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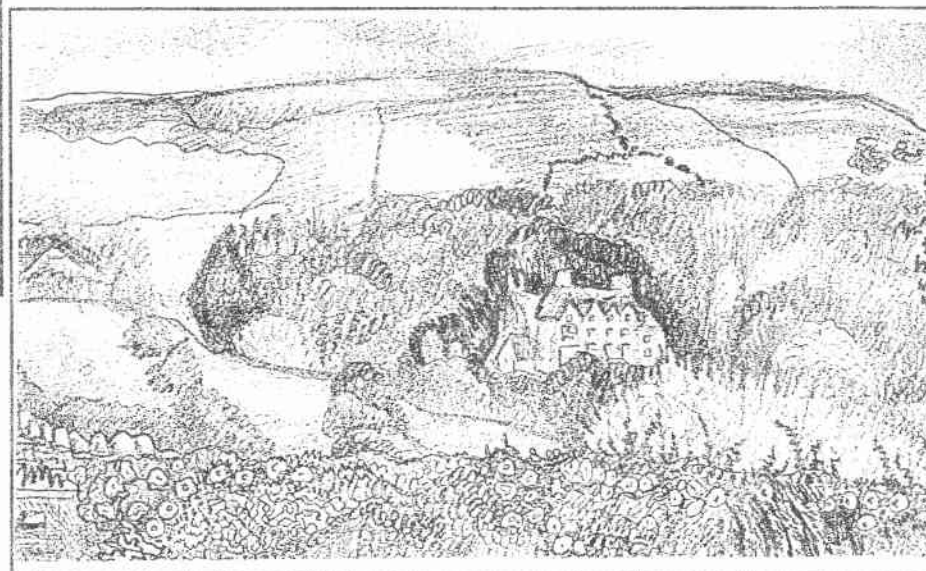
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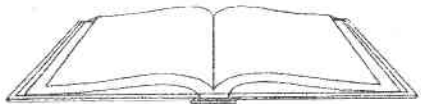


CHURCH SERVICES

in ARKENGARThDALE and SWALEDALE

3rd September

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



10th September

- 9.00am Keld URC
- 9.30am St Andrew's Grinton
Eucharist
St Michael's Downholme
Holy Eucharist
- 10.30am Low Row URC
Reeth Methodist
- 11.00am Reeth Congregational
St Edmund's Marske
Morning Prayer
- 11.15am St Mary's Arkengarthdale
Eucharist
- 4.00pm St Mary's Muker
Evening Service
- 6.30pm Arkengarthdale Methodist
Harvest Festival
Gunnerside Methodist
Marske Methodist
Communion
Muker Methodist
Reeth Congregational

17th September

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

24th September

- 9.30am St Andrew's Grinton
Harvest Eucharist
St Michael's Downholme
Holy Eucharist
- 10.30am Low Row URC
Reeth Methodist *Harvest*
- 11.00am Reeth Congregational
St Edmund's Marske
Holy Eucharist
- 11.15am St Mary's Arkengarthdale
Harvest Service of the Word
- 2.00pm Keld URC
Harvest Festival
- 4.00pm Marrick Priory *Compline*
- 6.30pm Gunnerside Methodist
Keld URC *Harvest Festival*
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EDITORIAL

Well we've been at it for almost a year! -- running the Gazette that is !. It has not been an easy year, but things have got better, and judging by your comments we have received, you all seem to appreciate the Gazette. Some things we wanted to do, did not materialise -- i.e the Directory. There was virtually a nil response for this, perhaps we could look at it for next year. Please will organisations and advertisers let us know if they think it will be useful. We have made changes to the style of the Gazette, which we feel have improved the quality of the paper. The next biggest change is going to be in equipment. We hope to have a new printer very shortly, please note the AGM advertised in this month's Gazette. Try and get along. We are grateful for the advertisers who have supported us so well during the last year, and the many who have committed their support to us for the next few months. Do support our advertisers, they help us keep our local community paper in print, and FREE to all. Above all, we do need from you, our readers, articles, letters, suggestions. Keep them coming please! Next month is the month when we have our two local agricultural shows. We wish the organisers well, and we hope the weather is kind for them.

Do go and support these local events. -- Reeth Show, Wednesday August 30th. and Muker Show, Wednesday September 6th. There will be reports on the show in next month's issue. Thanks for reading !

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GENERAL NEWS - LATE LAST MINUTE NEWS & CORRECTIONS**Church Service Times - Correction**

Please note that there is an amendment to the times of services printed on the inside front cover - New Times are :-

Sunday 17th September

- 9.00 am Muker St. Mary's
 10.00 am Low Row, Holy Trinity at
 Introduction to Healing
 a talk by Rev. Russ Parker
 which is open to all followed at
 11.15 am Eucharist Rite A
 6.30 pm Arkengarthdale - Evensong in
 the ruins of old church Arkle
 Town (in St Mary's if wet)

MUKER METHODIST CHURCH**Sunday 17th September**

- 6.30 pm Harvest Festival - Preacher
 Rev. Andrew Champley
 of Richmond.

Monday 18th September

- 7.00 pm Preacher Rev. Andrew Bell with
 Accidental Harmony Ladies
 Choir from Arkengarthdale.
 Sale of Produce will follow this service

THANK YOU

Wendy Gardner would like to thank everyone who has given her support, cards and good wishes after her recent knee operation.

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Joan and Keith Jackson wish to thank all those who helped so generously with fund raising via the Reeth Market Cake stall and Coffee Morning at the end of July. A total of £378.97 was raised. A Thank You Certificate has been received from the staff, guests and volunteers at the Hospice.

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Yorkshire Water have finally received planning approval and intend to start work immediately. The new plant which is to be built next to the existing site, will greatly improve the quality of the water supply.

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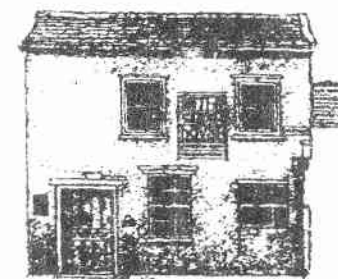
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Major F T C Williams

Introduction:

As I made my way down the drive away from Foleshill Vicarage, on 8th August 1933, I little thought that the succeeding years would be as exciting as they turned out to be. Britain at that time was in the depths of the Great Trade Depression, as it was called — hundreds of ships laid up, factories empty, prospects for any kind of employment exceedingly dim.

I was then aged 20, so I gently told my parents that I was going out to seek my fortune, as the saying is, and to join the Army. Father was not very pleased, and my poor Mother quietly wept when I said goodbye. But I knew what I wanted to do, and that was to find myself on the North West Frontier of India. All the excitement and glamour of those long years before the Second World War lay in those tribal territories, home of the fiercest people on earth.

Taking the King's Shilling

The first thing to do was to enlist, so I took a bus down to the Depot of the Royal Warwickshire Regiment at Warwick, and was duly sworn in, taking the King's Shilling as a faithful and loyal servant of His Majesty King George the Fifth. "But," said they, "what are you doing here? You should be in Signals, not the Infantry". (For the previous three years I had been under training as a Wireless Operator and had my First Class ticket,

qualifying me for service on the transatlantic liners of the Cunard & White Star lines of those days, or Union Castle to South Africa, or P & O to the Orient). So they sent me up to Catterick, there to begin my career as a faithful and loyal Signaller...

28 Jan '36. Outward Bound

The troops paraded on deck and there was a Two Minute Silence for His Late Majesty. Then, at 1400 hrs., we pushed off and sailed down Southampton Water. Our ship is brand-new, and her name "DILWARA", is said to mean "beautiful lady" - a gem of sarcasm. They say she will take us to India in 21 days—but what's the hurry?

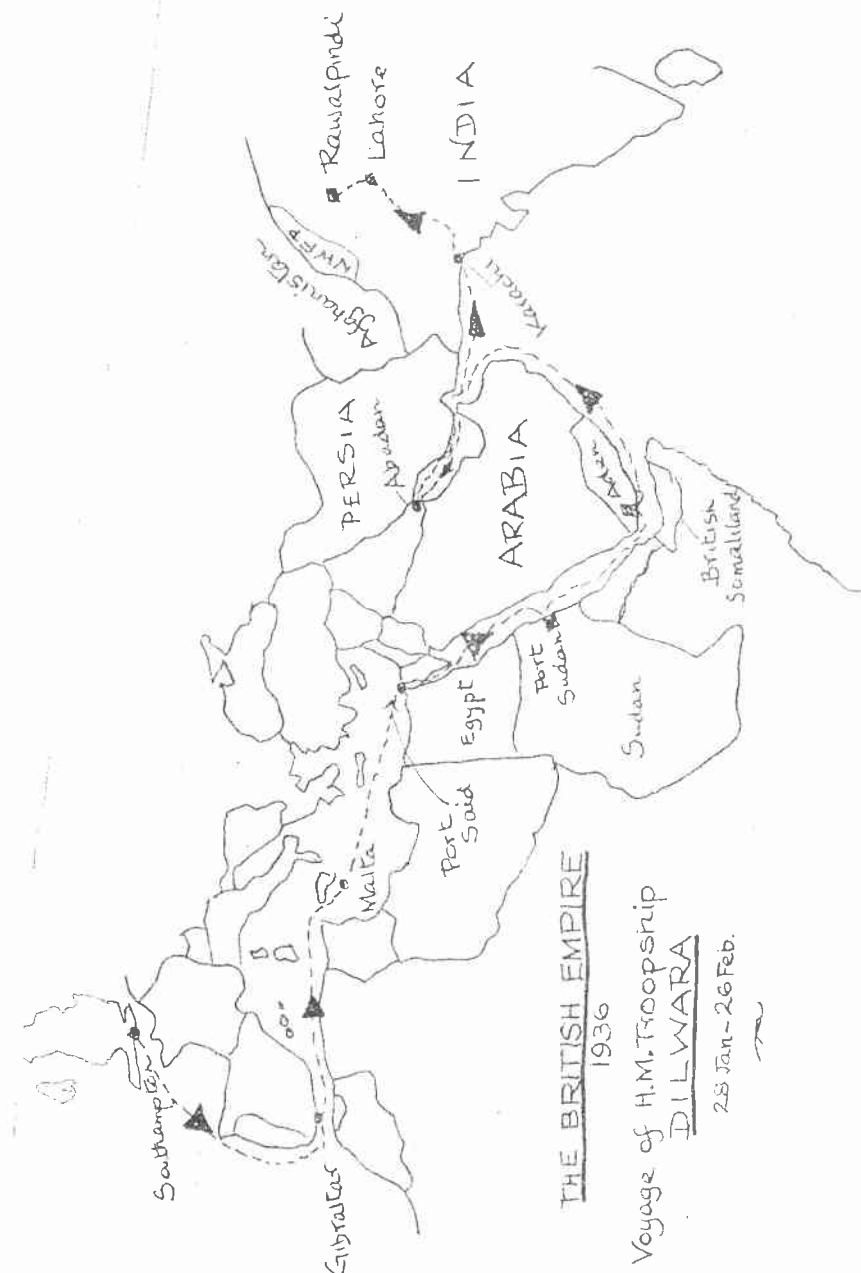
We passed NETLEY (the Army Lunatic Asylum) on our left, and we devoutly hoped never to see the inside of the place during our tour. Off CALSHOT, of Schneider Trophy fame, we met H.M.T. "NEVASA", laden with home-going troops. Cheers and shouts of "What's Blighty like?" from them, but weak response from us.

The White Star liner "MAJESTIC" caught us up and then swung westward, true to her name. Her last voyage, our first.

The British Empire

Our voyage to India was very much a tour of the British Empire:-

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Gibraltar, Malta, Port Said, The Suez Canal, Port Sudan, Aden, Abadan in Iraq (on the River Tigris and really the Anglo-Persian Oil Co.) and finally Karachi in India—all with at least one battleship of the Royal Navy well in evidence.

7 Feb '36. Down the Suez Canal

As British soldiers we feel that we are "monarchs of all we survey". Down the Canal, for instance, we passed an Italian troopship on her way up from Abyssinia. She was the SS. "PO", so of course storms of crude jokes from us and boos from the Italian soldiery, all at 10 yards' range. Yah! We passed KANTARA BRIDGE. By this time it was getting dark, but we could just make a signboard on the railway station: "THROUGH SERVICE TO CAIRO, PARIS AND LONDON".

In that twilight, with a huge moon rising over the desert, London seemed pretty far away.

16 Feb '36. Up the Persian Gulf to ABADAN

Someone came running down to our mess deck and shouted "The sea's lit up! Honest!" We told him to go to h—l, but Dyson and I went up later and saw that the sea was indeed lit with a strange green glow. Occasional points of light marked the position of jelly-fish, almost as if they were stars. You could see what Coleridge was driving at in his "Ancient Mariner".

"About, about, in reel & rout,
The death-fires danced at night;
The water, like a witch's oils,
Burned green, & blue, & white."

Had high words with L/Cpl Oliver, NCO in charge of our table. He threw a fork at someone but it hit me instead, which annoyed me, especially as the fellow would only say "Hard Luck!" I got up, we had a scuffle, and I made him apologise. It must be the heat!

28 Feb '36. CAMBRIDGE BARRACKS, RAWALPINDI

At 4 in the morning we arrived in the train at RAWALPINDI, exactly one month after leaving Home. We stepped out on to long empty platforms, with the stars, still and serene as ever, shining overhead, and a keen Himalayan wind biting our ears.

After two hours waiting in the darkness we were picked up by lorries and taken up to Barracks. Here we were met by the Regimental Orderly Sergeant, a fierce fellow, who roared:

**As British soldiers
we feel that we are
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all we survey'**

"Where YOU come from?"

"Karachi", we answered.

"Posted 'ere?"

"Yes, Sir".

"Well, take that 'ay off yer topees and go into that office. Get a copy of Standing Orders and LEARN 'EM LIKE YER BIBLE.

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The Concert is in St. Andrew's Church, Grinton, on Saturday 16th September starting at 7:30pm. Tickets are priced at £4.00.

I Walked The Long Race

To use the word 'walked' in this connection is a complete misnomer. It gives the impression of a pleasant interlude, but nothing could be further from the truth. It was rather a slog or a tramp, when you spend your time trying to stay upright. You find yourself crossing the moor, where it is most unfriendly and inhospitable. Why did we do it? Because it was there? Oh no, the object of this exercise, was to find out if it really was there! Here I must declare that I was accompanied by my friend David Young, whose training as a surveyor was to prove invaluable.

The job was done in two stages. Were there traces of the long race really in existence? Our first attempt to find out proved inconclusive, probably because we were looking for the wrong thing. In conclave, it was decided that we must tramp to Moss Dam. Almost a mile to the South West of the remains of Lownathwaite House, our base camp, which for years has been used as a sheep pen. As we slogged forward we spotted a lightly stoned narrow trench, that might provide a clue. We were well towards the dams at this point, and would only be able to test our suspicion that we had found our quarry, on the return journey to Lownathwaite House.

The dams themselves are brilliantly sited in a catchment area, that has in the past been constantly augmented across the years,

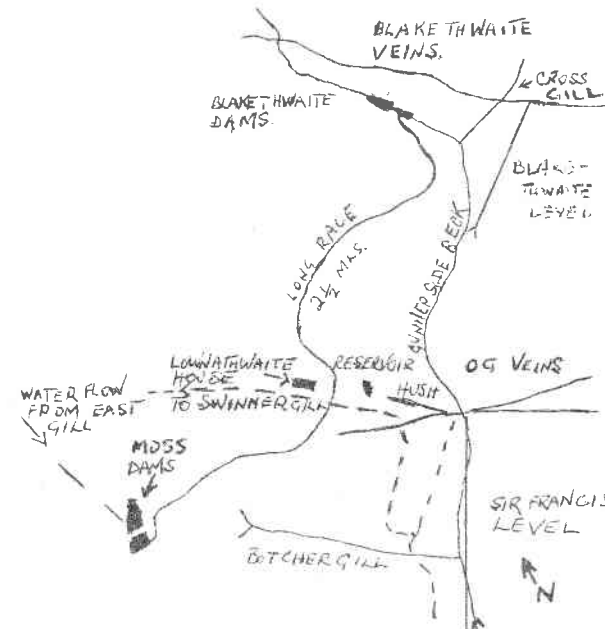
by water that naturally drifts across the moor from the Head of East Gill. I use the past tense here, since recent road refurbishment on the upper moor seems to have either overlooked, or ignored this natural phenomenon. These waters have now been diverted into East Grain, and one wonders if these changes could explain the horrendous and fearful cascade of water witnessed by my brother, that descended this waterway a few years ago.

On a recent visit to Swinnergill, I noticed that part of the hillside had collapsed over the run of the old mine galleries, and am left to ponder if these changes are part of the same developments. The old water engineers, would never have permitted such alterations. When Raistrick speaks of an enormously long race coming from the head waters of East Gill, he is almost certainly referring to this natural development, which would undoubtedly have been encouraged, to ensure that all available water from this source would find its way to the moss Dams. Having recently staggered up the wretched path in East grain, one can sympathise with the agent, who in 1830, complained bitterly at the inaccessibility of the now ruined smelt mill, that is situated in Swinnergill.

On the moor top, it is possible to see the beckoning dams and the earth works that prevent the natural water flow. Tons of limestone, have in former times been carried to the wild and desolated dam site,

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THE LONG RACE



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to complete an engineering feat of some distinction. Its construction, presupposes a knowledge of the moor with its consequent survey, that bears all the hallmarks of genius. Who were the men behind its creation? if anyone knew they never told us.

On the return journey from the dams to Lownathwaite House, with careful observation, we were able to follow the race for about three quarters of its mile long length. Inevitably our minds began to turn to the much longer section of the race. Could we find that? The challenge proved irresistible. The day for such a task would need to be right weather wise, with a reasonable wind, plenty of cloud, and certainly no rain.

Rather remarkably, such a day presented itself the next time we met to undertake an assignment. Arriving in Gunnerside, we engaged in that fearful pull out of the village up to the mine road to the west of Gunnerside Beck. I can remember when I ran up such hills, but with my 72 years behind me, I puffed up this one like an engine ready for the scrap yard! then there is that long slog to Botcher Gill. Steadily rising, it seemed endless as we passed the old mines at Silver Hill, and finally grabbed a rest on the old churn stand at Botcher Gill. The climb to Lownathwaite House on the road to Swinnergill, seems particularly unforgiving, but finally our base camp hove into sight.

Throwing myself down, I declared a refreshment break, whilst my colleague's eagle eye spotted a well carved WA on a block of limestone imprisoned in the wall of the old building. It had been interestingly shaped, was clearly not in its rightful place, and we concluded that it had once formed part of the old house's window. Who was he? William Alderson? Who knows? Its anyone's guess! After a short break our search commenced, as we made our way over to what had been a dam wall. With surprising little effort, we located the run of the race, and began to follow its one and a half mile length. It twisted and turned, ran into bogs, and crossed steep gullies, which doubtless had been bridged by launders

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THE LONG RACE

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Not surprisingly the mud began to fly, and so did we, into holes concealed by the thick heather. This was wild country, as we staggered forward, all the time being suspiciously eyed by a stoat who clearly objected to us being in its territory. As we approached the head waters of Blind Gill, we ran into a massive patch of reeds and disturbed ground, where the race was lost to us. However after about 300 yards with perseverance we found it again, and were able to trace it almost all the way to the dams. For a while we stopped to admire the view up Crass Gill, and could see the water tumbling out of the Blakethwaite Mines. The race which had clearly clung to the steep sides of the gorge, finally spilled its offering into the rear of the lower dam. From this western side of the beck, the view of the main dam was most fetching, as the water cascaded over its breast.

Numerous questions rushed through our minds. Whose brain child was the race? Then there was the mystery of the dams themselves. The smaller one presumably was constructed first, followed by the larger one behind it. The wall of the smaller dam is now breached, but I can remember it before this damage was sustained by a massive run of water some time, I think in the 60's. What were the dams for? The immediate response will be of course to sustain Blakethwaite's mining operations. That is likely to be so, but they surely had some larger purpose. Were they meant to

sustain the water level in the beck during a time of water scarcity, and was the Long Race constructed to assist in achieving this end?

Clearly Moss Dam was the king, since it was harnessed to support Blakethwaite Dams. Now we were confronted with that three and a half mile trip along the little path to the east of Gunnerside Gill. We stumbled past the Blakethwaite dressing floors and mill, and on to Gorton and Bunting mines. Now it was the Sir Francis Mine and Old Gang dressing floors. Soon we were buried in Birbeck Wood, and by now the sun that had been so conspicuous by its absence, ferociously roasted us. What a treat it was to be borne along by the car. It was then my companion triumphantly announced that his wife was preparing shepherd's pie for his tea. My morale sunk to zero as I retreated to my bangers and mash!

*John Hardy***Visiting Swaledale ????**

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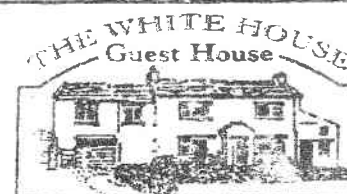
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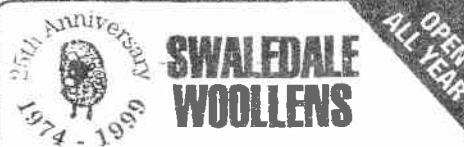
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Cover picture this month
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Harlow (her birthday is in
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St Mary's Parish Church -Muker

Work to install floodlighting of the church
tower and clock was finally completed
recently and the lights were switched on
for the first time on Tuesday evening
August 22nd. The lights of the amber
glow type give a most beautiful effect and
the views offered of the ancient building
from any direction are most pleasing.
Thanks go to the local family who
generously sponsored the cost of the work
and fitting.

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Conservation Area Designation:

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The "workshops" consist of a display,
available and open to the public
during the day with an evening
meeting to answer questions, hold
discussions and generally explain to
residents the benefits of
living in a designated
conservation area.
Needless to say, given
the peoples poor
experiences and opinion
of the National Park Body,
many people have been
very forthright in expressing

their views, and by far the majority
doubt the need to designate either
village as a Conservation area,
especially with the National Parks
existing onerous planning rules and
regulations. With the Park Body
apparently willing to allow buildings
to fall into disrepair and tumble down
and at Gunnerside (Officers and
Committee members)allowing the
construction of overhead electricity
cables and a large transformer
mounted on huge unsightly poles, to
serve the new sewage treatment
works, in an area of National beauty,
when they have powers to insist that
the cables be under-grounded, but
apparently overlooked this element
during the planning stage. Do they
really expect us to believe that they
will look after our villages. Naturally
many folk told them that they, the
residents, looked after and
developed the villages and area very
well, long before the National Park
was designated thirty years ago.

MUKER PARISH

Diary Snippets

**"White Sparrow
Report a draw
for visitors"**

The White Sparrow : Since writing
in the August edition about the
Muker '**White Sparrow**', the village
has had an extra influx of visitors
and sparrow seekers. Chris
Bellwood, mine host at the Farmers
Arms, tells me that quite a number of
folk calling into the Inn for
refreshments, have asked where is
the most likely place to see the little

bird. The white sparrow is
very noticeable as it flits
about from bush to
rooftop whilst being fed by
it's parents. Have you
seen the sparrow yet? It
is often seen in Farm
Lane & Lovers Lane or
even near the Market Place

in the centre of the village.

Muker Show Committee:

The committee met to interview and
appoint a New Show Secretary on
Thursday 10th August.

Mrs Margaret Rutter, of Dyke Heads,
the present Secretary has decided to
retire from the position after serving
the Society so very well for some
twenty years. It is anticipated that
the newly appointed Secretary will
shadow Mrs Rutter, to learn the
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Can we also thank all those folk who kindly gave to the children on their Fancy Dress Toddle in July. With the sponsor money and bucket collection we raised a brilliant total of approximately £250 . Thank you all once again from SWALEDAL SEEDLINGS.

Stacy Cody - Secretary.

**The Deadline date for the
October Issue is
Saturday 16th September**

GRINTON PARISH HALL

GRINTON PARISH HALL COMMITTEE

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THE OPENING OF THE REFURBISHED PARISH HALL

On WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 13th. at 6. 30 pm.

On the same evening, the Parish Council will present Millennium Plaques to the children of the Civil Parish of Grinton. There will also be an opportunity to see the photographs which will form part of the Parish Millennium Archive.

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**HELP THE AGED
POLICY UPDATE**

In July the Government outlined its vision for the NHS over the next ten years. The NHS plan is presented as a breakthrough in modernising the NHS, by tackling some of the fundamental problems that have dogged the health service in recent years. It includes many things that Help the Aged warmly welcomes. However, there are aspects of the plan which fall far short of what we had hoped to see. The failure to resolve the issue of charging for long term care is desperately disappointing, and there are many proposals where 'the devil is in the detail' and the details are far from clear.

Policy Update Leaflet is available from :
Alan Sadler Tel. 020 7250 4400

Detail and comment in the August edition covers:

Preventing Ill Health,
Primary Care & Care Groups /Trusts
Hospital Patients - Waiting lists/
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An appeal has been launched to raise money for the conservation of the Gunnerside Chapel Banner.

The eight foot high banner is on display in the chapel and is a significant part of the history of the chapel and village. Sadly it is in an extremely sorry state. The banner, which is double - sided, was painted by Thomas W. Rutter, of Gunnerside, born in 1874.

Thomas studied at the Royal College of Art in London and had four paintings accepted and hung in the Royal Academy. He taught for some time at Burnley School of Art and then spent nineteen years as chief assistant at Northampton Art School, now part of Northampton University.

A paragraph in the conservation report

describes the banner as being 'in a **vulnerable condition.....and in need of immediate restoration**'.

This appeal for help and assistance, however large or small, is to ensure that the banner is restored to a safe presentable condition.

All donations gratefully received. Cheques should please be made out to Gunnerside Methodist Church (please indicate that the money is towards this appeal) and sent to :-

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THANKS

Audrey and Jim Race would like to thank all the kind people for the cards and flowers received. Also for the great and continuing support that has been given. It is much appreciated.

Millennium Quiz St. Mary's Arkengarthdale

The Millennium Quiz sheet sold in aid of St Mary's Church, raised over £110 for church funds. The winners, Pete and Jill Myers of Langthwaite, very kindly returned their £10 prize money. Many thanks to all who gave their support.

For information and to book seats on the Coach trip to Carlisle on September 12th. Please ring

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65th Birthday

Roy Bickerstaff - Muker. Wishes to thank all who joined him in the Farmers Arms on August 11th to help him celebrate his birthday. Many thanks for all your cards and gifts.

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~~~~~ BYGONE HURST ~~~~~

The recent closure of the chapel at Hurst has brought back many memories of Hurst as I knew it as a child. It was a scattered district with more people living a good distance away from the village rather than in it. The area surrounding the village where the outlying farms were situated was known as New Forest. The social life, as in many Dales villages in the early 1920's, centred around the Chapel, the School and the Green Dragon Inn.

I was born at Ing Head just off the very straight road leading into Hurst and was the sixth child of a family of ten. Our family moved to Low Greenas when I was four years old and I started school from there with my older brothers and a sister. The school was a fine purple slated building named Hurst New Forest Council School, probably built when the lead mines were flourishing and the population very much larger. There was one spacious room – only one stove for heating and a smaller classroom with a coal fire which we moved into in winter. There would be between twenty five and thirty scholars attending with only one teacher.

The school was the venue for parties, whist drives and dances. Efforts were well attended, not only by locals but from people living 'over the hill' at Reeth and other places further up the Dale.



For special occasions a whole ham was boiled helping to provide some very lavish meals. There had been a Sunday School at the Chapel some time before so our teacher, who was a Methodist ministers' daughter, obtained the Sunday School hymn books from the Chapel and it was she who introduced us to the many children's hymns we would not have otherwise known. This led to us having an Anniversary once a year at the Chapel.

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Later on there was a lady from Reeth – Miss Jane Ann Cleminson who started a regular Sunday School, walking over from Reeth to teach us. She was a kind and caring person whose memory I have always treasured.

Very few people had motor cars but Mr William Ellerton from Marrick had and, as he had a young family, he brought them to the Sunday School and used to pick up my sisters and I on the way. His was the first car I ever rode in. A day we looked forward to was the annual Chapel Tea Festival held about the middle of June. There was a free tea for all children and later we all went to the evening service, which always had a good congregation with a special preacher. I remember one occasion when Alderman J D Hinks of Darlington was to be the speaker. He was a friend of my father's and called on us during the day. As we very seldom saw anyone from such a far away place as Darlington it seemed like royalty had visited!

Wherever you went, in and around Hurst, there were reminders of lead mining activity, even though the mines had ceased working many years before. Two large chimneys at the top end towered into the sky-line and disused mine shafts abounded. In a pasture we called 'Hillocks' there was a mine

shaft barely covered with planks of rotten wood. This was on our way to school, and we used to dare each other to walk around it even though we were warned not to go anywhere near. There was a patch of sto'ny ground very near this shaft where we used to find fossilised snails beautifully shaped and often wondered how they came to be there.

There were no shops in Hurst. Animal feeds and groceries were ordered from Reeth monthly and delivered on horse-drawn flat carts until mechanised vehicles were obtainable. Occasionally my older sister and I were allowed to go to Reeth for shopping. We walked by Owlands Farm and over Fremington Edge. My father did this walk many times to attend Band practices at Reeth.

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Now and again the 'Cackies' (itinerant travellers) came and camped on the roadside close by where we lived. The men used to trade in horses and the women went around the farms hawking clothes pegs, pins and needles and other small household necessities. We also had Billy 'Winks' (Dinsdale) and his daughter, Lizzie from Fremington in a horse and trap calling and selling brushes, buckets, fruit, greengroceries and sweets - his visits were very welcome!

Hurst was part of the Arkengarthdale Estate so the landlord, Colonel Wilson, arranged horsedrawn transport for the children to go to Whaw Sports - later we were taken in Mr William Stones' charabanc to the Annual School Sports at Reeth, which all the local schools took part in. I can't remember whether Hurst scholars excelled in any event or won the Shield. I've wondered since what happened to the Shield?

The annual school trip to Redcar or Whitley Bay was another special day for us. The Green Dragon Inn, which has now been closed for several years, was a popular gathering place for the men in the area, but it was unheard of for women to be seen in. We used to take it in turns to call after school for my fathers tobacco (it was 8d an ounce) as the landlady a very kind soul, used to give us a biscuit or a bun.

Looking back to the early years of my life, I consider I was fortunate to have been among such a close and caring community even though children then had not the opportunities and advantages which are on offer for young people today.

Margaret (Peggy) Metcalfe,
Gunnarside.

Ed. The "Gazette" welcomes, indeed seeks more memories and stories of 'Bygone Days'. You write it - we'll type it. Thank you.



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Oh! And don't forget our next meeting which will be held at 11am in the Leyburn Methodist Hall, Leyburn on Wednesday 6th September. Please come along, we need your experiences to help us to help you. I know that I keep harping on about it but only you know about the problems you are experiencing so come along and share your view and maybe as a group we can make a difference.

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I.L. As entitle individuals to a contribution of £150.00 towards the cost of training courses that will enhance career development or increase general employability. In return, a contribution of £25 is required from the individual towards the cost of the course.

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The advantage of applying for a locally issued I.L.A. is that account holders are able to claim for childcare, guidance, resources and travel expenses as well as course costs - unlike in the national scheme starting in September.

To apply for an I.L.A. individuals will need to contact the learning helpline on 0800 515547 quoting the reference "I.L.A. Voluntary Sector".

For further information please contact the :
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A column with a medical slant

Tobacco

One hundred and twenty thousand people die from tobacco related diseases every year in England and Wales. That is 330 every day. That is three times as many people as those who perished in the recent Concorde disaster in Paris *every day*. I mean, if the deaths were concentrated in one place then the population of Reeth would be wiped out in 48 hours. Of course with such a national disaster, occurring every day you would think that the Government would act. So, why does this silent tragedy occur on a daily basis without hitting the headlines?

It is because, if you are a smoker, the Government loves you. You are what is called a "net contributor". It means that, during your smoking lifetime, you contribute far more in taxes when you buy your cigarettes than you consume at the end of your life. As you wheeze and gasp your way to the asphyxia that awaits smokers at the end of their career you can rest assured that you have contributed to the economy. In addition, because you die young you do

not live to be a drain on the state. By this, I mean you do not live long enough to draw your pension or other benefits you may have contributed to during your smoking lifetime. Nor do you linger needing long-term care in old folks homes. No, you obligingly pop your clogs after a lifetime of smoking and paying taxes and leave the Government in credit. No matter how much medication you consume in the last few months of your life, whether spent in heart failure, emphysema or chronic bronchitis you will never recover the taxes you have paid during your smoking lifetime.

Through your addiction they have milked you to sustain other areas of the economy. The rest of us should be grateful. We have benefited at your expense. If you think this is fair then carry on, light up, enjoy that fag.

I will not list the diseases which are caused by smoking, (mainly because there isn't enough room on the page) but it has been shown that if you stop now the risks of developing these diseases drop dramatically. If you resent this state of affairs, of being addicted to a drug that will kill you *and* paying large amounts of hard earned cash to the Government for the privilege of doing so, then do something about it. If you really want to give up you can. We can help you. We have staff trained in counselling and we can help with medication or nicotine replacement.

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**Bring it to Reeth Green
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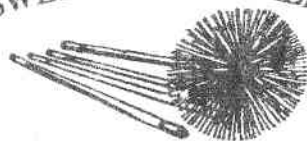
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This is to say a very special 'Thank You' to all my colleagues, friends, ex - pupils and pupils who helped make my '25 years in Arkengarthdale School' party such a success. My thanks go to the organisers of the event and to everyone who gave so generously towards the gifts of a wonderful garden bench, book tokens and other presents. Also I would like to thank everyone who sent their good wishes in letters and cards. It was truly a memorable evening and a wonderful way to begin my retirement. Thank you all.

Enid Lundberg

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Both ladies have now completed their sponsored jumps in tandem with a friend. Bad weather did delay them for a while but they say that they so enjoyed it they hope to do it again sometime. A full report on the money raised will be given and will appear in the October issue.

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Prompted by a recent article in the 'Gazette' Mrs. Martha (Matty) Moralee, from Billingham writes.

FREMINGTON CHERT QUARRIES

My father was Adam Edward Hammond, son of Wake Hammond. At the beginning of the last century, Adam, his wife Sarah and four children moved from East Windy Hall, Castle Farm. I was the third oldest child and aged about six at the time of the move. My father knew the Chert Quarry, run by Mr. Edward Cherry, was situated high up on Fremington Edge, above Castle Farm house. He decide to earn some extra money to supplement the meagre income he had from the farm, by carting chert from the quarry to the road at Fremington. The route from the quarry down Fremington Edge was far too steep for a heavily laden cart, so my father took the large wheels off the cart and replaced them with iron sledge runners. This worked after a fashion, but still proved highly dangerous for both driver and horse descending the steep hillside.

My father soon gave up hauling chert as it did not work out as he had hoped financially. Mr. Cherry too gave up the quarry as it could not be safely worked. I remember how my brothers, sisters and I were sternly warned never to go near the chert quarry although it was on "our" land.

It was a tempting exciting place to play, but was highly dangerous. The remains of the quarry can still be seen about three quarters of the way up Fremington Edge on the allotment behind Castle Farm.

Martha Moralee - Billingham

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A Day in Barracks

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Reveille is at 6, when the nappi (barber) comes round, wakes you up and shaves you in bed with his cut-throat razor (one of 7 on display in his leather waistcoat). Then the boot-boy arrives with a cup of tea ("char") and whips away your boots, bandolier and topee to clean them. You grab your towel and toothbrush and run downstairs and out to the bath house for a speedy wash. Back upstairs, change, and out on PT parade at 0700 hrs. So your day begins.

On Leave

A party of 5 of us hired a taxi and hurtled off at breakneck speed to MURREE, our hill station. Here I took myself off on a 24-mile trek to Dhival, towards the Kashmir border, through wild country. I took a photo of a hill-boy, and he at once put his tongue out at me and ran screaming down the hillside, raising the local village. I walked rapidly off (to run would have been fatal) but was soon surrounded by a bedlam of shouting Villagers and a pack of dogs circling round me. I kept on walking and a rather crestfallen Williams Sahib arrived back at the Leave Bungalow, only to be told that he should never have gone so far and didn't I know it was out of bounds anyway? "Them fellers might 'ave nabbed yer, Bill, and then you'd be absent without leave, see?" - "But 'e couldn't be = 'e's on leave, ain't 'e?" So the conversation went, and I let them talk it out ... cont. top next column..

"Trouble on the Frontier"

So blazed this time-honoured headline across the Rawalpindi newspapers when, on 26 Nov 1936, a small force of Tochi Scouts was ambushed somewhere up the Tochi Valley, not far from the Afghan border.

The effect on us was electric. Within a day or two we were speeding to the scene. Our personal kit was of the slightest, for, as one of us remarked, "What will a tribesman do to get himself ready? Scoff a chupatti and grab 'is bondook!" True enough. ('chupatti': thin piece of unleavened bread; 'bondook': Frontier rifle). We crossed the Indus river at the Kushalghar Bridge and reached BANNU, a pretty little Frontier town (called a 'cantonment' hereabouts).

'K' Section marches out

In the grey light of dawn next morning K Signal Section, of the 2nd Indian Infantry Brigade, marched out from Fort Edwardes, Bannu. We are 21 British Ranks and 60 Indian. Sjt. Ellison, our Section Sergeant, is country-born, so he can speak to the IORs in their own language. From here we marched our first 17 miles up the Tochi Valley by the Shinki Bridge.

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Tochi Camp: The First Shots

The 2nd Indian Infantry Brigade, with its 4, sometimes 5, infantry battalions, it's 900-odd pack-mules, mountain-guns, Pioneers, Sappers & Miners, and, of course, K Signal Section, some 3500 men all told, marched out into the sombre, hostile and remote TOCHI VALLEY, against an unseen enemy who could nevertheless see us as clear targets.

With our pack-mules beside us and towering crags above we were met by the "tock-doom" of enemy rifle fire echoing down the valley, and the curious "wheee-aaarp" of bullets overhead.

Under such conditions, then, we made our first camp in the Tochi Valley.

In our next camp, BICHE KASHKAI

At sundown the advance guard withdrew inside the camp, leaving the out-lying pickets to defend themselves in the gathering night. Darkness fell, and soon a burst of fire from one of the Dogra pickets told us that things had begun. Then came a dull boom, followed by more rifle firing and then another dull boom.

The enemy were bombing the picket, and suddenly a faint yell came from higher up the valley. We heard it repeated from place to place for some time with chilling persistence. It was the tribesmen's rallying call.

BICHE KASHKAI: The Dog-fight

The yell was prolonged into a continuous long-drawn out cry which grew steadily louder as the enemy came charging down the hill. Verely lights went up and there was a deafening crash of machine-gun fire. Someone shouted "Stand to your rifles! They're rushing the camp!"

Indeed by now they sounded very close. We heard a tribesman scream out "We want the Sikhs and the British!" and somebody on our side roared back "Come and get them!" Then the Sikhs on our northern flank stood up as one man and rushed out to battle, howling and bellowing like mad animals. There was a close hand-to-hand fight of furious hacking and chopping, tribal knife against Sikh kirpan, and after that the fighting died away.

I dashed out and took a photograph early next morning, of the camp just as it was.

At CORONATION CAMP:

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At CORONATION CAMP:

The VC that failed

On one of our Flag Marches from Coronation Camp (I.e. to show the Flag on the NWF) our little pet mules, some of them, decided to bolt straight down the steep hillside. They just galloped crazily down to the bottom of the nullah and stood breaching heavily, looking up at the trail of wrecked loads they had left behind them. The mule drivers followed after, wringing their hands and wailing "Allah! Allah! Allah!" like lost souls.

Cpl Christian and I are used to this by now and we plunged down into the mess, shouting, directing, and pulling things into shape ... and when all this was done it suddenly occurred to us that we were alone. No more movement on the road far above. We had visions of an ambush.

"Never mind", said Cpl C., "if anything happens perhaps they'll carve 'V.C. (Failed)' on our gravestone!" With this pleasant thought we brought all our mule party laboriously up on to the road again and plodded on.

14 Aug '37. From Coronation Camp to Shawali

We were up at 0400 hrs. to load our mules in the starlit darkness. All was quiet as we marched away from Coronation Camp, except for the tiny cheep-cheep of morse signals from the pack wireless set beside us.

Dawn broke as we followed the track down into the Shaktu Valley. Suddenly a perfect storm of rifle fire burst upon us from both sides of the wooded valley, and there we were, a completely open target, not knowing from Adam where the enemy lay.

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Two of our men dropped, to die of stomach wounds later. A bullet-hole suddenly appeared in the right flank of the mule just ahead of me. Amazingly it didn't drop but trotted on to the next half, where it finally collapsed. We opened fire with everything we had, but the attack continued all day until evening. The enemy ceased fire at last and we hastily dug ourselves in at SHAWALI.

At Shawali:

The Deserted (ha! ha!) Village

We settled down in Shawali Camp, and in the evenings most of us were gambling in little groups out in the open round hurricane bhuttis (lamps), while I was scribbling these notes by candlelight on a box. There was a sudden crash of machine-gun fire followed by the hiss of bullets close overhead from the village just above our camp (which we had thoroughly searched and thought deserted). I blew out the candle and dropped down behind the box. One of our fellows had been hit in the head and didn't last long. The shots, they say, were fired by a renegade subadar who had deserted from the Tochi Scouts.

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At Shawali: Gurkhas on 'Everest'

The 1/4th Gurkhas were attached to our Brigade to help capture the high hill we called 'Everest' which overlooked our camp. This they did in next to no time, giving no quarter whatsoever, using the Gurkha knife, the kukri, a fearsome weapon indeed.

Through the Nanga Tangi

We entered Bhattani country through an extraordinary cleft called the Nanga Tangi, where the River NANGA flows between sheer cliffs rising dizzily to a height of 600 ft or so - an ambush was attempted, so a detachment of Sikhs was detailed off to deal with it. They charged up to the enemy-held ridge and after a fierce hand-to-hand scrimmage brought down five dead tribesmen.

Coming in for the Jirga

The moral effect of the last action was very great and the tribal chiefs decided to sue for peace. I pictured some of them coming in for the jirga, or peace conference. Pale, fierce-looking men they were, and handsome in a cruel way, with pale blue eyes and lean, aquiline faces. Some of our IORs were captured by them and badly maltreated.

Journey's End

To mark the end of the WAZIRISTAN CAMPAIGN a reception of Brigade reps was held in the ruins of KOT Fort, in Bhattani country, and I took photographs of our Sjt. Ellison shaking hands with the C-in-C., Gen. Sir Robert Cassels, who simply went down the line, chatting briefly with each man introduced to him by our Brigadier, "Foxy" Noyes. There were no speeches, yet this event was, in its quiet way, historic. So Sjt. Ellison and I walked slowly back to K Section, and that was that. FTCW

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