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in ARKENGARThDALE and SWALEDALE

### 6th August

9.15am	St Mary's Muker	<i>Eucharist</i>
10.30am	Gunnarside Methodist	
	Low Row URC	
	Reeth Methodist	
11.00am	Reeth Congregational	
	St Edmund's Marske	
	Family Eucharist	
	Holy Trinity Low Row	
	Eucharist	
2.00pm	Keld Methodist	
2.30pm	Arkengarthdale Methodist	
6.00pm	St Andrew's Grinton	
	Evening Prayer	
6.30pm	Muker Methodist	
	Reeth Congregational	

### 20th August

9.15am	St Mary's Muker	<i>Eucharist</i>
10.30am	Low Row URC	
	Reeth Methodist	
11.00am	Holy Trinity Low Row	
	Eucharist	
	Reeth Congregational	
	St Edmund's Marske	
	Holy Eucharist	
2.00pm	Keld Methodist	
2.30pm	Arkengarthdale Methodist	
6.30pm	St Mary's Arkengarthdale	
	Evensong BCP	
	Gunnarside Methodist	
	Marske Methodist	
	Muker Methodist	
	Reeth Congregational	



### 13th August

9.00am	Keld URC	
9.30am	St Andrew's Grinton	<i>Eucharist</i>
	St Michael's Downholme	
	Holy Eucharist	
10.30am	Low Row URC	
	Reeth Methodist	
11.00am	Reeth Congregational	
	St Edmund's Marske	
	Morning Prayer	
11.15am	St Mary's Arkengarthdale	
	Holy Communion BCP	
2.30pm	Low Row Methodist	
4.00pm	St Mary's Muker	
	Service of the Word	
6.30pm	Gunnarside Methodist	
	Marske Methodist	
	Muker Methodist	
	Reeth Congregational	

### 27th August

8.00am	Holy Trinity Low Row	
	Holy Communion BCP	
9.00am	Keld URC	
9.30am	St Andrew's Grinton	<i>Eucharist</i>
	St Michael's Downholme	
	Holy Eucharist	
10.30am	Low Row URC	
	Reeth Methodist	<i>Communion</i>
11.00am	Reeth Congregational	
	St Edmund's Marske	
	Holy Eucharist	
11.15am	St Mary's Arkengarthdale	
	Holy Communion BCP	
2.30pm	Low Row Methodist	
6.30pm	Gunnarside Methodist	
	Communion	
	Marske Methodist	
	Muker Methodist	
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There will not be a Wednesday 10am Service at St Andrew's Grinton during August.

## REETH & DISTRICT GAZETTE

### EDITORIAL

**Hello again!** Welcome to our 61st edition. Thanks for reading, and thanks for your constructive comments about our Fifth Anniversary issue. We have tried to make the "Gazette" more interesting as we enter our sixth year.

#### Richard Birks - Moves on

We are sorry to have to tell you that due to pressure of other work, Richard Birks our advertising manager has resigned. Richard was one of the "Gazette's" founder members and for the first year did most of the typing and laying out. He has done invaluable service and we are sorry he has had to finish. Our sincere thanks and best wishes go to him in all his endeavours. ■

We rely on advertising to keep the magazine 'free', and would be advertisers, as well as current advertisers, might be interested to read the letter on page 29. It pays to advertise! People do read the magazine, and we are currently printing 1850 copies during the holiday period. Not a bad circulation. We are hoping to replace the present printer if we can manage the funding, it will produce better copies and generally be more efficient. You will notice the difference. With the

Summer comes the Annual Shows, Reeth & Muker Show dates are on the front cover. Do support the Shows, they are an important tradition. This year we see there are two new competitions at Reeth. The Big Bale Rolling and also an Open Quoits competition. Both should be well worth watching. The Millennium celebrations are still with us and as you will see from the Centre Page Pull Out Programme and other adverts throughout the "Gazette" there's a lot going on over the Bank Holiday. Do go out and join in the fun. If anyone has memories of the last Bartle Fair (Festival of Britain year, 1952) please write in and tell us. Thanks again for reading and supporting your local community news magazine, please keep the articles coming in. GL

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**Advance notice:** A concert will be given by Fishburn Brass Band in St. Andrew's Church, Grinton, in aid of Marrick Priory on September 15th at 7.30pm.

**ARKENGARTHDALE C. E.****SCHOOL NEWS****Mrs Enid Lundberg - Retires**

On the evening of Friday 14th July a leaving presentation was held for Enid Lundberg who retired from Arkengarthdale School at the end of term after teaching at the school for 25 years. Many of her old pupils attended and also past members of staff, making it a most memorable evening. The Friends of the School organised a wonderful buffet with many parents contributing towards it. Enid was presented with a garden bench, book tokens and flowers. Many thanks to all her many friends, past and present pupils and parents for the generous donations.

**SWALEDALE FESTIVAL****Director - Elizabeth Carter - Moves on**

Festival 2000 was an outstanding event. Even the terrible weather could not keep people away, and audience figures were well up on the previous year. This was Elizabeth Carter's last as Festival Director, and we said a formal goodbye after the concert on June 11th. Elizabeth was presented with a garden seat, and her parents, great supporters of the Festival, received flowers and gifts. Elizabeth's enthusiasm and inspiration will be sadly missed.

On June 19th Swaledale Festival Board appointed Philip Parr as the new Director. Philip is an Australian. He lives in London or, when on location he uses a camper van. He struck those who interviewed him as an 'ideas man' with energy and common sense. He has many contacts in the music world. So, look out for the camper van around Festival time. Philip will be in Swaledale in August, looking round and meeting local people, and we hope to hold a get together in the Autumn. More information later. ES

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DEADLINES FOR SEPTEMBER ISSUE  
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**Arkengarthdale War Memorial**

At the beginning of the year, part of the wall collapsed at the rear of the memorial. Whilst assessing the work required to reinstate the wall it was noted that the weather had taken its toll over the years, most of the topstones were loose and the majority of the wall surrounding the memorial needed re-pointing. Concern was also expressed over the height of the tall tree and its roots structure was causing damage to the surrounding walls. It was decided that the long term solution was to re-point all the walls and relay the topstones. Arkengarthdale Parish Council obtained two grants, one from the North Yorkshire Small Project Fund and a £200 grant from the Yorks. Rural Community Council. This was greatly appreciated but was not enough to cover the full cost of repairs. It was decided to appeal for local volunteers by putting a notice in the Parish notice board and in the paper for renovation work to start on the 10th June.

"Arkengarthdale  
Parish Council  
obtained two  
grants one of  
£125 and one of  
£200 but these  
did not cover the  
full cost..."

On a fine morning at 10am. Parish Councillors and volunteers started the restoration work by hacking out the pointing and removing the topstones under the watchful eyes of Parkin Waller. The weather was on our side and by the end of the day, the old pointing had been hacked out and all the topstones removed and approx. one third of them replaced on new cement. The following Saturday, with the help of more volunteers, the relaying of the rest of the topstones and the majority of the re-pointing was done. During the following week the pointing was completed by Parkin Waller. There were some funds left to pay for three tons of limestone chippings. On Saturday 1st July all the rubbish was removed from the site before the chippings were laid. This completed the restoration work on the War Memorial. In small dale, it was pleasing to see both younger and older generations volunteering their time for such a worthy cause, thus proving yet again the strong community spirit in the dale. We would like to thank everyone involved with the restoration work, with a special thank you to PARKIN WALLER whose professionalism ensured the overall job was one that everyone could be proud of.

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An appeal is being launched to raise money for the conservation of the Gunnerside Chapel banner. The eight foot high banner is on display in the Chapel and is a significant part of the history of the Chapel and village.

Sadly it is in a sorry state. The banner, which is double sided, was painted in 1913 by Thomas W. Rutter, of Gunnerside born in 1874. Thomas studied at the Royal College of Art in London and had four paintings accepted and hung in the Royal Academy. He taught for some time at Burnley School of Art and then spent nineteen years as chief assistant at Northampton Art School, now part of Northampton University.

A conservation report describes the banner as being 'in a vulnerable condition... and in need of immediate restoration'. We are appealing for help and assistance, however large or small, to ensure this banner is restored to a safe presentable condition. All donations gratefully received. Cheques should please be made out to Gunnerside Methodist Church (please indicate that the money is toward this appeal) and sent to :-

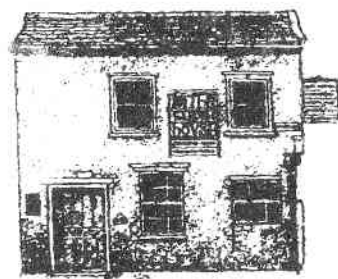
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### Letters to the Gazette

Sir,

3rd July

Enclosed is my subscription for a further year. Although I have read the 'Dalesman' for most of my life we look forward to receiving your publication every month for the wealth of local news it contains. I can trace my ancestors on my mother's side to the Muker area and I have been a regular visitor. Although most of my life has been spent in the south and south west, Swaledale is still 'home' in my heart! In 1940 when I was five, rather than risk my being evacuated from Brighton to stay with strangers, my parents packed me off to Muker to stay with our distant relatives George & Sarah Alderson at 'West Ings'.

I commenced my education at Muker School where the redoubtable Miss Dixon was Headmistress, although a second teacher had to be taken on to cope with the evacuees from Gateshead. I am told that I returned South at the age of seven with an accent that was a mixture of Geordie and Swaledale! At Muker School I was a contemporary of Marina and Marjorie Hunter (now Mrs Parker and Mrs Tiplady respectively) and the Guy brothers.

Recently we have been spending more time in the dale and my love for it becomes stronger and stronger. Usually we take a cottage in Low Row for two weeks each year and also have the odd break at the CB inn. I read with interest about the various millennium projects to record the life in the dale. It certainly is a splendid idea as so much of our heritage is being lost year by year.

Regards, Robin Widdling — Yeovil.

Letters to the "Gazette" on any topic are welcomed but may be edited as necessary to fit the space available.

Sir, Dales Talks 30th June

It is good to see the programme of talks in Fremington Sunday school continue each Summer. I think I can claim to have presented the first slide show in aid of St Andrews, Grinton (well certainly one of the first). It was Easter Monday 27th March 1989, my subject "Work & Play—A Country Mixture". Born a Geordie, I came to be involved through a love of Swaledale & Yorkshire generated by my wife, Marjorie (nee Busby) whose family connections go back to 1642 in Marske. Churchwardens at St Andrews in 1989 were Cathy Fawcett, Marjorie's cousin and Goff Wilson.

I still have the notes which introduced the slides. Horses at Reeth Show followed by Hounds and Beagles at Bolton Hall, Wensley. Working dogs featured during the taking of "3-o' clocks" out into the hay field at Hollins Farm. Another dog subject was Mrs Walkers black Lab. showing the way at the start of the Swaledale Marathon. Near me must have been stood the Photographer from the Northern Echo for his picture (the image of mine) was on the front page captioned 'Mad Dogs & Englishmen...etc It really was hot. (remember that year, come August, the flood in Reeth Show week). Slides of dancers in Reeth and a fine shot of Richmond Morrismen, with waving hankies, flagging down traffic in Marrick. Slides of sheep at Reeth Show, and around the '80s the Milk Race cyclists were often seen hurtling through Swaledale. The D & S Times for 1st. April 1989 records that my first slide show raised £128 for Grinton Church. On learning of my lifelong interest in the history of aviation Goff Wilson asked that I give a show to the children of Reeth School to illustrate their project on "Flight".

Looking at my notes from 1992 -1997 of the Fremington Summer programme reminds me of the various topics and of finding fresh subjects gave a lot of pleasure. I hope to locals and holidaymakers who attended, I certainly enjoyed myself, all in a good cause. Good wishes,

Norman Davidson — Cullercoats.

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### Two Dales Partnership Down on the Farm

There was a very encouraging and informative meeting of the Partnership on Thursday 14th July. The regular members meeting at the Punch Bowl Inn were joined by guests from support groups which included District Councillors and Members of the Y. D. N. Park. All present were however, concerned at the lack of input so far, from the farming community and felt this was a serious flaw in their report. Members felt that perhaps their own poor presentation of the Partnership had failed to enlist the farming community to take part. The Partnership offers a real opportunity to attract substantial funds to help all sectors

of economic life in the dales and the farming sector is a major part. The information needed should not be too difficult to collect and is probably already known by most farmers. The Partnership wishes to be fully representative and are to renew their efforts to bring the farming community on board. This is a real chance to improve the economic prospects of the dales. If any farmer, active or retired feels they could help the group and supply the information presently lacking please contact : David Trusson, tel 884474; Liz Smith, tel 884655; Richard Good, tel 884353; Jane Davies, tel 884648 or Raymond Alderson, tel 886292. Next meeting 15th August, Punch Bowl, 7.30pm



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### Letters to the Gazette 2

Sir, 16th July  
Congratulations on the 60th issue! Little did you perhaps realise when you penned your editorial, that "having quite a wide circulation" included Hong Kong. I have thoroughly enjoyed catching up on the local crack—sorry to hear about Low Row and Hurst Chapels.

Of Scots extraction, I lived in the East Midlands (Loughborough) from 1977 until moving to Hong Kong in February of this year. As a keen hill walker, I started visiting Reeth with my onetime girlfriend Marion and numerous friends, about seven years ago. We rented a cottage from a friend and came to Reeth twice a year, usually at Christmas/New Year and around Easter. Throwing the bedroom curtains open to the sight of a dusting of snow on Fremington Edge made me glad to be alive.

I have many fond memories of walks in Swaledale; of snowy lunchtimes at the Tan Hill Inn (it is the highest lic. Prem. in England 1732 ft asl), of discovering that "shepherd Bob" (he of the jaunty cap and erstwhile resident spot at the Kings Arms) shared not only the Christian name of my father, but our surname—Peacock. One memory in particular remains vivid—A walk on the tops above Swaledale—above a cloud inversion one December. Bright blue sky, crunchy snow - a sighting of the "Broken Spectre", and the distant sound of the Brass Band playing Christmas carols on Reeth Green. My last memory of the Dale was when on the Coast to Coast in 1998 with two friends, Christine and Ian, we stopped overnight at the Punch Bowl, but next day managed to walk into Richmond on 9 pints of Old P and a full breakfast. Keep up the good work, hope to see you when back in UK. Regards,

Ray Peacock - H. Kong

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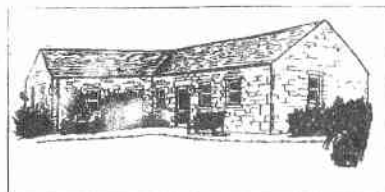
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### It's a Doc's Life

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#### PCG's

The vast majority of patients have no idea how the health service is run (and some doctors haven't a clue either!). I am a GP board member of Hambleton & Richmondshire Primary Care Group. PCG's were formed last year by this Labour government to replace the Tory implemented "Fund-holding" scheme. I am old enough to have seen quite a few reforms of the health service and over the years grown sceptical of new reforms. So is this any different? Let's just say it has potential. Over the years Primary Care (or General Practice) has grown from a Cinderella part of the medical profession to be in the forefront. The vast majority of patient-doctor contacts occur in primary care and we act as patient advocates and gatekeepers to secondary care, or hospital-based services. Until recently the two halves of the profession operated independently without much dialogue between primary and secondary care. One good thing about these reforms is that for the first time it has got the two halves talking to each other in a constructive way.

The PCG consists of two co-chairs, one of which is a GP, four other GP's including myself, representatives from social services, nursing, health authority and administrative staff.

So what does the PCG do? Well, it holds a budget of about £50 million to run primary care and to purchase secondary care from hospital trusts. With that amount of money you would think we could do a lot but like all branches of the health service we are hampered in what we would like to do by lack of money. The biggest expenditure in primary care is on drugs and a recent increase in the cost of some drugs has had a serious effect on our budget.

This is very frustrating as there are plenty of worthy projects in primary and secondary care that could be developed to the benefit of patients but we just do not have the funds to do it. Some projects are not just improvements but essential for the safety of patients and the delivery of a good service. However the PCG is in the red to the tune of £300,000 at the end of the year and local hospital trust has similar financial difficulties.

That is why I say it has potential, it is the old story of an under-funded health service kept running by the good will and hard work of those who work in it. At the end of the day it will only be as good as tax payers and governments want it to be.

Maybe it is just as well that most patients don't know how the health service is run. Just think of it as Pandora's box.

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

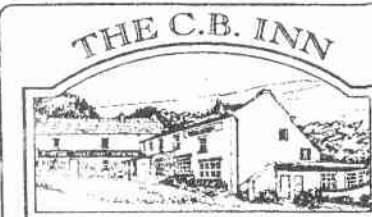
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A story with a Walk — Major Williams

Many years ago the famous Dr. Speirs of Reeth had to make an urgent visit to Helwith, a hamlet far away across the moors over Fremington Edge. There is no direct road from Reeth to Helwith, and a pony ridden along the bridleway from Fremington Edge to Hurst is probably the quickest way.

So early one morning Dr. Speirs went down to see old Jim Woodward, who kept a stable at Fremington Mill. He had some difficulty in rousing old Jim and shouted "Hurry up, man! I want a horse to go to Helwith". Immediately a bedroom window burst open and Jim roared out "An' I hope they keep ye there an' all!"

So which way did Dr. S take from Fremington to Helwith? He would no doubt have gone straight up Phoebe Lane then Stony Lane through High Fremington, making for the Hurst Gate on the Edge. From there he could either have trotted along (at least his pony would done the trotting) down the packhorse road to Hurst, and then taken the Stelling Road as far as the turning-off to High Greenas, or he might have taken the short cut to Owlands on to the Stelling Road. (a glance at your map at this point will make all clear). This turn-off is called "Helwith Road" on the map—and it's all very well calling it "Helwith Road" but after passing High Greenas you come to nothing but a cart track across Skelton Moor, leading to Munn End and a sight of Helwith at last, far below.

At this point, Munn End, you are on the packhorse road specially built by the Conyers family for the lead ore traffic from their mines in Punchard Gill, up over Fremington Edge, to their three smelting

mills alongside Marske Beck, at Orgate. (In those days one of the Conyers family lived and farmed at Punchard House, just below the Gill—nowadays Mr. G. Harker) So there at last we see Helwith, and so no doubt did Dr. Speirs, much to his relief. Quite an odyssey, what?

The Start Point for our walk, though, is at Hurst Lane End, and surely a bleaker, more uninviting spot could hardly be discovered in all the Dales. I remember waiting here entirely alone for the best part of an hour one wintry day in February. At the end of that time only two other walkers had turned up. The wind roared and shrieked, the rain drove past in blinding sheets, and at length I told them I thought we might as well disperse and try our luck another day. So that was what we did—rather with our tails between our legs, I tell you.

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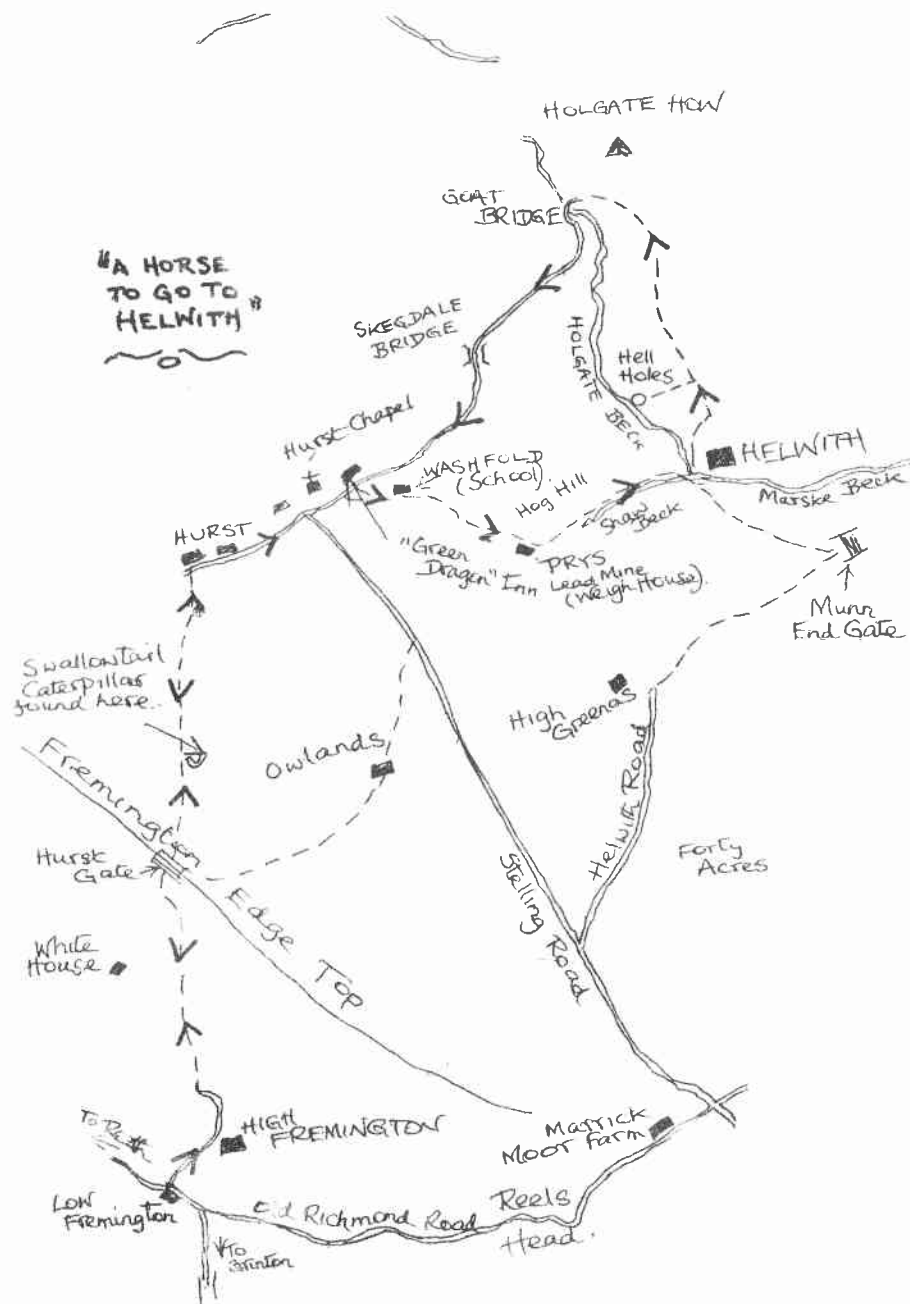
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On a reasonably decent day you make for Washfold, past the old school—a place of memories indeed, not only for its surviving fives court behind the School House, but also for the 70-odd pupils at one time attending here. (Bulmer's Directory of North Yorkshire 1890, p.491). I remember once visiting just such a school in the Northern Punjab, in India, in the old Moghul palace of SANG JAN. I was received with great courtesy by the headmaster, or babu, who bowed deeply and invited me to tea with him. I bowed in my turn, in grateful acceptance, and said how interested I was in his school. So after tea he showed me round the school and finally a group photograph was taken. It was a solemn ceremony, with the Headmaster the majestic figure on the left of the picture, the ushers or assistance teachers on each side of the group, any undue merriment being quelled immediately by a gentleman on the right with his wand of office.

So we made our way past the wooded Shaw (another of Swaledale's remote hamlets—about three houses looking out over Padley beck and the jungly wilds). Our footpath plunges down over Hog Hill ('Hog'? Yes, but not the pig variety; in this part of the world it means a young sheep before its first clipping, or shearing). The track is at times well marked out by the intrepid motor-bike riders of the annual Scott Trials, who come hurtling down into the deepish gorge between Hog Hill on one side and a cliff called White Scar on the other.

You pass a dashed pretty little house beside the beck here, romantically surrounded by woodlands within the dark

gorge. "Just the place", you say to yourself "for me to retire to and think about nothing in particular!" ... It is, of course, in ruins these days, but was once the the Weigh House for the Prys Lead Mines hereabouts. Traces of the mine workings are everywhere to be seen as we cross the beck on to its north side by a decently built stone bridge --- and the beck changes name at this point to "Shaw Beck", the name Shaw meaning either a shieling ( Norse for a holding of grass) or Norman for a wood - - - which seems more likely here, what? ( See Smith's "Place - names of the North Riding", 1979, p.260).

*"We were chasing that brilliant German Army Commander, General Erwin Rommel .."*

Several "hellas" are to be seen here, a "hella" being a huge paving-stone used by the Norsemen for their "waths" or fords. We shall pass a hella quarry in the Holgate Beck beyond Helwith, called 'Hell Holes'. There is another one

at Ponderledge Scar north of Carperby in Wensleydale.

We continue our light-hearted plod alongside Shaw Beck, crossing over it just before reaching Helwith. In the limestone here, on the south side, are lots of dashed interesting looking fossils, and one of our number made a futile attempt to chip one out as a souvenir. This reminded me of a similarly futile attempt I once made at a place called El Adem, in the Libyan Desert. I was a Captain in the 23rd Armoured Brigade at the time, and we were chasing that brilliant German Army Commander, General Erwin Rommel, across the Libyan Desert.

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**The Sheep results:** **Tup Shearling:** 1 J.S. Porter; 2 J.B. Harker & Sons; 3 J. Allison. **Tup Hog:** 1 J. Allison & Sons; 2 J.S. Porter; 3 G. Harker. **Ewe:** 1 G. Harker; 2 J. Allison & Sons; 3 G. Barningham. **Gimmer Hog:** 1 G. Barningham; 2 J.S. Porter; 3 G. Barningham. **Gimmer Shearling:** 1 G. Barningham; 2 J.S. Porter; 3 J.S. Porter. **Pair Tup Hogs:** 1 J.S. Porter; 2 J. Allison & Sons. **Tup Hogg/Gimmer Hogg:** 1 J.S. Porter. **Best Pair:** 1 G. Harker; 2 J.S. Porter; 3 J. Allison & Sons. **Best Coated:** 1 J.S. Porter; 2 G. Harker; 3 J.B. Harker & Sons. **Consolation:** 1 G. Harker; 2 J. Allison & Sons; 3 J.S. Porter. **Champion Female:** G. Barningham. **Champion Male:** J. Allison & Sons. **The Silver Cup:** J. Allison & Sons. **Overall Champion:** G.D. & A.R. Barningham

**Results of the day in detail:** **Fancy dress:** under 5yrs, Girls: 1 Holly Lundberg; 2 Olivia Stones; 3 Emily Cody & Louise Stones. Boys: 1 Jake Taylor; 2 James Stones; 3 Zack Woodward & Harry Hughes. Girls 5-7yrs, 1 Hannah Hughes. Boys: 1 Jack Stones; 2 Peter Wickham; 3 Joe Buckley. Girls 8-10yrs, 1 Siobhan Smith. Boys: 1 Edward Birks; 2 Matthew Esarte Sarries; 3 Josh Woodward. Girls under 15: 1 Jane Fawcett; 2 Kate Allison; 3 Abi & Jemima Stubbs and Sally Orange. **Best Pairs, joint 1st,** Hannah & Harry Hughes as the Blair Project and James & Louise Stones with Emily Cody as the Simpsons. **Joint 2nd** were Bethany & Amy Stubbs as Ground Force with The Hippies. **Third** were the Jedi Knights. **The Overall Champions** were The Simpsons.

**Children's 3-D 9yrs & under, a Plasticine model:** 1 Siobhan Smith; 2 Amy Stubbs; 3 Bethany Stubbs. **A decorated paper plate:** 1 Amy Stubbs; 2 Bethany Stubbs; Emily Cody. **10 & over, a decorated Wellington:** 1 Edward Birks. **A 2,000p stamp:** 1 Edward Birks; 2 Abi Stubbs. **12 to 15yrs, a wind chime:** 1 Michael Harker; 2 Charlotte Stubbs; 3 Jane Fawcett. **A \$2,000 bank note:** 1 Jemima Stubbs; 2 Jane Fawcett. **Children's handwriting, 4 & 5yrs:** 1 Lucy Lundberg; 2 Jack Stones; 3 Jessica Cantell. **6 & 7yrs:** 1 Thalia Sparrow; 2 Bethany Stubbs. **3 Darius McCall. 8 & 9yrs:** 1 Siobhan Smith; 2 Amy Stubbs; 3 Daniel Stubbs. **10 & 11yrs:** 1 Chloe Orange; 2 Abi Stubbs; 3 Christopher Harker. **Children's art, 4 & 5yrs:** 1 Zoe Atkinson; 2 Lucy Lundberg; 3 Jack Stones. **6 & 7yrs:** 1 Darius McCall; 2 Thalia Sparrow; 3 Bethany Stubbs. **8 & 9yrs:** 1 Matthew Esarte Sarries; 2 Siobhan Smith; 3 Amy Stubbs. **10 & 11yrs:** 1 Carlin Peterswald; 2 Chloe Orange; 3 Christopher Harker. **Open painting or drawing:** 1 M. Barningham; 2 Jemima Stubbs; 3 Sally Orange.

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**Photography, Class 1, A Dales Character:** 1 J Lundberg; 2 M Winkfield; 3 J May. **Class 2, An Animal:** 1 J May; 2 L Whitworth; 3 J Lundberg. **Class 3, A Millennium Photograph:** 1 E Birks; 2 J Stubbs; 3 M Winkfield. **Flower Arrangement:** 1 C Stones; 2 M Barningham; 3 A Whitworth. **Local craft:** 1 J Harker; 2 E Martin; 3 A Stubbs. **Baking & Cooking, 9yrs & under:** A Gingerbread Man: 1 Jack Stones; 2 Daniel Stubbs; 3 Amy Stubbs. **10yrs & over:** 4 Shortbread Biscuits, 1 Edward Birks; 2 Jane Fawcett. **Ladies Class 1 Almond Slice:** 1 M Barningham; 2 J Fawcett; 3 G Atkinson. **Class 2 4 Butterfly Buns:** 1 A Stones; 2 J Fawcett; 3 G Atkinson. **Men's Class 1 A gingerbread Loaf:** 1 N Stones; 2 D Harker; 3 P Lundberg. **Class 2 An Apple Pie:** 1 M Atkinson; 2 D Harker; 3 R Stones. **Open, Lemon Curd:** 1 A Stubbs; 2 S Gale; 3 E Stubbs. **Victoria Sponge Cake:** 1 A Whitworth; 2 M Barningham; 3 S Cody. **4 Maids of Honour:** 1 J Fawcett; 2 A Stones; 3 A Whitworth. **Arkengarthdale Freerange Eggs:** 1 J Fawcett; 2 E Stubbs; 3 R Good.

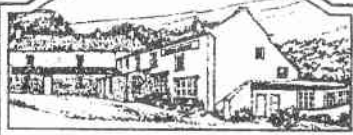
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THE SUN HUSH DAM

I had read of it and referred to it many times, but when Eric Herring asked me where the Sun Hush Dam was, I had to confess that I did not know. That I could not put my finger upon an important mining feature that once was said to service the hydraulic engine in the Western Blakethwaite Veins, and later we know, the Sir Francis Engine, was totally unacceptable. Like many another no doubt, I had rather lazily thought of it as being the Moss Dams, although if pressed on the matter, I knew that it was not so. Now there was no excuse: I had to find it, and my first endeavours were non too fruitful. A complicating factor, was that what we usually refer to as the North Hush, also happens to be on its eastern side the Sun Hush; thus the huge gash in the hillside associated with the Lownathwaite Mines, happens to be a double hush.

My first instinct was to follow the Sun Hush down, but it was an exercise that produced little satisfaction. At a later date with my companion David Young, an invaluable friend who for many years worked for the National Coal Board, and was no stranger to mines, we made our way down the northern side of the hush. At its head, we noted in passing what had clearly been a dam that had probably serviced the hushing process, but we seemed to be no further forward.

On a later lone expedition, I determined to go to a place where I could obtain a positive lead. I was standing at the Staple Shaft, where the remains of the iron feed pipe drops to the engine below. I had known for years that there were some irons embedded in the steep bank that rose up behind the shaft, which certainly in the past, had been fixed to the inlet pipe. I was determined to follow, as best I was able, the line of the pipe that was betrayed by these markers. It was a steep and dangerous climb, more suited to my younger years, but finally I scrambled over the escarpment, and after rounding a bend and passing an old tree, there, before my eyes some one hundred yards away, was the remains of a dam. This was my quarry, I reasoned, and was astonished that I had walked past it for years without noticing what it was. The pathway to Blakethwaite went straight over it, and unless it is viewed from an entirely different perspective, its former purpose is concealed. Underneath the pathway, almost buried, is a large arch which doubtless in past times enabled the cascading water that descended the hillside, to pass without incident into the river Swale.

However, there was more to this search than I had bargained for. How was it I questioned, that the Sun Hush Dam was at the bottom of the North Rake Hush? There was clearly something wrong. As a separate aspect of this conundrum, over a period of years, I had been looking for at least some sign as to the location of Lownathwaite House. Whilst I was sitting by the old sheep fold that stands by the path to Swinnergill, I suddenly noticed the thickness of its walls. Surely I reasoned, no sheep fold would be built in so robust a manner, and hence after inspecting its interior closely,

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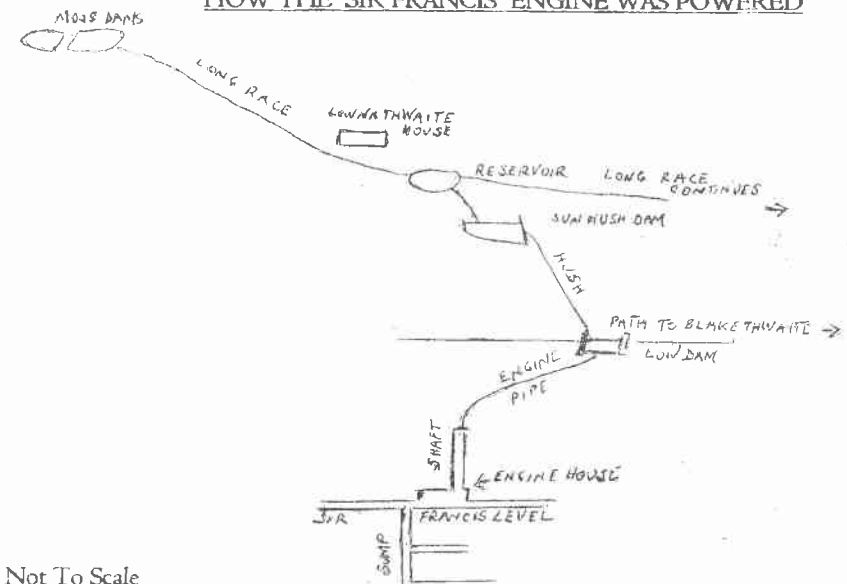
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## HOW THE SIR FRANCIS ENGINE WAS POWERED



Not To Scale

*The Sun Hush Dam* - continued from page 20..

and finding the site where there had once been a fire-place, I realized that this had in the distant past been Lownathwaite House, and doubtless, once the home of the mine manager.

An additional fascination of mine, that was to have some bearing upon my pursuit of the allusive Sun Hush Dam, was the Long Race which was built to connect the Moss Dams with the lower Blakethwaite Dam. The race was in full use during the mid nineteenth century, and must have required considerable skill and a large pool of labour to construct. But how was it constructed, and what evidence was there of its existence? Initially David Young and I could find no evidence at all. A visit to the Moss Dams was required, necessitating a difficult tramp through heather. There had originally been a path to the dams, with the race running alongside it, but all traces of both seemed to have been lost. With no positive lead during our struggle forward, we were fortunate to pick up what appeared to be the remains of the race, and it was confirmed as such on the homeward run to Lownathwaite House. The dams themselves are quite extensive, and had been situated very skilfully in a catchment area. They are positioned beside each other, which suggests that the smaller one was built to supplement the larger, and they are interconnected by means of a sluice. Their construction required large quantities of limestone, which clearly had to be taken to this remote site by means of horse transport. The whole area is surrounded by soft peat, that would give no welcome to carts. Raistrick informs us that the dams in times past, had their waters augmented by a race that followed the contours from East Gill Head, several miles away, travelling in length The Long Race. The Long Race ran right past Lownathwaite House, and probably at this point was situated above the ground. Nearby at the Head of the hush, was a reservoir, a man made bank betraying its former location.

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Now it was time to look at that dam we had seen at the top of the North Rake Hush. It was upon us very quickly. It was of considerable size, with a smooth bottom and had originally boasted two large rock pillars at its head, one of which had been broken and lay on its side. This was what we were looking for, which confirmed that the Sun Hush Dam was not especially constructed as I had originally assumed for the Sir Francis Engine, but rather was an old dam that had served many purposes.

There was now but one final question to answer. What was the Sun Hush Dam doing at the head of the North Hush? On reflection, I remembered that the Sun Vein cuts across the top of the North Rake Hush, hence the fact that it had undoubtedly been used to expose and work that vein, had given it its name.

To sum up what had been discovered: water was released from the Moss Dams into the Long Race, which was tapped and filtered into the reservoir at Lownathwaite House. Water from this reservoir, was fed to the Sun Hush Dam, which in turn, was released as required to the lower dam that had been built at the junction of the hush with the pathway to Blakethwaite. It was from this point, that water which had passed under the large arch, was collected by the one foot wide pipes that fed the engine in the Sir Francis Mine.

My simple task of finding the Sun Hush Dam, had not proved so simple after all. It had absorbed many hours of my time, and forced me into walking many miles, but the net result was my ending up admiring the Swaledale people of old, more than ever. Often against very severe constraints, they had run a most prosperous industry, with skill and 'hard graft'. It is a pity that we only have left a few stones, that give us an imperfect insight into their story. JH

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As usual the Show will be held as always on the first Wednesday in September, the **6th September** in the Show fields at Muker. All details and schedules can be obtained from the Secretary, Mrs M. Rutter, Jubilee House, Gunnerside, N. Yorks. Telephone 01748 886330.

**MARRICK SHOW**

I am informed that the show will take place on Sunday 17th September with all the usual classes. Watch out for the full listing in next months issue.

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**White Sparrow** : A young white sparrow has again been spotted in Muker village and surrounds. The last time a white sparrow was seen in the village was about six years ago, when at the same time we were blessed with the appearance of a white blackbird. The sparrow is very noticeable as it flits about from bush to rooftop whilst being fed by it's parents. How long will it be before a Sparrow-hawk also spots it? The RSPB say that albinism is a quite common occurrence in these species, though just what causes the albinism to occur so often in and around Muker is a mystery. Have you seen the sparrow yet?

**Parish Party to dedicate new Cairn:** On Saturday July 1st residents of Muker parish enjoyed a lovely celebratory picnic at the site of the new Cairn. Groups of parents & children walked the two miles up to the site, crossing meadows and streams. The Cairn was dedicated by Revd. Tim Tunley, Vicar of Swaledale. Mr Ernest Whitehead, Chairman of the Parish Council and the Parish Community Forum, welcoming all to the celebration, gave a vote of thanks to the local farmers who had built such an outstanding monument, he said the design was pleasing and he congratulated Mrs Margaret Beckwith for organising the day and other events. Mr Brogden of Keld Quarry had kindly donated half the flags and Gunnerside Estate kindly given the stone.

Muker Silver Band entertained the continued top of next column...

135 people present. Mr Malcolm Terry of Harkers Coaches ran his fleet of buses up and down to the site from villages around the parish. Some of the older folk, trying the seats that circle the monument were heard to remark, "by it's a grand spot, with a champion view, of probably the most beautiful dale there is.." A group of Norwegians touring the area stopped to see the goings on and asked "are you trying to hold the highest party in the land.." They stayed to join in the fun and had glasses of wine and quiche and sausage rolls. A gay good day and the weather held fair.

**Strawberry Tea:** The Ladies Guild raised over £200 at their afternoon event which was to raise funds for High Hall and the Muker Clock Committee. Thank you all so much.

**Radio Mast planning application:**

The Yorkshire Dales Nat. Park have received an application for full planning permission to erect a 10m monopole mast with associated antennae on behalf of the Public Safety Radio Communications Project. To be erected near to the existing TV booster mast on Kisdon.

**Mrs Edna Peacock - Stoneleigh:**

It is with sadness that we report the sudden death of a stalwart of the Upper Dale. Edna died on Saturday 22nd July at home with her family around her. The funeral is to be at Keld United Reform Church on Wednesday 26th July followed by interment at Muker. A full Obituary is hoped to be included in the September issue of the "Gazette". Condolences to all the family.

**MUKER PARISH  
Diary Snippets  
"White Sparrow  
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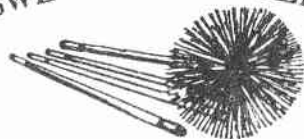
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So we arrive at Helwith, a hamlet in the middle of nowhere, remote and picturesquely set on a bank overlooking quite a wide expanse of water, the confluence of two becks, Shaw & Holgate, across which the "hellwith", i.e. ford of large paving stones, must have carried the footpath--but it has now been replaced by a footbridge. At this point the united becks flow on as the Marske Beck.

A glance at your 6 inch map will show you the Mission Room at Helwith, "formerly a school, in which a church service is held once a month by the curate of Kirkby Ravensworth" (Bulmer: Directory of North Yorkshire 1890, p.468). The region at one time "abounded in wolves, wild boar and deer". (Speight: "Romantic Richmondshire", 1897, p.243). All this and the mission room, with its vision of a missionary trudging along all the way from far-off Kirkby Ravensworth to bring the light of the Gospel to the benighted natives, not of Papua New Guinea, but of Helwith, convinces you of the utter remoteness of the place.

Mind you, the Mission Room no longer exists and you will see a tell-tale motor car parked just above the Manor House, but even so, a motor ride to the Doctor's Surgery at Reeth by way of Marske must be only a little less arduous than it was in Dr. S's time..and if you wanted the --

Doctor urgently you would have to go absolutely L for leather up by Holgate and the Cordilleras down to Marske, and then like a blue streak along the Old Richmond Road to Reels Head, from there diving down into Swaledale and the Doctor's Surgery at Reeth--phew! At this sort of speed you would probably end up either as a social whiz-kid or as a hospital case with a stress complaint, what?

We must not forget to visit the Hell Holes, going down the right-of-way past Lummas House, where the Longstaff family farm--the house fairly new but the name 'Lummas' is ancient, like 'Greenas'. We go stumping along over Sail How ('How' - hill) and down into the hollow of Holgate, to cross Holgate Beck by the marvellously picturesque iron Goat Bridge (although the more adventurous among us do find that the ford here is quite wade-able, you can have a dashed impressive photograph taken of yourself in the middle of the beck, with the water level up to the top of your gumboots!)

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It is a bit of a grind up the steep bank from Goat Bridge on to the wild moorlands of Shaw Tongue, past the long winding access track to Schoolmaster Pasture (the Whites) - an intriguing name, that! It is quite near the Old School at Washfold and surely must have been given to the Headmaster there as an addendum to his all-too-meagre income—hence the name. (The 6-inch map, revised in 1950 for major changes only, still marks the School there, so perhaps it was still a going concern then?).

So back to (comparative) civilisation once more at Hurst Lane End. On our way we pass a surprisingly attractive little spot, the Skegdale Bridge over the beck of that name, near a small waterfall. I say "surprisingly" because the surrounding Shaw Moor is bleak and you do not expect to come across a charming place like this. However, the day is far spent, and we are thankful to be at last within reach of Washfold and Padley Beck. Not long ago there was a splendidly welcoming inn here, the "Green Dragon". Because of its remoteness it was allowed to remain open at all hours, and if it had still been here we would no doubt have flocked in and given local trade a boost—but there was not enough of this for the little place to survive, and it became a farm with about 10 acres. Ah me!

I had begun this walk feeling distinctly murky, but after coming across several unexpected reminders of my past adventures (one or two of which have been mentioned) and after some lively chattering about them amongst our walkers, I cheered up and felt a little less like a blot on the landscape, praise be... A pity about the "Green Dragon", though, what?

E.T.C.W.

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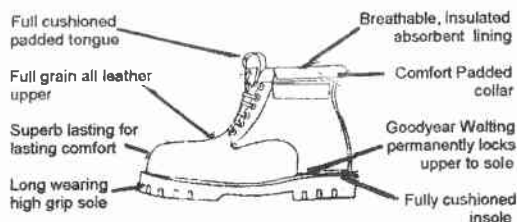


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As some of you may have read in the local papers I have been employed to research and write an Arts Strategy for the district. I'm aware that a lot of people's response was 'what's one of them and why do we need it?' An audit of arts activity in 1997 revealed that there was a phenomenal amount of activity at every level throughout Richmondshire; by individuals and groups, professional and amateur, participant and consumer, at all ages and embracing every aspect of the arts. This helped to demonstrate that the arts are for everyone not something rarefied and remote. They enrich our lives and bring a sense of well being. The arts also benefit our communities in cultural, social, economic and personal development.

Bearing those benefits in mind we need a strategy to help us to plan for the provision of the Arts in future. I am trying to put together an overview of current activity and identify the strengths and the weaknesses. This will help to ensure that we are maximising existing resources and identify where extra resources may be needed in the future. It will also look at ways of encouraging better collaborative working and see if we can develop a support structure for local arts groups and individuals. The strategy will explore how the identified actions will be financed and provide a tool in helping funding bodies (such as Lottery Boards, European and Government offices, local and County Councils) to make informed decisions.

**HOWEVER I NEED YOUR HELP.** I have sent out letters to individuals and groups to let them know about the project and am using local newsletters and newspapers and radio to try and reach many more. I need to know what people are doing, what they would like to do and how they feel they could be helped. I am therefore holding a **series of meetings** around the district (see below) and inviting people to attend. **Between 6.00 - 7.00pm** I'd like people professionally or semi professionally involved in an arts activity to come - and then the second session **between 7.30 and 9.00pm** is for everyone.

The '97 Arts Audit suggested some options to meet identified needs - an agency or person to assist Arts Development, the development of more exhibition space for visual artists, more co-operation and sharing of resources, the development of certain spaces and venues across the district to support arts activity, more training for those involved in the arts, a Directory of Artists (in the broadest sense) and resources, more help with promotion, more money! Are these still relevant?

Please let me know - either come long one evening or contact me:

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## LEAVERS, CONCERT 2000

### Reeth Community Primary School

The annual Leavers' Concert and prize giving was held in the school hall on Friday 14th. July when the children entertained an audience of parents, grandparents, friends, trustees and governors with a delightful concert. A musical introduction on piano and cornet was provided by Paul Wilhelmy, Lynsey Baibridge and Suzannah Barningham. The second item was a Sign & Flag Dance, sensitively performed by the KS2 girls. The entire audience was enthralled by the KS1 children's presentation in words and music of 'Little Moose'. The concert was brought to a dramatic conclusion with a performance of a Victorian melodrama, 'Sweeney Todd' by the KS2 children. The audience enjoyed the songs and the humour of the musical play and were greatly relieved at the eventual demise of the Demon Barber of Fleet Street.

Headteacher, Mr Godfrey Wilson, presented prizes for the best individually researched projects by the younger junior pupils to : Steven Bainbridge, Harvey Pilgrim, Isabella Haste and Clare Louise Guy. On behalf of the Friends of Reeth School Trust, Mrs Clare Rose presented the Elizabeth Sinclair Prizes to : Lynsey Bainbridge and Robert Sunter and congratulated all the children on the high Quality of their projects. Mrs Rose gave book tokens to children who are leaving to move on to Richmond School— David Coates, Claire Stephenson, Kirsty Mills, Joanne Calvert, Robert Sunter, Suzannah Barningham, Lynsey Bainbridge and Nicola Matthews. Everyone took the opportunity to wish these pupils every success during the next stage of their education.

The Trustees were thanked for their valuable, continuing support of the school and Claire Stephenson and Nicola Matthews gave flowering plants to Mrs Rose and Mrs Margaret Lockett, the Secretary of the Trust. The afternoon concluded happily with a delicious tea for the leavers and their guests prepared by the school kitchen staff. ~~~~~ GMW

### **Sponsored Parachute Jump** in aid of the Multiple Sclerosis Campaign

Heather Coates -Gunnorside and her friend Julie Chadwick— Ivel are to do a Free Fall Tandem Parachute Jump from 11,000 feet at Peterlee Parachute Centre in the first week of August. The sponsored jump is to raise funds for the Multiple Sclerosis Campaign. Heather suffers from the complaint and for both ladies this is something new that they have never done before and both are looking forward to the jump with excitement and a little nervousness. They are seeking sponsors and wish to inform those willing to offer sponsorship that sponsorship forms are at various shops and Post Offices and Pubs in the dales. Please help.

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*I suppose as you get older, life should become easier, but that's a myth - so people tell me, life gets harder for a lot of older people, maybe not you! but the majority of people over 60 are finding the simple things in life a struggle - What are the things people struggle with? Only you know - please tell us all.*

*Diane Jex*

*10 voices are better than 1*

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**Friends of Reeth School**

**News—** Cath Davies, Treasurer and Lorraine Hall, Secretary, have stepped down after 11 and 4 years, respectively in their roles. We are very grateful to them both for all their hard work over the years and hope that they can at last enjoy the summer before Richmond School get to hear how good they are and put them to work.

**School Mugs—** There are a very few school mugs left (available from school or Philip Bastow). Thank you to everyone who bought a mug and also to the people who displayed them on our behalf—Martin & Jenny at the Post Office; Lyn at "The Top Shop"; Philip Bastow & Dr Bond.

**Car Boot Sale—** Thank you to every one who grew, gave, baked or bought something. Our stall at Grinton raised £162. Thanks also to all who helped on the day.

**Reeth Show—** Please look out for our stand this year. Mrs Ruth Guy has kindly donated two lambs to be the prizes in our 'Guess the name of the lamb' and 'Guess the weight of the lamb' competitions.

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\*\*\*\* **SCHOOL'S OUT** \*\*\*\*

The Summer term is coming to a close. Our young school leavers are awaiting exam results, hoping for college places or searching for jobs. It is not an easy time for them.

I am just back from a visit to Lebanon where for many years I have been involved in a QPS project to help the least fortunate youth of that battered country. When I first returned there in the early 90s to investigate what Quakers could offer once the 17 years of conflict was over, I travelled for weeks with Alison Kelly, the Secretary responsible for Quaker work in the Middle East. We scoured the country, visiting clinics, centres for the handicapped, schools; we had talks with university professors, priests, social workers, Imams, government ministers—you name it! In the end we suggested that Quakers could most usefully put their limited funds towards helping small non-governmental vocational training centres. These had sprung up in small communities, run by churches, mosques, militias and philanthropists. Their students were the most socially deprived; many had ceased conventional schooling and only knew how to hold a gun. Some were physically maimed. None had skills to offer a peacetime society.

The schools needed help, certainly financial (which we could not offer) but also they pleaded for help in training their staff and managers. The project we developed has a small staff (Lebanese, with British Quaker VT experts advising); they run short courses in management, development of curricula, how to set about market research and how to fundraise. Our clients come from all over the country; from small schools often housed in desperately inadequate buildings. They meet in one centre or another, sometimes meeting teachers from completely unknown and alien backgrounds and factions. Previously enemies, they find common problems and aspirations, and work in cooperation to solve their difficulties.

The project is going well, working with some 70 or 80 different little centres. The British Government is giving us substantial funding; the Lebanese Government asks for our advice for their own schools. United Nations agencies want our help.

Gradually the schools are offering a better deal to their students; not simply hairdressing and typing courses for girls and electrical skills for boys on obsolete typewriters and inadequate machinery.

On this visit I went to a juvenile detention centre where our team is beginning work. Thirty boys of all ages were silently hunched in a classroom supposedly having a literacy class - no blackboard, no books, no stimulating wall displays. At the one-time infamous Palestinian refugee camp, Shatilla, where the terrible massacres occurred during the Israeli invasion of Lebanon, I revisited a small school for women. Computers had replaced the antique typewriters, but hairdressing was still on offer—surely there must be a finite number of hairdressers a refugee camp needs?

The market must have been flooded years ago!

JC.

The Gazette invites articles of general interest, especially so if local folk have any involvement. There have been a number of kind comments about the WI conference, written by Eileen Martin.

ED.

## &gt;&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt; CLUTTER &lt;&lt;&lt;&lt;&lt;&lt;&lt;&lt;&lt;

It arose one morning from the bowels of my desk, a formless mass that spread itself over anything I was looking for. "Who are you?" I asked. "I am Clutter", the mass answered, "and I'm here to confuse and confound your life. I am the things you refuse to throw out though you haven't used us in six years, the miscellaneous papers, phone numbers, business cards and papers you accumulate and don't put away. I am the inevitable manifestation of your sloppiness. I AM CLUTTER".

I grabbed Clutter and moved it from one end of the desk to the other. Clutter chortled, "That's my favourite pastime, moving about on your desk" - "What do you want" I asked. "To frustrate you. I shall resist all attempts to remove me, reduce me, or otherwise eliminate me. It's my purpose to hide whatever important piece of paper you need, whichever phone number you must call". - "I'm throwing you out," I stormed. Clutter shook her/his untidy mass sadly, as if in pity. "Not without looking through me to see if there's anything you really need," Clutter answered. "The odds are slim, but you won't take the chance, and while you're sorting through me I'll re-form into another pile". - Ah!, "but you'll be smaller, more manageable" - "Not really. You'll decide to keep 90% of me, as you always do". - "You won't ruin my life, Clutter! I'll start a filing system! I'll put every bit of you where you belong". Clutter gazed at me contemptuously. "The last time you tried that, you created my cousins Chaos and Disorder" - Clutter had me and knew it. All attempts in the past had only created more piles of mess instead of one. I decided to bluff. "I'll take a time management course." I threatened, "and then I'll store you on my floppy disks!" - Clutter laughed and laughed. "Aw come on face it, you can't win" - I ran exasperated "Clutter," I yelled "No longer will you beat me. I'm going out to buy a paper shredder!"

... I looked around for a long moment...  
... "Now where, oh where did I leave my keys?"

CLUTTER burped. TL.

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