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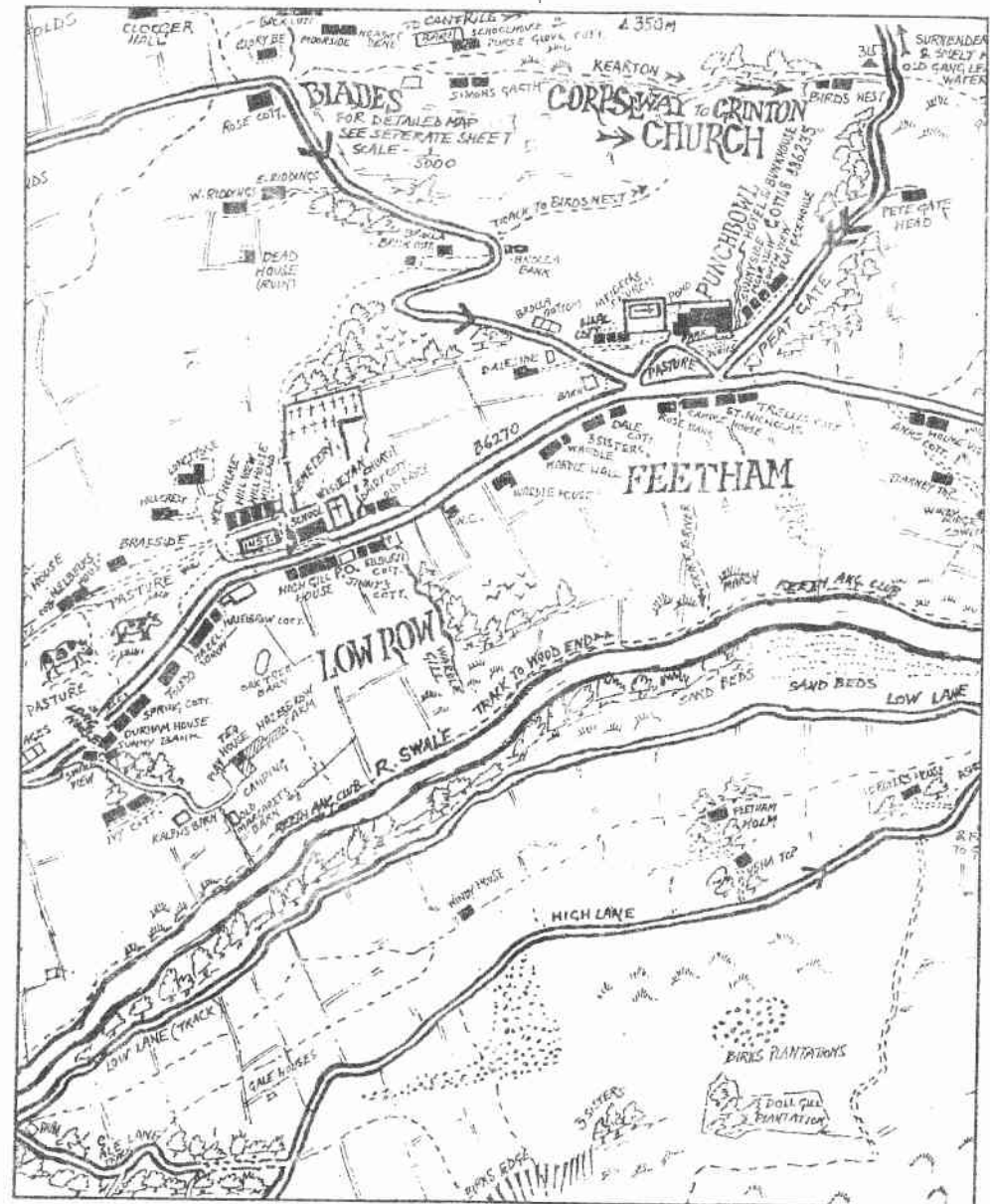
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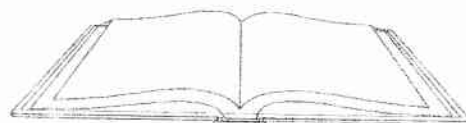
in ARKENGARTHDALE and SWALEDALE

## 2nd April Mothering Sunday

- 9.15am St Mary's Muker  
*Eucharist Worship 2000*
- 10.30am Gunnerside Methodist  
*Family Service*  
Reeth Methodist  
Low Row URC
- 11.00am Holy Trinity Low Row  
*Eucharist Worship 2000*  
Reeth Congregational  
St Edmund's Marske  
*Family Eucharist*
- 11.15am St Mary's Arkengarthdale  
*Holy Communion BCP*
- 2.00pm Keld Methodist
- 2.30pm Arkengarthdale Methodist
- 4.00pm St Mary's Muker  
*Mothering Sunday Service*
- 6.00pm St Andrew's Grinton  
*Evening Prayer*
- 6.30pm Muker Methodist  
*Holy Communion*  
Reeth Congregational

## 16th April Palm Sunday

- 9.15am St Mary's Muker  
*Eucharist Worship 2000*
- 10.30am Low Row URC  
Reeth Methodist
- 10.45am St Edmund's Marske  
*Procession & Holy Eucharist*
- 11.00am Holy Trinity Low Row  
*Eucharist Worship 2000*  
Reeth Congregational
- 2.00pm Keld Methodist
- 2.30pm Arkengarthdale Methodist
- 6.30pm Muker Methodist  
*Holy Communion*  
Gunnerside Methodist  
St Mary's Arkengarthdale  
*Evensong BCP*  
Reeth Congregational



## 30th April

- 8.30am St Mary's Muker  
*Eucharist Rite A*
- 10.30am Low Row URC  
*United Smarber Service*  
Reeth Methodist
- 11.00am Reeth Congregational  
St Edmund's Marske  
*Holy Eucharist*  
Holy Trinity Low Row  
*Eucharist Rite A*
- 2.00pm Keld Methodist
- 2.30pm Low Row Methodist  
*Holy Communion*
- 6.00pm St Andrew's Grinton  
*Evening Prayer*
- 6.30pm Gunnerside Methodist  
*Holy Communion*  
Muker Methodist  
Reeth Congregational

## 9th April Passion Sunday

- 9.30am St Andrew's Grinton  
*Eucharist Worship 2000*  
St Michael's Downholme  
*Holy Eucharist Rite B*
- 10.30am Reeth Methodist  
Low Row URC
- 11.00am Reeth Congregational  
St Edmund's Marske  
*Morning Prayer*
- 11.15am St Mary's Arkengarthdale  
*Holy Communion BCP*
- 2.00pm Keld URC
- 2.30pm Low Row Methodist
- 4.00pm St Mary's Muker  
*Eucharist Worship 2000*
- 6.30pm Gunnerside Methodist  
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the religious element from human life, the only real controlling factor becomes our own self interest - our total selfishness. Why should we do anything that we do not want to do? Why should we inconvenience ourselves and do tasks which are difficult and unpleasant? Why should we be truthful if it pays us to tell lies? Why should we be honest if it pays us to cheat? Why should we be pure, if we decide to gratify our passions? Because we owe it to God. This is the only real satisfactory answer. Two or three generations of people without religion will produce children without morals - not immoral so much as non-moral.

Do have a Happy Easter, and there is plenty of time to organise yourself to take part in the many Easter celebrations going on in our Dales. Look at the Church

Notices in the Reeth Gazette or on the Swaledale Christian Council Easter Card. Join in, you will be made very welcome.

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## **RICHMONDSHIRE SENIOR FORUM**

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### **PUBLIC MEETING**

**THURSDAY 13<sup>th</sup> APRIL**

**IN THE**

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**THE SENIOR FORUM IS HOLDING IT'S FIRST PUBLIC MEETING THIS MONTH.**

*Ladies & Gentlemen,*

*MY NAME IS DIANE JEX, I AM THE DEVELOPMENT WORKER FOR THE SENIOR FORUM, I WAS APPOINTED TO THE POSITION IN JANUARY OF THIS YEAR, MY JOB IS TO GET TOGETHER A GROUP OF VOLUNTEERS WHO ARE AGED 60 OR OVER. THE GROUP WILL BE THE 'VOICE FOR OLDER PEOPLE', THEIR FUNCTION WILL BE TO MEET ON A REGULAR BASIS TO TACKLE ISSUES WHICH EFFECT THE LOCAL COMMUNITY PUBLICALLY AND PERSONALLY. FOR THE LAST 2 MONTHS I HAVE VISITED PEOPLE IN THE AREA INCLUDING LOCAL COUNCILLORS, PEOPLE WHO ARE ALREADY INVOLVED IN VARIOUS GROUPS, AND PEOPLE WHO ATTEND VOLUNTARY GROUPS. TALKING TO THESE PEOPLE I HAVE FOUND THAT THEY ARE ALREADY INVOLVED WITH VARIOUS GROUPS AND REGULARLY ATTEND MEETINGS.*

*IT WOULD BE NICE TO HAVE THE INVOLVEMENT OF LOCAL PEOPLE WHO HAVE TAKEN A BACK SEAT - 'SO TO SAY' - I KNOW YOUR OUT THERE AND IT'S PEOPLE LIKE YOU THAT CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE TO YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY, BECAUSE YOU HAVE GOT THE TIME, THE EXPERIENCE AND THE COMMON SENSE TO TACKLE PROBLEMS AND ACHIEVE RESULTS, HOWEVER BIG OR SMALL THE ISSUES MAY BE.*

*IDEALLY THE FORUM SHOULD LIKE TO HAVE MEMBERS FROM EACH AREA OF RICHMONDSHIRE, SO IF YOU ATTEND A CLUB OR BELONG TO A SOCIETY PLEASE BRING THE CONCERNS AND ISSUES WHICH EFFECT YOUR TOWN/VILLAGE AND WE CAN COLLATE THEM TO A CENTRAL POINT WHERE THE ISSUES CAN BE DISCUSSED AND ATTEMPTS MADE TO SORT OUT AND RESOLVE THE PROBLEMS.*

*AS A DISTRICT GROUP WE HAVE A BETTER CHANCE OF MAKING A DIFFERENCE AND BEING HEARD, SO DON'T THINK ABOUT MAKING A CALL - MAKE IT NOW TODAY. PLEASE COME AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE. - See you there. ~ sincerely, Diane.*

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### **Letter to the Editor**

I was interested to read the DIG report in the March issue of the Gazette indicating that 37% of respondents want more football in the area. Football is one sport available but not too well supported. Reeth & District Athletic Club represent adults and there is a children's club covering Upper Swaledale and Arkengarthdale based at Gunnerside and Langthwaite. There is perhaps a gap in provision for mid-teenagers but otherwise football is in the same category as shops, post office and the bank - Use it or lose it but don't wingie while it is there.

*David Williams*

### **Swaledale Festival Workshop**

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The winner of the March Word Quiz was Fiona Rigby of Back Lane Reeth - the complete word we were looking for was BREAKFAST

A cleaner is required for a holiday cottage in Low Row about 2 hours each Saturday; interested? then please call Mrs Kathleen Hird on 886243

## Jazz at the Buck 'Phil Masons New Orleans All-Stars with Christine Tyrrell'

Yet another sell-out audience was treated to a wonderful evening of high quality Jazz at The Buck on Friday 24th March. The band, fronted of course by Phil Mason (cornet), played a great selection of New Orleans, Gospel and Spiritual numbers complimented by some superb vocals from Martin Bennett (trombone), our very own Roger Myerscough (clarinet and baritone sax) and of course the incomparable Christine Tyrrell who thrilled us with her powerful yet intimate style.

Together with the superb rhythm section of Ron McKay (drums), Trefor 'Fingers' Williams (bass) and 'Gentleman' Jim Macintosh (banjo) it's no wonder they are rated one of the hottest bands around.

Thanks to Robert and the 'Buck' staff for all their hospitality and hard work and of course many thanks to everybody who once again supported the efforts to bring great jazz to the dale, on now what seems an annual event.

Please don't forget that the Wensleydale Stompers are staging a concert at The Buck on April 14th at 8pm, price £7 including supper.

Graham White

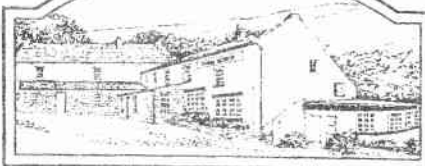
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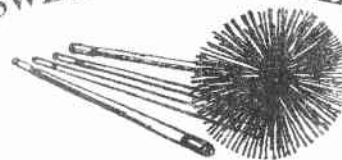
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## **Barclays Bank-the FIGHT goes on**

Thank you to every one who has supported the campaign to try to keep a Barclays Banking service in Reeth. Whether you have written letters, signed the petition, taken part in the media coverage or complained in the bank your support has been appreciated.

Upper Swaledale & Arkengarthdale Business Association Chairman Richard Good and Secretary Steve Ottevanger, together with District Councillors James Kendal & Raymond Alderson and County Councillor John Blackie met with officials of Barclays Bank. Barclays made it clear they would not change their decision to close Reeth Bank on 7 April. They did however agree to think about the proposals by Richmondshire District Council for them to form a partnership with Barclays to house a **Community Office** in the bank premises. This would give the District Council a much needed facility to serve Swaledale & Arkengarthdale and Barclays could continue to offer a banking service to our community. There will be a further meeting shortly to discuss these proposals further with Barclays.

The business association have invited Barclays Chairman and Chief Executive to come and visit the area to see for themselves the problems we will face if they close our bank. They are studying the proposals and have promised an early response.

At this moment in time it is very important that customers do **not close their accounts with Barclays**, if accounts are closed it will give Barclays London head office an excuse not to consider proposals for a continuing Barclays service in Reeth.

Coverage of the campaign has included *The Daily Telegraph*, *Yorkshire Post*, *Northern Echo*, *Darlington & Stockton Times*, *Daily Mirror*, *Independent on*

*Sunday*, *BBC Watchdog*, *GMTV*, *Look North*, *North East Tonight*, *Radio Cleveland* and *Radio York*.

It is very important that we keep up the pressure on Barclays decision makers, so please write to the bank, or if you have written already why not write again.

Write to: Mr John Varley  
Chief Executive, Retail  
Financial Services,  
Barclays Bank PLC,  
Murray House, 1 Royal Mint  
Court,  
LONDON EC3N 4HH

Thank you,  
Richard Good, Chairman  
Upper Swaledale & Arkengarthdale  
Business Association

### **BANK ACCOUNTS FOR ALL**

Chancellor Gordon Brown said he was taking on board the recommendations of the Cruickshank report into banking services which was published on Monday. He told the Commons: "Money transmission systems affect every cheque, every credit card and every debit transaction."

"Today I am announcing that we will legislate to ensure that the UK payments system is open to new competition."

He also announced plans to make it easier for more people open a bank account.

He said: "Today in Britain up to 3.5 million adults have no bank account."

The Cruickshank report has revealed that a basic affordable bank account for everyone would be profitable for the banks and that using a bank facility and not the cash economy just to pay gas and electricity bills could save families £50 a year.

"I am now inviting the banks to work with the Post Office to offer a basic banking service to all."

But Tim Sweeney, director general of the British Bankers' Association, said: "It is

sad to see the Chancellor making policy in haste on the basis of a report which we believe to be flawed and on which we have not had time to comment. The major banks have already made a commitment to delivering basic bank accounts and many are already doing so."

From:  
Mr Bob Sykes - The Black Bull Hotel Reeth

### **BUSINESSES BANKING ON A FIRST CLASS LOCAL SERVICE IN REETH**

Despite Barclays Bank closing its branch in Reeth, among 172 of its branches closing on 7th April, local businesses will still have a first class banking service on their doorstep.

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As well as having access to post offices, Girobank Direct customers can keep track of their account and make a wide range of transactions by telephone - such as transferring funds and arranging for bills to be paid.

In addition, a new on-line banking service, Inter Connect, gives customers access to their Girobank Direct account via the internet, 24 hours a day, from their home or office computer.

"Girobank Direct gives businesses the best of both worlds - the convenience of post offices combined with the benefits of modern telephone banking," said Gareth Williams, Girobank's Senior Marketing Manager. "This is a no-nonsense service that leaves business people more time to concentrate on what really matters - running their business."

Girobank press release submitted by:  
Jenny Reader - Reeth Post Office

### **BOOK REVIEWS**

**OVER HILL AND DALE** by Gervase Phinn.  
Over Hill and Dale accompanies Gervase Phinn during his second year as a school inspector in North Yorkshire as he visits schools ranging from little primary schools at the head of the dale to large comprehensives in inner cities. Many of the wonderful characters that peopled his first book are here again: from Connie, the 'leave the room tidy when you've finished' fastidious caretaker, to <Mrs Savage (by name and by nature), and the endearing Chairman of Governors, Lord Marrick. Sister Brendan, stiff disciplinarian with an impish streak, is here, as is Miss Christine Bentley of Winnery Nook Nursery & Primary School - and Gervase's colleagues in the inspectors' office rag him unmercifully about his faraway look whenever Christine's name is mentioned.

**HARRY POTTER AND THE PRISONER OF AZKABAN** by J K Rowling  
Paperback version out on 1 April  
JAMES NATRASS

**The Reluctant Pilgrim** by John Hardy  
The new book by John Hardy to be launched in Reeth in June. See next month's Gazette for details.



# SPLENDID CHURCHES of the DALES

## St. Patrick's PATRICK BROMPTON      St Gregory's BEDALE

St. Patrick's, Patrick Brompton; Patrick Brompton is famous for its magnificent chancel, one of three round here all built by St Mary's Abbey, York, in the early 14th century in the purest and most beautiful Decorated style -- ie, about 1320 (McCall's 'Richmondshire Churches', 1910 p.110). A chancel, as of course you know, is the eastern part of a church, originally separated from the nave by a screen of lattice-work. St. Mary's Abbey built two others, at Ainderby Steeple in 1350 and at Burneston in 1390. Each one of the three was provided with a priest (ie, a Benedictine monk from the Abbey, who would have been posted there for work among the people he found there). The chancel was, as it were, his office, and there was a separate priest's doorway. From the chancel, too, he heard confessions through a low-side window opening out on to the grass outside in the churchyard, where the confessor would be kneeling. The parishioners assembled for worship in the nave on the other side of the chancel screen, but nave and tower were not built until long years after the chancel. (At Burneston the chancel was built in 1390, but the nave not until 1550, so the devoted folk would have knelt in the open, for goodness' sake!)

The gorgeous East Window soars up to the sky, 5 lights in the Decorated style at its finest -- Yorkshires finest, with an almost miraculous display of reticulated tracery, filled at one time with medieval stained glass of the highest quality under the watchful eye of St. Mary's Abbey, York.

We enter the church by the South Doorway, Norman, with zig-zag moulding, but already the arch is pointed, with water-leaf decorated capitals, a sure sign of the Early English style of about 1190. North and South Arcades. It is fascinating to watch the slow march of the centuries inside this church, as each style gradually merges into the next, over a period of nearly

200 years, ending up at the West end, where it is entirely in the Decorated style of 1290-1350.

**Chancel.** All this time the Chancel would be standing all complete and new, for it had been finished about the year 1320. It has a splendid collection of 14th-century heads, no doubt portraits of contemporary folk unknown to us, except for one, who must surely be King Richard III, looking very much as he was played by Laurence Olivier. You can almost hear him declaiming those famous opening lines of Shakespear's 'Richard III':

"Now is the winter of our discontent  
Made glorious summer by this son of York

These 14th-century heads have led a soft indoor life, free from weathering in the storms that rage outside, so that they are virtually of the same appearance as they were when first carved.

We must not miss the memorial window (by Kempe & Tower -- note their signature in the bottom left-hand corner) in the South Aisle to Edith Atkinson, d.1905, Matron of cana Hospital, Bombay, during the bubonic plague outbreak there, another Florence Nightingale if ever there was one -- they seemed to flourish in Victorian times, what? Look at Sister Dora of Hauxwell, who ran Walsall Hospital during the great smallpox epidemic of the mid-19th century. Her father was the half-potty Rector of Hauxwell and Dora Pattison, as she then was, ran off who could blame her?

**The Bells.** After a dire storm in 1577 'the steeple of the church was riven from the top to the battlements'. One of the 3 bells was cracked when it fell into the churchyard and in 1703 was re-cast with the following splendid inscription:

"MY CRACK IS CURED NOW LOUD I CRY  
HAVE FAITH IN CHRIST AND LIVE  
ETERNALLY"

Most of the medieval churches in Richmondshire have only one medieval bell,

far older than the others and usually with a dedication to its patron saint, as here, where one bell has a black-letter inscription: "PRAY FOR US BLESSED ST. PATRICK". This is due to a punitive measure by Henry VIII in c. 1540, depriving all churches where the mass had been celebrated of all their bells except one for the essential calling to prayer. We find this 'odd man out' in Grinton, Wensley, Bedale, Marriek and Burneston, as well as here.

**The White Cross.**

On your way from Crakehall to Bedale you pass, on the West side of the road, the White Cross (marked on the map -- though why 'white' goodness only knows). It stands above the ancient road running alongside the modern one and is an interesting survival of Catholic England, when wayside crosses were common everywhere -- and still are in Continental Europe. (In Venice I once took my secretary Rosetta on a picnic to Cortina, but we spent half our time stopping at wayside crosses so that Rosetta, a devout Catholic, could pay her respects at each one! What a time we had!)

**BEDALE, St Gregory.**

This great fortress of a church, standing beside what was once the Castle moote, commands the Town from its northern end. The Tower was built as a castle to withstand a siege in the stormy years of the Scottish raids, c.1330-1350. It had its own well, garderobe (lavatory), and fireplace, all in a large living-room below the ringing room. It had a portcullis too, but this crashed down about 1820 when the chain on which it hung had rusted through for lack of use. This tower was built by Maude, widow of Sir Brian Fitzalan, Edward I's Constable of Scotland, who d.1302 and is buried in the church, with his effigy (of alabaster) and his wife's (of stone) side by side in the tower. He is in full armour with his shield of arms, 'barry of 8, or and gules', also to be seen in the Chapter House of York Minster. He had two daughters but no son and heir, so that

was that.

**The Bells.** Bedale has a ring of 8, of which the tenor is date 1400, with a rhyming Latin hexameter, part of which reads 'Laudo Mariam Digna Dei Laude, Mater Dignissima Gaude', ('I praise Mary with a praise worthy of God: Most Worthy Mother rejoice'). It weighs 20cwt and is the largest ringing bell in Richmondshire. While I was taking a close-up picture of this bell it suddenly struck midday and I nearly jumped out of my skin, I tell!

**Inside the church.** Memorial tablet to Admiral Sir John Poo Beresford, (d. 1844) in the South Aisle. He married Henrietta Peirse in 1815 (and so began the Beresford-Pierse family which still continues, though no longer in Bedale Hale.) He was Admiral of the White, ie of the White Squadron. Up to 1864 the Navy had been divided into the Red, White and Blue Squadrons. Pepys in his Diary for 27 July 1666 wrote: "the fight (against the Dutch in the River Thames) began on the 25th, when our White Squadron began with one of the Dutch Squadron, and then the Red Squadrons, and then the Red Squadron with another -- the Blue fell to the Zealand Squadron ...". After 1864 the Red, White and Blue Ensigns went to the Merchant Navy, Royal Navy and Royal Naval Reserve, and so it has been ever since.

**The South Aisle East window** is a notable 'rescue job', having been carefully removed, stone by stone, from Jervaulx Abbey in 1540, the year after the Abbey was dissolved. Only the upper part of the Abbey window could be included at Bedale because there was not sufficient height to include it all.

**The Pensioners of Christ's Hospital, Firby,** had two pews under a memorial tablet (in Latin) in the South, where 6 poor old men in their russet brown uniform attended every Sunday morning from the Hospital, with their Master, Richard Lambert. The Hospital was founded in 1608 by John Clapham, of Bedale. It is noticeable that the doorways of the Hospital are very low, only about 5ft high. What does this

meam? Perhaps the 6 old men were kept on **short rations**, what? The Mastrer was paid 6s 8d a month and the poor old men 5s a month besides 'caps and gowns of sad russet every second year'. In addition, they received '8 quarters of coals every fourth year' --- so they had to be dashed careful all round ... (See Whitaker's History of Richmondshire, 1823, vol II, p.32). In 1890 each inmate was receiving a monthly allowance of 15/-, a new hat once a year and a clock every two years.

#### BURNESTON, St Lambert.

Built by three different authorities, this church started with a beautiful **chancel** in the purest Perpendicular style, 1390-1400, by St Mary's Abbey, York, who also provided the **priest**. So that was the beginning.

Then, much later, in 1419, came the **tower & spire**, remote from the chancel. It was the result of an alliance between the four great local families of Neville, Boynton (Sedbury), Fitzhugh, Norton (Norton Conyers). The armorial shields of these families appear at the four corners of the tower. It stood in isolation until about 1550, when the **Nave** was completed by the parishioners, thus at last connecting chancel with tower plus spire.

**Inside the church**, see how the wider nave had to be **wrapped round the spire!** Notice also the new font, dated 1662, marking the Establishment of the Church of England and replacing the **pudding-basin** which had been used for baptisms in Puritan times, as well as issuing the Book of Common Prayer for general use.

By far the most spectacular feature of this church is the **wonderful set of pews**, very handsome, with one knob each, culminating in a **Squire's Pew**, with the inscription that Thomas Robinson of Allerthorpe Hall gave £50 in 1627 for having the lot made. The maker's name, 'Robert Clapham', and the date, 'Anno Dom 1627', appears on the back of a pew near the doorway.

**The Bells.** There are 6 bells, of which 4 are of 1874 and another of 1621. But the really interesting bell is N°5, medieval, and

probably belonging to the tower, ie, 1400-1410, with a dedication in Latin to St Lambert, in Gothic capitals.

The other memorable thing in this church **lies under a carpet in the choir**. It is a copper plate with an utterly charming inscription, in Latin, to 'Eleanor, our beloved eldest daughter' --- 'Elianna, delecta filia primogenita --- 'Who in the 16th year of her virginity was married to Heaven, Anno Dni 1668'.

**Free Grammar School & Hospital**, opposite church. Founded 1680 by Matthew Robinson, Vicar of Burneston. In 1890 the Hospital had 5 inmates, each receiving 11/6 a month. 5/- in July for coal, 2/- in September for a dinner (their annual ramsammy, no doubt, what?) and 7/6 in January for dress. The Grammar School was moved elsewhere. Note the sundial with this inscription (restored):

'Time from the church tower cries to you and me,  
Upon this moment hangs Eternity.  
The dial's index and belfrey's chime  
To eye and ear confirm this truth of time.  
Prepare to meet it; Death will not delay:  
Take then thy Saviour's warning: "Watch & Pray"

**A Curious Postscript.** Opposite the church is Burneston Hall, once the Vicarage. On the tennis court in front of it the **Wimbledon Tennis Singles Champion** of 1879 & 1880 used to play. He was none other than the Rev. John Hartley, Vicar of Burneston. But in the following year he was trounced 6-0, 6-1, 6-1 by a 20-year-old, William Renshaw, who had a shattering **overhead service** instead of the gentle underarm stuff which up till then had been the norm!

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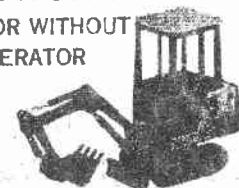
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## WEA/HILL FARMING INITIATIVE

### PROJECT COMPUTER COURSES

The Dales Countryside museum at Hawes has provided an excellent venue for two recent computer courses. The courses, run as a joint WEA/Hill Farming Initiative Project, have brought computer skills to the hill farming communities of both Wensleydale and Swaledale.

The 30 hour introductory course, held last Autumn, introduced computing and its application to farm record keeping. The more recent consolidation and progression course, lasting for a further 30 hours, had to be run twice weekly due to the demand for places.

The courses had been developed in consultation with working farmers to ensure all aspects were relevant to changing farming needs. The word processing element showed how to structure a business letter to MAFF; spreadsheets showed how to keep a record of flock details, veterinary and medicine use, and cashflow and VAT details; and databases showed how to keep animal registers for cattle and sheep.

Course tutors were Donna Boynton, Ruth Patchett and Kath Frenc, and the camaraderie and atmosphere in the classes was excellent.

Many thanks to the WEA and the Hill Farming Initiative for providing this support to the hill farming community.

Anyone interested in future beginner or progression courses should contact Mrs. Ruth Patchett telephone 01765 689466 AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

There is no charge for the courses as they are funded by ESF Objective 5B grants matched with a portfolio of funding from Yorkshire Forward, North Yorkshire County Council and Barclays Bank.

## Letters To The Editor

My mother was Sheila Spence Goddard, daughter of John William and Everill Mary Spence. She was born at Hexham Cottage in Reeth in 1924, and lived in Reeth until her marriage to a soldier in 1947 (the soldier my father - Stephen Austin George Goddard). After that, she returned to Reeth on many visits until in 1970, when my father emigrated to the USA. We still have family living in Reeth - my mother's sister Everil Squires, her husband A.R. Squires and her son John Squires of White House, his wife Hillary and their children, Margaret and Joe. My mother attended Reeth School and Richmond High School for Girls.

On February 4<sup>th</sup> 1999, my mother passed away at the age of 74, after a 7 year battle with emphysema. The Rev. George Hemming performed the my parents wedding ceremony almost 53 years ago. My mother is survived by my father, three sons and a daughter, seven grandsons and one granddaughter.

My mother always enjoyed reading the Reeth Gazette. When I am in Reeth, I always meet people who remember my mother. When last in Reeth I met a man, whose name unfortunately I have forgotten, who was in a quartet with Ronnie Cherry, Eleanor Cleminson and my mother many years ago.

I look forward to being in Reeth again.

Sheila-Marie Faircloth. - Ellenwood, C.A. in the U.S.A.

### From Granny's Little Book

*Only a fool is taught by his own experience, for a wise man learns from the experience of others.*

### Talking of modern Technology !

An American couple were going on holiday. The husband decided to book an hotel in Florida where it was warm, and his wife could come and meet him after her business trip. He would go down, check in and let her know the arrangements. He arrived at the hotel, checked in, and as requested by his wife went to let her know everything was all right, and that he was expecting her the next day. Of course the modern way to communicate is through the INTERNET and E Mail - much better than by telephone ! The husband goes to the computer and types out his wife's E. mail address and sends his message. Unfortunately he gets one letter in the E. Mail address wrong. At the other side of the Atlantic, the message is picked up by a computer with the same E. Mail address that the husband used. It was the home of an elderly Vicar, who had died just the day before. His wife decided to check the computer to see if there were any E. Mail messages. She switched on, let out a scream and fell in a dead faint. Her family rushed into the room to see her lying on the floor. Wondering what had happened, they checked the computer which was switched on, showing the following message -

"Have just checked in. Everything OK. All is ready for your arrival tomorrow.

P.S. It isn't half hot down here!"

(With thanks to the BBC News Quiz)

### ARKENGARThDALE PYJAMA PARTY

Pupils of Arkengarthdale School enjoyed an all day breakfast in their pyjamas on Friday March 3<sup>rd</sup>, whilst raising money for the Cancer research campaign. Every pupil contributed to the event, by setting out tables, making place cards, hand made doilies or flower arrangements. A special thank

you must go to three older students, Edward Birks, Abi Stubbs and Chloe orange who managed a sponsored silence for two hours and collected a well earned £45. The total sum raised was £90:30 and organiser Gill Hayes wishes to thank all pupils and families.

### JAZZ AT THE BUCK

The Wensleydale Stompers will hold a Jazz Night at the Buck Hotel on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April from 8pm. To 12 pm. Tickets cost £7.00 which will include supper. Tickets are available from The Buck Hotel, Reeth, 01748 - 884210 or from the Tourist Information Office, Reeth.

### A SPECIAL THANK YOU

From Willie, Nicola and May.

We would like to thank all who gave their thoughts to Barbara in her hour of need. We wish we could thank everybody personally for their concern. Plus a special thanks to all Churches for their prayers. Also to Ralff and Jack for looking after my house.

Love to all, Willie McCleary.

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## THE LIFE AND TIMES OF

**JAMES NATRASS**

The Reluctant Pilgrim

By

John Hardy

The events in this novel take place in Swinnerdale, a thinly disguised alias for Swaledale. The author paints a picture of what he considers the Dale would have been like between 1732 and 1822, when mining activity was at its peak. The characters though largely fictitious move against the broad canvas of history both locally and nationally.

John Hardy has been acquainted with Swaledale since 1946, and has served there as a Methodist Minister. He married into a local family and has dedicated this book to his late wife Thelma. This is a warts and all presentation of a dale that had its 'sinners' as well as 'saints', uprightness and felony existing side by side. We see the characters wrestling with their harsh environment, and struggling with their religious faith, as hazardous epidemics scythe them down.

Across the years the author has wandered endlessly in the old Swaledale mine workings. Tramping extensively upon its moors in all weathers, he has acquired information and experience that has encouraged his previous writings, and ensured for his characters a realistic setting.

James Natrass, the central character in the story, was conceived by his mother in the most appalling circumstances, and throughout his life as seventy years, he wrestled with the most violent and contradictory impulses, a battle that was finally resolved in an act of great heroism. Beneath the developing story line, themes with a deeper significance unfold. The work concludes with a sting in its tail, and a message for the millennium.

Mr. Hardy's book is to be launched locally during the Swaledale Festival. Details of the launch will be published next month.

## GUNNERSIDE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The president, Margaret Rutter, welcomed members and two visitors to the march meeting in Gunnerside Chapel. Our speaker was Heather Waggett, a young local lady who talked on 'Fashion and Style for the new Millennium'.

She gave a most interesting talk about her work in the designing and manufacturing of fashion garments. She spoke about changing trends in the fashion business and problems she encounters preparing new styles and colours for future seasons. She amused us with stories of innovations in clothes shopping from North America and she gave us good advice on choosing styles and colours for the individual. She was then thanked warmly by Dorothy Kilpatrick.

Our president then took great pleasure in presenting every member with an oval silver photograph frame to commemorate the New Millennium. A short business meeting followed. Plans for the June evening outing to the Herriott Museum in Thirsk were outlined. Margaret Rutter thanked members for supporting the Heart Research envelope scheme for unwanted jewellery: more envelopes were available. Last year, over £32,000 had been raised. It was mentioned that our County Federation Chairman, Anne Harrison of Bainbridge was retiring after many years of hard work and effective service - and we extended our very grateful thanks to her.

The competition this month for three stylish buttons was won by Audrey Race, and the monthly prizes were won by Margaret Calvert and Mary Calvert.

## HARMONY IN THE DALES

The Dales Chamber Orchestra will be giving a series of Easter recitals throughout the Yorkshire dales and is donating 50p to the Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust from every concert ticket sold in 2000 to Trust donors. The trust is very grateful for this support, which will be used to continue to carry out its valuable programme of conservation and community improvements throughout the Dales.

Concert dates over the Easter period are as follows:

Ingleton Community Centre -

April 24<sup>th</sup>. (Easter Monday) at 7:30p.m.

Grassington Town Hall -

Tuesday April 25<sup>th</sup>. At 7:30 p.m.

St. Andrew's Church, Aysgarth -

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup>. April at 7:30p.m.

Concert audiences will be able to see some of the trust's work at first hand at the above venues - for example at Aysgarth Falls a 12 hectare site was planted with 11,500 trees to create St. Joseph's Wood, the Trust's first Millennium Donor Wood. Also at Aysgarth improvements were made on the footpaths to the falls enabling better access for people with mobility difficulties. With the support of the general public, the Trust is aiming to create 40 Millennium Woods by 2001.

## More Diary Dates

April 15<sup>th</sup> - Harrogate Brass Band

in St. Andrew's Church, Grinton

7:30pm start tickets £4:00

April 10<sup>th</sup>. Gradening Club at 2pm

in Reeth Memorial Hall.

17<sup>th</sup>. April. Reeth Congregational Church Ladies' Meeting 2pm.

29<sup>th</sup>. April Concert in Low Row URC

at 7:30pm - Bedale Brass Band.

## Apologies!

We apologise for the fact the Reeth Gazette is published a little later this month - it is sometimes more difficult to get everything together on time in order to make up the Gazette. Please do note the deadline dates, and the fact that we try and publish and distribute for the FIRST WEEK of the month.

## WILD FLOWER WALKS

Join local botanist, Tony Wood, for 8 evening walks. Starting on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup>. May at Richmond Comprehensive School at 6:30pm. Fee is £37.

To register your interest contact Richmond Community Education Officer on :-

01748 - 850171

## YORKSHIRE DALES

*National Park Authority*

*Concern over breeding waders*

*prompts major survey of the dales.*

There will be a major survey of breeding waders in the National Park between 17 April and 19<sup>th</sup>. June 2000.

This will be carried out by the RSPB and The National Parks Authority.

The survey comes amidst concern that recent population studies have shown major declines in the number of breeding waters across the whole of the UK. Upland areas are vital breeding areas for waders such as curlew, snipe, lapwing and redshank. Decline in population between 1972 and 1996 have seen lapwing numbers fall by 46% and snipe by up to 95% in lowland areas across the UK. Landowners will be contacted for permission before the survey work commences.

### SMARBER WEEKEND

Low Row United Reform Church will be celebrating Smarber Weekend, when they remember the building of their first chapel, at Smarber in 1692

there will be service at the site of the old chapel at 7:00 pm on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April. On the Saturday evening (29<sup>th</sup> April) there will be a concert given by Bedale Brass Band in the URC Church in Low Row - 7:30 p.m. start. (Ticket cost to include refreshments), and also in the URC Church, Low Row, on the Sunday morning there will be a united village service commencing at 10:30 a.m. at which the Parish Choir will be singing. Everyone will be welcome.

### REFUSE COLLECTION RICHMONDSHIRE

#### EASTER HOLIDAYS 2000 MAY BANK HOLIDAYS 2000

In order to provide an efficient service over the Bank Holiday period, please refer to the following schedule of revised collection dates.

NORMAL DATE	REVISED DATE
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MON 24 APRIL	TUE 25 APRIL
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THUR 27 APRIL	FRI 28 APRIL
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### Collective Noun Of The Month

Wunch : Applies to the banking  
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### PATIENCE

*Patience is the art of losing ones  
temper gradually !!*

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### PERSPECTIVE

Did you see the phenomenon in the sky on Thursday, the "Northern Lights"? The depth of colours and subtle changes which lit up the whole sky, which looked like coloured cloud yet allowed us to see the stars was wonderful. Everything seemed so still and fresh - not cold. What a feeling of peace and tranquillity it imparted, and what a feeling of perspective. How small we are ! So tiny we and our problems seem in a Universe so incomprehensibly vast ! Doesn't it make one think?

### SING THE WORLD

The third biennial production by Swaledale Schools was held in Richmond School. It was a festival of songs from around the world - hence the title Sing The World.

There were approximately 200 youngsters on the stage, in massed choirs or singing in smaller cluster groups as well as instrumentalists. It was a rewarding experience for the audience, and we believe for the performers.

Participating schools were :-

Arkengarthdale CE Primary School  
Brompton On Swale CE Primary School

Croft CE Primary School  
Eppleby Forcett CE Primary School  
Gunnarside Methodist Primary School  
Manfield CE Primary School  
Melsonby Methodist Primary School  
Middleton Tyas CE Primary School  
North And South Cowton Primary School

Ravensworth CE Primary School  
Reeth Primary School  
Richmond CE Primary School  
Richmond Methodist Primary School  
Richmond School  
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There were songs from the Caribbean; Western Europe; Eastern Europe; China; Africa; and the massed choirs sang Eurojazz - a pop cantata written for Dudley Music Services, and first performed in Dudley castle in 1998. With vibrant music and easily sung melodies it is very popular with young singers ( and 'oldies' who were also given a part in the audience participation element) the lyrics describe different aspects of Europe, with a potted history, a cultural visit to European Cities, and an amusing look at monetary differences. The Cantata concentrates on the positive aspects of an undivided Europe, one with freedom, no dividing lines, and working together for a Europe in which we share common interests. The Eurojazz was written by Alan Simmons who writes and publishes choral music for all ages. He was in attendance on the Friday evening and thoroughly enjoyed the performance. All aspects were good, with an excellent group of young musicians accompanying the Eurojazz. However, we must confess to having a particular soft spot for our three local primary schools- Arkengarthdale, Gunnarside and Reeth. Their rendition of Tekele lamera, and Nkosi Sikelel'iAfrica were very good indeed. Quality singing and rhythmical movement from a small, but very effective group. We loved the African songs with a Yorkshire accent! Well done all pupils and staff.

### LATE NEWS

Due to the rapid closure of Barclays Bank in Reeth, The Black Bull fund for Martin House Children's Hospice will be handed over between 12:00 hrs. and 14:00 hrs. outside the Bull on

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> April.

More next month

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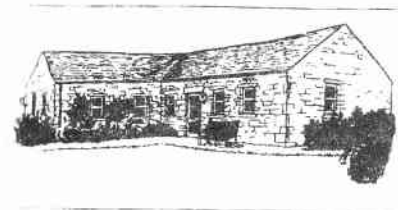
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## **It's a Doc's Life**

### *A column with a medical slant*

When a child dies these days with some serious illness such as meningitis it is not unusual for it to make it in to the daily papers. Generations ago families were much bigger to allow for the fact that a proportion of children would succumb to childhood diseases before adulthood. Even now in under-developed countries something as simple as measles is a killer. In a short space of time we have become very complacent about what were once killer diseases. The control of fatal childhood illness by vaccination has meant that to maintain the population most families only need about two children.

The range of diseases we can vaccinate against is growing and the side effects of the vaccines are declining; they are becoming safer. They have always been much safer than the natural diseases anyway; otherwise what is the point of vaccination. In America children are not allowed to go to school unless their parents can show that they have been fully vaccinated. In this country we are a bit more liberal and allow parents freedom of choice.

However a significant number, despite the evidence of safety and efficacy still do not have their children vaccinated. How are we supposed to feel about that? These unvaccinated children as well as being unprotected themselves and therefore at great risk, could potentially be a reservoir of infection, perpetuating these diseases and endangering other children.

Some might argue that to knowingly leave your children exposed to such fatal illnesses as tetanus and diphtheria amounts to a form of child abuse or negligence in light of the evidence on safety. Others might say these unvaccinated children could act as a reservoir of infection, preventing the eradication of some of these diseases. The unvaccinated children benefit from "herd immunity" whereby, because most of the other children are vaccinated, the incidence of the disease in the population is low. If that is the case then are the parents of unprotected children socially irresponsible?

We live in a democracy where we enjoy freedom of choice in most of the things we do. This freedom of choice extends to whether or not you have your children vaccinated. Informed choice means knowing what the options are. The problem is that as these diseases become rarer we forget what they are like. I have seen tetanus and it is frightening and awful way to die.

Therefore you have a choice as to whether you let your children die. Isn't Democracy wonderful?

**Dr. Paul Bond, The Surgery.**