when last year the best we managed was one draw. Let this be encouragement to those who did not do so well this year. Player of the match was Sally Orange, whose speed really counted. Thanks to Derek Harker for refereeing, to our supporters and particularly to David Jackson for superb organisation.

D N Williams

Grinton Parish Hall

a successful Coffee Morning in aid of the first phase refurbishment of the Grinton Parish Literary Institute was held at the Bridge Inn recently. £141.80 was raised for the fund. The Committee would like to thank all who helped and particularly Mr & Mrs Trevor Hird of the Bridge who hosted the occasion. Further generous offers to hold events at the Youth Hostel (Mon 29th June), the Old Post Office have been made and details of these will be announced later.

Grand Draw - the draw for the Prizes will take place on Wed 24th June at 8pm in the bridge Inn. If not able to be present all prize winners will be notified as soon as possible.

Quoits

the winners of the Swaledale Festival Open Quoits Knockout and K Spooner Trophy held on the Green on Bank Holiday Monday were: 1st A Malton; 2nd R Duck; 3rd R Etherington and 4th N Spooner.

Swaledale Scout Group

the Group is to hold its Annual General Meeting in Reeth School at 7.30pm on Monday 15th June.

Millennium Wall-Hanging

Fund-raising for the hooked community wall-hanging has begun with a cake stall on the Market last Friday which raised £112. The organisers would like to thank all those who contributed and supported the event. The wall-hanging will depict various aspects of the local community and when completed will be hung in the Memorial Hall. Any person wishing to make a small donation to the project should contact the Treasurer, Unit 6, Dales Centre, Reeth, DL11 6SP.

Swaledale "Now & Then"

Once again this nostalgic exhibition in Reeth Memorial Hall proved very popular with a request for it to be repeated next year. The volumes of the "*Darlington & Stockton Times*" proved very popular as did the numerous collection of local photographs, diagrams and memorabilia. Details of two soon to be published local books were announced. The first to be available is a history of Reeth over a hundred years by Elsie Thompson, formerly of Reeth but now of Richmond. The book includes a collection of photographs and details the life and times of Reeth from the 1850's. The book, published by Castle Print of Richmond is expected to be available in July. The second book is a lavishly illustrated book, with superb colour photographs, plus other illustrations, called "*Swaledale, the Portrait of a North Yorkshire Mining Community*" by John Hardy. The book published by Frank Peters of Kendal will be available early September. The books will be available through local bookshops but orders are now being accepted at Reeth Post Office Shop. The exhibition was supported by the *D & S Times* the Yorkshire Dales National Park, *Reeth & District Gazette*, Swaledale Folk Museum, Reeth & District Young Farmers, Shades of Heather and many others. Proceeds were for the Hall Refurbishment Appeal. The next event arranged by the Memorial Hall is Jane Austen's "*Northanger Abbey*" to be performed by the acclaimed North Country Theatre on Sunday 19th July. Tickets are available from Reeth Post Office.

Diaporama

An evening of award-winning slide-sound sequences by Malcolm Imhoff ARPS
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Thursday 9th July at 9pm

GUNNERSIDE WI

The President, Mrs Margaret Rutter, welcomed 25 members to the May meeting. A short business meeting was held, when thanks were expressed to all who had helped with the Federation Spring Walk which had proved very successful. Arrangements were discussed for the day outing to Hebden Bridge on 4th June, which is shared with the members of the Muker Ladies Guild, and for the evening outing on 18th June to visit gardens at Middleton Tyas, followed by a Buffet Supper. Mrs Kathy Iveson then gave a most enjoyable demonstration of flower arranging. She produced several very different arrangements, including a continental table arrangement and a tied bunch of flowers, which she finds very popular for bridal flowers. Thanks were expressed by Mrs Audrey Brown and the arrangements were then raffled. Mrs Iveson then judged the members competition for a small arrangement.

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FROGMORE'S CONCERN

I'll have to be watching my "p's" and "q's" - my friend *Frogmore* has taken to reading the *Gazette*. Although he wouldn't admit it, I'm sure he's quite chuffed to have his annals featured in such a popular local periodical. Certainly he was pleased that my account of his pilgrimage to Pendle Hill should have resulted in Jocelyn M. Campbell's authoritative article on the History of Swaledale Quakers. He did want it noted, however, that his likeness in the artists's sketch depicts him, not in the leather breeches of 17th century traditional Quaker costume, but in his usual Yorkshire walking gear - trousers tucked into long stockings!

In our last conversation *Frogmore* expressed empathy with recent *Gazette* correspondents writing about "dog fouling." Like other civilised dog owners he always carries plastic freezer bags on his walks and picks up his dog's droppings for proper waste disposal. When he had a large dog he took with him a "poop scoop" for the same purpose.

I would not say that this topic has become an obsession with *Frogmore* but it is a concern. Recently he was "before the beaks" in Leeds charged with "stalking." Apparently he had been following a young woman from the housing estate (or should I say "development") in the woodland area above his house. She had time and time again allowed her large dog to leave its mess outside *Frogmore's* garden gate and he was trying to find out her name and address, without which the Council could take no action. In the end *Frogmore* was exonerated. The magistrates could see that a well known local octogenarian of standing was unlikely to have ulterior motives and that the young woman, who was heavily fined, was concerned with the height of her heels than with the depth of her mind.

E.G.F.



Messiah for the Millenium

We mentioned in last month's issue that there are plans afoot for a "Messiah for the Millennium". This is to be performed on 8th and 15th April 2000, in Reeth and then in Hawes, under the baton of Stan Roocroft.

We may have given the impression that the Swale Singers would be the only ones performing. They will of course be one small part of a large gathering of choirs from all around Swaledale and Wensleydale, and anyone wishing to attend rehearsals will be most welcome - dates and times to be announced next year.

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LOCAL NEWS

MUKER DUCK RACE held on Bank Holiday Monday 25th May brought in a wonderful crowd, all in cheerful party mood. All the available tickets were sold, so at 3.0 3pm. one thousand little yellow ducks were released from "Ducking Dab" bridge, on Straw Beck. Some 200 people many children and others acting like children, came to shoo the ducks off. Though there was little water in the Beck, the ducks paddled like mad and the whippers in at the back kept the stragglers on course. Dogs and Guns had been banned and several umpires were marshalling the course to caution those who threw stones either to encourage their own duck or to dissuade a rival. Many ducks took the lead only to fall foul of some overhanging tree branch or to become grounded between stones for a rest. The crowds built up in the warm sunny weather and followed the contestants slowly down the Beck. Some of the ducks when in the lead chose to enter a backwater and sort of went sightseeing, much to the chagrin of their temporary owners. After half an hour the lead duck was approaching School House corner and by now there seemed to be thousands of backsides of all shapes and sizes as the rest of the bodies leaned over the beck wall to glimpse the flotilla of ducks now approaching the village. Mary Anne's steps were hidden by the massive crowd, craning their necks and with little children entwined between legs or perched on shoulders, all eager to spy their own duck in the sail past. Certain local video buffs obtained special shots from different vantage points, Mr. William Raw, in wellies got close to the action by being near or in the stream, whilst Mrs Mary Guy took ariel views from Guildy Hall footbridge. Flushed with apparent success, duck 847 spurted past the back of the Public Conveniences only to run out of steam due to lack of stamina and collapsed on it's side between two stones. Coming up to Harkers piece 647 thought it could see the finishing line only to be snagged by an underwater obstacle. At Muker Bridge finishing line the crowds had taken up every vantage point, standing and sitting on the bridge and walls, crowding along the banks to the pinfold, under the bridge and in Mary Bob's garden. NO! not to see which duck won but expectant, hoping, neh!, wishing to see *JK* fall in again. Not to be this year. A good day and thank you all for the tremendous support. Thanks to Chris & Marjorie at the Farmers Arms, organizers, and Whitehead & Moore for sponsorship. PmB.



GUNNERSIDE - News Update

Five residents of Gunnerside have formed a *Tidy Village Committee*. They have been successful in raising money to purchase a trimmer and a lawn mower for use around the village greens and verges. A Coffee Morning last year raised over a hundred pounds and the total of approximately £900 plus has been raised by grants for the North Yorkshire Small Projects Fund, Fells and Dales Leader II, the locally based Tomlinson Trust, and a gift from a local landowner. The Committee express their grateful thanks to all Bodies concerned.

We have the equipment! Now we need the man / lady power!! Any volunteers are more than welcome. The High Green looked lovely after its first cut. If you feel you can help see Elvier, Joan, Val, Stephen (Calvert) or Rita.

The Committee also wishes to extend their thanks to all who contributed either by baking or purchasing cakes at our Cake Stall on Whit Sunday. A grand total of £132.50 was raised towards the purchase of fuel and maintenance of the equipment. Well done Gunnerside!

CELEBRATING THE MILLENNIUM Public Meeting

Gunnerside Village Hall Thurs 11th June
Your Parish Council wishes to know if you would like to celebrate the Millennium and if so, how should we celebrate and when would be the appropriate time. It is your wishes and ideas that will decide this issue. So please attend on the above date at 7.30pm

REETH MILLENNIUM CELEBRATIONS

Open Meeting
Memorial Hall
Monday 22nd June 8pm
please let us have your ideas, suggestions, proposal on celebrating the Millennium

MARRICK

Village Concert - the Institute was again packed for the village's contribution to the Swaledale Festival. Robert Wallis compered the concert with his customary lively sense of humour. The Swaledale Parish Choir got the concert off to a good start with a selection of varied songs. Jamie Alderson with his reading of Albert and the Lion was appreciated. This was followed by some sensitive flute and clarinet playing from Harriet Manning and Gemma Luettkke. Marrick's poet, Hilda Hodgson delighted the audience with her lively verse. The first half of the concert was brought to an end with some talented playing from the Lundberg family. The second half opened with Liz Carter, the Director of the Swaledale festival, singing some unaccompanied traditional folk songs that were enthusiastically received. Marrick was fortunate in having Dr Arnold Kellett from Knaresborough to share with the audience his dialect tales of the North and West Riding. Dr Kellett is a regular contributor to the "*Dalesman*" and has made many television appearances. He had the audience at Marrick roaring with laughter. The concert finished with a lively performance by Five-Four, otherwise known as the Wilkinson Lundberg Ensemble, reminiscent of the dance bands remembered from earlier days in the history of village concerts.

Duck Race - the third Marrick Duck Race got off to a good start this year, with the river being relatively calm, and made £150 for Institute Funds.

Safari Supper - again very successful raised £80 for Marie Curie Nursing and MacMillan Cancer relief Fund.

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LETTERS

Scots Pines at Low Row

The two articles, "Lost - one tree in the Low Row area" and "The Low Row Chain Saw Massacre" published in the May issue of the *Gazette*, prompt me to add my pennyworth.

Somewhere, at sometime, I recall coming across a reference to the effect that some of the Scots Pines in Swaledale, including Low Row, reputedly were planted around the time of the "15" and "45" to commemorate the Jacobite cause (risings of 1715 and 1745.)

There are passages on Stuartry in the Dales in Halliwell Sutcliffe's, "*Striding Dales*," Frederick Warne & Co and in R. Fieldhouse & B Jennings' "*A History of Richmond and Swaledale*," Philimore & Co Ltd, 1978, but one of these passages contains the references that now eludes me.

Nevertheless, if my memory and the missing quote combine to serve me correct, the cutting down of the pine in question inadvertently may have removed a tree of historical interest? If so, how was planning permission obtained?

Other readers may know the origin of the missing Scots Pine and be in a position to support or deny any historical import

Charles Hepworth, Muker

Editors note - regrettably space prevents publication of the second chapter of the article in our May issue which has been held over for consideration in the July Issue.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Public Inquiry - into Teesdale District Council's refusal for planning permission for a wind farm on Barningham Moor will be held in the Dist Council Chamber at Barnard Castle from 16th June to 2nd July
Congratulations to Reeth Brass Band in winning a Cup (best in their class!) at the

recent Ripon Band Contest - full details next month

New Book - Elsie Thompson is publishing a book "*Those Hundred Yesteryears, Reeth 1850 - 1950*" - copies will be available from early July. The book is being printed by Castle Print of Richmond and copies will be available in Reeth Post Office Shop or direct from Mrs E M Thompson, 8 Linden Gardens, Richmond, DL10 8BD. (The book will be reviewed in our next issue)

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COMMENT by Peter Brant

This year's Swaledale Festival is proving to be better and more popular than ever. The local concerts have been top rate with many of the performances sold out well in advance. The mixture of exhibitions, displays, varied music, etc is worthy of a special report next month. Unfortunately space has also restricted comment on the lost opportunity with the recent Police Meeting - but that got ample coverage in the *D & S* and the issue again raised by Muker PC on council tax and second homes - you have got some extra pages. Also next month we will feature the 50th Anniversary of Grinton Lodge as a Youth Hostel. Apologies to the contributors who have had articles held over again, but we are limited to space - please keep them coming. Also next month we will feature the children's reports from those pupils of Gunnerside School who met HRH Prince Charles on his recent visit to the area. We trust you approve of our front cover. We're getting clever in reproducing photographs! Thanks Mike.

Once again many thanks to our contributors, Mike Beckwith, Richard Birks, Stephen Crowe, Major Williams, Val Stark and Gill Wilkinson. Apologies for the late edition - technical difficulties

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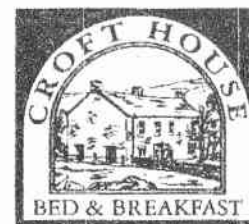
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A MOTOR TRIP ROUND SWALEDALE & WENSLEYDALE

If this were an RAC Rally you would be off the grid at Reeth Green with a jerk, roar up the Dale, broadsiding round corners and scaring all the cows at Low Row peacefully grazing at the roadside, scream up and over the Buttertubs Pass, and then hare off down the length of Wensleydale to leyburn, so ending up at Reeth again with a boiling radiator and watery eyes, having covered the 40-odd miles in as many minutes, if not less.

But no, don't worry -- you and I will do no such thing. We shall trundle along, looking at this and that in these two most beautiful dales and even stop the car now and then to sit and stare ... (Mind you, I look upon the car as a workhorse pure and simple, to get me from A to B without fuss or iffing and butting, and I don't care what it looks like so long as it does the job without a murmur).

Once you have bounced out of your starting grid on Reeth Green and climbed Silver Hill to Reeth School you should stop and look out over the grand view of Harkerside from the top of the hill. Harkerside in August is purple with heather, and it rises magnificently from the floor of the Dale, called Reeth Bottoms. Bottoms? Yes, the level floor does indeed show all the signs of having been the floor of a lake during the long centuries marking the end of the Ice Age 10,000 years ago, when the Swaledale Glacier was slowly melting in the global warming that was going on, giving place to the river we now call the Swale. The bottom, you see, is still marshy.

In a field close to the road on your right as you go on towards Healaugh there used to be an Ash-tree, split by lightening some time in the 1920's. Roland Woodward of Fremington used to tell me how he and Dessie, his future wife, would sit under

this tree between its two halves, and he would whisper sweet nothings to her. (Dessies = Desdemona, wife of Shakespear's Othello -- not many of them around these days, what? -- I had a friend at school named Sweet. He suffered from the misfortune of having been christened 'Timothy Oswald Othello', so became known as 'Too Sweet', which he wasn't).

At Healaugh there are two items of interest worth noticing, and which you would kick yourself for missing -- not that it's all that easy to kick yourself in the car, what? The first is a rather remarkable old-fashioned red telephone box. There are plenty of these still to be seen, but this one is special. Firstly, it is spotlessly clean; it has a little carpet on the floor; there is a vase of flowers, fresh-cut, besides the polished telephone; and for good measure, there is an ash-tray, also polished -- unless you had to use it during a particularly fraught telephone call, etc.

The other interesting item is Healaugh Bridge, just down the main road towards the river. You will notice that the name 'HEALAUGH' has been blocked out. This was done early in the last war, when the German Air Force, the Luftwaffe, ruled the skies, and there was dreadful panic that they would drop para-troops by night, either as single spies in the countryside, or in large forces landing by gliders on the long straight stretch of the A1 between Scotch Corner and Catterick. The present Scotch Corner Hotel was a Corps HQ and there was a Signal Office under the roundabout. So you see the blocked-out name HEALAUGH is quite an interesting relic of those anious times.

Another hundred yards or so brings you to quite a large space on the left hand side of the road near the river. Here you can stop, take your eyes off the road, glance up at

Harkerside, and you will see the level of cricket-pitch standard turf which we rather skittishly suggested might do as a cricket ground, complete with extensive bank for accommodating spectators. All right, but be that as it may, how did this extraordinary place get its name, Shot Pot? It probably has an unexpected meaning, like 'Cockle Shell' in Arkengarthdale.

It is not far from here to Low Row, along the road which is beside the river and sometimes flooded by it, so there is a dyke or wall to give protection. The river waters near the bridge were the home of otters. They were a pretty fierce and hungry lot and used to fish alongside a poor innocent angler -- as soon as he had caught a fish they thought nothing of taking it off the line, even after it had been hooked!

After hearing such horror stories it is perhaps a relief to get to Low Row. Here the roadside cows are almost sacred beasts, like those in India, and are allowed to graze the verges undisturbed. Among them are some of Mr Bottomley's pretty little Jerseys. They have long eyelashes, which always remind me very much of my younger days, when I used to have a girlfriend who sported a pair of false eyelashes. One evening, as we were chatting, I noticed that one of these had dropped off on to the carpet. Unthinkingly I put my foot on it as it looked like an insect. She at once flew into a deuce of a huff and stamped off, vowing never to speak to me again .. and she never did!

Here at Low Row, where a road branches down to Crackpot, I dropped off old 'Crackpot Bill' Coates one Sunday morning in February 1968. I had given him a lift from Reeth, where I had seen him trudging up Silver Hill on his way to visit his sister. He was dressed in his Sunday best -- brown boots, brown leather gaiters, new overcoat ('got it in Darnton', he told me proudly), new flat hat and walking-stick -- so I took a rather splendid photo of him.

Just opposite the point where I had dropped him off is the Low Row Congregational Chapel, where Bill Coates told me he had buried Duke Mary of Whitaside many years ago, at the E end of the chapel yard, under a fir tree which he planted.

Bill Coates (74 on January 16th 1974) had a long and accurate memory for such things and told me Duke Mary had two children, a son called Duke Metcalfe and a daughter Maggie Hodge (who married a publican at the Moorcock Inn, Wensleydale). In her last years and in failing health Duke Mary quitted her home on Whitaside and went to live at the Moorcock with her daughter. She died there about three years before the Great War of 1914. Her daughter brought her back, in a coffin roped to a sledge and pulled by a small black cob, all the way over the top from Askrigg. She had brought up both her children at the small house on Whitaside single-handed, and used often to slip down for a drink at the Punch Bowl. He never knew her husband -- he wondered if there ever was one! (From my Swaledale notes, P89).

Well, there you are, and as we were passing the road to Crackpot and also the Low Row 'Cong' Chapel I thought a little taste of Crackpot Bill and the kind of thing he used to talk about would not come too much amiss. I must say it was for me a great loss when he passed on ...

Not far along from here the Dale road cuts through what looks like an enormous rock-fall. In fact, it is the spoil-heap of an incredibly lucky strike of lead ore by Abraham Fryer in 1740. (Raisstrick: Lead Mines of Swaledale, 1975, p.66). The Fryers lived in Paradise (as well they might after that, what?), i.e., the large house below the road near here. The map-makers must have thought that the mine was a monastic one, for they spelt the name 'Friar'. They believed anything in the days of map-making -- look at 'Beggarmans Road' above

Hawes, which is the road to Beckermounds in Wharfedale!

We pass Rowleth End, on the Low Row side of the ancient wood of that name and overlooking Rowleth Wath. Here lived Henry Clarke, who achieved local fame as a wonderfully skilled model-maker, turning out scale models of famous locomotives and also grandfather clocks in his workshop here. Rowleth Wood is a survival, like Fremington Wood, of the great Forest of Swaledale, and is still the haunt of roe deer. I was returning one night from a slide show at Thwaite when I caught sight of a deer charging down the steep bank through the trees here. Unable to stop, he took a flying leap and speadeagled himself on the bonnet of my Mini! Luckily I was not travelling fast and was able to stop immediately to let him climb off!

On the far side of the Dale as you approach Gunnerside you will see that great house Spring End, the one-time home of the Brodericks, and more recently an excellent catering establishment where you could get a thoroughly decent dinner, made almost magical by the tremendous view from your dining table of Gunnerside and High Kisdon beyond.

Just as Low Row is a centre is a centre of United Reformers or Congregationals, so Gunnerside is a centre for the Methodists, with the largest chapel in Swaledale. The ancient families of Calvert and Rutter are still there, and of course their names are marked on the map. We have Calvert Houses and Rutter Wood (up by Winterings) to prove it.

We follow the main Dale road by crossing the river at Gunnerside Bridge, passing two of the small hamlets peculiar to Swaledale, Low Oxnop and Rash. Others are Kearton, Strands, Birkdale and Scar Houses, often so thinly spread as to be almost non-existent. (A stranger to the Dale recently thought that the signpost to Kearton led nowhere --

well, it's there all right, but dashed thin on the ground!) There once was a lassie of Rash (sounds like the first line of a limerick, what?) who used to work every day at Catterick Camp. She told me she often had to run the two miles early in the morning to catch the Workers' Bus leaving Gunnerside at 6.30am. There's devotion to duty, I do think.

At Low Oxnop a side road leads off on your right down to Ivelet Bridge across the river. You might like to take a short stroll along the river bank in the spring-time, perhaps, when the buttercups are out? (This will be the first of one or two short trips out from the car on our way round. Quite a tonic, I tell you, and not easily forgotten). So, at last, we are in Muker -- and oh! What a charming little place it is, with its own shops, pub, post office, Swaledale Woollen Shop and bank, not forgetting an excellent coffee shop. From Muker you can tramp along the high scars which ring it round, feeling all the time that it is a sure place of refuge from the wintery storms that rage across the fells ... We leave Muker with regret as we start the long climb past Scar Houses and make our way towards the famous Buttertubs Pass. About halfway up you will come to one of the many Star Viewpoints of the Dale, in which Upper Swaledale is laid out before you, with Muker and its Church as centre-piece -- almost a mirror-image of that other grand view from Reels Head, of Grinton and its Church on the floor of the Dale at the lower end.

The Buttertubs Pass, so called from the four or five shakeholes which give its name hereabouts, is pretty dramatic. It looks rather like the background scenery for those vastly powerful and expensive cars so often advertised these days -- the ones you feel you could drive up the side of a house (in bottom gear, of course). In one of them you could no doubt drive straight up the side of Cliff Gill, so long as you didn't mind turning a somersault halfway up and

Old Gang Mines

Thwaite

Roland Woodward's tree

REETH

Starting Grid

Healaugh

Low Row

Gannarside

Muker

Buttertubs Pass

Sunder found here

Over the tops

Ivelet Bridge (perhaps a little stroll?)

Spring End

St Andrews Grinton

Across the moors

A MOTOR TOUR ROUND SWALEDALE & WENSLEYDALE

LEYBURN

Perhaps a riverside stroll from Wensley Bridge?

Wensley Church

Wensley Bridge

West Witton

Aysgarth Church

Bolton Castle

Aysgarth Falls

Aysgarth

Thornton Rust

Nipe Lane, where the highwaymen lurked

Worton

Roman fortress of VIROSIDUM

Addlebrough

Bainbridge

River Ure

Askrigg

Sedbusk

Simonstone Hall

Turnpike Road

HAWES

Roman Road

Wether Fell

Semerwater

Perhaps a short diversion? (to see the Carlow Stone)



landing on your head. I once asked a local farmer how deep he thought the Buttertubs were. "Them's bottomless," he told me -- "and there's some even deeper than that!"

The best time to come here is very early in the morning when all is quiet, and you can hear the liquid cry of a curlew echoing far down in the shaowy gill, and the muffled call of a sheep from somewhere up the side of Lovely Seat opposite. I once found a sundew up here, in the act of trapping and digesting (I don't think 'eating' is the right word) a fly -- a remarkable plant! The 'Flora Britannica', 1996, p.125, says that it was regarded as a lov-charm and aphrodisiac, with a reputation enhanced 'when its mysterious power to lure and entrap other creatures was realised', and The Englishman's Flora, 1975, p.207, quotes old Gerard's Herbal (c.1590): 'Cattle of the female kind are stirred up to lust by eating even a small quantitie...'

High above Swaledale and Wensleydale, the road through the remote and stormy Fossdale tells its own story in the shape of snow-poles, about 12ft high, set at frequent intervals along its length. The dramatic flat top of Ingleborough, one of the Three Peaks of Yorkshire, stands out on the southern skyline about 13 miles away.

You plunge steeply down into Wensleydale and civilisation at High Shaw and Simonstone, the one-time seat of the Earl of Wharnccliffe. The 4th and last Earl died in 1987 aged only 52 and their place is now a pretty highly-rated hotel, with the Wharnccliffe Arms over the fireplace in the dining-room. In the grounds is a unique garden path, consisting of empty bottles of Gordon's Gin, up-turned and closely packed together in rows so that their oval bottoms show. The green glass shows up in the sunlight and makes this path quite distinctive -- almost a tourist attraction in itself!

We take the old Coach Road to Sedbusk,

passing another hotel, extremely comfortable, the Stone House. Stone House was the home of a wealthy bachelor who owned a string of racehorses and who employed a valet, said to have been the original of Wodehouse's 'Jeeves'. A number of racehorse 'plates', framed and each with a name, used to hang in the smoking-room there when I was giving occasional film-shows and lectures.

A little further along this road, on the left, is a converted shepherd's bothy, now called Longshaw House. Not many years ago it consisted of a cow-barn with upstairs bedroom and fireplace, where, during lambing-time, a shepherd lived. He kept the fire going so that new-born lambs could be brought in out of the winter storms and warmed -- perhaps there was one of those nice hairy hearth-rugs as well, for the poor little things to lie on! I have a quite interesting pair of photographs showing the shepherd's bothy before and after conversion -- done dashed cleverly, I thought.

While we are whizzing along this coach road I may as well mention that I am old enough to have a vivid memories of riding to town in the pre-motoring era, in a pony-drawn 'governess cart' (look it up in an illustrated dictionary) with my Aunt Anne (you won't find her in an i.d.). She was a tall and rather majestic lady who used to urge on the pony with a curious croaky noise that seemed to be squeezed out of the side of her mouth, while she kept up a running commentary on everything we passed in a loud voice above the rattle of the cart.

The Old Coach Road RICHMOND - LANCASTER was opened in 1761 and is still quite narrow, with one or two of the original milestones set up in the 18th century and still quite visible. At Shaw Cote a little further towards Bainbridge Mr Spensley used to farm, and I took a picture of him holding a pretty obstreperous sheep -- and the language he used to controll the

poor animal was quite an education in itself! The picture, though, was successful, and I sent him one as a souvenir.

All this while, on our way to Bainbridge, you may have noticed a fairly spectacular height called Addlebrough, on the southern side. Although it seems to loom up like some sort of Alp it is a mere pimple really -- 1,600ft. It would be rather jolly for us to venture up to it and gaze down over this wonderful Dale -- but our timetable forbids us. Your private round-the-world hot-air balloon will look after large-scale surveys of this kind later on, perhaps, what?

But here is Bainbridge, a former HQ of the Forest of Wensleydale, with a resident Hornblower who blew the Last Post every night as a warning to travellers still out in the wilds. Warning of what? you ask. Well, in times past there were even more creatures of the night than there are now -- footpads, robbers, highwaymen, as, for instance, Dick Turpin and Swift Nick, who were two of the better-known ones. Then we must not forget the wild animals of a more distant era, such wolves, roaming the forest lands. The Horn, looking dashed awe-inspiring, is kept at the Rose & Crown Inn, and must sound like the Last Trump.

At Bainbridge we leave the Old Coach Road and follow the main Wensleydale road, the A684, through the beautiful village green -- a proper green, complete with stocks to clamp down on the ankles of wrong-doers in days of old -- (reminding me of the five-holer in York, the extra hole being for a persistent offender who was always drunk and who had lost a leg at the Battle of Trafalgar!). Anyway, here we are, at the top of brough Hill, having crossed the Bain Bridge over England's shortest river, the Bain. It drains the largest lake in Yorkshire, Semerwater, and empties itself in 3 miles or so in the River Ure or Yore.

There was a Roman fort, VIROSIDUM, on top of Brough Hill. It was built in the 1st

cenurt AD in the heart of the hostile Brigantes territory to defend the Roman road, which you can see coming down straight as a die from Wether Fell, continuing as the Waingate north-wards over the Ellerkin. Bainbridge began life as a trading centre (colonia) for the Roman Garrison, which hailed from what we now call Yugoslavia.

At this point, Brough Hill, we might take a short 2-mile diversion (in the car, of course) to have a look at Semerwater. It is a lake of legends and dreams, where a huge Shap granite boulder sits at the lakeside. It is the Carlow Stone, Carlow being 'Caer-lough', an ancient British name for 'City of the Lake'. On still evenings, they say, people fishing on Semerwater 'have seen, deep down beneath the surface, the roofs and towers of a drowned town and heard the faint, far-off tolling of the bells'. (The Yorkshire Dales, P. Gunn, 1985, p.237). According to Whitaker's History of Richmondshire, 1823, p.415, Semerwater was in the last century the haunt of the osprey, bittern, landrail, cormorant and various other unlikely birds.

But come on, we must leave all this fiddle-fadle and press on ... Tootling down the A684 once more you will have a good sight of Nappa Hall, one of the few fortified farms in North Yorkshire -- fortified as a defence against the Scots rampaging down into Northern Britain after their victory at Bannockburn, 1314. It was given by Richard, 3rd Lord Scrope ('Scroop') of Bolton to James Metcalfe, who had marched to Bolton Castle at the head of some hundred or so of his farm workers (a farm was not a one-man-&-his-tractor place in those days!) and offered his services in the French Wars.

They fought at Agincourt, 1415, under Henry V and after the battle James was knighted and given his own coat-of-Arms -- three calves sable (black) on a field argent (white) -- calves for Metcalf, you see. A

stained glass window was erected in Aysgarth Church to commemorate this notable act of medieval chivalry. Mind you, it had to be rescued from a rubbish dump at the 1860 restoration of Aysgarth Church and is now to be seen in the Scrope Chapel at Ulshaw.

The next village after Bainbridge is Worton ('Werton') and a mile beyond this the road suddenly approaches closely to the river, with a jungle of reeds masking a footpath down to the river's edge and stepping stones across to the other side. Notice at this point on your right a rather pleasant woodland lane emerging on to the roadside, with a place for your car. This is Nipe Lane (see your Outdoor Leisure Map N° 30). The name Nipe or Nip is a 17th century word meaning a thief (see the Penguin Dictionary of Historical Slang). This was a place where highwaymen such as Swift Nick used to waylay coaches, rob them and escape either across the river over the stepping stones, or up Nipe Lane to Thornton Rust through the woods, a mere half up the hill. (You might like a short diversion here, you think? Through the woods up the hill, or a slightly more adventurous tip-toeing across the river?)

So to Aysgarth and High Force, at its spectacular best after the winter snows, when the melt-water roars down in a vast display of tremendous power. The Aysgarth Church, above the Force, has a wonderfully detailed carved Screen, done by the Ripon Carvers for Jervaulx Abbey in the 15th century, and rescued from there at the time of Henry VIII's Reformation in 1540, when a squad of 20 men carried it in one piece all the way up to this Church. There is also a reading desk, again by the Ripon Carvers for Abbot Heslington, with his rebus, i.e., his name illustrated by a hazel-tree, plus nuts, growing out of a barre, or tun, and the whole thing done about 1506.

Notice a grand view of Swinithwaite Hall about a mile further on, and also Bolton

Castle of the Scropes across the Dale from here. The present Lord Bolton lives at Bolton Hall, splendidly located on the other side of the river and seen as we motor down the long sloping road from West Witton to Wensley. We pass the Hall lodge gates, where Al Read, the famous TV comedian once lived, with his Rolls-Royce prominently displayed. A shooting-party led by Lord Bolton was walking past when one of them, seeing the Rolls-Royce, was heard to ask in a loud voice: "However much do you pay your lodge-keepers, Lord Bolton? Ho ho!

At Wensley Bridge there is a stile through which you may squeeze for a sort stroll through utterly breath-taking riverside and wood scenery as far as Lord's Bridge and back, if you feel like it. This will be the last of our little diversions on the Motor Tour. You might venture as far as a dashed remarkable sight -- an oak forest in the making: hundreds of small oaks still in plastic tubes about 5 ft high! Come back in a hundred years' time, what? Wensley Church, too, is worth popping into for its superb 5-foot long medieval brass, 1394, to Sir Simon de Wenslawe, who was priest here. It is one of the finest in England. Also the Scrope Screen from Easby Abbey, again a pretty super medieval job.

So to Leyburn and from here we take the left-hand turning to Grinton over the top once again and the wild moors. A panoramic view of Swaledale suddenly appears and, in winter-time especially, you will marvel at a distant vision of the snowy Pennines topped by Mickel Fell, about 13 miles away.

We come slowly down over the moors, first into Grinton village past the Church, and then over the bridge to Reeth, feeling that we have had a day absolutely worth a guinea a minute.

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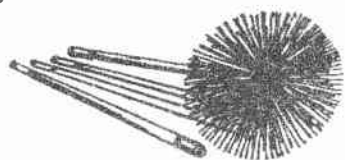
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PARISH COUNCIL REPORTS

Arkengarthdale:

At the recent Annual Meeting Clark Stones was re-elected as Chariman, Mrs Gladys Atkinson Vice Chairman and Jame Alderson as school manager. The car park is much used by visitors and a picnic table has now been provided. Concern was expressed that the derelict buildings have still be repaired by Richmondshire DC. Next Meeting 16th June

Marrick:

At the recent Annual Meeting John Bird was re-elected as Chairman and Mrs K Carr Vice Chair. Further meetings are being held regarding the sewerage problem. Respecting public demand the request for additional street lights in Marrick has been withdrawn. Question and answer sessions will be allowed at future meetings. Next Meeting 23rd July.

Melbecks:

At the recent Annual meeting Raymond Alderson was re-elected as Chairman and H Beswick as Vice Chair. YDNP has indicated that work on the riverbank at Marble Scar could start in September. A request for a "No unauthorised Tipping" notice by the Bottom Bridge is still to be action by YDNP. Consideration is being given to the consultation document on access to open countryside. From October North Yorkshire will become one Registration District for the purposes of registration of births, deaths and marriages. It was noted that the Scots Pine tree at Low Row had been felled., a new one is to be planted. Millennium - an open meting for June 11th has been arranged to discuss local celebrations. Inconsiderate parking is still causing problems on the corner by the bridge. The North Yorkshire policing plan was received and one are of local concern was speeding motorcycles. Next Meeting: June 11th

Muker:

Concern was expressed at the high rise in council tax by Richmondshire Council which again raised the issue of local anger as holiday, or second homes still continue to pay only half the tax. Countryside access - it was felt that extending open access would be disastrous. Most people wanted signed footpaths to follow. Heather Hancock, the new National Park Officer had attended the meeting and responded to questions. Millennium Trust - the area by the telephone kiosk is to be resurfaced using local materials but the application to re-instate the footpath by Straw Beck will have to be resubmitted. Next Meeting, June 16th.

Reeth:

At a recent meeting Martin Bearpark was re-elected as Chairman. As local concerns about the recent planning application for a Fire Tower were raised and featured in some press reports were unacceptable in the opinion of some members Coun. Brant is no longer reporting on meetings for the D & S. Millennium Celebrations - a further meeting to discuss local ideas will follow the next meeting on June 22nd at 8pm

Duchess of Kent's Military Hospital, Catterick Garrison.

Following recent consultation the Defecne Secondary Care Agency has announced that the Hospital is not to close but some services are being downgraded. The Accident and Emergency Unit has been down-graded to a minor injuries unit. The medical facility will remain on site but the Hospital is to stop taking civilian in-patients. Limited military personnel in-patient care is being retained. Further consultation is to take place with local NHS Trusts.

GRANTS AVAILABLE

A bright late winter day saw a film crew from the Millennium Commission in Reeth to record the work going on round the Green. The cameramen - "hard lads" from Leeds - loved the clear conditions and the scenic snow background, but the reporter from London had never been so cold in her life and had to leave when her jaw finally froze up. Thanks to all the people who allowed themselves to be filmed - isn't it strange how when you are told to "act naturally" you suddenly wonder you normally do with your hands? The re-cobbling and repair of the eroded grassy areas is just about finished - the first stage of plans to improve the whole of the area around the Market Place.

A reminder that the closing date for next year's applications is June 30th so get thinking. Money is available from *Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust* for a range of projects including Woodlands, Community Buildings, Historical Features, Wildlife Areas and Village Improvements. For application forms and any queries please ring YDMT on 015242 51002 (*Stop Press* - leaflets on the Dales EnviroNet Project are also available from National Park Centres and local Post Offices.)

David Sharrod

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

The good news is that North Yorkshire is to get an extra £1.4 share of the recently announced Government Transport Budget to promote public transport. Time will tell what the future holds for Bus Services in the two Dales. Royal Mail is currently reconsidering with NYCC a Post Bus Service for Swaledale and Arkengarthdale which will probably be based on the morning and afternoon collection times. So watch this space for developments! Meanwhile the Market Day Services operated by *United* (sorry *Arriva*!) Have

had a mixed reception. Time is running out for the experiment so if you want to see these services continue - please use them. Timetables are published inside the back pages of this edition and for visitors to the area their is the superb "Bus n Boots" leaflet which detail some simple scenic walks around the new bus services.

I.T. TRAINING

There has been much discussion on the need for IT Training within the two dales. The good news is that following on from the recent Swaledale Forum, Richmond School Community Education are to run some "taster" sessions in all village halls in the two dales to identify local needs. From these sessions a programme of IT Training will be included in the new season Community Education Course and most courses will be run within the two Dales. Leader 2 is also considering some grants especially for IT Training and hopefully full details of these two initiatives will be published in our July Issue.

Reeth Gazette Scoop - Hoddle sends "Gazza" to save Yorkshire from drought!



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LOCAL NEWS

Congratulations to Karen & Tony Lillie, West End, Muker on the safe delivery of a son, Alexander James who weighed in at 6lbs 12 ozs. Baby, Mother & Father are all well and back at home. Delighted Grandparents Chris & Marjorie, parents of Karen mine hosts at the Farmers Arms nearly ran out of links as they celebrated with all locals by wetting the babies head. Tony's parents David & Elsie, who have the Angel Inn at Gilling West are also very pleased. The people of Muker are so pleased to see families coming to live in the village and baby's being born. The village now has three children under five. We hope to see more, it's an encouraging sign to have young blood in any community.

Duck Race results : The winning duck this year belonged to Mr Tony Sunter, who wins £ 50 and the stuffed toy duck. (JK sold him the ticket.) second home was Mr. George Hird 's speedy, and he wins £ 30, third was Mr Stephen Guy's, Ossil, who receives £20. There were seventeen other prizes won by people from near and far. This was the fourth annual Muker Duck Race, originally instigated by Chris & Marjorie of The Farmers Arms, and it now would seem to have become an Annual Event that locals and visitors alike look forward to. Various charities have benefited from the funds so raised. This year the proceeds are to go to Muker Public Hall and the Trustees wish to thank all who have worked so hard to make this event such a success. Thank you to the sponsors, to the public for buying all the tickets and to all the voluntary helpers for preparing and carrying out the numerous tasks during the day. The influx of extra visitors attracted by the event must also be welcomed by the local businesses as a happy, relaxed, good humoured public are always willing to spend on their leisure activities.

New Ecumenical Sunday School : Marmaduke Clarkson in 1921 donated the land for a Public Hall to be built in Muker for the Parish. It was his wish that the Hall be used some of the time for religious purposes. On Sunday June 14th at 4pm. in the Public Hall, a new Sunday School starts to which all children and parents of any denomination are welcome. Let the story be told, will they hear? Further information from Margaret Beckwith, telephone 886307.

Muker Luncheon Club : Celebrated it's third birthday with a special cake from which each member had two slices. On the 25th April 1995 the first luncheon, there were 12 members and three helpers, the number today attending the club averages 38 with six helpers. A good time is had at all the clubs, why not join.

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- 4th at 5pm & 8pm
"Mrs Dalloway" (PG)
- 5th & 6th at 5pm & 8pm
"Good Will Hunting" (15)
- 11th at 5pm & 8pm
'Il Postino' (U)
- 12th & 13th at 5pm & 8pm
'Mrs Brown' (PG)
- 18th & 19th at 5pm & 8pm
'Oscar and Lucinda' (15)
- 20th at 5pm & 8pm
'Wag the Dog' (15)
- 25th at 4.30pm & 8pm
'Midnight in the Garden of Good & Evil' (15)
- 26th & 27th at 5pm & 8pm
'My Son the Fanatic' (15)
- July 2nd at 5pm & 8pm
'L.A. Confidential' (18)
- July 3rd & 4th at 5pm & 8pm
'Kundun' (12)
- July 9th - 11th at 5pm & 8pm
'Sliding Doors' (15)

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and

Saturday 13th June at

Reeth Methodist Church

Admission: £3 - School Children: £1.50

DIARY DATES (all entries are FREE)

(Tell us the date of your event and also get a mention on *Yorkshire Dales Radio*)

JUNE

- 3rd Guided Walk - The Grinton Mines and Mills with Lawrence Barker meet at Grinton Lodge (YHA) at 2pm
- 3rd YDNP Guided Walk - Wildflowers and Landscape of Arkengarthdale - meet 2pm Red Lion, Langthwaite
- 5th Public Meeting re River Swale Regeneration Project 7.30pm Reeth Memorial Hall
- 6th Arkengarthdale Sports
- 6th - 7th Natural Health Festival, Pavilion Great Yorkshire Showground, Harrogate, details Tel: 886377
- 7th YFC County Rally at Harrogate
- 7th Marrick Village Hall Committee Meeting 8pm
- 7th YDNP Guided Walk - Wild Flowers in Swaledale - meet 2pm Gunnerside Village Hall
- 8th Illustrated Talk - 8pm Fremington Sunday School - Yorkshire Dales Historic Landscape from the Air with Robert White
- 9th Reeth Youth Club "Drop-in-Centre" planning evening 7.30pm Methodist Schoolroom
- 11th Celebrating the Millennium in Gunnerside, Public Meeting Village Hall 7.30pm
- 10th YDNP Day School - Flowers, Soils & Vegetation in Swaledale Gunnerside Village Hall, Tel: 884059 for tickets.
- 13th Swaledale Marathon
- 13th Arkengarthdale & Swaledale Gun Club Annual Shoot at Bouldershaw Hills from 12noon.
- 13th Gunnerside School Summer Fayre
- 13th Reeth Congregational Church Festival 6.30pm

- 14th YDNP Guided Walk - Wild Flowers and Landscape of Arkengarthdale, meet 2pm Red Lion, Langthwaite
- 15th Illustrated Talk, 8pm Fremington Sunday School - Leadmining in Swaledale and Arkengarthdale with Lawrence Barker
- 15th Swaledale Scout Grout AGM, 7.30pm, Reeth School
- 16th Arkengarthdale PC Meeting
- 18th Reeth YFC Clay Pigeon Shoot at Ellerton Abbey Farm
- 21st Tea at Butt House, Keld in aid of the Breast Cancer Unit, Friarage Hospital.
- 21st Keld Methodist Church Sunday School Anniversary 2 - 6pm
- 21st Marrick Village Hall Car Rally
- 22nd Reeth PC Meeting
- 22nd Reeth Millennium Celebrations Open Meeting 8pm Memorial Hall
- 24th YDNP Event - Rug Making at Shades of Heather, Reeth Tel: 884059 for tickets.
- 24th Reeth Youth Club Disco at the Buck 7-10pm (16yrs +)
- 24th YDNP Guided Walk, Wildflowers and Landscape of Arkengarthdale meet 2pm Red Lion Langthwaite
- 24th Grinton Parish Hall Grand Draw 8pm Bridge Inn,
- 27th Arkengarthdale Methodist & St Mary's Church BBQ at the Ghyll from 7pm. Tickets Tel: 884353
- 27th - 28th Natural Health Festival at Graham Sports Centre, Maiden Castle, Durham, details Tel: 886377
- 28th YDNP Guided Walk - In the Footsteps of Miners meet 2pm Gunnerside Village Hall
- 29th Grinton Lodge YHA Open Day
- 30th "Whisky Tasting" at Punch Bowl

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JULY

- 4th Reeth Methodist Sunday School Trip to Redcar. Details Tel: 884027
- 5th YDNP Guided Walk - Flowers in Swaledale meet 2pm Gunnerside Village Hall
- 8th YDNP Guided Walk - Scenic Swaledale meet 1.30pm Reeth NPC
- 12th YDNP Guide Walk - Wildflowers & Landscape of Arkengarthdale meet 2pm Red Lion Langthwaite
- 9th Diaporama at Punch Bowl 9pm
- 11th Marrick Show
- 19th North Country Theatre Present "Northanger Abbey" in Reeth Memorial Hall Tickets from Reeth PO Tel: 884201
- 23rd Marrick PC Meeting

AUGUST

- 13th Dales Ladies outing to Kendal.
- 26th Reeth Show
- 31st Reeth Sports

SEPTEMBER

- 2nd Muker Show

JANUARY 1999

- 2nd North Country Theatre present "The Curse of the Mummy's Tomb" in Reeth Memorial Hall

BUS 'N' BOOTS



Pick up the **FREE** leaflet detailing local walks that link with the Market day Services to Hawes and Leyburn - available from Reeth National Park and Tourist Information Centre Tel: 884059 and many other local outlets

1998 Mobile Library Visits

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WEDS: 3rd June, 24th June, 15th July

Route 7

(Fremington, Reeth, Langthwaite, Whaw)

TUES: 9th June, 30th June, 21st July

Route 9

(Healaugh, Gunnerside, Low Row, Harkerside)

THURS: 11th June, 2nd & 23rd July.

Route 13

(Westonesdale, Keld, Thwaite, Muker)

WEDS: 17th June, 8th & 29th July.

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Summer Dalesbus services: Hawes local services.

See other timetables for services to Leeds via Wharfedale.

WARNING: confusion possible! The 807 runs on Sundays only from 31 May to 20 September 1998. However 800 also runs from Spring Bank until 27th September. The 801 runs until 25th October. These services (but not 807) run Bank holiday Mondays.

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Saturday service from Hawes

800	Sat	800	Sat
Hawes	14.15	Keld	16.05
Keld	14.55	Hawes	16.40

Sunday Service from Garsdale and Hawes to Swaledale, Castle Bolton and Aysgarth.

Sunday Service	807	807	807	807	807	807	807
Garsdale Station	11.05				17.40		18.30
Hawes station yard	11.25	12.35	15.05		18.00		18.50
Hawes market place	11.26	12.36	15.06		(17.59)		(18.49)
Keld	11.55	13.05	15.35				
Muker		13.15	15.45				
Gunnerside	↓	13.25	15.55				
Reeth		13.35	16.05				
Grinton		13.36	16.08				
Castle Bolton	↓	13.55	16.25				
Aysgarth Falls		14.05	16.35				
Askrigg	↓	14.15	16.45				
Hawes station yard	10.05	12.20	14.30	17.00	17.00		18.00
Hawes market place	10.06			17.01	17.01		18.01
Garsdale Station	10.25			17.20	17.20		18.20

Services to Ribbleshead.

Sunday	801	Service number:	801
Hawes Market Place	13.15	Ingleton Com Centre	16.15
Ribbleshead rd junc	13.35	Ribbleshead rd junc	16.35
Ingleton Com Centre	13.55	Hawes Market Place	16.55

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	30	202	30	30	30	30	36	36	30	30	30
		SD	SH		Tu	Tu	Fr	Fr	Sa	Sa	Sa
Richmond Schools		3.45									
RICHMOND Mkt. Pl.	7.15	3.50	3.50	5.35	9.15	1.15	9.05		7.40	11.40	3.40
Whitcliffe Place	7.20	3.55	3.55	5.40	9.20	1.20	9.10		7.45	11.45	3.45
LEYBURN Mkt. Pl.								1.10			
Bellerby Cross Keys								1.15			
Downholme								1.24			
Grinton	7.41	4.16	4.16	6.01	9.41	1.41	9.31	1.34	8.06	12.06	4.06
REETH	7.44	4.19	4.19	6.04	9.44	1.44	9.34	1.37	8.09	12.09	4.09
Healaugh	7.48	4.23	4.23	6.08	9.48	1.48	9.38	1.41	8.13	12.13	4.13
Low Row	7.56	4.31	4.31	6.16	9.56	1.56	9.46	1.49	8.21	12.21	4.21
GUNNERSIDE Bridge	8.00	4.35	4.35	6.20	10.00	2.00	9.50	1.53	8.25	12.25	4.25
Muker Farmer's Arms					10.09	2.09	9.59	2.02	8.34	12.34	4.34
Thwaite						2.12	10.02	2.05	8.37	12.37	4.37
KELD Tan Hill Rd. End						2.19	10.09	2.12	8.44	12.44	4.44
Thwaite						2.46					
Buttertubs Rd. End					10.12						
High Shaw					10.24	2.39					
HAWES Mkt. Pl.					10.30	2.44					
HAWES Mkt. Pl.					9.55	2.10					
High Shaw					10.00	2.15					
Buttertubs Rd. End					10.11	2.27					
Thwaite					10.13						
KELD Tan Hill Rd End					10.20		10.10	2.15	8.50	12.50	4.50
Thwaite					10.27		10.17	2.22	8.57	12.57	4.57
Muker Farmer's Arms					10.30	2.30	10.20	2.25	9.00	1.00	5.00
GUNNERSIDE Bridge	8.00	8.00	4.35	6.20	10.39	2.39	10.29	2.34	9.09	1.09	5.09
Low Row	8.04	8.04	4.39	6.24	10.43	2.43	10.33	2.38	9.13	1.13	5.13
Healaugh	8.12	8.12	4.47	6.32	10.51	2.51	10.41	2.46	9.21	1.21	5.21
REETH	8.16	8.16	4.51	6.36	10.55	2.55	10.45	2.50	9.25	1.25	5.25
Grinton	8.19	8.19	4.54	6.39	10.58	2.58	10.48	2.53	9.28	1.28	5.28
Downholme							10.58				
Bellerby Cross Keys							11.07				
LEYBURN Mkt. Pl.							11.12				
Whitcliffe Place	8.40	8.40	5.15	7.00	11.19	3.19		3.14	9.49	1.49	5.54
RICHMOND Mkt. Pl.	8.45	8.45	5.20	7.05	11.24	3.24		3.19	9.54	1.54	5.54
Richmond Schools		8.50									

SD - Schooldays; SH - School holidays; Tu - Tuesdays only; Fr - Fridays only; Sa - Saturdays only

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REETH High Row	0815	REETH High Row	1500
Park Head	0830	Park Head	1520
Park Head	0835	Park Head	1525
REETH High Row	0850	REETH High Row	1545