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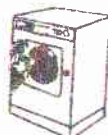
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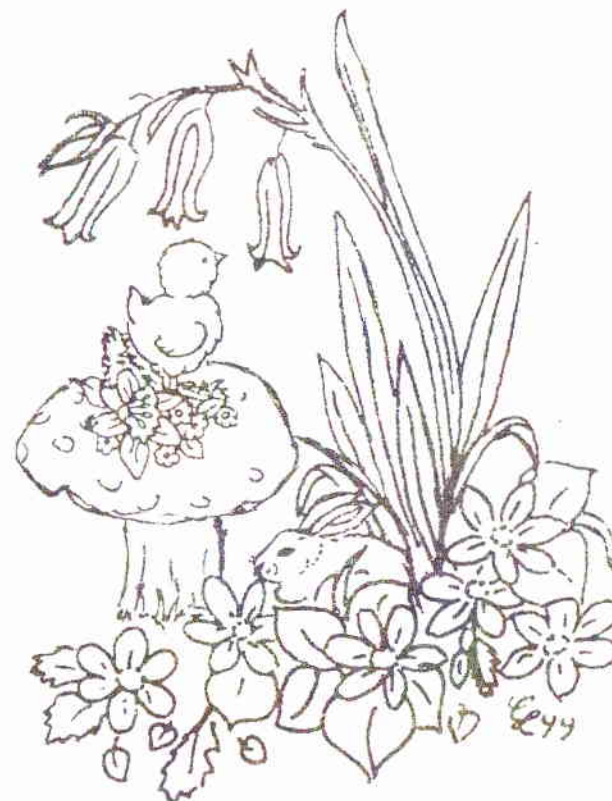
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CHURCH SERVICES

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1st April Passion Sunday

9.15am	St Mary's Muker <i>Eucharist</i>
10.30am	Gunnerside Methodist Reeth Methodist Low Row URC
11.00am	Holy Trinity Low Row <i>Eucharist</i> Reeth Congregational St Edmund's Marske <i>Family Eucharist</i>
11.15am	St Mary's Arkengarthdale <i>Holy Communion BCP</i>
2.00pm	Keld Methodist
2.30pm	Arkengarthdale Methodist
6.00pm	St Andrew's Grinton <i>Evening Prayer</i>
6.30pm	Muker Methodist Reeth Congregational

22nd April Low Sunday

8.30am	St Michael's Downholme <i>Holy Eucharist Rite B</i>
10.30am	St Mary's Arkengarthdale <i>United Parish Eucharist</i> Low Row URC Reeth Methodist
10.45am	St Edmund's Marske <i>Procession & Holy Eucharist</i>
11.00am	Reeth Congregational
2.00pm	Keld URC
6.30pm	Muker Methodist Gunnerside Methodist Reeth Congregational

8th April Palm Sunday

8.30am	St Andrew's Grinton <i>Eucharist</i> St Michael's Downholme <i>Holy Eucharist Rite B</i>
10.30am	St Andrew's Grinton Reeth Methodist Low Row URC
11.00am	Reeth Congregational St Edmund's Marske <i>Morning Prayer</i>
11.15am	St Mary's Arkengarthdale <i>Holy Communion BCP</i>
2.00pm	Keld URC
4.00pm	St Mary's Muker <i>All-age Worship</i>
6.30pm	Gunnerside Methodist <i>Holy Communion</i> Reeth Congregational



29th April

10.30am	St Andrew's Grinton <i>United Parish Eucharist</i> Low Row URC Reeth Methodist
11.00am	Reeth Congregational St Edmund's Marske <i>Holy Eucharist</i>
2.00pm	Keld Methodist
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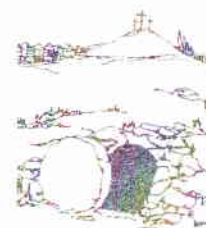
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Maundy Thursday April 12th	6.30pm 7.30pm	St Michael's, Downholme Holy Trinity Low Row	<i>Holy Communion</i> <i>Communion & Watch</i>
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Good Friday April 13th	10.30am 11.00am 12noon 2.00pm 3.30pm 7.00pm	Reeth Methodist Reeth Congregational St Mary's Arkengarthdale St Andrew's Grinton St Edmund's, Marske Keld Methodist Keld Methodist	<i>Devotional service</i> <i>Good Friday Service</i> <i>Quiet meditation</i> <i>Drama for Good Friday</i> <i>Good Friday Service</i> <i>Children's Service</i>
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Saturday April 14th	7.30pm 8.00pm	Keld Methodist St Andrew's, Grinton	<i>Easter Vigil, Service of Light</i> <i>Renewal of Baptismal vows</i>
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Easter Sunday April 15th	6.30am 9.00am 9.15am 9.30am 10.30am 11.00am 11.15am 2.00pm 6.30pm	St Andrew's Grinton Keld United Reformed Church St Mary's Muker St Andrew's Grinton St Michael's, Downholme Low Row URC Reeth Methodist Holy Trinity Low Row St Edmund's, Marske Reeth Congregational St Mary's Arkengarthdale Keld Methodist Arkengarthdale Methodist Gunnerside Methodist Marske Methodist Muker Methodist Reeth Congregational	<i>First Eucharist</i> <i>Easter Communion</i> <i>Eucharist</i> <i>Eucharist</i> <i>Holy Communion</i> <i>Easter Communion</i> <i>Holy Communion</i> <i>Eucharist Worship</i> <i>Holy Communion</i> <i>Communion</i> <i>Holy Communion</i> <i>Holy Communion</i> <i>Holy Communion</i>
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REETH & DISTRICT GAZETTE

EDITORIAL

Hello again! Thanks for the many appreciative comments we have received about the Gazette, and also a big thanks to Mike for being on the ball and getting out so quickly the 'Extra Supplement' on the Foot and Mouth problems – his holiday must have refreshed him. We will if necessary print more Extras; as required, to help inform people. Unfortunately the news is no better – in fact its worse. I suppose what is happening is what we all really in our hearts expected, yet hoped would not happen. The spread of this virus which causes 'foot and mouth' seems to have gone totally AWOL, and now the 'experts' are predicting that it will be such a long time before things get better. It is difficult not to be depressed when one moves around the Dales. There is so little happening. Most of the societies and groups, clubs etc. seem to be on hold, and there are very few, if any visitors around. I feel depressed whenever I go through the wretched disinfecting areas in the car and have to dip my feet in the trays or buckets. Although happy to do it, in so far as we hope it has some effect, there is never the less that feeling of being 'unclean', or, as if one is part of a Sci-fi horror movie or computer 'virtual reality' game. But this is no 'virtual reality' – it is reality.

We have to do whatever we can to prevent the spread of this abomination into our beloved area. With all this doom and gloom it is very difficult to think positively. I asked a friend the other day how they were in this situation. The answer was "We are trying not to think about it, if it happens to us it happens. But its not easy, particularly when silly b..s keep ringing us up to ask how we are!" Point taken!. I found myself when looking across the moor the other evening thinking that spring is late - there are no signs of spring! Then the following morning I heard the 'dawn chorus' for the first time this year. Not true, I thought, spring is here. I just hadn't looked for it, I hadn't seen the new life in the plants and flowers. Then I realised that we just need to take our blinkers off for a second or two to see that after all this is over, nature will still go on. There has got to be hope. The arrival of Easter in the next two weeks should also give us hope - the hope that is shown to us in the story of the resurrection of Christ.

Do have a Happy Easter, and our earnest hope and prayer is that our beloved Dales will remain unscathed and that we will soon get back to normality.

GML

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**Guidance for Business Ratepayers
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The outbreak of foot and mouth disease shows no signs of abating and it is becoming increasingly obvious that it is now having a serious and adverse effect on both the farming community and tourism throughout the district.

Richmondshire District Council is keen to offer support and assistance wherever it can to those affected, either directly or indirectly, by the outbreak.

In particular the Council advises business ratepayers severely affected to contact the Valuation Officer immediately to seek a reduction in their rateable value. The website address and telephone number is www.voa.gov.uk and 01423 830800.

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*The Final Word...**The making of Lent*

Lent is not a time to make yourself as miserable as possible—but from some of the stories you hear, you would be forgiven for thinking that. People giving up their favourite treats, from sugar to chocolate to alcohol...going to hear long devotional addresses, spending time alone soul-searching. So what is it really all about? Over the last 2000 years, three main elements have gone into the making of Lent. They are:

- 1) Preparation for Easter baptism. The early Church (especially in Jerusalem, 4th century) came to use the forty days building up to Easter as a time to prepare their new converts for Baptism. For these converts, Lent became a time of great joyful anticipation.
- 2) Time for penance and reconciliation with the Church. Since early times, Lent has been used as a time when those who sinned and had been debarred from Communion did penance. Forgiveness and restoration brought peace and security.
- 3) A fast in preparation for Holy Week and Easter. This, too, has been popular since earliest times, and normally meant giving up food until the evening of each day. The point was not to punish oneself, but to abstain, in order to both focus the mind in prayer to God, and to appreciate the real value (if any) of what one was depriving oneself.

Lent has come to be 40 days in length, corresponding with Jesus' time in the wilderness (Matthew 4:1-11; Luke 4:1-13) Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, and ends on Easter Eve, the forty days comprising the intervening weekdays, as Sundays do not count! In the Middle Ages, unbleached linen vestments were used; today violet is the liturgical colour.

What about the ashes? The Old Testament has several references to the use of ashes as a sign of penitence. Thus the early penitents had ashes sprinkled over them. But this was such an effective 'visual aid' that soon everyone else wanted to take part in this custom as well—it was a way of saying publicly their response to the prophet Joel's call to "rend your hearts and not your garments". Today's Collect stresses the penitential character of the day and the readiness of God to always forgive and renew. The custom of 'ashing' is where the priest traces an outline of the cross on the forehead of people at the altar. Like processing with candles on 2nd February and palms on Palm Sunday, it was abolished at the Reformation, though the old name for the day remained. Receiving ashes for Anglicans remains optional. Since late Medieval times a custom has been to burn the branches used on Palm Sunday in the previous year in order to create the ashes for today.

Reverend Stephen Oram

SWALEDALE FESTIVAL

Has it been cancelled?

The short answer is "Not yet

The Director, Philip Parr, and the Festival Board have three options. We go ahead as planned. We cancel the whole thing.

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At this time of year the Festival is fully planned and the marketing has nearly all been done.

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The Elastic Band, the Steeton Male Voice Choir and the South Yorkshire Police Band. Venues have been arranged, 25+ with consequent benefit to the community. Last year, at a conservative estimate, we sold 4000 tickets.

The National Festivals Association tells us that every ticket sold represents, on average £25 in local business (food, drink, accommodation, transport). Even if this figure seems rather high, it gives an idea of the loss to the community. We feel it would be irresponsible to cancel outright at this point and risk losing all the benefit to the area, not to mention the BUZZ of the Festival.

So, the Board are meeting in mid April to make a final decision. We sincerely hope that THE SWALEDALE FESTIVAL 2001 will go ahead if it is at all possible, but rest assured that we shall do nothing against advice. It may turn out to be a rather different Festival. More urban and less rural for this year only.

We may, in the end, have to cancel, but we are not considering that at the moment. We hope that you will, as you always do, give your support. Fingers crossed —

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WELL DONE!

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- 1. The remaining league matches are to be cancelled forthwith.
- 2. The Individual Knock Out Cup to be cancelled.
- 3. The two outstanding Cup Finals are to be left to the three teams involved to make their own decisions on whether they think it may be appropriate to play them and when.
- 4. The Dinner Dance to be postponed until later in the year - possibly August or September, depending on the situation at the time.
- 5. The seasons results to stand as from Result Sheet 22 with adjustments being made for the three teams who had played an extra match and for the teams who had played one less match, by either deducting from or adding to their average score for the season.

Searching for : Ann Allen (nee Coates) b 26/4/1807?— Gunnerside; Mrs Faye Hastings of Lakewood, Colorado, America is seeking information on the above ancestor, believed to have been christened in Methodist chapel May 4th or 10th 1807. All details if know welcomed at hastfaye@aol.com or via the "Gazette". send to Mike Beckwith Ta!

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My wife and I have to keep pinching ourselves and asking is this the same Ros we have known for well over ten years, the couch potato, the one that got out of breath walking from Reeth down to the swing bridge? Well, yes it is. Her determination to succeed in this venture is beyond our belief.

Over the last 18 mouths or so, we have been to watch Ros in several half marathons around the country, her enthusiasm and preparation would put many a top athlete to shame. With the coaching and dogged support of husband Ken, the long hard evenings running in the Dales are now starting to pay off.

I for one did not realise just how much work has to be put into running a full marathon. I hope the people of Reeth and District can find it in their hearts to support Ros and most of all, St. Teresa's hospice for all the hard work they do, there but for the grace of God, you and I may need that help one day.

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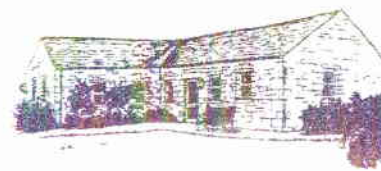
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It's a Doc's Life

A column with a medical slant.

Like everyone in the rural community I have watched with horror the spread of the viral disease called foot and mouth. I have also watched the Government's attempts at controlling the disease. I do not pretend to be an expert in this condition but if I could draw a comparison to the control of a similar human viral infection, then if we followed the Governments approach, it would read as follows:

Johnny, is our eight-year-old son. He is the product of many generations of farmers. We have invested a large amount of our time and money in ensuring that his is the best we can muster. We want him to take over the farm. Johnny has a cousin to visit from abroad. Our country has been certified measles free since 1967 but not the country from which his cousin comes. Unfortunately, Johnny's cousin is incubating measles. Now, we do not vaccinate against measles, because to do so would admit that we have a measles problem. This would inhibit free movement of children. However, Johnny has now developed measles, which considering he has no immunity, is not a surprise. So how do we stop the spread of the disease? Firstly, we see the first signs of measles in Johnny, so the vets slaughter him and we burn his carcass.

Then they impose a restriction order on all his classmates so that none can travel to school. The family next door is fined £5,000 when their children go from the bathroom to the kitchen. Next, the Government vets decide that all Johnny's classmates, despite being free of infection, must be slaughtered in order to control the spread of the disease. We still do not vaccinate because to do so would admit that we have a measles problem. (This is despite the whole world witnessing that we are struggling with a measles problem). Then we find that slaughtering contacts is not enough, we want to kill huge numbers of children who have no trace of the disease, so that it provides a buffer zone. The army must be brought in to shoot children in the playground and any parents who might try to defend their offspring. How would we feel about that? In human vaccination programmes, we vaccinate as many children as we can to produce "herd immunity". This means that if the virus cannot find a susceptible host to spread to it dies out. Why can't we vaccinate huge numbers of cloven-hoofed beasts to provide a firebreak against the spread of this disease? Don't ask me, I am not a Government minister. A few facts. Foot and Mouth is an Aphthovirus of the family Picomaviridae of which there are seven sub-types (0, A, C, SAT1, SAT2, SAT3 and Asia 1) the current outbreak is caused by type 0. If you calculate how much compensation the Government will pay out to the farming community then add in losses to tourism and other allied rural industries, it must add up to hundreds of millions of pounds.

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If this amount of money had been ploughed in to producing an effective vaccine following the 1967 outbreak would we be in the position we are in today? I don't know, I am not a vet or a Government minister. As a doctor, I do know that Government reassurances that there are no risks to humans are hollow. Foot & mouth is a zoonosis. It can be transmitted to humans who have close contact with infected animals. There was a report in 1834 of three veterinarians who contracted it by deliberately drinking milk from infected cows. The last reported case was in 1966, during the last outbreak of foot and mouth. It produces only a mild irritation in the throat but nothing more. Fortunately, we do not follow the same slaughter policy when humans catch it.

Dr. Paul Bond, The Surgery.

(I seem to have foot-in-mouth disease in that my last article was interpreted by some people as a criticism of the service provided by Aysgarth surgery. This was never intended. I am certain that the service in Aysgarth is excellent and I have already apologised to the Hawes doctors).

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The traditional Easter Monday Coffee morning has been cancelled because we do not wish to take any trade from local businesses at this difficult time.

Mrs Peggy Purver plans to hold a Horticultural Stall (Bring & Buy Plants) on Easter Monday 16th April in the Muker Methodist Schoolroom from 11 am - 2 pm. Funds raised will be donated to the Archbishops' Appeal to assist farmers during and following the foot and mouth crisis. Please support this work.

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Change and Decay

by John Hardy

I have often stood on the Arkengarthdale road in all weathers, and looked across to Castels and the ruin of the old cottage, that in times past was the home of William Spence. Dwarfed by the massive hillside that rises behind it, it was once the meeting place of early Methodists some 250 years ago. I can readily imagine their simple form of worship. The unaccompanied singing, their enthusiastic prayers and Bible readings. Time like an ever rolling stream has swept them away, and their old venue, is now left to decay in its oft' drenched and windswept valley. Old Methodist plans that have been preserved, remind us of the many small communities, that once met for worship in the most unexpected places. In the 1830's we would have found a gathering at Seal Houses, and in the 1850's, worshipping communities could be found at such unlikely places as Ellerton, William Gill Houses, Calvert Houses, Ivelet and Low Whita. Booze had particularly strong Methodist connections, and I recall that when looking for the ruin of the old chapel, I inquired of a young local farmer, who was unable to tell me where it had been. It was here in this village, that a poignant scene was witnessed. An old miner who was forced to leave the village because of declining employment opportunities, standing in front of his empty hearth with his arms around his children sang, 'No foot of land do I posses, No cottage in this wilderness, A poor woman.' I found the ruin of the old chapel building, situated within an old garth. Its roof and much of its stonework had long since gone, and it was overgrown with bushes. Observing its ruined and sad condition, I could not but recall the lament of a Swaledale poet of years gone by concerning another ruined chapel:-

Must I pass the chapel o'er
Because its ministers are gone.
No, tho' its clock will strike no more,
Its vane and ball have tumbled down,
It stands a monument of grace,
A monument of God's decree.
Though none fills it, it fills its place
And worships God most silently.

Level House, up at the Old Gang, does not immediately conjure up the image of worshipping people, but it, nevertheless despite being the managers house, did double as a chapel, for those people who lived in the remote wastes up on the mine veins. Perhaps this is an appropriate moment to remind ourselves that when John Wesley first came to Swaledale, there were here a people ready and willing to listen to him. He himself was an unrepentant member of the Church of England, but Swaledale had always harboured independent and dissenting minds, as witness Swinnergill Kirk, the remote cave where some men and women worshipped, thus putting life and limb at risk, by reason of oppressive laws. When I came to Swaledale in 1954, as the minister to the Methodists of the upper dale, the chapel at Whaw was still acknowledged on the Methodist plan, although no services were held there, hence I have no personal memories to sustain my recollections. Its leading personality during his lifetime, was Matthew Henry Stones. Little Jenny Alderson, recalled that such was her smallness of stature, she had to be stood on a chair when at three years of age, she said her first piece at the Sunday School anniversary. We know her better as the late Jenny Sunter, a truly remarkable and 'gutsy' Christian lady.

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The purpose of this project was to provide detailed information about the value of the voluntary and community sector to both the social and economic life of the community. Although it is increasingly recognised that voluntary and community organisations make a significant contribution to social and economic well-being across North Yorkshire and York, there is little specific information available to facilitate an understanding of the sector's position and needs, or a full recognition of its role as a stakeholder.



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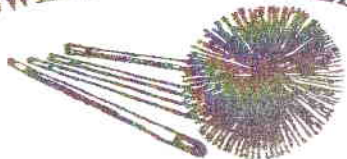
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Change & Decay - cont.. from page 18

Although they were not in my sphere of influence, I do recall the Methodist congregations of Healaugh, Marrick, Marske & Hurst. Whilst I was engaged in the business of earning a living in some other part of the country, two of them slipped out of existence, when those who held them together 'quite the field' for one reason or another. John Peacock was the leading personality at Healaugh, and I remember him well as a lively and humorous man. Mary Busby entertained me royally when I went to preach at Marrick I recall. She had suffered the severe blow of the loss of her husband, leaving her with a farm and a young family. I can better understand her heartache now, than I could then as a young minister. The abiding memory that Marske left behind was the large Christian family of Mr and Mrs. Henry Wallace, I remember the warmth and Christian devotion within the home. What they had then, we as a society today now seem intent upon destroying.

The society at Muker has left its impression upon my mind. During my stay John Kilburn died, and J.T. Lyon the Superintendent wrote of him, "a man beloved for his integrity, humility and kindness; one who lived, prayed and worked for the salvation of his fellow-men. Some will remember him as a Local Preacher who walked miles to declare the Gospel of Christ. Others will think of him as a great worker for the Chapel at Muker. Many more will thank God for a saintly life, a gracious soul a very understanding man. What patience, meekness and faith, blossomed in a life, which knew suffering and frustration!" The note of triumph in death at this time, reminds me of the Wesley hymn,

Rejoice for a brother deceased,
Our loss is his hifinite gain;
A soul out of prison released,
And freed from its bodily chain.

Finally I feel impelled to comment upon the wonderful hospitality, that has been extended

by the ladies of that society to those who conducted services at the chapel.

At last I come to Keld with its chapel built in 1841. My first impressions are the most striking. The congregation was large then, receptive and friendly. Jim Alderson took me for supper to Stone House. To someone who had come from a London circuit it was like paradise as the Swale hissed by the old house, and I was embraced by the warmth of the welcome within. There was something of the old Swaledale still in existence in the upper dale in 1954, as typified by Mrs. Whitehead, who used to take an hour to walk to the Keld chapel from Ravenseat with her family. When I returned 35 years later, the welcome was still as warm, but few had filled the places of those who had moved away or died.

I am left with a wonderful treasured memory, of something that has disappeared. Someone might breezily say, "But that is just progress."

I think that I would prefer the word change. Yes we have many material things that the people we have considered never had. But we have sustained immeasurable losses. The dreadful divorce figures, abortions and exploitation of our young people threatens society with disintegration. Our empty Churches and Chapels prompt the question, What are people worshipping now? Our present god without doubt is materialism Jesus offered us Eternal Life, and the millions that we can acquire here are peanuts beside it. However it requires a new birth. Amid the shifting sand of time the words of Frances Henry Lyte seem apposite,

*Change and Decay in all around I see;
Oh Thou who changest not,
abide with me!*

JOHN HARDY

(Ed. Many Thanks to John for his series of articles on Methodism in Swaledale. This was the final one.)

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Two Poems

A Poem to Sarah.

True love is a profound remembering,
Grasped fragile moments of delight,
redeemed and wed here,
A feeling known only to the unknown,
A sip in the womb,
A whisper in lullabies carried on a wing,
When seen in it's entirety, love is a
beautiful thing.

Life is so experienced, it is difficult to
calculate time,
As an hour glass or a period,
Precious let it be in the passing,
For times logged up here are ever,
And to each couple forever.

In the end it means that you wish,
Miraculous, terrifying, wondrous,
magnificent, classic,
Let the threads unravel,
Let our hearts entwine,
May it feel it a fine time to die.

Always worlds within worlds.
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of love.

Open self to each other,
Hand of love and dearest carer,
My one and only, my dear Sarah.

For David from Mike Kusz.

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See you on the next bardot,
Dave, my Mate, oh happy soul!



Dear Sir,
Following the March 2001 issue, I write to cover three things, the most important of which is to offer my sincere thoughts to all those who are so badly affected by the foot and mouth disease restrictions. I know of no other time in my life when I have been amongst people whose whole family well-being is so threatened. Their retention of spirit is to be commanded in such terrible times. I can only say that I wish them well and pray for a swift end to the troubles.

I read with interest Keith Allen's letter about power and storage heaters. In our house the Economy 7 cuts in at 12 midnight (winter) or 0100 hours (summer). When it does there is a noticeable dimming of the lights and our neighbour's fluorescent kitchen light used to cease to work (not enough volts). They have had to replace it with a conventional light system. In addition to this I have often thought that the night storage system seemed to lack oomph and now realise that with such potentially high voltage drops the seven hours cheaper electricity period will not allow the storage radiators to take their designed heat charge. This means that the system never reaches the recommended charge and so "runs out" of heat in the late afternoon/early evening. In turn this requires the heating to be topped up by lighting the fire or use of premium rate electricity for a fan heater. The NEEB seem to have got it made! They have been so successful in persuading us to use night storage heating run on electricity to heat our houses, but can't get their system to power it all because demand is too high. What a moneymaking 'catch 22'. Needless to say I am intending to find out how meters are set to charge for the electricity we consume. Presumably it is on the power actually consumed - I'd not like to be paying 100% prices for 75% of the power. My last point concerns the Gazette, for which well done to

the Editorial team and the collators who put it together and to those who distribute it. I look forward to each issue and read cover to cover. Reading the Gazette has become a little harder just recently as some of the articles have been long and have jumped around the pages. Could these excellent articles be continuous over sequential pages rather than "continued on page....."?

Sincerely, Martin Hughes, Keld

Dear Sir,

As a regular and appreciative reader of the Gazette may I comment on what I feel is a confusing layout which has appeared in recent months I know that I am not alone in finding articles, reports and advertisements to be something of a jumble. To read the adventures of the Major is a real treat of Hide and Seek as one darts about the pages of the Gazette. Is it possible to return to the page by page sequence which ensures that we miss nothing, and find what we are looking for?

Yours, C.R. Brewster, Reeth.

Ed. Thanks for your comments. We note what you say. However we must point out that we try and get as much as possible into the Gazette, and we also have a duty to our advertisers. The Gazette would become unappealing for them, if we just had page after page of adverts as people probably would not read them. We need adverts to keep the Gazette free, and so we try and strike a happy balance. Sometimes the length of the article dictates how it is set out. Please bear with us. Please keep the letters coming!

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We have finally received and collected all the sponsor money for the Charity Walk completed last September. Richard, Caroline and Rachel Duck and Dave Lowson would like to thank everyone involved and concerned with the fundraising and donating sponsor money for the Spencer Dayman Meningitis Laboratories. We are pleased to say that a marvellous sum of £2,350 was raised to help this cause.

Thank you all so much.

*Sincerely, Richard, Caroline,
Rachel and Dave, Reeth.*

Dear Sir,

Thank you for printing my memories of Reeth. (Letters January 2001 issue)

My great interest in the area, especially Low Row, resulted in the following coincidence. About eight years ago, as a mothers day present, my daughter bought two tickets for special excursion run to Carlisle from Sheffield via Leeds on the Settle to Carlisle Railway. I had always said that I would like to see the viaduct. We did not go by steam train, but it was a sunny bright day, so the view was clear and crisp. When we reached Carlisle station, this train was due to return in about one hour, so we had no time to go into the town. We spent our time in the station bookshop. Whilst I looked for information about the Settle-Carlisle Railway, my daughter Jean browsed round. She suddenly called out that she had found a book on Swaledale which had Gunnerside and Low Row in it and was full of old photographs of places and people. As she brought it over to me and was turning the pages, she said, "Look, I've found a school

photo with you on it!" She had picked up a copy of "The Spirit speaks loud" by Sandra R. Wood. There is a school photo of Low Row school in 1938 and I'm at the back behind the children. My headmistress refused to have her picture taken, but insisted that I must be on it. I have the original photo at home. The copy, though much handled was the last copy and we bought it at a reduced price. I wrote to Sandra Wood, told her of our find, bought some later copies of her work and kept in touch. In May we went to Low Row and met her, telling her of a few incidents she did not know and she brought me up to date with the children in her book. It seemed a strange coincidence that I should travel on the last day of that special excursion and to find the last copy of a book on Swaledale with a picture of the children I taught in 1938 and I am on it - I still have to see Carlisle. *Sincerely,*

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*"The pictures it recalls to mind
Are sombre, dull and grey,
Suggestive of tempestuous night
And shivering winter day;*

*"Of swaying trees and storm-tossed craft,
And birds in headlong flight;
Of trembling witches in Macbeth,
And windy tombs at night.*

*"It dies away, stops, starts again,
Nearer and nearer comes;
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Monday 9th April	Saturday 7th April
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Wednesday 11th April	Tuesday 10th April
Thursday 12th April	Wednesday 11th April
Friday 13th April	Thursday 12th April
Monday 16th April	Tuesday 17th April
Tuesday 17th April	Wednesday 18th April
Wednesday 18th April	Thursday 19th April
Thursday 19th April	Friday 20th April
Friday 20th April	Saturday 21st April

"And Now For The Good News...."

The Two Dales Partnership, which is the Community Partnership for Swaledale and Arkengarthdale, was given the good news recently that they had been successful in their first bid to secure funding from European Objective 2 funds for economic and social regeneration. This means that for the next six years, the area can bid for specific projects against a fund of £37,000 per year. These projects can come from any sector, from individuals, groups, businesses and voluntary organizations. A second bid is now being planned which, if successful will bring further investment funding into the area. The success of the voluntary effort so far has been recognised and the Partnership is now moving up a gear by hoping to engage an experienced community development worker on a fee basis to help with the next round of bidding. The grant for this work comes from the outgoing European, Rural Development, District Council and our own local Parish Council funds. Over the next few weeks, the Partnership will be publicising an "Open-House" event in Reeth to which the public can come and find out more about the Community Investment Prospectus. This is the document that the Partnership produced in order to bid for this funding and which the community can now use to support their project applications. Copies of the Prospectus will be distributed throughout Swaledale and Arkengarthdale at named access points, along with guidance notes for applicants, available to take away. Due to the current problems of foot and mouth disease the Partnership cannot set a definite date for the launch in Reeth, but it is hoped it will take place in April, so look out for announcements in the Darlington and Stockton Times, the "Gazette" and around the Two Dales nearer the time. Those with internet access can visit the Community Investment Prospectus website at members.aol.com/swaledalecip - Any difficulty ring David Trusson on 01748 884474.

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Dear Sir,

On Wednesday the 14th March, 2001. I arranged a Mystery tour from the Elderly Persons Club in Filey. 50 of our members spent an hour at the Northallerton market and from there we travelled into Richmond and as we had a little time to kill before lunch, I directed the coach driver to travel into Hudswell and across the narrow road into Downholme. A sight not to be missed by anyone. Our members were very impressed with the beautiful view of Swaledale from the top of Downholme. They were equally impressed when we reached our destination, Reeth. Many of our members have never seen such beautiful scenery, nor had they enjoyed such an exceptional meal like the one prepared by the proprietors of the Buck Hotel in Reeth. May I, through your magazine, thank the proprietor of the gift shop and the many locals our members spoke to and in particular the staff at the Buck Hotel for their courtesy, kindness and exceptional hospitality shown to our members. I have already had many requests to repeat the outing in the future. Once again Thank you. Our members are looking forward to making a further visit to your beautiful village.

Yours Sincerely,

Mel Playforth Sec. Filey

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Dear Sir,

As an annual subscriber ("Friend") to the Gazette and life-long visitor to Eskeleth in Arkengarthdale, I would like to say how very much I enjoy your paper. Here in London I read it every month, from cover to cover, including the ads. It provides the Swaledale/Arken'dale community with a much needed service and long may it prosper. The variety of the contents is a great strength and I particularly enjoy Dr Bond's column. The service his single-handed practice provides is exemplary, as we discovered when my elderly mother had to sign on as a temporary resident last year. We were very impressed with the first rate service we received. Here in south London, the practice we attend has eight partners and many thousands of patients so it is usual to wait for a couple of hours in a very crowded waiting room and then see a different doctor each time.

I would also like to say to all your readers in the dales how very much we sympathise as you go through the terrible trials of the foot and mouth outbreak. It is a matter of genuine concern to us, in town as well as country, but it is hard to translate our sympathy into action. The Gazette at least gives us the opportunity to say we are thinking about you and support you in the struggle to defeat this dreadful epidemic.

Sincerely,

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(Ed. Many thanks for your kind comments, thoughts and understanding—please keep the letters coming!)

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In the first year, "s" will replace the soft "c". Certainly, this will make the sivil servants jump with joy. The hard "c" will be dropped in favour of the "k". This should klear up konfusion and keyboards kan have one less letter.

There will be growing publik enthusiasm in the sekond year when the troublesome "ph" will be replased with "f". This will make words like "fotograf" 20% shorter !

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By the fourth year, peopl wil be reseptiv to steps such as as replasing "th" with "z" and "w" wiz "z". During ze fifz year ze unesesary "o" kan be dropd from words kontaining "ou" and similar changes vud of kurs be aplid to ozer kombinations of leters. After ze fiz yer ve vil hav a rali sensibl ritn styl.

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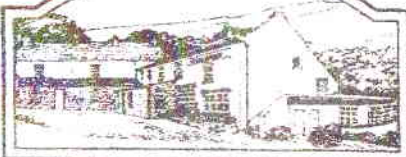
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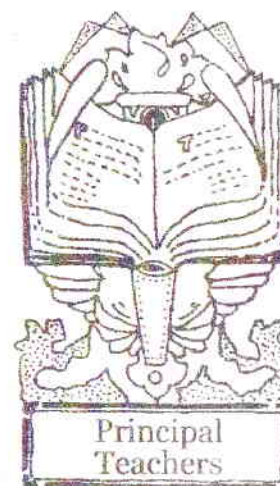
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