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8th July

9.00am	Keld URC	
9.30am	St Andrew's Grinton	<i>Eucharist</i>
	St Michael's Downholme	<i>Holy Eucharist</i>
10.30am	Low Row URC	
	Reeth Methodist	<i>Communion</i>
11.00am	Reeth Congregational	
	St Edmund's Marske	<i>Morning Prayer</i>
11.15am	St Mary's Arkengarthdale	<i>Holy Communion</i>
4.00pm	St Mary's Muker	<i>Sunday School/Eucharist</i>
6.30pm	Gunnerside Methodist	
	Marske Methodist	
	Reeth Congregational	

29th July

10.30am	Low Row URC	
	Reeth Methodist	
	St Mary's Arkengarthdale	<i>United Parish Eucharist</i>

15th July

9.15am	St Mary's Muker	<i>Communion</i>
10.30am	Low Row URC	
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11.00am	Holy Trinity Low Row	<i>Eucharist</i>
	Reeth Congregational	
	St Edmund's Marske	<i>Eucharist</i>
2.00pm	Keld Methodist	
4.00pm	Muker Methodist	
6.30pm	St Mary's Arkengarthdale	<i>Evensong</i>
	Arkengarthdale Methodist	
	Gunnerside Methodist	
	Marske Methodist	
	Reeth Congregational	

22nd July

8.00am	Holy Trinity Low Row	<i>Holy Communion</i>
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EDITORIAL

Hello again, and thanks for reading! We have another packed Gazette for you this month. It's great that you send in your articles, letters, news etc. Please keep writing for us. Unfortunately sometimes we are unable to get everything in in one month's issue, and so things have to be held over until the next month. We can't afford to do a supplement everytime, so please be patient with us. It has been nationally quite an eventful month, but doesn't the election seem so far away? I was lucky enough to be asked to be an observer at the count, it was fascinating to watch, particularly when one of our local ballot boxes was opened on the table in front of me. It really was interesting. I did not know there was so much support for the Monster Raving Loony Party!! All of the candidates were there, and they all seemed very pleasant, sincere and good natured. But what impressed me most though was the sheer dignity of our elected M.P. when he gave his 'thank you address' at four a.m., knowing his leadership and party's hopes were shattered. But that is democracy at work. Now we have a second term of government, with all the changes heralded. I see that the Minister for the new Department of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

(DEFRA) is visiting Skipton to talk to farmers and local businesses about the FMD situation. (They have had over 80 cases in that area.) What's on everyone's mind is will they listen or take notice. Mrs. Beckett's key tasks include promoting a competitive and integrated food supply, protecting and improving the countryside and establishing the Dept. as a leading voice for environmental protection and rural regeneration. So why is there a strong feeling that the government will use this opportunity caused by the FMD epidemic to 'prune' small farms which are regarded as uneconomic. We hope not. There's no doubt that the end of small farms in our Two Dales would see a decline and possibly the end to the way of life, and the environment we love and want to protect. This feeling does seem to be in contrast to the new ministers declared key tasks, but then economics often finds ways of making contrast between ideals and practice. Time alone will tell. What are your views? Please tell us. GML

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Arkengarthdale £82.02, Arkle Town £33.61, Fremington £51.96
Grinton & Harkerside £151.31, Gunnerside £141.40,
Healaugh £36.86, Hurst £39.25, Keld & Angram £36.25,
Low Row £193.09, Marrick £21.98, Marske £74.50,
Muker & Thwaite £117.18 and Reeth £307.54

Altogether during Christian Aid week a grand total of £1664.46 was raised. This was made up of the House to house collection listed above, £75.90 midweek church service held at St Andrew's, Grinton on 11th May, £171.41 Cake stall on Reeth green, £30.20 coffee morning at the drop in centre at Reeth Methodist chapel - both on 18th May and a Christian Aid Week donation of £100 from the Upper Swaledale Traidcraft group.

Thanks are extended to all 'house to house' collectors and especially to residents of the two dales who donated so very generously.

Susan Allison - Secretary

SWALEDALE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Reeth Friday Market - Cake Stall in Aid of Parish Share – the Stall, run by Arkengarthdale Church in June, raised £220 towards the Parish Share. This was a magnificent effort thanks to all those throughout the Parish who contributed home-made cakes and raffle items for the food hamper.

Grinton Church will be running the Stall on Friday 13th July and Low Row Church on Friday 10th August. There will not be a stall in September but Muker Church will run the stall on 12th October.

A food hamper will be raffled on each occasion and Shirley Gale has kindly offered to organise this and the raffle tickets. Anyone who has items for the hamper can leave them at Reeth Garage in the care of Elaine Johnson. The food hamper in June raised £46 and was won by Edna Waggett of Satron.

Wine & Supper Party on Friday evening, 24th August in Muker Public Hall (tickets £3 from any Church member)

Table Top Sale – Bank Holiday Monday, 27th August – in Muker Public Hall from 1.30 pm – 4 pm – Face Painting, Afternoon Teas etc. All donations and items for sale gladly received by Church members. Proceeds in aid of building repair work to St. Mary's Church, Muker.

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The Kearton brothers of Thwaite.

As children, my sister and I loved to read the books written by Cherry Kearton about the animals he knew in Africa. I don't know whether we had a particular interest because of the Muker connection, but I think we enjoyed them for themselves. I imagine that many people today read the fine memorials on the front of the old school in Muker without actually knowing who these two former scholars were, or why their achievements made them worthy of remembrance on polished marble.

Richard and Cherry Kearton were born in Thwaite in 1862 and 1871. Their father was a farmer. They attended Muker school till they were twelve and then joined their father on the farm. Richard had had a fall whilst bird nesting and dislocated his hip. As it was never well treated he remained crippled for the rest of his life, which made farming a difficult way of life for him. Both boys learned to appreciate nature when out with their gamekeeper grandfather. When Richard was twenty he acted as a guide to a shooting party and was befriended by a Mr Sidney Galpin, who was so struck by the young man's intelligence that he invited him to apply for a job in his father's publishing firm of Cassells, in London.

Richard worked there as an office boy for some years and rose to become advertising sub-manager before he was thirty. He had already started writing short nature articles, and by 1887, when his father died he ventured upon writing a book or two. On the death of their father Cherry took the opportunity to leave the farm and join his brother in London. Cherry was particularly interested in photography and the two collaborated in 1895 to produce an illustrated book on British birds' nests. This was quite a trail-blazer in the study of birds. They described the habits, courtship and nesting places of birds in a way accessible to the average reader.

The Kearnons travelled to the loneliest parts of Britain, bird watching on cliffs and mountains. Before the days of telescopic lenses they disguised themselves as a cow, making an intriguing hide from wood and cowhide so that they could get close to their subjects. One memorable photograph survives of the brothers taking a picture of a raptor's nest on a cliff, Cherry is perilously balanced on Richard's shoulders, camera poking into a crevice in the rocks.

In 1897 Richard started lecturing using Cherry's photographs to illustrate his talks. The cine camera enabled Cherry to extend his range of work, and he started to travel abroad. In time he had visited India, Australia, New Zealand, Borneo, Africa and Canada, by now filming every conceivable species of animal life. Unlike many Victorian naturalists, he did not shoot wild animals with guns, only with his camera. Both Kearnons wrote scores of books, some specifically for children, and it is these I remember with affection. Their achievements were most remarkable when one considers the limits of their education and the remoteness of their little home village of Thwaite, also the rudimentary and bulky photographic equipment at their disposal at that time. Today we take for granted the opportunities which are open to us wherever we are born. It is good to remember with admiration what these two little boys from Muker school made of their lives.

Jocelyn M. Campbell.

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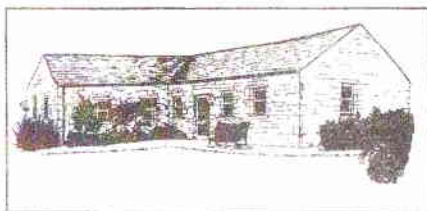
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Last month I tried to convince you that you should not believe everything you read in print; this month, I would like to talk about television. Over many years and many arguments, my family have finally convinced me that the people who inhabit the likes of Neighbours, Eastenders and Coronation Street are real people facing real life situations. I took a lot of convincing but, I have finally accepted this, but I have no desire to move to Walford. However, I do have some concerns about Superman. When I was about 7 years old, I bought the original DC comics version of "Superman" (*and I wish I had kept them but that is another story*). Even then, I had some difficulty with the concept that Superman could just don a pair of spectacles and a dopey expression and become mild-mannered Clark Kent of the Daily Planet. Not even his girl friend Lois Lane could recognise him and no one ever saw through this disguise. The flaw in this theory is that on Saturdays and Sundays when I am not on duty I don a pair of spectacles and a dopey expression and go and collect the papers. No one has ever given me Clark Kent's papers. In fact they say "Hello Dr Bond, here are your papers".

No trouble, they can see right through it. Either they are a lot brighter than Lois Lane or there is a flaw in the disguise theory. Therefore, if the disguise theory doesn't work then Superman must be made up. Just after Superman, on Thursdays, is Buffy the Vampire Slayer. Apart from the taxman, I am the only person in Reeth licensed to extract blood from people in large quantities so I would know if there were any vampires around. However, there are no incredibly anaemic people stumbling around. This coupled with the remarkable lack of neck wounds leads me to assume there are no vampires. Since no ordinary mortal can kill the undead, I assume that Buffy is doing a good job and therefore must exist.

Not so the Nine o'clock News. Every night I switch on the telly hoping to watch the Nine o'clock News but it is never on until ten. Now we all know that disasters such as plane crashes, hurricanes and earthquakes are not going to wait around an extra hour just to happen at ten o'clock. I think they use the extra hour to make up more ridiculous stories like John Prescott is a heavyweight boxing contender, Tony Blair won the election, Michael Portillo is the best person to lead the Tories and that the foot and mouth epidemic is over (*oops, I said I wouldn't mention that again*).

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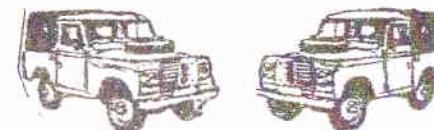
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Foot & Mouth Disease - With no cases reported in our immediate vicinity since late April one would expect to see signs of light at the end of the tunnel. The YDNP have opened two short waterside paths at Grinton and Reeth, but it is very unlikely that restrictions will be further relaxed until the end of July at the earliest and then only in a phased manner starting with upland routes. So it may be August when riverside paths become available. During the month the number of cases in North Yorkshire has doubled again to reach 81 (forty-one in the last six weeks in the Skipton area alone). Outbreaks in Westerdale and the Arncliffe areas too have extended the infected area status boundaries yet further.

Early May saw the river at its very best, good levels of water, warm weather and plentiful insect life, together with rising and jumping trout. By mid May water levels were dropping rapidly, only to be replenished as we go to press. A very frustrating time indeed when all you can do is watch from a road!

In mirroring the cautionary approach of the NYCC and the YDNP the club can announce that a limited amount of water will become accessible to fish from Monday 23rd July at Grinton bridge (70m downstream) and Reeth bridge to Arkle House (west bank access only). Due to the very limited extent of the water a "catch and release" and a "fly fishing" only regime is imposed on these stretches, until more water becomes available. Do not forget to have a valid rod license and that your subscriptions are paid.

The next club committee meeting is scheduled for the Monday 23rd July at The Bridge, Grinton, at 7.30 p.m.

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MUKER LADIES GUILD

The coach trip to Blackpool was a good day enjoyed by all. The weather was kind to us and we enjoyed a good chatter and a chance to explore the sights and smells of this popular resort. Some were more adventurous than others (Or had no imagination) because one group even had a ride on the "Pepsi Max", the tallest, fastest rollercoaster in the world. They did live to tell the tale and have a picture to prove it. On 14th July the Guild will be holding their annual famous

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SWALEDALE FESTIVAL

Philip Parr is to be congratulated on the recent success of his first Festival. His judicious pruning and moving of events enabled the Festival to take place despite the Foot and Mouth disease. Although it was sad to lose some concerts, especially the piano series and the walks which tied in with the 5.15 concerts we can look forward to next year when normal life surely will have been resumed. In spite of the difficulties and worries that there would not be enough people around the Festival had very good audience figures this year with great enthusiasm from locals and visitors alike. We are grateful to Malcom Terry who provided the Park and Ride service to Grinton Church which worked well and to all volunteers, ticket sellers, brochure displayers, caretakers, key holders and venues. It's difficult to mention all the popular events but the large numbers enjoying events on Reeth Green on Bank Holiday Monday spoke for themselves. Musical washing machines, surfing ironing boards and exploding canons were the highlights of the one man circus whilst the Javanese gamelan attracted a large crowd. Magnetic North kept us dancing in the Memorial Hall with their exclusively Yorkshire folk tunes whilst Reeth and Muker bands drew their usual large audiences. Although sad to have to move the lutenist from the magical setting of Downholme Church, Reeth

Methodist Church accommodated everyone who wished to attend. Jazz was represented in the Buck by the Swale Valley Stompers and in Grinton Church by the American Vibes player Steve Hobbs on his first UK tour accompanied by the Bobby Worth trio. An evening to remember. Two contrasting string quartets came to the Festival this year. Extending their UK tour by an extra day the Martinu Quartet from Prague opened the Festival with a vibrant performance, the Fitzwilliam known for their local connection played during the second week. Neyire Ashworth was a great hit in Leyburn playing solo clarinet as were the Elastic Band led by Kevin Hathaway who worked in Hawes school during the day and who incorporated the children into their concert in the evening. Carmen in ten minutes with a Wensleydale Creamery flavour was quite something. Thirty people attended the Rock band workshop held in Wensleydale school with Delta Sly and their concert was enjoyed in the evening. Paul Burbridge took the ecumenical Festival service this year at Grinton Church and the Festival ended with the Northern Sinfonia orchestra the same evening playing Walton, Finzi and Schubert. Philip Parr, undaunted by this year's problems plans to hold a Festival Encore weekend 18th - 22nd October, details of which will shortly be circulated.. So, keep the dates free or you might miss the next instalment of the Swaledale Festival. **Felicity Manning (Sec.)**

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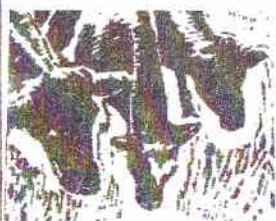
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Monday mornings! If you have always lived in the Dale you may not realise how fortunate we are. It must be thirty years (before here) since I have lived anywhere, where it was important to know at least three days in advance when you are going to be ill, or where one had to respond to the question "What is the matter with you?", which begged the response - "If I knew that I wouldn't need to see the doctor!". Here in Reeth we have the luxury, when we are ill of just going to see the doctor during normal surgery times and of being able to see him without an appointment, and Joyce will write down your name without asking, and then waiting in pleasant surroundings usually with friends and acquaintances, who are all concerned for your health. So, thanks to Dr. Bond and his colleagues for all of these things which are appreciated, but not always mentioned. As I said earlier, I was leaving the post office - on a Saturday afternoon, after sending off a parcel of marked examination papers. In other parts of the country, I would have had to wait until Monday - Reeth is the only P.O for miles around that is open on a Saturday afternoon - another service to be thankful for. By the way Dr. Bond, as a science teacher, I can confirm the scientific soundness of your argument that black is white (May Gaz. supplement), and give you 90% for physics, and 10% for logic, which together makes 100%, proving you are totally correct, and that white is also black if the article is read backwards. Well done.

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In early March just as the fresh smells and young rabbits of Spring were coming on-stream to give us great fun we have been restricted to our garden and regular tours in the field opposite our home. People are still kind and friendly and Mike and Margaret whom we live and share a home with, still talk and cuddle us. We are sure we have done something so wrong that we are being punished. We have laid together many times and talked over just what we could have done to cause this to happen to us. Few people come to see us, visitors are few and far between and most of them carry a terrible disinfectant stench which causes us to sneeze. Our food has been cut down; to stop us getting fat Margaret says, hasn't happened to Mike though by the look of it. Now the grass has grown in the field we have to walk right round the perimeter and sometimes we go twice round. Four thousand and sixty five paces round once, so really for us it's not very far. Yesterday we saw and smelt a stoat, but it disappeared into a wall and hid. It looked healthy and fit, must be all these undisturbed rabbits it is feeding on. Mike and Margaret are listing all the natural flowers in the hayfield. The flowers are a picture at the moment, but we are not allowed to go across the field-keep to the edge- we are told. In the field there are what seems to be hundreds of differing grasses,

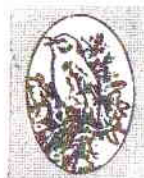
and flowers with funny names - Ragged Robin, Meadow Cranesbill and Buttercup, Marsh Marigolds, Clover, Celandine, Sorrel and many many others. At the top of the field, which gives grand views up and down dale, is a warren under the high wall. This is giving Mike great concern, especially just before haymaking, as he doesn't want the wall to collapse and stones to roll down the field, to be hidden amongst the grass. Wish we could go over the wall and chase those darned rabbits. The bottom of the field adjoins a piece in which Carol keeps her hens and ducks and William has several small calves. Talking to them they also feel something is amiss and now, with this hot and dry weather, the ponds nearly dried up. No washing - Oh they do smell - Thank goodness for JK, he started haymaking by cutting the show-field and two other meadows on Saturday 23rd., and the scent of new mown hay is pervading all around. Margaret is complaining about the dust and midges though. Perhaps with the grass soon to be cut we shall be allowed to go off along the footpaths once more - up along the river valley to Keld and Swinnegill and OH for a good long swim in the river. Just what can we have done to deserve this semi-imprisonment? Sometimes we have just cried with frustration, not knowing how long this punishment will last.

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 Chaff and grain together;
 Certain that a faithful hand
 Will take and sift them,
 Keep what is worth keeping,
 And, with the breath of kindness,
 Blow the rest away."

Anonymous

GOOD NIGHT!

"You've no need to light a night-light
 On a light night like to-night
 For a night-light's light's a slight-light,
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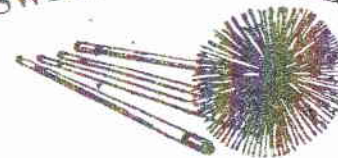
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"Ah, if we, too, would only fill the mind
With things of truth and loveliness like those
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Of Faith and Hope that will outlive the rose,
And Charity more beautiful than all."

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ANY SUNSET

"There's something about the going down of the
Sun,

Whether it makes a bonfire of a cloud,
Or too obscure and lonely to be proud,
Sinks on the nearest rooftop, and is gone.
There's something, not of colour nor of size,
In the mere going, in the calm descent,
Half out of heaven and half imminent;
Final, as though it never again would rise."

"There's something in its very noiselessness,
Unlike mad waters or the winds that shout
Their end in one last agony of excess;
Something that does not count its days nor deeds,
But trusts itself to darkness and goes out
And finds whatever afterlife it needs."

Louis Untermeyer

A number of people have said how much they
appreciate the recent inclusion of selected poems.
Poets and budding wordsmiths may care to
submit their work for inclusion in future issues.

LATE NEWS -CORRECTIONS**Please note :- Service changes**

Because of the lack of visitors at
the Keld Centre and elsewhere,
services at Keld United Reform
Church will be held on July 8th
and 22nd at 2 pm and not at 9
am as advertised on the inside
front cover of this Gazette.

Reminder :-

For those folk away from the dales
we sadly report that all shows Tan
Hill, Reeth and Muker have been
cancelled for this year due to the
risks and problems associated with
the foot and mouth disease.

Subscriber 'Friends' write :-

Stella & Maurice Hummel of
Leicester asks if a comprehensive
list of all regular annual events in
the dales can be included in 'our'
Gazette. This would then enable
regular visitors and many lovers of
the dales to plan their holidays
and visits at times appropriate to
catch their favourite 'Do's'.

Over the last couple of years event
dates do seem to have varied from
their original long time usual
dates, which has caused confusion.
However starting in the August
issue we shall hope to have a list of
events, gatherings, show dates,
festival days, and we ask all clubs,
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THANK YOU

I would like to say a very big thank you to everyone who so kindly donated to my retirement present of a lovely weekend in Edinburgh. From the time we left Muker by chauffeur driven car (thanks John) Norman and I had a great time. As we left Waverley Station there was a piper in full Highland Dress piping us into the city. The hotel lived up to expectations and so did the food. Thanks also for the champagne and flowers in our room. Before we left on Sunday evening we had visited the ZOO, Royal Yacht Britannia, walked round the castle, down the Royal Mile and visited the Dynamic Earth Exhibition. Thanks to Joyce, Barbara and Doreen for their hard work seeing everyone without either of us knowing anything about it. Also to Geoff for his kind words, his research into my history (some of the incidents I don't remember). What a wonderful surprise, it was so much appreciated and the get together afterwards at the Farmers Arms with the supper provided was very good. Also through the "Gazette" I would like to thank all who sent cards, presents and good wishes on my 60th Birthday, to everyone who bought tickets, gave prizes and to the many people who just gave money towards our charity concert in aid of the Stroke Society. It was a wonderful concert by Muker Band and James Shepherd. Thanks also to Michael and Dave for running the 'bar' to Sheila and Margaret for running

the Raffle, to Jennie, Linda, Bob and Gill for the lovely buffet supper.

A final figure of £1600 has been raised for the research into Stroke in Children.

Allan, Kirsty, Philip, Jasmine, Norman and I say a big thank you to one and all.

MARY GUY - Muker

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At the meeting of the Two Dales Community Partnership on the 13th June, members were delighted to hear the news that they had been successful in securing all the funding needed to appoint a dedicated Community Development Worker for Swaledale and Arkengarthdale. Having secured funding for the post from Europe some time ago, members who spearheaded the bidding team related what had been a long, tortuous and often frustrating process in obtaining the necessary commitments from Regional and National Government departments. The resulting structure of funding therefore is quite complex but this did not diminish the great sense of achievement that was felt by the group and their gratitude to those members who had undertaken the not inconsiderable task and emerged triumphant. Members learnt that so far, of the twenty-five or so bids that have been submitted in the whole of the Yorkshire and Humber region ours is the only bid to come from a rural area, the rest coming from urban areas, well used to the process of bidding for Structural funds and most employing professional consultants for the purpose. The confidence and the abilities of the Partnership have grown considerably since it's inception in April 2000, from the production of the CIP (Community Investment Prospectus), through our Incorporation as a limited company and now our successful first bid for substantial funding. Since its beginning the Partnership has had to undertake a string of largely unfamiliar tasks, often within very tight deadlines and rapidly changing circumstances but have been fortunate in having a dedicated membership with a collective ability to deal with the issues that have arisen. Different members have "picked up the baton" and run with it as each new task has emerged, depending on their availability, their field of knowledge and with the support of the rest of the group. The post of Community Development Worker for Swaledale and Arkengarthdale will be advertised within the next few weeks, in local newspapers, in the Reeth Gazette, on Community Internet sites and can also be seen now on our own web-site (<http://members.aol.com/swaledalecip>)

If you would like to find out more about the work of 2DP please contact:

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It is hoped that the post will be filled by 21st August when our first AGM will be held. The Partnership is currently studying new sources of funding that are coming "on stream" from Europe and from Regional and National initiatives and preparing itself for future bidding applications. The next meeting of the Partnership will be on; Thursday 12th July at 7.30 in the Punch Bowl Inn at Low Row and once again an invitation is extended to any member of the community to come along to the meeting and find out more.

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After Foot and Mouth

We are assured by the Government that Foot and Mouth is on the final straight. They may even be right and the restrictions (of which those relating to footpaths, so I have been told by a leading lawyer, are of doubtful legality) may be lifted by Christmas.

Incidence of the disease, however, has become so widespread that it may now be endemic. We must, therefore, expect further outbreaks in future years so the question remains - how are they to be controlled? There appear to be only two options on the table - mass cull or vaccination. If mass cull is the answer, how are we to dispose of the carcasses? Methods adopted by MAFF this year are frankly unacceptable. The human population is not at risk from Foot and Mouth but they are at serious risk from the mass burial or burning of carcasses, Turning to vaccination, it is difficult to avoid the suspicion of a MAFF/NFU conspiracy of silence and misinformation- Early scare stories of animals being no good after vaccination and in any event all vaccinated animals having to be ultimately culled appear now to be groundless. Having spoken to many farmers both in this country and in East and West Europe and North America, many fail to understand why vaccination is not on the agenda. I do not pretend to know the answers but I do know that I know we are getting the usual government spin on the subject. Let us please at least have an adult debate

on the issue. What is there to hide? Turning to MAFF itself and speaking to many both associated with farming across North Yorkshire, Durham and Cumbria and those outside the industry, one message comes through almost unanimously. No one has confidence in the competence of MAFF and even more seriously, very few trust anything MAFF says. Ever since Brown's infamous assurance on radio in February that there was no crisis and the outbreak was absolutely under control, such an outlook is probably justified although it is most regrettable to the thousands of individuals working with MAFF on the ground often putting in unacceptable hours in traumatic conditions. The problem arose at the top of the Ministry led then by the arrogant and complacent Brown. For the general public not to trust in a great Government Department is most worrying; and this must have influenced Blair to amalgamate it and put Margaret Beckett in charge but she will need to use her considerable experience to remedy the situation. A change of name will not alter anything. In conclusion let us please have some grown up, joined up government with a consistent policy to eradicate the disease without the huge financial loss which those, mainly outside direct farming, have incurred and to minimise the trauma for those in the livestock industry.

Sincerely, David Williams

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'Blest Be The Tie That Binds'

At the recent church festival here at The Congregational Church in Reeth. the visiting minister chose the lovely, but rarely sung hymn 'Blest be the tie that binds.' Round this hymn lies the story of John Fawcett and a company of Baptists in the valley of the Yorkshire river Calder in the middle of the eighteenth century. The Calder was lovelier then than it is now for the tide of mill buildings, steam-engines and the use of Calder's water for driving the mills had not smeared its beauty. One morning, in 1772, outside the house of the Baptist minister, John Fawcett, a wagon stood loaded up with his goods and chattels. Fawcett, a brilliant scholar and a Doctor of divinity, became minister of Wainsgate above Hebden Bridge in 1765 at the age of twenty five. He soon came to love the simple country people he ministered to and they adored their young preacher and his wife. But in 1772 an important 'call' came from London for John Fawcett to become pastor of Carter's Lane Chapel in the shadow of St. Paul's Cathedral. It was a prestigious appointment for a young minister; John Fawcett had accepted and was about to take the long road south away from his native hills and moors and the people who loved him. He had preached his final sermon, the patient horse stood waiting and now had come the moment of the last farewell. But, the love and affection of the country people he had served was very deep and pleadings and tears spoke forcibly. As John Fawcett and his wife sat on the wagon, surrounded by their weeping congregation, they read each other's heart. The wagon was unloaded and, although it meant considerable financial sacrifice, never again did they consider leaving the folk whom they loved so much.

That evening, to commemorate the event, John wrote 'Blest be the tie that binds.'

Five years later, his people built a splendid new chapel in Hebden Bridge and John Fawcett stayed amongst them for the rest of his life, even refusing an invitation in 1793 to be president of the Bristol Baptist Academy. That was the spirit of the man who wrote the tender hymn 'Blest be the tie that binds.'

ROD HALL

When we asunder part,
It gives us keenest pain;
But we shall still be joined in heart,
And hope to meet again.

John Fawcett 1739-1817

Children's Football (and Cricket)

After a 3 month respite with the absence of a pitch out of bounds due to the Foot and Mouth crisis, some children's football is back. The acting Headteacher and Governors of Gunnerside Methodist Primary School have very kindly made available their school field and the 2Dales Children's Football Club are practising there on alternate Sunday mornings. This is for boys and girls aged about 8 to 13. During the summer this is not too serious and mainly an opportunity to let off steam and have a bit of fun but we expect to enter the Wensleydale Friendly League in the Autumn. By the time this goes to press we also hope to have in place some Cricket and football for the under 11's. More details next month. In the meantime children are very welcome to join us, any enquiries please 'phone 884650.

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IN THE STEPS OF AIDAN AND CUTHBERT

On the 1st May we, a party of nine people and Max (the Vicar's dog) from this parish arrived on Lindisfarne - Holy Island. The sun was shining, it was warm and all boded well for the next five days. Accommodation was in Marygate House, a residential Christian centre run by a small ecumenical community. Here we were fed, slept and enjoyed a restful and devotional companionship. Aidan, a Northumbrian missionary Bishop, had founded a monastery and See on Lindisfarne in 635, a See which was occupied by Cuthbert in 685. Holy Island is resonant with the spiritual heritage of those two Bishops. We were pilgrims following their footsteps. The Pilgrims' Path from the mainland to the island is famous and some of the party walked the holy path at low tide. This is the only time one can venture on the path and our gallant pilgrims set off well shod in waling boots - but it was much too wet and boots had to be abandoned and the pilgrimage path trod with bare feet. (A hot bath back at Marygate House was Heaven!). Cuthbert loved the wild life of the Lindisfarne islands and our trip round these bird sanctuaries brought that sentiment home to us. We were so lucky! Tim had persuaded a boat owner to come from Seahouses (the usual departure point) to pick us up from the jetty in Hol Island and take us round the isles. The weather was fine, it was an exciting and interesting trip. On our way we see dozens of seals basking on the rocks and swimming around us. One of the delights was to land and watch the various sea birds building their

nests - puffins, shags, cormorants and many others. The birds had welcomed Cuthbert to their islands; they welcomed us too. It was fascinating to watch them busy with their nest building, almost oblivious to the humans watching them.

It was a wonderful experience, those five days on Lindisfarne. We were fed so well materially by the staff of Marygate House and we were fed so well spiritually with daily Morning Prayer, Compline and our studies of the Book of Ruth. Thank you, Tim, for organising it; thank you fellow pilgrims for your friendship, love and companionship.

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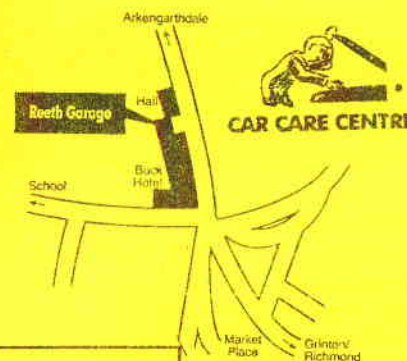
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