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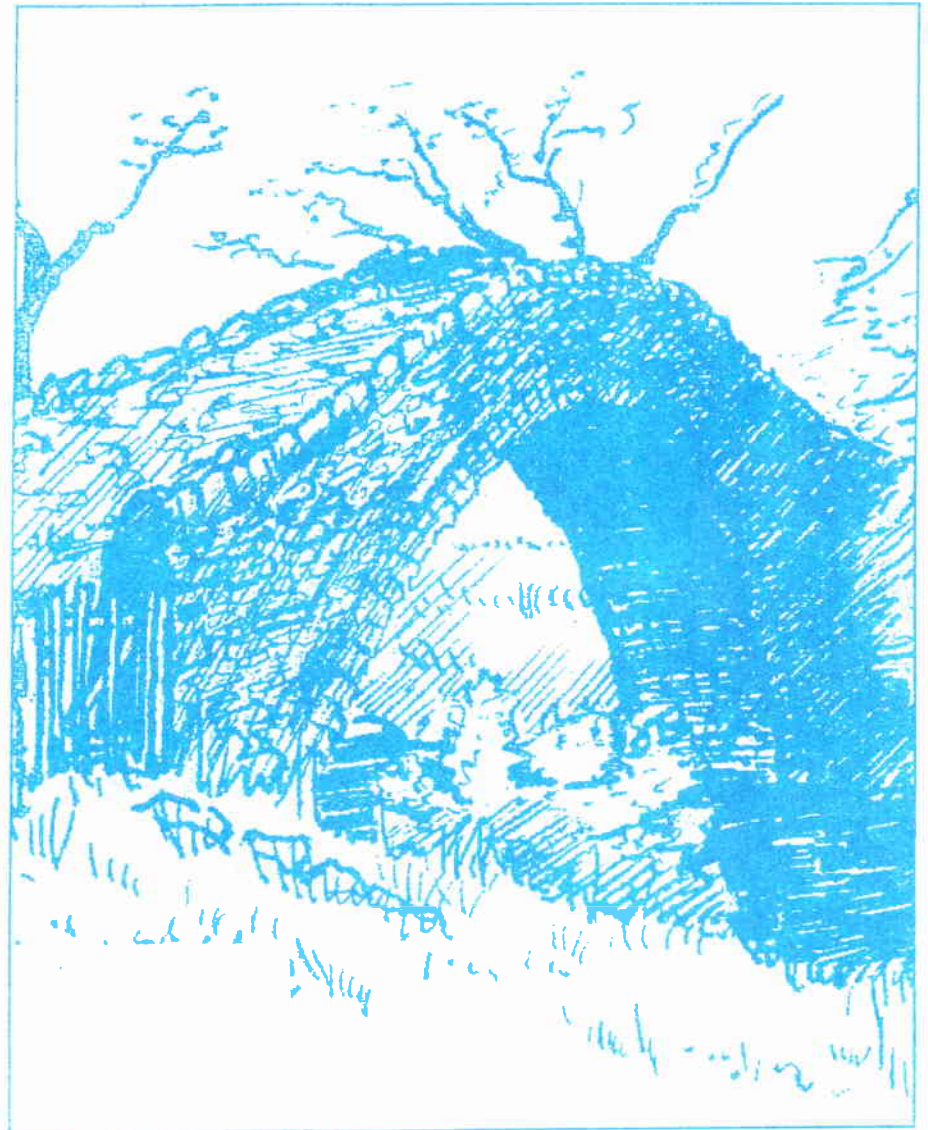
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CHURCH SERVICES

in ARKENGARThDALE and SWALEDALE

2nd January

- 10.30am St Andrew's Grinton
1st Service of new Millennium
Gunnarside Methodist
Low Row URC
Reeth Methodist Family Service
- 11.00am Reeth Congregational
St Edmund's Marske Eucharist
- 2.00pm Keld URC
- 2.30pm Arkengarthdale Methodist
Muker Methodist Covenant
- 6.30pm Reeth Congregational

16th January

- 9.15am St Mary's Muker Eucharist
- 10.30am Low Row URC
Reeth Methodist
- 11.00am Holy Trinity Low Row
Eucharist Rite A
Reeth Congregational
St Edmund's Marske Eucharist
- 2.00pm Keld URC
- 2.30pm Arkengarthdale Methodist
Covenant Service
Gunnarside Methodist
Muker Methodist
- 6.30pm St Mary's Arkengarthdale
Evensong
Reeth Congregational
Marske Methodist

30th January

- 10.30am Reeth Methodist
Low Row URC
Holy Trinity Low Row
United Parish Communion
- 11.00am Reeth Congregational
St Edmund's Marske Eucharist
- 2.00pm Keld URC
- 2.30pm Arkengarthdale Methodist
Gunnarside Methodist
Low Row Methodist
Covenant Service
Muker Methodist

9th January

- 9.30am St Andrew's Grinton
Eucharist Rite A
St Michael's Downholme
Holy Eucharist Rite B
- 10.30am Low Row URC
Reeth Methodist Covenant
- 11.00am Reeth Congregational
St Edmund's Marske
Morning Prayer
- 11.15am St Mary's Arkengarthdale
Holy Communion BCP
- 2.00pm Keld Methodist Covenant
- 2.30pm Gunnarside Methodist
Covenant Service
Low Row Methodist
- 4.00pm St Mary's Muker
Evening Prayer/Sunday School
- 6.30pm Marske Methodist Covenant
Reeth Congregational

23rd January

- 8.30am St Andrew's Grinton
Holy Communion
- 9.30am St Michael's Downholme
Holy Eucharist Rite B

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

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

- 6.30pm St Andrew's Grinton
Evening Prayer
Reeth Congregational
Marske Methodist

NEW MILLENNIUM -- NEW START

It all depends on how we count - years that is - to make a millennium. For those who follow the Chinese calendar, or the Jewish calendar, or the Moslem calendar, there is nothing at all significant about the first of January 2000 AD. AD stands for *Anno Domini*, which is Latin for "the Year of the Lord" and the Lord in question is Jesus Christ.

It was a monk with the wonderful name of Dionysius Exiguus who in the year we now call 525 AD worked out this system for numbering the years from the birth of Christ. Bede used the system in his great works of history and so it became popular. Previous to that, dates were worked out with reference to the years of the reign of the Jewish kings (there are numerous examples of this in the Old Testament) or of the Roman Caesars, or of the years of the reign of the British kings. A good example of ancient dating is the beginning of the well-known Christmas reading, "At that time the Emperor Augustus ordered a census to be taken throughout the Roman Empire. When this first census took place Quirinius was the Governor of Syria." Modern scholars reckon that Dionysius was not quite correct with his reckoning, and so it is now thought that Christ was born in the year 4 BC. BC stands for Before Christ, so this is a wonderful piece of confusion.

However it does mean that those discerning folk who celebrated the turn of the millennium in 1996 were probably right. Neither has there been agreement through the centuries as to when the year begins. Until 1752 March 25th was counted as the beginning of the new year in England. It was only then that England adopted this new Gregorian calendar (so called because it was introduced into Catholic Europe by Pope Gregory XIII in 1582). Eventually the protestant nations followed. Changes from the older Julian calendar (introduced by Julius Caesar) included starting the year on January 1st, and a more accurate way of calculating leap years. Because England was so much behind in adopting this calendar, eleven days in September 1752 had to be left out altogether to get in step with Europe once again. It was hard on those folks who had birthdays between September 3rd and 13th in that year because those days never existed! All of which goes to show that there is nothing rooted in the very fabric of the universe to make this January the 1st a very special date. Any strange things that happen (if they do) will be simply because of human mistakes and not a result of divine action.

All the same, writing 2000 for the year, will seem very different from writing 1999, so we do well to celebrate the year 2000 AD as symbolically marking 2000 years since the birth of Jesus Christ. The Christian faith has survived two millennia in an ever-changing world, and so we do well to recognise the hope, peace, joy and love that faith in Jesus Christ brings. Churches Together in England have been busy promoting the Millennium Resolution and here in Swaledale and Arkengarthdale the Christian Council has been distributing copies of this resolution together with Millennium candles. If this new Christian millennium is to mark a new start for us all, let us commit ourselves to living this resolution.

Andrew Bell, Gillian Bobbett, Timothy Tunley

THE MILLENNIUM RESOLUTION

Let there be,
Respect for the earth,
Peace for its people,
Love in our lives,
Delight in the good,
Forgiveness for past wrongs
and from now on
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Well its all over - and at the moment
without the scourge of the millennium bug!
We hope you had a good break. Sorry this
edition is a little late, but we tried to have
a break as well!

What a lot went on in our Two Dales over
Christmas - Concerts, Carol Services
(even reported in the Northern Echo),
Parties, Church Services to mark the New
Year and the New Millennium, and
Firework Displays. You couldn't get much
better anywhere. It was in fact a really
good celebration of the joys of Christmas
- the birth of Christ - and His birth 2000
years ago. How is it that that one solitary
life born 2000 years ago has had more
effect on our world of 6 billion people
than all the armies, Kings, Queens,
princes, presidents, people, wars and
happenings of the last 2000 years? That
one solitary life born in Bethlehem, which
2000 years later still sees our calendar
marked by Him.

For 30 years Jesus lived the life of an
ordinary man. Living in a normal family,
learning and carrying out the trade of
carpenter. Then he spent his last three
years preaching. He never travelled more
than 200 miles from where He lived. He
did not write books, or other articles, yet
what an effect He had. Here we are about
to start the third millennium since His
birth, and all our hopes are in Him - built
on what has gone before and what is to
come.

No matter how hard some people try, they
can not but be reminded of the point of the
celebration of the New Millennium -
Christ!

Countries all over the world have been
celebrating, in many ways, and here in
this country one way in which the
millennium is marked is by the
production of a £5 coin (not the first time
the country has had a £5 coin, they have
been around off and on for a couple of
hundred years, but the first ones were
made of gold). Have you seen it or got
one? Well worth a look, as I was reminded
over Christmas by a dear friend.

On one side as usual is the monarch's
head, and on the other a map of the British

Isles. Superimposed on this is a clock face
with the hands depicting the Greenwich
time of midnight - between the years 1999
and 2000. Around the edge of the coin is
the phrase 'What's past is prologue' -
this is taken from The Tempest by William
Shakespeare. Between the words
'What's' and 'past' is the Cross of Christ
- there at our beginning and at our ending
- in the past and leading us to the future.

We know the hands of time can never be
turned back, the past is gone forever, and
even memories fade, but the future lies
open before us in Christ the word.

Should that not be our prologue as we start
the third millennium - working on all the
achievements and hopes of the past to
build a future in union and fellowship with
all mankind and with God.

A very happy and prosperous new year to
you all.

Two Prayers for the Millennium

First a prayer for Hopeful Doubters:

O God, if you are there,
Through Jesus who certainly was here,
By Your Spirit which is probably within
me,
Help me to live well
That my neighbours may live well
And the earth may be sustained,
Enjoyed,
And shared for us all. Amen
By Bishop David Jenkins.

Secondly a prayer for the New Millennium

Gracious God, Father, Son and Holy
Spirit
We bless You for goodness shared
Forgive past failures
We bless You for the present moment,
Enfold us in your love.
We bless You for the future hope,
Enable us by Your presence.
That held in faith, hope and love,
We may go forward without fear,
Entrusting ourselves to your care,
And responding to your call. Amen

Rev. P.S. Midwood, Rural Dean of
Richmond

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir,
I refer to Mr. Mike Beckwith's letter in the December issue about the proposed extension to Gunnerside School for use by the children as a computer room, but with the possibility of it being used as a dual use facility.

Mr. Beckwith's letter details the range of ICT courses currently available in the locality. This provision is a credit to those people who have worked so hard to attract various grants eg from Help The Aged. The Governors of this small village school have a duty to provide the best possible facilities for youngsters in the Uper Dale. If our small school can develop as a community educational resource similar to Askrigg, we can also secure its future. We would tap into some of the central funding available for this type of project. Children from remote rural areas are as entitled to benefit from grant funding for ICT as those in inner cities.

The proposed development in Gunnerside does not intend to compete with or undermine the viability of the village halls. Considering the developments in ICT over the last five years, we can only imagine the impact computers will have on all our lives and employment in the future. Demand will grow for locally based training and ICT access points.

We are grateful to the tutors and GNVQ Business Studies students from Richmond School for producing a questionnaire for us. Our school staff and Governors do not have time to conduct market research, or the funds to commission a study, so these students are providing an excellent service, while undertaking a 'live project' for their course work. It reflects the close partnership between the schools, which could be enhanced in the future by ICT networking, to benefit our past pupils. The purpose of the feasibility study is to gauge public opinion and establish whether the training needs of the local people and businesses are being met, because we would only want to complement what is currently available.

The main reason for an extension is to benefit the children during the school day. I hope Mr Beckwith appreciates that it

would be impractical for them to come and go singly, or in pairs, to work on computers if an ICT room were to be sited in Gunnerside Village Hall. Careful thought has been given to the impact on our neighbouring primary school, because our partnership is very close and open. Reeth School children already enjoy a designated ICT area within their larger accommodation. Their Head Teacher is very supportive of our proposals.

Mrs Jackie Warburton, Head Teacher,
Gunnerside Methodist Primary School.

Any more comments about this project?
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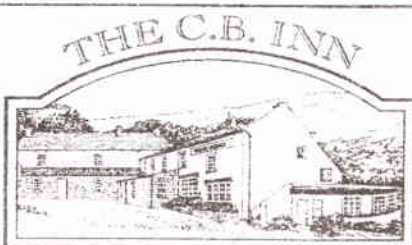
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School News

The children designed bonfire night
posters for a competition organised by
the Arkengarthdale Sports Association
and which were exhibited in the CB.
Prizewinners were Chloe Orange,
Edward Birks, Christopher Curry,
peter sparrow, Lucy Lundberg and Zoe
Atkinson. Thanks to Charles and Stacy
Cody.

The school entered the Yorkshire
Dales National Parks painting
competition to design a 'Dales
Christmas Tree' Christmas card. The
winner was Abigail Stubbs who was
presented with a prize by the national
Parks who have now printed and
published a Christmas card, which is
on sale at all YDNP centres.

All the children took part in a musical
play before Christmas. This was called
'New Millennium Heroes' and was put
on in St. Mary's Church before a full
audience. The script was much longer
and much more ambitious than usual
but after much practice, the children,
some as young as four, had learnt their
words and songs and gave a very good
performance whilst at the same time
delivering a poignant message to all
for the next 1000 years.

This was followed by the presentation
of the millennium mugs for all children
in the Dale, including those children
still at school who had attended or
were entered for Arkengarthdale
School. The mugs, designed and
produced by Jocelyn Campbell, had
been individually fired with the child's
name. They will, we are sure, be
treasured for many years. Thankyou
very much Jocelyn for the hours of
work put in even adding names to the
list as children were born.

The children took art in the United
Carol Service in the Chapel on
Dec.19th singing their own songs.
They also performed in a separate

candlelight service in the Methodist
Chapel on Christmas Eve

Before the end of term, the children
toured the Dale singing carols,
particularly to older residents. They
also joined with our friends from Reeth
and Gunnerside Schools for the
Christingle Service in Grinton Church
which was packed for the occasion as
usual. Monies were raised for the
Children's Society.

A pantomime trip has been organised
for all Arkengarthdale children on
Jan4th. To see Peter pan at Darlington.
55 people are going thanks to Rowena
and the regulars at the Red Lion where
the football buster subsidises the cost
for local children.

Editors note : The trip sounds like a
smashing time out - any youngster like
to send us a 'write up'? We would be
pleased to print it.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL

A big thankyou to all who helped in the Poppy
Appeal, particularly those who helped in the
door to door collection. Also to Jack Alderson
for his help and support. He has retired now as
Poppy Box distributor, and Val Lowson from
Grinto Lodge has taken over. The amount
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Total Collected November 1999 - £ 818 : 09

Holidays are usually fun. This is an account by one of our readers of her recent 'walking holiday' with some friends – a girls only holiday! Sounds as if you had quite a time girls – apart from enjoying just the walks! Anyone else got interesting or unusual holiday accounts – let us know, we will try and publish them, although we are sorry that sometimes they might need to be abridged due to space.

RAMBLINGS ON THE KAY WAY

At break of day we wend our way
To a place they call Starrbotton
Ten friends good and true
With walking to do,
A holiday never forgotten

Not much fun, without a doubt,
Three of our friends had to drop out
Audrey, Les and Margaret could not go –
With much regret.
But Ria and Shirley stepped into their shoes
Two other ladies to air their views

We took in turns to read the map
And some of the readers were really cr—
I wouldn't say we lost our way
But extra miles were walked each day.

One of our members 'dunked' her stick
So Shirley and Ria rescued it quick,
It was Shirley's initiation test
Which was passed first class – by far the best!

We're told that money doesn't grow on trees
But we've disproved this myth with ease,
A tree along the River Twiss, is not a thing to easily miss,
It's trunk and roots from end to end, are studded with money that one could spend.

Marion tried her best to lose some weight,
Two and a half pounds – that's just great.
For David left – lists of does and don't's.
He muttered something about 'can't' and 'won't'.

Ann travelled up without any fuss, She came along to accompany us.
We caught her one day having a rest.

We've even got proof – and that's no jest

Excellent dinners in bed and breakfasts!
We enjoyed some quite wonderful repasts
We held post mortems from A-Z,
Local shows, plants chutneys and books we had read.

One day Barbara nearly went rude,
To plaster her foot; she's no prude
Her knee it complained of walking the path
At least, that's her excuse for being stuck in the bath

Poor Becky was put on a meatless diet,
Her flatulence caused an absolute riot.
After two pints and news of a trip to China
Margaret's singing couldn't be finer.

Ingleborough we really mastered
– in fog we were quite plastered
Ingletton Falls were very rough,
And the going it was quite tough.

Fairey Steps, I thought horrific
The others merely said 'Terrific'.
Victoria Cave was quite dangerous
– only Shirley being the most courageous

Malham Tobe with lots of steps,
Water plunging into depths.
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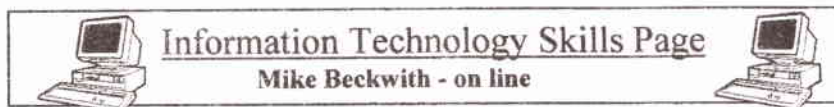
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The Project Delivery Aims :-

To establish, encourage and develop strong working links with individuals, communities, Voluntary organisations and businesses within the identified rural locations.

- establish and develop a programme of regular contact with individuals and community organisations, using and extending existing databases
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The project is particularly keen to hear about local transport issues that are of concern to you or someone you know. These might relate to the frequency or cost of services, the availability of information about community and rural transport or might simply be issues about the coverage of the existing networks. Alternatively, the project is looking to develop additional community transport initiatives such as community minibus and car schemes.

The project has been granted funding for an initial six-month period to write an Action Plan which will detail the transport problems outlined by residents.

A drop-in session has been organised for
21st January 2000, all day
in the Supper Room of
Reeth Memorial Hall.

Anyone wishing to express their opinion on the rural transport network in the area is welcome to attend.

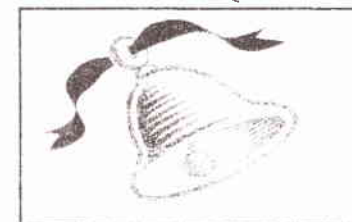
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SWALEDALE PEOPLE OF THE PAST MILLENNIUM

By : Sheila and Lawrence Barker, and Duncan Bythell.

At short notice, the Editors of the "Gazette" have asked us to compile a list of prominent 'Swaledale People of the Past Millennium'. In order to make the list short and consistent, we have had to make arbitrary decisions about the kinds of people who might qualify for inclusion. We decided to define 'Swaledale' as the valley of the Swale and its tributaries west of Marske, and 'Swaledalers' as people who, if not born in the Dale, at any rate lived the greater part of their lives there. On this basis we have excluded non-resident Lords of the Manor such as Lord Wharton in the seventeenth century and Lord Rochdale in the 1930s, although their influence on the Dale was obviously considerable. We have likewise left out important incomers – such as clergymen, doctors, and teachers – if they spent only a short part of their lives here. It also seemed wise not to include either the still-living or the recently-deceased!

We encountered inevitable problems in trying to produce a representative and varied list for the whole of the last one thousand years. For example, we tend to know only isolated facts about individuals in the early middle ages; whilst for much of the millennium local women are often invisible in the historical records. Others would certainly have produced very different lists from ours. Nevertheless, we hope that our combined effort – very much 'on the back of an envelope' – will interest readers of the "Gazette". The list is in chronological order, and NOT in any suggested 'order of importance'.

William **BRADRIGG** (or Broderick) is recorded as having paid the tax known as the Lay Subsidy in 1301. This is the first known reference to the Brodericks, a leading family of yeomen farmers who lived at Spring End, Summer Lodge, and elsewhere for over 600 years. One of the last resident members of the family - a religious free-thinker - was buried on the hillside above Spring End in 1886.

Alan and Roger **PAGOT** are among seven 'merchants' – probably working miners - from Arkengarthdale recorded as selling lead in Richmond market in 1307. They are among the first named local entrepreneurs in lead mining, and were responding to the growing demand for roofing materials for medieval castles and abbeys. Lead mining was to be a mainstay of Swaledale's economy until the end of the nineteenth century.

Anthony **PEACOCK** (died 1537) of Arkengarthdale, was hanged at Richmond for his part in leading the 'commons' of Swaledale in the rebellion known as the Pilgrimage of Grace, against Henry VIII's religious policies. His earlier opposition

to attempts by the Lord of the Manor of Marske to appropriate common lands in Arkengarthdale had made him an obvious scapegoat, and his death was intended as 'a terrible example to others' who might be tempted to resist royal authority.



Christabel **COWPER** (Born 1495), the daughter of a Richmond wool merchant, was the last Prioress of Marrick. Unlike most of the local religious houses, Marrick was excluded from the first stage of Henry VIII's suppression of the monasteries in 1536, although in terms of wealth and numbers it ranked as a very small community. Her success in preserving her priory until the general dissolution three years later suggests that Christabel was a woman of character and influence, and gives some indication of the role and status which a nun could hold in pre-Reformation times.

Sir Thomas **AUBROWE** (died 1565) appears to have achieved the remarkable feat of surviving as a priest at Grinton through the troubled years of the Reformation during the reigns of Henry VIII, Edward VI, Mary Tudor, and Elizabeth I, when official doctrine switched bewilderingly between Catholic and Protestant. A local landowner, he made several generous bequests in his will, including two pence to every household in Reeth and ten shillings towards the building of Grinton bridge.

Philip **SWALE** (died 1687) was for 34 years the well-respected Steward of the Manors of Healaugh and Muker for Lord Wharton. Although resident at Hartforth, near Gilling, he was prominent in both the economic and the religious life of Swaledale after the restoration of Charles II. In partnership with Francis Smithson and Robert and Adam Barker, he invested widely in lead mining ventures; and although a leading Quaker, he escaped prosecution for his religious non-conformity.

Ellen **BARKER** (died 1743), was born in 1659 in Wirksworth, Derbyshire, and was the second wife of Adam Barker. Her career after her husband's death in 1701 demonstrates the significant role widows could occupy in local society. She managed her husband's land in Healaugh and Bishopdale and bought further holdings in Wensleydale. She also employed a gang of twenty women and three men as lead-ore washers and dressers and had a financial interest in the mines at Merryfield and Lownathwaite. Her home in Healaugh was registered as a Quaker meeting house in 1706. Although of limited education, she must have been a woman of substance, because after her husband's death she equipped her eldest daughter Mary with clothes and fabric to the value of £14 and with cash in hand of £2-8s. in order that she could act as companion to Lady Wharton for about a year.

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Swaledale people of the Past Millennium continued.....

Thomas ELLIOTT (died 1787), of Fremington Hall, was one of the Dale's leading 'improvers' during the classic period of the agricultural revolution in the eighteenth century. A substantial farmer by Swaledale standards, he was a vigorous advocate of enclosures, and probably pioneered locally the practice of spreading lime on the fells after they had been cleared. Arthur Young, the famous agricultural writer of the time, called Elliott 'one of the greatest improvers of moors in Yorkshire'.

Edmund Alderson KNOWLES (died 1835) was perhaps the area's most ambitious businessman in the early nineteenth century, and his career is a useful reminder of Swaledale's former industrial importance. Beginning life as a small farmer at Thwaite, he became involved both in mining ventures and in textile manufacture. He and his descendants, who lived in some style at Gorton Lodge in Low Row, employed stocking-knitters at Paradise House and spun yarn on machinery at Haverdale Mill, near Crackpot, until it closed in 1851.

Edward STILLMAN (died 1837) came to Swaledale as a young itinerant preacher and spent the last 48 years of his life as minister of the Independent Chapel at Keld. Along with his successor, James Wilkinson, he was responsible for re-establishing the Congregationalist presence in the Upper Dale and for creating the handsome complex of buildings – chapel, school, and institute - which now make up the Keld Centre.

Richard GARTH of Crackpot (1768-1855) was an ambitious, hard-working and far-sighted member of a leading local family with interests in most areas of social and economic life. His day books reveal a radical approach to farming, education, and politics, whilst also covering his work as a builder, tree-planter and surveyor in association with Anthony Clarkson of Smithy Holme, the well-known map-maker. His son, Francis Garth (1817-1911) became a keen breeder of shorthorn cattle and a leading local politician; whilst his daughter Eleanor (1809-1900), who married the Rev. John Metcalfe of Hawes, was a generous local philanthropist. In the words of Marie Hartley and Joan Ingilby, the Garths 'played a beneficial role in their lifetimes and left an imprint on mid-Swaledale visible o this day in walls, buildings, and trees'.

Sir George DENYS (died 1881) of Draycott Hall, Fremington, inherited extensive mining royalties from his spendthrift father. He became the dominant local entrepreneur in the lead-mining industry during its final phase of prosperity, and was responsible for the famous 'Sir Francis' level (named after his son) in

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Gunnerside Ghyll. As resident 'squire and J.P.', he was also the leading figure in the community's social and political life in the mid-Victorian era.



Richard KEARTON (died 1928) and his brother **Cherry** (died 1940) were born in Thwaite and educated at Muker school. As young men they acquired a deep love and understanding of the natural world through following their father, who combined farming and game-keeping, in his daily work. Offered employment by a London publisher whom they met whilst he was shooting on the Swaledale moors, they went on to become internationally-renowned naturalists. They pioneered wild-life photography through a succession of highly-acclaimed books, lectures, and films, and contributed substantially to the growing popular interest in natural history which has persisted to the present day.

Editors Note ; The editorial team express sincere thanks to Mr & Mrs Barker and Dr Duncan Bythell for their contribution to this MILLENNIUM issue. Perhaps this article has wetted the readers appetite for further, more detailed information on the people listed ? If you would like further articles in greater depth on the folk of the Two Dales please write with your requests and the team will seek help, to endeavour to cover your particular interest in future issues.

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**A Happy & Peaceful
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Parents, relatives and friends of children attending Arkengarthdale Church of England School, greatly enjoyed the end of Christmas term concert. Breaking with tradition the usual nativity was replaced with a 'musical' called 'New Millennium Heroes'. The basic thread of the story being that, drawing on well known biblical and other characters, one didn't have to be a particularly special sort of person to be a hero, in fact it is as in the story of the Good Samaritan, quite easy. The concert expanded with songs relating to hopes and aspirations for the Millennium.

Even though the average age of the children from the school is now very low, the children performed and sang with exceptional confidence and vitality. For the encore, young people, former pupils from the school, joined in to sing together closing songs.

After the concert Stephen Stubbs distributed the handmade Arkengarthdale Millennium mugs, made by Jocelyn Campbell, to all future and current Arkengarthdale children in full-time education from the Dale. A special mug was presented to Cocker John (Hird) for his Aunt Martha (Hird), the oldest resident of the Dale. The evening concluded with mince pies and much needed hot tea being served by the children.

A well attended Carols and Lessons inter-denominational service was held in the Arkengarthdale Methodist Chapel early on Christmas Eve. Again, so thoughtfully put together with considerable confident individual contributions from the children of the area. It is to be hoped that, what are becoming, our Dale traditions are encouraged and continued long into the future.

Remember the Reeth Shop's Quiz in the November issue - here are the answers as supplied by Marjorie Longstaff, Rokeby House, Reeth.

Frank Allinson - Bakers and Confectioners - now The Bottom Shop.

Cecil Halstead - Tailors/Hosiery - now Raisbeck House.

Frank S. Rodger - Radio/Electrical - now Alma House, Alpine Terrace.

John Spence - Newsagent - now Hexam Cottage.

Tom Peacock, Butcher - now end of Alpine Terrace.

The Whitestores - now next to the Low Pump.

John Dunn, Grocer - where the White House café is now.

Robt. Gill, Ironmongers - now to the right of low pump, and now a café.

R.W. Hird, Fish and Chips - opposite to Hilary Terrace.

J.T. Pedley, Clothiers and Haberdashers - now the Veterinary Surgery.

Mark Hillary, Grocers - is now The Cobbles.

Heather Café was next to Mark Hillary's and is now the Gift Shop.

J. Postgate - Photographic Studio, was next door to the Heather Café and is now a private house.

C. Jackson, Drapers and Outfitters - next to the Buck Hotel, and is now a private house.

F.J. Kendal and Son, Butcher - now Reeth Bakery.

Luke Alderson - Grocers - had a shop overlooking the Green, which is now a private house - Far Holm.

Barbara Alderson, Bakery, is now a private house, West View.

A.L. Croft, painters, plumbers and decorators, is now Inglenook a house.

E. Bagshaw, Joiner and Undertakers, in the corner of Anvil Square - now S. Barmingham.

Blenkins, Joiners and Undertakers, now builders, behind the Manse.

W.H. Burton, Electrical Supply had a shop in part of Postgates, but now part of Langhorne House.

J.T. and Lila Ward - the Post Office now Lea Holme (next to the Chapel).

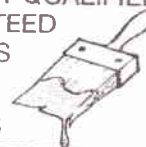
In addition, Robert Gill had a Blacksmiths Shop, now the Graden House Pottery. Miss Murray had a shop next to the Congregational Church, selling corsets, and Mary Hannah Croft sold wallpaper, emery paper etc. in a house across the road from the Manse. Thanks Marjorie.

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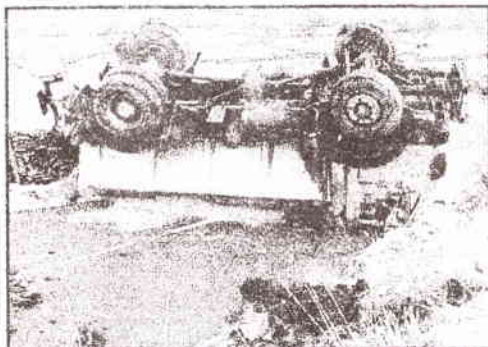
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Muker Diary Snippets

BANTY HILL- Black Ice :- The driver of a County Highways gritter/snowplough, Mr Neil Banks of Hawes, was fortunate to escape with only bruising and shock when his vehicle went away on black ice on Banty Hill, Thwaite, and overturned whilst gritting the notorious approach to the Buttertubs Pass in Upper Swaledale on Bank Holiday Monday morning December 27th.



After being checked over by Ambulance personnel called to the scene, Mr Banks declared himself fit enough to return to duty and was transferred to another vehicle. The incident happened at 9.20am and the road was completely blocked for six hours, until a heavy recovery vehicle could be got to the site from over the Buttertubs top in order to pull the stricken gritter back onto it's wheels and be towed away. It is of great concern to the crews and families that these vehicles are only manned by one person and are out during the night in very dangerous isolated places.

Mr Norman Guy - Muker, wishes to thank everyone most sincerely for all the cards, gifts and good wishes received on his 60th Birthday.

CHRISTMAS PARTY'S:- Muker Play Group and the Village party's were held in the Public Hall. The Hall looked splendid, being brightly decorated with a tree and lights and streamers hanging along the walls. With fun & games, delicious quantities of food and a special visit to both events by Santa who presented gifts for all the children. At the Village party all the children of the parish received a free commemorative Millennium Mug and certificate provided by the Parish Forum Committee.

MILLENNIUM Events:- Fireworks

The Parish Forum Committee purchased fireworks and split them between Keld and Muker ends of the parish. It is planned to set them off at about midnight and welcome in the New Year with a bang. Private Parish Parties are being held at Keld and Muker, so hopefully all the people of the parish will enjoy the start to the New Millennium or Twenty-first Century.

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 plan to invite folk to come along and fetch any old pictures, either of themselves or family or events and enter their details into the programme.

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