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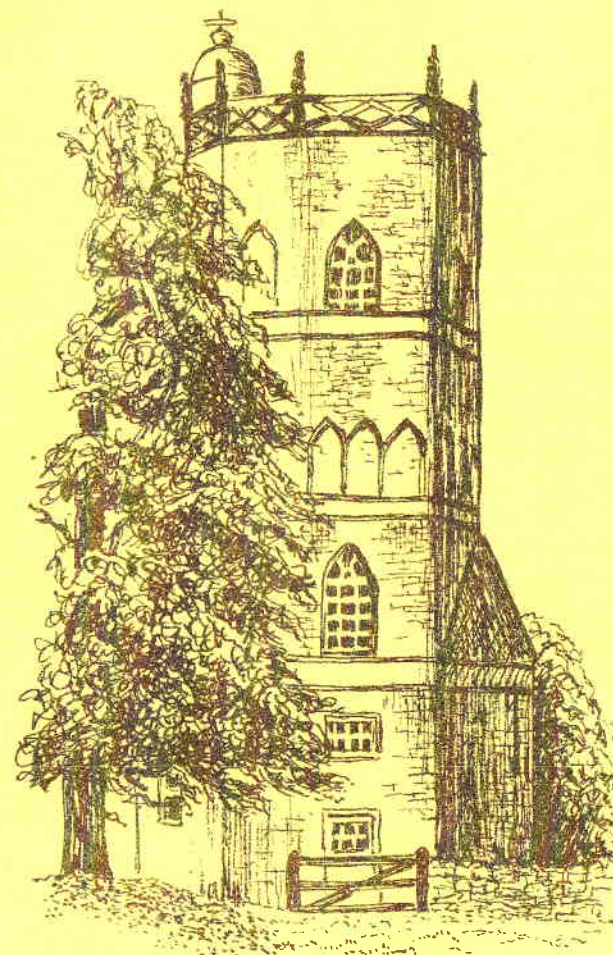
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4th March

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10.30am	Gunnerside Methodist Low Row URC Reeth Methodist
11.00am	Holy Trinity Low Row Eucharist Reeth Congregational St Edmund's Marske Family Eucharist
2.00pm	Keld Methodist
2.30pm	Arkengarthdale Methodist Holy Communion Muker Methodist
4.00pm	St Andrew's Grinton Evening Prayer
6.30pm	Reeth Congregational



11th March

9.30am	St Andrew's Grinton Eucharist St Michael's Downholme Holy Eucharist Rite B
10.30am	Low Row URC Reeth Methodist
11.00am	Holy Trinity Low Row Eucharist Reeth Congregational St Edmund's Marske Morning Prayer
11.15am	St Mary's Arkengarthdale Holy Communion BCP
2.00pm	Keld URC
2.30pm	Gunnerside Methodist
4.00pm	St Mary's Muker Sunday School/Holy Communion
6.30pm	Marske Methodist Reeth Congregational

18th March

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EDITORIAL

Don't funerals have a way of making one think? I have had to attend four during the last fortnight, and so there has been plenty to think about. Yet although there has been a sadness, of course expected, I was very much taken up with the approach of a 'Celebration of Life' rather than the emphasis on death. It is good that we can do this. Life needs to be celebrated. The passing of loved ones is very difficult, and in grief, it can at first, be easily forgotten what contribution they have made to our lives. People do affect us in many ways, obviously if they are our nearest and dearest, but also if they are friends, workmates or just acquaintances. Our lives are touched by their presence, and very often by their fortitude during illness. But our lives are also touched by people we do not know. We cannot fail but to be moved by the horrific effect of the Foot and Mouth outbreak. Particularly in the countryside, we feel for others who are living on a knife edge. By the time you read this, we will probably have embargoes on walking on the land, and movement of traffic. Partly as a result of what was thought to be correct procedures introduced to curb BSE, but also due to the greater mobility of people nowadays, the spread of this disease has never the less shocked everyone by its rapidity in spreading across

the whole country. Of course the necessary actions to try and prevent this highly infectious disease from spreading, have also shocked, saddened and dismayed people. There is that feeling of almost helplessness - what can we do in a crisis like this, except try to contain it. Our hope must be that it is quickly brought under control, and that afterwards what compensation is given to our already hard hit farmers, is enough to help them through this terrible time. But how can compensation be a substitute for a life times work when we are talking of breeding up top herds and flocks? There always seems to be, at first unseen, a side effect when a solution is found to a problem. And that is the point I suppose of my thinking. Ultimately there needs to be a trust, or faith, that things will eventually come right - as the saying goes "if not in this world, then the next." Whilst listening to the radio the other day, I heard this prayer, and also when looking through the Book Of Common Prayer recently whilst waiting for a funeral service to commence, I came across the same prayer: "From famine, plague, and pestilence, good Lord deliver us." All we can say is Amen to that. GML

The editor would be grateful for any articles, letters, anecdotes. Please forward any material to the **EDITOR, Reeth And District Gazette, Gallows Top, Low Row, Richmond, North Yorks, DL11 6PP** or tel/fax **01748-886505** or E mail:

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GUNNERSIDE W.I

The meeting commenced with the buffet supper, a plentiful spread supplied by all the individual members and thoroughly enjoyed by all. During the business meeting, which followed led by the president, Margaret Rutter, members were advised of the plans being prepared by the sub-committee for the High Dales Group show at Hawes next month. It was arranged that Kay McDermid would be the delegate to represent the Institute at the Annual Council Meeting on March 31st and that Audrey Jagger and Audrey Race would go with her as visitors. Other members would be running the coffee morning on that date, which is being held in aid of the Marie Curie Nurses. The prizes in the monthly raffle were won by Mary Rowntree and Eleanor Cherry and Audrey Brown received top marks for her plant, amongst the many in the monthly competition. Some time ago the president and Eleanor Barker had visited the Floriade, held once every 10 years in Holland, at which time they had also visited Keukenhof and the assembled company were taken into spring looking at Eleanor's beautiful slides of the flowers and the arrangements seen by them. The next meeting will be held on March 15th when Maureen Clayton will talk about Healing and Counselling.

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The next visit of the North Yorkshire County Council mobile skip service to Reeth Village Green is on Saturday 17th March starting at 10.00 am and closing at 2.00 pm, or earlier if the vehicles become filled to capacity. The usual rules apply, no shop or trade waste, and the skip service is only available on the date/times indicated so please strictly no leaving rubbish on the Village Green at any other time. Recently I have been successful in persuading the County Council to guarantee a minimum number of visits a year to Reeth for this service - three at least - assuming there is sufficient demand so in future it will return on a regular 4 monthly basis. So please take plenty of household waste, bulk items, old fridges, old furniture, garden waste etc. along and remember if you have a particularly large load arrive get there early to ensure there is room in the cart. I will continue to advise Reeth Gazette in advance of the date and times when the service is operating but if you want to double check please give my Office a ring on 01969 667123.

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On Friday 2nd February, Reeth Young Farmers held their first ever Race Night in the Buck Hotel. It was meant to start at 8 p.m. but in usually Young Farmers style it started late, but only by fifteen minutes. At the races usually people know which horse has been running on good form and which has been tipped to be the favourite to win, no one knew which horses were the best. There was no idea which horse would win as it was like a lucky dip, the favourite horse was not decided on by its capability but on how popular the horse was with the gamblers. The stakes were high with the minimum bet been 50p! When people had placed their bets on the first race we got under way. The races were shown on the large screen and it was an eight horse race which was won by 'Seal Houses Warrior' which had been bought previously by Alan Allison and he won a bottle of vodka, and people who bet on that horse collected their winnings. The second race was won by 'Tel's Wonder' owned by Terry Alderson, the third by 'Dobbin' owned by Robert Bainbridge. As the race night progressed everyone had caught the bug and people were taking greater risks, and it was amazing some of the methods people were using to pick their horses, if they worked or not only they know! The fourth race was won by Willie McCleary's 'Trojan', the fifth by Transport Tastic bred by Mr And Mrs Stainthorpe, Jean Wallis' 'Gypsy'

won the sixth and the seventh race was won by Richard Duck's Dicky's Dynamo'. It then came to the penultimate race, Groups of people had a chance to own their own horse. All eight horses were auctioned off to the highest bidder and some people who shall not be named were getting very excited. With the auction finished the owners had a chance of winning £49. Bets were placed and then the horses were off, it was a close run contest with Ruth Guy's syndicate teams horse winning it. To finish the evening a surprise race was run, people placed their bets and when the race started everyone was surprised to see pigs racing around a small indoor track. I would like to thank our sponsors, Chris from Northern Racenights' for providing the races and everyone who came, I hoped you all enjoyed it!

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A WINTER IN SOUTHERN ITALY -- 17 Mar 44. At the Royal Opera House, CASERTA PALACE.

- Part 2

13 Mar 44. ASCENT OF VESUVIUS.

Suggested to Major David Gibson that we should both throw caution to the winds & climb VESUVIUS, to look down into the crater. "Brilliant idea!" said he, so off we went. The last eruption, they say, was in 1906, so the slopes are covered with vineyards producing a pale liquid called "Lacrima Christi", a wine vaguely resembling champagne. An ill-kept road winds up to near the top. We arrived at a "caffe" & tried to decipher the inscription on the front of it --- "JON THE DINNER BOX" --- but failed. So we sat & gazed down over a tremendous panorama of the Bay of Naples & all the cities of the plain.

Looking down into the Crater.

Most disappointing. We expected a vision of a burning fiery furnace at the bottom of a bottomless pit - or at least I did. Having scrambled up to the top of the crumbling powdery perimeter of the live cone & looked down over the edge in trembling anticipation, all we saw was a cauldron of lava, with what appeared to be a fairly solid crust, but bubbling up fiercely in places with little spurts of white steam, or smoke, where some of the lava was liquid. We groped our way along, clutching the edge of the lip to stop ourselves from slipping down into the crater (which might not have been as solid as it looked). All of a sudden we heard two men shouting to us to get off the edge quickly. Just at that moment about ten tons of the edge ahead of us fell in with a thundering roar!

This evening with John Jeens & Dick Powell to Cavalleria Rusticana" at the Royal Opera House, next door to our Mess. We were a little uncertain as to what might happen, for at last night's performance the prima

donna fainted, & a crowd of excited Italians burst into our Mess for brandy. (They seemed to want an awful lot of brandy for a fainting female, even if she was a prima donna!) Tonight Santuzza (prima donna) was attacked by a fit of face-twitches early on, but recovered in time for the Easter Hymn". After the show, with her face rinsed, She looked very well, I thought. I was a little surprised when she flashed me a brilliant smile & trilled a "buona sera" as she passed ... straight into the arms of an American sergeant. Ah me!

To NAPLES, at last.

With Captain John English to the Officers' Shop in the Piazza Dante, to buy one or two necessities, & then off for a spot of shopping. Prices here are dreadful. We inquired price of a bottle of brandy. "Six dollars, signor!" from a pretty girl behind the counter. "Six dollars!" we exclaim, scandalized. "But it is not possible to pay six dollars for one bottle!" "No, signor?" She looked sideways at us & smiled. "But the Americans, they will pay!" Strolled as best we could down the Via Roma, where troupes were parading 2, 3 & 4 abreast down the middle of the street, while traffic threaded past at break-neck speed with hairbreadth escapes every few seconds. Finally we emerged on to

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the sea front, with a wonderful view of the CASTEL DELL'OVO in the harbour. A pretty decent restaurant here, uncrowded, waiters properly dressed in tails, & three-course lunch with bottle of wine (moscato) for a mere 300 lire (15/-) each!

8 Mar 44. On Leave.

With Hanford, jeep bed-roll & rations, on 5 days' leave. (It may not sound long, but a lot can be crammed into 5 days!) Wonderful sunny mom as we made our way first to the CAMPI FLEGREI, "Region of Flames", an area of semi-extinct volcanoes west of Naples, breathing fire & sulphurous fumes, with craters full of boiling mud, like New Zealand. At some points you could actually hear it boiling beneath the surface, & a large stone banged on the ground produces an echo, the sound reverberating over & over again into the unknown depths ...

Incredibly beautiful coast-line all the way round from the Campi Flegrei to POSILLIPO. Picked up a little sea-horse stranded on the beach here.

We were approached along the coast abreast. Hanford blew his horn, whereupon one lorry charged into its companion broadside at full speed, & both toppled off the road amid hysterical cries & gesticulations!

Along the Costa Amalfitana.

They say that this is the most beautiful road in all Italy, clinging perilously to the cliff sides from VIETRI, near

SALERNO (where we are staying - at the Hotel Diana), westward to POSITANO. Yet while we were there we saw little traffic on this road - which was just as well, for we were constantly stopping in the middle of it to gaze spellbound at goodness knows how many gorgeous glimpses.

The grey cliffs fall to the water's edge, & below the surface they are still visible for another 30 or 40 feet in the clear & sparkling sea, which is all shades of blue - dark amethyst in the deeps, pale sapphire in the shallows, & patches here & there of emerald. The chief town, AMALFI, dates from the 8th century & has a very surprising history. It was once a wealthy trading republic with a powerful fleet, & colonies in Africa & Asia. There is an 11th century cathedral (S. Andrea) & a former Capuchin monastery (now a hotel). The Capuchins were a strict branch of Franciscan friars, subsisting upon the begging of its lay brothers, & founded in 1525. All the villages along the Costa Amalfitana are wonderfully built in terraces up the cliff-side, looking down on to the illimitable blue of the Mediterranean. Here & there a long flight of steps winds down from a house high up on one of these terraces to a little private beach, tucked away out of sight far below.

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all at once you find yourself in a blue green fairyland. The effect is produced by sunlight filtering up from openings in the cave some 12 feet below the water level. The boatman splashes his oars in the water & the ripples glisten like fire. The water looks like burning methylated spirit.

RAVELLO.

This small place high above Amalfi has a little square (piazza) on which is the Cathedral of S. Pantaleone, whose blood is said to liquefy like that of S. Gennaro, patron saint of Naples. We were shown round by a voluble verger, who was proud of his English & hoped that I, his rich English Officer patron, would see the light of day & be generous, etc., etc., Ho! ho!

Once safely outside the Cathedral (but not before we had to purchase sacred medallions & what-nots) we came to a private monastery school & were shown round by a black-robed boy of about 15, who spoke a very polite kind of school English. Finally he threw open a window, to reveal a grand panorama of the Amalfi Riviera. 22 Mar 44. ERUPTION OF VESUVIUS.

Woken this morning in our leave hotel, the Hotel Diana on the sea front Salerno, by a loud pattering on the windows of my bedroom. Time: 0730 hrs & still black. Noticed at foot of my bed a heap of cinders, so got up, pulled the curtains & looked at what I thought was a black hailstorm! Stuff the size of peas was falling thickly.

The beach was dark grey; so was the sea, where the long breakers looked unnaturally white, like a black man's teeth! A knock on the door from my batman Hanford. He reported that Vesuvius was in eruption & that two villages had been evacuated during the night. Paid hotel bill (20 lire per day incl meals!) and made off in the jeep towards Naples. All cars with headlamps on. At CAVA the stuff was now coming down in large lumps which hurt when they hit you! Suddenly, beyond Cava, we came in sight of Vesuvius itself. We heard a roar like the sound of an express train in a tunnel, & from the summit a great column of black smoke rose up, billow on billow, to a height of 10,000 ft or more. At NOCERA we were turned back by police. Further on, they said, volcanic ash was now coming down in heavy lumps & many roofs had already caved in. So we took the AVELLINO road via BARONISSI. Our wind-screen was pitted by now & hard to see through. Black ash everywhere, a good 6 in. deep. Terrific explosions every few minutes like long rolls of earth-shaking thunder. So back to CASERTA via NOLA, & the end of a pretty exciting few days' leave. (The pilot of one of our HQ light aircraft gave me some rather fine close-up photos he had taken of Vesuvius in eruption).

AT THE NAPLES ORANGE GROVE.

From here, near the Castel S. Elmo high above Naples, there is an extensive

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The Chapel Across The Hill

The village of Hurst, came into existence, as a direct result of the mining that was taking place in the vicinity, in the seventeenth century. Standing at an elevation of 1200 feet, it is not easily reached. It has well known links with Roman influence, and the long straight three mile road stretching to it from the Marrick cross roads, seems an eloquent enough testimony, to its celebrated past. As we approach what is left of the remains of the village, the old chapel stands out like a beacon. I was always proud to show it to people, as the oldest standing Methodist chapel in the Methodist circuit, having been constructed for the then considerable sum of £250 on a plot of land purchased for £8, in the year of Wellington's famous victory over Napoleon at Waterloo in 1815. We know that the faithful Methodists of the area, were addressed by John Wesley at the Marrick cross roads, but at this time, they clearly had no regular meeting place, and most probably held their gatherings, in a home or homes of ardent disciples of the great evangelist. Earlier miners had cleaned up the more easily reached lead deposits, leaving their successors at Hurst, to drive long levels, or sink deep sumps to obtain their living. The poverty of the miners, and hence the Methodist, is betrayed by the fact that they could only construct their small chapel by the late year 1815, long after the communities of Low Row, Gunnerside and even Reeth. Their problems did not end there, for as will be generally known, a precipitous journey is required to actually reach the village. More recent preachers of course,

have had recourse to the combustion engine, which suitably negates the tremendous effort needed to climb the heights of Reels Head. But it was not always so, when the car had never been heard of and the most fortunate would be mounted upon a horse, although for many, it was just a simple case of using 'shanks pony'. I have my own special memory of preaching at Hurst in 1954. Having been over to the Lake District, in adverse condition one Sunday morning, I came off my motor cycle twice in the Keld region. Shocked and a I felt totally incapable of taking my preaching appointment which that day was planned at Hurst. Fortunately my neighbour Jim Calvert was prepared to play the 'good Samaritan,' and he offered to take me in his van to the appointment. Supported by Eric Herring, we set off only to discover that the van was not equal to carrying its load over Reels head. There was nothing for it, we passengers were tipped out, and had to assist the van to get under way again, and I then found myself staggering to the top of this accursed bank. Just before the service started, Jim to his horror, discovered that he had no collection, and feared that he was in grave danger of losing face. Happily after a 'whip round,' a meagre sum was produced to protect his dignity! My condition was such on that day, that I cannot imagine anyone having been inspired by what I had to say! More than likely, the old preachers would travel to Hurst across the old miners road over Fremington, or climb up from Slei Ga both routes being time consuming, and requiring an enormous

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output of energy, quite aside from the that they then had to conduct a service before making their way home. It was quite common for the preacher not to turn up at Hurst, but this had nothing to do with the arduous journey that they had to undertake, to carry out their commitment. Preachers were terrified by the 'will o' the wisp,' which they associated with the activities of evil spirits. In truth the open flame of the lanterns that they carried, often set fire to marsh gas, which used to create the most fearful displays. In order to overcome the problem, two preachers were appointed to take the services, in order that they might strengthen one another's resolve. John Fothergill recorded an incident of this sort, when he and a preacher from Gunnerside were beset by a most fearful array of flaming images, as they approached Fremington Edge. Fothergill's companion cried out in anguish, "We are lost Mr. Fothergill." Fothergill who was less than convinced by the usual explanations of the phenomenon, canned his companion, and the two men continued successfully on their way. The debt on the chapel was not cleared until 1893, underlining the isolation and poverty of its membership, which was greatly affected by the success or failure of such ventures. For example their was an outburst of prosperous activity in 1871, but by 1879 people were leaving the village, and this had a direct impact on the size of the chapel's congregation. It is gratifying to recall that Mr. Reg. Place, the former headmaster of Reeth School and

chapel organist for years, informed me that the Hurst people had a most enviable reputation for honesty. For this reason the shop keepers of Reeth he said, showed little concern when Hurst people left the district owing money, for it was known that the outstanding debts would ultimately be repaid by the debtor or his children. Mining in the locality, which finally was located in the regions of the Cat and Brown shafts, came to a full stop in 1890, when investors would not provide the money to drive the Prys level forward to relieve the mine of its water. Thus a village that was once reputed to consist of some sixty six dwellings, and to have three inns to satisfy the miners thirst, was reduced to the empty spaces that we now see today. The chapel continued to limp on with the handful of people who remained to work the land, but these steadily decreased in number. An effort was made to rejuvenate the little building, by altering it to accommodate students from Leeds University, and the area allocated for worship was greatly reduced. I returned to the little place after some 40 years, but this time it was not the preacher that failed to be present, but rather the congregation. The last two occasions that I was planned there, only the caretaker was present, and together we participated in a truncated act of worship. Clearly the writing was on the wall! On one of these occasions, I particularly climbed the old stone stairway that led to the former balcony. It was of interest to me, for the steps had been worn by the *Continued on page 21*

CHILDREN'S FOOTBALL

Our teams have been in action twice since the last issue. We travelled to Hawes to play their girl's team in the League and to have a friendly match against their U14 boys. We beat the girls 9-0 and although we took all our best players off at the end to try and let them have a consolation goal, the ball would do everything but go in the net for them. Scorers were Adam Calvert 3, Chris Westgarth, Harvey Pilgrim, Paul Wilhelmy 2, and Chris Harker 2. Man of the match was Paul Wilhelmy for playing with great determination. The older team won 6-3 and the scorers were Lawrence Arnott 3, Michael Harker and OG 2. Man of the match was Andrew Wind for sterling work in defence. I know I should not have mentioned our unbeaten record which came to an abrupt end when Askrigg visited us. In the U12 league match we played without several key players and did well to hold them to a 2-0 loss. Man of the match was Chris Westgarth. The U14 team were beaten 5-1 with our goal scored by Thomas Barningham who was also man of the match. David Williams

Farewell to Woolly.

My little friend has gone away,
She'll not be back on another day.
She'd grown so old and didn't know,
At 119, it was time to go.
It was my absence she couldn't

bear,
She'd 'kick up a fuss' and whine with despair.
Unfamiliar faces, she could not abide,
Wisely, she was given a birth that was wide.
In her life, she was always faithful and true,
Did her duty, as doggies are expected to do.
Cast off and beaten, denied proper food,
Her original owners were feckless and crude,
They intended to exploit her, puppies to breed,
To make 'lovely lolly' to satisfy greed.
But little dogs must be trained not to 'wee',
The drenching of carpets, must never be.
As we took her away, she never looked back,
She'd had enough of that thankless pack,
But she'd become aggressive, and would bite,
Nothing was too big for her to fight.
However she mellowed with increasing age,
And learned to control those fits of rage,
At the end of her life, her body failed,
But not her courage, that prevailed.
She hobbled on to the very last,
Out of my sight, and into my past.
How I shall miss the bark that did rend,
The air with its warning: Woolly my friend.

John Hardy.

UPPER DALES FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

The group's first Swaledale meeting was well attended in January when Rev Gillian Bobbett, minister of the Keld and Low Row United Reformed Churches, shared her extensive knowledge of the history of the Low Row church. Several in the audience were surprised to learn that a ruin, past which they had often walked, was all that remains today of the original chapel founded around 1690 by Lord Philip Wharton as a place of worship for protestant dissenters. Illustrating the history of the church with incidents from the lives of its ministers, snippets from the trust deeds and readings from contemporary accounts, Gillian painted a vivid picture of more than 300 years of continuous nonconformist activity in the dale. Indeed, a number of local people today, including the two most recently baptised babies, are direct descendants of the longest serving minister, Rev John Boyd, who pastored the church for over 40 years in the mid nineteenth century. Further details of the church's history can be found on its website at www.argonet.co.uk/gmb/. The February meeting held in the Dales Countryside Museum, Hawes, provided a fascinating insight into an often overlooked side of our heritage, when local tutor Kate Trusson gave a guided tour through the history of quilts and quilting, illustrated by examples from her own collection and memories of older neighbours. The craft played an important role in the community as one of

the few ways in which a lone woman could earn money for the family through running a "Quilt Club" to make quilts for neighbours who each paid her a small amount per week. Some quilts were specially made to celebrate weddings others, usually white, were kept solely for use in laying out the dead; and while many of the traditional patterns give clues as to the date and place of origin of the quilt, other patterns occur worldwide, often carrying the same symbolism. Whatever their origins or use, they all have a part in illustrating the social history of a given area. For details regarding any of the meetings ring Glenys Marriott on 01969 663738, email glenys@bishopdale.demon.co.uk or see the group's website at www.bishopdale.demon.co.uk

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DAMSON DAYS

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(From John Brand's *Observations On
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The ancient discipline of wearing sack cloth and ashes on Ash Wednesday is, at present replaced in our church by reading publicly on this day the curses denounced against impenitent sinners, when the people are directed to repeat an Amen at the end of each malediction. Enlightened as we think ourselves at this day, there are

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many who consider the general avowal of the justice of God's wrath against impenitent sinners as cursing their neighbours; consequently, like good Christians they keep away from church on this occasion!

We are grateful for all contributions this month, in particular from : J. Hardy, J. Campbell, K. Allen, Maj. Williams and the representatives of various organisations.

"Ask Grandpa" Quiz

Going shopping in pre-decimal days
(decimalisation was 30 years ago last month!)
Grandma spent
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Answer the following clues and come up with the right answers. Answers are printed (upside down!) on page 22

1. A cycle
2. A man's name
3. A kind of pig.
4. A leather worker
5. A male voice
6. A tiara
7. A poorly octopus
8. Part of a gorilla's leg
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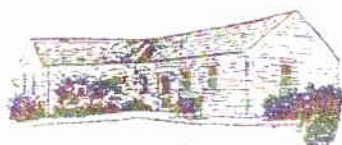
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A column with a medical slant

(No column this month but a copy of a letter that I sent to the Health Authority which is self-explanatory)

Dr Gavin McBurnie,
Director of Primary Care,
North Yorkshire Health Authority

Dear Dr McBurnie,

WORKING WITH POORLY PERFORMING DOCTORS

I was interested to read this document. I agree with the comments on professional isolation and approve of your proposed support panel scheme. I was appalled however at the contents of the last paragraph. Particularly "...should a single handed practice vacancy occur in the future careful consideration will need to be given as to whether it is filled on that basis". And..... to determine whether the practice should either be dispersed or the vacancy and list amalgamated with a neighbouring practice". Dictates such as this from on high do little to improve the morale of people working at "the sharp end". I was very sad to see the Health Authority adopt such a blinkered approach, which is the knee jerk reaction of the Government to the Harold Shipman case. Shipman chose to practice alone to avoid detection. He alone,, and not his practice, murdered his victims. So it is the doctor and not the practice which is

at fault. I had hoped for a more rational view from a Health Authority that covers such a remote rural area. Remote rural practices do a difficult job that goes largely unrecognised. They are too small to become teaching practices, too remote for adequate attendance at Postgraduate Educational events, which are always held in York or Northallerton. In addition there is very inadequate provision for cover in the event of unexpected illness of the principal doctor. Yet they provide a vital service to local communities. Few of my colleagues in large city practices would walk miles through snowdrifts to see sick patients or deliver drugs on a weekly basis to the elderly without transport. Neither would they take the trouble to train and work with the local fell rescue team. If my practice were broken up and amalgamated, firstly I cannot see any of the adjacent rural practices with large areas of their own to cover willing to take on another 250 square miles of countryside. Secondly, the service to the patients would deteriorate. This is already seen in other community services where the large centres of population are serviced first and the remote communities as an afterthought. Patients would have to travel many miles to a main surgery and see the local surgery downgraded to a branch surgery as has happened in Aysgarth. This would mean patients travelling much further for medical care and possibly no doctor living in the area. I enclose a copy of a report on patient satisfaction recently carried out by the Community Health Council. It is very complementary of the practice by the

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YORKSHIRE DALES NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY COUNTRYSIDE ACT WELCOMED BY DALES AUTHORITY

Grassington, 30 January 2001. The Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority has welcomed the Countryside and Rights of Way Act, which became law today (30 January). The Act details plans for increased access to the country's valued wildlife sites.

The Act will give a new right of access on foot to mountain, moor, heath, down and registered common land. The Countryside Agency will map open countryside, and the process will be open to comment and appeal before access on the ground becomes available. Under the legislation the National Park Authority will be responsible for establishing a local access forum to advise on open access and rights of way improvements in the National Park. The Act also increases the protection of Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSIs) giving greater powers to address problems of neglect or damage to these sites. Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority chairman, Steve Macare, said: "We welcome the new opportunities created by the Act for the public to enjoy the special qualities of the National Park.

"Whilst supporting proposals for an increased right of access, we now need to consider how the Act will work on the ground and how the proposed local access forum can be developed to assist us in this work. The forum will

make sure that, in achieving new access, the interests of the environment aren't compromised and the valid concerns of those that own and work the land are heard."

The Authority believes that for the Act to succeed Government will need to make available additional money to fund more rangers on the ground and the infrastructure that will be required.

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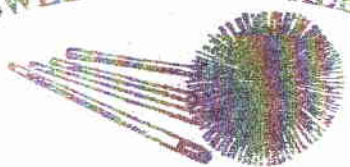
Grassington, 31/01/2001.

Thwaite in Swaledale has been designated a Conservation Area by the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority, which met yesterday (30 January). The Conservation Area designation involved the preparation of area character appraisals with the help of the local community, the investigation of potential preservation and conservation work as well as an assessment of the local opposition or support for the designation. Graham Darlington, building conservation officer with the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority, said: "This Authority has a statutory obligation to designate areas that are of special architectural or historic interest. However, rather than go ahead without local consultation we arranged a number of community meetings to explain the process and involve as many people as possible." Yesterday's designation recognises the distinctive and compact nature of the 19th century village of Thwaite, with its mixture of small private and public spaces, making the village worthy of Conservation Area status." The designation will now pave the way in the coming years for the development of a Conservation Area Action Plan for Thwaite. This will be further developed with the local community and involve discussions on possible preservation and conservation

work. Conservation Area status could assist in drawing in funds for village enhancement schemes. Yesterday's designation follows further consultation with Richmondshire District Council, who raised no objections to the designation. The designation as a Conservation Area places no significant further restrictions on development. Every household within each area will be sent a leaflet, which clearly sets out why the area has been designated and highlights the area's special features.

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people who use it. It shows that not all single-handed GP's murder their patients and that a very high standard of care can be delivered by remote rural single-handed practices. I know you get a lot of correspondence, just like me, but I hope you will take a moment to read it. Finally if you would like a representative from a rural, single handed practice to sit on or advise any of your committees so that you can a more balanced perspective I would be more than glad to help. Yours sincerely,

Dr Paul Bond, The Surgery Reeth
Ed. Thank you Dr. Bond for the article - would readers would like to write in with their comments and views ?

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constant friction from miners' dogs as they climbed it. Not long after, I asked the Methodist minister if I could show someone this interesting piece of Swaledale history, only to be informed that a 'safety expert' had demanded that the steps be covered with wood, as they were adjudged to be unsafe!! Can you believe it! And what do you think the old miners would have had to say about such a demand!! I dread to think !

John Hardy
Ed. The final article on local Chapels written by John Hardy is entitled 'Change and Decay' This will appear in next month's issue.

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He returned to Gaul as a result of this supernatural call. In 432 he landed at Wicklow and went North, converting the people of Ulster and many other parts of Ireland. Before his death in 461 he had established many religious communities and churches, including the Cathedral at Armagh. St. Patrick is credited with many miraculous powers, and legends abound all over the

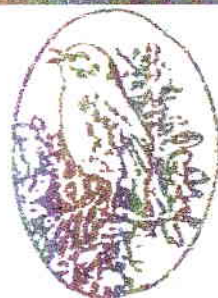
world. The most famous of the stories is that he cleared Ireland of serpents by luring the creature into a box, and on slamming the lid closed, throwing the box into the sea, hence St. Patrick is often depicted with the Shamrock and the Serpent. His cross is a red plus cross on a white background.

J. Campbell

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Dear Sir—I have recently read the February edition of the Dalesman Magazine (A Christmas present subscription) and there are two letters arising from previous writers, about John Bainbridge—the horseman who repaired shoes. No one appeared to know his address or how he came to repair shoes. Can any reader help? I can remember seeing John in the 1950's riding in from Marrick and stopping on the Green. I also think I remember him as a local preacher in Reeth Methodist Chapel. Reading the Dalesman awoke many memories of my many visits to Reeth to stay with my grandmother Gertrude Budden. Maybe a few articles on well Swaledale characters would go down well with readers, e.g. Jane Hannah, Tom Peacock, Dr. Spiers. I was saddened to read of the death of Laurie Rukin, as I remember hearing him sing. The Reeth Gazette certainly revives happy memories and I do enjoy reading it.

Margaret Clayton (Mrs.)

Ed. Does anyone have any other memories? We publish all articles. Please note that an annual subscription to the Reeth and District Gazette makes an excellent present for any occasion!

Dear Sir. I would like to address my remarks to you following the article by Peggy Metcalfe on Bygone Hurst. My name is Thomas Hilary Hodgson and I was born on June 5th. 1927 at Low Feldon, Marske. Our family left Marske in 1932 and moved to Carthorpe near Bedale. When I married in 1958 I moved to Crayke near York. I descend from many generations of lead miners who worked mostly at Hurst, but also at Sparnham and Westhouse near Hellwith.. My mother used to tell us about a church at Hellwith where the sheep were kept out of the church with a wild rose bush which was fastened across the doorway when the church was not in use. Hellwith was in Kirby Hill Parish and the parson held a service once a month for local miners. I have been to Hellwith to find this church but without any luck. If you could help with any materials, photographs, directions etc. I would be most grateful. Now that I am retired I would like to revisit some of the old sites.

T.H Hodgson

Ed. If anyone can help, please let us know.

The Reeth and District gazette will be pleased to receive letters on all topics.

Deadline Date : March 23rd.

Is your night storage heater working properly?

My wife and I have recently moved to Reeth to live here permanently. I needed to set up our computer system, but having experience over the last 26 years of the vagaries of the electricity supply to Reeth I installed an uninterruptible power supply in between the NEEB supply and the computer. This UPS unit takes care of any sudden surges in, or failures of, supply. It also, incidentally, measures and records the voltage being supplied by the electricity company. The legal lower limit on the voltage supplied is 216.2 volts based on an expected normal value of 230 volts. As regular as clockwork, in the time that we have been here (winter), the voltage drops to around or below this lower limit value. I explained this to the electricity company (5/01/01) and they had an engineer to our house within 3 hours – a very pleasant and capable man. By the time he arrived the voltage was back to normal but the graphs that I supplied him with, showing over the previous two months when the supply had fallen drastically to below the legal limit, have caused the Restorations Manager to write to me (11/01/01) to say that they are investigating the problem. In fact, when I enquired further after waiting a reasonable length of time (10/02/01), they had actually done nothing because they are short of equipment (sound familiar - or don't you travel by rail). They were, however, having an engineer contact me in the week beginning 12th February to arrange to fit a voltage recorder to our supply - but he didn't. Where do the storage heaters come in? Since the voltage drops as regular as clockwork just after 2.00 p.m. (lasting for 1 -2 hours) and after 12.00

midnight, the cause of the voltage drop seems to be the drain on the system caused by night storage heaters taking their afternoon boost or their night time heat up. The lowest voltage that our system has recorded (and it isn't in action 24 hours per day) was 197.0 volt on January 19th at 2.14 a.m. and on the 11th February from 1.46 a.m. until 2.13 a.m. it did not get above 200 volts and was below the legal lower limit from 1.28 a.m. to 4.33 a.m. For those of you with night storage heaters this is of concern because the heating effect of the electricity depends on the square of the voltage – or to put it another way you are only getting 75% of the heating effect for which the heater is designed. Is it only lukewarm in the morning? Then you are probably suffering from the same problem as we are; you are getting a supply of electricity that does not conform to legal requirements. If you are running a computer during the afternoon and it crashes regularly chances are it is due to your electricity supply and not to any lack of skill on your part. NEDL apparently have 6 months in which to put this situation right, always supposing that they agree with me (assuming that they get round to checking the supply). The solution? According to an electrical engineer it would require a larger transformer to be installed.

Keith Allen : Reeth

Ed. Thank you for this article Keith..Has anyone else suffered similar problems? If so let us know.?

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The Lady Who Runs

(for St. Teresa's)

In my article last month, I told you about my running and how I have entered the London Marathon, intending to raise as much money as possible for St. Teresa's Hospice in Darlington. I also promised an update every month on how things are going. I would like to start this month with a number of thank-you's. Firstly, I am truly grateful to everyone at the Gazette for publishing these articles, without their help there is no way I could spread the word to everyone about what I'm trying to do. Thank you, too, to all the people who have stopped me in the village to tell me that they enjoyed reading last month's effort, many of whom have promised to contribute; I'll try to keep the articles as interesting as possible. But there is one very special thank. A couple of days after last month's gazette was published, someone rang our door bell. Ken opened the door to find an elderly gentleman standing there (I hope he'll forgive the 'elderly' description). "Is this the house of the lady who runs?", he asked. When Ken told him it was, the man thrust a £5 note into his hand and started to walk away. Ken tried to get him to stay, but he wouldn't, and he climbed into his car. By the time I got to the door, he was driving away and I couldn't even thank him properly. We went back into the house and we sat down with the money on the table in front of us. I was totally choked - our friends and family have made donations in the

past to sponsor my running, but this is the first time someone totally unknown to me has made a contribution. I have seen the gentleman in the village a few times in the past, but I don't know who he is. His kindness has really touched us and it makes me feel very humble to think that there are people out there who are relying on me to deliver! The weather in the last few weeks has been really trying for everyone in the Dale, but it has played havoc with my training. The only days I didn't get out to run were when we had the heavy snow, I've managed all of the other times, but it hasn't been a lot of fun. It isn't too bad when it's raining, believe it or not, but the flooding on the roads has been a nightmare. There have been times when I felt I should change from my running shoes to my wellies! A typical training week goes something like this: On Mondays I run about 8 miles, usually from the top of Leyburn, along the military road to Catterick Garrison, which gives me lots of hill work to concentrate on, and I run at about 9 minute pace (that means one mile every nine minutes). On Tuesday mornings, I take my Dad to St. Teresa's where he spends the day with the wonderful people at the hospice. I drive back to my Mom's in Richmond, park my car there, then set off running around Richmond for 9 or 10 miles, again at about nine minute pace. After I've finished, I have a shower at

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my Mom's, then head back to Darlington to do some shopping, then pick my Dad up from the hospice and bring him home. On Wednesdays, I concentrate on speed-work repetitions. We try to find roads that are as flat as possible (not easy around here!) and I run a mile as fast as I can, usually in around 7 minutes. Then I jog for 5 minutes, before I run another fast mile. I repeat that, until I've done 5 or 6 fast runs. The idea behind this type of training is two-fold. It helps to build up my running speed overall, but it also is to enable me to vary my pace during a race. In a perfect world, of course, I would run at a constant speed during my races, but it never works out like that, especially if there are a lot of other runners; sometimes you get blocked and have to slow down, other times you have to speed up to make up for lost time. Thursdays are a repeat of Monday, about 8 miles, and Fridays are a repeat of Wednesday's speed work. Saturday is my Day off! Then comes Sunday - the big one. The idea behind this is to build up the distance I can run, to improve my stamina. For the marathon itself, I have to run just over 26 miles; so far I have built my long run up to 15 miles, and I'll extend that as the weeks go by, but with 9 weeks to go before the race I'm on schedule to increase it by a mile each week. The experts reckon that the maximum distance you ever have to run in training is 20 miles (the adrenalin on the day is supposed to

get you the rest of the way), but for my own peace of mind I'd like to have run the whole 26 miles at least once before the big day. One of the things I had to do in the last month was to have a complete medical by Dr. Bond, to ensure that I am fit enough to do it. I never really doubted it beforehand, but it was nice to have his reassurance that everything is OK. He says I am really healthy, that he wants to use me as a role model for some of his other patients, so blame me if he tells you that you have to take up jogging next time he sees you! As well as my training runs, I am scheduled to enter a half marathon every month to give me race practice. This month's effort was in Wokingham in Berkshire, which is one of the recommended training races. The weather for the race was amazing. We left Reeth on Saturday morning with the temperature at 3 degrees. On Sunday, I ran the race in a temperature of 13 degrees! As a consequence, I was overdressed for the race, wearing my cold weather gear, and I overheated quite badly. I managed to finish in a shade over 2 hours, which isn't a bad time for my first race of the year, but I was a bit disappointed with it. A two-hour half marathon is equivalent to running a full marathon in about four and a half hours, and I want to do better than that, so I have to work harder in my training and build up my speed. If I can run each mile even 20 seconds

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view over the Bay of Naples, including Vesuvius, and it was from the Club at this place that Charles Wardle's jeep was stolen one night. He was in the Club with a South African, & had removed the rotor arm from his jeep thereby immobilising it in the approved fashion. But the thief had taken the rotor arm from the South African's jeep nearby & made off with Charles's jeep. So when Charles & the South African emerged from the Club the following rather fraught conversation took place: "I say! The rotor arm's missing from my jeep!" "Great heavens! My jeep's not here! Been stolen!" "Did you take the rotor arm off, old man?" "Yes it's in my pocket, old man." "In that case you won't want it now, will you, old man?"

19 Jun 44. HIGH LIFE IN ITALY.

My friend of 23 Armoured Brigade Signals days, Lieut. Don Skinner, now in 5 Div Sigs, came to dinner last night & told wonderful tales of High Life in Italy. After dinner he showed me letters & cards from half the Italian nobility! "When I came out of hospital after malaria", said he, "they gave me the option of Sick Leave at a Convalescent Depot or a hotel. Needless to say I chose a hotel (the Hotel Vittorio in Sorrento). After a time, though, I was told that the hotel was going to be requisitioned for troops and that I would have to move out to the Convalescent depot after all. This didn't suit me at all, so I went across for a room to the Hotel Tramontano nearby. Here I was told by the receptionist, very politely, that the hotel

was reserved for the aristocracy, and that no casual visitors were allowed. At once I said that I knew all about that, and that anyway I was the Baron d'Essex on a secret mission, and hadn't they been told to expect me? Just like that, in French. It worked like a miracle. "M' Le baron d' Essex ! Mais certainement ! Pardon! Excusez !....." and she fixed things.

From then on I never looked back. I found myself in a magnificent suite - private bath, telephone, even a valet. I had barely settled in when in came a chambermaid with a large blue envelope on a silver salver. I opened it to read, in French, "Her Grace the Duchesse d'Aversa & her two Daughters will be At Home to M. le Baron d' Essex this afternoon at 3". I duly presented myself to the Duchess & her two charming daughters, Mariolina & Luisa, & before long I had been introduced to her social circle. There was a dinner party nearly every night & of course I dressed for my part. I got used to the technique of introductions - a click of the heels, a bow, taking the lady's hand & lightly brushing it with the lips. I used to practise a lot in my room. The thing was to be completely nonchalant all the time. One night I stupidly put on Service Dress instead of plain clothes, & on that night who should be dining with us but two officers of the Scots Guards! I was in a tight spot, for what they saw was a Signals subaltern purporting to be the Baron d'Essex.

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Luckily the title might have been an English-sounding French one – "Esseques", perhaps. My only loophole. So I played to my part like mad, & launched into broken English right away, very enthusiastically, stumbling over words here & there. I told them I had been in England on the outbreak of war & had joined the British Army like a good Frenchman. This raised a laugh, & the rest was plain sailing Well, it was one long whirl of parties & dinners - & then a complication arose – Luisa, the Duchess's younger daughter, wanted to marry me. She was a dear little thing, but I decided I had better clear out. So I told the old Duchess that I had been called to Rome on important business. "Oh", said she, "then I must introduce you to Rome society", & she gave me some letters of introduction. Now the fact is that I'm not going to Rome at all. 5 Div is going to Palestine, & I'm going with them. This is where you come in, my dear chap. How about carrying on with the good work? It would be a pity to disappoint Rome society, you know. You speak French reasonably & you could be, say, the Count of Worcester. You shall have my letters of introduction & I'll write a note explaining things". So he did, & I still have that note, but I never became the Count of Worcester!

2 Jul 44. FAREWELL TO LOVLEY NAPLES. Our Winter in Southern Italy is over & we are due to leave soon, so I rose early to take a few parting shots of the lovely Bay of Naples on this misty morning at 0700 hrs., as souvenirs.

Tomorrow we shall be on the Road to

Rome, to "fresh woods & pastures new", as J. Milton used to say. **F.T.C.W**

Quotes for Politicians (leaked memos !!)

From John Ruskin 1819-1900—English Art & Social Critic

I have seen and heard much of Cockney impudence before now, but never expected to hear a coxcomb ask two hundred guineas for flinging a pot of paint in the public's face.

The first duty of the state is to see that every child born therein shall be well housed, clothed, fed and educated till it attains years of discretion.

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It started during World War 11 when my brother and a cousin spent their 'leave' on Kisdon. One bright morning they decided to inaugurate the Shunnor Fell Championship Race. History does not relate how long it took them, but one can be pretty sure the record was never broken. They were fit young men.

In following years when we teenage sisters spent time at Kisdon Cottage with friends, we would take up the challenge. A desultory trot past Kisdon Farm and down to Usher Gap brought sense to our endeavour, and we would slacken our pace to a gentle walk along the road to Scar Houses. By the time we were heading up towards the Buttertubs we were puffing somewhat. Striking across the moor and heather toward the summit we were admiring the view and gossiping. As we lay peacefully in the sunshine munching our sandwiches and listening to the skylarks gently fluttering groundwards, our resolve was rapidly dissipating. It is three of four years since I last walked to Shunnor Fell, but how things had changed! To begin with, who on earth is the 'mad Cairn Builder' who has peopled the moor around High Abbotside with little stone monuments? Interest-

ingly, though they appear as 'piles of stones' near the Pennine Way on my 1995 Ordinance Survey map, there is no sign of them on my very detailed map of 1958, nor for that matter did the 'Way' exist. Was the builder trying to rival the cairns at Nine Standards Rigg? Some people claim the latter were built to frighten away Scots marauders hundreds of years ago. Surely the Scots were not that stupid to think~ those huge constructions were actually Yorkshiremen? Those on the Wensleydale slopes look more convincing and to scale, but who are they supposed be to scaring? Sheep? And then there is that gigantic stone pathway shoring up the eroding Pennine Way. To find a paved path on the moor top seems rather bizarre, to say the least. No sign any more of the crashed WW2 aircraft, In the golden days of the Shunnor Championship we would often take the route down Birkdale, such a pleasant secret valley with its two streams joining and running down to Stone House. There is supposed to have been a copper mine there, and we have found traces of bright green copper deposits in the rocks, but not much sign of a mine, except for lead workings. What a lovely house Stone House is. When the Alderson family lived there there were still wood panelled rooms downstairs. Are they still there I wonder? Along the valley to Hoggarths there are some beautiful little bridges and pleasant pools, some good enough for a pleasant dip when the race became too arduous. And so we pattered down to Keld with all competitive spirit evaporated.

J.Campbell

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faster, that's nearly 9 minutes off my total marathon time. By the time this article is published, I will have distributed some collection boxes around the village for people's donations. When you see them, please contribute. St. Teresa's is desperate for the money to extend their work with the terminally ill like my Dad and all of the others. Every penny will help. In March, I'll be sending begging letters to all the local businesses, pleading for their contributions, too. Everyone's support, means more to me than I can ever express, and, if like the gentleman I told you about at the beginning, you want to ring the doorbell, we're ready and waiting. I'll tell you more next month.

Ros Camsey Bracken House High Row, Reeth. Tel: 884369 e-mail:

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Ed. Keep it up Ros, we are all with you even if it is only in spirit ! Thanks for the warning about Dr. Bond—perhaps I'd better not go there for a while! If I pass you in the car, I'll give a 'toot' on the horn. GML

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Highlights of the programme for the forthcoming year include a charity concert in Muker St. Mary's church on May 5th with veteran cornettist James Shepherd as guest soloist, and a tour to Holland - the Band's first overseas venture - in August. As usual, the Band will open its season with a concert in the Public Hall, Muker on Easter Sunday, 15th April at 3 pm.

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