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REETH & DISTRICT GAZETTE

Thanks for reading us again! Hope you enjoy the February issue. We also thank you for the helpful and encouraging comments as well as the constructive criticism that we get from time to time. We do our best, but sometimes not everything goes according to plan. We apologise for the lateness of the last issue, but we did have problems with flu, (did many of you escape ?) and cold, and Christmas!

We are run by an entirely voluntary organisation, all of whom are also very involved in other activities, and it does become difficult at times to keep a tight schedule. However, we feel that things are better this month.

Although it is a new millennium, and a fresh and hopeful start, the year in Reeth has started on a sad note, with the closing of the Bottom Shop. This is a great loss to the local community, and it is difficult to think of Reeth without a general store. We sincerely thank William and Elsie for their wonderful service to us over the last few years. We hope their future goes well as we offer them our best wishes. Sadly, service that is offered is

often not really appreciated until it is no longer there.

At the time of going to press, there was a public meeting to discuss the situation, and the possibility has been raised of other shops trying to fill some of the gaps created. (q.v. the Reeth Bakery ad. In this month's issue). We hope that it will be possible for other businesses to step in, and we must thank the proprietors of the Gift Shop for taking over the papers. It seems a little ironic that after we ran the Reeth Shop Quiz in November, we are now another shop less. Is it all due to the advent of the Supermarket, or greater use of the car? Or is it just a lack of support and general disinterest by the majority. We note that there now could be a threat to our local Post Offices if they carry out the suggestion of paying benefits directly into bank accounts - some 40 % of Post Office business is through the handling of pensions etc. This would be a body blow to all Sub-Post Offices if that was taken away. And what about those people who do not have, or want a bank account? We suppose that if this happens, then the suggestion to the Post Offices would be to diversify - just as

the farmers are now told to do!! In this day of a monetarist driven economy, we must be even more vigilant of the needs and requirements of all in our community, and be prepared to support in every aspect, for the good of our neighbours, as well as ourselves. If support is not given, then our community will suffer, and will eventually die.

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FEBRUARY 2000 ISSUE

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LETTERS

We welcome letters on all subjects which should be addressed to :

The Editor, Reeth and District Gazette.

C/o Gallows Top, Low Row,
Richmond, North Yorks DL11 6PP.

Correspondents should include their full name and address.

**Deadline Date for March Issue
MONDAY 21st. February 2000**

PUBLIC NOTICE

High Green - Langthwaite, Arkengarthdale
County of Yorkshire

Notice is hereby given of the intention of Arkengarthdale Parish Council to enhance the village green, known as "High Green", Langthwaite, by resurfacing the track and partial kerbing of the green

Full planning permission has been applied for to the Yorkshire Dales National Park.

A map showing the area of the proposed work can be seen by contacting the Clerk: Telephone 01748 884389

Any objections or representations relating to the proposed work should be submitted in writing to: "The Secretary" Department of the Environment, Room 818, Tollgate House, Houlton Street, Bristol BS2 9DJ. Quoting reference: CYD/1077/1279

For & on behalf of Arkengarthdale Parish Council:

Katie A. Willkomm *Clerk of the Council*

From the 8th Issue of the Gazette, March 1996.

The Gazette, following a recent legal precedent has established that it may be used by local residents (and organisations) for the publishing of Legal and Public Notices, which may represent a considerable cost saving when compared with the more usual publications.

GRINTON PARISH HALL

The extensive refurbishment that has been carried out on the Hall over the past two years is now complete. It is a small hall, seating about 25 people. There is a basic kitchen for tea or coffee making.

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The charge per session (a session is morning, afternoon or evening) is £6 or as negotiated if long term or special use is required.

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The first Whist Drive to be held in the newly refurbished Hall will be on Wednesday March 15th starting at 7.30pm. Entry fee £1.50 including light refreshment. For further details please call Mary Porter 884524

CHILDREN'S FOOTBALL

Gunnernside with Arkengarthdale travelled to Hawes on January 16th on a fine day to play 2 matches. The first, in the Wensleydale League for under 11s was an evenly matched game. The team however, were more practised at tackling and positional play and deserved their 3-1 win. Our scorer as Robert Wilhelmly. Jim Smith showed marked improvement for which he was voted man of the match. Mention should also be made of Daniel Stubbs just turned 8 who played a very spirited game in defence.

The second game was rather ill matched with the home side playing 2 big 14 year olds who rather dominated the match giving them an 8-2 win. We did well to have Chris Allison and Thomas Barningham each score. Man of the match however was Stephen Allison, who played a super game only to be wrong footed just when it mattered! David Addison proved a really good goalkeeper in both games. Our growing team plays as Gunnernside but

now usually practices at Langthwaite on Sunday mornings. More players are very welcome and anyone interested should contact me on 884650 or Lisa Porter on 886434

D.N. Williams

WEA SPRING COURSE

Great People of the North

Tutor: Norman Welch

The course of six lectures will provide background material on the lives and achievements of six 'Great People of the North'. It will place them in a historical context by examining their relevance to international, national and local events and circumstances. The emphasis will be on their family origins and strong links with the north of England. From a survey carried out amongst our members the subjects to be covered will be:

Vanes of Raby, Bowes & Bowes-Lyon, Peases, Lambtons, Capt. James Cook and George & Robert Stephenson.

The course starts on Wednesday March 1st for 6 weeks. 7.30 - 9.30pm at Reeth County Primary School. Full fee £21, concession £15

Details from Ray Wright 01748 884652

Peter, Liz, Joshua & Zach
Would Like to thank our families and all
our friends for their lovely cards &
presents

Sydney and Winnie Coates would like to thank their friends and relations for all the good wishes, cards and presents which they received on their Golden Wedding Day.

SWALEDALE DARTS LEAGUE

The Swaledale Darts League recently sent Yorkshire Cancer Research a cheque for £142, raised through the four man team event in memory of Ted Copeland. Played at the Buck Hotel! the match and cup were

won by the Gunnernside Kings Head team. It is worthy of note that this year is YCR's 75th anniversary. The funds they raise are spent in Yorkshire, principally at Bradford and York University's cancer research units. YCR's objective for their 75th year, is within the next twelve months, to raise £4 million to part fund a new lab at York.

Upper Swaledale & Arkengarthdale Business Association

An interesting and very well attended meeting of the Business Association was held at the Buck Hotel on January 18th.

There were two speakers, firstly Harvey Pritchard representing Yorkshire Planning Aid, an organisation set up to help those who may need independent planning advice - Parish Councils, Community Groups and individuals.

He pulled no punches, presenting fairly the points of view of those responsible for executing designated planning policy to those actions individuals and communities can take to positively influence the creation of the planning policies.

A few eye brows must have been raised at his observation that those with an interest in any, and all local planning matters MUST get involved and lobby for what they want at a very early stage.

For further details about Yorkshire Planning Aid call 01423 529778 or email ruralaid@nyorks.rtpi.org.uk

The second speaker, Mrs Dorothy Muir presented the advice and help available from an organisation called ViRSA - set up to advise on how communities can restore or salvage the sunken or sinking village shop or post office - through, as one route, a community cooperative.

The organisation does have much valuable 'no need to reinvent the wheel' 'fast track advice' and experience to draw upon.

For details phone 01305 259383 or visit their web site www.village-shop.com/virsa

This is a topical issue with Reeth's Bottom Shop closing - but it has opened fresh opportunities which we hope will prove successful for those concerned and the customers they hope to serve.

Reeth Community Primary School

Reeth Community Primary School* held a Domino & Whist Drive on January 21st in Reeth Memorial Hall.

Domino Drive winners:

1. J Stocks 2. Melissa Guy 3. Lynsey Bainbridge 4. D Jackson 5. Matthew Gold 6. J Claudray 7. Rebecca Bainbridge 8. Hannah Guy 9. Norman Sunter 10. S Scrafton. Lowest score: Laura Barningham Whist Drive:

1. F Hutchinson 2. E Barker 3. E Stones 4. C Highmoor 5. M Bateson 6. M Baty Raffle winners:

F Hutchinson Mrs Claudray B Sunter B Guy B Malton L Scrafton C Louise Guy M Guy A Frankland Mr Wilson C Jayne Atkinson S Scrafton T Barningham L Barningham J Claudray D Guy E Bainbridge W Coates

*See Diary Dates for forthcoming events

STOP PRESS

- The winner of January's word quiz was Graham Wilkinson of Reeth, with 243 words, the main word was BARITONES.
- Cover illustration by Joy Bently.
- Last month's cover illustration from a drawing by Darran Chadwick.
- Watch out for 'Short Change' BBC1 Thursday Feb 3rd at 4.35 - local Cub Scouts Roller Blading.
- Beetle Drive & Pancake Supper at Arkengarthdale's Methodist Church Hall - March 7th at 6.30
- Karaoke at the Punch Bowl - Friday 11th February at 8pm

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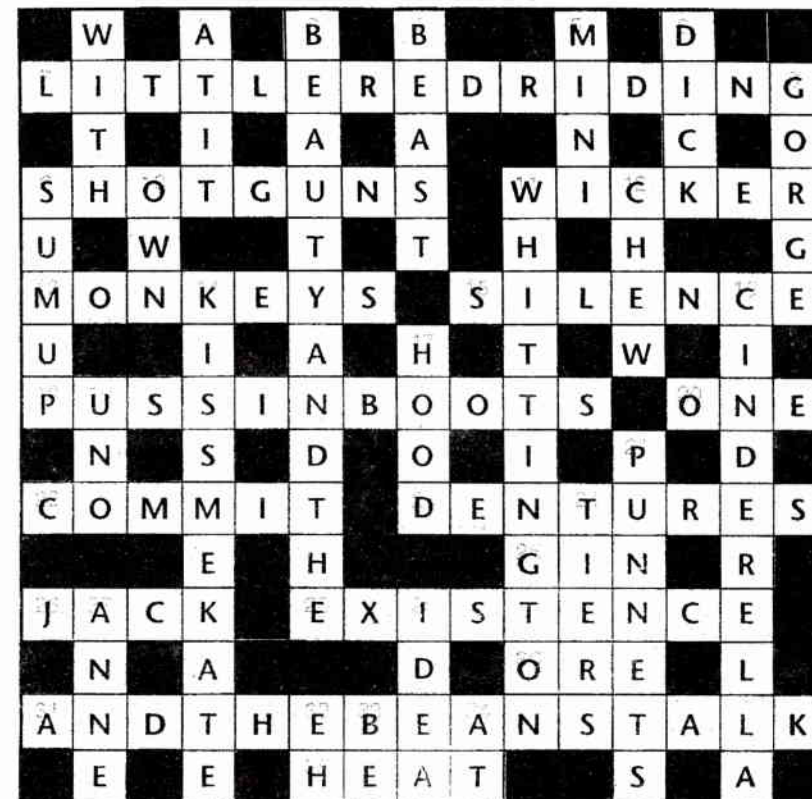
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CHRISTMAS CROSSWORD - SOLUTION

in which one may spot an error linking 3,6,11,7,17, 16,26 31



ACROSS 7 + 17 dn. Small socialist part of Yorkshire gangster is on show. 6,3,6,4 9. Fired up about weddings. 8 11. Wreck I repaired with a twig. 6 13. My French scales are often brass at this time of year. 7 15. Check with Mum. 7 18. Shop cat puts on a show. 4,2,5 20. See 33 dn 22. Send down star reporter. 6 23. Dales village sure flexes its teeth. 8 25. Trap a spirit. 3 26 + 31. Odd-Job and Heinz speak of a show. 4,3,3,9 28. Being there! 9 30. See in Al Gore a man of substance. 3 31. See 26 ac 35. Pressure-cook. 4

DOWN 1. See 33 dn 2. See 12 dn 3 + 4. Fair and Foul on show together. 6,3,3,5 4. See 3 dn 5. Car penetrates storm in Inverness 6 + 11. Livingstone's desired forebear on show in Low Row? 4,11 8. Eat more Cheddar than you should. 5 9. Total hesitation when drink is around. 3,2 10. Admit it's yours. 3 11. See 6 dn 12 + 2. Get your teeth into what the wicked witch ate. 4,2,2 14. Katherine, I want you to be musical. 4,2,4 16. Dine badly in rotten cellar - just for show. 10 19. An Italian car. 3 21. Little jokes for basket cases? 7 24. Get sick of flags. 5 27. A well-spoken queen. 4 29. Thought in future I'd eat my hat! 4 32. What a daft chap. 2 33 + 34 + 20ac + 1dn. Agree to meet for lunch? 2,2,3,4

Reeth School News

Successful swimming by pupils saw the following presentation of Swimming Awards made :

For Water Safety : Suzannah Barningham, Joanne Calvert, Claire Louise Guy, Jodi Johnston and Kirsty Mills

For the 5m. : Jayne Barningham, Leanne Brown, Harvey Pilgrim and Emma Brown

For the 10m. : Harvey Pilgrim and Emma Brown

For the 50m. : Hannah Jones and Isabella Haste.

For the 80m. : Claire Louise Guy.

For the 100m. : Joannae Calvert

For the 400m. : Suzannah Barningham and Kirsty Mills.

For the 600m. : Jodi Johnston, Kirsty Mills and Claire Louise Guy.

Congratulations to you all!

As a result of the Scott Trial, Richmond Motor Club very kindly donated £300 to the Friends of Reeth School who are raising money for new outdoor climbing apparatus to replace the old climbing frames.

The 'Friends' organised a ,most enjoyable Whist/Domino Drive evening which raised £206.

The collection at the Christingle Service when the three Dales primary Schools came together with many parents and friends in Grinton Church totalled £304.79 for the work of the Children's Society.

There will be a Ceilidh in Reeth memorial hall on Friday 7th. April at 7pm. The music will be provided by *Sunday Suits and Muddy Boots* with Phil Parham as caller. This evening will be suitable for all the family.

Congratulations to the 15 pupils who sat their Key Stage 2 Tests last year and achieved 100% success in the subjects tested – Maths., Science and English. This placed the school in second place among all the primary Schools in North Yorkshire.

Advance Notice : We ask for your support for the following events, organised by the Friends of Reeth School :

Reeth School Millennium Fair at Reeth Community Primary School on Saturday 20th. May from 1pm to 4pm. This will be an afternoon for all the family, do join us.

Girls Friendship Club

On Monday 7th. December, the seven girls in the Friendship Club went out carol Singing in Reeth and raised £100. This has been donated equally between meningitis research and the new Friary Hospital in Richmond. The girls would like to thank everyone for their generosity. They had a great time, in spite of the weather; and no one actually suffered from frost-bite, even though it felt like it. The evening made a fantastic start to the festive season.

Ed. Well done girls!

Dales Ladies

At a well attended Open Evening on Monday 10th. January, Una Berry gave a most interesting and informative demonstration on Aromatherapy. A raffle and collection raised £73 for the MacMillan Nurses Appeal. The next meeting will be a Victorian Evening on Monday, February 7th., at 7.30 in the Memorial Hall.

Letters to the Editor

Famous people of the past Millenium made interesting reading. I cannot add any information to that already given, but I can add another name, one who I think was one of the most famous musicians the Dales have produced – Elvis Presley ! Ah yes, Elvis was a Dalesman, born at the little village of Booze, his father was a cobbler and clogger named Sol. Neil Presley. Elvis loved Booze he never forgot it.. No need to tell you that, as you have all heard him sing about my – “Booze made shoes”!

Pantomime Time Again ! – Oh no it isn't – Oh yes it is !

The Feetham Fools are well on with their preparations for their fifth annual pantomime. This year their production is Dick Whittington. It promises to be the usual good fun and entertainment, w so don't miss out. Tickets are on sale as from February 1st. – same price as last year : £4.00 adults Under 16's £2.00 and children under 11 free. For bookings please telephone Anne Kilburn on 01748 – 886373. Performance dates are February 24th., 25th., and 26th. – Thursday, Friday and Saturday of the schools Half Term week.

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One of the most enchanting ways of getting to know the Yorkshire Dales is to trot down beside the rivers and becks flowing through them, preferably in the woodlands growing thickly alongside those rivers in many places.

We have time and space here for only the four main streams, the Arkle Beck, the River Swale, Ure and Wharfe, with perhaps one out of all the many tributaries, the Whitfield Gill Beck - the one that Turner painted (and where I myself had a dashed unnerving crash of twenty feet or so into the beck below, thinking that I had spotted the rarest wild flower of all - a Lady's Slipper Orchid - but of course I probably hadn't after all!)

By far the most turbulent of the four main streams is the most northerly one, the Arkle Beck. It was the one which caused all the flood damage during 'Hurricane Charley' in August 1986, when the waters rose disastrously all through Arkengarthdale - and **washed Reeth Show away as well!**

A local man, born in the Dale, once told me how amazed he had been to see eel in the head-waters of William Gill, near the source of the Arkle Beck. Pretty remarkable when you remember that the eel is a salt water fish, born in the Sargasso Sea, beyond Cuba in the West Indies, and when fully grown returns to the sea for breeding purposes - all the way down the Arkle Beck to Grinton where it joins the Swale, then down past Myton-on-Swale into the River Ouse, cruising downstream through York and finally into the River Humber passing Hull, until at last, it comes into the open sea off Spurn Head and Grimsby. Here, no doubt, it starts to breed like mad, what?

Somewhat stupefied with amazement at all these wonders, then, let us start walking from **Langthwaite**, having boosted our morale with refreshments at

the Red Lion and Stubbs's village shop (where you can buy dashed nearly **anything - you might call it the Harrods of Arkengarthdale...**

We trot along beside the sparkling waters, remembering that this particular track was in its day one of the main packhorse roads connecting the market towns of the North. As far as you and I are concerned it is a walk of enchantment. Coming here in autumn time is a trip into a fairyland of colour, especially in the early morning as you make your way through Booze Woods. All is silent except for the echoing call of a lone curlew and, perhaps, the barking of a distant sheepdog. There, among the trees in the half light, you may see a little roe deer standing 'at gaze', as the heralds say, and staring at nothing in particular.

Our Walking Club often come this way, never tiring of the wonders to be seen at every step - the profusion and wide variety of wild flowers hereabouts, the sight of the Storthwaite fields, above which Fell End towers up into the eastern sky. How wonderfully precise were the Norsemen in their naming of the places they occupied a thousand years ago, for these fields below Fell End were, to them, **sheltered pastures for cows**, ie, Storthwaite.

The fields bordering the Arkle Beck here are almost lawn-like, but we once found a sheep here, trapped between the waters of the beck and the field wall - it had somehow managed to get over the wall, so the poor thing was in hysterics, dashing from one side to the other. One of our walkers, immensely strong, simply picked up the animal and threw it back over the wall into the field!

Hidden in the woods beside the beck here is a cottage called Higgs, a Little-Red-Riding-Hood sort of place indeed, with two rooms up and two down. We were passing one day and noticed a couple there

on holiday. They were trying to catch a young tawny owl which had fallen down the bedroom chimney. It was covered in soot and making the deuce of a mess as it fluttered round the bedroom. Eventually they caught it and opened the window to re-launch it back into the surrounding woodlands.

So down along to **Thorndale**, a dale within a dale, as it were, though in fact it is not a dale at all, but a half-mile stretch of lawn-like grass sheltered by well-spaced Scotch pines, where there was a **heronry** until recently; but the herons have all gone, perhaps shot off by zealous fishermen - who knows? The charm of beautiful place remains, however, and you can imagine fairies frolicking about and playing leapfrog over each other from one end to the other of this lawn beside the beck.

Castle Farm comes next, surrounded by ancient and tiny fields, and the land is sparse and stony except at the bottom near the beck. A farmer here must have the deuce of a rotten time of it, trying to make ends meet. 'Castle', in fact, is the name of this D-shaped area of land, bounded by the beck, and there is another house nearby, also called 'Castle'. (I once asked the farmer here why they were both called Castle, and he said: "They must have run out of names!").

Our one-time packhorse road continues above the Arkle Beck, passing a now-derelict cottage known locally as Boxer Peacock's. It is, however, a whole field's breadth away from the beck, and it has no water supply. So B. Peacock no doubt kept himself slim and trim by a daily tramp down to the beck with a couple of empty buckets - and he would have needed **four** full ones if he had wanted a bath! But what a wonderfully romantic situation for a cottage, surrounded by such woods and facing the field with beck below! The woodlands, moreover, are in springtime one flowering mass of bluebells,

primroses, cowslips and spring orchids - a joy to walk through, all the way back to **Reeth**.

Let us now return to the High Pennines and find the humble beginnings of the **Swale**. It begins as a mere trickle in the sphagnum moss up here on the Mallerstang, on the frontier, as it were, of North Yorkshire. The Norse name for this wild region was **Birkdale** the valley of birch trees, so at one time this would have been a forest - and indeed a riverside woodland a mile or two from the source. Harsh climatic conditions and continuous rainfall, however, leached out the nutriment from the topsoil, and the birch forest languished and died. Striking evidence of this is to be seen far down the bottom of the 'grips' or trenches dug for draining off the moors. There, 7 or 8 feet below the surface, the unmistakeable trunks of silver birch are plain to see, perhaps a thousand years old, but recognisable.

So, with all this happening, there are no riverside woodlands on the Swale until you get to **Silver Hill**, just above Keld. At this point the river begins to make up for lost time, and doesn't just flow - it **roars**! Within the space of a mile we can see, and be deafened by, Wain Wath, Rainby, Currack, Catrake and Kison Forces, all spectacular and indeed awe-inspiring, especially in the storms of a Swaledale winter, ie, between November and March. If time is short we may start from Keld, preferably in stormy weather, and follow the river down a rather precarious and muddy track to the bottom of the deep and dark **Kison Gorge**. There, suddenly, you clap eyes, for the first time, on Kison Force. The sight and sound of this double waterfall are unforgettable - they stay in the memory, I can tell you.

Below Kison Force, where the river begins to calm down once more, after its boisterous goings-on from Wain Wath

downwards, it's the turn of the trees to show us what they can do, preferably in October. So there you are - a second date in your Swaledale calendar: Late October for glowing colour below Kison Foss.

Lastly, before we move up once more to the Mallerstang, there is one sight in Swaledale which you really must not miss. It is a small thicket of **alder trees** below Ivelet Side, with their feet in the water (which is the way they grow best). In early spring the water that gives them life is a blazing area of brilliant yellow marsh marigolds, what Shakespeare calls 'mary-buds'. **They were here before the Ice Age**, 10,000 years ago. Something of a miracle, what? (See G. Grigson: 'Englishman's Flora', 1975, p.33).

The River Ure begins as a trickle beside a built-up currack at Ure Head, on top of Lunds Fell, but after a 100 yards or so it gives up and goes underground, only to re-surface after another few yards. It starts to run properly this time, but on meeting a little resistance (in the shape of Blue Scar Hill, an S.S.S.I., or Site of Special Scientific Interest) the infant stream **does an about turn** and starts to flow southwards instead of following the River Eden in a northerly direction. So, after these tempestuous beginnings, it finally becomes the River Yore or Ure, flowing down Wensleydale.

Wensleydale, however, is almost entirely devoid of woodland riverside walks until it reaches Aysgarth, but from **there**, goodness me! it really does make up for things all the way down to Wensley. From the Yore Bridge at Aysgarth you have a brilliant seven miles of an almost continuous spread of trees as far as Wensley Bridge.

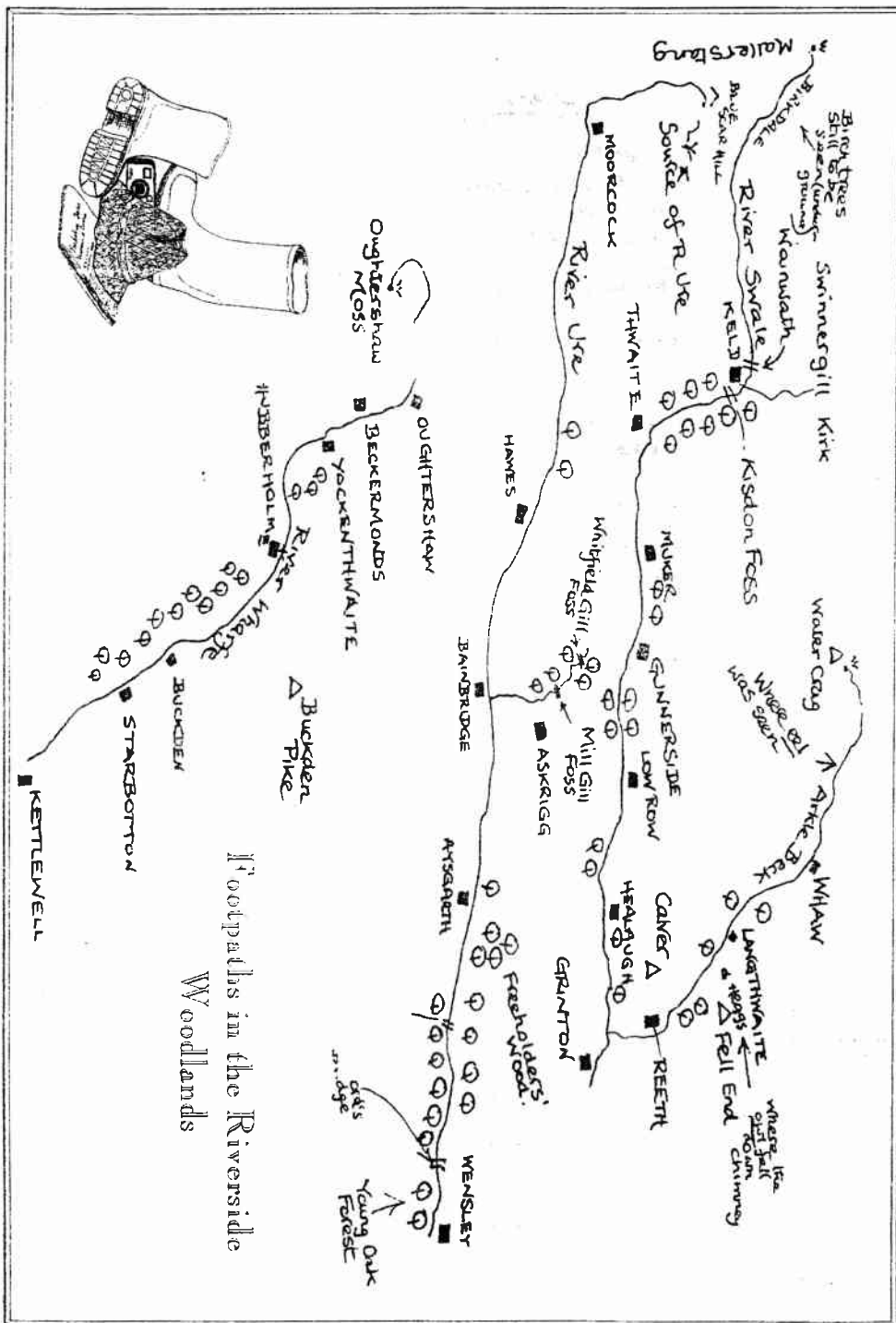
At one time there was a waterside population here of Canada Geese, huge and picturesque birds adding greatly to the interest of the scene; but they were rather too prolific and their numbers were

soon out of control. We once watched two armadas of these great birds, one sailing upstream and the other down. We waited to see what would happen when they met. Would there be a pitched battle and a great flapping of wings and perhaps a bedlam of sound? No. The upstreamers joined peacefully with the downstreamers and all made their way happily, with a quack here and there, down to Batt Island in the middle of the river.

(There is the story of a farmer's wife who was given a dead Canada Goose by the gamekeeper. She cooked it for a Sunday dinner but it was too tough. Her husband said "try again, dear". So she cooked it for a second time but it was still too tough. So her husband said "Why don't you cut it up and give it to the dog?" So she did, **and the dog died!**)

Down at Wensley Bridge there is a rather jolly walk along the south bank, crossing over at Lord's Bridge and returning via Bolton Hall and Wensley. But the interesting variation here is that you make your way not only through woodlands but also through an **oak forest** of perhaps a thousand young oak trees, all about 5 feet high! How wonderful it would be to come back here in the year 2050, when no doubt the scene will be marvellously changed - almost unrecognisable!

From here we take ourselves to Buckden in Wharfedale, the home of our forth river, the Wharfe. From here there are two very decent little walks, both of them qualifying as riverside woodland jobs, and both starting from the Buckden Car Park. The first takes us up through Buckden Rakes Wood, with a grand view of Hubberholme on the other side of the Dale. In 1663 Lady Anne Clifford came this way - "and this was the first I ever went over Buckden Rakes or Stake, or any of those dangerous places, wherein yet was God pleased to preserve me.." She was on



her way "to my cousin Mr. Thomas Metcalfe's house at Nappa", and of course the Buckden Rake, where we are now, leads up and on to the fearsome Stake, the great Roman road leading to the Bainbridge fortress of Virosidum. We leave the Buckden Rake and plunge down to Cray Gill, then up to Cray and the main road, here rather skittishly named Park Lane - **Park Lane**, for goodness' sake?? Yes, because it leads to the Deer Park beyond Buckden, with Lord's Wood and the Deer Sheds. Our footpath continues past Cray through Todd's Wood and Hubberholme Wood to Scar House, where you can if you like scramble down to Hubberholme and then back to our start Point at Buckden with our congratulations ringing in your ears - 5 miles and pats on the back all round. However, the extra mileage as far as Yockenthwaite is wonderfully worth while. I tell you, and you will enjoy a really uplifting riverside stroll all the way back to Buckden.

Lastly, what about hot-footing it to **Starborton**, again along the Dales Way, passing some memorable riverside scenery, especially in the early spring when the sunlight filters through the translucent green of the woodlands (which were at one time the haunt of the deer we mentioned just now).

Our Last Post, as it were, is a very satisfactory trot through Whitfield Gill. In the gorgeous woods I once met an American lady from Boston, Mass. She told me she thought this walk was **the most beautiful in the world** and that she always came here every year **to paint**, staying at a hotel in Askrigg. In springtime the world of Whitfield Gill is full of murmuring sounds from the beck, and ablaze with carpets of blue-&white from massed bluebells and wild garlic stretching beneath the dark green trees as far as the eye can see. Then suddenly, as you drop down round a corner, comes the

mighty roar of **Mill Gill Foss**, filling the ears and making any sort of speech utterly useless. You just gaze spellbound at the white water tumbling down from a great height, and you are probably in the very same place where the great JMW Turner was when he painted this selfsame view about a century and a half ago.

Although the woodland paths are well-worn the sights to be seen from them are almost inaccessible and therefore quite unspoilt - untouched by humans, thank goodness. It is the same with the larger **Whitfield Gill Foss**, tumbling down into a thickly wooded abyss and dashed nearly unapproachable for the likes of you and me. Your exit route from the Whitfield Gill rises steeply up on the eastern side, and you get a brief glimpse of the W.G. Foss where it grows away in its deep fastnesses far down at the foot of an almost vertical slope. You emerge at last through a stile on to Low Straights Lane, and from here it is downhill all the way back to Askrigg, through **Leas Farm**, where we shall call on the Metcalfes and pass the time of day with them as we go ...

So ends our memorable and thoroughly enjoyable survey of Footpaths in the Riverside Woodlands of the Yorkshire Dales - or at least some of them - and it is a survey we shall be doing **again** before long!

F.T.C.W.

If any of you would like to contribute an article, a letter or a short memoir for the Gazette then please feel welcome to submit it to the editor, George Lundberg.

Which reminds me, before we all forget new years eve/morning would anybody care to write up what they did or any particular thoughts they had about the event?

I VESON'S TRAP

An account of an extraordinary accident which happened to a Yorkshire farmer while shepherding in the lonely recesses of Great Shunner Fell, Upper Swaledale.



James Iveson's predicament is probably unique in the annals of the fells. Occupying but a few brief lines in the daily Press at the time when it occurred, the story of James Iveson's strange adventure nearly one hundred and six years ago was only fully told when a determined writer and author,

J. Waisteil Braithwaite got it from Iveson's own lips some sixteen years after it happened, if only to show that strange things do happen occasionally in this prosaic old country as in the wilder parts of the earth. This is that account:-

Iveson's home at Angram is nine miles from the nearest railway station - Hawes; (ed. note Since closed by Beeching) and to reach it one has to cross a mountain two thousand feet high. I managed to catch Iveson at Muker Agricultural Show the other day, and, seated on the "stang" of an empty cart, jotted down from Iveson's own lips his story. But the narrative would have been incomplete without a photograph of the scene of his adventure, and I therefore arranged to meet him later at Shunner Fell. Behold us, then, tramping from Birkdale, the nearest farmhouse, up the Sleddle Valley, past Bleaberry Beck and up Wavery Ghyll, whence a good stream of water gathers from the slopes of Shunner Fell and swells the volume of the river Swale below. Arriving at the scene of Iveson's mishap, he related to me once more how it occurred.

The tale was as follows :-

It was on Sunday, September 2nd. 1894, that I started out from my home at Angram, Swaledale, to do a day's shepherding among my sheep. It was at the height of the grouse shooting season, and I had been busy driving and beating for the Keld Green shooting party all the previous week and was anxious to see how my sheep were getting along on the fell. Moreover the members of the shooting party wanted two fat sheep, and these I intended to bring home with me after seeing to the rest of the flock. Starting at eight o'clock on the Sunday morning, with a bit of bread and cheese in my pocket, I walked the ranges of fells west and north-west of my home, pursuing my way leisurely up one ghyll and down another, taking it easy, as I had had a hard week beating the fells with the sportsmen.

About three in the afternoon I got to Wavery Ghyll, on Shunner Fell, and as I was crossing the beck I sat down to rest on a huge boulder which lies in the middle of the beck, hanging my right leg over the edge of the rock. A few inches from me was another big rock, stuck up on end, and between these two rocks the stream filtered downwards in a pretty little waterfall. In the act of sitting down I reached out and laid my hand on the boulder in front of me to ease myself down. Suddenly, without the slightest warning, it spun round, though it must have been some forty tons in weight, and crashed up against the rock on which I was sitting.

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Iveson's Trap: continued...

The rock smashed my strong boot to pieces, and tore the leather legging. But for the fortunate circumstances that there was a slight depression in the rock on which I was seated, at the very place where my leg hung, the bone would undoubtedly have been smashed to smithereens. For a few moments, what with the excruciating pain and shock, I could hardly realize what had happened. It seemed incredible that this great rock should have moved. Then, as my brain grew clearer, I realized that the boulder must have been so delicately poised upon its base that the lightest touch was enough to dislodge it, and its own crushing weight did the rest. Instinctively I tried to withdraw my leg, --- now rapidly becoming numb --- but it was firmly gripped between the two boulders as though in a vice, and the effort only brought fresh agonies of pain.

Ceasing my struggles, I sat back and tried to consider calmly what to do. Here I was, a helpless prisoner, several miles from my own home, in the very loneliest part of the fells, where I might remain in this rocky trap for days, and gradually bleed and starve to death. I had my sheep-dog Bess with me, and as I looked at the faithful creature, -- obviously much puzzled at her master's strange plight -- I had an idea. I thought that if I could write a message, tie it round her neck, and send her home, she might fetch help. Eagerly I searched my pockets, only to find, however, that I had no pencil! Once again, with a sinking heart, I went through my belongings

and finally came upon an envelope addressed to myself. This I thought, was better than nothing; anyone discovering it would surely put two and two together and come to the conclusion that I was in trouble somewhere. Accordingly I tied the envelope round the dog's neck, and then told her to "git away hyam" (home). The faithful animal was very reluctant to leave me, and I finally had to stone her away with such small pebbles as I could reach in my imprisoned position. At last, to my infinite relief, I saw her disappear over the shoulder of the hill in the direction of home, though she gave many a backward glance. There was nothing to be done now but to hope that she would find her way



Iveson sitting on the same rock 16 years later

home and bring help. After that I spent several hours in fearful agony of mind and body. I shouted, I cried, -- with the pain and mental strain -- and I prayed. The time dragged slowly on until night set in, and it became pitch dark, and still there was no sign of help coming. I found out afterwards that my cries had been heard at five pm. by a man who was walking down to the chapel at Keld, but he imagined that I was calling the dog. Another person also heard me, but thought that I was at my ordinary work and directing the dog.

It was seven o'clock at night, I discovered later, four hours after the accident -- before the dog reached my home at Angram. The envelope tied round its neck told its own story of something wrong, and quickly a search party of fifteen started out, ... cont. top next page>>>

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the members going in various directions in their endeavour to find me. Ten of them, after searching for hours, gave up the quest and returned home, it being too dark to see anything. In the meantime, as the hours went by, I was getting very much exhausted with shock, loss of blood, want of food, and cold, for it was a very frosty night.

About ten o'clock I heard some grouse come flying up the ghyll, a sure sign that they had been disturbed lower down. I felt a certain someone was at hand searching for me, and I renewed my cries with all my strength. Still no one appeared, and I was just about to give up in despair when five of the searchers approached Wavery Ghyll, over the Tongue of Addenay Rigg, led by the faithful old Bess.

They told me later, that she suddenly, pricked up her ears as if she had heard something, and they then

felt sure the missing man was not far away. All at once I saw several figures appear on the skyline of the hill in front of me, and a moment later they came rushing down to me. I found them to be Ralph Peacock of Muker,

Simon Fawcett of Angram, James Peacock of Skeugh Head, Jeffrey Fawcett of Angram and John Iveson of Angram, my nephew. It did not take my rescuers long to find out that they would want hammers, chisels, and wedges if I was to be liberated, and several of them hastened off to Birkdale, three miles away, where they obtained the tools. Accompanied by Robert Thornborrow, the occupier of the farm, they started back, reaching my lonely open-air prison at midnight.

Here, after three hours' hard work — surely a strange a job of midnight hewing as was ever tackled — sufficient stone was chiselled off round the limb to admit of it's being drawn out, and I found myself a free man again, after twelve hours



James Iveson at his home at Angram, Upper Swaledale

of torture. They half carried me up the bank, to where a sledge was waiting, and thus bore me over the rough mountain - side to Stonehouse, where I was given some food, and then on till we continued top of next page >>>

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reached the road at Hoggarths. The rest of the journey I made in a trap. I was put to bed and lay there for some time, but after getting up I went on crutches for thirteen weeks, and then for a long time on two sticks. I am now as well and strong as ever, but the toes of my foot are crumpled owing to the injury to the muscles of my leg and I walk slightly lame. Bess, faithful creature, has since gone to her last rest, but I shall always feel grateful for the fidelity and sagacity which undoubtedly saved my life and rescued me from as strange a mishap as ever befell a shepherd on the fells. +

The place where the accident occurred is now called " IVESON'S TRAP " by the shepherds of Upper Swaledale.

The photograph reproduced shows Iveson seated on the rock in exactly the same position he occupied when the accident occurred. It will be seen that the boulder which imprisoned him is now about eighteen inches from the stone upon which he sat, but this is explained by the fact that the great flood or cloud burst of July 12th. 1899, washed huge boulders down this ravine and has partially shifted the position of the rock. J.W.B.

Editors Note:

Further storms and floods in the last one hundred years have also greatly changed the shape of the ghyll. The story and photographs are acknowledged and reproduced from the original article published by *The Wide World Magazine* belonging to Robert John Guy and kindly loaned to Mike Beckwith for this article. Robert John's late wife Margaret was a niece of James Iveson. Malcolm Guy the son of Robert John Guy and Margaret recently retraced the steps to the

exact place where Iveson was trapped. Readers may find it interesting to learn that the rock James Iveson was sat on all those years ago is still in the same position and with moss and lichen growing as then. The rock which moved and trapped Iveson has now been pushed over and lies nearly horizontal below where Iveson's boot is in the in the accompanying picture.

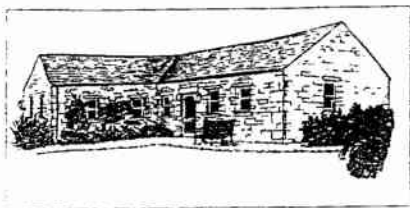
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It's a Doc's Life

A column with a medical slant

This last chapter in the medical history of the Dales brings us to the man who prompted this series in the first place, Dr. William Clark Spiers. Born on 31st October 1875 he qualified MB ChB from Edinburgh in 1901. After being a house surgeon at the West Cumberland Infirmary he started to practice in Reeth in 1907. Many people will recall him and remember quite well what he was like. He, of course, lived and practiced from Langhorne House. He used to charge 3/6d for a consultation and 5/- for a consultation and a bottle. Most medicines were dispensed in liquid form in those days; made of all the things that Dr. Spiers thought was necessary to relieve or effect a cure.

In those pre-NHS days a home visit cost 5/- and an operation £1. He had a list size of 1600 patients (my present list size is 1500). 300 of those were "panel patients" namely those allocated to receive treatment subsidised by other sources and the rest were private patients. The average attendance at daily surgeries was about 63 patients, quite a figure considering the lack of transport and facilities. Dr. Spiers was an astute physician who kept abreast of

developments in medicine yet was unashamed to use tried and trusted remedies.

Many people will remember him on horseback but he did own a car, a Rover, which was kept immaculate by a driver who used to take Dr. Spiers on his calls. A lot of this information came from an assistant to Dr. Spiers called Dr. Frank Place. He qualified in Glasgow in 1945 aged 29 and took up his post here within a week of qualifying. Nowadays, of course, it takes another 4 years of training after qualifying to produce a qualified GP.

In 1963 Dr. Spiers retired aged 87 after practicing for 56 years. (Today GP's are forced to retire at 70 regardless). He lived another 5 years and died in 1968 aged 92. He is buried in Grinton churchyard.

The causes of death change gradually over the years and more "modern" diseases creep in to the record books. Tuberculosis and lung disease lose their grip and people start to live long enough to die from cancer, thrombosis and even senility. Grinton Parish register contains quite a few entries of death by drowning in the river Swale. At first I thought these people must have been very careless until the penny dropped that it was probably a popular method of suicide.

(I would like to acknowledge help I have received in researching these articles from Mr. & Mrs. L Barker, Mrs. Margaret Winkfield, Dr. Frank Place, the late Elsie Pedley and lots other people who have told me anecdotes concerning various doctors)
Dr. Paul Bond, The Surgery.

Low Row and Feetham Literary Institute

The Annual General meeting of the Low Row and Feetham Literary Institute was held on Friday 28th January 2000. Fourteen members were present. It was reported that another successful financial year had been achieved. Before the election of officials, the secretary, Raymond Alderson, and the treasurer Jennie Sunter both offered their resignations after 17 and 21 years service respectively. A vote of thanks to both of them was proposed by G.E. Brown for the time and effort they had given.

Officers elected were as follows : Chairman : Mr. Norman Sunter.

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Spring End. Committee : Re-elected with the addition of D. Waggett and A.G. Kilburn. As a vacancy for Trustee had arisen, D. Waggett was proposed and elected to serve.

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 Over one hundred and thirty-five people
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Reeth

The Rt. Hon. William Hague MP will
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Muker Diary Snippets

Muker Luncheon Club members enjoyed another delicious meal at their monthly gathering on Thursday. Thirty - five folk then stayed on to play Indoor Bowls and Dominoes and other table pastimes. Membership is free and open to all over 55 years of age. Menu choice forms are available from Muker Post Office or Gunnerside Shop. Posters advertising the club are placed in all local notice boards. If you qualify why not come and meet with friends and enjoy a grand afternoon.

A reminder to all Luncheon Club and Ladies Guild Members - Please let Margaret or Mike know if you wish to go on the Theatre Trip to the Civic at Darlington to see My Fair Lady on Saturday April 8th. This is a matinee performance and we shall go for tea and shopping at Morrison's prior to travelling home. The bus will soon be full as this is a very popular trip.

Parish Millennium Archive:-

The collection and collation of information and digital photographing of everyone within Muker parish is now ongoing and the committee seek and urge co-operation in this long term project. Dustin Mirick and Mike Beckwith invite folk to come along and fetch any old pictures, either of themselves or of family or events and enter their details into the Archive programme.

Mike or Dustin will sit with you and help with inputting the material into

the computer. Please telephone Dustin 886528 or Mike 886307 to fix a time. The photographing of homes and family groups will be done by appointment and arrangement to suit all involved.

Muker Show Committee has organised the Annual Domino Drive & Raffle to take place in Muker Public Hall on Friday 25th. February starting at 7.30pm. Cards at the door £ 2.00 which includes a super supper. Usually there are more than eighteen prizes kindly donated for both the Dominoes & the Raffle.

Articulated Lorry driver's trying to avoid the A66 by coming up Swaledale and continually causing damage to our narrow bridges and walls were discussed at the Parish Council meeting. The Parish Clerk wrote to the Highways dept. with a suggestion that either a weight restriction or a warning notice be erected lower down dale to the effect that the B6270 road was unsuitable for large or long vehicles. This matter is to be put in hand and the notice should be erected soon. The latest wagon unable to get over Usha Gap bridge, damaged the bridge and the field walls adjacent. The major problem being that the lorry then bogged in a ditch whilst attempting to reverse out and blocked the road for four hours to all emergency vehicles until a breakdown wagon arrived to tow it out. pmb

NOTES FROM AN EVEN SMALLER ISLAND

(with apologies to Bill Bryson)

An article sent by Mrs Eileen Lewis formerly of Grinton now living on the Isle of Man.

January 5 2000 saw the second anniversary of our departure from Swaledale to the fair Isle of Man. We've had to trade in our "incomers" ticket for a new one - we are now "come-overs"

I think some people may even be referred to as "cross-overs", but we won't go into that. I don't ever recollect "Passing Go" or collecting £200 in this new change of lifestyle monopoly but there is much of the island that reminds us of "home".

The first thing I missed were the sheep. Strange how one gets accustomed to the sound of sheep. Sheep and pheasants... The audible punctuation of Daies life. And, as I understand it, both still under threat - one group from the legislation and strictures of the Evil Union on British Agriculture and the other on pressure groups wishing to "rurally cleanse" the countryside of what they see (probably from a town centre) as an undesirable pursuit. My lack of sheep problem was soon cured when I discovered a farm right across from Clare's school in the village. Once I got over the fact that lambing in January isn't an accident but the right time of year here, all was well. The next oddity was the sale of Loaghtan sheep meat. This one takes some beating. The Loaghtan, a small, four-horned native sheep, has a somewhat different flavour and I found that the butchers can advise the customers that they sell Manx Beef and Manx Lamb but they cannot say they sell "Manx Loaghtan Lamb", HOWEVER the fishmonger can. So if I want to introduce visitors to the slightly different flavour of the Loaghtan I must go to the fishmongers. Perhaps it's something to do with being in the Irish Sea?

There are also parts of the island that resemble the Dales. In fact the island is a microcosm of the UK itself. In the north of the Island you could quite think you were in the Lake District, part of the forested area are reminiscent of Kielder, and, when feeling slightly low there is even part of the road up the west side that looks just like the Dales - complete with some

Swaledale's to boot. That used to be a favourite drive when I was finding it hard to settle down. The other odd thing that happens, in travel terms, is "island fever". You know that you think nothing of going to Darlington or Northallerton or even York (if pushed) for shopping - not here. This fever thingy strikes very quickly. The thought of going to Ramsey - a mere 28 miles away - induces an outbreak of Journey Planning, a rapid call for a team of yaks and six sherpas, it's really quite strange. I keep checking the mirror to see if the words "Insular Being" are tattooed on my forehead but apparently not. Perhaps that's how the TT races developed - islanders trying to do endurance tests - an ancient Norse ritual for the adolescent youth. High mileage on your speedo is something to take a pride in! And with only one MOT test when you arrive here it should have come as no surprise that there were only a couple of scrappies on the island - the rest of them are mobile (no, I exaggerate.... Slightly!)

And don't get carried away by the lack of a speed limit if you come over here. No motorways and very few roads on which you can do anything much more than 60 mph. The mountain roads are spectacularly twisty - very like the Dales. Scott Trialsmen would be at home here too - you might get a bit spooked by the lack of fog and rain, occasionally.

The big loss, as far as Peter is concerned, is the lack of a quoits pitch. He's found the reservoirs, the local fishermen (of both river and sea), he's found the rifle club but no quoits. He has to suffice with the odd clank as he moves them round the garage. Perhaps we should import some??

Above and beyond that we miss the people we met in the Dale - both Dales - after nine years it was a wrench to come over here and although we're beginning to settle now there are few weeks go by without being in touch with someone over there. Thanks to friends (Evi and Marjorie) for keeping us supplied with Reeth Baguettes until the Friends of started... A brilliant idea. It's good to stay in touch...bye.

Cheers Eileen.

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LAST CALL FOR CHANGES TO THE REETH & DISTRICT DIRECTORY 2000

Despite the reminders printed in the Gazette concerning the Y2K edition of the local 'Directory of Local & Useful Telephone Numbers & Information', to date I have received ONLY ONE amendment. I know there are a lot more as well as many new additions and one or two to come out. It is up to you to contact the Gazette. We will not presume to make changes to any entries unless requested. All entries are free. You can leave the information at Reeth Post Office or phone me on 884513 (which has an answer phone). In view of the dismal response thus far, we will wait a month or so until some of the local AGM's have taken place before printing.

PUBLIC MEETING SUCCESS

A public meeting presenting DIG's draft feasibility report to the communities of Swaledale & Arkengarthdale was held at the Buck Hotel, Reeth, on January 20th.

The meeting was well attended with representatives from the Yorkshire Dales National Park, the Swaledale Christian Council and the Upper Wensleydale Community Partnership in attendance. District Councillor James Kendall and County Councillor John Blackie were also present.

Thanks to all those who attended the meeting. A great deal of positive and useful feedback was received and a full report of the meeting will be included in our quarterly newsletter in March.

Report from the minutes of the Arkengarthdale Parish Council

All Councillors were present for the Parish Council meeting held in the Arkengarthdale Schoolroom on January 4th.

- The High Green enhancement project - the Council resolved to persevere with the onerous mass of paperwork required by and in connection with the funding agencies to ensure completion of the project.

- New Parish Seat - a new bench seat is now in place situated by one of the original Dale Quoits pitches between Stang Lane Top & CB Terrace. The seat was bequeathed by and in

memory of Mr Umpleby, a past owner of Cragdale Cottage on CB Terrace. Mr Umpleby enjoyed walking throughout the dale and took an interest in Quoits. The bench was installed by Mr Parkin Waller.

- Whaw Lights - the new street lights in Whaw are now both working, but "have caused a fair amount of discussion". The Council is trying to have the somewhat redundant light (up Whaw Lane) moved to be near the gateway into the Church, which is felt to be a much more useful and beneficial site. Debated was a light for the official (Council) car park, a light it was felt "would improve the security" and "maybe encourage overnight parking".

- Notice Board - A new Parish Notice Board is now in place, minuted was appreciation to the North Yorkshire Small Projects Fund, who awarded a grant of £50 towards the cost.

- Christmas Lights - Thanks to Stephen Stubbs and his helpers for putting up the decorative lights in the tree by the War Memorial were minuted.

- War Memorial - the state of the wall round the war memorial was discussed, it was agreed to carry out some repairs.

- Christmas Party - the children's Parish Christmas party was a great success with more children than in recent years being present. It was agreed to review the traditional date to allow as many local children attend.

- Icy Stang Lane - great concern was expressed about the lack of salting/gritting of Stang Lane on the Durham side of the boundary. The Clerk is to contact Durham County Council to try to resolve the issues.

- Refuse - Again the lack of refuse collection from Booze and the accrued problems were brought to the councils notice. Residents quite rightly feel that they are entitled to the same level of service enjoyed by other households of the Dale, especially in view of the high level of council tax.

- Silage Wrap - after initial delays a skip for recycling plastic silage wrap is now in place at Hagg's Gill farm and will remain there until May.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on March 7th

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Pretty Polly

I don't know if it may be a Gazette reader, or not, but someone must be wondering what became of their pet parakeet a few weeks ago. Though the news is sad, I'm sure the owner would wish to know. Our son returned at dusk, just after Christmas, from a bird watching walk, to say that he had seen a parakeet in the pine trees behind our house at the Mill. It was bitterly cold and we felt it's survival over-night was slim. All the same, I contacted a friend who owns a parrot to see if she had any idea whose it might be, thinking that if it was still about in the morning we might coax it down, especially if it was tame. Our friend's bird was firmly locked in (having learnt to open it's cage) and she had no knowledge of the owner of the parakeet. Anyway, there was no sign of it next day. A few days later our family found it dead in Scar House Woods, and brought it home where we buried it. It was a pretty grey with a yellow/green head with a crest on top and a red spot on it's cheek. It obviously could not survive the frosty nights nor find suitable food.

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Bus Shelter Quotes have now been received for the work and consideration is being given to the extent of the repairs required.

Commemorative Seat. A site for Mr. Ellis's seat on Harkerside road has been confirmed, a quote has been approved and work will be going ahead in the near future.

DIG report. Councillors discussed the report on local needs produced by the DIG group after their recent survey. Their comments will be passed to the organisers.

Recycling Richmondshire District Council requested that considerations be given to possible locations for a trial Minibin recycling scheme which has already proved successful in other parts of the district. While supporting the scheme councillors felt that there was no obvious site within the Parish, but hoped that a more suitable, central one would be identified in the area.

Silage Wrap. After initial delays a skip for recycling plastic silage wrap is now in place at Hagg's Gill farm and will remain until May.

Precept. The parish precept has again been set at £800.

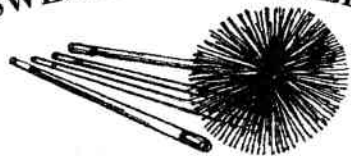
Rights of Way. It is hoped to hold a meeting in the near future with the definitive Map Officer to discuss the current redrawing of the map of footpaths and rights of way within the National Park.

Millennium Projects. The order for commemorative plaques will be placed as soon as the grant is confirmed and a date will be arranged for presenting them to the children. Work on the Parish Archive is progressing well, and it is hoped that the photographic record of buildings will be completed by the end of the month. Arrangements for photographing residents are still being considered.

Parish Hall. Councillors expressed their appreciation of the work on the hall which is now back in use following a major programme of repair and redecoration. The council agreed in principle to make a contribution to the cost of the new railings at the front of the building. An official opening ceremony will be arranged later in the year.

Roads. The street lights are still not working correctly and this will be reported to the district council. Concerns over hazards from standing water and ungritted roads will be reported to the Highways Department.

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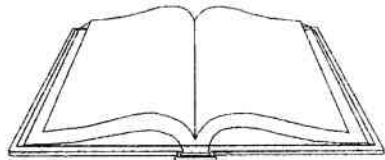
3rd - 5th 5 & 8pm
The World Is Not Enough (12)
10th - 12th 5 8pm
East is East (15)
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Anna and the King
24th - 26th 3 & 5:30pm
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CHURCH SERVICES

in ARKENGARTHDALE and SWALEDALE

6th February

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



20th February

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

13th February

- 9.30am St Andrew's Grinton
Eucharist
St Michael's Downholme
Holy Eucharist Rite B
- 10.30am Reeth Methodist
Low Row URC *Communion*
- 11.00am Reeth Congregational
St Edmund's Marske
Holy Eucharist
- 11.15am St Mary's Arkengarthdale
Holy Communion
- 2.00pm Keld URC
- 2.30pm Low Row Methodist
Gunnerside Methodist
Holy Communion
- 4.00pm St Mary's Muker
Sunday School & Eucharist
- 6.30pm Marske Methodist
Reeth Congregational

27th February

- 8.00am Holy Trinity Low Row
Holy Communion
- 9.30am St Andrew's Grinton
Eucharist
St Michael's Downholme
Holy Eucharist Rite B
- 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
- 2.00pm Keld URC
- 2.30pm Gunnerside Methodist
Low Row Methodist
Muker Methodist
Holy Communion
- 6.30pm Marske Methodist
Holy Communion
Reeth Congregational

FEBRUARY'S MOBILE LIBRARY VISITS

- Route 3 - Hudswell, Grinton,
Marrick & Hurst
Wednesday 2nd & 23rd
- Route 7 - Reeth &
Arkengarthdale
Tuesday 8th & 29th
- Route 9 - Healaugh &
Gunnerside
Thursday 10th & 2nd March
- Route 13 - Keld, Thwaite &
Muker
Wednesday 16th & 8th March

DIARY DATES

- 5th Swaledale & Arkengarthdale
Conservative Association Pie & Pea
Supper at the Buck. Tickets £6 details
from Mrs M Porter 884267
- 7th Dales Ladies - Memorial Hall 7:30
- 7th Reeth Congregational Church Ladies
meeting 2pm
- 8th Arkengarthdale Jubilee Club Hobbies
Evening Arkengarthdale Methodist
Church Hall 7:30
- 11th Reeth Show AGM Memorial Hall 7:30
- 15th Last date for entry of applications to
Reeth Literary Trust
- 17 - 19th Feetham Fools Pantomime -
Dick Whittington
- 18th Whist & Domino Drive at Marick
Institute 7:30pm start
- 21st Reeth Congregational Church Ladies
meeting 2pm
- 25th The Alternative Quiz Night at the
CB Inn - 9pm start
- 28th Reeth Parish Council meeting 7pm
March
- 3rd Beetle Drive at Marick Institute
7:30pm start
- 6th Dales Ladies - Memorial Hall 7:30
- 7th Beetle Drive & Pancake Supper 6:30
Arkengarthdale Methodist Church Hall
- 10th Reeth Show Whist & Domino Drive -
Memorial Hall 7:30

- 14th Arkengarthdale Jubilee Club
AGM & Quiz Night Arkengarthdale
Methodist Church Hall 7:30
- 14th Arkengarthdale Sports Association
AGM Arkengarthdale Schoolroom 8pm
- 15th Whist Drive at Grinton Parish Hall
7:30 start
- 31st The Alternative Quiz Night at the
CB Inn - 9pm start
- April
- 7th Reeth School Ceilidh - Memorial Hall
7pm
- 8th 'Messiah' a special performance for
the Millennium in Reeth Methodist
Church by the combined choirs of Upper
Swaledale & Upper Wensleydale
- 30th The Alternative Quiz Night at the
CB Inn - 9pm start
- May
- 5th The Swaledale & Arkengarthdale
Darts league Dinner Dance,
Presentation Night at the Buck Hotel.
Tickets only from the team Captains
- 20th Millenium Fair at Reeth County
Primary School - 1 - 4pm
- June
- 3rd The Arkengarthdale Sports
Association Annual Sports & afternoon
teas - starts 1:30pm
- July
- 1st Muker Millenium Party on the Show
Field
- August
- 30th Reeth Show

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Applications are invited to the Trust at Helmgarth, Reeth by
February 15th 2000

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