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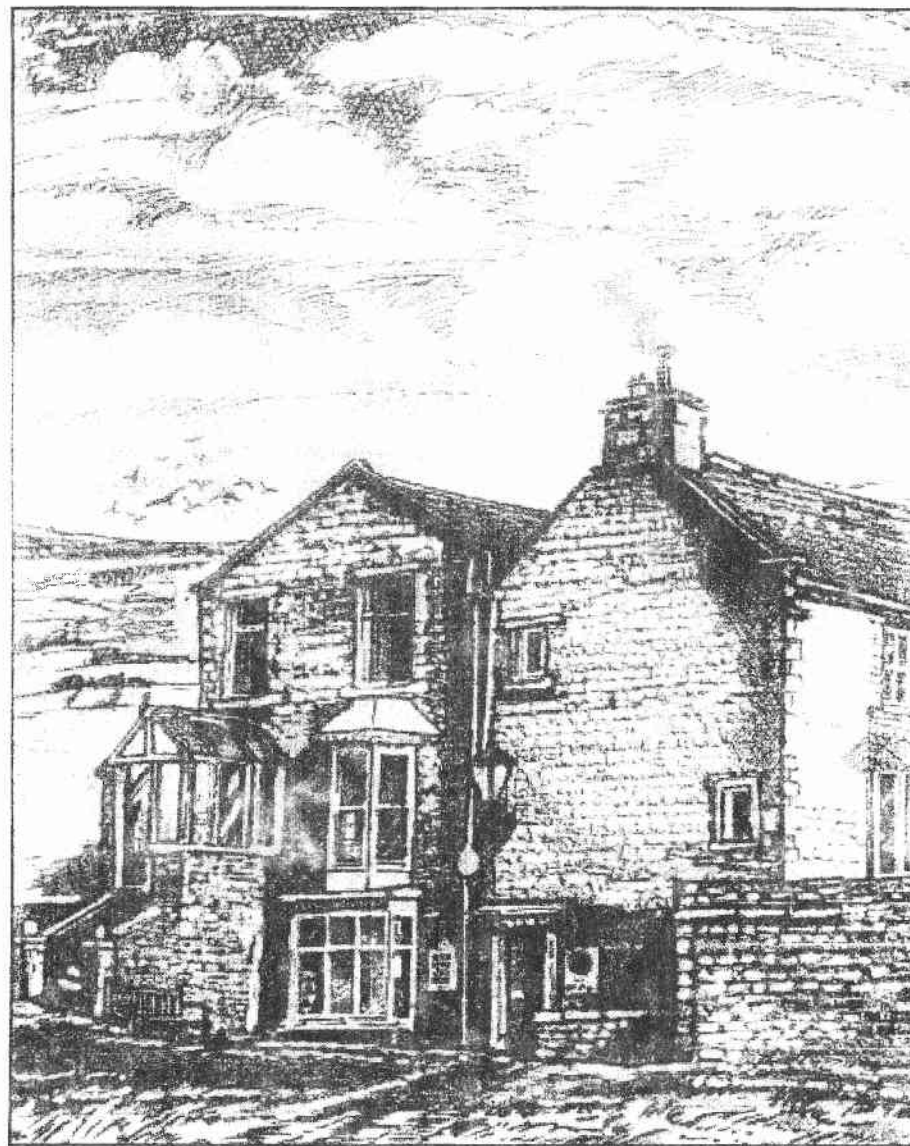
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CHURCH SERVICES

in ARKENGARTHDALE and SWALEDALE

14th May

- 9.30am St Andrew's Grinton
Eucharist Worship 2000
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 BCP
- 2.00pm Keld Methodist
- 2.30pm Low Row Methodist
- 4.00pm St Mary's Muker
Lambing Thanksgiving Service
- 6.30pm Gunnerside Methodist
Marske Methodist
Reeth Congregational

21st May

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



28th May

- 8.00am Holy Trinity Low Row
Holy Communion BCP
- 9.00am Keld URC
- 9.30am St Andrew's Grinton
Eucharist Worship 2000
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Holy Eucharist Rite B
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Holy Communion BCP
- 6.00pm Holy Trinity Low Row
Evensong
- 6.30pm Arkengarthdale Methodist
Spring Festival
Reeth Congregational

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
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REETH & DISTRICT GAZETTE

Two shut and Two open !

This last month saw the end of two more shops in our community, and the opening of two! The Village Store at Gunnerside has closed, as has 'Stubbs Shop' in Langthwaite, But we do welcome the opening of two new shops in Reeth - The Village Store and The Corner Shop. We wish both concerns well in their endeavours to make a success of their businesses and hope that our community will help both businesses by supporting them. We also congratulate Suzann and Guy on their forthcoming marriage, and welcome them into our community. We have said before - use our local facilities or risk losing them.

We are fast approaching the season when we welcome visitors to our Dales. They will come and stay and through their visit, which we hope they will enjoy, they will add something to our economy. Living with visitors is not always easy, but it is necessary. There are many homes in the Dale which benefit through visitors, and as such we all benefit. We would all be the 'poorer' without their support, whether it is daytrippers, weekenders or people staying for a week at a time, because throughout the year we all rely on the amenities that we hope they will

support. Before our next issue is published, we will have seen most of the Swaledale Festival - started 20 years ago. There is something in this years Festival for everyone, and again we hope that its attractions draw people into our Dale. There are certainly some good concerts planned. If you have not already done so, do have a look at the brochure, and see what attracts you. Remember support of a concert in the Dale, at the very least helps support the venue, plus gives untold support to the people involved, many of whom have worked extremely hard to give their audiences a "good show". Talking of support, we thank you for your support and patience to the Gazette. We hope to publish for the first week of June. DO pass things on to us for publication, and please try and keep to the deadline, which this month is FRIDAY MAY 26th. Also, by way of support, if you decide to use someone whose advert you saw in the Gazette - tell them please ! It does help. We rely on advertising fees in order to publish this voluntary FREE community paper. Thanks to everyone who has contributed this month. We have not been able to get everything in this issue, but we have it on file and will use it as soon as we can. Don't forget, enjoy the Swaledale Festival, be patient with our visitors, and encourage support of our local shops and businesses.

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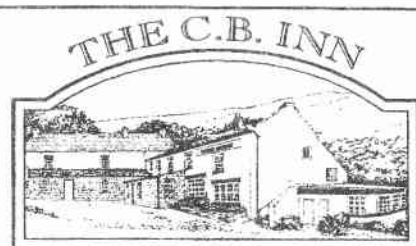
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A Sunday Afternoon Concert

Easter Sunday afternoon saw the traditional Muker Silver Band Concert given outside in Muker. A large audience attended the concert which was in aid of the HIP Ward at Northallerton Hospital. It was a lovely afternoon, and the fine music from the band seemed to gently drift around the valley. The concert started with a Quick march called Shunner Fell which was followed by A Salzburg impression and a then a cornet solo - Solitaire - with the unmistakable 'silvery' sound of Norman Guy on Principal Cornet. We then heard some good old fashioned 'Oompah Music', a lively piece called Musket, Fife and Drum and then an excellent rendition of the well known Lord Of The Dance. Light as Air (based on Bach's Air On A G String) came next and then we heard a lovely Flugel Solo - Lady In Red (although the lady in fact was wearing the green uniform of the band which seemed in itself to be so soothing in this peaceful area). The first half finished with the march Kennilworth. The second half of the concert was just as good, starting with the M.S.B. March specially commissioned for the band. This resounded around the area. The tone changed with a well played, euphonium solo 'O Solo Mio' excellently timed so that at the point in the piece (if you know the words) which equate to the words in the song 'It's Now Or Never' the Church Clock struck four - well in tempo, and the soloist Peter Guy didn't bat an eye! We then heard The Eternal Flame, Love Changes Everything, and the wonderful lively cornet

feature '12th. Street Rag'. This had excellent contrasts by the soloists Norman, Philip and Andrew Guy and Susan Calvert. One Moment In Time followed and then we heard 'Bells Across The Meadows' (no it wasn't the Church again, but a rendition of Ketelby's famous song). The concert then finished with that favourite encore piece, which was well received by an enthusiastic and supportive audience, (with rhythm well kept by an enthusiastic and supportive young drummer!) Hootenany. A wonderful way to spend a slightly grey Easter afternoon, in the shadow of the Church, with its clock showing time, yet the feeling was timeless.

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Dales Ladies

In spite of the atrocious weather, there was a good attendance at the April meeting to hear Jean Mowbray talk about Avon cosmetics and their link with "Breakthrough" breast cancer support, for which £61 was raised by the event. This was helped by support from the Memorial Hall Millennium Committee meeting in the adjoining room, who bought raffle tickets and gave donations for refreshments.

Melbecks Society

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At the Richmondshire Senior Forums last meeting, which was held on 13th April, Health, Transport, Post Offices and leisure /social activities were the main topics of discussion. Many good ideas came about during the meeting which we are now endeavouring to tackle in the near future.

We still need representation from people who are over 60 and live within the Richmondshire Area, so please call the number above and volunteer to be a 'voice for older people'. Your experience would be very much appreciated and your reward – satisfaction. You will have heard the saying 'If you want anything done – Do it yourself', well this can be your opportunity to make a difference.

Many thanks

Diane Jex (Development Worker)

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The Two Dales Partnership held their second meeting at the Punch Bowl Inn, Low Row, on Tuesday 2nd May. Thanks to the hard work done by their co-chairman Liz Smith and Stuart May, since the first meeting, the group is now well placed to undertake the next phase of the initiative, that of information gathering. The purpose of the partnership is to identify areas of real need in Swaledale and Arkengarthdale through a thorough investigation of the present economy. Projects which it is hoped will meet their needs and which will enhance and sustain the existing economy, as well as to provide a better environment for future initiatives which will then be submitted for Objective 2 funding. Members of the Partnership are drawn from all walks of life in the dales and are well supported by Richmondshire District Council. Local Parish Councils and other local groups. The next meeting, to discuss and collate findings, will be held on Thursday, 8th June at 7:30pm in the Punch Bowl Inn, Low Row. All residents of Swaledale and Arkengarthdale are welcome to help or submit comments or ideas to members of the group. Representations from the farming community would be particularly welcome. Contact Liz Smith on 01748 - 884655, Stuart May on 01748 - 884040, Val Stark on 01748 - 886220 or David Trusson on 01748 - 884474.

Jane Davies - 2DP Press Officer

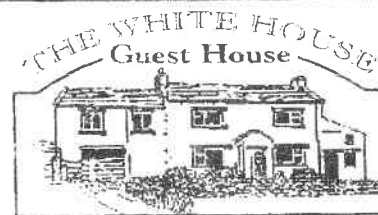
Swaledale Outdoor Club

Swale Charity Paddle

No doubt people will have noticed the canoes and kayaks around over the weekend of 25th/ 26th March, both on the river and on car roofs. Despite the apparent numbers, the turn out was lower than normal, largely as a result of the lower water level. Had it rained on the Thursday before, it may well have not been possible to run the event, but over the weekend around 150 people canoed down to Richmond from Grinton Bridge.

Paddlers from all over the region come to the event, with clubs from Lancashire, Lincolnshire, West and South Yorkshire bringing small groups. This year there were even two paddlers from Canada who combined the trip with a holiday in the area... They were very tired. Inevitably an event such as this causes inconvenience and disruption, but efforts are made to keep this to a minimum, and we appreciate the tolerance shown to the running of the weekend. The paddle should raise in total this year about £700, which will be split equally between our chosen charities, who this year are Swaledale Fell Rescue Organisation, The Samaritans and Northdale Horticulture.

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Its all change in Swaledale - even the lambs have been taken off to their summer pastures. The bottom shop in Reeth has re-opened and the extension shop to the Post Office is also open for business. All we need now is for Gunnerside shop to be sold and become viable again.

A number of houses seem to have been sold and others are planning moves. Its definitely all change, and exciting but sad to see friends departing, but perhaps new ones coming.

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FEETHAM FOOLS

They are at it again ! This time as part of the Swaledale Festival, the Feetham Fools have put together a show entitled - A Tribute To The Music Hall. The performances are on Monday 29th and Tuesday 30th of May. They will be held in Low Row's Palace of Varieties (the Institute!) and will start at 7:30pm. Tickets as usual for this groups performances will be at a premium. So book early. Tickets are being sold through the Swaledale Festival, and can be bought from the National Park Centre at Reeth. Spare tickets will be available at the door, but check availability first.

THANKS

Ella would like to thank all her friends and customers who have supported her in the village shop over the years. *Ed. Note* Thanks to you Ella for all your service to the community. Take things a little easier now!

CHOIR CONCERT

There will be a concert given by the Wheatcroft Choir from Scarborough, and the Swaledale parish Choir on Saturday 13th May. This will be held in St. Mary's Church Arkengarthdale. The concert will commence at 7:30 pm and the cost is £2:50. Pay at the door. All proceeds are for the Arkengarthdale Methodist Church, and St. Mary's Church Arkengarthdale.

LOCAL CONCERTS

During the Swaledale Festival, there will be performances by local groups. Reeth Band are giving the opening concert in St. Andrews Church, Grinton on Friday 26th May. Muker Silver Band are giving two performances in Muker (Wed. 31st May and Fr. 2nd June), The Swale Singers are giving a Concert on Sunday 28th May in Muker Church. These concerts will as usual be very popular, so early booking is advised. The Swaledale Parish Choir are singing at the Festival Service in Reeth Methodist Church on Sunday 11th June.

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THE DEMISE OF THE LEAD INDUSTRY IN SWALEDALE AND ARKENGARTHDALE

By Lawrence Barker

A century has passed since the closure of the lead mines in Swaledale and most of Arkengarthdale, of which only those at Fagge Gill continued working until about 1912. This anniversary marked at least 900 years of mineral exploitation in the two dales.

The Norman Conquest and the spread of monasticism, increased the demand for lead, particularly for the roofing of castles and abbeys. The Romans had used the same metal almost a thousand years previously. However, the evidence for the existence of Roman lead mining locally is poor; the 'pigs' at Hurst and Haverdale have never come to light.

Documentary sources for the history of lead mining only survive from the twelfth century. Tithes of lead are recorded as having been paid to both Bridlington Priory, who owned Grinton and Harkerside, and also to Marrick Priory, who had an interest on Copperthwaite Moor and elsewhere locally in both the twelfth and thirteenth centuries.

Later in the early fourteenth century, merchant miners are recorded as selling lead in Richmond market. It is also known from Elizabeth Berry's recent book on sixteenth century wills and inventories, that several men were dealing in, and smelting lead by bale furnaces in various parts of both valleys. Over seventy bale smelting sites have been identified in the last 25 years, of which one has been radio carbon dated at 1460 +/- 10.

This situation of relatively small scale mining continued with local men having 'rights' of minery, i.e. the right to dig for lead ore on the 'wastes and commons' subject to certain controls by the lord of the manor. These meant that the area to be mined had to be registered with the lord's agent and also that a royalty would have to be paid to the lord in the case of Healaugh and Muker manors, and to the crown in the case of Grinton manor; this was negotiable but was usually one tenth or one twelfth.

After the dissolution of the monasteries, there were several protracted disputes in Grinton manor which resulted in the Crown retaining the mineral rights and the current lord, the manorial rights. After three hundred and forty years the mineral rights were finally bought; in 1877 by Col. Charlesworth. In 1888 a new company 'The Grinton Mining and Smelting Co. Ltd.' was formed. Unfortunately, less than one hundred tons of ore was smelted and the mines and smelting mill finally closed in 1895 after 700 years of digging in Grinton, Harkerside and Whitaside.

In Healaugh and Muker manors, there were also several disputes over Boundaries. The most notable of these was 'The Beldi Hill Dispute', during the period 1768-72, between the mineral rights owner of the 'wastes and commons', Lord Pomfret and Thomas Smith, the estate owner and therefore lord of the manors. He had bought the manors from the Duke of Wharton's Trustees in 1738 for about £8,500. In 1721 Wharton had got into debt and had his lands confiscated. In 1731 he was attainted for high treason. Smith won the dispute at law and was able to mine at Beldi Hill Outpasture 'without further disturbance' from the militant employees of Pomfret and his lessees.

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Demise of the Lead Industry cont.:-

There were several other disputes over mineral rights, particularly since the seventeenth century. A notable one was between Philip 4th Lord Wharton and John Bathhurst in the mid 1670's over the boundary of the Swaledale and Arkengarthdale estates at Wet Shaw (later Surrender mines), a particularly rich mining area. The initial case was found in Bathhurst's favour. A recurrence of the dispute took place in 1699, the result of which, after several more years, was finally resolved in Thomas, the 5th Lord Wharton's favour.

From the second half of the seventeenth century, the lead mining fields in both dales developed on a scale hitherto unknown. This was largely due to the direct input of capital by Philip Lord Wharton, his agent Philip Swale, Francis Smithson and Robert and Adam Barker from Derbyshire in the Old Gang mines, and by the Bathhurst family in Arkengarthdale (later to be known as the C.B. mines).

The capital generated by the wealthy land-owners allowed for the sinking of deeper shafts, extending hushes and the driving of drainage levels, which enabled mining in the lower strata. As a consequence both the population and their villages grew considerably. The driving of horse levels and the sinking of even deeper shafts in the last quarter of the eighteenth century meant that lead mining as an industry far outstripped agriculture as a major employer in the dales.

The mines continued to thrive throughout the Napoleonic wars with the population peaking in 1821 to in excess of 7,000 west of Richmond. However, after the end of the wars, from the 1820's to the mid 1830's, lead production decreased markedly. A series of poor harvests, coupled with sheep scab and foot and mouth disease in cattle, created a national depression, which drastically affected lead prices. Many families left the dales, mainly to America, and parish relief was stretched to its limits. By the 1850's however, lead production had picked up considerably. The earlier population peak of 7,000 was not quite reached but there was practically full employment in the mines, and productivity continued to rise until the mid 1870's.

There were approximately 2,000 people involved in the industry in 1851; these comprised 1,200 men and boys mining underground, boys and women involved in washing and dressing the ore, smelters, blacksmiths, jaggermen, carriers and 'dead men', i.e. men undertaking non-productive work such as driving levels and sinking shafts. There were also the various managers and agents buying lead and selling timber, dynamite, candles, tools etc. all creating a dales heaving with activity. There was, of course, a 'down side' associated with lead mining; that of poor health. The Royal Commission report of Lord Kinnaid in 1864 showed that the average age of death of males over the age of 10 was 46.7 years, compared with other occupations, where the average age was about 60 years. An exceptionally good wage for a miner at this time could be 17 shillings per week, a 'dead man' could expect about 15 shillings, a boy under fourteen 1 penny per day, and a woman 1 shilling per week. There were bad times when the miner could be in debt to the company as he had to buy his own candles, dynamite and have his tools sharpened by the company or village smithy.

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Demise of the Lead Industry cont.:-

However, by 1880 a decline had set-in in the local mines. The veins were becoming exhausted and foreign competition, particularly from U.S.A. and Spain, meant lead could be imported more cheaply.

The population of Reeth had dropped from 1,299 in 1861 to 998, and in 1891 to 667. By 1901 an all time low of 570 indicated an industry on it's knees. Shops and pubs had to close and emigration to the West Yorkshire woollen mills and the Lancashire cotton mills left large gaps in the community. The population of the two dales had dropped from 7,000 in 1821 to about 1,500 by the turn of the century.

Along with the exodus of the miners and their families, the wealthier investors such as Fryers of Paradise, Parkes and Knowles of Gorton Lodge, Robinsons of Hill House, and Sir George Denys's family had also moved away. Sir Francis, the last of the owners, taking little or no interest in what to him was a dead, or at least dying, industry.

A few attempts were made to reinvigorate the mines but these efforts failed through lack of capital and lead ore. Thus died an industry which had survived for about 900 years, leaving behind on the landscape the scars of the endeavours of dalesmen over almost a millennium.

March 2000

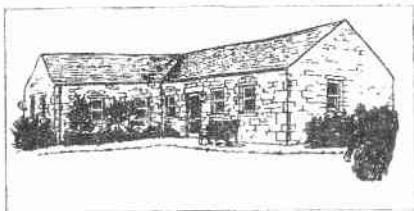
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The 'Gazette welcomes and indeed encourages the submission of manuscripts and articles of historic or general interest about Swaledale & Arkengarthdale past or present. Do not worry that the article may be written in longhand, we shall retype and set and forward to you to check prior to possible publication.

All articles, poems, work by children, church or group reports, charitable events, items on people of note or interest, visits, and all manner of things, please send to the Editorial Panel for consideration. This is your Community Magazine. pmb



It's a Doc's Life

A column with a medical slant

Waiting times

To see some of the Consultants at the local hospital you would have to wait anything up to a year. To see the GP in Reeth you do not have to wait at all. Except you do. Some days when it is busy the wait can be quite long, over half an hour sometimes. I have even had patients fall asleep in the waiting room. This amazes me as the din in the waiting room is sometimes so loud I cannot make myself heard.

When we moved to the new surgery I did a small survey of patients to see if there was a general feeling that we should have an appointments system. The majority said that they did not want one so we kept the non-appointment system. The advantage of it is that you can see the doctor any time you want to. The disadvantage is that there is no way to control demand; some mornings it can be quiet and other days it can be standing room only in the waiting room.

Strangely enough the surgeries tend to finish at roughly the same time regardless. This is because you all realise it is busy and say "Doc, it is

busy today so I will be brief" because you know there are people behind you who are waiting. Conversely when it is quiet you tend to be more relaxed and stay and chat.

I have been against appointments systems for several reasons. Firstly they tend to be a barrier between the doctor and patient, secondly the patient is always clock watching and if surgery runs late, (as it always will), they get cross if they are behind their appointed time. Thirdly it generates a lot more work for the staff dealing with calls and making appointments.

So how do you avoid the wait? Well it is a strange phenomenon that at quarter to ten the surgery can be empty and at 1 minute to ten it can be full. The quietest times are about 9.00-9.30 though this is not a hard and fast rule.

One situation, which is unavoidable, is when I get an emergency call in the middle of the surgery and have to go out. There is only one doctor and he cannot be in two places at once so I have to leave the patients in the waiting room and deal with the more urgent case.

In the near future I am thinking about doing a patient satisfaction survey in which a selection of patients chosen at random are asked their opinion about the service we offer so maybe you will get a chance to have your say, and if necessary, change the system. In the mean time any suggestions should be written on a £10 note and sent to:

Dr. Paul Bond

CORNER SHOP OPENING

Martin and Jenny are pleased to say that the extension to the Post Office will be open as a grocery store on Thursday 11th. May. As there is already a 'Bottom Shop', a 'Top Shop' and a 'Middle House', we thought that since the shop is on a corner that 'The Corner Shop' seemed a good name. 'The Last Outpost' came a close second! We hope to provide all the basics in tinned, dried and frozen goods as well as a range of chilled foods and meats from the local butcher. The 'Today' group who are part of the NISA group are our suppliers so quality and prices will be good. Murrays the bakers are supplying bread so feel free to place your orders. Everyone knows we are new to this game, and we expect to make mistakes. Please be patient and do ask if we don't have what you want. We will try and get it for you if at all possible. Our opening hours to start with will be Monday to Thursday 9:00 am to 5:30pm, Friday and Saturday 9:00am to 7:30pm and Sunday 10:00am to 4:00pm. These hours may change in the winter (If we survive that long!) we have had many compliments on the extension and we hope that the shop lives up to its expectations. The Post Office will continue as normal (what's normal? We hear you cry!) with sales of stationary, cards and books as well as photocopying, faxing and laminating. Books can still be ordered and book tokens are available. We are now offering personal banking services to Barclays' customers and they can cash cheques to the value of their bankers card every day of the week, pay cash in over the counter and

deposit cheques over the counter in special envelopes. Just ask and all will be revealed.! It is quite easy really. Lloyds TSB, Co-operative and Alliance and Leicester Girobank customers already have these services with us. With all these changes we shall certainly be

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Nobody has contacted me about their ad so apart from the new ones out they have come!

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'Market Place' ads may be paid for and left at the Reeth Post Office. The cost of a 'Market Place' ad is only 75p per issue for up to 20 words. For longer 'Market Place' ads (+20 words) round the cost up ie 40 words = £1.50p

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The Beach (15)
18th 5 & 8pm
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19th - 20th 5 & 8pm
Angela's Ashes (15)
25th - 27th 5 & 8pm
The Talented Mr Ripley (15)
1st - 3rd JUNE 5 & 8pm
The Cider House Rules (12)
8th - 9th 5:30pm ONLY
10th 3 & 5:30pm
The Miracle Maker (U)
8th - 10th 8pm ONLY
Love's Labours Lost (PG)

May's Mobile Library Visits

Route 3 - Hudswell, Grinton,
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Wednesday 17th & 7th June
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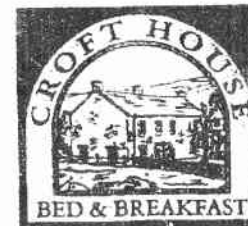
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LETTERS

Sir, I read the March issue with interest and especially the "Past Memories" from Fremont Hutchinson. He referred to Fothergill's Drapery Shop next to the Temperance Hotel. This shop belonged to my Gt. Grandfather, John Fothergill And his wife Catherine (nee Blenkiron). Their Youngest daughter was my grandmother Gertrude Budden, who lived at "Sunnybrow", Reeth until her death on 28th. April 1966. I spent the 'war years' with my grand-parents and Mother Lucy Storey in Reeth. I enclose a family snap of Grandmother, friends/ cousins on the seat in front of the 'Black Bull' during the war I think. Mrs Maggie Hawkesley(nee Littlefair b 1861) is Second from the left. The others could have lived in Silver Street, maybe some of your readers have further information?

Note: Barclays Bank building in the background.

Margaret Storey (nee Storey)



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Swaledale river makes me feel as if I just want to jump in, it sparkles and twinkles in the sunlight.

Skimming in Swaledale river is so much fun, you just want to do it over and over again.

The waterfalls are fabulous and sparkle they give me a superb feeling.

Walking along the big, small and sharp stones feels quite strange. I like the flowers in the meadows and the birds singing in the trees.

I guess I just love Swaledale.
Samantha Cooper, age 11,
Lincolnshire.

Mr. Marmaduke Clarkson MRCVS

In 1891 Mr. Clarkson established A practice at Reeth and continued until 1907, when he accepted an offer of the local agency of Barclays Bank. This position he held for seven years. It would be interesting to know who followed him and how many managers there have been at Barclays' Bank since then.

Margaret Longstaff

Can anyone help? Please let the Ed. know and we shall pass on the information

REETH SPORTS DAY 28TH. AUGUST 2000

The AGM of the Reeth Sports Committee will be held on Tuesday 6th. June at Watson House, Arkengarthdale Road at 7:45 pm. Among the items on the agenda will be a discussion of ideas for new games and sports to be included this year. New members are very welcome. For details, please contact :-

Ian Matthews, Chairman -- 884625, or

Julie Bissicks, Acting Secretary -- 884912, or members of the committee.

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Muker Methodist Church

On Spring Bank Holiday Monday May 29th. (Duck Race Day)

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

The Parish Band

Take a doctor, a solicitor, a student nurse, a gardener and four teachers and you have Swaledale's most recent singing and recording group. The 'Parish Band' have just completed a CD of English Hymns especially for Yorkshire Cancer Research including favourites such as Lead Kindly Light, I Heard The Voice Of Jesus Say, The Day Thou Gavest Lord Is Ended and the title hymn -- Father Lead Me Day By Day.

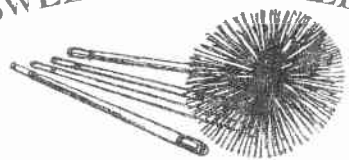
The cover photograph features a detail from a stained glass window in the north wall of St. Andrew's Church, Grinton. There are twelve hymns on the recording and it will be on sale nationally -- but of course you can buy it at the Reeth Post Office.

Rod Hall

Announcement

Suzann and Guy are pleased to announce the re-opening of the Reeth Village Shop on 11th. May. We look forward to welcoming customers both old and new to our newly re-furbished store. The shop hopes to provide all your requirements from nappies to fresh fruit and vegetables, bread, milk and meat. If you have any suggestions on things the shop should stock, please call in and let us know. We look forward to seeing you. and hope for your support.

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Muker Diary Snippets

The ALDERSON Family History Society will again meet for a one day gathering in Muker Public Hall on Saturday 9th. September. The Society have been regular visitors for quite a number of years. Many Alderson's, friends and relatives and others with family connections, some from abroad, book B & B or Guest House accommodation to stay in the area for the week or fortnight so they can take in and enjoy the Annual Muker Show Day on the previous Wednesday(6th) and even Reeth Show the Wednesday of the previous week.

MUKER LADIES GUILD -

Over £226 was raised by the Ladies at their 'Coffee Morning' held on Easter Monday in the Chapel School Room at Muker. This was a marvellous total which enabled donations of £72 each to be made to the following Muker Methodist Chapel, Muker St Mary's Church and The Keld United Reform Church. The Guild thank all who supported this gathering by baking, giving and helping on the day.

MUKER ANNUAL DUCK RACE -

The 'Famous' duck race, the 6th. takes place on Bank Holiday Monday May 29th. The Ducks will be released from Ducking Dub Bridge at 3pm. This duck race

usually has 1000 competitors and what a most unusual sight it is to see so many ducks floating down Straw Beck. Tickets on sale at The Farmers Arms and all village outlets. **Please note Guns and Dogs not allowed on or near the course.** Applications for handicaps will not be considered whatever the reason. Proceeds from the event are to be donated to local charities.

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.

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.

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Children's Football

Our football teams have been in action twice recently. On 26th March we played Bellerby in the League away. Two evenly matched teams resulted in a close game on a fine sunny day. We won 2-1 with Chris Westgarth and David Addison the scorers. David Addison was man of the match for his scoring in the half and excellent defence of goal in the other.

The 5th of April saw us in action against Eskrigg at home with a B team League match and an A team friendly as we do not have a A team entered in the League. Both matches were close and exciting though the first could have been marred by some slight dissension. A 1-1 draw was a fair result.

The second game saw us fielding half our B team again and they put up a good performance only to lose 1-3. Chris Westgarth was again scorer in both games and was awarded man of the match. Mention should however be made also of Shaun Miller who showed much improvement and 8 year old Matthew Cantell who has recently joined our team and shows much promise for the future. Finally James Birks was voted man of the match in one of the international matches played in Milan for Richmond School

David Williams

DALES CRICKET CLUB

This year Dales Cricket Club will be running a second team with the aim of providing games of cricket for the enthusiast and an environment where younger players can be encouraged and developed. If you feel you may be interested in playing or helping please contact either J.E.D. Collins on 01833 621305 or Tan Hutchinson on 01748 884370. Practice nights will be on Tuesdays from the 9th of May with the first game on Sunday the 28th of May.

Diary Dates

MAY:

13th. – Choir Concert in aid of Arkengarthdale Church and Chapel funds. 8.30pm in St. Mary's Church Arkengarthdale.

15th at 8:00pm a slide show in Fremington Sunday School.

20th. Millennium Fair at Reeth Co, Prim. School 1-4.00pm

22nd at 2:00 pm Reeth Congregational Church Ladies Meeting.

At 8:00 pm. Slide Show in Fremington Sunday School.

25th. Tan Hill Sheep Show

26th. Reeth Brass Band Concert in St. Andrew's Church Grinton.

28th. Arkengarthdale Methodist Church "Whitsuntide Remembered" – 6:30pm.

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

29th. 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 8:00 pm Slide Show at Fremington Sunday School.

30th An evening at the Music Hall with the Feetham Fools – Low Row Institute. At 7:30pm.

31st Muker Band Concert in Muker Village Hall – 7:30pm.

JUNE:

2nd. – Muker Band Concert in Village Hall, Muker

3rd. Arkengarthdale Sports Association Annual Sports with afternoon teas. Starts 1.30pm
The Carol Andrew Singers in St. Andrew's Church, Grinton at 7:30pm.

Reeth Show 30th. August
Muker Show 6th. September

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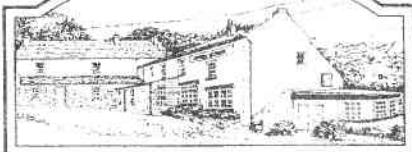
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