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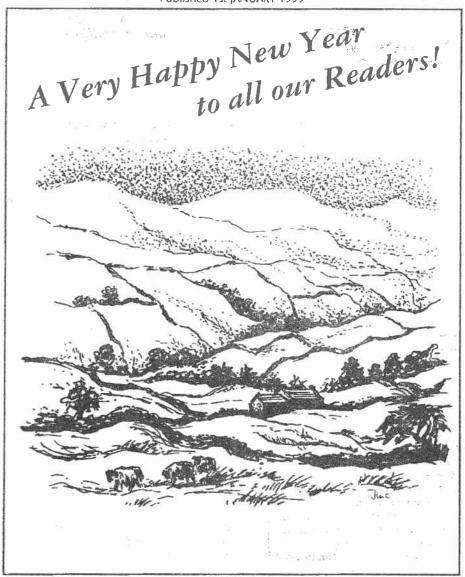
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REETH SCHOOL NEWS

The Christmas activities at Reeth School coincided with the children, parents, staff and friends of the school saying farewell to their Headteacher, Mrs Rosalind Earl.

Previously Headteacher of Arkengarthdale Church of England Primary School, Mrs Earl was appointed head of Reeth Primary School seventeen years ago. In those seventeen years the world of Primary education has undergone sweeping changes including the introduction of The National Curriculum, information technology and the National Literacy Strategy.

Mrs Earl has provided positive leadership throughout and has enabled the school to accommodate these change with confidence and success, always ensuring that the needs of the children remained the main priority.

The school half was packed with parents and pupils past and present for the Christmas Concert and the Chairman of the School Governors, Dr Paul Bond, took the opportunity to thank Mrs Earl for all that she had done for the school. The children presented Mrs Earl with a painting by local artist, Vic Smith, a silver three-tier cake stand, a bouguet of flowers and a cheque for £130. Mrs Earl thanked everyone who had supported the work of the school and said how much she would miss the company of the children.

The three local Primary Schools - Gunnerside Methodist, Arkengarthdale C. of E. and Reeth School came together for the traditional end of Autumn Term tingle Service in St Andrew's Church at on. Many parents, grandparents and friends joined the pupils.

Maryann Allison, Tom Gill Marybeth Pilgrim, Thomas Barningham, Caitlin Davies, Matthew Gold, Shelley B ack, Holly Smith, Eleanor Abel-Smith, Robert Wilhelmy, John Ellerton, Scott Malton, Rachael Duck and Patricia Haste all read and explained the meaning of the parts which make the Crhistingle.

The prayers were led by Linda Thomborrow, Christopher Porter, Sam Newborn, Rose Chadwick, -Bethany Parkes and Adam Hunter.

Revd. Tim Tunley gave the address and Pat Cowan played the organ.

Christine Beeston, Chloe Orange and Carlin Peterswald presented the collection of £160 for the work of the Children's Society.

The Junior football teams of Arkengarthdale and Reeth spent the first morning of their Christmas holiday enjoying an exciting game of football. Reeth snatched a goal in each half but only outstanding goalkeeping by Joe Pettican prevented the Arkengarthdale players scoring the goals their football deserved. Players and spectators thoroughly enjoyed a game which neither team deserved to lose. Final score: Reeth 2 - Arkengarthdale 0.

GUNNERSIDE POST OFFICE

Community efforts and support are to be rewarded with the re-opening of a Post Office at Gunnerside in the Village Hall on Thursday 7th January. The new subpostmistress is Joan Simpson. The Post Office is a "Community" Office and the hours of opening will be Mon 9am - 1pm and Wed and Thurs 9am to 12nnon On the first morning Gunnerside WI will be providing coffee and biscuits for all customers. Please support the Post Office, for as with most facilities in rural areas it is very much a case of Use it or Lose it

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NAGORNO KARABAKH

There was no turning back. The letter was now in front of me inviting me to join a team going to Nagomo Karabakh. Listed under the essential items to take were sleeping bag, water bottle and toilet roils. There was no need to take much money as until recently there had been next to no shops there. That was point in its favour. I usually try to avoid shopping anyway I am definitely not a male version of Kate Adie, so would it be safe to go? There had been a fierce and brutal civil war going since 1988. The situation had now calmed down, with just occasional border skirmishes. A group of Armenian pupils from a school in England had recently visited there, so it was thought to be pretty safe. But where was I going?

If you travel east through the former US SR you will come to Armenia. Eess than five miles east of Armenia, at the nearest point is Nagorno Karabakh. About 15 miles to the south is Iran. NK is an enclave within Azerbaijan. Its name means 'mountainous black garden'. Its population is about 140,000. 95% of these are Armenians, most being members of the Armenian Apostolic Church, one of the oldest Christian Churches in existence. Azerbaijan had a largely Muslim population of 7 million.

With the fall of the Communist regime in the US SR, the Azarbaijani authorities saw this as their opportunity to carry out a policy of ethnic cleansing in NK. Against all odds the Karabakhis held out That was the background in a nutshell. Usually my holidays took me to the Scottish highlands and islands or to Wales. This was going to be different to say the least.

But why was I going there? Emmanuel College, the City Technology College where I worked as Head of Religious Education had a work placement policy for staff and pupils alike. What could I do that would be of value? Baroness Caroline Cox, Deputy Speaker of the House of Lords, was a founder governor of Emmanuel College. Among her other responsibilities she was President of a Christian human rights and relief organisation called Christian Solidarity Worldwide. CSW works for the religious liberty of persecuted Christians, helping others suffering repression, children in need and victims of disaster throughout the world. I thought that a week at their offices might prove to be an interesting placement. That would give me an opportunity to see the variety of projects that CSW carried out and to see how the money that they raised was being used. So off I wrote. The reply came back.

"Would you like to join a fact finding team going to Nagomo Karabakh?" I jumped at the chance. What follows is a summary of my week there.

We flew from Heathrow to Amsterdam. After that the luxury stopped. From there an elderly aircraft took us to Yerevan, the capital of Armenia. The helicopter pilots from NK had arranged for fresh fruit and cakes to be sent to an airport lounge that had been reserved for us. This was typical of Armenian hospitality. The following morning two elderly yellow Soviet helicopters took us to Stepanakert, the capital of Nagomo Karabakh. The mountainous road from Armenia to NK was not to be recommended, unless bad weather prevented flying. Thankfully it didn't.

We had been warned about Armenian hospitality. A main meal could last for hours,

There would be breaks when all and sundry would propose toasts. This was accompanied with Armenian brandy I rocket fuel, or vodka. We were informed that the only brandy that Winston Churchill would drink was Armenian. On one occasion the elderly mother of the family that I stayed with brought a cola bottle with her to the evening meal. It contained her home distilled (or whatever it is that you do to manufacture this lethal concoction) vodka with her. This was to be used for the toasts. It is possible to make a small glass last for a long time! Considering that NK was one of the poorest countries in Eastem Europe, their wet come and generosity was embarrassing. Never have I been served with fried eggs, chips and vodka for breakfast before!

We were able to visit a church built between 1216-1238, which was perched on the top of a mountain in Gandsazar It seem ed to be the most inaccessible place imaginable for a church. It had survived both

NAGORNO KARABAKH:

the Communist regime and the recent war, during which it ~ remained open for prayer, despite being a key target for artillery bombardment.

The next day we visited the village of Nerkin Horatagh and were welcomed first by a local military unit and then by children singing Armenian songs and reciting poetry. The Director of the School, Nina Danielian, showed us around the school. It had been badly damaged during the war It had no windows. Many rooms were structurally unsound. During winter, with no electricity, they had to burn wood to keep warm.

The teachers all had other jobs in order to supplement their pay.

After this we went to N ew Maraghar There had been a dreadful massacre there in 1992. C SW visited the scene within hours of it happening and were met with the horrific scene of the sawn off heads of 45 villagers. A CSW cow-restocking programme was now well underway in the village. Many of the families had received a cow, as there was a pressing need for basic dairy products. This project started after CSW were told that children there did not know the taste of milk. Thanks to Molly Kemp and , Teddies for Tragedies' I was able to take several teddies from Reeth with me and these found very welcome homes here. I have photos of the children with their teddies One of the joys of the week was to visit a Holiday Bible Club being run for children, by the American Armenian Missionary Association. Had I been back in Reeth I would have been involved in the Holiday Bible Club at Reeth Congregational Church, so this helped to make up for missing that. The government had provided the premises that they were using. They were formerly used as a Soviet Young Pioneer Camp. About 150 children welcomed us by singing Armenian choruses. 90% of these children had lost their fathers in the civil war. Despite their poverty the girls in particular were always brightly dressed. Over the summer a total of 750 children were able to attend the camp.

Next was a visit to the Cox Orthopaedic Clinic, where a short presentation was held to celebrate the treatment of the 225th patient at the clinic. Most of the patients had lost limbs in landmine accidents. This was followed by a visit to the Pastor Hans Rehabilitation Clinic. This was for those who had suffered long term disabilities, such as spinal injuries, as a result of the war. The Centre runs a clothes factory and a small shop to raise money for the Clinic.

We then visited an Old Persons Home that had 40 residents. We were able to hear something of their tragic experiences due to the recent hostilities. In an Eastern European culture, it is customary for the elderly to be cared for by their family, so the existence of such a home highlighted the severe losses suffered during the war. I spoke (through a translator) with one of the residents there who gave me his life story.

Whilst he spoke, he manipulated a string of wooden beads between his fingers. They aided the movement of his fingers. He had made them himself from the wood of a jasmine tree. Before I left, he insisted that I take them as a gift, as he was so grateful for the visit that we had made. This was typical of the folk that we met. They had so little, but wanted to share what they had with us.

In order to give us an insight into the political complexities of the country, we were able to meet the Foreign Minister (now President) of NK.

I was also able to meet one of the 'characters' of Karabakh. He noted my size (then over 22 stone) and proceeded to do various stretching and kicking exercises, though he was no light-weight himself From his gestures it was obvious that he wanted me to join in! This was followed by a game of leapfrog that ended with us both flat out on the floor! I discovered that this man, Dr Zuri Belayen, was a former representative of the USSR Supreme Soviet. He was now the Minister of Social Welfare, and Head of Distribution in NK. He was also awaiting a triple heart by-pass.

It is difficult to convey on paper the feelings and emotions that were compressed into one week. I have only given a glimpse into life in Karabakh. It is one of the forgotten areas of the world, not considered

NAGORNO KARABAKH:

to be of sufficient interest to merit a mention in the news. The country is still in a desperate state. The whole infrastructure has collapsed. Electricity is available for only a few hours a day for many of the population. There is no postal service. Basic goods are not available. The memories of my brief visit there will last for my lifetime. I may be able to return there in 1999, hopefully taking some 6th form pupils with me. If anyone would like to know more about how they can help, please get in touch with me. I will also be happy to give an illustrated talk about Nagorno Karabakh to any group however large or small.

John Little - Telephone 884759.

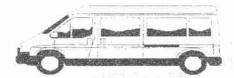
Ellerton, near Grinton

The hamlet of Ellerton has a history almost forgotten. In the 12th Century, Ellerton Abbey had great connections with Marrick Priory, according to a book by Edmund Buck written in the late 18th century. He says the nuns at Marrick Priory dressed in black and the nuns at Ellerton Abbey dressed in white. Also they had underground tunnels under the Swale as a secret passage. The monks lived at Grinton near the Church. Ellerton Hall was built much later. Ellerton has early lead mining history from Roman times. It was connected with Grinton mines, nearly all the houses were miners cottage. When the new road was made from Marske Bridge through Ellerton a Gate House was made where you paid a toll to pass through. The fee was one penny. The Nunnery at Ellerton, "El" Celtic for a Hill was built by Whymerus of Aske. It was only a small foundation and its inmates were never rich, yet as poor as they were the ravaging Scots once pillaged their homes, acted violently and carried away valuables, charters and writings. At the time of the Dissolution of the Monasteries its yearly income was only £15 10s 8p.The last Prioress, Joanna, surrendered the house,

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The aims of the National Cycle Network are:

- to provide a nationwide network of safe, attractive, high quality routes for cyclists which also extend the provision for walkers and wheel chair users;
- · to promote cycling as a form of transport.
- to stimulate wider measures benefiting cyclists and pedestrians, and help to promote local and regional route networks.

Amongst other criteria the National Cycle Network routes should be "so memorable for visitors and tourists that people starting with a recreational trip are persuaded to cycle more."

The developing Network uses off road paths and quiet roads and includes a number of routes in North Yorkshire. The Millennium route, "The White Rose Cycleway", (Route 65) is due to open in 1999 between Hull, York and Middlesbrough. Passing through the western Yorkshire Dales, NCN route 69, "The Pennine Cycleway", is being developed jointly by Sustrans and the Countryside Commission. This route will link Derby with Berwick and be an exciting challenge ride on some 400 miles of minor roads, forest tracks and railway paths.

As part of post millennial routes Sustrans are now talking to local authorities about an east - west route through North Yorkshire in order to link the routes described. Given the number 67, the intention is to link York and Northallerton with Appleby and Penrith. This route would put the northern Yorkshire Dales on the Network map! Sustrans would also like to allow touring cyclists to sample the impressive "Millennium" cycling facilities planned by the Army at Catterick Garrison.

The sustained growth of cycle tourism is presenting local authorities and tourist boards with fresh challenges on how best to attract and support the new breed of visitor. Cycle tourism is estimated to be worth more than £535m a year, with growth rates of up to 10%. Of this sum over half comes from the day tripper market, with domestic holidays coming close behind with nearly £200m. The average spend for holiday makers is £150. North Yorkshire is well positioned to take advantage of the growing overseas market however, with "The White Rose Cycleway" offering a direct cycling route from the ferry terminal at Hull. Overseas visitors spend about £300 each (a £60m market), and 20% of German holiday makers, for example, cycle whilst on vacation.

Compared to motorised visitors, cycle tourists spend more and stay longer. They support the local economy without damaging the local environment.

If you feel you want to know more, or you want to support please write to Sustrans at 35 King Street, Bristol, BS1 4DZ or ring the S u s t r a n s Information Line on 0117 929 9888.

NB This map was prepared in 1997, routes have altered, some are not shown.



The Four Seasons of Life

Oh! Life is fresh and full of joy
When it is first begun,
And bright, as vernal landscapes seem
Beneath the morning sun.
No rankling sorrow for the past
Disturbs the present day;
No cloud can cast a shade across
The future 's unseen way.

O happy childhood! Happy times! Which leave no thoughts behind, Save such as, through the web of years, Bring sunshine to the mind Alas! tough childhood's heart seems pure.

A poison lurks within; The seed of future grief and pain, Dark, undeveloped sin

Youth revels in a summer dream
When childhood's age is fled,
And around the sense enchanting path
Life's sweetest bloom is shed,
And Love, and Hope, and Joyfulness
Thrill through each throbbing vein;
But youth is fleet and when 'tis gone's
It ne'er may come again.

But mourn not, youth, with hopeless grief, When life's first freshness wanes;

Though joy be gone, though still may'est find

A recompense for pains;

The sober'd calm, undazzled eye, The steadfast heart and mind May rule the even pulse of life, When joy is left behind.

Life's summer spends its first deep glow, And man begins to feel A deeper strength, a clearer light. Though all his spirit steal;
If sorrow, with unsparing hand,
Have crushe'd the passions' strife,
And from the dark abiss of woe
Brought forth a higher life.

Time speeds - his ever quickening wheel Rolls through the circling years; And, ere we think our summers gone, Our autumntide appears; And blest is he to who it brings Ripe wisdom's gölden sheaves, When youthful hopes and joys lie dead. Like fallen withered leaves.

Oh youth! With bright and eager eyes Oh man! With purpose strong; Use well years of joy and light! Your autumn comes ere long - From selfish aims and low desires Your hearts forever guard; And ye shall find that life well-lived. Receive a due reward.

The closing scene - deep winters gloom
The short and feeble breath,
Dim eye, and failing limb foreshow
The near approach of death!
And glimpses of the future life
Rise to the spirits sight,
The sun - streaks of a glorious morn.
On shades of dismal night

Man sinks, and life is past - oh use Your lying moments well! An hour well-spent may lead to heaven An hour mis-spent to Hell Since on a moment oft depends The fate of future years -'Tis Spring' 'tis Summer, Autumn brief, And winter dark appears!

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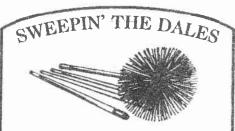
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Arkengarthdale Methodist Church

the recent Christmas Fair raised £423.15 and the Roof Appeal has to date raised some £4000.

Concert

St Andrew's Church was packed for the recent Christmas Concert by the Reeth Brass Band and the Swaledale Parish Choir. With a blend of traditional and modern seasonal music and carols the appreciative audience was entertained with top class music and excellent solos. Regrettably the Band is seeking a new Conductor for the New Year as the Conductor for the last few years, Peter Cuff is stepping down to concentrate on playing. He will be staying with the Band. Peter has been one of the driving forces behind a number of the Band's recent concerts including the Proms and Christmas Concerts. The next major Concert for the band in Grinton Church will be the opening Concert for the 1999 Swaledale Festival in May

TRAIDCRAFT

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Reeth Memorial Hall

it is pleasing to be able to record, that due to tremendous support and a number of fund raising efforts the Hall was able to close the year with all accounts cleared for the recent refurbishment programme. There is still some work to be done and more fund raising will be required. Recently approval was given to accept a booking to allow the opening of an After School Club in the Hall. This will cause a number of management problems so all Hall users are urged to ensure that they are represented at the next Management and Users Meeting which is being held in the Hall at 7.30pm on Monday 11th January. One of the items on the agenda is the stage - is it needed? If not what should happen to it? If it is need, how can it be improved so that it becomes the focal point of the Hall?

Theatre

Once again Reeth Memorial Hall was packed to capacity for North Country Theatre's highly acclaimed production of "The Curse of the Mummy's Tomb." For those of you who missed them - don't worry they will return with a new production later in the year. The collection during the interval in aid of the Friends of Friary Hospital Appeal raised £50

Children in Need Appeal

well done Hannah Taylor who raised £25 for Children in Need by starving herself for 24 hours!

Carols on the Green

the Festive season opened in traditional style with a large gathering for the annual Carol Service around the Christmas Tree on Reeth Green. Led by Reeth Brass Band the service was conducted by Rev Tim Tunley. Warmth on a cold December's evening was provided with refreshments from local hotels and the collection in aid of Cancer Research made £73.10

Melbecks Society

The Swale Singers under their conductor Duncan Bythell provided very enjoyable entertainment at the Christmas Party in Low Row Institute on December 10th

Millennium

With the start of 1999 ideas for celebrating the Millennium in the Reeth area are beginning to filter through. These include Mike Kusz's inspiring sculpture of the "Creep" to the Millennium Wall Hanging featuring life and characters of the local area. Another major project being positively moved forward is for a sports hall for the Dale. (See separate article already two sites have already been identified some fund raising is now needed to secure the land so that the project could soon become a reality.) The Reeth & District Gazette is to publish a souvenir programme of local events for the year 2000, limited to 2000 copies and to be published on 1st Jan 2000. The 1999 Reeth and Muker Shows will hold special competitions for the cover design. Another suggestion is for a special open air Concert. All these ideas are to be discussed at a special open meeting in the Memorial Hall at 7.30pm on Friday 15th Jan. Come along the Millennium will soon be here!

BABOUSH

Last year Arkengarthdale witnessed a wonderful Christmas Nativity performance of Holy Joe. We said then that this event had to have a place in 'next year's diary'. Advice well given for on Sunday December 13th in St Mary's Church over 150 parents and friends enjoyed another stirring performance by all 19 young children of Arkengarthdale school - this time transporting us all to Russia for the Christmas story of "Baboushka".

Our Vicar Tim set the theme for the evening and introduced the young performers.

The story was very ably narrated from the pulpit by the 'mother' of two children who confidently voiced their questions. The part of Baboushka was very professionally played and she treated us to a number of appealing songs in her search for Baby Jesus. Along the way we were entertained by five very young 'snowflakes' who delighted us with the "Snowflake Song" and twirled along the aisle often managing not to collide with one another!

Strangers who were given shelter by Baboushka turned out to be the three Kings who, in

excellent voice sang 'Following a Star' and invited Baboushka to follow them to seek Jesus. Unfortunately poor Baboushka's housework had first to be finished and she left later! On her journey Baboushka was given a 'biscuit and rest' by four well-wishers who touchingly gave a present of Holly and Ivy.

Meanwhile and thanks to a Red Star lighting the manger, the three Kings arrived and presented their gifts of Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh accompanied by three delightful 'shepherds', After a warning that Herod was looking for the new Baby King, Mary and Joseph left hurriedly. Still searching, Baboushka, always being offered friendly hospitality along the way and leaving black bread in thanks, eventually arrived at the stable - sadly too late. 'Away in a Manger' followed by 'Snowflakes falling all around' were beautifully sung by the whole assembly.

Once again the enthusiasm and encouragement of Head Teacher Pat Bumby, Enid Lundberg and Musical Director Jill Wilkinson together with parents and helpers ensured a memorable evening and offered for us the beginning of the real Christmas.

Thank you children and see you next year!

Ray and Ann Wright

PEACOCK

Brenda would like to thank all friends for their expressions of sympathy and tributes following the sudden death of her dear husband Harry. Special thanks to Valerie, Heather, Shelia and all Harry's family for being such a tower of strength, the Rev Val Towler for her thoughtful and comforting service and Simon Barningham for his guidance and support

POPPY APPEAL

The recent Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal raised a total of £764.48

Regrettably there is some confusion over the amounts collected at various locations so we are unable to produce a complete list of the individual amounts raised.

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ARKENGARTHDALE - 1890

as the 20th Century draws to a close we reproducing entries from the "Bulmers History and Directory of North Yorkshire, 1890" to compare of the two Dales as they were recorded at **the** end of the 19th Century and as they are at the end of this Century - the second is Arkengarthdale......

ARKENGARTHDALE PARISH.

Wapentake and Petty Sessional Division of West Gilling—Electoral Division and Poor Law Union of Recth—County Court District, Rural Deanery, and Archdeaeonry of Richmond—Diocese of Ripon.

This is an extensive moorland parish lying on both sides of the River Arkle, which gave its name to the dale through which it flows. In ancient documents it is written Arkilgarthdale and Arclegarthdale; in later times Arkil was corrupted into Arken, and hence the present forms of the name Arkengarthdale and Arkendale. The dale is about seven miles in length, extending from Dale Head to Reeth, below which, the Arkle empties itself into the Swale. In the lower part, the scenery is beautiful and picturesque, but in the upper, or High Arkendale, it is wild and dreary. The total area of the parish, according to the overseers' returns, is 14,221 acres, or by Ordnance measurement, 14,566½ acres, the rateable value, £5,863, and the population, 999. The soil is loamy, but the greater part of the parish is open moor. The landowners are G. T. Gilpin-Brown, Esq. (lord of the manor), Sedbury Park; Mrs. Peacock, Arkengarthdale; Mrs. Hird, Arkengarthdale; Mrs. Hird, Shepherd's Lodge, Arkengarthdale; Thos. Martin, Melsonby; Thos. Brown, Scargill; Wm. Botham, Manchester; Thos. Alderson, and Luke Raine, Arkengarthdale.

The bleak moorland hills, which give to High Arkendale its dreary and unattractive aspect, belong to the great limestone series, and abound in lead ore which has been worked here since the reign of King John. The mines are leased by the C. B. Mining Company, and give employment to about 200 hands. They are worked principally by Levels driven from the surface. Some of these extend several miles. The most productive stratum is the twelve fathom limestone. The output for the last year was 1,536 tons of dressed ore, which was smelted at the Company's mills here, and yielded about 75 per cent of metal. This lead is of a very soft nature, and contains only from one to three ounces of silver to the ton. The lessees pay a yearly rent equal to one-niuth of the produce. Slate and coal are also found, but the latter is neither abundant nor of good quality.

The following "bench marks" or contour lines, taken from the Ordnance Survey, show the elevation of the land at various points in the parish and neighbourhood—

	FEET.		FEET.
Reeth Bridge	616.9	Hush Gutter Bridge	1,065.2
Reeth Market Place	668.8	Spence Intake House	1,131.9
Reeth Lane Foot	728-5	Whaw Lane Head	1,075.9
Watson House	957.5	Punchard Gill Bridge	1,049.2
Culvert on Main Road	1,075.0	Punchard Toll Bar	1,176.4
Raw Bank House	950.0	Roe Beck Bridge	1,189.6
Foregill Bridge	893.9	Beck Crooks Bridge	1,257.5
Langthwaite Bridge End	841.9	William Gill Foot	
St. Mary's Church	871.2	Cocker Top	1,626.2
C. B. Inn	970.8	Water Cragg	2,186.2
Smalting Mill	1.016.8		-

Arkelgarthdale formed a portion of the lands of the Earls of Mercia, and, about the time of the Conquest, was held by Arketel, or Arkyl, whose name has been impressed on the river and dale. The Conqueror gave the manor with its forest and free chase to Alan, Earl of Richmond; and it continued in the possession of the successive earls till the death of John, Duke of Bedford, when it reverted to the Crown. A survey of this part of the Honour of Richmond was taken in the reign of Edward I., and again in that of Edward III., the latter disclosing much poverty and misery, owing to the inroads of the Scots after the battle of Bannockburn. Amongst others who paid the subsidy in the first year of the latter reign (A.D. 1327), was Thomas Pacoc (Peacock), a member of a family still numerously represented in the parish and district. The manor remained in the possession of the Crown till 1629, when Charles I. granted it to Edward Ditchfield and others in trust for the citizens of London, at a yearly rent of £53 5s. 64d. The citizens retained possession of it for four years, and then sold it to the Robinson family. It subsequently passed by purchase to the Whartons, from whom it was carried by marriage to Robert Byerley, Esq. In 1659, Dr. Bathurst was seised of the manor of Arkingarthdale, and on the death of Charles Bathurst, Esq., without issue, in 1740, his estates were divided among his three sisters and coheirs, Mary, wife of William Sleigh of Stockton-on-Tees, Jane, wife of William Turner of Kirkleatham, and Frances, wife of F. Foster of Buston, Northumberland. From these the manor was purchased by G. Brown, Esq., of Stockton-on-Tees, and at his death his estates devolved upon his sisters. Jemima, wife of the Rev. John Gilpin, and Elizabeth, wife of Sir Robert Preston. Lady Preston dying without issue, her nephew, Geo. Gilpin, became sole owner, and assumed the name of Brown in addition to his own.

There is no village bearing the name of the parish, but numerous hamlets lie scattered along the dale, of which, the following are the principal: Arkletown, Booze, Longthwaite, Eskeleth, Scal Houses, Whaw, and Dale Head. Longthwaite. the largest village, is situated near the centre of the dale, 4 miles W. by S. of Reeth. A little distance from it stands the church of St. Mary, a plain stone building, erected in 1818, and consecrated by the Bishop of Chester on the 19th of July, 1820. It is a rectangular structure with a portion railed off to form a chancel, and an embattled western tower containing a clock and three bells. There are neat mural monuments to George Brown, Esq., at whose expense the church was rebuilt, the Rev. John Gilpin, and Jemima his wife. The old church stood half-a-mile lower down the dale. It was given by Conan, Earl of Richmond, to the Abbot and Convent of Egglestone, in whose possession it remained till the dissolution of religious houses. Edward VI. sold the advowson to Robt. Strelley or Starley; and in the reign of Charles I., it was purchased from Sir Henry Compton by Sir John Lowther, whose descendant, Sir Charles Hugh Lowther, Bart., is the present patron. The registers commence in 1726, but there are two or three entries of earlier dates, apparently copied from books not now in existence. The living is a vicarage, worth £153 a year, including 19 acres of glebe, with residence, and held by the Rev. John Tinkler, M.A.

The Wesleyan Chapel, near High Green, is a handsome stone structure in the Romanesque style, built in 1882, at a cost of £1,700, all of which has been cleared off. The interior is tastefully fitted with pitch-pine benches and varnished woodwork. The old chapel, built in 1806, was converted into a Literary Institute in 1886. There were, in the more prosperous times, chapels at Eskeleth and Longthwaite, but these have been disused or converted into cottages.

The School was erected by G. Brown, Esq., in 1813, and was considerably enlarged by the late lord of the manor, who subscribed £34 a year towards its support. It also receives £16 per annum from the endowment of Dr. Bathurst, left in 1659. The school is mixed, with an average attendance of 124, and is under the care of Mr. Henry Groves. Dr. Bathurst also left £4 a year for apprenticing a poor child belonging the parish.

Scar House, a stone mansion in the Elizabethan style, stands on the site of the ancient manor house. It is occupied by the owner, G. T. Gilpin Brown, Esq., during the shooting season.

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Marked 1 reside at Arkletown, 2 at Booze, 3 at Longthwaite, and the rest where specified.

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3 Hodgson Thomas, grocer, &c. Literary Institute, Thomas Hind, secretary 2 Longstaff Robert, cowkeeper Martin Mrs., Faggergill Mason Mr. Anthony, New houses Messenger Mrs., caretaker, Scar House Miners' and Mechanics Institute, C. B. yard; A Mason, sec. and treas.; W. Peacock, librn. 3 Mudd Joseph, clogger and shopkeeper National School, Henry Groves, master; Miss Ellen Groves, and Miss E. A. Mason, assts. Peacock Mrs. Mary Ann. Seal houses Peacock William, agent to the Arkendale Mining Co., C. B. yard 3 Raine Mrs. Luke Raisbeck Jane, lodgings, Plantation cottages Slack James, cowkeeper, Lock house 3 Smith Joseph, stonemason Stoddard George, blacksmith, Three Trees 3 Stoddard Matthew, greengrocer 2 Stones Mrs. Margt., and Sons, cowkeepers 3 Stubbs George, grocer, draper, postmaster, and Temperance Hotel 3 Stubbs John, grocer and draper Tinkler Rev. John, M.A., vicar, The vicarage Waller John, estate joiner, Plantation house Wharton Robert, cowkeeper, Hill side Wharton Mrs., Whaw 3 Whitehead J., butcher and cowkeeper Whitehead Obadiah, vict. and farmer, C. B. Inn. Willey Mrs. Margaret, Scar house Willey Michael, head gamekeeper to Geo. T. Gilpin-Brown, Esq., Scar house Woodward Mrs. Margaret, High green Hutchinson Christopher, senr., High Eskeleth Hutchinson Christopher, junr., Seal houses Kipling John Liddell, Low Faggergill March Isabella, and Sons, Hill side Miller John, Seal houses Peacock John Wilson, Seal houses, Shaw house, and Stang house Peacock Joseph, Punchard house Peacock Thomas, Cocker house Robson James, Kitlah Stones Matthew Edward, Seal houses Thompson James (and carrier), C. B. yard Whitehead William, Seal houses 2 Wilson Mrs. Eleanor, and Son

CONFORMATION There will be a Confirmation Service in 1999 on Sunday May 30th at St Andrew's Church, Grinton at 10.30am with Bishop Frank, the Bishop of Knaresborough. There will be a meeting at St Andrew's on Sunday January 10th at 6pm for those who are interested and this will be to establish dates and times of future Classes. This meeting is for Adults and Children.

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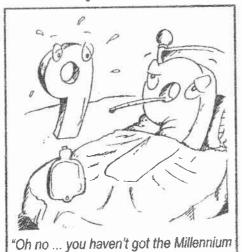
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A Lesson for Frogmore

The New Year is with us; but for some of us the aroma of Christmas is still around. Through no fault of the Post Office, Christmas Cards are still arriving from friends who have failed to follow the annual injunction: "Post early for Christmas." Not that, in this case, the delay matters too much. After all it is the thought that matters.

Still, injunctions like this have their merits as do many familiar sayings which, I'm sure you'll agree, may carry quite a bit of folk wisdom. My friend Frogmore is a great one for family sayings. You know the kind of thing. We all have them. "Still waters run deep;" they conquer who believe they can;" "skill to do comes by doing," and so on.

One of Frogmore's favourite sayings has now become: "never put off 'till tomorrow what you can do today" Indeed he has made it his New Year resolution. I say "has now become" because old Frogmore was caught out this Christmas. Friends in Scotland, following Post Office advice, sent his present to his home in Leeds a month before the 25th. As he had been taught in the Quaker home of his childhood, Frogmore put the heavy parcel aside until the great day. When he opened it, expectations high, its contents turned out to be higher still. The parcel contained a brace of pheasants in an advanced stage of maturation. "EGF"



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W H Auden:

Thank you for putting my W.H.Auden query in your entertaining *Reeth & District Gazette*. I was evacuated to Gunnerside during the war and remember it with affection. Perhaps readers might like to know a little more about Auden and Swaledale.

Auden has been described as 'one of the major literacy geniuses of this century, and certainly the most important native English poet of our time/ Born in York in 1907, and brought up in Birmingham, Auden early developed a lifelong obsession with lead mining and its associated machinery. Up until 1939, when he emigrated to America, Auden spent a great deal of time in the family cottage at Wescoe in the Lake District, from where he made frequent trips into the Pennines. His 'Eden' as he put it, centred on Alston Moor, and the Durham and Northumberland dales, but many of his works refer to other locations further south. An early poem is entitled "Punchard:" another refers to the Old Gang Smelt Mill. He wrote in 1950: "My great good place is the part of the Pennines bounded on the S by Swaledale, on the N by the Roman Wall and on the W by the Eden Valley." As Dr Bucknall has stated:

The landscape there is of incalculable significance for the work of W.H.Auden - comparable to the Lake District for Wordsworth. Auden's most famous poem 'In Praise of Limestone' (1948) is devoted to the Pennines around Swaledale, and on a two-week trip to England in 1953, the poet spent two days, including 22nd June, actually in Swaledale, 'one of my holy places,' a visit reflected in the poem 'Streams', part of the Bucolics sequence.

"Lately, in that dale if all Yorkshire's the loveliest,

Where, off its fell-side helter skelter, Kidsom Beck Jumps into Swale with a boyish shouting,

Sprawled out on grass, I dozed a second"

In the American edition of "Vogue" (15th May 1954) Auden's travel contribution is 'Six

Unexpected Days in the Pennines.' It is a motor itinerary suggesting an alternative route to Scotland for American tourists. Swaledale satisfies Auden above the rest for its wilderness and remoteness, and the motorist is advised to go on from Keld to Dufton and High Cup Nick, via the Tan Hill Inn. Auden's obsession with the North Pennines is still present in 'Prolouge at Sixty' (1967), where, calling himself a 'Son of the North,' he cites Cross fell. Keld and Cauldron Snout as part of his 'numinous map.' In his anthology "A Certain World" (1970), Auden lists Swaledale mining locations including Fairfold Hush at Gunnerside, and he concludes this, his last book, with an extended statement on the fundamental and the limestone moors of the North

Alan Myers

Ring out wild Bells?

Has some dropped a clanger regarding the Congregational Church clock chimes?
Like most, I was looking forward to hearing their

plangent tones pealing out across the village. Instead, in their place we have an ugly tannoy speaker, squeaking out its tinny tintinnabulations in a very poor imitation of a clock bell.

How absurd, nonsensical and just plain daft; I doubt even the eccentric Revd' Dodgeson himself could have dreamed up a more Carrollean example of whimisical fancy.

If, as is probably the case, it is structurally unsound to reinstate the original bell, or one similar, then the situation should have been left as it was.

In a world becoming increasingly more artificial and insincere I would have thought the last thing we needed was a 'Mickey Mouse' church bell. I can't wait for the night when some wag sneaks into the clock room ans substitutes Status Quo for the chimes!

Rod Hall

Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority Annual Report for year ending 31.3.98 can be inspected at Reeth National Park Centre

LETTERS

The Book of Common Prayer,
St Mary's Arkengarthdale and English National
Sovereignty

This year, 1999, as Archbishop George Carey pointed out on BBC Radio Four, we celebrate the four hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the publication of the Book of Common Prayer. Issued by Thomas Cranmer, published in 1549, it was authorised in 1662, after the restoration of the monarchy in 1660. It is still used for worship at St Mary's Arkengarthdale in preference to the Alternative Service Book introduced by the Church of England in 1980, which is milder and has less to say about hell and damnation.

With memorable phrase, which made it familiar to our forefathers, the Book of Common Prayer dis as much as Shakespeare to create the English language. The marriage and funeral services, repeated generation after generation, shaped an Englishman's spiritual destiny.

Nor was the influence just spiritual. When Henry VIII renounced Catholicism and charged the Pope's representative, Cardinal Wolsey, with exceeding his authority, Cranmer became Archbishop of Canterbury. In the Book of Common Prayer Cranmer set out the state's new religion. With it are the Thirty Nine Articles which lay down what government has religious sanction to enforce. These Articles condemn communism, approve the death penalty, and authorise military service.

Tony Davies.

Have Your Say.

Are you aware of the proposal to merge ambulance services for North Yorkshire, Humberside and Cleveland into a Trust that would cover 4458 square miles and serve over 1,910,000 people.?

Northallerton Community Health Council have organised two local public meetings to consult about the merger proposals. The first is on Thursday 7th January at 7pm in the Bolton Arms at Leyburn and the second is on Monday 18th January at 7pm at the Falls Country Club Aysgarth.

COMMENT by Peter Brant

Welcome to 1999! No doubt, throughout the year the media will be bombarding us with predictions for the "new" Millennium and reviews of the past. A disturbing feature with reviews. especially as we compare life in the two Dales in the 1890's with extracts from the "Bulmers History and Directory of North Yorkshire 1890" we can begin to realise just how remote our two Dales still are at the end of the twentieth century. The modern culture is that big is beautiful and everything must be centralised to save on administration costs. There is never any consideration for the costs involved in all this centralisation and the consequent loss of jobs. There are no longer local courts, they are all centralised at Northallerton. The local police Headquarters is being centralised at Harrogate with apparent disregard to the natural flow of population, employment and crime. Now the ambulance service is starting. I have first hand experience of problems in centralising emergency call centres. Local knowledge is essential for speedy response in emergencies. There is great technology available to assist such organisations but it always ends up being a cost cutting exercise. I was in a control room that went computerised - operators needed reams of photocopied maps at their desk side. It was too expensive to have the maps on the computer, it was far more important to get management data than support the personnel on the ground struggling to provide a service. Lessons never seemed to be learnt. On the subject of communications, how much longer does this area have to deprived of effective modern communications because of principles of various planning authorities? At the end of the 19th century the area was able to evolve and keep up with new technology. Reeth was one of the first townships to have electricity and that was water powered using local natural resources. Have we gone forward or backwards? Farming is having a difficult time and economic emphasis is put on the tourist trade for a season that gets shorter. Will 1999 be better? We did advise that we would be a few days late because of the Festive season.

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The 20 day UK tour presents a marvellous opportunity to bring this band to the dale and they will be appearing at the Buck Hotel on Friday 26th February at 8pm.

The band is constantly on the road spending as much time on the continent as in the UK and is always in demand at all leading Jazz Festivals and Jazz Clubs. Widely recognised as the most exciting New Orleans Jazz Band on the road they feature Christine Tyrrell on vocals from Gospel to Blues.

For the Jazz aficionados who had a 'ball at the Buck' with the Yorkshire Post Band - this date is really a must - so book early to avoid disappointment!

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The elongated ice rink outlines the fields and the ashen grey sky falls low.

The friendly flock of ebony eves draws near

and the thick auburn manes shake off the snow.

The bronzed old bracken shelters by the barn and the chimney smoke winds high.

The euphoric barks grow soft and the icy carpet crunches, as I saunter through the fields

Hazel Curry

BIRDS IN THE REETH DISTRICT

This little booklet, complied by David Perray has received more recognition, this time from Sir David Attenborough, (his recent BBC series "The Life of Birds" finished at Christmas) who recenlty wrote to David stating "Thank you very much for sending me a copy of your booklet. I'm very glad to have it in my reference literature."

The booklet is still available locally - at the Bottom Shop and Reeth Post Office - and David is currently compiling further notes with a view to updating the booklet which was published by the "Gazette" in 1996

Stuart and Helen Raw

would like to thank everyone for their good wishes, cards and gifts on the birth of Natalie Ellen

BEST DESIGN.

Congratulations to Rebecca Atkinson who recently won the Young Farmers Club's National Fashion Trophy

RECYCLE YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE

Richmondshire District Council will have a skip on Reeth Green from 5th to 12th January to again enable Christmas Tress to be recycled.

Ellerton on Swale

There is a beautiful lady who lives the Swale. She looks after her sheep and chickens, not coutinfg her cats and dogs. She gets up at six and works on 'till dark, One wonders if she gets any sleep at all!

"Watchman"

Help turn your Christmas cards into books for schools

Recycle your cards by taking them into your local Post Office before 30th January.

Children's Football

Reeth beat Arkengarthdale 2 - 0 in the under 12's Christmas football match on December 19th in what in effect was a very close and well played game. The scorers were Scott Malton and Stephen Allison. Both sides played well in defence as well in attack but Arkengarthdale's chances just would not go into the goal. With the short time to get this article into the Gazette I cannot name the best Reeth players although they all did well. For Arkengarthdale I would mention Chris Harker in goal and Philip Wickham in mid field and Josh Woodward who stood in as reserve at the last minute and played a very good game on the field the whole time. Thanks are due to Stuart Parker for refereeing without a single stoppage. Well played all the children.

DN Williams

Deadline Date for Feb Issue:

Mon 18th Jan

19th Annual

SWALEDALE FESTIVAL

28th May - 13th June 1999

also with events in and around Swaledale, Wensleydale, Arkengarthdale and Coverdale Booked to date: Chiavari Agreable Simfonie period instrument orchestra of Oxford, Chaconne Brass, The Ebony Quarter, Harfenspiel (the musicians who appeared on the film "Titanic") The Coriolan Trio, folk duos Ben & Jo Brought / Kevin Dempsey and Tom Leary, a ceilidh with Spinning Jelly, Northern Sinfonia, Chiltern Chamber Choir, Radcliffe on Trent Male Voice Choir, Swale Singers, The Swaledale Parish Choir, Carlton Frickley Championship Colliery Band, Reeth Brass Band, Muker Silver Band, Vchaconne Brass, Mimika Theatre's magical children's show "Landscapes" African Ensemble - Brekete, Szapora - featuring two singers from Bosnia, jazz with the Swale Valley Stompers and Ben Crossland Qunitet, Sheffield Youth Theatre, and drama productions - Kemp's Jig and Peter the Fisherman, illustrated talk on the trains of New Zealand by Christopher Awdry, illustrated talk on My Love Affair with Swaledale by John Hardy, Swaledale Now & Then Exhibition and much more.

For further details please contact the Festival Office on 01969 622217

Are you baptised and a member of the Church of England, aged 17 or more and resident in the Parish?

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By enrolling you become a voting member of the Church of England and so help to ensure that synodical councils of the church are fully representative.

So if you are qualified and not yet on the Electoral Roll, please ask the Churchwardens or the PCC Secretary for an application form.

Parish Council Reports:

Yorkshire Water are to undertake repair work to leaky pipes in Upper Swaledale from the end of January. The work is expected to last around six weeks and will entail some road closures. In the long term a new filtration plant is needed in the Dale to improve the quality of water, especially after heavy rain. During the repair works the water will become discoloured but Yorkshire Water will supply free bottled water if requested The works will cause some major inconvenience but Highways have insisted that the works must be completed before the new tourist season. Public Meetings will be held in Keld and Muker nearer the time.

Melbecks:

Millennium - it been agreed that a commemorative item would be purchased for each child of school age

Name Plates - NYCC Highways will no longer be responsible for replacements of village name plates

Telephones - complaints had been received about the loss of telephone services in October.

Muker:

Seat - a lady from Middlesbrough wishes to donate a seat on the walk from Muker to Keld in memory of her husband.

Highways - Councillors were still not satisfied with recent responses from NYCC Highways regarding morning salting and other general maintenance policies for roads in Upper Swaledale.

TEAMWORK

There are four people named EVERYBODY, SOMEBODY, ANYBODY and NOBODY.

There was an important job to be done and *EVERYBODY* was asked to do it. *EVERYBODY* was sure *SOMEBODY* would do it, ANYBODY could have done it, but *NOBODY* did it.

SOMEBODY got angry about that, because it was EVERYBODY'S job. EVERYBODY thought ANYBODY could do it but NOBODY realised that EVERYBODY wouldn't do it. It ended up that EVERYBODY blamed SOMEBODY when NOBODY did what ANYBODY could have done!

Dales Youth Sports and Community Centre

Project.

Following a very positive and well attended meeting on Friday the 11th of December, it was agreed to progress with plans to try and resource a new facility for our Dales communities.

It has long been recognised that Swaledale and Arkengarthdale are well below most other areas in terms of the sporting and community provisions available. Long standing residents have suggested since building the Memorial Hall (Starting as a Conservative Club), resources have declined. With the lost of both the old Methodist School (now the Swaledale Museum) used for Badminton and the Institute, nothing has replacing either.

We would like to invite your feedback and support in making a case to address this situation which could give us all something to be proud of.

By filling in and returning the attached form you will help us a great deal, there is no commitment from you beyond that, more information can be obtained from any of our committee members:

Lawrence Allinson, Andrew Bell, Peter Brant, Anne Coates (Chairman), David Hutchinson, James Kendall, Ian Mathews, Marguerita Owen (Secretary), George Owen, Lesley Pybus, Julie Smith, Pete Smith (Treasurer), Tim Tumley, This is not a closed shop and any one interested is most welcome at our next meeting scheduled for 8pm on February the 26th, at the Buck Hotel

Any information given will be used purely for the benefit of our proposed Dales Youth Sports and Community Centre Project. This will help formulate some of the research necessary for our initial feasibility study

1. What would interest you?	(Comment where appropriate)	1
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Christmas Crossword

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THANKS

Thank you to the people who contacted me concerning a toilet for the Arkengarthdale Church, I had several offers. My apologies to the lady associated with Reeth who left a message on my answering machine, having copied down the phone number to call back I lost the paper.

Thanks also to all the people who did help with the Arkengarthdale Sports Association Domino Drive before Christmas. The event is believed to have raised \$930 before expenses.

Arkengarthdale Jubilee Club; meet on January 12th in the Arkengarthdale Methodist Church Hall at 7.30 when Jocelyn Campbell will give a talk with slides on the city of Petra. This substitutes the talk by Bob Gale which will be in February.

For those who came to see the new Video by Dave Carlisle on lead mining there are a limited number of copies available at a cost of \$13 - if you would like a copy please call Dave on 01833 628377

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for FEB Issue
Mon 18th Jan

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JANUARY

- 7th Arkengarthdale PC Meeting
- 8th Muker Auld Roy Domino Drive
- 10th Confirmation Meeting at St Andrew's Church, Grinton 6pm
- 11th Two Dales Gardening Club "Some Gardens of Northern France" by Marjorie Daniels
- 11th Reeth Memorial Hall Users and Management Meeting
- 14th Melbecks Society "An illustrated journey from Swaledale to Capetown
- 15th Open Millennium Meeting for Reeth & District - Reeth Memorial Hall 7.30pm
- 19th Muker PC Meeting
- 21st Gunnerside WI "Burning Ambition" with Bob Gale
- 25th Reeth PC Meeting
- 25th Swaledale Christian Council AGM 7.30pm Fremington Sunday School
- 25th Burns Night
- 28th Reeth RFC Hockey Social
- 29th Community Life Wall-Hanging at Shades of Heather Workshop 7.30pm

FEBRUARY

- 1st Dales Ladies Reeth Youth Club Video Presentation Open Evening
- Richmondshire Subscription Concert "The Katona Twins" (Guitar Duo) at the
 Kings Head Hotel, Richmond. Details
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- 8th Two Dales Gardening Club The Yorkshire Wildlife Trust with Mrs D Millwood
- 11th Melbecks Society "Aristotle to the Hubble Telescope" a guide to Astronomy with Prof. Geoff Marr
- 26th Dales Youth Sports & Community Centre Project Open Meeting. 8pm Buck Hotel, Reeth

MARCH

- 3rd WEA Course "Dales Birdlife" start of a 6 week course, details Tel: 884652

 MAY
- 15th Western Dales District Young Farmers

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SEPTEMBER

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Route 9

(Healaugh, Gunnerside, Low Row, Harkerside)
THURS: 7th & 28th Jan, 18th Feb

Route 13

(Westonesdale, Keld, Thwaile, Muker)

WEDS: 13th Jan, 3td & 24th Feb

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30th at 55pm & 8pm

"Velvet Goldmine" (18)

Don't Forget

- ALL TICKETS at 5pm are ONLY £2.50! Kid's Films - ALL Tickets ONLY £2.50!

Evenings: ADULTS £4;

OAP's U16's & Students £3 - and remember BUY 10 Evening Tickets and SAVE £5!

· Coming Soon.

"Babe 2" and "Zorro"

Advance Bookings Available

Box Office Open 2pm - 10pm Thurs - Sat



January Screen Reads

"See a good read" - books into

other media

February Search and Read

Reading through the Internet

CHURCH SERVICES

in ARKENGARTHDALE and SWALEDALE

10th Jar	nuary
9.15am	St Andrew's Grinton
	Eucharist Rite A
	St Michael's Downholme
	Holy Eucharist Rite B
10.30am	Low Row URC
	Reeth Methodist
	Covenant Service
11.15am	St Mary's Arkengarthdale
1	Holy Communion BCP
11.00am	Reeth Congregational
	St Edmund's Marske
	Morning Prayer
2.30pm	Gunnerside Methodist
	Low Row Methodist
	Covenant Service
	Muker Methodist
4.00pm	St Mary's Muker
	Evening Prayer
6.30pm	Marske Methodist
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24th January

8.00am Holy Trinity Low Row
Eucharist Rite A
9.30am St Michael's Downholme
Holy Eucharist Rite B

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

UNITED SERVICE 10.30am UNITED REFORMED CHURCH LOW ROW

EVERYONE WELCOME

11.00am Reeth Congregational St Edmund's Marske Family Eucharist 6.30pm Reeth Congregational

17th Jan	nuary
9.15am	St Mary's Muker
	Eucharist Rite A
10.30am	Low Row URC
	Reeth Methodist
	Covenant Service
11.15am	Holy Trinity Low Row
	Eucharist Rite A
11.00am	Reeth Congregational
	St Edmund's Marske
	Holy Eucharist
2.00pm	Keld URC
•	Keld Methodist
	Covenant Service
2,30pm	Arkengarthdale Methodist
-	Gunnerside Methodist
	Low Row Methodist
6.30pm	St Mary's Arkengarthdale
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	Reeth Congregational
	Marske Methodist
	Covenant Service
	Reeth Methodist

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31st Jan	uary
10.30am	St Andrew's, Grinton
}	United Parish Eucharist
	Reeth Methodist
	Family Service
	Low Row URC
11.00am	Holy Trinity Low Row
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	Reeth Congregational
	St Edmund's Marske
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2.00pm	Keld Methodist
2.30pm	Arkengarthdale Methodist
-	Gunnerside Methodist
	Muker Methodist
6.30pm	St Andrew's Grinton
	Evening Prayer
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Low Row	0750	1625	1625	1810	0945	1345	0935	1335	0810	1210	1610
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SD - Schooldays, SH - School holidays: Tu - Tucsdays only. Fr - Fridays only: Sa - Saturdays only - All services are supported by North Yorkshire County Council. (the Tues Hawes Market Day Route 130 will resume in March)

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.