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### November 5

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



### November 12

Remembrance Sunday

- 9.30am St Andrew's Grinton  
*Eucharist Rite A*  
St Michael's Downholme  
*Eucharist Rite B*
- 10.30am Low Row URC  
Reeth Methodist
- 11.00am Reeth Congregational  
St Mary's Muker  
St Edmund's Marske  
*Morning Prayer*  
St Mary's Arkengarthdale  
*Communion BCP*
- 2.00pm Keld War Memorial &  
Keld Methodist
- 2.30pm Gunnerside Methodist  
Muker Methodist
- 3.00pm St Andrew's Grinton
- 6.30pm Marske Methodist  
Reeth Congregational

### November 19

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

### November 26

- 8.00am Holy Trinity Low Row  
*Communion BCP*
- 9.30am St Andrew's Grinton  
*Eucharist Rite A*  
St Michael's Downholme  
*Eucharist Rite B*
- 10.30am Low Row URC  
Reeth Methodist *Communion*
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Muker Methodist
- 4.00pm Marrick Priory *Compline*
- 6.30pm Marske Methodist  
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### EDITORIAL

Hello again! Thanks for reading. Also thank you for the many constructive comments that we have received following our last issue. It does help. Please keep your comments coming in. We notice from the D & S that there could still be problems with fuel. Rural petrol stations could be facing a fuel price crisis. The cost of fuel to local garages is considerably more than in the supermarkets and towns. This means that we are paying up to nine pence more per litre. When 'shopping' for petrol, don't forget the convenience factor. Support your own local station – it saves you time, and of course money. If our petrol stations cannot keep going it would be extremely difficult for many in our community – being a minimum of a 20 mile round trip for most of us. But what can we do? We can support locally and of course we can let our feelings be known. Write to our MP. Let him know how difficult it could be IF rural fuel stations had to close, but above all support our own. It is now at the time of year, when we are starting to think hard about Christmas and our Christmas

shopping. So are the traders in our community. On Friday November the 24<sup>th</sup>, the traders in Reeth are having a late night shopping event. This will allow us to see what is on offer in our local shops, and could be a good way of taking the stress out of shopping for those little presents, stocking fillers etc. With entertainment by local musicians it could also be a fun evening. Hope to see you there. Whatst mentioning Christmas do let us know if you think there should be something in the Gazette. Our deadline for this month is Saturday November 18<sup>th</sup>. All items to the editor please.

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### **THE MILLENIUM SCOTT MOTOR CYCLE TRIAL**

The Scott Motor Cycle trial was first run in 1914, organised by Alfred Scott, designer of the famous water cooled two stroke motor cycle. It consisted of approximately 75 miles of rough Yorkshire moorland and included steep rocky climbs, horrendous descents, river crossings and deep peaty bogs. It is a time and observation trial with the fastest man setting standard time and all other riders losing marks on time. Special sections are marked by observers who penalise the riders for 'footing' or stopping. The same format exists today. Over the years the trial has been run in various parts of Yorkshire but since the late forties it has been run in the Swaledale, Arkengarthdale area. The start is near Marske and it travels across moorland to Gunnerside Gill down into the Gill, out and over the grouse moors over Calva and Fremington Edge, and back to Marske. This trial is an incredible test of skill, fitness, and sheer guts to complete and lures the best riders in the country and often from overseas, to test themselves out. The organisation of such an event is a mammoth task and once again the officials of Richmond motor Club proved their ability with such a brilliantly run trial. The weather this year for once was kind on the 21<sup>st</sup> of October and a huge entry of 195 riders turned out to do battle. Some idea of the severity of the conditions (it has been rather damp of late) is indicated by the number of riders who finished in time – 82 – and

the time of the last one to finish being 7hours, 51minutes and 28 seconds. Special congratulations go to Wayne Braybrook, the winner, who has ridden 14 times before achieving the ultimate success. The same to Graham Jarvis (rated 4<sup>th</sup> in the world), who has come back from a horrendous injury and almost made it 5 wins in a row. Ian Austermule, the talented young rider from Pickering capped a fine days riding with a superb 3<sup>rd</sup> place. The best of our very local riders was Mark Sunter who finished a very creditable 45<sup>th</sup> to take the beautiful Longfield Trophy previously won by his brother John. It was not a good day for John who had the guts to try whilst suffering from a terrible tooth abcess and who was also plagued with mechanical problems. Congratulations go to Michael Atkinson and Alan Kendall, neither of whom have been riding regularly, but who finished in time. Due to a series of physical and mechanical problems they were the only other finishers out of eleven entries from our very local area. The successful running of an event of this kind depends on the expertise and efforts of many, many loyal helpers. To name them all would be impossible, but Kevin Hutchinson and Ian Porter rally do deserve a mention. Also Ron Bailey (not the official assistant Clerk of the Course this year, but has worked as hard as ever) and Andrew Brown. On the day Malcolm Sunter always works wonders and Bruce Storr's help was invaluable. The presence of the fell rescue

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### **Richard Duck - Dave Lowson National Meningitis Walk**

Richard, Caroline & Rachael Duck would like to thank the people of Swaledale & Arkengarthdale for contributing and donating prizes toward raising over £2000 for Richard & Dave's National Walk for Meningitis Research. The North Riding Dales Licensed Victuallers presented a cheque to the value of £200 from the Charity Bike Ride in June. They have been overwhelmed by the warmth and support given and wish to say a BIG THANK YOU to everybody



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A new group for anyone interested in the history of their own family or local area has been set up in affiliation with the Friends of the Dales Countryside Museum, Hawes and the long-established Cleveland, North Yorkshire and South Durham Family History Society. Nearly 50 people attended the inaugural meeting of the Upper Dales Family History Group in October and future meetings will alternate between Swaledale and Wensleydale, comprising a mixture of speakers and more informal sessions. Key members of the group have already pledged to make available a wide range of research material and full use will be made of the museum's extensive records and facilities. Computer and Internet access will be available through Craven College, before and during the regular meetings at the museum. The increase in easily accessible computer technology has opened up possibilities unthinkable less than a decade ago and tuition will be available to anyone wishing to learn how to use their computer as a research tool. The group is open to all; whatever your level of experience or none!

The next meeting will take place at the museum at 2pm on Wednesday, November 15, when Ruth Wilcox will talk about publishing her work on Arkendal.

Meetings will be open to non-members, admission £1. For further details, please contact Mrs Glenys Marriott, 01969 663738 or email [glenys@bishopdale.demon.co.uk](mailto:glenys@bishopdale.demon.co.uk)



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contingent is always a consolation and we really appreciate the long day put in by the Police in what are often very difficult conditions for them. The weather this year was good, but no matter how foul it may have been there would still be over 100 people who would make their way to remote corners of the moors to marshal and observe. Finally let us remember that the pleasure of riding and spectating depends on the people over whose land the trial passes we are fortunate indeed in these difficult times to have so much support, backing and interest from the landowners, farmers and keepers of this area. Without their help and friendship none of our trials could take place.

'The Old Foggy' (Jim Drummond)

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The new season kicked off with our first match at home against Hawes Girls - a new team to the league. The girls started very well and particularly were marking the boys efficiently. After a short while, however, the girls lost their earlier discipline letting the lads score easily. The final score of 9-0 in favour of 2 dales (Swaledale and Arkengarthdale) did not really do justice to the girls, but did give us the opportunity to give all our 13 available players at least a brief period of play. The girls showed what they can do and with some more experience the return match in the New Year may well be more difficult. We do have a stronger team this season, and it showed in this game. Scorers were Chris Westgarth 4, David Addison 2, Chris Harker, Adam Calvert and own goal. Man of the match was Chris Westgarth, and Jim Smith showed much improvement. Hawes girl of the match was Sarah Sleightholm.

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### THANK YOU

Barbara Rowlands wishes to thank all her friends and neighbours for the cards, flowers and gifts on the occasion of her 80th. Birthday.

Bottomley, Jeanne would like to thank all who offered help when her car broke down on Grinton moor.

### Harry & Margaret Harrison -

We would like to tell you what locals have achieved over the past few months. During the summer we have been attending the slide shows by Major Williams at Fremington Sunday School and with his kind permission we have been able to video them. In turn the audience at these events asked if they might buy a copy and so it took off. We sold the shows on video at £5 each, donating £2.50 of this to the Majors' charity, Swaledale parish Churches. Thank you to everyone who bought a video, a grand total of £95 has been raised. Well done What! Would you like to order one ? 886307

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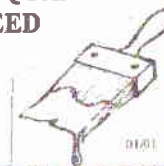
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Dear Sir,

Further to my article about Mr. Shepherd and Mrs. Metcalfe's article about Hurst, we both seem to remember the school sports day with a lot of affection. Here is a poem about that first sports day. I wrote it in June 1924, a couple of months before my fifteenth birthday and shortly before I left Reeth School. Like Mrs. Metcalfe, I too would love to know what happened to the trophy. Fremington School won it that first year, but I don't know about the following years.

Sincerely, *Martha (Mattie) Moralee - Billingham.*

### SOME THOUGHTS ON THE SPORTS

At last, at last, the time had come,  
And loud hurrahs went up to the sun.  
As all the children arrived on the green,  
And gazed in awe at the wonderful scene.

For Reeth was decorated high and low,  
And many a Union Jack did flow,  
There was bunting of all sizes and sorts,  
All because 'twas the Swaledale Sports.

Four hundred chattering children sate,  
Awaiting the Band, which of course arrived late.  
And loud was the uproar, after half an hour's wait,  
When the bus arrived at a furious rate.

A short delay—the procession began,  
Adults following children, as only they can.  
And down to the field they wended their way,  
Thankful that 'twas such a glorious day.

Four hundred children were soon ready there,  
To win their event and each do their share.  
While large was the crowd that stood round the ropes,  
Awaiting for winners to brighten their hopes.

Soon the air was filled with groans, shrieks and cries,  
Some were of joy, but most were of sighs,  
For the first race was over and what cries of grief  
When Muker discovered 'twas won by Reeth.

Then followed races of various sorts  
All won by children of different resorts,  
'Till the air was rent by a heartrending yell,  
As Gregson Porter won the quarter mile spell.

Then last but not least, the fierce rug-of-war,  
The crowds flocked to see it from near and far.

And great was the clamour when they came toe to toe,  
For 'twas Reeth and Fremington versus the 'Guns' and Low Row.

'Heave!' cried the trainers and 'Hold on there!'

And weren't they anxious, that vigorous pair.  
But slowly and surely the Reeth team won,  
And then after that commenced the fun.

In a corner of the green, on very hard seats,  
The children performed some remarkable feats.

They swallowed down buns and they drank up tea,  
'Till Mr. Shepherd warned them - 'You'd best let it be.'

The shield was then handed to Fremington School

For they had won it, according to rule.  
But Reeth came in second, they did very well,

So let us proclaim it in village and dell.

Then followed dances our grandfathers danced,  
You should have seen the children prance.  
They whirled and jigged around and around,  
And finally, exhausted, collapsed on the ground.

At 8.30 prompt the lorries went,  
Followed by cheers, to which the children gave vent.  
And thus ended happily, when they reached their resorts.

### THE ANNUAL SWALEDALE SCHOOL-CHILDREN'S SPORTS.

My legs may not now, at the age of 91, be what they once were, but I remember running and winning the hundred yard dash. I hope this poem brings back happy memories for others of my generation in the dales.

Martha (Mattie) Moralee  
(Ed: Thank you Mrs Moralee for your recent articles. They have given great enjoyment and interest. If there are any folk with more tales and memories of the area please send them for publication. We'll type them.)

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2 oranges - segmented 1/4 tsp nutmeg

salt & freshly ground black pepper

Method :- Melt the butter in a saucepan, add the onion and cook till soft. Stir in the flour and cook for 1 - 2 minutes. Add the stock a little at a time and bring to the boil. Stir in the Spinach, orange segments, nutmeg and seasoning, bring to the boil and simmer for 10 - 15 minutes. Pour the sauce into a liquidiser and blend for 1 minute until smooth. Add seasoning and serve.

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## THE HEADLESS GHOST

**Halloween has come round again. !!**

I have found yet another Dales ghost story among Granddad's papers.

Alas, once again it comes from Muker - - - there must surely be other haunted villages in the Dales?

Well over a hundred years ago Kit Brunskill had his eye on a neat house, rather larger than those occupied by the general run of lead-miners, and situated in the middle of Muker town. He was about to be married to his pretty cousin who occupied the house at the time, when, without word, through jealousy, she committed suicide by hanging herself in the kitchen. There seems no evidence for her to mistrust in poor Kit, and broken hearted, he sadly moved into her house, bearing his sorrow as a bachelor for most of his life.

His fiancée's ghost took to appearing, headless for some reason. She came in the dimly lit kitchen, with it's sanded floor, dressed in a white shroud. Ascending the stairs, her garment rustling like a silk dress, she passed the landing and glided along the corridor into which several bedroom door opened. She paused at one, she touched it. With marrow-freezing gestures she entered and walked directly to the fireplace, above which hung a portrait of her wronged lover, Kit Brunskill, painted by her own hand when in the bloom and exuberance of youth. Although headless, she rested her bony arm for a few moments on the mantel shelf, presenting an attitude .....

of contemplation, and then retraced her steps more slowly. This apparition descended the stairs, sighed very audibly, and instantly disappeared.

Her poor intended husband remained utterly disconsolate into old age. The too-frequent appearances of this apparition, every time striking as it did a sensitive chord of his heart, gradually unstrung his nerves and preyed so much on his mind, so the Muker men said, that the vicar finally prevailed upon him to quit the house for one free from such intrusions. He left the portrait behind lest the ghost followed him to his new house. To this day, the headless lady still makes visits at the dead of night, Or so my grandfather claimed.

Joycelyn M. Campbell.

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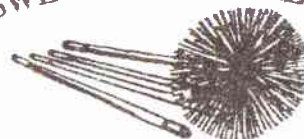
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The major award this year went to the League of Friends, Friarage Hospital - £ 3,000

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Many other smaller donations were made to various schools, playgroups, Brentwood and High Hall, youth clubs and nursery units, the Upper dales swimming pool project and other donations in Swaledale and Arkengarthdale included Meningitis Research, Mr Richard Duck ; and the Swaledale & Arkengarthdale Luncheon Clubs Association.

The Raffle on the presentation night raised a grand sum of £ 269 which Mrs Pat Daykin made up to £ 300 which went to the Children's Ward at the Friarage hospital to purchase Christmas presents. For further information about the Bike Ride and sponsorship contact : The Secretary, Mrs Avril Douglas, "Aries", Aysgarth, Leyburn, N. Yorkshire. DL8 3AD

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## MEMORIES OF NATIONAL SERVICE

Readers of our 'Gazette' have greatly enjoyed the articles by Cyril Purver and Major Williams. Many of us served later as National Servicemen, and we thought it would be of interest to compare experiences even though much shorter and less dramatic than the 'Blitz' or the long haul through the Western Desert. Many of us were at school during the Second World War, and were called up for two years after leaving college. This went on until 1960. After six weeks of tough basic training we were all dispatched to more specialist units, many overseas. Many saw 'active service' in Germany, Aden and the Middle East, the Colonies, in Kenya against the Mau Mau, Suez, in Malaysian vicious jungle warfare against terrorists, and in my case Japan and Korea. In 1952 after two months at the base hospital in Kure, I was sent to a field ambulance in Korea for the last five months of the war, and the early days of the armistice at the Canadian Field Hospital, which was very distantly related to the American version we all enjoyed so much on T.V's 'MASH'. Korea, the 500 mile peninsula that juts out from China into the Sea of Japan, had been occupied with much cruelty by Japan since 1910 until the end of the War

in 1845. The poor agreement reached then allowed North Korea to be a puppet communist state run by Russia/China, and the South a so called democratic state run by the United Nations. In fact his meant a skeleton American army administration and a wretched corrupt president; Syngman Rhee. Without warning in 1950, the North invaded and rapidly overran the weak South. President Truman dispatched American troops from Japan, and they were joined by other UN forces, including the British 17<sup>th</sup>. Brigade, and the invasion was only just held. The Americans sent out the aged hero General McArthur, and with reinforcements from Europe a force of his marines and British Commandos made one of the most brilliant seaborne landings ever recorded, but now forgotten; at Inchon in the north-west. They rapidly cut all the supply lines of the invading force which disintegrated. Unfortunately with his fresh forces McArthur, ignoring orders from Washington advanced north, and on occupying Pyongyang, the Chinese acted. Huge forces aided by a dreadful Siberian winter, moved down and drove the US army back. By 1951 the U.N. army was strengthened; the Commonwealth Division was formed, consisting of

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### MUKER LADIES GUILD

Fifteen guild members enjoyed an evening of flower arranging at their October meeting. Mrs. Cathy Iveson demonstrated the art of flower arranging, advising on how to group flowers and build up an arrangement from the edges to the centre. The suitability of particular flowers was discussed and how to prepare flowers prior to arranging. Four arrangements in all were completed and these were raffled afterwards. Members were totally engrossed and were surprised how the time passed so quickly. They declared it was a successful and very enjoyable evening.

The November meeting on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November will commence at 7 pm in the Tearoom of Muker Public Hall. It will be a Games evening with a Pie and Pea supper. The December meeting is our Christmas Dinner on Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> December and the Menu for the Dinner at the Penny Farthing, Gunnerside, is now available (Cost £15 per head). A menu list will be circulated at the November meeting for members to make their choices.

### ST. MARY'S CHURCH, MUKER

On 8<sup>th</sup> October a full church enjoyed a Harvest Festival Service led by Reverend Tim Tunley. Music was by Muker Silver Band and the Sunday School children delighted the congregation by the excellence of their readings and the presentation of their gifts. Pure, sweet smelling hay was carried the length of the aisle by three children struggling valiantly to stay upright.

A splendid Harvest Supper was served afterwards in Muker Public Hall where sandwiches, pies and delicious trifles were enjoyed by all. Thanks to all those who contributed, both to the Service and the Supper.

The Harvest Auction on the Monday evening made a total of £52.50 for charity. Small parcels of fruit and flowers were distributed to the elderly.

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### *Memories of National Service*

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British, Canadian, Australian and New Zealand soldiers. They were joined by units from France, Belgium and Greece, Norway and Turkey. The front was stabilised, but McArthur – again without the support of the Pentagon in a speech hinted at the use of atomic weapons, at which Truman immediately sacked him, rather than have to face a Third World War, which was a real possibility. 1952 brought a new American president; the popular Eisenhower, who immediately started peace talks, but as ever these dragged on until July 1953. The massive Chinese and N. Korean armies were mostly peasant conscripts. Trained with iron discipline, but poorly supplied and equipped, they nevertheless were better adapted for rapid movement in a land of countless dreary hills and valleys filled with flooded rice fields. The UN forces with great superiority in planes, tanks and guns, could only lumber slowly up a few mud tracks, and the Americans in particular were always loathe to move into the hills where they were unsupported and too far away from their escape vehicles and comforts ! The cost in human misery as ever was appalling; over a million civilians died, as did 34,000 American soldiers, 1263 British and Commonwealth men and also probably 1.5 million Chinese and North Korean

troops in a useless now forgotten war which achieved little. America was to make all the same mistakes in Vietnam. North Korea became the poverty stricken puppet state of China it is to-day. Only the South benefitted – by massive dollar investment, and low labour costs it became a booming economy. What was it like to be there ? Young British National Servicemen invariably acquitted themselves well. Considering they had little training and no experience of the terror and horrors of warfare. Wisely they were always well mixed with older wiser regulars who had been in the Second World war, who did not panic under attack, shell or mortar fire. Young N.S. Officers always served under experienced steady seniors, and all watched carefully for young men reaching breaking point, and they were pulled out. Not so in the American army, who often had hysterical breakdowns, and though forbidden alcohol at the front, if any spirits got through, which did happen, trouble always followed! Our young men fresh from school or college adapted to cold and lack of comforts much better.

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### ANNUAL GIFTS/CHRISTMAS SALE for LEUKAEMIA RESEARCH FUND

Each year, on every Saturday and Sunday in November, I hold coffee days and sales of Christmas and General Gifts. This year opening times will be 11.00 am till 4.00 pm at weekends and during the week when possible. ( please phone 886376 to check on weekdays). I also have some children's toys ( Won in a competition! ) which are for sale, to boost the above fund. I have checked on Argos prices and have priced the toys about 10% lower. All apart from the kite, have carrying cases for easy transporting. The toys are :-  
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As always if you are over 50 and would like to come to one of the Senior Forum meetings, please give me a ring on the above number to arrange a one-one meeting. We continue to be a voice for older people and would ask you to come along to discuss your issues however big or small. We try to get speakers from different organisations including Richmondshire Libraries and Hambleton and Richmond Transport, you can choose your issue and we will try and improve your quality of life.

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**A NEW BEGINNING – JOHN HARDY**

As I approached Gunnerside switchback on my BSA motorcycle in 1954, the name that I ultimately gave to the fiercely undulating road at Strands just outside of the village, I felt a deep sense of apprehension. I was a man of the South, and until I was called into the army had known nowhere else. A preaching appointment had brought me to Reeth in 1946, but how would I fare living amongst the unknown Yorkshire dales people that I had come to serve?

At first from 1760 the small society of Methodists at Gunnerside, met in houses under the guidance of John Birbeck of Blades. The following year, William Buxton, who was to play a crucial role in the societies' affairs, was born. During a Wesley visit in 1774, being but 13 years of age, he committed himself to Christ. The society began to grow in numbers, and by 1778 it became increasingly clear that a chapel would have to be built. The structure it was estimated would cost an astronomical £600 to build, when mining was yielding poor returns, and food was particularly dear. Helped by two or three significant donations and much sacrificial giving from poor members, the available funds stood at £50 short of the required total. William Buxton and some associates, took on some extra work in the mines, with the express intention of donating the money that they earned to the chapel building fund. However with a lack of immediate success, Buxton was left working on his own. Ultimately he struck rich ore in the barren vein, and the

chapel was soon being built in 1789 with the active help of the villagers, who together dug out its foundations, quarried and transported the necessary stone.

Initially the Methodists attended the parish Church in accord with Mr. Wesley's wishes, holding their chapel meetings at different times. It however became increasingly clear, that there would be a separation of the two distinct communities at the death of Mr. Wesley. The early Methodist made a payment of eight shillings and eight pence per year through their class meetings, which represented two weeks wages for a miner in 1789. Around 1820, was a time of poor harvests, and depression within the mines. At about this time also came the break away movement of the Primitive Methodists.

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**NEWS RELEASE**

**TEN YEAR PLAN TO PROTECT NATURE IN THE  
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'Nature in the Dales' is an ambitious ten year plan to protect wildlife and wildlife habitats in the Yorkshire Dales National Park, launched on Monday October 16<sup>th</sup> by the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority and Partners, at the Field Studies Centre in Malham, North Yorkshire.

'Nature in the Dales' – a Biodiversity Action Plan for the Yorkshire Dales National Park, sets out the work that will be done to protect and improve the wildlife habitats of the National Park and the plant and animal life within them. It will help ensure that the Park's environment is protected for future generations.

Dr. Tim Thom, the ecologist at the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority, said : "In recent years the natural heritage of the world has been in decline and the Yorkshire Dales National Park has been no different. 'Nature in the Dales' shows not just how we will go about stemming this loss but how, with our partners, we will set about improving the fortunes of the National Park's wildlife and habitats.

"Many habitats and species found in the National Park are of national and international importance and are found in only a few locations in the world, that is why the success of this plan is so vital."

Dr. Peter Welsh, from English Nature, said ; " 'Nature in the Dales' has been born out of an inclusive partnership that has seen conservationists around the same table as farmers and landowners. Together we hope to see the National Park's habitats restored and the once common black grouse, crayfish, water vole and otter, amongst other species, flourish again."

'Nature in the Dales' details a series of fully costed action plans to protect plant and animal life and improve wildlife habitats. Plans have been drawn up to protect rare and endangered species, including mosses, plants and ferns, invertebrates, birds, mammals and amphibians and reptiles. Habitat plans have been developed to conserve and improve the limestone country, moorland and moorland fringe, dales, woodland and scrub, rivers and streams and built environment of the National Park.

'Nature in the Dales' has been developed over a two – year period by the Yorkshire Dales National Park Biodiversity forum, a partnership made up of representatives from groups and agencies that have an interest in land management in the National Park.

In 1992 the world's Governments met at the Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro to discuss how to begin reversing the decline in the Earth's natural environment. In response, in January 1994 the UK Government published 'Biodiversity : The UK Action Plan'. Nature in the Dales' translates the aims of the UK plan at local level.



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Sharp disputes seem to have arisen, and poor William Buxton, was reduced to going to a deserted chapel to pray for the Lord to revive His work. His prayers were answered in 1822, the year of his death, when a revival swept through the dale, and many members were added to the Methodist societies. For a decade he had led the society, baptising infants and burying the dead. There was a strict observance of the 'Lord's Day' in Gunnerside, and all Sunday activities were keenly scrutinized, to ensure that they conformed to the accepted code. In 1851 the Census Information supplied by Johathan Daykin, informs us that there was a morning congregation of 70, one of 287 in the afternoon, and 135 at the evening service.

By 1865, although it would seat no less than 423 people, the chapel was not adequate to seat those who attended worship, and the building of a new one was proposed. It was to cost £770 and would seat 300 in its gallery, and 400 downstairs. The opening services for the new building were held in February 1867 to very large congregations, one of them being 1000 strong, and many other persons were unable to gain admittance to the chapel at the time. It appears that the larger part of the chapel's debts, were cleared by these inaugural services. The following year in 1868, saw another religious revival sweep through dales Methodism, registering a significant impact upon Gunnerside. One person who initially resisted the

call to Christian surrender, was George Rutter. However he was later to surrender to the call, and became a powerful influence within Gunnerside and Swaledale Methodism. He had been a gifted performer, and much welcomed in dales concerts, abilities that he now took to preaching the Christian message. After an initial humiliating failure, when he completely forgot what he wanted to say during his first sermon, he went on to distinguish himself as a powerful preacher. I recall Mrs. Herring telling me that people would go anywhere to hear him.

As I settled into Benmore that was to be my home for the following year, my initial apprehension seemed to have been groundless. My previous appointment had been in London, where people tended to be disconnected.

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**A New Beginning cont..** From page 19

Here my world was turned upside down. Everyone knew everyone else, and we were all under a constant but benevolent surveillance. The traditional hostility, that often bedevils the newcomer to a small village community, was waived in my case, and I was generously received everywhere. The chapel was at the centre of the village's life, and things tended to revolve around it. I was expected, and gladly addressed the school on scriptural matters each Monday morning. Visitations to my flock always ended with an invitation to have a 'cup of tea,' which I soon learned was synonymous with a full blown meal. Apart from a few isolated cases, I have never known the like of such hospitality before or since. There was a warmth within the village society that I do not feel today.

Then there was the rugged grandeur of the place, as I heard the roaring of the restless beck from my bedroom. There was the savagery of the rain that was swept and blown by the wind, as it funnelled down the ghyll. In those days the snows were still a potent menace that hindered movement. Haymaking of course was of vital significance, and the minister, was expected to take his place in the fields during the hay harvest along with everyone else. Everyone seemed to see themselves as committed to the community, and were a part of it. It appeared to me, to fit the description that my mother used to give me, of the

little village in the South where she was brought up as a child. I trust that it will not be deemed invidious to mention a representative chapel member of the days here mentioned. It was John Robert Whitell who brought me a gift of trout that he had caught in the River Swale, and with whom I discussed everything from the village football team, to matters of the deepest theological and Christian significance.

The chapel was well patronised, and had a healthy Sunday School, cared for by dedicated teachers. There was a group of young people, who engaged in fun of an innocent kind, and the dreadful scourges that we now associated with the young, were quite unknown. It was not of course 'the Garden of Eden,' and imperfections there undoubtedly were, but my overall memory, is of a society that was cooperative and friendly.

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### **REETH SWING BRIDGE**

The Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority has applied for emergency funding from the Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions to rebuild the Reeth Swing Bridge. The application comes after the popular suspension footbridge, that crosses the river Swale, was washed away in the floods on Tuesday 19th September, after torrential rain struck Swaledale in the North of the National park. To date the ownership and ultimately the responsibility for the bridge, built in 1921 and believed to have been paid for by public subscription, remains unclear. David Butterworth, acting Chief Executive of the Yorkshire Dales National Park, said, "With initial estimates to rebuild the bridge running at £70,000 and upwards we are seeing if there is a part this Authority can play by securing funds from Central Government. If we are successful we will release the money to reinstate what is a unique landmark in Swaledale. If our bid is unsuccessful we will continue to work with the County and Parish Councils on the best way forward to see the bridge rebuilt."

**LATE NEWS:-** The National Park Authority has now appointed Mr David Butterworth its New Chief Executive. He said on his appointment, "I want my time to be marked by openness. I hope the public will applaud our achievements, and if they think we can improve to tell us in an open honest way." Mr Butterworth age 36, lives in Bellerby and joined the YDNPA in 1991.



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A New Beginning . from page 20...

Whilst with the people of Gunnerside, I passed through a personal crisis of my own. My then fiancée and I severed our engagement, with its accompanying pain and feelings of loneliness. I was not to know it then, but within months, I was to become engaged to one of Swaledale's own. My stay was of short duration, and I was called away to go further North, but what had happened whilst I was at Gunnerside, was to lock me into Swaledale for the rest of my life. It is not surprising that the village and its people have a special place in my affections.

The society of 1954/5 that I have previously described, sadly no longer exists. Some people left the district, but the vast majority have passed away. The chapel at Gunnerside still survives, like many another within the dale, thanks to the devotion of small groups of people, but they all urgently need reinforcements.

*John Hardy*

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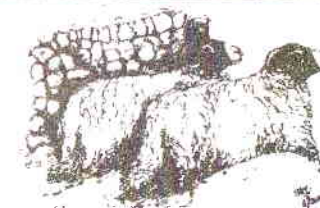
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### **Memories of National Service**

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Many were the jokes about candy, ice cream, steaks; it was even said they had female nurses in their field hospitals! We had reasonable issues of rather nasty Japanese lager, but all alcohol was forbidden for them! Vicious battles are now forgotten – the Imjin, and the stand of the Gloucester regiment when they won two V.C.'s. The awful battles of the Hook, of which we saw the last from the safety of our casualty Clearing Stations. Losses in small actions carried out to gain land to help negotiate better terms. We received many young Chinese injured prisoners, desperately frightened, often burnt from the appalling Napalm, told that if captured they would be shot. They could not believe the luxury of the food they were given, their would treatment which scarcely existed in their army, and least of all the kindness of the ordinary 'Tommy'. All who served in Korea agree on one thing, the worst enemy was the winter, which in 1952 got down to -28 degrees at night. To touch metal without gloves was a chargeable offence and caused frost bite. By then we had excellent Canadian clothing, insulated boots, petrol heaters in tents, long johns, and the wonderful self heating soup cans – American of course – light the

wick, a small fizz, and you could pour out a mug of glorious beverage! On the other side, with poor food based on cold rice, they had to fight with miserable padded jackets, woollen helmets, and rubber padded shoes. As some readers may remember from 'MASH' one of the great developments in Korea was the use of the 'Joey' helicopter. With Jeep or Ford ambulances even in very difficult positions, wounded could be back at the field surgical unit, or casualty clearing station within 20 minutes of being injured. On the Joey, there were two stretchers, one on each ski, to which the casualty was strapped in an electrically heated bag (they hoped!), below them in flight nothing but three or four thousand feet! Medically the army by 1952 was just modernising.; penicillin and the first generation antibiotics undoubtedly saved thousands of lives. Anaesthetics and blood transfusions were always immediately available as were many forms of rapid pain relief. At the same time the old order was not forgotten. The RAMC had years of experience of malingerers! The judicious threat

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**Remember the Christmas Issue  
deadline : Sat. November 18<sup>th</sup>.**

### **MUKER SILVER BAND -**

The Friends of Muker Band - established six years ago, and with over a hundred members drawn from all parts of the country held their second musical and social weekend on the 6th / 7th October. The programme included a concert of Millennium Favourites, chosen by members of the 'Friends' and played by the Band, in Muker Public Hall at 7.30 pm on Friday 6th October. This concert was also open to the public and received good support. On Saturday the "Friends" visited the White Scar Caves and did a walk to see

the falls at Ingleton. The "Friends" stayed at the Kearton Guest House in Thwaite and a Dinner with band members was held on the Saturday evening. For further information about the 'Friends of Muker Band' organisation please contact : Mr P. J. Guy, 2 High Row, Muker, Richmond, N. Yorkshire. Tel 01748 - 886350.

### **DISCOLOURED WATER -**

Due to torrential rains over the last month the water supply from Dale Head and Angram Tanks has become very much discoloured and sometimes carries silt. This is nothing to do with the proposed works by Yorkshire Water at West Stonesdale. Yorkshire Water have tested the water and declared it fit, however to please locals and visitors alike they have decided that, until the discolouration abates, to place pallets of bottled drinking water at strategic points in a number of villages. Free, collect a supply.

### **MUKER INDOOR BOWLS CLUB -**

The club at it's AGM re-elected it's officers for another term. Chairman, Mr William Raw, Secretary, Mr Trevor Kenyon and Treasurer Mr Malcolm Thompson. The club had a successful year and looks forward to an enjoyable new season. During the year the club, though not a member of any league, held friendly matches with Bellerby club, home and away. Muker club play English Carpet bowls and have two mats which enables all members to have good match play each night. Meeting nights are each Thursday in the Public Hall from 7.30 pm till 10.30 pm. New members are most welcome, come along

and try before you decide to join. Session fees are only £1 per night, with full membership at £5 per year.

### **TELEPHONE NOT ON LINE ?**

Living in the Upper Dale we do experience foul weather and disruption due to flooding and all this entails. The most recent seems to have been water in the cable at Gunnerside. However surely by now BT should have solved most of the problems. My telephone has been down so many times recently and the message folk receive is that the line is busy. Not so, I am unable to ring out and people can't ring in, nor can I download any e:mail messages. BT have promised to finally overcome the troubles, so should you experience difficulty, complain long and loud. In the meantime any articles for the "Gazette" or anything for the Luncheon Clubs, please post a hard copy on to me at Breconside, Muker, Richmond, North Yorkshire. DL11 6QH. Incidentally, when you ring to report your fault and the operator asks if you have a mobile number, **DO NOT LOSE YOUR TEMPER.** PMB

### **MUKER PARISH**

#### **Diary Snippets**

**"...Have you a  
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The prize Christmas Gift Hamper will be on display at Reeth Post Office from November 6th

And the prize draw will take place on the night at 9.30 p.m.

A collection for Children in Need will be made during the evening.

## OBITUARY

Vera Kitchen, who ran the Mews Crafts in Reeth 1976—1996, passed away peacefully on Thursday 28th September at Battle Hospital, Reading, in Berkshire.

After the death of her husband in 1974, Vera chose to move north to the Dales. She bought and converted a property in the Mews in Reeth and opened Mews Craft Shop. Later Vera added a Café and gave over part of the property for a Centre for the Reeth Community.

When it became difficult to continue with her business due to advancing years, Vera moved south again to be near her family, but not before she had lent her support to the new Local Friday Market by having a stall most weeks. She was very sorry to leave Reeth, as she loved the area. In particular she most enjoyed being able to look out onto the Moors from her windows. Vera also made many friends among the local people and the regular holiday visitors.

Vera has spent her last years in Thatcham near Newbury in Berkshire, happily enjoying the company of her new grandson Jack and pottering in her garden.

A Memorial Service is to be held on Sunday 5th. November at St. Andrews Church, Grinton at 2pm.

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Can you think who got locked in her house near  
the church?

We nearly went off leaving her in the lurch.  
Yelling and waving with a jibber and a jabber  
Yes you've guessed, it was Audrey Jagger.

Rain, rain, pouring with rain  
The water flowed freely down our necks like a  
drain.

But who got a shock leading us down the dale?  
Why it was our young mate Shirley Gale.

Mud, mud, slippery mud  
Guess who slid down on her bum, really good.  
Waving her stick in the air like a Saxon  
Who could it be but Barbara Laxton.

Traffic, traffic, fast flowing traffic  
Grimacing faces and gestures most graphic.  
Who steered us round like all mild mannered  
spaniels?  
Who else but gentle Marjorie Daniels.

Slurry and slime covered many a mile  
But we all ended up each day with a smile.  
We laughed and we chuckled with much aplomb  
At the antics and jokes from Marion Thompson.

A stick, a stick, please lend me a stick  
Or else I'll go down in the mud really quick.  
But instead of a smile, her face was a frown  
We couldn't find one to co-ordinate with Audrey  
Brown.

Home, home, please send me home  
My back is real bad and I don't want to roam.  
My back hurts like mad, please find me a heaven  
So we sent Leslie Johnston back home to Devon.

A bed, a bed, a comfortable bed  
Our bed monitors power didn't go to her head.  
She got quite bossy, and acted quite madly  
She goes by the name of Trixie Bradley.

Faster, faster, can't we walk faster?  
I'm meant to be meeting my good lord and master.  
Thro wind and high water, she still looked so  
dapper  
She is our good friend called Margaret Crapper.

A hat, a hat, a waterproof hat  
I'll go in the kitchen and cook this and that.  
She's good at map reading, she walks miles and  
miles  
She's Kay Jackson our leader famed for climbing  
ladder stiles.

Sun, sun, glorious sun  
Honest and truly we did have some fun.  
Our grateful thanks to Marjorie and Kay  
Thro them we enjoyed ourselves day after day.

Many thanks to David, Les and to Jim  
Without them we would have been out on a limb.  
They got out their cars and drove on the Great  
Western

And got us all over to the start in Preston.

(Ed: Quite a month for poems.  
Trixie records the ladies on tour,  
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### Memories of National Service -continued from page 24 -

of 'enema or suppository' ..... 'paint him with gentian violet', or dose of 'black draft' (the dreaded senna and cascara) had amazing creative effect in the hands of experienced medical officers! As in most wars those who did the fighting had great respect for their counterparts on the other side. They reserved the special hatred for 'The Staff', 'Winter', 'The Sergeant Major' or planes that straffed the wrong hill, and above all for the generals and politicians who landed them in that benighted place. When the fighting finally ceased in July 1953, we were withdrawn into the field hospital near Seoul, which strangely enough became a much more dangerous place as marauding armed groups scoured the land desperate for stores, medical supplies, food or even water. We had to be wired in with constant armed guards, and no sympathy could be allowed to the gangs who menaced us. I am sure that both Frank and Cyril will agree that after fifty years only the good times are remembered: the camaraderie and the laughs....just as well! we hope other readers will contribute their service recollections. One thing is certain we all returned to Civvy Street fitter, better and wiser men!

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"I guess you can have your sheep."

The young man started putting it into the Range Rover, when the shepherd looked at him and asked: "If I guess your profession, will you return my sheep to me?"

The young man smiled and said: "Sure, why not?" - "You're an investment banker," said the shepherd. Quite surprised, the young man replied: "Yes, how did you know?"

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