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As the day dawned on Saturday 24th October 1998 it became obvious to the 148 riders and a like number of dedicated organisers, officials and observers that the weather boffins had, unfortunately, got it dead right. Following a week of gales and torrential rain, Saturday was going to be just the same. The course for the famous Trial, first run in 1914 travels the high moors, starting near Markse as gar as Gunnerside Gill and back suing only rough tracks and trails across some of the toughest rough land and heather moors in the country. It is a time and observation trial which means that the fastest man seta a standard time for the 75 miles and the 76 sections are marked for skill by official observers. It is the ultimate test of man and machine against every type of natural hazard and attracts the best "Off Road" riders in the country not to mention a number of overseas riders who cannot resist the challenge. Since 1990 the Scott Trial has been organised by the Richmond Motor Club, now one of the outstanding clubs in the country. The Club is heavily dependent for many of its top officials on the "Gazette" area. They include the President: Andrew Brown; Secretary of the Meeting: David (Tubby) Allison; Assistant Secretary: Angela Sunter; Treasurer: Rosalind Brown and Assistant Clerk of the Course: Ron Bailey. Like the Reeth Show, the mammoth organising task begins in February and continues long after the riders have finished. All money raised from the sale of the programmes (so beautifully produced by Mr & Mrs Ken Raw) is always donated to local charities. Last year a generous £2500 helped many local organisations.

After two years when the Trial was run in ideal conditions, this year became the worst since its inception in 1914. Only 21 riders out of 148 made it to the finish. Early starters and faster riders enjoyed (??) The best (??) Of the conditions. Endless torrential rain, reminiscent of Hurricane "Charlie", poured off the moors into the streams transforming them into horrendous life threatening waterfalls and floods. John Allison of the Swaledale fell Rescue Team rigged up ropes to make crossings possible and to help drag out riders drowned bikes and half drowned riders. Malcolm Sunter did sterling rescue work all afternoon doing the same.

None of our local riders managed to finish the Course. The two most successful were President: Andrew Brown and first time rider Mark Sunter (what a baptism.) Both arrived above Punchard Gill when it was at its deepest and most dangerous. Both were washed away down the river while attempting a crossing and Mark was particularly fortunate to be dragged out from under his bike by a noble official.

Congratulations to outstanding winner Graham Jarvis works *Scorpa* rider and one of the three top riders in the country. He followed up winning the Scottish Six Days, a highly successful World Round Trials season and Indoor Aran trials season with this his third Scott win in a row. This feat was last achieved in 1987 - 89 by local hero Phil Alderson. It says much for Phil that in this year's diabolical conditions he finished a creditable fifth only 2 minutes behind the winners standard time. Second place went to *Enduro* and Trial ace from Buxton, John Shirt, third and fourth places going to Andy Huddleston and Michael Phillipson, two North Eastern riders.

The honour of the Richmond Club was upheld with magnificent rides from Stephen Lambert and Martin Alderson in tenth and eleventh places followed by Mark Willis in fifteenth. NO complete team pf three riders finished to claim the Team Award and thirteen individual trophies remained without a winner. Officials of Richmond Club wish once again to thank all farmers, keepers and land owners who for no reward to themselves and often at great inconvenience make it possible for this Trial to continue. They would like to thank all members who observed and helped and to those who gave so much in time and effort in marking out and often re-marking the Course particularly Kevin Hutchinson and Ian Porter-Merry. The cheerful and competent efforts of the Police were much appreciated by riders and spectators alike.

(PS: There is no truth in the rumours that entry fees are to be doubled next year so that all riders can be issued with snorkels !!)

Swaledale Festival Annual Meeting

One of the main aims of the Festival is to provide a good quality programme at a reasonable cost for people usually denied easy access to arts events because of their geographical location. The Swaledale Festival is now one of the largest events of its kind to take place in the area and its contribution to the artistic life of the Dales is to be respected. The wonderful blend of classical concerts through to jazz, brass, folk, theatre, walks, talks and exhibitions has attracted tourists and visitors to the Dales in noticeable numbers, many of them booking their holidays around the Festival's dates. Counter balancing this has been the marked increase of local people attending a wide and diverse range of events.

Several events sold out. In 1998, ticket sales were up 25 % compared to sales in 1997. Since 1993, ticket sales have doubled. The amount spent on artists' fees has also doubled in the last five years. It is interesting to note that whilst everything seems to be on the increase, the ticket prices have not changed much at all, remaining as low as possible to keep the Festival accessible. These figures help to demonstrate the growth of the Festival, not only in its popularity but also in its programme content. This year saw performances by a wide range of artists including those from the Caribbean, India and Africa. Tickets totalling £17,566 were sold in 1998 and the Festival was attended by in excess of 6,000 audience, involved over 500 participants/performers, entertained over 400 primary school children and was aided by over 30 volunteers.

The blend of local and national performers plays an important part in the programme and greatly contributes to the friendly atmosphere and appeal of the Festival. Local artists such as Reeth and Muker Bands and the Swale Singers take part alongside nationally-known artists including soprano Sally Burgess, The Brodsky Quartet and Black Dyke Mills Band.

This year's highlights included : the brilliant young guitar duo The Katona Twins at Aske Hall; Ensemble Bash, contemporary jazz

guitarist John Etheridge, Leikin Loppu Dance Theatre and the North Stars Steel Orchestra all of whom helped attract new people to the Festival; a memorable evening with African musicians Dade Krame who packed Arkengarthdale Methodist Hall on a Thursday evening and who became the talk of the dale for some weeks following; literary input from Maurice Taylor with his talk on Lewis Carroll, Johnny Coppin with his tribute to Laurie Lee, performance poet David Platstone and the story of Yorkshire Dales dialect poet Dorothy Una Ratcliffe in words and music by Artisan; schools performances by Indian dancer Anusha Sabramanyam. Low Row Institute was packed to bursting for Yorkshire Life on Film as was The Punch Bowl Inn for celtic band Ushna, and an enthusiastic audience enjoyed a very innovative performance of Hamlet by annual visitors Sheffield Youth Theatre. Despite no vehicular access, 175 people walked the half mile to Castle Farm House for three outdoor performances by a troupe of visiting actors with their wonderfully entertaining and witty show 'The Good Companions'. Events of this nature undoubtedly contribute to the uniqueness of the Festival.

The inclusion of outdoor events proved ever popular with many visitors enjoying a taste of local life in quoits and sheep dog demonstrations. Guided walks were well supported and many visitors commented on how much they appreciate this aspect of the programme. The Richmond Drummer Boy Walk, organised by The Green Howards Museum and tracing the legendary walk by a drummer boy along an underground passage between Richmond Castle and Easby Abbey, attracted over 100 people compared to 70 last year.

The Festival has now developed a good relationship with the primary schools in the Dales. This year, supported by Live Music Now, an Indian dancer, Anusha Sabramanyam, gave performances at Reeth Primary School and The Elite Cinema, Leyburn for children from the four dales. By providing easy access to high

Swaledale Festival Annual Meeting

quality artists, the Festival can make a positive contribution to the artistic experience of local children.

Freehand Theatre, with their superb show Norman's Ark, entertained an audience of 40 children and 14 adults, most of them local, in Reeth Memorial Hall.

1998 was the Year of Photography therefore many of this year's exhibitions were by local photographers. However, with the addition of exhibitions by the Askrigg Art Group, Brian Pike, Ian Scott Massie and a mix of artists at East Windy Hall, the usual blend of watercolour, oils and sculpture were still featured in a variety of non-art locations varying from The Punch Bowl Inn at Low Row to Middleham Church. Workshops in woodcarving, watercolour and photography gave people a further opportunity to learn about these art forms.

The number of local people wanting to become involved with the Festival has increased and about 30 local people now help with a wide range of tasks from the distribution of leaflets to helping at events. It gives people an opportunity to participate and in the true spirit of co-operation, it can also be fun. This year demonstrated a potential for developing and co-ordinating this valuable pool of voluntary help.

The Festival continues to encourage involvement by local groups and organisations. An example of this would be the exhibition at East Windy Hall in Arkengarthdale. Although open throughout the year, work by local and visiting artists not normally on show at the gallery, can be seen during the Festival. This is complemented by free working art demonstrations. This year, East Windy Hall recorded 650 visitors during the Festival. Hazel Brow Farm is a working farm at Low Row. They regularly have open days but during the 98 Festival it opened for a one day special event which included demonstrations of spinning, rag rugs and butter making which this year attracted over 100 people. These events are mutually beneficial as not only do they extend the choice of events but they provide a direct way for the

Festival to interact with the local community in supporting a variety of local businesses and groups. Local churches and halls are invited to provide interval refreshments at festival events for their own funds. This year, over £7,000 was raised for at least ten local churches and organisations.

This year it was decided that there should be an event every day in Swaledale or neighbouring Arkengarthdale without sacrificing additional events in Wensleydale and Coverdale. Events took place at a wide range of venues ranging from Aske Hall Chapel and The Georgian Theatre at Richmond, The Wensleydale Creamery at Hawes, The Elite Cinema at Leyburn to pubs, village halls and churches throughout the area. It is a fact that the venues that seem to work best and produce more of a 'festival atmosphere' are those placed from Marrick to Keld to Tan Hill. The Festival will continue to organise events in places outside of Swaledale itself as it has an important role to play in arts provision in the area.

Heavy reliance is still given to the grants provided by Yorkshire and Humberside arts and Richmondshire District Council without which the Festival would possibly cease to function. This is despite much work done each year to try and identify new sources of funding. This year only three new sponsors were identified. However the Festival is indeed fortunate to have such regular supporters as the Vaux Foundation, the Yuill Group and Ness Furniture whose contributions help ensure that a high quality programme is maintained.

The assistance of the staff at the local tourist information centres is much appreciated. Leyburn handles postal and telephone bookings whilst at Reeth ticket sales rocketed to nearly four times the amount in 1997.

Concluding her Report the Festival Director Elizabeth Carter stated. 'The 1998 Festival was very successful, highly enjoyable and great fun. It provided a quality and diverse programme of events aiming to meet the needs and interests

of local people and visitors to the Dales. The Festival continues to play an important role in the area as a tourist attraction, and as a major arts provider and facilitator."

The meeting was informed that Elizabeth is being retained as the Director and all officers were re-elected. The Annual Meeting affords the opportunity to discuss both the recent and forthcoming Festival. Local people are invited to make suggestions for the 1999 Festival which runs from 28th May to 12th June to contact the Festival Office at Thornborough Hall, Leyburn as soon as possible.

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British Legion

the Swaledale Branch of the Royal British Legion recently held their Annual Meeting in Reeth Memorial Hall. Officers elected: President: J Blenkiron; Chairman: T Guy; Secretary: J Alderson; Treasurer: W Dolphin; Standard Bearer: W Waller; Sick Visitor: W McCleary.

A Domino Drive has been arranged for November 20th in Reeth Memorial Hall and a Pie and Pea Supper will be held at the Bridge Inn, Grinton on 16th November.

The Annual Service of Remembrance will be held in St Andrew's Church, Grinton at 3pm on Sunday 8th Nov.

Swaledale Parish Forum

All Parishes from Swaledale were in attendance at the very informative first Swaledale Parish Forum, held recently in Fremington Sunday School and organised by Richmondshire District Council. Speakers included representatives from the North Yorkshire Health Authority, Northallerton NHS Trust, Ministry of Defence Estates Agency and the Garrison Commander; North Yorkshire Highways, North Yorkshire Police, the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority as well as Unit Managers from Richmondshire District Council.

Topics covered ranged from Health matters, the new Primary Care Groups, the Crime and Disorder Act and its implications to Swaledale, Millennium events, recycling, refuse collection, highways matters, Electoral and boundaries review, the proposed Swaledale Community Office, dog fouling, Parish and Rural Charters, street lighting and the results from a recent public perception survey. A further forum will be held in the New Year but this meeting was beneficial as it enabled an interchange with the various authorities and local Parishes.

Debbie Kilburn and Karen Calvert would like to thank their friends and family for helping them to celebrate their 21st and 18th birthdays at the Buck Hotel. We would also like to thank everyone for their lovely gifts. They were very much appreciated.

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The season for agricultural shows is well over. The sheep pens are stacked away for another year. The ewes are on the moors again and the lambs off to market, (and not much good that will do the farmers!) The mysteries of sheep judging never get clearer to me, but how fine those creatures look each year, shampooed and brushed and plucked and fluffed. What a variety of styles too! The Texels with deep fleece irresistible to the touch! The strange Blueface and the Wensleydale with their rastaffarian hair cuts; the Jacobs with haphazard horns — how did they ever get like that? But for my taste there is none to beat the Swaledale; such a neat sheep, long tail, white nose and eye-brows, with their not quite "Persil" white, tough fleece. And they are even fitted with handles! Well the Dalesbred come a close second.

How extraordinary that the same species has evolved so differently when they were reared so close, for instance, as Swaledale and Wensleydale and Cumbria.

Swaledales were first registered as a distinctive breed as late as 1919 when the Swaledale Sheep Breeders Association was formed. The Association started with 159 members all whom resided within 15 miles of Tan Hill, except one member from Weardale, who purchased a few ewes and a tup from within Swaledale. Numbers of breeders quickly increased the membership, and in 1924 there were 272 members, and in 1925 336.

By then there were members appearing at Troutbeck, Shap, Settle, Kendal, Upper Wharfedale and Nidderdale. Swaledale sheep gradually replacing the Scotch Blackface and other breeds. By 1935 it was found necessary to split the district membership and a new district was formed in Weardale and the Tyne Valley. By the 40s Swaledales were established in the Cleveland Hills, and the numbers of members reached 732 farmers by the 50s. By now there were flocks registered in Ireland and the Isle of Lewis.

It was found that by crossing the Swaledales (about 20%) with the Scotch Blackface a sturdy sheep very suitable to the Scottish hills and mountains was produced. So today our little Swaledale are bred all over the country, even abroad, often crossed with other breeds to create a tough all round animal. But I divert!

How is it that the sheep reputation of being silly, foolish animals, as lacking in individuality as a Dolly clone? Many farmers tell me that they know each member of their flock. How can that be if they are all alike? You only have to live in a sheep breeding countryside to realise that a flock is made of many strong-minded animals with characters of their own. I am thinking of one of Clark's ewes who every year decides to teach her lambs the best way to climb our walls! One recognises particular sheep with all kinds of individual habits. I don't believe that sheep are like sheep, there's more to them than a mutton chop!

Why is it that in this country we chase our sheep? Every animal has to keep its eye open for that skilful black and white dog creeping up on it, head down, through the heather, or circling round the hill in great arcs to descend suddenly in a rush of nipping and dodging round the sheep's heels.

It was only when I lived in the Middle East that I came to understand those lovely words "He shall feed his sheep like a shepherd. He leadeth me beside the still waters" "Leadeth me?" Surely not. But true enough in the lands of the Bible the sheep follow their shepherd and his dogs, for it is he who finds them fodder in barren stretches of scrub and desert. And what interesting sheep they are too! The Syrian Fat-tailed sheep, with all the ingenuity of the camel, stores its nourishment against hard times in its tail, which is attached like an maple cushion to its rear. This larder is plundered by humans once the sheep is slaughtered, and when rendered down produces a fat which is highly prized called 'samneh'. Rice and even sweatmeats are cooked with it for special occasions. I find it a bit too muttony for my taste.

In the Pyrenees, too, we have watched herds of several hundred sheep, of the floppy, silky eared

FEELING SHEEPISH :

variety, trooping up to the mountain pastures behind a few shepherds and their dogs, and sometimes a cluster of billy goats. As they come along the road the air is filled with the clatter of tuneless bells tied around their necks.

I really like sheep, but I wish I knew why this one gained a red rosette and not that one! There is more to learn than a mere spectator can hope to gain from the yearly visit to the Shows, but I keep trying.

Jocelyn M Campbell

(I acknowledge that the information about the Swaledale Sheep Breeders is from a letter to my father from the late Simm Raw.)

IN BRIEF

St Andrew's Church Grinton

The 1998 season of Monday evening illustrated talks in Fremington Sunday School and Guided Walks raised £2914. The organisers are most grateful to the speakers and walk leaders and to everyone who supported these events. The money raised will enable modernisation of the church heating system to proceed next year and donations of £250 each will be sent to the Darlington Hospice and Marrick Priory Outdoor Centre

The recent Auction of Promises held at the CB Inn raised £1600 for St Mary's Church, Arkengarthdale. A very sincere thank you to all the generous people who were kind enough to support this event.

LOW ROW a Coffee Morning is being held at Barney Top on Sat 7th Nov from 10.30am to 12.30m in aid of Holy Trinity Church. Cakes, preserves, bring & buy and tombola

Congratulations to Reeth Brass Band & the Swaledale Parish Choir on a brilliant Proms Concert. It gets better every year - report next month

REETH & DISTRICT GAZETTE

Thanks to this month's many contributors who include Richard Birks, Matthew Frankland, Michael Gill, Elizabeth Carter, Major FTC Williams and Mark Thompson for his topical cover illustration.

Apologies to those who have submitted items which due to space restrictions have not appeared this month. They will feature next month.



THE SMELT MILLS OF BARNEY BECK

Seven lead smelting mills worked on Barney or Old Gang Beck between 1674 and 1900. Before 1674, ore from the Old Gang area was smelted at the Gilling, Clints, Marrick and Whashton mills in lower Swaledale. The first mill on Barney Beck, built by Philip Lord Wharton and his partners, Philip Swale and Robert Barker, began work in August 1674. We do not know whether this was the High Mill at Raygill or the Low Mill at Surrender, but, whichever it was, the other mill was built by December 1682.

High Mill stood near the confluence of Raygill and Barney Becks, but no trace of it has been found because the valley is strewn with flood debris and mining waste. It is thought to have had one ore-hearth and worked until around 1806.

Low Mill was near the beck, below the (later) Surrender Mill, but it too has been obscured by later debris. Nevertheless, we know it had two ore-hearths by 1806 and worked until around 1841.

A second mill was built at Surrender during 1685. This was the New Mill which had a slag hearth and stood at the north-western end of the (later) Surrender Mill. A water course was brought to the mill from Bleaberry Gill and the waste water went onto the wheel at the Low Mill. The water course can still be traced, but the mill's position has been obscured. The New Mill was idle between 1752 and 1754, when it may have been rebuilt. It was working again in 1755, however, when it is mentioned both as the New Mill and as part of the Low Mills. Like the Low Mill, it worked until around 1841.

The foundations of a fourth mill, which belonged to Thomas Smith, the Lord of the Manor, can still be seen near the beck about 1000 yards upstream of Surrender Bridge. Smith built it in 1769 to smelt ore

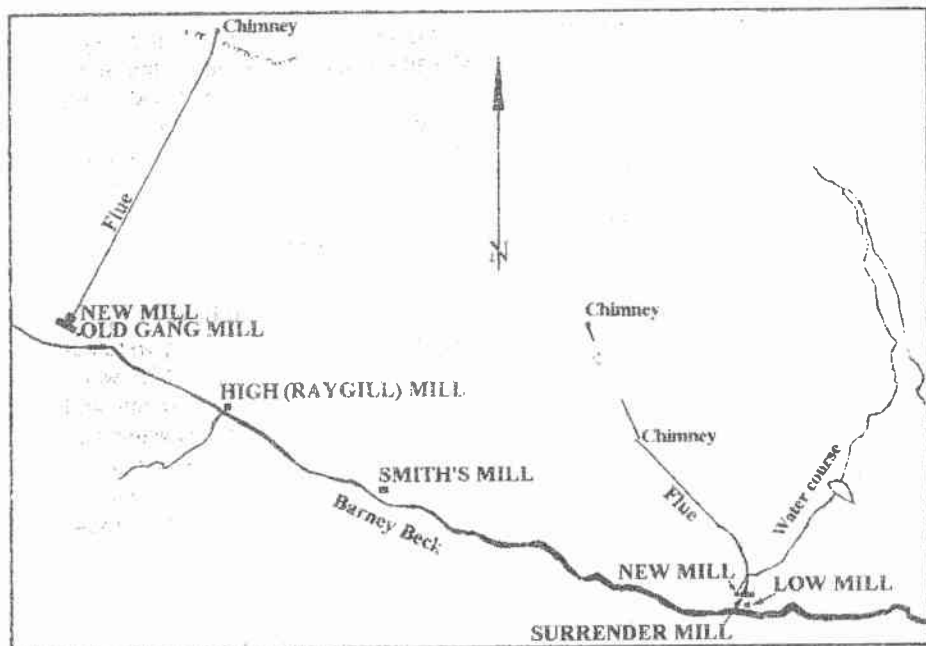
from his mines at Beldi Hill and Fryer Intake after losing possession of the Spout Gill Mill to Lord Pomfret. Smith's Mill only had a short life and was replaced by the Beldi Hill Mill in 1771. It was damaged in a riot (instigated by Lord Pomfret's agents) in 1770-71 and the agent for Smith's estates was scavenging slate and wood from it in 1784.

The Low and New Smelt Mills grew increasingly dilapidated, but they were not replaced until after September 1839, when a new lease stipulated that a new mill and 500 yards of flue should be built within two years. The Surrender Mill was built in 1841 and its flue ended at a chimney some 514 yards away. Some time after 1854, the flue was extended to a total length of 815 yards, including a section through a mine level and up a shaft. Problems with pollution from the new chimney meant that it was seldom used, however.

In 1873 the Surrender Company's works were taken over by the AD Mining Company Ltd, but output was very low. By 1880 it had become uneconomical for the company to smelt its own ore and so it was sold, after roasting to drive off some sulphur, to other lead smelters.

The stock of peat was taken to the Old Gang mill in 1882 and work stopped altogether at the Surrender Mill. In September 1902 the slates and roofing timbers were stripped and sold. The Stang and Cleasby Mining Company, of Arkengarthdale, paid £5.00 for the mill's waterwheel.

Until 1975, when a second mill was recognised, it was thought that only one mill had stood at the site of the Old Gang Mill. The two arches of the New Mill's ore-hearths are still visible underneath the flues of the later mill, however. This mill was built in 1796 and began smelting in January 1797. It was needed to handle the increase in output from Old and North



Rakes, which were being worked from Hard Level. The New Mill was also the first in Swaledale to have a flue to take the fumes to a remote chimney. In this case it appears that the chimney was around 230 yards away until 1829 when another 600 yards of flue was added. This took it to the site of the present chimney on Healaugh Crag.

Nothing in the accounts indicates precisely when the New Mill was replaced by the Old Gang Mill, but it is possible to make a reasoned guess as it would have been possible to build the Old Gang Mill without interrupting smelting at the New Mill until the former was linked to the latter's flue. This would not take long, however, and there is a suitable break in smelting between February and April 1846. In the absence of evidence to the contrary, this is the date proposed for the transfer of smelting.

The Old Gang Mill had four ore-hearths, a slag hearth and a roasting furnace. The

building with the tall chimney is sometimes called the 'Silver House', but this is a fanciful name as the local lead ore contains very little silver. It may have housed a furnace for making soft lead, which attracted higher prices at market.

The output of the Old Gang Mines fell steadily through the 1880s and 90s and the mill worked until at least October 1899 and possibly into 1903. Ore was then sold to smelting companies until the mine closed in 1913. The smelt mill roof was stripped and sold in July 1920.

Since closure, the Old Gang Mill has housed a plant for recovering barytes and some damage was done to the flues. In recent years, however, the National Park authority has made a management agreement with the owners and has stabilised the ruins.

By Michael Gill

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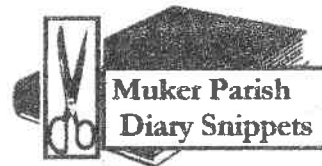
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Reports
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Computer Courses - Following the recent taster sessions a basic information course has started at Muker Public Hall on Friday mornings and at Langthwaite on Friday afternoons. The tutor is Jane Clark of Richmond and the course is organised through the adult education arm of Richmond School. Hopefully further improver and special programme courses are being planned for the January term. An evening course is being discussed to cater for those working during the day. The local Two Dales European Leader Two funding group has earmarked funds to cater especially for assessment and advice to be given to farmers and small businesses requiring tuition in computer handling of stock and vat recording. It is understood that MAFF is to give additional support to this initiative. All courses are planned to be held at local venues.

Muker Ladies Guild, Beetle & Whist drive - Due to the road flooding in the area on Saturday 24th. October this event had unfortunately to be cancelled at short notice. Yorkshire Radio and Radio Cleveland gave out the news of the cancellation and friends rang as many folk as able to spread the word. It was virtually impossible to get in or out of Muker due to the flooded dubs in the dale. Sorry folks - I'm eating the pies.

Open Letter to the folk of the dales - Following on from the above item when chaos was caused to locals and visitors, at the start of the last holiday week of the year, due to the flooding. Whilst it is accepted that the weather was exceptional, it is a fact that had the highways team given immediate attention to clearing storm drains and gullies which had been blocked for over a week prior to the storm of Saturday 24th. then perhaps some of the homes that were flooded may not have been, or at least there would have been some alleviation of the damage caused by water gushing through the homes. The local Parish Councils have been appealing (without success) to N.Y.C.C. for major improvements to the drainage problems. On Saturday 24th. at the height of the flooding the highways authority sent a man in a small yellow van to apparently survey the situation. The van like many other vehicles could not get up the dale due to the depth of water in many of the dubs. Many motorists got stuck with washed out electric's, panicking mothers and children. Ask the folk of Satron who had water gushing through their homes or any regular driver traveling the dale, where the roads flood or which area becomes a skating rink on a frosty morning before the gritter arrives. Ask the school bus drivers they all know. The authority in it's corporate plan class the B6270 as a non - principal road and all structural improvements are costed against the County Councils own Revenue Budget. I suggest we, as taxpaying residents, tell the authority this is our one and only road and therefore **PRINCIPAL** road and we deserve equal treatment to the Towns and Urban areas of the county. The address of the local Officer of the authority is N.Y.C.C. Environmental Management, Mr. M. G. Woodford, B.Sc., C.Eng, M.I.C.E., Div. Eng. Highways Division, 18, Green Howard's Road, Richmond, N. Yorkshire, DL10 4NR. Plead for **PARITY**, adequate drains and run offs and road safety on our Principal road.

A BLOW ON THE WINDEGG & Home by Cockle Shell & The Secret Steps

When it was time to call the assembled together my old Sgt-Major used to erupt with a thunderous roar: "**come on! Let's be 'avin' yer!**" and all the troops would shuffle themselves into some sort of order, ready to march smartly out on parade.

But here, outside the CB Inn near Langthwaite, there is no need for anything like that, thank goodness - for we are drawn, as if by magnet, towards the magical landscape before us, of **Scar House** on the fellside opposite, framed in woodlands brilliantly coloured in every season of the year, whatever the weather.

Our walk is of modest mileage - between 7 & 8, but as we shall be halting at frequent intervals to draw attention to this and that the distance will seem much less. (If we **didn't** halt in this way a good deal of interesting stuff would be missed, as, for instance, **Petticoat Well** (a corruption of 'Betty Coates'), or **Gun Nest**, or the **Secret Steps**, etc., etc.)

So let us push through the stile near the CB Inn, and trundle down the steep side of **The Wham** (Norse for a small valley - several of them locally, another Wham being about a couple of miles NE of Goat Bridge, near Hurst). We cross the Arkle Beck into the grounds of the Duke of Norfolk's **Scar House**, and make our way up the spacious drive, turning into the woods where this drive sweeps round towards the house.

All at once we find ourselves looking down on the last remains of the **Great Octagon Mill** of about 1805, one of the largest smelt mills ever built. (See 'The Lead Smelting Mills of the Yorkshire Dales', Robert T. Clough, 1962, pp.136-7, which contains architectural scale drawings of the smelting mills as they were when first built - quite a treasure of a book). Near the G.O. mill we see the little cottages built for the staff and their families. This must at one time have been the centre of a pretty

substantial lead smelting industry.

Another few yards and we are walking up the Stang road above Eskeleth Woods on our left, with Eskeleth Farm in sight (Mr. Barningham). He and I used to give each other a hail as I went by on my way home in the early morning, after a wild walk 'along the tops' from High Fremington, up to Fremington Edge, and then following the boundary stones across the Moresdale Road to **Arndale Head** and **Stang Top**.

By now we are within sight of the **Windegg**, the Norse name for this great limestone rampart, and well-named indeed, for it means 'a shelter from storms'. It is at its most impressive in the winter snows, and you can quite see how it got its name - a defence against the great storms roaring down Arkengarthdale, especially in winter time. The Windegg is for me a vivid reminder of another prominent rampart, the **Spalvi Raghza** in Southern Waziristan, 600 ft high, it was the most impregnable frontier of the hostile Bhittani tribe, and the only access through it was a narrow corridor into enemy territory and, of course, were ambushed. A company of the 1/11th Sikhs was sent to deal with this. We heard the sound of pretty fierce fighting and chopping and hacking, Sikh Kirpan versus Khyber knife, and presently five dead tribesmen were brought down, and that was the end of that.

The Stang up which we are making our way is thought to be part of the Roman road coming up from Bainbridge northwards in a fairly straight line. It joins the other Roman road between Scotch Corner and Penrith, now the A66, at a point near Greta Bridge, another Roman fort like Bainbridge. Up here the land is pitted with disused shafts and levels and tips which tell of the once - flourishing lead-mining in these parts - all of which would have had their output taken to be smelted at the Great Octagon Mill down below.

All this must have supported a fair-sized working population, and as we slowly climb the winding trail to the top of the Windegg it is not difficult to see where they lived, for the ruins and footings of quite a few cottages are everywhere to be seen. The population tables for these parts, indeed tell their own tale:

Arkengarthdale: in 1801 - 1186; in 1851 - 1283; in 1891 - 761; and in 1951 - 304.

(See that excellent guide 'The Yorkshire Dales', Hartley & Ingilby, 1991, Appx B).

The view from the top of the Windegg, looking far across the wilds of Upper Arkendale and Dale Head, is something special. From here it was at one time possible to see **Eskeleth Hall** on High Eskeleth - indeed I have a photograph of it. Yet all of a sudden it disappeared, demolished completely and no more. My picture is like looking at a spectre! Here too, on this high ridge overlooking the Hall, was Horrocks's Cross, of wood, erected by Miss Horrocks, governess to Jaques children at the Hall. (Speight's 'Romantic Richmondshire', 1897, p.246). It too has gone, though in my enthusiasm I once carried up a spar of wood to put in its place! (The Samson-like business nearly killed me, I tell you! Moral: Never carry tree-trunks about - they look much better where they are!)

By now we are at last on the level, and your map will tell you that all this wild country is called Booze Moor. OK. Fine. But you really need a 6" map to discover the **place-names**, a real delight, i.e., the extraordinary names to perfectly ordinary-looking becks and buildings and holes in the ground! They give charm to this desolate and almost inaccessible landscape that nothing else could give. For instance, what about 'Washy Green', 'Brass Pump', 'Slack Wife Gill', 'Petticoat Well' (from 'Betty Coates')? Then there is 'Gun Nest, once a house (as will be seen). It got its name, so they say, from having been an arms dump, though for what purpose doesn't seem to be known. (I was caught in

a heavy snowstorm while here a few years ago and was pretty thankful for the shelter it gave, I must say.)

We take our way along the **Moresdale Road** for half a mile or so. Dr. Raistrick has this to say about it: "The Moresdale Road runs east along Moresdale Ridge, past **Stony Man** or **St Andrew's Cross**, joining the road that comes up from Langthwaite by Booze and the west side of Sleigill. This is one of the very fine moorland ridgeways, most of which are very ancient, often prehistoric ... The persistence of the standing stones or 'stone men' which mark it, are important evidence of its antiquity." (A. Raistrick, 'Green Tracks of the Pennines', 1965, p.20). Dr T. Bell, of Reeth, once showed me a **mesolithic scraper** (i.e., a flintstone tool used for scraping animal skins clean in the Mesolithic Age - Middle Stone Age - of between 3,000 & 8,000 years BC, after the last Ice Age of 10,000 years ago) He found it beside the Moresdale Road near Washy Green. (See A. Raistrick: 'Prehistoric Yorkshire', 1966, p.7).

Along the Sleigill road there are some fossils that look like oyster-shells, with a pearly glint or sheen. One or two **inscribed stones** are to be seen in or near the Sleigill Beck as well, as, for instance, 'J. Siddle 1907', and there is another stone, in the water, with just the initials. Was he drowned there? We shall never know.

There is overwhelming evidence hereabouts of tremendous mining industry - spoil heaps, levels, hushes - all still here, - a deeply impressive scene of industry gone down, and probably little altered from its heyday, except, of course, that it is all utterly deserted and silent.

The becksides track branches off towards Booze, and near here there is another of those intriguing place names (many of them shown on the 6" map) - **Cockle Shell**. What **can** it mean? So one Sunday morning I said to my wife "Come on dear - we're off to find out about Cockle Shell", and away we went. Eventually we discovered it: 'John

Stang Top

Arndale Hill

Kexwith Moor

Petticoat Well
("Betty Coates")

Egkeleth Wood

Stang Lane

Area of
shafts, pits
& cips

Brass Pump
Float (Lead
Shafts)

Windegg
vein

MORESDALE ROAD

Stony Man, or
St Andrew's Cross

Hanging
Crag

Egkeleth
Farm

Scar
House

Simsy John's

Gun Nest

A BLOW ON THE
WINDEGG

(not to scale)

START

Arkle Beck

CB
Hotel

St Mary's
Church

Methodist Chapel

High Green

Langthwaite Scar

LANGTHWAITE

J. Reed.
"Red Lion"

Huge toadstool

Fountains Farm

Scotty Hill

Sturges Shop

Secret Steps

BOOZE

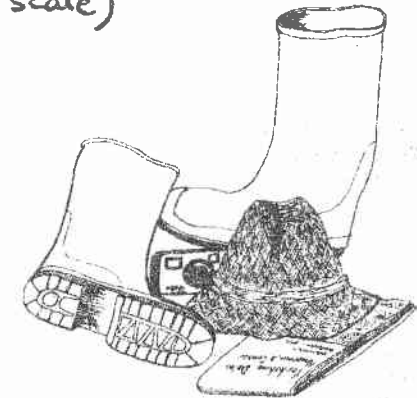
Town End Farm

Cockle
Shell

Washy Green

Slack Wife
Gill

Slack Gill



Cockell 1724' deeply carved in the stone beside a cow-house door!

(After that sparkling discovery I must say I thought a little dose of whisky would not come amiss - it could always be thought of as medicinal, what?) From here it is but a step to the old mining village of **Booze** - originally 'Bow House', or house on the curve (of Sleigill presumably) which merged itself into 'Booze' over the centuries - nothing whatever to do with strong drink. A rather sad-looking little place, with about a dozen houses, most of which have 'gone down', you feel that perhaps an inn here might brace things up a little... It tells the same story of industrial decline as the population figures. Some miners emigrated to America and set up their own community in the state of Iowa, which they called 'Swaledale'.

I have a large scale map of Iowa, showing **Swaledale** alongside the State Highway, not far from Des Moines, the capital, and also some photographs of the place, sent to me by a couple living in the neighbouring state, Missouri. They had heard me talking about Booze and thought I might be interested. I **was** and **am**! What heroic folk were these, Harkers and Coateses, Dinsdales and others, to have thrown their caps over the moon and emigrated under what in those days must have been harsh conditions indeed. (Perhaps to have called their new settlement '**Arkengarthdale**' would have been too much of a mouthful, and the name 'Booze' would have been asking for trouble).

There are two farms in Booze. One is **Town Farm** where the Harkers farm, Dennis with sisters Hazel and Dorothy. (Their father Tomlin died in 1990). The other is **Fountain Farm**, up on the hill, farmed by Katie Willkom and her son Josef. Fountains was the location, in 1994, of an enormous toadstool, *Lycoperdon giganteum* - and when I say enormous I mean something like **two feet across**. Collins Guide to Toadstools, 1975, p.216, says that *L. giganteum* is "edible and good when

young"... (Pull the other one, do.)

Just round the corner from Booze is the curiously named Scotty Hill and the even more curious **Secret Steps**, hidden in a thicket of woodlands beside the road. Crouch down and climb these steps through a tunnel of trees and what do you find at the top? A wonderful view, as from a hot-air Balloon, of Langthwaite far below, from the high-living folk (at High Green) to the others grouped round the 'Red Lion' and Stubb's Shop below.

There are several remarkable features worth taking notice of in Langthwaite. The first is, of course the very large Methodist Chapel, built to meet the needs of what was a proportionately large industrial population - and close to it the **Sunday School**, a rarity in these benighted days, what? Few places can boast of a Sunday School **purpose-built**! Then, a little further up the road, what about the **bird-tree**? Clipped from a thorn-tree by Mr Maurice Hutchinson the Reeth postman, with the back of an old alarm-clock for an eye! He said to me: "See that thorn-tree next to it? It looks like an egg?" So I said "Yes, it does look like an egg". "Well", he went on, "in five years' time it will have **hatched out**!" Indeed it did - five years later a younger, small bird had begun to see the light of day!

From the Secret Steps a narrow footpath runs somewhat precariously along the edge of **Langthwaite Scar**, with an almost sheer drop of perhaps 70 feet though the trees of Scar House wood below. Further west are taller trees, the tops of which are almost invisible from where we are. But one spring day I was scrambling along with a young friend of mine, sharp-eyed, highly intelligent, and very knowledgeable. He suddenly stopped and whispered in a tense, excited voice: "Look! Major! Can you see the **buzzards**? In that tree? On their nest?" I pretended I could see, but I couldn't. So I said "Gosh! Yes!" and followed up with a few exclamations of astonishment etc. My young friend had all the makings of an

expert **twitcher** (i.e. a rare bird spotter) but without the **face camouflage** which most dyed-in-the-wool twitchers always seem to possess - perhaps to deceive the birds?

Anyway, here we are, delicately tip-toeing along the top of Langthwaite Scar. You will notice below us, a little further along, the considerable spoil-heap of **Prosperous Lead Level**, far down among the trees, and probably well-named. A lucky strike indeed for the owner.

At the deserted cottage known locally as 'Steve's' we turn down on to the fairly well-worn track through Scar House Wood, while a lone cow moos at us from a window in the cottage - perhaps her name is Steve?

We descend by flowery paths to Langthwaite and dive into Jake & Ella Stubbs's village shop, where they stock dashed nearly everything you can think of, especially in the fizzy drinks and ice-cream line.

Finally, before making our way homeward past Scar House and up The Wham, we must call in at the 'Red Lion' for a chat with the Hutchinsons and Mrs Winkfield and a glass of good cheer - not that we need a great deal, for we are pretty cheerful already after our inspiring, and indeed uplifting tramp above Booze and the Windegg, although life among the Stony Men and Slack Wives must have been rather humdrum, what?

F.T.C.W.

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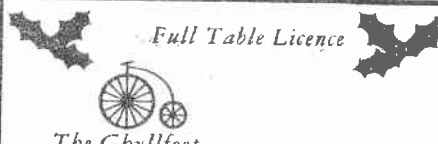
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Flytipping Warning to Local Residents

A complaint about the disposal of garden and other waste into Arkle Beck has led to a warning from the Environment Agency to local residents. Environment protection officers investigating the incident found that garden waste had been thrown into the beck, at an area known as the Old Mill. A spokesperson for the Agency, said: "Our investigations show that there is clearly a problem with some local residents using the beck as a dumping ground. This is unacceptable and antisocial behaviour as it creates a pollution risk and turns the watercourse into an eye sore, spoiling people's enjoyment of the environment." The public can dispose of their household waster free of charge at local authority civic amenity sites, thereby protecting their local environment and avoid paying fines of up to £20000.

Anyone with information regarding incidents of fly tipping can contact the Environment Agency at its Thirsk office on 01845 523805 or on the 24 hour emergency hotline 0800 807060

A PENNY IN THE POT

Total raised at 21st Oct £1043 These funds have been raised through generous donations from local residents and local and national businesses. The Charity Rounders match raised £264. Everybody enjoyed the afternoon which also included welly wanging, a 4x4 driving course, a treasure hunt and afternoon tea. Thanks go to Kim Allison, Sharon Terry and Allison Stubbs who orgained the event.

Forthcoimg events include:

Virgin Vie Skin Care & Make-up Evening at the CB Inn 8pm Mon 9th Nov Tickets £2 from Cheryl Stones 884718; Allison Stubbs 884363 and the CB 884567

Film Show - a new video by Dave Carlisle on Lead Mining in the Dales in St Mary's Church, Arkengarthdale on Fri 13th Nov at 7.30pm All proceeds to "Friends of Arkengarthdale School"

Muker Public Hall Annual Domino Drive

Tues 3rd Nov at 7.30pm

Neighbourhood & Dales Watch Groups - our thanks and Best Wishes go to meanie Divine, former Co-ordinator of HARPAC who has now left the organisation. Melanie gave staunch support to all crime prevention groups both new and existing by touring the area giving out pamphlets and visiting as a guest speaker on crime prevention at local forums and clubs. Please support your Group.

Arkengarthdale Dales Watch - well done lads and lasses from your co-ordinator.

LEADER 2 FELS & DALES PROGRAMME

Two Dales Group

Further funding may be available for IT Training, computers and for joint brochures for craft and accommodation supporting farming diversification (in assoc with MAFF). However applications close on Mon 9th Nov - forms/details from Val Stark, Croft View Gunnerside, DL11 6LD Tel: 886220

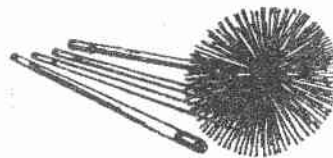
Recent reports in the press have been misleading. Local projects benefiting from the programme include: Swaledale Festival; Reeth Village Clock; Keld Public Hall; Reeth & District Gazette; Grinton Parish Hall; Business Association leaflet; River Swale Reneration project, Gunnerside Village Hall, Low Row & Feetham Institute; Gunnerside Tidy Village, Reeth School Playground, Summer Sports Outreach; the new Market Day Bus Services; Daelswatch, Reeth Mother and Toddler Group; Ecoscope and the Luncheon Clubs feasibility study, and that's just in our two dales!

Re-Opening of Gunnerside Post Office

support was widely demonstrated by both local people and visitors through donations received in response to a recent request for help, and the Committee would like to thank all who contributed. Further donations would be very welcome and can be left with any of the followinf: Elvia Calvert - East View; Val Stark - Croft View, Joan Simpson - Ghyllbeck and David Crapper - Greenacres.

Millennium Celebrations - next month we will try to update you what is being planned around the Two Dales. The Gazette is to publish a programme for the year 2000.

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Nonsense

Once I saw a man. Who ate a metal can.
Then I saw a man, who drove a rusty van.

Once I had a wish, to catch a little fish.
Then I had a wish, to eat it in a dish.

Once I ate a bun, while sitting in the sun.
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Once I sat in hay,
when my mum was away
Then I sat in hay, it was the month of May.

Once I drank some sherry, till it
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Oliver Gardner (aged 9)

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Now look what he's doing,
He's marching up the stairs.
Now where's that monster gone?
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Now he's made the baby cry.
What did he say? Was that "Goodbye?"

Abigail Stubbs (aged 9)

My Day

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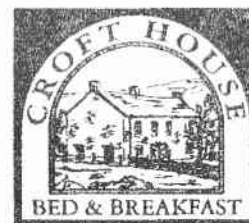
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Film Show

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Marjorie and George Lundberg, and the girls would like to thank everyone for the expressions of sympathy offered during the time of their sad bereavement. Particular thanks to Rev Tim Tunley and Simon Barnham

Congratulations and Happy Birthday to Lias Anita Calvert with all our love on your 21st from Mam and Karen xxx
Congratulations on your 21st Birthday to Lisa Anita Calvert, Have a great day on 9th Nov, Lots of Love Nanna xxx
Best Wishes on your 21st Birthday to Lisa Anita Calvert, from Uncle Michael, Auntie Pat, Paul, Sarah, Lyndsey, and Andrea on 9th Nov xxx

DIARY DATES - All entries are FREE - Tel: 884201

NOVEMBER

- 1st Please note amended Bus Timetable
 2nd Dales Ladies - Fashion Show Open Evening
 3rd The "TOP SHOP" Reeth's Hairdressing salon opens - Bookings Tel: 884627
 3rd Upper Swaledale & Arkengarthdale Business Assoc - AGM - Black Bull, Reeth 7.30pm
 5th Reeth Fire Crew Firework Display and Bonfire on Reeth Green
 5th Arkengarthdale Bonfire at Fireworks CB Inn Car Park
 5th Marrick Village Bonfire Night Party
 5th Gunnerside Bonfire Night event.
 6th Garden House, Anvil Sqaure, Reeth Christmas Shopping evening 6.30 - 9.30pm
 6th Reeth Community Wall Hanging project Meeting - 7.30pm Shades of Heather workshop
 7th Coffee Morning at Barney Top, Low Row in aid of Holy Trinity Church, Low Row.
 7th Domino Drive - Low Row & Feetham Institute
 8th Remembrance Sunday
 9th Two Dales Gardening Club, 2pm Reeth Mem Hall "Herbaceous Plants for cottage gardens" with Mr D Baker
 9th Reeth Memorial Hall Users Meeting 7.30pm
 11th Richmondshire Volunteer Centre AGM 7pm Zetland Centre, Richmond
 12th Melbecks Society - "Down the Pan" a lighthearted look at the History of the Lavatory" with Mrs Dulcie Lewis
 13th Reeth Christmas Shopping Evening 6.30pm - 9.30pm (see advert)
 13th Film Show - Lead Mining in the Dales, St Mary's Church, Arkengarthdale 7.30pm
 16th British Legion Pea & Pie Supper, Bridge Inn, Grinton
 16th DEADLINE Date for Dec Issue
 17th Lighting up Gunnerside for Christmas Shopping event in Gunnerside Village Hall from 7.30pm featuring fashions, books and Thornton's chocolates

- 17th Learning to Save Lives - a North Yorkshire Life Link free course at 2pm in Reeth Memorial Hall - organised by North Yorkshire Ambulance Service
 17th Coach trip to York - Tel: 884471 after 6pm for details
 19th Melbecks Society - Coffee morning 10 to 12noon in Low Row Institute for the Arthritic Research Campaign
 19th Gunnerside WI AGM and member's evening
 20th British Legion Domino Drive
 22nd Richmond Arts & Crafts Society Exhibition, Market Hall Richmond 10am - 4pm
 23rd Reeth PC Meeting 7pm Mem Hall
 25th Concert by Richmond School Orchestra and Singers in Grinton Church 7.30pm
 26th Concert by the Richmondshire Orchestra, Ballroom Kings Head, Richmond 7.30pm

DECEMBER

- 7th Xmas Whist & Domino Drive & Draw, Marrick Village Hall
 7th Dales Ladies - Wines for Christmas
 8th Muker PC Meeting
 10th Melbecks Society - an evening of Christmas Music with Duncan Bythell and the Swale Singers
 14th Two Dales Gardening Club
 17th Gunnerside WI Christmas Dinner & Party
 19th Domino Drive Low Row & Feetham Institute
 23rd Christmas Concert with Reeth Brass band and the Swaledale Parish Choir in Grinton Church

JANUARY 1999

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

Latest Recommended Overseas

Posting Dates for Christmas -

Surface Mail	Eastern Europe	11 th Nov
	Western Europe	18 th Nov
Air Mail	Outside Europe	5 th Dec
	Europe	12 th Dec

1998 Mobile Library Visits

Route 3

(Downholme, Grinton, Marrick, Marske)

WEDS: 18th Nov; 9th Dec

Route 7

(Fremington, Reeth, Langthwaite, Whaw)

TUES: 3rd & 24th Nov; 15th Dec

(note new times - pick up a leaflet for details)

Route 9

(Healaugh, Gunnerside, Low Row, Harkerside)

THURS: 15th Oct; 5th & 26th Nov; 17th Dec

Route 13

(Westonesdale, Keld, Thwaite, Muker)

WEDS: 21st Oct; 11th Nov; 2nd & 23rd Dec

This information was correct at the time of printing. The staff on the Mobile Library will be happy to help with any queries or

Tel: 01609 776192

RICHMONDSHIRE MOBILE VOLUNTEER BUREAU

follows the Library Van and routes and visits Reeth on alternate Fridays, (next 6th & 20th Nov) for full details Tel: 822335

DEADLINE DATE for Dec Issue

Mon 16th Nov

please note the deadline date for each issue has been altered to the 3rd Monday of each month to allow more time for the preparation of the next issue

WINTER OPENINGS

from 1st Nov

Bottom Shop, Reeth

will close at 12noon on Weds & Sun

Reeth TIC & National Park Centre

will only be open 10am - 4pm Sat & Sun

(Planning Surgeries are still being held on

Monday 11am - 1pm)

REETH POST OFFICE & BOOKSHOP

is now closed on Sundays.

ELITE CINEMA

at LEYBURN

(Tel: 01969 624488)

Nov Film Programme:

- 5th - 7th at 4.30pm & 8pm
 "Saving Private Ryan" (15)
 12th - 14th at 5pm & 8pm
 "The Land Girls" (12)
 19th at 5pm & 8pm
 "The X-Files" (15)
 20th & 21st at 5pm & 8pm
 "Cousin Bette" (15)
 26th at 5pm & 8pm
 "Hana - B1" (18)
 27th & 28th at 5pm & 8pm
 "Lock, Stock & Two Smoking Barrels" (18)

Coming in Soon

"Elizabeth," "Mulan," "A Perfect Murder,"
 "There's something about Mary" and
 "The Truman Show"

Advance Bookings Available

Box Office Open 10.30am - 6.30pm Thurs - Sat

Lighting Up Gunnerside for Christmas

Join us at a fund raising event in
Gunnerside Village Hall
 on Tuesday 17th Nov from 7.30pm

On sale will be:

Ladies Fashions,

Thornton's Chocolates

and a large variety of BOOKS for all ages

plus our usual home made cake stall

Coffee and Festive refreshments

will be served

Tickets (£2) are available from:

Lisa 886434

Rachel 886502

Sarah 886267

Please support this event and help "Lighting up Gunnerside" to be its usual success

CHURCH SERVICES

in ARKENGARTHDALE and SWALEDALE

AKENGARTHDALE METHODIST CHURCH

Roof Appeal

An Appeal has been launched to repair the roof at Arkengarthdale Methodist Church.

A number of special events have also been organised the next being Friday 6th Nov at 7.30pm when Gwen Butler will give an illustrated talk on "Nostalgic Richmond" Admission £2 which includes light refreshments.

Any donations for the Appeal can be forwarded to Mrs Maureen Stones at Park Head Farm, Arkengarthdale, DL11 6RR Tel: 884730

November 8 Remembrance Sunday

9.15am	St Andrew's Grinton Rite A
	St Michael's Downholme Rite B
10.30am	Low Row URC
	Reeth Methodist
11.00am	Reeth Congregational
	St Mary's Muker
	Eucharist and Sunday School
	St Edmund's Marske AM Prayer
11.15am	St Mary's Arkengarthdale
2.00pm	Keld URC
2.30pm	Gunnerside Methodist
	Arken'dale Methodist
	Low Row Methodist
	Muker Methodist Communion
3.00pm	St Andrew's Grinton
6.30pm	Marske Methodist
	Reeth Congregational
	Reeth Methodist

November 29 Advent Sunday

10.30am	Reeth Methodist
	St Mary's Arkengarthdale
	Parish Communion
	Low Row URC
11.00am	St Edmund's Marske AM prayer
	Reeth Congregational
2.00pm	Keld Methodist Communion

November 15

9.15am	St Mary's Muker Rite A
10.30am	Low Row URC
	Reeth Methodist Comm'n
	St Andrew's Grinton
	Morning Prayer
11.00am	Reeth Congregational
	St Edmund's Marske
	Holy Eucharist
11.15am	Trinity Low Row Rite A
2.00pm	Keld Methodist
2.30pm	Low Row Methodist
	Gun'side Methodist Comm'n
	Muker Methodist
6.30pm	St Mary's Arkengarthdale
	Evensong
	Marske Methodist
	Reeth Congregational
	Reeth Methodist

November 22

8.00am	Holy Trinity Low Row Comm'n
9.15am	St Andrew's Grinton Eucharist
9.30am	St Michael's Downholme Rite B
10.30am	Low Row URC
	Reeth Methodist
11.00am	Reeth Congregational
	St Edmund's Marske
	Family Eucharist
11.15am	St Mary's Arken'dale Comm'n
2.00pm	Keld URC
	Arken'dale Methodist Comm'n
	Gunnerside Methodist Comm'n
	Low Row Methodist
	Muker Methodist
6.30pm	Marske Methodist
	Reeth Congregational
	Reeth Methodist

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	Reeth Congregational
	Reeth Methodist

ARRIVA (UNITED) - DALESBUS

Richmond - **SWALEDALE** - (Hawes TUES only) - (Leyburn FRI only) Routes: **30, 36, 202**

(NOTE: altered TIMES)	30	202	30	30	30	30	36	36	30	30	30
	SD	SH		Tu	Tu	Fr	Fr		Sa	Sa	Sa
Richmond Schools											
RICHMOND Mkt. Pl.	0715	1550	1550	1735	0910	1310	0900		0740	1140	1540
Whitcliffe Place	0718	1553	1553	1738	0913	1313	0903		0738	1138	1538
LEYBURN Mkt. Pl.								1257			
Bellerby Cross Keys								1302			
Downholme								1312			
Grinton	0737	1612	1612	1757	0932	1332	0922	1322	0757	1157	1557
REETH	0739	1614	1614	1759	0934	1334	0924	1324	0759	1159	1559
Healaugh	0742	1617	1617	1802	0938	1338	0929	1329	0802	1202	1602
Low Row	0750	1625	1625	1810	0945	1345	0935	1335	0810	1210	1610
GUNNERSIDE Bridge	0800	1635	1635	1820	0955	1355	0945	1345	0820	1220	1620
Muker Farmer's Arms					1006	1406	0956	1356	0831	1231	1631
Thwaite						1410	1000	1400	0835	1235	1635
KELD Tan Hill Rd. End						1419	1009	1409	0844	1244	1644
Thwaite						1436					
Buttertubs Rd. End					1010						
High Shaw					1024	1439					
HAWES Mkt. Pl.					1030	1444			(Italics - Route 130 to 22 Dec		
HAWES Mkt. Pl.					0955	1410			Weather permitting)		
High Shaw					1000	1415					
Buttertubs Rd. End					1011	1427					
Thwaite					1013						
KELD Tan Hill Rd End					1020		1010	1410	0845	1245	1645
Thwaite					1029		1019	1419	0854	1254	1654
Muker Farmer's Arms					1033	1430	1023	1423	0858	1258	1658
GUNNERSIDE Bridge	0800	0800	1635	1820	1044	1439	1034	1434	0909	1309	1709
Low Row	0810	0810	1645	1830	1054	1443	1044	1444	0919	1319	1719
Healaugh	0818	0818	1653	1837	1103	1451	1050	1450	0927	1327	1727
REETH	0821	0821	1656	1841	1105	1455	1055	1455	0930	1330	1730
Grinton	0823	0823	1658	1843	1107	1458	1057	1457	0932	1332	1732
Downholme							1107				
Bellerby Cross Keys							1122				
LEYBURN Mkt. Pl.							1127				
Whitcliffe Place	0842	0842	1717	1902	1126	1519		1516	0951	1351	1751
RICHMOND Mkt. Pl.	0845	0845	1720	1905	1129	1524		1519	0954	1354	1754
Richmond Schools											

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

All services are supported by North Yorkshire County Council.

(the Hawes Market Day Route 130 operates until 22 Dec - weather permitting)

Enjoy a walk? Take the Bus - see the "BUS 'n' BOOTS" leaflet available at many

outlets in the Dale or from: National Park and Tourist Information Centres -

(REETH TIC and National Park Centre Tel: 01748 884059 - open Nov - Mar, Sat & Sun only 10am - 4pm)

For more information on **ARRIVA (UNITED)** Bus services please Tel: **0345 124125**

ARKENGARTHDALE (This service operates with the support of North Yorkshire County Council) to link with the Friday Leyburn Service Malcolm Terry will be operating a service from Arkengarthdale every Friday. Please telephone 884533 before 6pm each Thursday to confirm your requirements.

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