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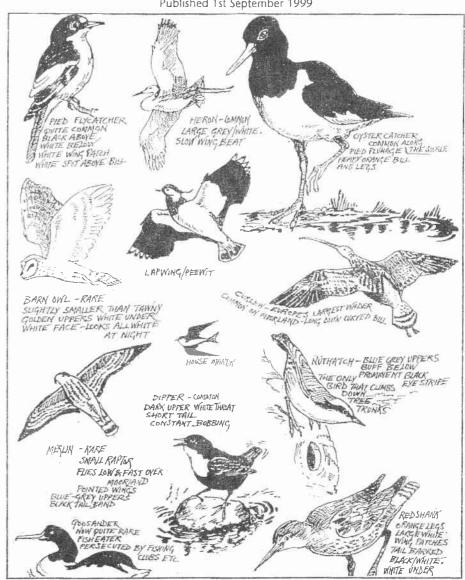
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The Festival Office Tel. No. Is 01969 622217

# REETH & DISTRICT

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More Birds of the Dales by Steve Crowe

Monday 20th September



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#### RUBBISH, RUBBISH, RUBBISH

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Folk Museum - Barbara Buckingham, a long established Reeth resident with local ancestral connections has been appointed Assistant Curator of the Swaledale Folk Museum. She gives additional expression to the colourful activities of Reeth and District drawn through the Museum from its splendid industrial past. The Museum is open daily until 31st October from 10.30am - 5pm. For further information Tel: 01748 884373

#### SCOTCH ALL RUMOURS - The Facts:

Reeth Post Office has been sold and will transfer on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept.

It is with sadness that Peter and Elaine have made this difficult decision for personal and business reasons. They are now able to consider a new business opportunity.

It is understood that the new owners, Jenny Reader and Martin Curtis, are keen to improve on the many services currently available at Reeth Post Office, which will be closed on the afternoon of Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept to facilitate the PO transfer.

Peter and Elaine thank you all for your support over the years and trust that you will continue to support the new owners in the same manner to ensure the future of your Post Office.

#### LETTERS

How very interesting was Dr Bond's article on "It's a Doc's Life" in the August Gazette, when he told us of all the medical purchase bought over the years in order to make things easier for both patients and doctor.

This reminded me as a little girl staying with my grandparents at Reeth, I had to have a tooth out, so this meant a visit to Dr Speirs, who promptly sat me on his scrubbed kitchen table and extracted my tooth. I can't remember it hurting but no doubt it took no pulling out, being a milk tooth.

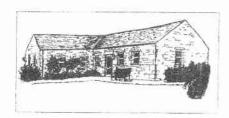
However, the story goes on, for my late mother told the story of her visit to Dr Spiers when she was a girl, and on the same scrubbed kitchen table had her tonsils out, and the instrument the doctor used is now in the Swaledale Folk Museum.

I'm sure there must be countless stories like this for Dr Spiers was quite a character.

How thankful we are for progress.

Margaret Winter - Darlington

JOHN BLACKIE



#### It's a Doc's Life

#### A column with a medical slant

It's Monday morning at some unspecified point in the future. You are off to work, but you feel awful as you have had a bad night with a sore throat. Fortunately long gone are the times when you had to queue at the doctor's surgery to get a prescription for penicillin. You know there is a remote consultation booth on the way to work conveniently situated next to the cash dispenser in the High Street. You make sure you have your smart-card with you; the card with a microchip which details all your medical history since you were born. Long gone are the paper records on which the GP used to laboriously scribble. Long gone are the GP's. Too expensive. And they prescribed too much. Nurses are cheaper.

Now you reach the booth in the High Street insert your card and up on the screen flashes the face of a young nurse. She asks you several questions about your illness read from a computer screen in front of her and agrees with your diagnosis. She will email a prescription to the chemist two doors away in the High Street. It will be ready for you to collect after you have visited the cash dispenser.

Your mother will have told you about GP's. The queues, the waiting to be seen, the screaming kids. Fortunately now you don't actually have to see anyone face to face when you feel ill. Indeed the thought of someone actually calling at the house when you are sick seems faintly ridiculous.

With modern technology all your records are stored in your smart-card, so no need to be registered with a doctor. In fact there are so few doctors now they are a rarity, their work is done by trained nurses. The GP's now become GP's not because they wanted to help anyone but because it seems like a good job with a decent rate of pay and plenty of time off. They seldom see a patient, acting in a mainly advisory role to the nurses.

The only doctors you see now are in hospitals, and they all look so young because they retire at thirty-five with stress due to litigation. In fact somewhere in the database of your smart card is a list of lawyers ready to sue any doctor for any perceived misdemeanor.

You collect your prescription from the chemist and hurry to work. The consultation with the young nurse is forgotten as you rush to face the day ahead. You swallow a penicillin tablet so that it can work straight away.

Unfortunately because no one bothered to look in your throat and check your glands it has been missed that you have acute myeloid leukaemia and will be dead by the end of the year.

Maybe we will finally get the Health Service that we deserve and that we are prepared to pay for.

Dr. Paul Bond, The Surgery.

#### REETH COUNTY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

#### OFSTED REPORT

'Pupils are attaining high standards. They have a positive attitude to school, work hard and concentrate well' these were part of the findings of a team of Government Inspectors who visited the 58 pupil school in May. They also commented favourably on the relationships in the school with many older pupils taking care of and supporting the younger ones. The pupils' behaviour is good both in class and at playtimes. The moral education was considered to be very good, with pupils developing a strong sense of right and wrong. Social and cultural development are good, with pupils learning to understand and relate to one another and the wider multicultural world. The building is well maintained and enhanced by attractive displays of pupil's work. The provisions of support for children with special educational needs is very effectively managed.

The Inspectors considered the teaching strength of the school 70% of the lessons observed were judged to be good and 44% judged to be very good or excellent. The pupils were generally making good progress and attaining standards at the end of Key Stage 2 that are well above the national averages. They particularly praised the pupil's attainment and progress in music.

The Governors were very supportive and the relationships with parents and the wider community were good. The report states that many improvements have been made since the last inspection three years ago but that not all the key issues; such as curriculum planning, assessing and recording had been fully addressed.

Headteacher, Godfrey Wilson said, "I welcome the Inspector's Report and endorse their praise for the school's hard-working and highly committed teaching and support staff. The report's findings will help us all to take the work of the school forward."

#### **OPEN AFTERNOON**

The school will be open from 2pm to 4pm on the afternoon of Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> September and everyone is most welcome to look around the school and enjoy light refreshments.

#### **PHOTOGRAPHS**

We would like to display any photographs of, or associated with, the school, on the "Open Afternoon" and would be most grateful if anyone would be prepared to loan them to us for the event. Any 'whole school,' 'class,' 'leavers,' 'teams 'individual' or 'educational visits' photographs prior to 1990 would be appreciated. If you are prepared to loan them to us, or we can make a copy and return them quickly to you, please get in touch with the school on 884308

#### Another Frogmore Miracle?

I'm sure you know that my friend Frogmore is devoted to walking the Dales and especially Swaledale - the love of his life. He does his best to promote the "balanced development" of activities in the National Park but I must admit that he is biased a bit in favour of walkers and quiet recreation. His own lon distance walks are restricted now by aging muscles and his devotion remains and from time to time he organisers groups of young walkers to the joys he has known over the years.

One winter weekend some years ago he brought a group to the Upper Dale. The idea was to drive them from their base at Gunnerside up to Keld and to set them off on the walk over the tops back to Gunnerside while he returned by car. The group started off in sunshine and blue skies, the snow crisp underfoot and the weather forecast good enough.

Back in Gunnerside, Frogmore settled down in his B & B for a pipe and a quiet read while awaiting the group's return. Time passed, Frogmore dozed off, the weather changed and the walkers did not return. A blizzard set in and when eventually roused from his slumbers Frogmore was in a panic state. The walkers were hours late, darkness falling and the blizzard unabated.

Just as he went to call the fell Rescue Service at Marske to his relief he saw from the window his charges trudging down the last lap of what had been a real ordeal. Frogmore greeted the leader with relief and asked how on earth he had found the way through the blizzard on the tops. "Oh," said the lad, "It was tough going but one of us had a map." Frogmore asked to see it. It was a map of ..... Wensleydale!! Thought Frogmore, the map we are following is not always the map we are using.

EGF

#### The Dales or Northern Dairy Shorthorn by Brian J.S. Bellas MBE

From Grinton in the south through the pretty villages of Swaledale to West Stones Dale and from Reeth up the rather wilder more austere Arkengarthdale there were, at the end of the war, over a hundred breeders of Shorthorns. Colourful, picturesque cattle ranging in colour from red through roan to white. Cattle not only attractive to look at but with considerable utility potential, now sadly, only Mr. Metcalfe of Healaugh and Mr. Wagget of Gunnerside have any.

The Shorthorn of which I speak originated in the Darlington area where the Colling brothers and other major breeders farmed. The type that evolved in the Dales was significantly different from the animals that developed on the richer fertile lowlands. It was a hardy dual-purpose breed which was well adapted to the demanding environment in which it lived. Northern winters (some of us still remember 1947 when beasts had to be walked daily through deep snow to watering points) required tough animals naturalised to the dales.

The Dales Shorthorn had existed in the higher country for over 150 years. Herds remained outside the Dairy Shorthorn Society, but they bred true and the type was maintained using bulls exchanged between neighbouring farmers and dales. They thrived on home produced food and the milk from cattle grazing the herb and wild flower meadows was of a quality now long forgotten.

With the encroachment of the black & white Friesian after the war. Long standing breeders of the Dales Shorthorn recognised the dangers and the likelihood of losing the dual-purpose character of the breed and formed the Northern Dairy Shorthorn Society. The Aldersons, Metcalfes and Waggets of Swaledale and Atkinsons and Harkers of Arkengarthdale

to name some families, were in at the beginning. Herds ranged in size from one registered to a Mr. J. Hird of High Faggergill, Arkengarthdale to fifteen females and two bulls of Mr. W.C. Porter of Riddings, Healaugh.

When the Herd Book was established there were no officially milk recorded pedigrees but later these came along. By 1954 several herds were recording over a 1000 gallons per cow and a number of cows, more than 1200 gallons in a lactation. The broed however was dual-purpose and the beef side was not neglected. NDS bullocks could achieve a growth rate of over 2lbs per day and a high quality carcass off grass, hay and silage with no housing, no concentrates, no roots and minimum labour.

With successive government policies towards farmers and farming, the emphasis on quantity not quality or taste, the Dales Shorthorns which produced those 'tasty' Swaledale and Wensleydale cheeses and proper English beef have all but gone.

Perhaps when E.U. subsidies have wasted away and that most adaptable of hard headed businessmen, the dales farmer, redirects his energies, we will once again see the more pleasing colours of red, white and roan cattle return to the dales, to be husbanded by the new 'Park Keepers'.

• Brian Bellas owns one of the last remaining herds of Dales Shorthorns in England. He is always looking for NDS journals, photographs, cuttings or any other NDS memorabilia, people might otherwise throw out. His address is:

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Pete first came to Swaledale to run the youth hostel up at Keld and soon became well known for a agreeable eccentricity of character notably because of a certain 'Henry the Rabbit'. His success of running the youth hostel lead in 1990 to going into what has now proved to have been a fruitless business partnership at the Punch Bowl, It was through his contacts, friends from home and abroad in the caving and potholing fraternity and his natural charisma that so successfully put the Punch Bowl on the map. A popular 'house' with the less formal and Bohemian members of the local dales community and discriminating visitors alike.

Pete has for many years been a key member of the Swaledale Fell Rescue. His energetic participation in all the Fleetham Fool pantos has from the start been a source of inspiration contributing to the creation of the 'double entendre' and topical quips in the scripts.

His concern and love for the dale has manifested itself in many small ways which without doubt will join and remain in the folklore of Upper Swaledale, from the testing of our National Park 'planning' rules, the Runner (Killer) Ducks, the redeployment of Swaledale sheep (Swaledale's first real sheep waitress) to the cocky cockeral who at 4pm appears for a packet of peanuts - dry roasted of course.

What will these draughted in pin-striped business' managers make of such mockery of 'corporate country pub modus operendi'? Probably as much as the other group of "we know how to do it all" who have made such a pigs ear of running into the ground another popular local pub we know of, at what loss to the community? Be as it all may be, we wish Pete, his wife Trixie and two girls Kelda and Keria all the very best, in the sincere hope that his contribution to our dales life will not be lost, especially for something as puerile as selfish avarice!

at the behest of some of Petes Low Row friends

#### Seven Beautiful Walks from Reeth One for Every Day of the Week - Part I

#### INTRODUCTION

No better or more enjoyable way of really getting to know the country round REETH could ever be thought of than this. We start the week with a modest little trot round High Fremington just to warm us up, gradually increasing our distance until by Saturday we are **lean wolves** one and all, with long ranging strides and a hungry look, and it's Surrender Bridge (8-9 miles) or bust!

We end the week in thankfalness for having been able to do all this, by going to church at Grinton (or chapel at Reeth) on Sunday. Mind you, as a lean and hungry we you'll have to get a Mars Bar to murch on the way.

#### To High Fremington

All our seven walks will start, of course, on Reeth Green, but each start point will be on a different part of it. So let us start for high Fremington outside the Black Bull, with its very pretty 18th century front complete with contemporary shop window (used to be a cobbler's). Down the hill we go, past another good 18th century job, The Laurels (where the Gills lived after they had sold Cogden Hall for half a million. Doesn't seem much these days, but at that time it sounded like the earth!) Note the rather charming half-circular fanlight above the front door.

We continue on down Low Street, where Jabez Raisbeck had his stationers and book shop (now Raisbeck House). When he was not trekking up to Jabez Cave on Fremington Edge to write his poetry, he sold toys and stationery as well as books down here. The books were 'heavy' ones, like Webster's Dictionary & Directions for Making a Will, and The Lady's Dictionary of Neddlework.

Trotting along at a smart pace we pass the Policeman's House (until recently with a prison cell but nowadays considered unnecessary - ho ho!) and next to it the Vicarage, and then a rather splendid house beside Reeth Bridge, entirely the work of one man - quite a genius indeed! ((there was another genius who did the same thing at Worton in Wensleydale, in 1729, and carved

his name on it with a little Bible text: 'Michael Smith, Mechanick, But He that made all things is God. Heb.3.'

At Reeth Bridge we come in sight of High Fremington straight across the fields through a couple of stiles, and then beginning a steady climb up. First, Phoebe Lane and then Stony Lane on the west side of the handet of High Fremington. Here for more than three centuries there was a school, founded in 1643 by James Hutchinson. Alderman and Merchant of York, but closing in 1958, still with 30 children. At the top of Stony Lane, where it joins Low Common, you come suddenly upon a grand picture of the Dale at its most impressive. It continues like this all the way along Low Common. On this side the common land (hence the name) was parcelled out into small-holdings for leadminers, so you will notice the Liny fields on either side with their small cow-houses and hay barns, all now mostly derelict. Your return journey back to Reeth takes you along this wonderfully engineered packhorse road until, at length, you reach a stile. At this point you turn down the hillside towards the Arkle Beck and Reeth, the footpath takes you through some fields known as Mill Ings towards Reeth Bridge.

So here you are, back home again, and you have now launched yourself into the **Seven Walks A Week Routine** - feeling better already!

#### To Hurst

We start from Reeth Green in full view of Fremington Edge, glowering down at you, and you may feel like glancing up at it, saying to yourself "Dash it! How can I climb that?" But of course you can! Your first walk, to High Fremington was just to get you in trim for this one!

You will see from the map that there are two ways to the top: Either a fairly tough scramble straight up Cuckoo Hill from Reeth Bridge, or, by a slight diversion through High Fremington, taking the Hurst Road that rises steeply up from the eastern end of Low Common, past High Bank House (Luxmoore)

and the White House (Squires) and the Chert Quarries, to the **Hurst Gate** on the long straight boundary wall, making the beginning of the wild Marriek Moor.

The scene and the atmosphere here must have changed little over the centuries, where, a thousand years ago, wolves were native to the place. The Norse name of the area on your right, as you will see from the map, is **Owlands**, meaning land of wolves. The **Mysterious blue light**, the will-o'-the-wisp, caused by marsh gas or methane from the boggy areas hereabouts, is also said to have been seen. ('Bygone Reeth', M. Batty, 1985, p37)...

It is a mile and a half from Hurst Gate to Hurst - precious little of it left except Hurst Hall, where the Hillarys used to farm, as, for instance, old Mrs H., who used to come down every year to our Grinton Church Christmas Fair and take back with her many of my home-made wooden toys for Christmas presents; then there was Hodge, and more recently John H., who now farms at the former Green Dragon Inn, further down the road. All around is a huge wilderness of disused lead-mine workings (some of Roman origin) and a scatter of small houses mostly renovated to become holiday cottages ('Sleeps four, Bracing climate, Nearest shop 4 miles', etc, etc).

Hurst Chapel, with bright red doors to show up on a dark night, is still very much a going concern. A rough footpath leads to Roan Head where there is a Well, a place of pilgrimage for Methodists in times gone by. Jabez Raisbeck wrote a poem about it. When Churchwarden of Grinton I thought of filling a few bottles of Roan Well water and putting them on sale at our Christmas Fair. So I came up here, filled 12 small bottles and labelled each one: Roan Spa Water from the Wilds of Marrick Moor'. But not a single bottle sold! - and then I saw the reason why - with a close look you could see various tiny bugs of sorts zigzagging about in the water! ... At least it was easier to get rid of this water than some dreadful brandy I remember we once had in our Officers Mess in Rome, where I was for a time Mess Treasurer, A misguided predecessor of mine had been conned into buying 50 litres of "Very Old Five-Star Cognac", which tasted like reclaimed petrol. The problem was how to get rid of it, so I made up a cocktail of half brandy and half lemonade. I called it a 'Hobgoblin', and advertised it with some rather skittish notices on the bar counter - 'Have you tried our Hobgoblins?' 'Get the Hobgoblin Habit & Improve your Outlook', etc., It worked! Hobgoblins became very popular and we soon got rid of the 50 litres!

It seems incredible that this wild deserted land should once have supported a considerable population, and a school at **Wasfold** for 70 children, **complete with fives court** behind the school building (and still there!) Yet if you look closely at the fields all around, you will see traces of where many a cottage formerly stood, but which have now completely disappeared.

So we retrace our sleps back to civilisation after our visit to what is almost another world, the Back of Beyond indeed.

#### To Healaugh

Let us push off from Reeth Green opposite Barclay's Bank and make our way across Anvil Square, into the snicket marked by a notice: "TO THE RIVER", (Snicket? Narrow passage between stone walls, like York's 'snickelways'). We are not going to the river, but no matter.Instead, we trip along with lightsome step (hm?) down the Back Lane, where there is a raised pavement known as the Quaker Flags, specially built high above the muddy lane to save the school-childrens' boots and shoes from getting too dirty (and keep school front-door mat reasonably clean as well, no doubt.) Reeth School was then situated where the Quaker Flags end, instead of at the top of Silver Hill, where it now is.

we continue straight on through a stile at the far end of Back Lane, and then through the **strip lynchets** or cultivation strips, very well preserved, the result of ploughing by oxen over a long period. They represented Reeth's first agricultural advance westwards into the primitive Forest of Swaledale something like a miniature American Wild West, except that there were no Red Indians! What is so interesting is that these strips are always the same length, about 220 yards, and from this comes our ancient standard of length, the **furlong**, 220 yards, ie a furrow long.

Soon we arrive at the remains of a tennis court, carefully banked and levelled, and in a very attractive setting. It belonged at one time to the folk living in the house above and would of course have been completely private - no public right-of-way barging across it, as now. On our very fist walk here, in the early 1970s, we were joined by Major Wright, retired and his wife, who used to stay at the house and who actually played on this court (They told us that they lost rather a lawn-mower could at one time be seen on the side, as a silent reminder of pleasant games in the past.

Healaugh is a very charming village, managing to shut itself off from the constant traffic on the main road running through it. Until quite recently it had its own tiny Methodist chapel, Post Office and red telephone box with carpet on the floor, vase of fresh flowers and ash-tray for furtive lag. We turn down towards the river here, returning to Reeth along the idyllic stretch of waterway which, we can easily see, must at some distant time in the past have been a lake, for it is still marshy and boggy. Perhaps some of the Wrights' lost tennis balls are tucked away, for we can see the old tennis court above. Otters were active in the river and the South Durham Otterhounds came here until fairly recently. I have a newspaper cutting of a letter dated 25 September 1980, which begins 'Recently I was fishing in the river below Healaugh' and goes on to describe how otters hereabouts would pull fish from the line and swim off in triumph with it!

Not very gruelling, this walk, but we'll have plenty to talk about.

F.T.C.W

To be continued.

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#### RECOLLECTIONS OF THE WARTIME EVACUATION

September this year will mark the 60th anniversary of the arrival in Reeth of three separate groups of wartime evacuees, firstly those who came as pilot group from Wrekenton, Gateshead, followed by about one hundred from Grangetown, Sunderland, and then a larger number from the heart of Gateshead itself. The challenge for our dalesfolk was to provide hospitality for children and their schoolteachers who were being hurriedly evacuated to free them from the risks of the then expected aerial bombardment of industrial towns, and those of us who were growing up in Reeth at the time recall with pride the positive way in which just about everyone strove hard to ensure the success of this humanitarian venture. Some voices were raised against the requirement that all occupiers of homes with spare accomodation must be considered eligible to take evacuees, but there was provision for discretion to be excercised particularly where the householders were elderly or infirm, and overall the billetting operation went remarkably well. Of course some snags were encountered but by and large our local folk, the evacuees and their teachers worked hard together to overcome problems and make the operation a success.

It appears dalesfolk and evacuees alike learned much from the experience and some of us feel we positively benefitted from it in a widening of our horizons. I remember with affection the names and faces of a number of evacuees who shared our local day and Sunday schools and I know of at least one former evacuee now of mature age who together with her husband will be joining us in September for the anniversary of her arrival in Reeth with the group from Sunderland. Her stay with us in Silver Street between 1939 and 1942 gave rise to enduring bonds of friendship between our respective families and I've no doubt that as September approaches many folk in the dale and elsewhere, will be celebrating the friendships they formed under sometimes very difficult wartime conditions.

For the evacuees who had to leave their loved ones behind to come and live in the dale, the parting must have been 'traumatic', and for the dalesfolk themselves who were required to take evacuees into their homes the challenge was a big one. Certainly for us Reeth children accustomed as we were to a country lifestyle the sudden influx of scores of town dwellers caused something of a stir. I well remember the arrival of the first batch of evacuees from Wrekenton. The marshalling point for new arrivals by coach was the building now known as the Reeth Memorial Hall and we Reeth kids watched with curiosity as the evacuees alighted each carrying a bagful of personal possessions and a cardboard box with a gas mask in it.

My father, acting as honourary billetting officer for the Reeth Rural District Council, had the formidable task of allocating the evacuees to their new homes. The council's clerk had already surveyed the area to identify accommodation and from then on the job was to match evacuees to home spaces, using local knowledge and exercising care and consideration in talking to dalesfolk and evacuees alike, the objective being to make happy placements keeping incoming families together as far as possible. Fortunately a number of kind folk helped him in the work, but day after day it was he who had to carry the stress of trying to ensure that each of the evacuees was well placed and likely to relate well with their new hosts

After his first day's work of billetting was over I recall he came home very pleased at the way many local folk had welcomed the evacuees with open arms, but as the scale of the evacuation continued to expand busload upon busload the task of finding suitable homes became more problematical. Most placements appeared to work out alright, but some evacuees and indeed their new guardians reported problems and few children had to be moved between homes. Having regard for the wide differences then existing between town and country lifestyles the evacuees settled remarkably well in their new rural environment. Many stayed in the dale for several months and some for a year or or two but as the expected air raids on the North East did not materialise on the scale feared at the beginning of the war, quite a lot of children and their teachers drifted back to live once again with their native families in Gateshead and Sunderland.

I can recall many interesting and some humorous happenings sufficient to fill a book. Early on, I remember, we Reeth kids had been told we must welcome our new friends from the North and we were a bit shocked to find some of them shaking their fists at us through the windows of the buses as they arrived in the village; but we soon realised that this was just their high spirited way of starting to make friends. We had difficulty in understanding some of the boys who had broad geordie accents and in particular I recall one young man with a cheeky but smiling face who was forever shouting half intelligable messages across the village green; these included world shattering statements like 'A've gar a baal in the hoose, bur a canna bring it oot'. Being only slight of build, he would pretend to force his will on us by shouting comments such as 'If ye divent shut your mooth, aal clatter ye', but when in fact you squared up to him and held him firmly he would begin to laugh and shout 'Ger off man yor hortin us'. Yes, we made some good friends and still have a lot of happy memories.



Parish News & Views

Keld Ceilidh - A packed Public Hall swayed to the music and dancing on Saturday 14th August. Organised by Mrs Josie Clampitt, now of York, the ceilidh brought back memories of twenty years ago, when Josie, family and friends held regular annual get togethers. This traditional type ceilidh brought family and friends from Canada, Scotland and all parts of Great Britain to join in Scottish dancing, solo singing and dance displays, square sets with caller and community singing led by a male group which included Mr. Cyril Barningham of Healaugh. The visitors and Josie's family certainly enjoyed this marvellous friendly, happy gathering together with a very tasty supper included. More social gatherings like this please.

Muker Parish Millennium Photograph – The parish photograph is to be taken on Sunday, 26th September at 11 am. – please mark your calendars and pray for good weather. All residents of the Parish are asked to congregate outside Muker Public Hall at 10.45am so that Mr. Chisholm, the photographer, can make his preparations. This is a unique occasion and the photograph will be a record for residents to keep and cherish. It is hoped that as many parishioners as possible will enter into the spirit of the occasion. A copy of the photograph will be placed in a time capsule to be situated under the proposed Memorial Cairn on Banty Hill. The next meeting of the Millennium planning committee will be on Tuesday 21st September at 7.30pm in Muker Public Hall.

Straw Beck Rubbish Clearance - As part of the River Swale Regeneration Project, Simon Lovell of the Yorkshire Dales National Park, the project officer organised a voluntary clean up of various sections of the river for the weekend of 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> August. On a rainy day a number of volunteers fetched eleven full bags of rubbish out of the bed of the beck in such a short length. It is disgusting to find these types of items in the river/beck, plastic feed bags stuffed with other rubbish and twine do not blow into the river. Miles of nylon string and silage bag material, rusting metal sheets, old ladders and other bits were all collected in the exercise. Part of diversification is to encourage tourists and the last thing the tourist wants to see is the same types of rubbish strewn beck or river they have at home. Please take your rubbish to the skips that are being sited in local spots. Watch the media and notice boards for the nearest skip available to you. Please use them.

Muker Ladies Guild - The next meeting will be on Thursday 9th September at 7 pm and Alison Shersby of the Children's Society will be coming to tell us about her work. Look forward to seeing you all.

Muker Ecumenical Sunday School, - Children and Parents please remember, the next Sunday School is on 12th September at 4 pm. in Muker Public Hall. All children are welcome to attend and enjoy the stories.

#### Parish & General News round up

#### New Luncheon Club at Reeth

Ladies and Gentlemen over 55 years of age, resident in the Arkengarthdale and Swaledale area, are welcome to an inaugural meeting of a Luncheon Club with a difference, an option to receive free tuition in Computer Information Technology and e-mail use with a first introduction to the Internet. It is pleasing to report that an application made to The Help the Aged Millennium Awards Committee by Mike Beckwith, has been successful and that a Millennium Award has been granted to support the new project. Mike is humbled by their confidence in appointing him to be the Project Co-ordinator. The position of co-ordinator is voluntary and unpaid. He is thankful to be supported in the project by good friends and many willing helpers. An important innovation is that part of the Award is to be directed towards introducing the club members to the wonders of Computers and their use for e-mail and viewing the web or Internet.

Hence the name given to the project - IT for the MILLENNIUM or the "Silver Surfers Clubs" as the Project has become known during the many telephone calls about the matter. Tuition for those who wish to take part will be free and a qualified trainer will be available at the club to provide the necessary expertise. Menus for the first Luncheon to be held on Wednesday September 8th are now available from Reeth Post Office, the Gift Shop and the Bottom Shop. Gatherings will be in the Memorial Hall.

#### Luncheon Club at Marrick?

As part of the above project an Introductory Coffee Morning will be held in Marrick Village Hall on Thursday 16th. September from 11am till Noon to assess the interest in forming a Luncheon Club with the computer technology training option, to serve the Marrick, Marske and Hurst area. Posters and Flyers will be issued to publicise the event, but would folk interested please notify others of this development. Naturally all eligible residents of Arkengarthdale & Swaledale will be welcome to attend this trial if they so wish. Training for those people interested is vocational only. Any queries please contact:-

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#### Yorkshire Dales National Park **List of Current Planning Applications:**

Full planning permission for erection Angram of Millennium Stone Banry Hill Thwaite, full planning permission for erection of Millennium cairn Hudswell Scar Close full planning permission

for erection of building for two flats for B & B accom, and, full planning permission for proposed caravan site including septic tank and ablution block.

Low Row

Low Row

Full planning permission for erection of agricultural building and weeping wall midden at Hazel Brow

Full planning permission for conversion of a barn into cottages at

Wardell Hall

Gunnerside conservation area consent for demolition of septic tank in field near

B6270

For information on these applications or any other planning matters please contact the YDNP Area Planning Officer, Rachel Whaley, Tel: 01969 650456 or attend the Planning Surgery at Reeth NPC every Monday 11am to 1pm

#### PARISH COUNCIL REPORTS:

The following are matters currently being considered by Parish Councils:

Community Office - for Swaledale similar to the successful one now in operation at Hawes, possibly

Buses - local services have operated reliably during the school hols, by Arriva. Performance by Abbots for certain services still needs monitoring. Residents with complaints are urged to contact County hall

Rights of Way - County Highways are seeking evidence to support rights of way, etc across village greens and other areas.

Green Lanes - clarification of proposals to protect. Street Lighting - proposals for local improvements Waiting Restrictions - review of current restrictions and proposal at St Andrew's Church Grinton

Dog Fouling - implementation of pilot scheme for special bins and fixed penalties.

Objective 2 Funding - local seminars have been held on future European Funding, essential for our area

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Maurice and Elsie Porter

would like to thank all family, friends and neighbours for all their kind wishes, cards and presents on our Diamond Wedding. Also the lovely flowers from family, neighbours, Reeth Show, Methodist Chapel and Richmond District Council.

#### Winnie Coates

wishes to thank all friends and relatives for their cards, flowers and good wishes during her stay in hospital and since her return home. Also to the many people who visited Sydney in Richmond House during his 2 weeks there

#### Mrs Peggy Metcalfe

of Glen View Gunnerside wishes to thank everyone for cards, flowers and good wishes during her recent illness. Thanks also to the staff on Ward 11 of the Friarage Hospital for all their care and attention and to Dr Roche of the Central Dales Practice, Hawes.

#### Congratulations

to Shelia Peacok and David Alderson on their recent marriage at Keld URC.

Jacqueline and Ivor McShane thank everyone who sent cards and good wishes on the birth of their twin daughters.

#### Steven and Margaret Porter

apologise to neighbours for any inconvenience and noise caused while they work at Moorlands. Work will be completed as quickly as possible.

#### REETH & DISTRICT GAZETTE

Whilst there is to be changes at Reeth Post Office the facilities currently offered to many local organisations and businesses by the Gazette will continue. Local Show Trophy winners will be listed in the October Issue. Please support our AGM, 7.30pm Mon 27th Sept, in the Buck Hotel, Reeth

European Funding - this area has benefited from 5b and Leader 2 Funding - farming, tourism, businesses, village halis, community projects, etc. The decision on the level of Objective 2 rests with the Government - hopefully an update can be given next month. It remains a very difficult time for Farming which is essential to both the local economy and management of the area.

# Books

New Titles now in stock include: RICHMONDSHIRE ARCHITECTURE

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#### THE STORY OF THE YORKSHIRE DALES by W R Mitchell

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Wednesday 6th October for 7 weeks 7.30 - 9.30pm Reeth County primary School Full Fee: £24.50. Conc. £17.50 Details from Ray Wright Tel: 884652

# DIG

Dales Initiative Group For Attracting Resources & Services

#### Autumn Issue September 1999

#### THE STORY SO FAR

You may well have heard of us already, if not you will soon become aware of our presence in the coming years. This is our first Newsletter, which we intend to make a quarterly event, to keep you and the rest of Swaledale and Arkengarthdale up to date with the progress we are making, and from time to time asking for your help. About a year ago investigations started with regard to improving indoor and outdoor leisure facilities, business and educational support facilities and the possibility of setting up an advice centre covering local needs.

#### • WHY DIG?

It was recognised that existing organisations had already achieved a great deal of valuable work, but their hands are often tied when it comes to applying to many funding organisations, due to their constitutions and current work loads. The Dales Initiative Group for Attracting Resources and Services has been formed and constituted specifically to meet the requirements of the major funding sources. Our initial aim is to discover exactly what you would like to see brought into the Community or what improvements are needed in the existing facilities and services offered.

#### • FEASIBILITY STUDY

This will help discover exactly what you would like to see; we need to produce a feasibility study to determine your specific needs. As this all costs money, DIG was formed as an official group to carry out this task and source funding from various bodies for the project. The group will seek support and advice from a wide range of statutory and voluntary agencies as and when needed. Some of our committee members have specific skills from many years of working with these funding bodies, this gives credibility to our applications and discussions

#### FUNDING SUCCESS

A grant for £500 has already been obtained from the North Yorkshire Small Projects Fund. An application has also been approved by the North Yorkshire County Council Rural Development Fund for £1350.

#### MORE SUCCESS

To add to this we have held a couple of fundraising events in July. A BBQ was held at Codgen Hall, near Grinton, on Saturday 31 July. This event was very well attended with some 200 people present on the night. Local band Ginger Brown provided the entertainment, and a good night was had by young and old alike, and a profit of £1500 was raised on the BBQ and Bar. A raffle held on the night raised £80, first prize was a £20 meal voucher donated by Charles & Stacy Cody of the CB Hotel. Other prizes were purchased with money received by kind donations from local residents and businesses.

#### TREASURE HUNT

The results of the Treasure Hunt that had been running for several weeks were also announced with Mrs H Murray of Peterlee winning first prize of £100, Goff Wilson of Low Row winning second prize of £50, and Christopher Harker of Langthwaite came third winning £25. And a profit of almost £100 was raised. Many entries were no where near the spot, but at least a dozen of you came very very close giving the chairman a difficult task. But a decision had to be made.

#### A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO

Laurence & Susan Allinson for the use of their barn (and kitchen) and the hard work put in before, during and after. Terry Alderson, Richard Duck, & Black Sheep Brewery for running the bar. All The members of the committee and wives or husbands who lent a hand. Local residents and businesses who donated money and prizes. And especially to all those who attended the BBQ.

#### • OUR HOPES FOR THE FUTURE

Although it is recognised that there are local concerns about how any facilities will be supported and looked after once built. Nothing special above and beyond what Wensleydale and Weardale have achieved is planned. If they can do it why can't we? It is hoped that a wide cross section of the community, young and old will benefit from the outcome of this project.

#### **❖** WANT TO HELP?

The management committee is always looking for new people and fresh ideas. So if you are interested in what we are trying to achieve, why not give one of us a ring and we will be pleased to hear from you.

Chairman –Ian MathewsTel:884625Vice Chairman –Stuart MayTel:884040Treasurer –Pete SmithTel:884746Secretary –Margarita Owen Tel:884386

Research & Development Officer – Ellen Foxton
Environmental Issues - David Hill
Farming & Events co-ordinator-Laurence Allinson

Plus representatives from a wide section of Clubs, Groups, and Parish Councils. Rev Tim Tumley & Rev Andrew Bell are our contacts for the more senior citizens of the community.

### DIARY DATES

- The feasibility study will be taking place through September & October door to door. It is very important to get a wide cross section of the community to answer the questions, so we can get a true representation of what people are looking for in our community.
- Open Meeting will be held at the Buck Hotel Reeth Monday 20<sup>th</sup> September 1999 8pm Everyone is Welcome. The committee will be there to answer any questions you may have.

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First Meeting of the 1999 - 2000 Season is on Thursday 14th October. The Speaker will be Kenneth Waghorne on "Wensleydale by way ot its Parish Churches." We meet at 7.30pm in the Low Row & Feetham Institute.

#### Swaledale Festival Annual General Meeting

Wed Sept 29th 8pm Fremington Sunday School

You are most welcome to attend this meeting to hear the report of the Director on the 1999 festival, and to learn of future plans. There will also be an opportunity to hear the views of those at the meeting on any matter relating to the festival. We look forward to seeing you on Sept 29th.

#### **Charity Football Match**

Gunnerside FC v Kings Head Golden Oldies
Sun Sept 19<sup>th</sup> at 1pm
Barbecue, Refreshments,
Children's Games and Races
Proceeds to Gunnerside Friday Club
and Gunnerside Football Club

#### SHAPE UP

at Low Row Institute every Tuesday 6pm from 7th Sept. Low impact aerobics - everyone welcome Tel: Juliette on 01833 638032

#### MUKER INDOOR BOWLS CLUB

This years AGM will take place at the Public Hall, Muker on Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> Sept.
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Thurs 7th Oct

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#### MORE DAIRY DATES

September:

- 13th Reeth Memorial Hall Management Committee Meeting 7.30pm
- 13th Northallerton & District Community Health Council Meeting, Aysgarth Village Hall 2.15pm a public meeting so that members of the public can talk with them about any issues around healthcare which are causing problems. There will also be a presentation on the "NHS Direct" service which will be available in North Yorkshire within the next two years.
- 18<sup>th</sup> Rubbish Civic Amenity Skip on Reeth green from 10am until full for all your HOUSEHOLD rubbish - see feature

#### Yorkshire Wildlife Trust

Come Birdwatching in the Dales
with David Perray author of
"Birds of the Reeth District" on Sun. Sept 5th
Starts 11am from Reeth Green
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#### **Dales Cricket Club**

Disco & Barbecue

9pm to 1am Sat 25th Sept

at Cogden Hall

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# Reeth & District Gazette Annual General Meeting

7.30pm Monday 27<sup>th</sup> Sept Buck Hotel, Reeth All welcome

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Duo: Miranda Dale (violin)

Duo: Miranda Dale (violin) and Esther Geldard viola)

16<sup>th</sup> October Georgian Theatre Richmond
The Lude Piano Trio

20<sup>th</sup> November Georgian Theatre Richmond Goli Mohtadi (piano) (KPMG/Martin Musical Scholarship Fund)

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#### AMERICAN QUIZ

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### in ARKENGARTHDALE and SWALEDALE

#### 5th September 9.15am St Mary's Muker Eucharist Rite A 10.30am Gunnerside Methodist Low Row URC Reeth Methodist Family Service 11.00am Reeth Congregational St Edmund's Marske Holy Eucharist 11.00am Holy Trinity Low Row Eucharist Rite A 2.00pm Keld Methodist 2.30pm Arkengarthdale Methodist 6.00pm St Andrew's Grinton Evening Prayer 6.30pm Muker Methodist Reeth Congregational Reeth Methodist Communion

19th Se	ptember
9.15am	St Mary's Muker Eucharist
10.30am	Low Row URC Reeth Methodist Harvest
11.00am	Reeth Congregational
	St Edmund's Marske Eucharist
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9.30am	St Andrew's Grinton						
	Eucharist						
	St Michael's Downholme						
	Holy Eucharist						
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	St Edmund's Marske						
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2.30pm Low Row Methodist							
4.00pm							
	Family Service						
6.30pm	Arkengarthdale Methodist						
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#### 26th September

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<b>4</b> ⊈	SEPTEMBER		meet Langthwaite Car Park 10am Tel: 01969 624699
1 <sup>51</sup>	MUKER SHOW	O.E.th	
1 "	YDNP Guided Walk - Kidson: The Classic	25 <sup>th</sup>	Open Day - Fremington Sunday School -
Ond	Circular, meet Farmers Arms, Muker 11am		Border Collie Rescue Society 10am - 4pm.
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Reeth YFC - Meeting to discuss winter		Problem dogs assessed by appointment Te:
ord	programme	octi	850025
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Barbecue & Live Music, CB Inn in aid of	25 <sup>th</sup>	Disco & Barbecue at Cogden Hall 9pm - 1am
4 mlb o	Friends of Arkengarthdale School	OFID	in aid of Dales Cricket Club
	11 <sup>th</sup> - 18 <sup>th</sup> Ripon Festival. Tel 01765 604625	25 <sup>th</sup>	Richmondshire Subscription Concert -Miradan
5 <sup>th</sup>	Guided Walk with Roger Pettican - Shaw Beck		Dale and Esther Geldard Duo Tel: 01325
-15	and Prys Level - meet Marske Bridge 2pm	27 <sup>th</sup>	718368
5 <sup>th</sup>	The Richmond Trail - a Treasure Hunt with a		Reeth PC Meeting. 7pm Memorial Hall
	difference meet 2pm at Richmond Operatio	271	Reeth & District Gazette AGM - 7.30pm Buck
eth	Society hall, Bargate	colt	Hotel Reeth
5 <sup>th</sup>	"Birdwatching in the Dales" with David Perray	29 ir	Swaledale festival AGM - Fremington Sunday
=15	meet on Reeth Green 11am Tel: 884212		School 8pm - all welcome
5 <sup>th</sup>	Bolton Castle - Castle & Gardens Open in aid	2 <sup>nd</sup>	OCTOBER
o.lh	of St John Ambulance 10am - 5pm	2	Bolton Castle - Kate Willoughby as "Mary
6 <sup>th</sup>	Dales Ladies 7.30pm Reeth Memorial Hall		Queen of Scots" a one-woman performance for
6 <sup>th</sup>	Illustrated Talk Fremington Sunday School	6 <sup>-n</sup>	local charities - Tel: 01969 623981  Guided walk - Marske and its Hidden Valley -
	8pm - last for the 1999 season - Lawrence	0	meet 10am Marske Bridge Tel: 01969 624699
	Barker "A Brief History of Swaledale and Arkengarthdale."	6 <sup>m</sup>	Antiques Victorian Style - the WEA Autumn
7 <sup>th</sup>	Arkengarthdale PC Meeting	U	Course at Reeth School 7.30pm Tel: 884652
71-	Shape Up at Low Row Institute - Low impact	7	Records of Marrick - an Illustrated Talk -
1	aerobics starts 6pm	60.	Marrick Institute 7.30pm
8 <sup>th</sup>	Guided Walk - Marske and its Hidden Valley -	1110	Guided Walk - Arkengarthdale and Behind -
0	meet Marske Bridge 10am Tel: 01969 624699		meet 10am Langthwaite Car Park Tel: 01969
9 <sup>th</sup>	Muker Indoor Bowls Club AGM		624699
10 <sup>th</sup>	Bolton Castle - "From Agincourt to Armada"	12 <sup>ln</sup>	Upper Swaledale & Arkengarthdale Business
-	concert of early music by Alan Cuckston		Assoc AGM
	Consort, Tel: 01969 623981	141	Melbecks Society - opening session of the
12 <sup>tr</sup>	Marrick Show and Open Clay Pigeon Shoot		1999/2000 season - "Wensleydale by way of its
12 <sup>th</sup>	Hardraw Brass Band Competition		Parish Churches" by Kenneth Waghorne
14 <sup>th</sup>	Bingo at the Buck - start of Autumn season		7,30pm Low Row Institute
16 <sup>th</sup>	Reeth & District Sports AGM, Reeth Memorial	16 <sup>th</sup>	"Meantime" a new North Country Theatre
	Hall 7.30pm		presentation, Reeth Memorial Hall Tel: 884201
16 <sup>th</sup>	Gunnerside WI - Musical Evening with Paul	16 <sup>th</sup>	Richmondshire Subscription Concert - "The
	Carter		Lude Piano trio Tel: 01325 718368
17 <sup>th</sup>	Gardeners Question Time with Geoffrey Smith	18 <sup>th</sup>	Guided Walk - Gunnerside Gill - meet
	at Wensleydale School, Leyburn 7.30pm in aid		Gunnerside Village Hall 10am Tel: 01969
	of the "Northdale Appeal" Tel: 01969 622172		624699
19 <sup>th</sup>	Reeth School Open Afternoon	<b>2</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Gala Concert by Muker Silver Band and the
19 <sup>th</sup>	Charity Football Match - Gunnerside FC v	n ard	Swale Singers in aid of Keld Public Hall
	Kings Head Golden Oldies, 1pm Gunnerside	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Open Day - Fremington Sunday School -
0.45	School		Border Collie Rescue Society 10am - 4pm
21 <sup>st</sup>	Dales Ladies visit to James Herriott Centre,		Problem dogs assessed by appointment Tel:
045	Thirsk, Tel: 884113	20lb	850025  Bolton Castle - Chuck Fleming and Ian Scott
21 <sup>st</sup>	Bus Permits and Travel Vouchers available	30 <sup>th</sup>	Massie in Concert with a performance of
	from Reeth Methodist Schoolroom 10 -		original music, Irish, Scottish and Northumbrian
22 <sup>nd</sup>	11.30am		jigs, reels and airs. Tel: 01969 623981
22	Guided Walk - Arkengarthdale and Behind -		jigo, recio dila allo. Tel. 01000 020001

#### **NOVEMBER**

- 13th Open Day Fremington Sunday School -Border Collie Rescue Society 10am - 4pm. Problem dogs assessed by appointment Te: 850025
- 26<sup>th</sup> Reeth Christmas Shopping Evening for details Tel: 884188

#### APRIL 2000

"Messiah" a special performance for the Millennium in Reeth Methodist Church by the combined choirs of Upper Swaledale and Upper Wensleydale

#### JULY 2000

1<sup>st</sup> Muker Millennium Party - Show Field

#### 1999 Mobile Library Visits

Route 3 (Downholme, Grinton, Marrick, Marske)

WEDS: 8th & 29th Sept; 20th Oct

Route 7 (Fremington, Reeth, Langthwaite, Whaw)

TUES: 14th Sept; 5th & 26th Oct

Route 9 (Healaugh, Gunnerside, Low Row, Harkerside)

THURS: 16th Sept; 7th & 28th Oct

Route 13 (Westonesdale, Keld, Thwaite, Muker)

WEDS: 1st & 22nd Sept; 13th Oct

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 every third Friday, (3rd Sept & 24th Sept ) for full details Tel: 822335

#### Shades of Heather

Workshop dates for Summer 1999

Sept 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>

Rug making Dyeing

Times: 10.30am - 3.30pm Tues, Wed, Fri & Sat.

Sat: 10.30am - 12.30pm - mini workshop surgeries Children's Sat afternoons - 2pm - 4pm

Full Details Tel: 884435

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residents within certain areas, which includes the DL11 postcode area are entitled to purchase a DALES RAILCARD for use of the Settle-Carlsile Line. The cards costs £10 per year and entitles the holder to ½ off the cost of local rail fares every time you travel, and up to 2 children can go with you for only £2 each.

DALES RAILCARDS are now available at your local POST OFFICE

#### ELITE CINEMA

at *LEYBURN* (Tel: 01969 624488)

SEPT. Film Programme

2<sup>nd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> at 5pm & 8pm "Entrapment" (12)

9<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> at 5pm & 8pm

"Notting Hill" (15)

16<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> at 5pm & 8pm "Shakespeare in Love" (15)

23<sup>rq</sup> at 5pm & 8pm

"Jean De Florette" (PG)

24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> at 5pm & 8pm

"The Hi - Lo Country" (15)

at 5pm & 8pm

"Manon des Sources" (PG)

Oct 1st & 2nd at 5pm & 8pm

"The Thomas Crown Affair" (15)

Advance Bookings Available

Box Office Open 2pm - 10pm Thurs - Sat

#### **SUNDAY BUS SERVICES**

Keighley & District

are again operating Sunday services:

807 Hawes Stat Yd 1120 1500

Keld 1150 1530

Muker 1200 1540

Gunnerside 1210 1550

Reeth 1220 1600

Castle Bolton 1240 1620

Aysgarth Falls 1250 1630

Hawes Stat Yd 1315 1655

(connections with to Ribblehead)
803 Leyburn Mkt Pl 1140 Hawes Mkt Pl 1655

 Reeth
 1200
 Muker
 1730

 Gunnerside
 1215
 Gunnerside
 1740

 Muker
 1220
 Reeth
 1755

Hawes Mkt Pl 1250 Leyburn Mkt Pl 1820

for comprehensive details of Bus Services around the Yorkshire Dales and Train Times for the Settle-Carlisle collect a *FREE* copy of "Getting Around - the Yorkshire Dales" from Tourist Information & National Park Centres

(connections to Harrogate via Masham & Ripon)

#### Swaledale - Bus Times - Arkengarthdale

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Muker Farmer's Arms Thwaite		1010	1410				1410	0830		1240		1640
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Downholme							1122					
Bellerby Cross Key						1130						
LEYBURN Mkt. P						1135						
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