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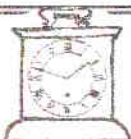
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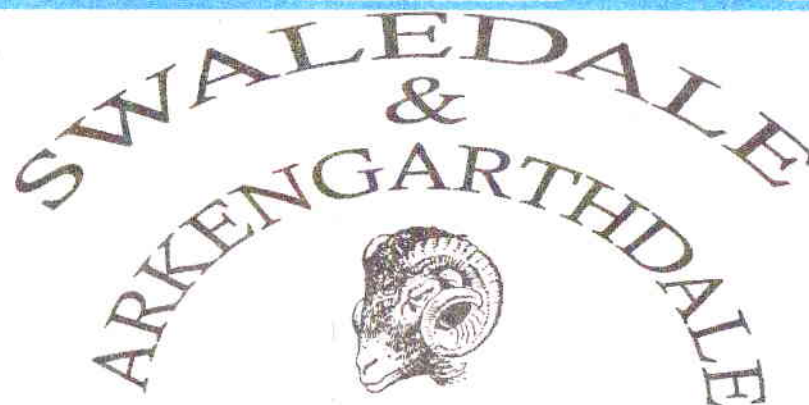
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Eucharist
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Family Eucharist
 2.00pm Keld URC
Family Festival
 4.00pm Muker Methodist
 6.00pm St Andrew's Grinton
Evening Prayer
 6.30pm Arkengarthdale Methodist
Communion
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10th June Trinity Sunday

- 9.30am St Michael's Downholme
Holy Eucharist
 10.30am St Andrew's Grinton
Swaledale Festival Matins
 Reeth Methodist
 Low Row URC *Communion*
 11.00am Reeth Congregational
 St Edmund's Marske
Morning Prayer
 11.15am St Mary's Arkengarthdale
Holy Communion
 2.00pm Keld Methodist *Communion*
 4.00pm St Mary's Muker
Sunday School/Family Service
 6.00pm Holy Trinity Low Row
Choral Evensong
 6.30pm Gunnerside Methodist
 Marske Methodist
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17th June

- 9.15am St Mary's Muker
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 10.30am Low Row URC
 Reeth Methodist
 11.00am Holy Trinity Low Row
Eucharist
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Holy Eucharist
 2.00pm Keld Methodist
Sunday School Anniversary
 4.00pm Muker Methodist
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 9.00am Keld URC
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 10.30am Reeth Methodist
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EDITORIAL

In this month's issue we report on fundraising events which have raised more than £4,580 for various charities. This figure does not include other normal monthly giving to churches or other organisations. And, as we go to press the final total for the Christian Aid week is not to hand so is not included in the above figure. The individuals (young and older) who tested and challenged themselves to complete a set task are to be congratulated. The many folk who agreed to sponsor them and the people who either donated funds or raffle prizes must be sincerely thanked. It is well known that Dalesfolk are well disposed to charitable giving, and it is also recognised that some of the money raised came from outside the dales, but let us put this in perspective. The population of the two dales is but 2,650 or so, and statistics tell us that we have an unusually large percentage group of senior citizens, then given the terrible angst we have endured for the last four months, I think that the totals raised are a wonderful testament to the faith of folk in the dales. My wife and I chose to come and have our home here some 17 years ago - how pleased we are to be amongst such a caring and strong spirited people. Well done to each and everyone concerned and what a heart warming and happy feeling it must give at such a successful outcome. **PMB.**

In support of the businesses in the Dales your "Gazette" has published a special advertiser edition of 5000 (5 page) copies promoting the dales in the hope that these will encourage visitors to come and see the many attractions that are open in the area. Primarily to try and offset the setback caused by the terrible foot and mouth outbreaks elsewhere. *Swaledale & Arkengarthdale have remained free from the dreaded disease - but we have caught the backlash.* Copies have been distributed to all Tourist Information Centres as far away as Halifax.

The "Gazette" is written, published and printed by a team of unpaid volunteers and normally some 2000, 40 page copies are distributed throughout the two dales.

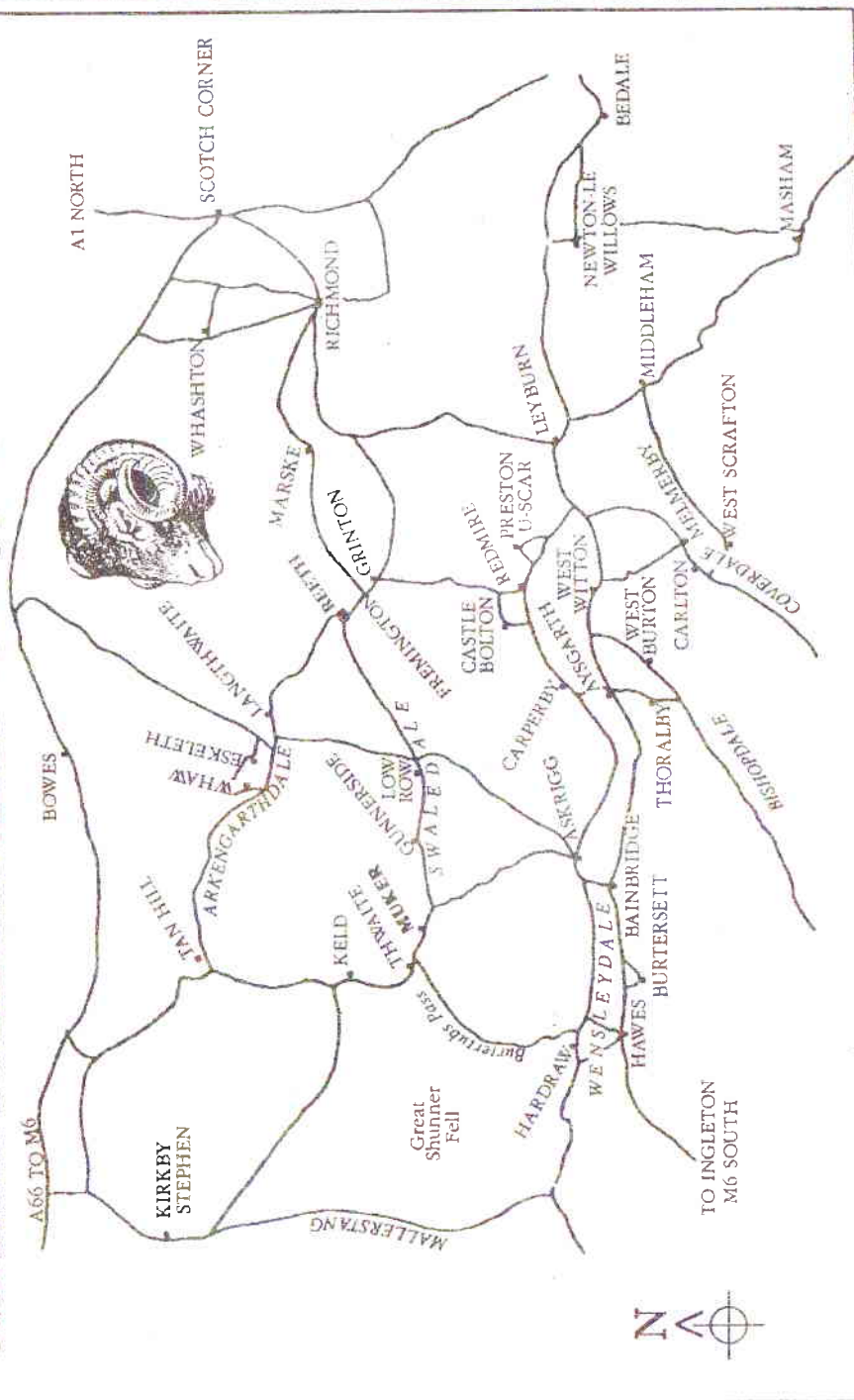
We also have a subscription service for folk who love the dales and wish to be kept up to date with the news.

The "Friends of Reeth & District Gazette" now number over 125, and for a subscription of £10 per year are sent each monthly issue by post.

It is the joint income from the advertisers and the "Friends" which enable the "Gazette" to bring local news to local people. Thank you. **PMB**

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We have the Swaledale Festival May 25th-June 9th featuring music and artists providing a wide choice from the classics to traditional folk, from Shakespeare to modern satire. Both Reeth and Muker village Brass Bands take part, putting on concerts in the churches and village halls. Illustrated Talks and Lectures are given on diverse subjects of local and general interest. From Spring to September each year there are normally Agricultural and Sheep Shows at Tan Hill, Reeth and Muker. Public Transport serves the dale and there are services to Richmond, Leyburn and Hawes Markets.

Why not visit the different film and TV locations and see for yourself where the BBC's Herriot Vet series "All Creature Great and Small" was filmed. The Fast Show and Countryfile have also filmed in the dales.

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A message from Emma Hopwood.

A special thank you to Muker Ladies Guild and everyone who sponsored me. I raised £510 for the Leukaemia Research Fund.

The Bikeathon took place in South Park, Darlington, there were lots of people taking part. I completed 14 laps which was over 10 miles in one and a half hours without stopping. It was a cool sunny day, just right for cycling. I had been practising around Keld so cycling around South Park seemed easy at first but the last few laps were tough. I wanted to do 10 miles because so many people had sponsored me. It was a good day. EH

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The Lady Who Ran (for St. Teresa's)

This is my final article for the Gazette, but I couldn't miss the opportunity, both to tell you something about my great day out at the London Marathon and to thank all the wonderful people who contributed to my fund-raising efforts for St. Teresa's Hospice in Darlington.

First the fund-raising and a list of thank-you's; *The Gazette* for

publishing this series of articles which helped me communicate what I was attempting to do: The Gift Shop, Reeth; The Village Store, Reeth; The CB Hotel, Arkengarthdale; Reeth Post Office; The Black Bull Hotel, Reeth; and the Bridge Hotel at Grinton, all for having collection boxes and not forgetting the people who actually put their money in the boxes! All together the boxes raised £114.25 for our funds.

To the local businesses: the Blodwell's at Hillary House; Chris Proctor at Blenkinson's; Simon (and Mandy) Barningham; Shirley Raw; Denise & Bob Guy at Springfield House; Richard & Sheila Good at the Ghyll, Arkle Town; Stephen Stubbs; and Val & Nev at the Gift Shop, Reeth. Together you all raised another £116 for the kitty.

To the local people: Barbara Rowlands; Dr. Paul Bond; Enid & Gordon Walker, Tony & Susan Davey; Lesley and Ashley Markham; Joan Sharkey; Ian & Adele Calvert; Ann Hope, Beckside; The Jackson's, Silver Street; The Thompson's Keld; and 3 anonymous donors.

All these lovely people contributed a further £145 to the cause. I don't think I've missed anyone, but if I have I can only apologise. Also, one of the contributions only came in today, so if any more arrive after I've written this article, they're too late for inclusion, but the list in our house window will be kept up-to-date until after the Gazette is published.

Thank you to each and every one of you. I just don't have enough words to express how grateful I am. In total, people from the Dale contributed £375.25 for St. Teresa's.

In addition, our family and friends around the country donated a further £2,130, so the grand total we have raised to date is an unbelievable £2,505, or, to put it another way, almost £100 for every mile I ran in the marathon! To St. Teresa's, every single penny is desperately needed and they are delighted and grateful to you all.

Now to the race itself. All I can say is that it is one day in my life I shall never forget. I enjoyed it immensely. The day itself dawned cold and it looked as if it was going to rain. We arrived at the assembly area in Greenwich Park at 7 o'clock in the morning, ready for the start at 9:15 and I was bitterly cold (it wasn't that early by choice, you have to be there at that time because of the roads in London being closed for the race).

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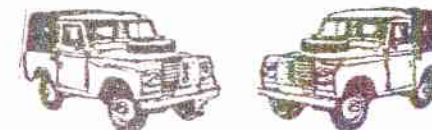
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The May meeting of the Guild was a very enjoyable and well attended evening led by Louise Butler, who took Guild members through the process of collecting and pressing flowers. Members were then giving individual packs of card and flowers and tried their hand at card design. The end result was truly inspirational and hopefully will encourage some to take up this very satisfying hobby.

On 14th July the Guild will be holding their annual Strawberry Tea and Cake Stall in the Methodist Schoolroom. Funds raised will be donated to local charities. One of which will be the **Will Ward Trust, Northallerton, Supported Housing Scheme** for people with learning difficulties. The Guild has made a donation of £100 in sponsorship of Emma Hopwood for her bike ride in aid of the Blue Peter Bikeathon Leukaemia Research Fund. Next meeting 13th September at 7.15pm - New members and visitors always welcome.

Margaret Beckwith
Guild Secretary

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PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

The churches of St Mary's, Arkengarthdale; St Andrew's Grinton; Holy Trinity, Low Row, and St Mary's, Muker are struggling to meet an increased commitment due to a sharp upward increase in the Diocesan Quota for 2001/2002, levied by the Synod of Ripon & Leeds Diocese. A considerable amount of time has been spent considering the apportionment among the four churches, and setting a budget for the year. The outcome of this was to agree a budget but with a shortfall on the parish share of circa £1800.

A number of initiatives have been undertaken by church members to work together to raise money to meet this shortfall. One of these initiatives was a scheme called **Pyramid Hospitality** which began with a meal for ten guests hosted by Gladys Atkinson, Arkengarthdale. Each of her guests was asked to contribute £5 to Parish funds and then host their own form of hospitality for six friends/relatives/neighbours. This has raised approx. £500 to date, but progress has been delayed because of the concerns caused by the foot & mouth disease.

A further bid to raise funds will be in the form of a **CAKE STALL** at Reeth Market. This will be held on the second Friday of the months of June, July, August and October and will commence on **Friday, 8th June.**

Please support the churches in the Parish of Swaledale. Reduction in tourists to our area also affects the income of the churches as well as the businesses. PCC

THANKS

Mrs Muriel Bell wishes to thank all her family and friends for the cards and flowers sent to her in hospital and since she returned home to recuperate.

Miss E Calvert of Thorns would like to thank relatives and friends for all the cards and good wishes received during her spell in hospital.

STRANGE LIGHTS IN THE SKY

Since I asked about the coloured lights round a star in the January issue I have received a number of explanations.

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Following on from last month's newsletter, the 2DP has already been approached with projects that will use the Community Investment Prospectus (CIP) as supporting evidence for funding applications. These include two seeking support for a Vital Village post office and pub and another for the refurbishment of a village hall. We hope that many more projects will emerge as time goes on.

The Two Dale Partnership is now a company limited by guarantee so our official title is "Two Dales Community Partnership Ltd". Meeting every month, we continue to extend an invitation to all residents of Swaledale and Arkengarthdale to join the group. No member of the Partnership can claim to understand all the complexities of the tasks we are undertaking but together we are making progress. The greater the range of experience of our members, the better we can represent the whole community and the stronger our voice. The young, senior citizens, young mothers and fathers, single parents and representatives of special interest groups, could all help to widen our knowledge base and make a valuable contribution to the thinking and the effectiveness of the Partnership. You can be sure of a warm welcome at our meetings, so just come along on the night or contact members of the Partnership to find out ways in which you could help.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday, June 13th at 7.30 p.m. in the Punch Bowl, Low Row. At this meeting we will know the outcome of our bid for funding to appoint a Community Development Worker.

The CIPs have now been distributed throughout the Two Dales along with guidance notes to accompany them. If you would like to borrow a copy they are available at any of the following access points.

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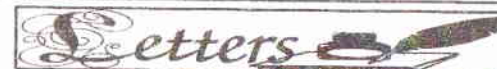
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Dear Mr Beckwith,
Perhaps you will remember me talking to you at the band concert at Muker at the beginning of May, about my uncle John Bainbridge?

I have read requests in the "Reeth & District Gazette" and the "Dalesman" from people wanting to know more about him.

John Bainbridge was the eldest son of Robert and Elizabeth Bainbridge of Marrick Abbey who had many children (the saying goes 21 twice!) but many died in infancy. Robert also had 4 (I think) to his first wife. My father, Tarn, and his younger brother William are the sole survivors, being 91 & 89 years old respectively.

John was born crippled but not as bad as he later became when he was operated on and it appears the wrong guiders in his legs were cut. My father, Tarn, remembers him being able to walk without crutches when he was young. He also had some sort of electrical treatment to his feet, so my father recalls.

He was apprenticed to John Robert Coates, shoemaker, at Reeth, whose workshop was behind what we now know as The Laurels. He then went to work for George Barningham, clogmaker, behind what was Mark Hilary's shop (now a café on High Row), up the alleyway. That is how he became a shoe/clog repairer and I remember him doing it at Marrick Abbey.

On Sunday evenings he would ride his pony up to Reeth for the evening service at the Methodist Chapel and I remember him stabling it in Cally Barningham's

yard behind the chapel. He never was a local preacher.

He was a partner in Bainbridge Bros. after his mother died with his brothers William & Stanley and his sister Ethel.

He later moved to a bungalow in Langhorne Drive with his sister and would slowly walk over to the chapel with the aid of his crutches every Sunday evening.

Reading the letter from Margaret Carney, brings back fond memories of the Buddens and especially Harold who was a local preacher and worked in Barclays Bank in Weardale.

Well done "Reeth Gazette" for keeping Swaledale alive for us who have moved away - but it will always be home.

Sincerely,

Mabel Parker (nee Bainbridge)

late of Hags Gill Farm,

Ellerton Abbey.

now of Wath, Harrogate.

(PMB - Thank you Mrs Parker, your letter has given much clearer information. It was nice to meet you and talk with you about your family. Wasn't the special Muker Band Concert something that folk will remember and talk about for quite some time. Please see my report on page 20 of this issue. - The "Gazette" still seeks articles and memories about folk of the dales and happenings of past times. Please submit your story direct to me: - Mike Beckwith, Breconside, Muker, Richmond, North Yorkshire. DL11 6QH or E:mail- mike@beckwith5.freesevice.co.uk Thank you)

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Upper Dales **Family History Society**

At the end of April the group held its first meeting in its new Swaledale venue, the Old Sunday School, Fremington, an appropriate setting for a story of family history which began with the records of a nineteenth century Methodist lay preacher. Mrs Marion Moverley of Richmond told how the inheritance, in the 1960s of an old cupboard from a distant relative had led to the uncovering of her family links with Coverdale and Middleham, using her own experiences to illustrate a number of useful lessons for others struggling to make sense of old family papers. The cupboard, full of old Methodist plans and class registers, provided a link back through six generations and provided Mrs Moverley with the clues to trace her family to Teesdale and to "meet", through newspaper reports the grandparents who had died long before she was born. The May meeting at the Dales Countryside Museum, Hawes was a practical session covering some of the facilities and aids to research. Dr Ann Hartley gave a useful introduction to the indexes available covering civil registration of births, marriages and deaths since the 1830s, along with their advantages and limitations. Members were shown the facilities available to Friends of the Museum in the research room, and also had the opportunity to try out the recently published CD ROM of the National Burial Index and to look up their ancestors on the 1881 census, also available on CD ROM. Thanks to a generous volunteer, two fiche reading machines have been repaired, and one

will be available at all the Wensleydale and Swaledale meetings of the group. Anyone who has records on microfiche is welcome to bring them along to meetings to read themselves and for the benefit of others. Members are currently assisting with a major programme of cleaning and restoration of museum items as part of the ongoing audit. More volunteers are always welcome and a particular need at the moment is for anyone with experience or knowledge of tin smithing. Plans are underway for a two week exhibition, to be held at the museum, in November to mark the first anniversary of the group. This will incorporate a wide variety of topics researched by members and other local people, along with talks and demonstrations on different aspects of family history. Full details will be available in the near future.

For further details of the restoration programme, or for details of any of the group meetings, please contact Glenys Marriott on 01969 663738, email glenys@bishopdale.co or see the group's website at www.bishopdale.demon.co.uk



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CONCERT VIRTUOSO PLAYS WITH MUKER SILVER BAND in CHARITY CONCERT

Muker Silver Band has been entertaining audiences in and around Swaledale for more than 104 years, but it broke new ground on Saturday 5th May when it joined forces with legendary cornet player James Shepherd for a special charity concert in aid of Strokes in Children.

Mr Shepherd can boast an outstanding career in the brass band world as champion soloist, principal cornet with leading contesting bands, and director of his own ensemble, the James Shepherd Versatile Brass.

He has made countless recordings and played all over the world. On Saturday he delighted a capacity audience in Muker Parish Church with stunning performances of four contrasting solos, accompanied by the Band. Afterwards, conductor Duncan Bythell said "This was a unique experience for us. Jim Shepherd is a master of style and technique. Playing with someone of his calibre is both a privilege and an inspiration, and the Band rose to the challenge. This must be one of the very best performances we have ever put on, and I hope it will encourage our younger players to keep the village's priceless brass band tradition alive." Mr Norman Guy, Bandmaster, speaking just following the interval,

thanked all for coming and made the announcement that the 'Do' was also to be a surprise for his wife Mary's birthday. He also proudly introduced to the audience Avril Hunter, Susan Whitehead, Josh Sammells, Claire Moore, Harry Constantine and Simon Calvert, young players aged

between 10 and 12 years as the future of Muker Band. Avril, Susan and Josh were playing in their first major concert, what an grand experience. Two of the children presented Mrs Guy with a bouquet of flowers.

As well as being a musical treat, the concert was both a major fundraising event and a special 60th Birthday surprise treat for Mrs Mary Guy, who readers will know has just retired after 24 years as Muker Village Post-Mistress. Mary, a Vice-President of the band and her husband Norman Guy, Bandmaster, had a shock last October when their grandson Philip Guy (aged 5) suffered a stroke. Thankfully Philip has made an extremely good recovery and has no noticeable weakness at all but is sometimes tired. Many local people were deeply shocked that a child of his age should suffer a stroke. In the UK the actual number of childhood cerebrovascular disorders is unknown.

"... £1,570 raised
for Stroke in
Children at Special
Band Concert..."

A study led by the Institute of Child Health was started in January 2001 and will include children aged between 0 and 16 years of age. The Stroke Association are supporting this study and the proceeds from the Special Concert which has raised a marvellous total of over £1,570 can be specifically used in this research. The study entitled 'Cerebrovascular disease and stroke-like illness in childhood. The National Childhood Stroke Survey'. It will be a major step forward to understanding the causes of strokes in children and the management of childhood stroke. The Stroke Association is a National Charity which provides support to people who have had strokes, their families and carers. It campaigns, educates and informs to increase the knowledge of stroke at all levels of society. Each year about 100,000 people in this country suffer first strokes - 10,000 are under retirement age. All research and development activities are funded entirely by voluntary donations. After the concert a supper with a Raffle were held in Muker Public Hall and Mr & Mrs Guy thanked all for attending and helping to raise such a wonderful sum for the research into Stroke in Children.

PMB- Muker

DEADLINE FOR JULY ISSUE MONDAY JUNE 18th

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DEACON'S CAR FIRE

John Little would like to thank all those folk who stopped to assist when his car caught fire on the Richmond road recently, including the two unknown ladies who dialled 999 and Superintendent Pete Mackay on his way to work.

He donned his yellow jacket, put his flashing blue light on top of his car and re-directed the traffic until PC Hogg arrived to take over operations and also to check that I was sober. I was! Really.

Many thanks also to Philip Bastow and the Reeth Fire Service Crew who successfully extinguished the blaze and even retrieved a scorched but still edible packed lunch from the back seat! For some reason they, (the Lads), seemed to find the 'Skoda - Best Car Award' sticker in the back window amusing!

Thanks also to nurse Judy Roger who stopped in order to see if anyone needed medical treatment and then gave me a lift home.

I would also like to thank God for His protection. Although my Skoda is a total wreck [even more of a wreck than it used to be!], I am in one piece.

PS. Does anyone want to buy a second-hand Skoda? No reasonable offer refused.

Cheers & Thanks to All

John Little - Reeth

Reeth & District Angling Club — May 2001 - Club News

Foot & Mouth Disease - The scientifically predicted decline of the epidemic nationally signals a welcome release for the farming community, but continued vigilance is still necessary as the 14 cases in 10 days in the Settle area indicates. Unfortunately during the month the total number of cases in North Yorkshire has doubled to 40. This means that although there have been no cases in our immediate area since the 23rd April, the National Park has not lifted any closure notices on any local rural footpaths. As footpath access to the river Swale continues to be illegal, **fishing remains off-limits.**

The club is in constant touch with all the organisations that influence the decision-making process and as soon as there are any confirmatory signs that some or all of our water becomes available, we will immediately broadcast the fact.

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Despite the curtailment of fishing caused by the F&MD we hope that soon we shall be able to start a foreshortened season. So in anticipation perhaps I could entice some new members to join. The club was established 14 years ago with the primary intention to provide reasonable access to the sport for local people. The founders of the club can rest assured that this guiding principle remains fulfilled with approximately 18.5 miles of the river Swale and its main feeder streams now available intermittently all the way from Rampsholme bridge, in the west to Stainton lane end, in the east. The joining qualification, apart from an interest in fishing, is that one must be a resident of the one of the local parishes. A 'resident' is generally defined as a ratepayer and/or resident family member.

Most rural rivers are lovely, quiet and contemplative places anyway, but surely the Swale in our locality ranks second to none in all these respects and more. The club maintains a regular re-stocking policy to ensure healthy levels of the native wild brown trout in the low nutrient rain fed environment. Consequently the sport is of the highest order, offering as it does easily accessible grass banks with gliding water on the one hand, for the beginner and deep, tree lined, steep sloped and fast flowing stretches on the other hand, for the more experienced and adventurous. There is something to tempt all levels of ability. Generally the fishing techniques are restricted to fly and worm but there are stretches where spinning is also allowed. In short the club offers an unparalleled recreational resource and all for the modest outlay of a £20 a year membership fee (£10 for juniors). All members must possess a current rod license, which can be purchased at the post office. Incidentally, the rod license for juniors has just been reduced and is now only £5 p.a.; this has been introduced specifically to encourage more youngsters to take-up the sport.

The club awards annually a number of trophies, however, this competitive element has always been considered secondary to the fostering of the sport of fishing itself. Preservation and enhancement of the natural environment is another key principle practised by the club, amongst other things regular, organised clearances of

See on next page.....

**North Yorkshire County Council Election
Thursday 7th June
The Upper Dales Division**

ELECTION MESSAGE FROM**JOHN BLACKIE****(Independent)**

On 1st May 1997 I was proud and honoured to be elected your County Councillor. My promise then was to stand up and fight for the best interests of residents, businesses and the communities of the Upper Dales, a promise I believe one glance at my track record will show I have kept, but the task is far from complete.

I ask for your endorsement of my second term at the County Council so that I can keep on

'FIGHTING FOR THE DALES'.

ELECTION MESSAGE FROM**J. MICHAEL MASON****(Liberal Democrat)**

From a technical background in Sheffield, I transferred to teaching in 1967, and with my teacher wife, moved first to Leyburn and later to Carperby. Our three grown-up children have all been born and bred in Wensleydale. Thirty four years of Dales experience, coupled with extensive travel, have given me a balanced view of rural problems.

I humbly seek your support to be your active representative on the County Council.

Reeth & District Angling Club ..cont..

unsightly and dangerous litter are undertaken along all the riverbanks leased by the club. There are probably few better ways to observe the natural habitat and its flora and fauna than by quietly fly-fishing! I can recall fishing a pool near Muker and surprisingly observing at close quarters a bat drinking from the river while on the wing - at mid-day! On another occasion while fishing near Grinton shortly after dawn on what became a balmy hot early summer day, a doe and her fawn accompanied me as they tranquilly grazed in the field opposite for nearly an hour, at times they were no more than 15 yards away.

The club has a maximum limit of membership and there are currently places available, so if you are interested contact; -

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Dear Sir,

In your Letters (May Issue), Mrs Margaret Carney asked about John Bainbridge.

When I was in Swaledale, teaching at Low Row and preaching in the Reeth Circuit, I lived alone in Low Row and became very friendly with Miss Jane Hannah Cleminson (Peggy). I spent most Saturdays at her home in Reeth and met many people, as her home was always open to everybody. John Bainbridge was a frequent visitor. He was the eldest of the Bainbridge family and lived at Marrick Abbey Farm. He had several brothers and one sister and his parents who ran the farm, they all worked very hard there.

John was unable to walk except with crutches, but he was quite amazing on his crutches and never allowed his condition to stop him getting about. He and his horse were well known. I know he repaired shoes, so it is possible that he used his pony for deliveries. He was a very kind person and greatly interested in beautiful things, especially nature. John was quite an authority on the lovely countryside around and found his knowledge most useful.

On the moonlight night when I had to cross the river by boat to preach at Marrick Chapel because it was too frosty to go by car, I remember walking from Marrick Abbey Farm with one of John's brothers to the Chapel. The path had woodland on one side and I think it was a narrow paved path with a wall on the other side. It was very steep and slippery and seemed a long way. After the service John brought me back to the farm and at one point invited me to look over the wall at the scene.

In the valley down below the trees were all silver and the whole place was bathed in a blue glow from the brilliant moonlight. I have never experienced anything so ethereal in my life. My feet were sliding on the path and I was scared of falling, but John on his crutches seemed quite safe. I shall always thank John for allowing me to see this unusual vision of lovely Swaledale. I do not remember John as a preacher, as it would be after the time I spent in the dale (1937 - 1939).

I found Everill Squire's account of the Cleminson family very interesting. The things she related are just as I remember Peggy. We were great friends and I loved her very much and felt as if I really belonged to her family. It is obvious that the writer knew "Peggy" very well. Thinking about her unusual Christian name, I wonder if she was Everill Spence - if so, I met her when she was a little girl. Her mother was a widow with several children and they were members of the Congregational Church at Reeth. They were a lovely family and I visited them with Peggy quite often.

Thank you for the Reeth Gazette. It is helping me to Spring-clean my memory and recall many of the people I met so long ago. It is quite a good new hobby for anyone 80+!

*Sincerely, Mrs Marjorie Kitson.
(nee Randerson). Carlton-in-Lindrick*

(Ed. Thank you Mrs Kitson. Please see on page 17 a letter from the niece of John Bainbridge. Does anyone else have stories of other dales folk? please write with your memories.)

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Reeth District Memorial Hall

A Summary of the Chairman's End of Year Report

At the end of the last financial year we showed a small overall profit, despite carrying out an extensive refurbishment programme.

We are grateful to the following for generous grant aid: *The Jack Brunton Trust* £2,000.00; Richmondshire District Council £1,215.00; North Yorkshire County Council's *Small Project Fund* £700.67 and Reeth Literary Trust, £150.00.

Valiant fund raising efforts including a three day *Swaledale Now & Then* exhibition, a cake stall, tombola and raffle, and the sale of surplus items from the hall, such as a clock and curtain poles, have brought in additional revenue. This has enabled us to carry out large-scale improvements to the building. The main hall has been decorated throughout, and the Supper Room has been decorated, curtained and carpeted. New sliding doors have been fitted under the stage, which has been carpeted and had

cupboards fitted to three walls. In addition the corridor and adjoining rooms have been decorated and a new front door has been fitted. Many users of the Hall have been most appreciative of the new look.

Thanks are due to G E Brown and Son, Blenkins, Ian Law, Mark House, Trevor Hird, Gordon Walker, Geoff Yarrow and other skilled tradesmen for their work. Thanks are also due to Margaret Woodward and Molly Kemp for their work in making and hanging the new curtains. The Community Wall Hanging, created under the supervision of Mrs Heather Ritchie is now on permanent display, along with specially fitted spotlights provided by Mrs Ritchie.

Highlights of the year included the three-day *'Swaledale Then & Now'* exhibition, a performance of *The Lost World* by North Country Theatre and a performance of *Wind in the Willows* by Leeds Library Theatre.

Thanks are due to *Reeth Brass Band* who performed a first-class concert to celebrate the life of Mrs Freda Cherry, who had been involved in various aspects of the life of the Hall over many years. Thanks also to Mrs Freda Stabler for the clock [commissioned from Philip Bastow] presented to the Hall in memory of her late husband.

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Reeth Memorial Hall :-

At the request of the Parish Council the Management Committee appointed a sub-group, the Reeth District Memorial Hall Millennium Committee, to co-ordinate village events to celebrate the Millennium. Generous financial support for the events was provided by Reeth Parish Council, numerous local businesses and various fund-raising efforts. This Committee worked extremely hard last year under the Chairmanship of Rev. Tim Tunley, with Malcolm Gardner as its hard-working and enthusiastic Treasurer. After a break of 49 years the Bartle Fair was revived to mark the Millennium. This included a demonstration of fire-fighting and use of car cutting equipment by the local fire service, a barbecue and firework display; a children's party hosted by staff from Marrick Priory; a united Songs of Praise service with Reeth Brass Band; a concert by the Bedale Band; a *Swaledale Now & Then* Exhibition featuring a photographic display of both the 1951 and the 2000 Bartle Fair; Reeth's first Farmers' Market with local arts and crafts; a car boot sale; Reeth Sports and a Ladies vs Gentleman's cricketmatch. The Boundary Walk later in the year also proved to be a success. Money was raised for local charities and organisations including cricket, football, sports, scouts, Swaledale Fell Rescue, Healaugh Millennium Committee, Fremington Sunday School, the Fire Service's Benevolent Fund and St John's Ambulance. The Millennium Committee have now been asked to take over the responsibility for raising funds for the family firework displays. We celebrated our annual display on 5th November, and also had another successful display on 1st January. I would again like to record my thanks to Mrs Freda Stabler for her thorough, meticulous work as Treasurer; to Mary Thomas for her diligence and encouragement in her role as Secretary [congratulations are in order as she received a certificate in food safety, with distinction.];

to Rev Tim Tunley for his work as Vice-Chairman and to Marjorie Daniels for her work as Bookings Secretary.

I would like to record my special thanks to David Allison for his faithful service as caretaker over a period of ten years. He has put a tremendous amount of time, effort and energy into the work of the Hall, much of it unnoticed. Mrs Julie Bissicks has taken over the role of caretaker with a modified job specification, taking into account the new health and hygiene regulations. She has taken on her new responsibilities with vim and vigour!

I also wish to record my thanks to Mr Maurice Porter, Honorary President; to the Vice-Presidents and Committee members, all of whose support has made my job so much easier.

A current concern is that bookings are down on last year. This is largely due to the closure of the *Swaledale Out of School Club*, but the current *Foot and Mouth* crisis has led to the cancellation of a significant number of bookings. Thanks are also due to all who have used the Hall. Your support is vital. In addition to the representatives of the various organisations, the following were duly elected to serve on the Management Committee: Mr M Porter [Honorary President], Mrs M Barningham, Mrs J Wallis, Mrs M Woodward [Honorary Vice Presidents]; Mr J Little [Chairman], Rev T Tunley [Vice Chair], Miss M Thomas [Secretary], Mrs F Stabler [Treasurer], Miss M Daniels [Bookings Secretary], Mrs M Kemp [Minutes Secretary], Mr M Bearpark, Mrs B Harker, Mr D Hutchinson and Mrs G Rutter.

Suggestions about how the Reeth District Memorial Hall can better serve the community, please do not hesitate to contact me. Remember, this is YOUR Hall.
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ROS did RUN— Cont. from page 8...
I ended up wearing my running gear, thermal tights, my tack suit bottoms, a thermal top, a sweatshirt, and finally Ken's leather jacket, and gloves, and still I shivered. We tried to shelter from the wind and at about 8:15am I started doing some stretching exercises to loosen up, then started my regular warm-up at which point the leather jacket had to come off, unfortunately. Slowly the morning warmed up and so did I, and at 8:50 I left Ken (with all my surplus clothing!) and made my way to the starting pens. At this stage it was a cattle market; 32,00 of us huddled together. At 9:15 the gun went off and the race began, although I moved not an inch! In all, it took me 9 minutes to get to the starting line, and a further 12 minutes to shuffle the first mile (against my intended starting pace of 8 minute miles). Then the field began to thin out and my race really began. Everything came right for me together. The wind dropped and the sun came out and the temperature for the rest of the race was just as I like it best. Once my initial nervousness wore off, my running clicked into gear and was as smooth as it has ever been. During all the months of training I often cursed the hills of Swaledale for all the hard work they gave me in running up them, but on the day all the training paid off and I was able to run almost on automatic pilot, smoothly and sweetly, whilst I enjoyed the atmosphere. The crowds of spectators were magnificent — according to the BBC there were over half a million of them, and every one was shouting and cheering their

encouragement, not forgetting all the bands along the way. I even found myself singing along with them as I ran, and the miles seemed to fly by. Everyone talks about "the wall" in marathon running, but if it exists (and I'm sure it does!) I never met it that day. Whether I was just lucky or whether it was all the Swaledale hills, the running seemed almost effortless to me. By chance I got in with a girl from Harrogate half way round and we ran the rest of the race together. At about 18 miles, she started to flag a bit and I was able to chat to her and lift her up, so she could keep going. At 23 miles, when I started to feel tired for the first time, she returned the compliment and we ran around Westminster and up The Mall to cross the finishing line together.

And so it was over and I'd done it. It took me 4 hours and 20 minutes on the official clock, 4 hours and 11 minutes on my watch from the starting line. I collected my medal and tee shirt, then made my way to the family area to try and find Ken. Because of all the crowds, that was probably the hardest I had to work all day!! I had virtually no after-effects at all. My legs were tired, but no stiffness or strains, and I was even able to go for a jog in Kensington Palace Gardens the next day. I'm really fortunate that the only evidence that I'd run a marathon was a slightly blackened toenail, my battle scar.

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So what now? I can't give up running (Dr. Bond would never forgive me!), but in future it will be for fun, not to raise funds. There is a limit, I believe, on how much you can impose on people's generosity. I've entered a half marathon in June, and I had planned to enter the Great North Run again, but my God-daughter's confirmation is on the same day, so I can't. Instead, I'm thinking very seriously about attempting the Amsterdam Marathon in October, which is a flat course, to see if I can do it under 4 hours. In the months ahead, if you see me plodding around the Dale in training, don't forget to give me a wave. The support of everyone locally, and the wonderful kindness of everyone who sponsored me, has made it into the experience of a lifetime for me. I thank you all.

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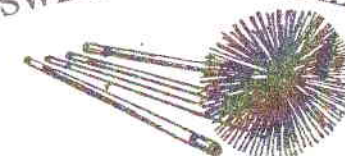
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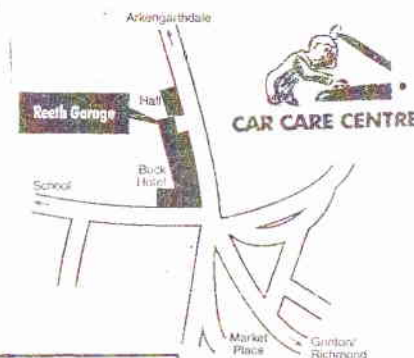
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