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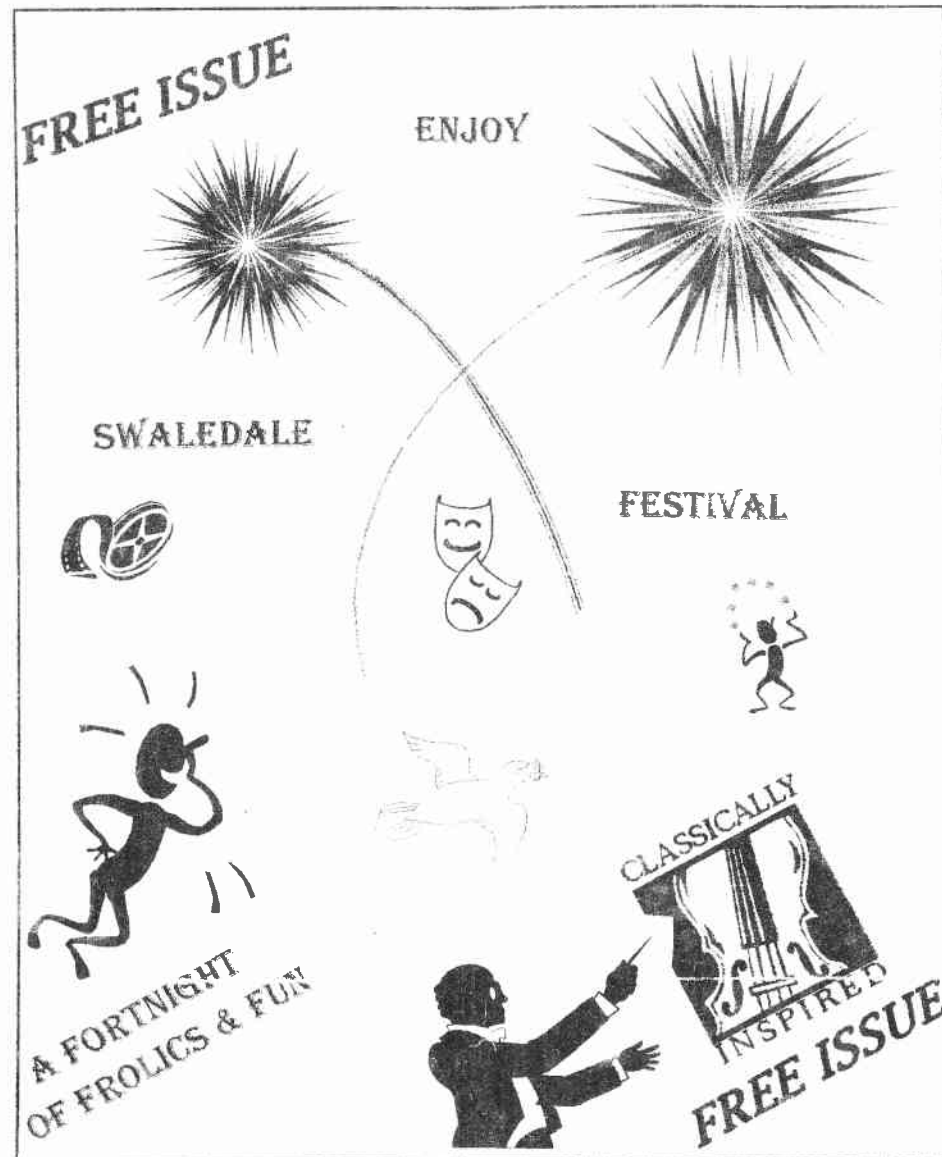
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# CHURCH SERVICES

in ARKENGARTHDALE and SWALEDALE

## 4th June

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

## 18th June

## Trinity Sunday

- 9.00am Keld URC
- 9.15am St Mary's Muker  
*Eucharist Worship 2000*
- 10.30am Reeth Methodist
- 11.00am Holy Trinity Low Row  
*Eucharist Worship 2000*  
Reeth Congregational  
St Edmund's Marske  
*Holy Eucharist*
- 2.30pm Arkengarthdale Methodist
- 6.30pm St Mary's Arkengarthdale  
*Evensong*  
Gunnerside Methodist  
Marske Methodist  
Muker Methodist  
Reeth Congregational



**11th June Whit Sunday**  
**4.30pm Reeth Green**  
**United Songs of Praise**  
**with Reeth Band**  
(bring your garden chairs)

## 11th June Whit Sunday

- 9.30am St Michael's Downholme  
*Holy Eucharist*
- 10.30am Reeth Methodist  
*Swaledale Festival Service*  
Low Row URC  
*Communion*
- 11.00am St Mary's Muker  
*Eucharist Worship 2000*  
Reeth Congregational  
St Edmund's Marske  
*Morning Prayer*
- 11.15am St Mary's Arkengarthdale  
*Holy Communion*
- 6.30pm Reeth Congregational

## 25th June

- 8.00am Holy Trinity Low Row  
*Holy Communion*
- 9.30am St Michael's Downholme  
*Holy Eucharist*  
St Andrew's Grinton  
*Eucharist Worship 2000*
- 10.30am Reeth Methodist  
Low Row URC
- 11.00am Reeth Congregational  
St Edmund's Marske  
*Holy Eucharist*
- 11.15am St Mary's Arkengarthdale  
*Holy Communion*
- 2.00pm Keld Methodist
- 2.30pm Low Row Methodist
- 4.00pm Marrick Priory  
*Compline*
- 6.30pm Gunnerside Methodist  
Marske Methodist  
*Communion*  
Muker Methodist  
Reeth Congregational

## REETH & DISTRICT GAZETTE

Here we are again ! Sorry if we have caught some of you unawares with our slightly earlier publication this month, but we wanted to get this issue out before the Bank Holiday weekend. Thanks for reading again. This issue by the way is our 59<sup>th</sup>, the next one being our sixtieth - that's five years we have been going! Not bad for a small voluntarily run local paper. People must like to read us, at least we assume so by the moans we had when people couldn't get a copy of the last issue, everyone seemed to run out so quickly ! Sorry to our outlets, but we did get out every copy and we have no more left. Anyway, read about our sixtieth issue in a separate article that Mike has done - any reminiscences please send in. But seriously folks, its thanks to you that we can keep going. Do send in articles, letters, comments and ads. We need them. If you want your event commented on, or a write up in the Gazette, let us know, give us an invite and we'll try and be there.

Arrangements are now well under way for the Swaledale Festival - the 20<sup>th</sup> - which starts on Friday ( see separate article). This year there is a live radio broadcast by Radio Cleveland

from Reeth on Friday afternoon, and also the first hour of the opening concert in Grinton Church is being recorded for broadcast at a later date. Some of our local concerts are mentioned in this weeks Radio Times. There seems to be something for everyone, but in particular a lot of local talent will be performing - well worth supporting. One of the attractions this year on the opening weekend is a Floral Trail, were participating churches and chapels in our villages have decorated their entrances with flowers and have opened their doors to visitors (for details see separate article). Take time out and give it a whirl, enjoy the peace and beauty - and as you are travelling up and down our Dales notice the things we often take for granted - the trees now just about in full leaf, listen to the birds, and look at the wild flowers that we often overlook at the roadside and in the woods - the Bluebells and the Forget-Me-Nots. When I see that carpet of blue at this time of year, their beauty never ceases to amaze me, and it also reminds me of what a wonderful place we live in. Have a good Bank Holiday. *Ed. GML*

**DEADLINE FOR 60<sup>TH</sup>. ISSUE**

**SATURDAY JUNE 17<sup>TH</sup>.**

## MARRICK PRIORY OUTDOOR EDUCATIONAL CENTRE

Marrick Priory was established as a residential Outdoor Education Centre in the 1960's and was formally dedicated as such on 30<sup>th</sup>. May, 1970, by the Bishop of Ripon (Dr. John Moorman). Since then it has continued to flourish and develop as a Centre of considerable quality. It offers a wide variety of opportunities and experiences for young people and for adults, in the beautiful setting of our area. The Priory is a Charitable Trust, under its own Board of Trustees and with close associations with the Diocese of Ripon. Getting close to the natural environment, living in a community, sharing in relationships, personal and social development, and quietness and reflection are all key aspects of the educational work of the priory.

Many of the activities are either specifically designed, or can be carefully slanted to enable groups to explore their strengths and weaknesses, how to function together as a team, how to tackle and solve problems, how to motivate each other and how to communicate effectively. Interdependence and trust are key features of the work and this approach to programmes is relevant to older children and young people, college groups, youth clubs, industrial trainees and to certain voluntary organisations. For many young people the Priory gives them their very first experience of being away from home overnight. The Centre is organised in a very efficient and effective manner and has a caring well qualified and experienced staff.

The Priory was originally established in the twelfth century and for quite obvious and practical reasons was built in the shelter of the middle reaches of Swaledale. The notice from Roger de Aske to the Archbishop of York, recording the foundation of the Priory is dated between the years 1154 and 1158. Roger gave the house for nuns following the rule of St. Benedict and with it were given the Parish Church of Marrick. Once established the Priory became the home of several of Roger de Aske's own daughters and indeed most of the nuns were from families of local landowners and merchants.

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### **Marrick Priory : continued..**

On the 17<sup>th</sup>. November 1540, the King's Commissioners evicted Christobel Cowper, Prioress, together with sixteen nuns. (The novel "The Man on a Donkey" written by Hilda Prescott tells the story of Marrick Priory in the days leading to the seizure by the crown and it is believed that the author modelled her fictitious Prioress on Christobel Cowper, who was born in 1495 and was the daughter of a Richmond wool merchant).

The Priory Church, like many of its kind, continued to be used as a place of worship for the parish until the 1960's. Considerable building work has taken place since the Educational Centre was established, including a warden's dwelling, improved dormitories and a fine conversion of the Prioress's house to form a common meeting room. An Appeals Committee, under the Chairmanship of General Sir Charles Huxtable, exists and is currently raising funds for a major building programme to improve the facilities even further.

### **"The Friends of Marrick Priory"**

Individuals and organisations are invited to become "Friends of the Priory" by making a small annual donation and in recent times a good number of our Friends have entered into deeds of covenant with us. Friends are kept informed of developments at the Centre and are invited to visit and to support our fund raising ventures.

The Friends Sub-Committee uses the income raised to buy items of equipment, both educational and domestic and also supports the Bursary Fund. This fund is an important one in that it allows the Warden to subsidise the cost of courses for young people whose families may be suffering social or financial difficulties. In simple terms no child should be excluded from a course at the Centre because his/her family cannot afford the fees. You are invited to consider giving your support to this worthy cause.

Details of courses and visits, or "The Friends", can be obtained from the Warden, Marrick Priory, Richmond, DL11 7LD (Tel.01748 - 884434)

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## **Bill Kitching -**

6<sup>th</sup> November 1915 to 20<sup>th</sup> May 2000

Swaledale lost a well-known and much respected resident last month with the death in May of Mr Bill Kitching, of Reeth.

Bill and his wife Freda came to live in Gunnerside in the 1960's following lifelong connections with Swaledale, where Freda's family has its roots. Through caring for others and involvement in all aspects of village life, the Kitchings quickly became very popular members of the local community. In 1980, they then moved from Gunnerside to Quaker Close in Reeth to enjoy greater convenience of local services, but their love of the upper dale remained undiminished.

Born in Hartlepool, Bill served with the RAF during the war years and was an active member of the Royal British Legion. Bill's generosity, unique sense of humour and pride in his appearance made him a very special gentleman in every sense of the word.

He will be remembered with particular affection in his role behind the bar at the King's Head in Gunnerside in the 1970's, and more recently at The Bridge Inn at Grinton. Bill will be very sadly missed by Freda and all of his family and friends in the dale and beyond.

Paul Hodgson

## **MOBILE LIBRARY VISITS**

### **KELD- THWAITE - MUKER**

#### **Wednesday's - Route 13**

21<sup>st</sup> June  
12<sup>th</sup> July  
2<sup>nd</sup> August  
23<sup>rd</sup> August  
13<sup>th</sup> September  
4<sup>th</sup> October  
25<sup>th</sup> October  
15<sup>th</sup> November  
6<sup>th</sup> December

### **HEALAUGH- GUNNERSIDE**

#### **Thursday's - Route 9**

15<sup>th</sup> June  
6<sup>th</sup> July  
27<sup>th</sup> July  
17<sup>th</sup> August  
7<sup>th</sup> September  
28<sup>th</sup> September  
19<sup>th</sup> October  
9<sup>th</sup> November  
30<sup>th</sup> November  
21<sup>st</sup> December

### **REETH - ARKENGARTHDALE**

#### **Tuesday's - Route 7**

13<sup>th</sup> June  
4<sup>th</sup> July  
25<sup>th</sup> July  
15<sup>th</sup> August  
5<sup>th</sup> September  
26<sup>th</sup> September  
17<sup>th</sup> October  
7<sup>th</sup> November  
28<sup>th</sup> November  
19<sup>th</sup> December

ALL DEADLINES for JULY ISSUE

17<sup>th</sup> JUNE

## **ARKENGARTHDALE C.E. SCHOOL**

The governors and staff of Arkengarthdale C.E. School were delighted with their recent OFSTED report. The report praised the consistently good teaching, which resulted in pupils making good progress and attaining good standards. The report stated that a high level of care and attention is given to children of all ages and that the younger pupils in particular benefited from the high expectations and demands made. It described the personal development of the children as being excellent and said that the older pupils are mature, sensible and self confident and very well equipped to benefit from the next stage in their education.

The Headteacher, Mrs. Pat Bumby, thanked the parents, governors and staff and said that the good report was the outcome of every member of the school team working together for the benefit of the children.

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AT 5 pm & 8 pm  
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HARVEY KEITEL in  
'HOLY SMOKE' (18)

THURS JUNE 15<sup>th</sup>  
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EMMANUELLE BEART &  
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'TIME REGAINED' (18) Subtitles

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Marjorie Hutchinson would like to take the opportunity to thank all friends and neighbours for their good wishes, cards and gifts received during her illness. Many thanks also to Dr. Paul Bond and his wife for all their kindness and help, and to the paramedics for their care.

### Muker's Declaration of Independence Approved 1580

After Aysgarth, Grinton was probably one of the largest parishes in the country, even if much of it was inhabited by sheep rather than by human beings. To add to its problems the parish church of St Andrew was, and is, situated close to the eastern end of the parish, hence the well known Corpse Way down the dale for the final journey of parishioners from all villages and hamlets to the western area of the parish.

It would appear that by 1580 those folk at the western end managed to get their voices heard, with the result that the Bishop of Chester (in which Diocese the parish lay at that time, having been carved out of York in 1541) seems not only to have heard what was being said, but he acted upon it with a degree of independence denied to any modern day bishop. He gave licence that baptisms, marriages and burials should be allowed to take place at Muker, even though all fees were to continue to be paid to the Vicar of Grinton as hitherto.

An interesting memorandum to this effect appears in the Parish burial register for 1674/5. It would appear that the bishop's initiative in this matter did not receive unanimous approval! The memorandum (with original spelling) is set out below:

*"Memorandum that William Chatterton Bishop of Chester upon the third day of August being Wednesday Anno Dom: 1580: came to Muker Chappell and did Allow the Inhabitants there to Baptize, Marry and to Bury and to Minister the Sacraments of the Church according to the prescribed order set downe in the Booke of Common prayer. Provided that the said Inhabitants pay all their Ecclesiastical duties to the Vicar of Grinton of Burialls, Wedings, Churchings as they did before the Grant and to pay all other duties to their said Church. And the said Inhabitants to beare the whole charge of a Minister to serve att Muker.*

This Licence the Bishop granted w<sup>th</sup>out consent of her Majestie who is the Patron<sup>s</sup>, and without consent of their Vicar of Grinton and but during the Bishop's pleasure.

RICHARD WITHYES

I have sene and red this graunt recorded verbatim in the old Register Booke of Grinton: concordat cum originali.

Ita testor FRANCIS ATKINSON vicar "

Francis Atkinson was Vicar of Grinton 1658 - 1673

The charges payable to the Vicar of Grinton obtained until 1750 when the inhabitants of Muker successfully petitioned the Archdeacon of Richmond to resist the claim of the Grinton church. **Very Rev. Paul Burbridge**



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**Coffee Morning held on 1<sup>st</sup> May:** Thanks to all those who  
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**Lambing Thanksgiving:** An enjoyable service was held on 14<sup>th</sup>  
May conducted by lay reader Christine Cowper and the Reverend  
Tim Tunley. Mr. Morris of Swaledale Woollens, kindly loaned the  
Church a wall hanging of a sheep's head and a sheepskin rug to  
decorate the altar.

**Car Boot Sale, Grinton:** The Church will be present again this  
year to try to raise money for Church funds. Contributions for our  
stall will be very welcome. Please contact Margaret Beckwith or  
Norman Guy to arrange collection.

**Ecumenical Sunday School:** The next meeting of the Sunday  
School will be a week earlier than usual. We will be joining Keld for  
their Family Festival on **June 4<sup>th</sup> at Keld United Reform Church  
at 2 pm.** The service will be followed by a picnic, which will be  
held outdoors (or in), depending on the weather. Please  
therefore, bring a picnic with you. All families are welcome and I  
particularly urge you to make an effort to attend and make this a  
truly Ecumenical Sunday School event.

The **July Sunday School will meet on 9<sup>th</sup> July** and it is planned  
to meet at 3.30 pm at Muker Public Hall, instead of 4 pm, and go  
for a Nature Walk led by Dr. David Hill. Again, all are welcome.

**Margaret Beckwith, Church Warden/Sunday School Leader**

### MILLENNIUM CELEBRATIONS - MUKER PARISH

A **Parish Picnic** will be held on Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> July at the site of the  
Millennium Cairn on Banty Hill, Buttertubs. All residents of the Parish are  
invited to attend in the afternoon of 1<sup>st</sup> July from 2 pm - 6pm. At 3 pm a  
time capsule will be placed in the Cairn and sealed for posterity! A plaque  
is being engraved for the front of the Cairn with the words "Muker  
Millennium 2000" and a millstone, carved with compass points, will top the  
Cairn. Muker Silver Band will entertain at intervals throughout the  
afternoon. A 19 seater coach will transport residents to and from Muker to  
Banty Hill as parking is very limited. People are asked to use this  
transport rather than their own vehicles. A walk to the site from Thwaite is  
being organised for the children, and any willing adults; contact Pat  
Coates, Tel. 886314, for details.

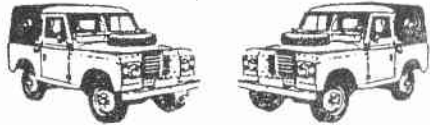
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Margaret Beckwith, Secretary, Muker Parish Community Forum.



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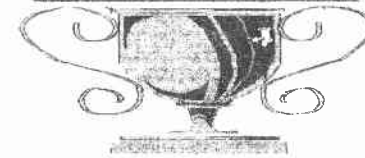
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## CRIME IN THE DALES

In the last year or two the Gazette hasn't published much about the policing of our dales. How are our Daleswatch volunteers getting on, I wonder? I haven't heard of much theft recently either, so the presence of our gallant night watchmen and women must be having some effect.

Mind you, crime in the dales is nothing new. In fact in the past it was sometimes bloody and violent. Talk of thieves coming over the hills from Teeside and Weardale puts me in mind of some stories my father told about the poaching miners from Weardale, who in the 19<sup>th</sup>. Century periodically came marauding at the top of Swaledale. The framers were scared of these ferocious visitors and called them the Weardale Warriors'.

Paul Armstrong, a man of herculean physique, was their leader and the terror of the farmers and gamekeepers alike. The 'warriors' came, led by Armstrong, with guns and dogs and would spend a whole day helping themselves to stock and whatever else they could find. The locals were too frightened to intervene and gave them a wide berth. On one occasion they were observed by old Cherry Kearton, the gamekeeper. He watched them from a distance until nightfall when he saw the gang enter Rakeshaw's cowhouse at Crook Seal farm, on the Kirby Stephen road near Birkdale Tarn.

He hurriedly summoned some local farmers. There was George and Charles Alderson from Hilltop, George at Birtle (Alderson), Neddy Alderson and Harry Tom from Hoggarth's, and another Rakestraw,. They surrounded the cowhouse, armed with guns, and waited till dawn. At daybreak Paul Armstrong was seen at the forking hole and was heard to say to his gang, 'A fair morning men. We must be up and off'. The Swaledalers jumped to their feet and pointing their guns at him attempted to arrest him. He swore to shoot anyone who made a move. A shot was fired. The farmers waited. After a while Armstrong feigned capitulation seeing resistance useless. He then tried to rush the door but Neddy Alderson knocked him on the head with the butt of his gun and finally all were captured. History does not relate what became of them.

Crook Seal seems to have been the scene of an even more violent incident, perhaps because it was so remote. Over 200 years ago Crook seal was tenanted by an old bachelor who always slept with a shot gun in case of robbers in this lonely spot.

One night he did indeed hear someone trying to open his door. Unable to gain access there was

an attempt to get through a window. There being no glass, as it was turfed up over the bars, he was thwarted again. The farmer heard after a few minutes silence a scuffling on the roof, and to his horror saw that the determined robber was removing some of the slates to gain entry. Against the night sky he saw the silhouette of a man and at once discharged his gun at the figure. The intruder slid and crashed to the ground, there was the sound of running footsteps and then silence. In the morning a trail of blood could be followed along the road till it finally became indistinct.

Many years later a peat cutter found a human skeleton nearby on the moor. The old farmer was long since dead himself, but the assumption was that these were the last remains of the robber of Crook Seal. For many years travellers alleged that the building was haunted, and that strange noises could be heard as one passed on a dark night!

*Jocelyn Campbell – Related from Edmund Cooper's "Story of a Yorkshire Parish".*

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### They're At It Again!!

The Feetham Fools, with Accidental Harmony are staging "A Night At The Music Hall". This will take place in "The Palace Of Varities", (Low Row Institute)

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So for a fun filled night with refreshments make a date to come to your own, your very own, Palace of Varities on Monday 29th. Or Tuesday 30th. May You won't be disappointed. Tickets are available £2.50 through the booking agency which is any Swaledale Festival outlet including the National Parks Centre at Reeth. There may be a few for sale on the door, but check first with the booking agency.

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**Muker Silver Band** – The support for our famous band has made the organisers of the Swaledale Festival request the band to do TWO concerts at Muker to give their followers a chance of getting in to the Public Hall to listen to the Band.

Festival Brochures are now available and booking for many events is recommended. The Band will perform in concert on Wednesday 31st May and again on Friday 2nd June, both concerts start at 7.30pm. in the Public Hall.

### Muker Methodist Church

On Spring Bank Holiday Monday May 29<sup>th</sup>. ( Duck Race Day)

A Cake Stall in aid of Church funds will be held in the Schoolroom at 2.30pm.

**VIN GARBUTT- YES in Person** – The Vin Garbutt of world fame.

**YES!** He is to appear at Muker Public Hall on Friday 9th June at 8pm. as part of the Swaledale Festival. Vin is funny, Vin is an accomplished guitarist and whistle player and singer of traditional songs. Vin once seen is never forgotten. For an entertaining night to remember, book for his appearance at Muker, Swaledale.

### Muker Indoor Bowls Club –

The club entertained a Bellerby team last

Thursday week to a return friendly match. Muker just managed to squeeze

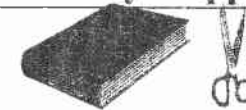
home the winners by one point. The ladies served a tasty Pie and Pea supper, with seconds, the usual folk having a double helping of 'Taylor's delicious Pies'. Mr Malcolm Thompson gave a vote of thanks to Bellerby Team and we look forward to playing them again.

### Computer Course IBT2-

The twenty week course held in the Public Hall has now finished. The students wish to thank Tutor Mrs Jane Clark of Richmond School Community Education Department for her commitment and support which ensured the successful completion of this period of study.

Further course are planned and it is hoped that these will also be at Muker as well as opportunities at other venues within the two dales.

### Muker Diary Snippets



## AFFORDABLE HELICOPTER or FEET ON THE GROUND LOCALS ??

### **Dales Ambulance Options**

The Meeting of the Swaledale Christian Council held on Monday, 8th May at the United Reform Church, Low Row, was addressed by Chief Ambulance Officer Mr. Gary Vale of the Tees East & North Yorkshire Division, based at York, accompanied by Mr. Mike Shanahann, the Divisional Officer for the same Division. Introduced by Professor Gerald Scott, a member of the Christian Council, he explained that at a number of Parish Forums throughout the area, questions had been posed in respect of Safety and in particular, Medical Safety, in the Dales and Upper Dales, following the closure of the Duchess of Kent Hospital at Catterick. It was at the local Swaledale Parish Forum that Mr. Shanahann made an offer to come and address the subject of Medical Safety with respect to ambulances and the response times, and other matters surrounding this issue.

Professor Scott then welcomed Mr. Gary Vale who proceeded to give a very detailed and well thought out resume of the present and proposed response by the ambulance service within the Upper Dales and remote valley areas. The Yorkshire Ambulance Trust is simply a provider of services purchased by the Community Health Council, and the Ambulance Trust has to work within Government guidelines in respect of ambulance response times. The Government looked at the clinical consequences of response times, these are continually reviewed and certainly there is some confusion and concern by the public to these timed responses. Most government guidelines refer to a normal ambulance manned by two ambulance personnel but different criteria apply to a Qualified paramedic on a motor bike. Further the percentages required by the guidelines take into account not just the time taken to arrive at the scene of an accident but the total time to remove a patient to a suitable hospital. Mr. Vale gave details of the various category call outs:-

- (a) life threatening, (b) serious, and (c) miscellaneous, all 999 calls are monitored at Headquarters and the category (a) takes precedence over categories (b) and (c), and therefore a broken leg, even though received first at Control, may be third in the queue when consideration is given by the Control Room staff to calls received at a later time, which are under category (a) life threatening, this sometimes means an ambulance will be diverted to the life threatening call

Mr. Vale further explained that there was presently some government new money to assist in extending the service and consideration had been given to the use of an air ambulance. This proposal had to be considered in the overall scheme as opposed to the purchase of new ambulances and the placing and determination of ambulance stations and personnel; finally it will be a case of obtaining the most suitable and efficient service which will, in the long term, be of most benefit to the community in this Division. A number of options were listed by Mr. Vale, particularly for the Upper Dales, and he firmly placed much emphasis upon public participation and the training of local volunteers who would be able to use the latest emergency equipment. This equipment, including defibrillators, to be based in either local village or church halls, to be called on by the trained volunteers, as required.

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## **AMBULANCE OPTIONS cont..**

The volunteers working on standby rota to be called out to an incident by telephone from ambulance headquarters. The intention being to save lives by trained local personnel with the right equipment reaching the scene many minutes before the full time ambulance. Another problem which causes delay in the remote dales areas is sometimes finding the address or location, and consideration is being given to the purchase of computer software which gives a map reference. Again with local volunteers knowledge of the area this would overcome any element of delay in reaching an incident. Appeals could soon be made to folk with some qualification or interest in these proposals to undertake training locally in readiness to respond to any new scheme or developments. Further consideration is being given to all the listed proposals. Prof. Scott thanked both Mr Gale and Mr Shanahann for attending the meeting and Mr Gale for such a detailed and honest appraisal of the current and proposed situation. PMB.

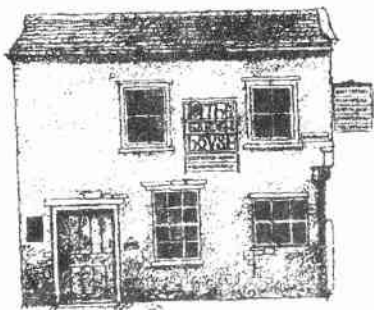
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<b>Churches</b>	<b>Service times on May 28th</b>
St Andrew's, Grinton	9.30 am
Reeth Methodist	10.30 am
Reeth Congregational	11.00 am & 6.30pm
Arkengarthdale Methodist	6.30 pm
St Mary's, Arkengarthdale	11.15 am
Holy Trinity, Low Row	8.00 am
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Church "Whitsuntide Remembered" -  
6:30pm.

The Swale Singers, St. Mary's Church  
Muker at 7:30pm.

**29<sup>th</sup>.** Arkengarthdale Methodist  
Church Spring Bank Holiday fair at  
3:00 pm.

At 7:30 pm An Evening at the Music  
Hall with the Feetham Fools

And at 3:00 pm Slide Show at  
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**30<sup>th</sup>** An evening at the Music Hall  
with the Feetham Fools - Low Row  
Institute. At 7:30pm.

**31<sup>st</sup>** Muker Band Concert in Muker  
Village Hall - 7:30pm.

#### JUNE:

**2<sup>nd</sup>.** Muker Band Concert in Village  
Hall, Muker

**3<sup>rd</sup>.** Arkengarthdale Sports  
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The Carol Andrew Singers in St.  
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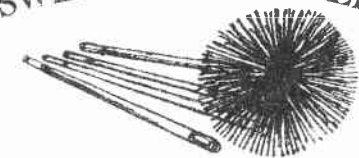
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A Letter from the Editorial Team to all :-

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We are pleased to remind you that the JULY issue of the "Gazette"  
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essential notes and as Peter Brant the founding Editor was quoted as  
saying "... and Much.. Much.. More". We invite special memories  
and particularly welcome articles for inclusion in this JULY Special  
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## **TWENTY YEARS SERVICE**

On Thursday 25<sup>th</sup>. May Mrs Eileen Barningham is giving up the Post Office in Helaugh. Mrs. Barningham has given loyal service to that small community for twenty years (She must have started young!). On behalf of the community we would like to thank Eileen for her years of service, and wish her good luck in her new post at the National Parks Centre, Reeth.

### **When The Chips Are Down You Can Rely On Ramsay's**

Within the last six months we have seen a decline in the facilities offered throughout the Dales. On e business on the move is certainly not leaving its customers behind. After almost 20 years of trading in Reeth Mr. And Mrs. Ramsay of Ramsay's Fish and Chips have announced they are here to stay. Plus they have made their mark by redesigning their well known chip van. With dolphins as the key theme throughout, the van also hosts the new corporate logo designed by their daughter Lindsey. Yorkshire born and bred, Mr. Ramsay has a certain bond with his customers.

"Some of my customers couldn't see over the van window when we first started, although they don't have that problem now, their children do! Our customers are loyal to us and we feel we are to them, it works both ways. The van has been around a long time now, it needs some identity about it. People know who we re but we have no specific logo or theme to the business. With so much changing around us we have to keep up, its time to show we mean business."

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## **LETTERS**

### **Overheard Update :**

" My opinion is the Dale is dying. Complete strangers are coming in and buying properties, doing them up and then selling at a fat profit after just a few short years. They contribute nothing to the Dale; most of them are at, or near retirement age so don't bring children with them. Aye the Dale is dying". So a 'local' was heard to say recently and many more 'locals' will no doubt nod their heads in agreement. Certainly the Dale is changing. Just as it has always done, for example when the lead mining industry collapsed. However, in those days people did not sit back, they turned to farming and building work to earn a living.

Currently there are many options open to people, provided they are willing and able to work and use the natural beauty and resources of the Dale. For example, cheese and cream production in Wensleydale; breweries in other dales; open farms for school visits and families could be expanded. Some farmers have opened restaurants and dales people have for centuries produced knitwear. 'Incomers' have introduced other skills and arts and crafts. The list of products which could be yielded locally is almost endless and the number of outsiders who know and love the Dale means that there is a market out there. Many 'incomers' have started a business or work from home. Even a small bed and breakfast establishment attracts visitors who spend money locally.

Most 'incomers' do not sit back. They take part in social activities which they or their fellow 'incomers' have organised. Without these a large part of village life would die. One example is the luncheon clubs for senior citizens, started and successfully run for five years now by 'incomers'. There are numerous examples of people who have launched a project or activity, for the good of the community.

Naye lad - the dale isn't dying. It's only if people do nothing that this would happen. Frame yersen.

A.D.Mahoney, Heugh Farm, Gunnerside.

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Healaugh	0738	0938	1338	1623	1807	2307	1338	0758		1208		1606
Low Row	0745	0945	1345	1631	1815	2315	1345	0805		1215		1615
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Muker Farmer's Arms		1006	1406				1406	0826		1236		1636
Thwaite		1010	1410				1410	0830		1240		1640
<b>KELD</b> Tan Hill Rd. End		1019	1419				1419	0839		1249		1649

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Muker Farmer's Arms	1038	1438					1038	0853		1303		1703
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