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DECEMBER 2002



A Very Merry Christmas to all our Advertisers and Readers

THE REETH GAZETTE

Following a very successful extra ordinary meeting in November, (*minutes to be published, with accounts next month*) the Reeth Gazette now has a Management Team. The team will be elected every year at the AGM, and consists of three officers :- an Editor/ Controller, Financial Manager, and Advertisement Design Manager. There are also four other team members. Together the Management Team will run your Gazette, and aim to take our publication forward. Copies of the minutes of the first regular meeting of the Management Team are available from the Secretary. All members of the team will be happy to receive your comments, suggestions etc. about your Gazette.

CHAIRMAN'S NOTE

Being asked to be Chairman of the new Management team for the Reeth and District Gazette is a great honour, and a position I shall treat very seriously. I would like to assure everyone that the gazette is in good hands, and its future, style, character and philosophy we hope to keep largely as they are, and so maintaining the much loved publication. The Gazette, which is currently financially stable, is a proud legacy to those who formed it and ran it for the past seven years, and we thank them for all their endeavours. It is my wish and hope that we can build on the experience of the past to create a

secure future.

Malcolm Gardner - Chairman

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REETH & DISTRICT GAZETTE**EDITORIAL**

Hi! Glad you're still reading. We have a bumper issue with all sorts of info of happenings at Christmas. Last month was a wee bit hectic, what with the extraordinary meeting etc. We had an excellent meeting, and now as you can see have a new Management Team, and are now looking forward. A very special thank you must go to the collating team at Muker, who have now retired. They have done sterling work over the last three years, and we are greatly indebted to them. We are looking to from a new team, and the Chairman, Malcolm Gardner, sincerely invites anyone to join, and extends a warm welcome to any members of past teams who wish to help out. As I am writing this, my old cat has just crept in for a cuddle (he is almost blind, deaf and nearly 16) and hates being on his own. He reminds me that we all need affection from time to time, especially at Christmas! Don't be shy! Give someone close to you a cuddle! Extend the joy of this wonderful time of year. But let's not forget, those people who will be alone this Christmas wherever, or whoever they are. The message of love and hope brought by Christ's birth is for all. So do remember the lonely in your prayers. We live in a very special community, with wonderful people. On this note, I would just like to thank all those who readily, spontaneously and willingly gave their time last month to help one of our community in distress. The response from the Police, Fell Rescue and individuals was truly fantastic. It was amazing how many people really care what happens to others. It proves that it is not *care in the community*, so much

as a *Caring Community* that counts! A very Merry and Peaceful Christmas to you all. GML

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**Suggested DEADLINE for the January Issue is
Friday 20th. December.**

Please Note

The Reeth and District Gazette for January 2003 will be published during the first week of January.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS!

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Letter from Carol- Page 8 by Rhoda Fraser

Intelligence test supplied by Revd. Gillian Bobbett

ERRATUM

Please note the Intelligence Test (starting on page 6) has its first answer on Page 11, and its second answer on Page 17. The answer to No 5 is on the School news page which is Page 32, and not as marked! Confused? So were we. Yes you're right, we FAILED!

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British Bird Names. The following are alternative names for which birds?

1. A halcyon?
2. A mavis?
3. A land rail?
4. A tree moose?
5. A dabchick?

Literary Connections.

6. Which bird helped Oscar Wilde's Happy Prince to relieve the poor?
7. Which bird weighed down the Ancient Mariner?
8. Where did Robert Stroud write a book about bird diseases?
9. Which bird, according to

the poet William Blake, "puts all heaven in a rage"?

10. Who said "What a beautiful pussy you are"?

Collective Nouns. What terms refer to groups of the following birds?

11. Geese on the ground?
12. Geese in the air?
13. Starlings?
14. Rooks?
15. Larks?

Double-Barrelled Names. What are the common names of the following birds?

16. Troglodytes troglodytes?
17. Pica pica?
18. Cinclus cinclus?
19. Apus apus?
20. Phoenicurus phoenicurus?

Sporting Birds.

21. Which football team is known as the 'Owls'?
22. What is the nickname for Newcastle United football team?
23. What game is played by Sheffield 'Eagles'?
24. Which football team is known as the 'Canaries'?
25. What is the nickname of the St. Louis baseball

witchers' Corner.

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29. Which is the heaviest British breeding finch?
30. Which summer visitor to Swaledale spends the least time in Britain?

Seasonal Tie-Breaker.

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Please send your entry to: George Lundberg, Editor, or leave it at the Post Office, marked *Bird Competition c/o the Editor Reeth Gazette* by December 20<sup>th</sup>. Answers in next month's Gazette.

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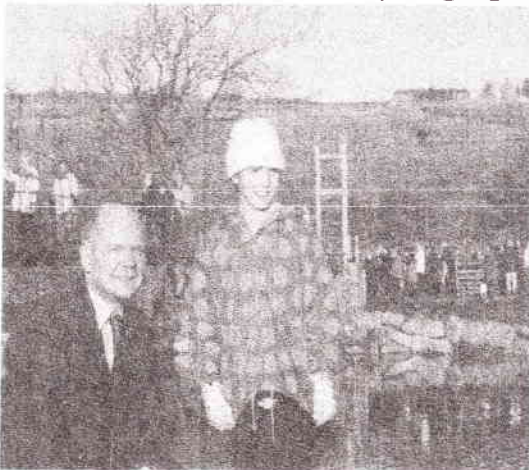
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### The New Bridge Opening

On a beautiful sunny morning, Friday the 29th of November 2002, the new Reeth Swing Bridge was officially opened by the Rt. Hon. William Hague, in the presence of a commendably large gathering of the local community.

ribbon cutting children of Primary first to cross followed by

the YDNPA the gathered bridge, which identical copy, original that



Following the ceremony, the Reeth Community School were the the bridge, William Hague, representatives of and the rest of people. The new is almost an replaces the was built by local

subscription to connect the communities of Grinton and Reeth. The old bridge survived many major floods over its 80 year life and swerved the community well before it was destroyed on Tuesday the 19th of September 2000. We trust it's replacement will give as good if not better service.B.C.

### Intelligence Test (1)

Exercise of the brain is as important as exercise of the muscles. As we grow older, it is important that we keep mentally alert. The saying : "If you don't use it, you will lose it" also applies to the brain; so ....Here is a very private way to gauge your loss or non loss of intelligence. So take the following test (reprinted here by kind permission of the Editor of INLINK, the newsletter of the URC Guide and Scout Fellowship.) and determine if you are losing it or are still a MENSA candidate. OK, relax clear your mind and .... Begin

1. *What do you put in a toaster ?* (answer on page 8)

"AULD ROY" Domino Drive, in Muker Public Hall, Friday Jan. 3rd. 7:30pm

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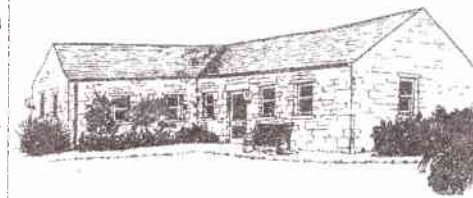
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DOC'S PAGE : It's a Dog's Life

would be desperately miserable. The
As I watch my dogs lying by the fire, I ability to think and marvel at the world
have a pang of envy. They shoulder no around us, an ability that sets us apart
responsibility for their or anyone else's from most of the rest of the animal
welfare. They don't have bills to pay; they kingdom is very valuable and often
don't have difficult decisions to make unappreciated in the hustle and bustle of
about anything. They don't have to answer everyday life. Are animals conscious? I am
the phone, earn money or even walk the not sure, we are able to interact with
dogs. For them life is one long round of them that is true, my dogs know the word
relaxation with a bit of eating, sleeping, for "biscuit" and "walkies". However,
barking and chasing rabbits thrown in. The consciousness is mainly to do with self-
highlight of their
day is being taken
for a walk, whatever
the weather and
then coming home
for supper. At night,
they sleep next to
the Aga where it is



awareness; you know
who you are and
your place in the
world. An
experiment was
once performed
which consisted of
placing a red dot on

warm (that is if the cats haven't got there the forehead of monkeys then showing
first). Mind you if I had to live on a diet them a mirror. If they were self-aware
of dog food and biscuits I sure I would then they would touch their own forehead,
miss the steak and chips or a good curry. if not the reflection. Chimpanzees and
They don't use their assets to the full orang-utans seem to be self aware as we
however. It is said that a dogs sense of humans are but none of the other
smell is many times more sensitive than primates seem to be. Consciousness has
human olfaction, but what do they do with evolved in humans because there is a
it? I will leave that bit to your imagination strong evolutionary advantage in being
but without them we would have the smart. Animals like dogs live in their
ridiculous sight of human security guards environment; we humans change the
sniffing for drugs at airports. It could be environment to suit our needs, sometimes
worse they could live in Korea or the not always for the better. Anyway at this
Philippines where they eat dogs. I time of year I am reminded of a yellow
certainly wouldn't fancy either of mine if poster often seen in the back of cars in
they were on the menu even with a Korea, from their ministry of agriculture
béarnaise sauce. Then when I really think and food. It reads, "A dog is not just for
about it if I couldn't read a book or enjoy Christmas, if you carve it carefully it will
the wonderful thing called consciousness last till Boxing Day." My dogs didn't
that we humans take for granted, life appreciate the joke. Dr. Paul Bond

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Intelligence Test 2. The answer is
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not to hurt yourself. If you said "bread"
go to question two.

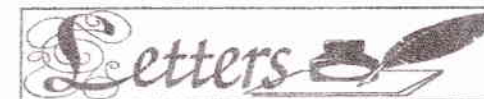
2. "Say " silk" five times. Now spell
"silk". What do cows drink?

Turn to page 12 for the answer.

YOUNG FARMERS UPDATE

So far this year the Young Farmers people. Everyone who knew him will miss
have met several times and been him. Thank you all, sincerely,
addressed by the vet Paul Rogers, Jeff Harry and Margaret Harrison.
Tunstall and Jane Turnbull. There has Ed. These videos are available to raise
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Dear George, Just to let you know
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end of his shows. He has raised the
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Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and a special thank you to everyone who has helped our school in any way this year.

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Intelligence test 3 : Cows drink water ! If you said "milk", please do not attempt the next
question, your brain is obviously overstressed and may overheat. It may be that you need to
content yourself with reading something more appropriate such as "The Beano". If you said
"water" then proceed to question three.

3. If a red house is made from red bricks and a blue house from blue bricks and a pink house
from pink bricks and a black house is made from black bricks, what is a greenhouse made
from?
Answer on page 18

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12 Christmas Close Bethlehem.

Dear Holly, Just a note with your Christmas card to say thank you for your invitation to stay again this Christmas. Unfortunately we can't be with you. Nicholas and I still tell our friends about our stay last year with you, how you *Decked The Halls With Boughs Of Holly* gathered from that lovely garden of yours. The house looked so beautiful with the *Holly And The Ivy* everywhere, and *Oh Christmas Tree*, what a spectacle. As you said *Now Light One Thousand Christmas Lights*, I'm sure there were that many on the tree, if not more. Nicholas always says that the midnight Church service was the highlight of the holiday for him. Walking to Church it was such a *Silent Night*, we are more used to the hustle and bustle of the town. When the bells started ringing *Ding Dong Merrily On High*, it was a *Joy To The World*, (well as far as it could be heard anyway). Your Church was packed and when the Vicar said *Oh Come All Ye Faithful* I had to hide a little grin. The magical moment for me was *As Joseph Was A Walking out of Church* with me to go home. It was like *Walking In The Winter Wonderland*, we could hardly *See Amid The Winter's Snow*. As you know, *I'm Dreaming Of A White Christmas*. Its not just the same without a touch of snow at Christmas, especially if *It Came Upon A Midnight Clear, On The First Day Of Christmas*. It was good to get back to the hall and the Yule Log, with *Chestnuts Roasting On An Open Fire*, they were absolutely delicious. Enough reminiscing from me now, I'm about to start making costumes for *We Three Kings* in the Nativity Play at school. We have even got a *Little Donkey* for Mary to ride on. Looking forward to seeing you in the New Year and *Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas*. Lots of Love Carol. P.S. Cousin *Mary Had A Baby*, He's going to be *The First Noel* in the family.

GUNNERSIDE W.I. Report.

Sorry ladies, no space this month, but we will print November's Report in full next month. Don't forget though the W.I Carol Service for your area will be at Grinton Church, on 14th. December, and the Christmas Dinner will be at Kearton Country Hotel on 18th. Dec.

A Merry Christmas to you all !

REETH PARISH COUNCIL

Wish to thank all those organisations and individuals that supported the Remembrance Day Parade and hope that they will continue to support the parade in future years.

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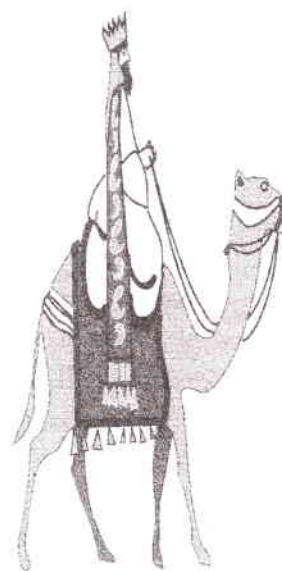
Christmas Eve at 6 : 00 pm in the United Reformed Church . All welcome

The Business association are holding an Open Meeting at the Bridge Inn, Tues. Dec 10th. @ 7.30pm with representatives from District & County Councils & YDNP. They will explain what they are doing in relation to Business support and related topics.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

21st December

7.00pm
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Friday 27th December

6.30pm
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22nd December

8.00am	Holy Trinity Low Row	Holy Communion
9.30am	St Andrew's Grinton	Eucharist
10.30am	Low Row URC	Christingle Service
	Reeth Methodist	Carol Service
11.00am	Reeth Congregational	
11.15am	St Mary's Arkengarthdale	Holy Communion
2.00pm	Keld URC	Carol Service
4.00pm	St Mary's, Muker	Crib Service
2.30pm	Gunnarside Methodist	Carol Service
	St Edmund's, Marske	Carol Service
6.30pm	Marske Methodist	Carol Service
	St Michael's, Downholme	Carol Service
	Reeth Congregational	Carol Service
	St Mary's Arkengarthdale	United Carol Service

CHRISTMAS EVE

24th December

4.00pm	Keld Methodist	Carol Service
6.00pm	Low Row URC	Village Carol Service
6.30pm	Arkengarthdale Methodist	Children's Carols
7.00pm	Reeth Methodist	Carols with the Swale Singers
11.30pm	St Mary's Arkengarthdale	Holy Communion
	St Andrew's Grinton	Eucharist
	St Michael's, Downholme	Christmas Eucharist

CHRISTMAS DAY

25th December

8.00am	Holy Trinity Low Row	Eucharist
9.30am	St Mary's Muker	Eucharist
	Low Row URC	Christmas celebration
10.30am	Reeth Methodist	Family Service
	Reeth Congregational	Service for all the Family
11.00am	St Edmund's, Marske	Holy Eucharist

29th December

10.30am	Reeth Methodist	
	St Mary's, Arken'dale	United Parish Eucharist
	Low Row URC	
11.00am	St Edmund's, Marske	Eucharist
	Reeth Congregational	
2.00pm	Keld Methodist	Covenant Service
2.30pm	Arkengarthdale Methodist	
	Gunnarside Methodist	
6.30pm	Marske Methodist	
	Reeth Congregational	

TIME FOR REFLECTION

The Wonder Of The Christian

Gospel : John's Prologue.

It was around A.D. 90, some 60 years after Jesus had been crucified, that a very old man, perhaps surrounded by scribes, began to dictate what was to be his word to the generations who would follow him. He was unique, in that as an Apostle who had followed Jesus, he alone was left. All those other brave apostles of Jesus had either died, or perished as martyrs. His own brother had been slaughtered by Herod, whilst Peter and Paul had been done to death in the unjust persecution instigated by Nero. He himself had not escaped, having been held for many years as a prisoner on the island of Patmos. These were undoubtedly days when he had thought much upon his Lord. Soon he would follow those who had gone before him. The thinking world around him was dominated by the writings of Plato and the Stoics. The Jewish philosopher Philo of Alexandria, who had lived around the time of Jesus, had made his contribution on the theme, that God

acted upon the world through his Logos or Reason. The Church commissioned by Jesus, was assailed on all sides. It refused to countenance the crude emperor worship that proliferated throughout the ancient world, which often brought down the wrath of officialdom upon it. The Jewish nation to whom Jesus had a special affinity, continued to reject him and his followers. Some loyal supporters of John the Baptist, called into question the Messiahship of Jesus, declaring that their man, John, was the Messiah. If it faced challenges from without, the Church also did from within. There were those, who whilst confessing the deity of our Lord, denied that he was truly human, and yet another school of thought taught, that Jesus was merely a human being upon whom the heavenly Son of God descended at his baptism. The Gospel that John was about to write, would be



the last written record that would find its way into our Bible. The records of Matthew, Mark and Luke would be well known to him, and he did not propose to go down this same road. He had uniquely shared with Jesus the Judaeen Ministry, which had been denied to his fellow apostles. He would select features of this ministry, that he intended would invoke a spiritual interpretation. He would only mention seven of the miracles of Jesus, and completely ignore those many cases where his master had cast out demons. With breath taking power he commenced his message. "In the beginning was the Word (Logos), and the Word was with God, and the Word was God". This was his answer to the heathen philosophy of his time, and also to us. The reason with which God acts upon the world is revealed in the person of Jesus, and Jesus Was God and thus divine. He was therefore to be worshipped in the same fashion as the Father. No one was better placed than John, to rebut the claim that the Baptist was the Messiah. He had

been one of his enthusiastic disciples, and was well acquainted with both his words and thoughts. "John bare witness of him and cried, saying, "This was he of whom I spake, He that cometh after me is preferred before me: for he was before me." Finally John confronts those who will not accept the mystery of the incarnation, that is of a divine Jesus being born of a human mother. "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us." This says John, is the wonder of the Christian Gospel, that God in his mercy appeared on this earth for us and our salvation. John will develop this wonderful theme, in the subsequent pages of his Gospel. So this old man, who had been the one apostle who had dared to stand by the cross, when Jesus was so brutally crucified, passes on to us the final challenging and comforting message from our Lord. Perhaps in more recent times, Charles Wesley encapsulated for us the wonder of what God our creator did for us in and through Jesus Christ, "Our God contracted to a span, Incomprehensibly made man."

John Hardy.

Upper Dales Family History Society : A large number of fellow researchers with an interest in the same name and place joined the audience at Middleham to hear Roger Davis' talk about how he traced his Ryder family ancestors back to Coverdale. Using a wide variety of sources, including deeds, wills and fire insurance registers as well as the more obvious certificates, he had pieced together a picture of his ancestors lives in the dales and beyond. As in many cases Roger was originally spurred on to research by a family story which simply begged to be investigated, in this case the well documented belief that a substantial legacy had "gone astray" some time in the 19th century. Unlike many family stories this one had not only proved to be founded in fact, but has enabled Roger to find links with a number of other families with Ryder connections and the same story coming down the generations. The December meeting will be held at the Key Centre on December 18, 2-4pm. Speaker Denny Gibson of Bedale with "Murders Most Horrid" - a story of local dales murders which she has researched through newspapers and the Calendars of Prisoners in York Castle. Everyone welcome - non members £1. For further details of any meetings please contact 01969 663738.



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Intelligence test 4 : Greenhouses are made from glass. If you said "green bricks", what are you still doing here reading these questions? If you said "glass" then go on to question four.
4. Twenty years ago, a plane is flying at 20,000 feet over Germany. If you will recall, Germany at the time was politically divided into West Germany and East Germany. Anyway, during the flight, TWO of the engines fail. The pilot realising that the last remaining engine is also failing, decides on a crash landing procedure. Unfortunately the engine fails before he has time and the plane crashes smack in the middle of "no mans land" between West and East Germany. Where would you bury the survivors—East or West Germany or in "no mans land"? Turn to page 25 for the answer.

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You don't of course bury any survivors! If you said ANYTHING else, you are a real dunce and you must never try to rescue anyone form a plane crash. Your effort would not be appreciated. If you said "Don't bury the survivors." then proceed to the next question.

5. If the hour hand on a clock moves 1/60th of a degree every minute then how many degrees will the hour hand move in an hour?

Answer on page 32.



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CUD (Connecting the Upper Dales) THE QUESTIONNAIRE

The response. Thank you for taking part in the recent survey which has given the CUD group a much clearer, and factual, picture of the 'electricity supply and telecommunications' situation in the Two Dales. It is obvious that the majority of our local population realise that CUD is trying to help. It is so heartening to the group when the comments box contains in big letters the words 'THANK YOU'. Some people may think that we are pandering to people who whinge and moan about facilities - not so, the people of the Two Dales tend to have a 'grin and bear it' approach when things go against them. However, the issues the questionnaire is asking about are affecting quality of life, the running of businesses and, on occasion, people's health and safety. Questionnaires are not popular and the fact that there have been so many replies (about 10% of all men, women and children which can be estimated to be about 20 - 25% of all households) tells us, and will tell the utilities companies, that the people of the Two Dales are extremely concerned about some of the issues raised. A point that was raised by one comment box answer was to ask whether we were doing this because finance was available - the answer is no; all the members of CUD are volunteers working in conjunction with the Two Dales Partnership Community Development Worker. As CUD makes progress with its work on communications through the various funding bodies available it is likely that finance will be sought to improve communications in the Two Dales. **The analysis.** All the comments have been collated; the majority were about mobile phones but it was a close run thing, as those about electricity and BT landlines were nearly as numerous. If you see a man with flames coming from his ears he works for BT! A numerical analysis has been carried out for each question and as you can imagine (unless you are really interested in mathematics) the results cannot be read like an article in the Gazette. However, as the group reads the results they see factual evidence, which cannot be ignored, about the state of the electrical supply to the area - numerous stories of equipment being 'destroyed' by voltage overloads - as well as the BT landlines. The final comments box is overwhelmingly arguing for mobile phone facilities to be provided in the Two Dales - businesses that are missing out on opportunities because of its lack, and at least one harrowing story of the safety aspect of NOT having a mobile phone. For those of you who like numbers here are a few: **Electricity.** 66% of households suffer voltage fluctuations (in one case 3 light bulbs destroyed in one day - not to mention a washing machine, refrigerator and a computer), 19% have problems getting night storage heaters to warm up. **Telephones.** 28% have problems with their phone being engaged when they want to use it and just over that percentage have problems, with people ringing in to them, getting a 'phone is engaged' signal when in actual fact nobody is using it. **Mobile phones.** 88% consider that the ability to use a mobile phone in the area would be useful (with 35% considering it vital). **Internet.** 70% have an Internet connection - of sorts - as 82% of them have trouble making the connection and then 40% have such a slow connection it is hardly worth the bother. **The next step.** The group members are now going to approach senior managers in BT, NEDL, etc, with the information which you have provided, and ask them what they intend to do to bring Swaledale, Arkengarthdale and Stonesdale basic, reliable facilities. You will be kept up to date with our efforts via the Gazette - thank goodness it is reliable. P.S. If you really do like reading numbers then in the near future the analyses (when all the late replies have been entered into the system) will be made available in local Post Offices and the Red Lion.

Keith Allen (884103) for CUD

2 DALES Children's Football Club

We have had 2 series of matches this month winning all our games. We home their chances while "man" of the travelled to Hawes on 3rd November match (1 was never politically correct) and played 3 games. Dales Georgina Stocks played Athletic (under 12's) won 5-1 in a league match. The children played to a high standard and thoroughly deserved their win. 2 goals and played very well throughout. The other goals Sparrow (in his first league match), were scored by Adam Calvert and Jack Lord, Steven Bainbridge and an Harvey Pilgrim. Dales United then own goal. Man of the match was Harvey played a friendly match building on Pilgrim who played a greatly improved their success at Hawes to win 6-0. game. The under 15's played next in a Andrew Calvert played a very good League match which they dominated game as captain and scored 2 goals throughout to win 14-2. This is a while man of the match was Paul strong team playing well together. Wilhelmy who also scored 2 with the Scorers were Peter Burt (2), Jason other goals scored by Georgina Stocks Flannery (2), Marcus Burnett (4), David and Steven Coates. We hope to play our Coates (2), Jim Smith, Martin Calvert Christmas Eve match in the morning at and 2 own goals, one of which may Reeth when Reeth take on the rest of properly be attributed to Jason the world (to the extent they play for Flannery who was man of the match and our club which disqualifies Beckham). is making a very good partnership with This was very popular last year so David Coates. Finally Dales United please come and support. Finally we (basically the younger under 12 team) hope to challenge the Black Bull and won 2-1 in a friendly match with both others to play the Kathryn Hopwood goals scored by man of the match, Ben Memorial Match on Sunday 29th Hall. This team shows great promise December at Reeth. D. Williams 884650 for the future. On 17th November we entertained Bishopdale at Reeth for 2 under 12 matches. The under 15 match was postponed to make way for the afternoon charity event. Dales Athletic started with a League match and won 4-0 in an exciting game. With 2 evenly



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Reeth School News

The following pupils were presented with their swimming awards: Isaac Dawson - Personal Survival Level 1; Mirabelle Haste, Lauren Potter, Romey Frewen and Emily Alderson - 25metres; Ben Stones, Zoe Atkinson, Hattie Howard and Sarah Bulloch - 5 metres; Tommy Stones, Sarah Marsh, Hattie Howard, Sarah Bulloch and Zoe Atkinson - Puffin Awards. Congratulations to them all. County Road Safety Officer, Alison Butterfield presented prizes to Harry Bissicks, Arte Dawson, Grace Howard, Charlotte Porter, Kelly Jones and Lara Bissicks for the imaginative designs they have created for 'reflectors' which children can wear to ensure motorists on dark Winter days. Thank you to everyone who enjoyed the 'Big Breakfasts' prepared by the Friends of Reeth School in the Memorial Hall and, of course, to those Friends who worked so hard preparing and serving the breakfasts. The Governors are delighted that our school has been nominated by the Local Education Authority for a 'National School Achievement Award for High Performance'. They wish to congratulate the pupils and staff on this accolade.

Operation Christmas Child

The children of Gunnerside and Reeth Schools have been thinking of children less fortunate than themselves in other parts of the world and, along with parents and friends in the community, have prepared over 70 shoeboxes packed with gifts. These will be transported to Eastern European countries for deprived children to open at Christmas.

Intelligence Test 6 : One degree. If you said "360 degrees" or anything other than "one degree" you are to be congratulated on getting this far, but you are obviously out of your league. Turn your pencil in and exit the room. Everyone else proceed to the final question.

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2DP Two Dales on the move...!

2DP are on the move with the
securing of all the necessary
funding to get the community
transport scheme up and running.
The good news was received at the
end of September and as a result a
local community management group
has been established to ensure
that the project achieves its aims.
The group is made up of local
people from the dales and includes;
Norman Guy (Muker), Florence
Bland (Gunnarside), Alison Calvert
(Keld), Geraldine Coates (Grinton)
and representation from
Arkengarthdale Parish Council.
One of the first tasks for the
group was to recruit to the post of
Community Transport Coordinator.
It is anticipated that someone will
be in post before Christmas. One
of their first jobs will be to look at
organising the leasing the MPV
vehicle and finding a garage for
the vehicle. In the mean time if
anyone has a suitable garage or
building for rent in which the
vehicle could be secured please
give Carol Lewis, 2DP Community
Development Worker a call. In the
last edition of the Gazette the
ICT Equipment Loan Scheme was

featured and to date there has
been an excellent response with a
number of requests for application
forms. Apologies to anyone who
had difficulty in contacting me, the
correct telephone number is 01833
627722. The first applications will
have been reviewed at the end of
November and the successful
applicants will be contacted to
organise the receipt of their
laptops. 2DP have appointed Liz
Maclaren as the ICT Technician
and she will ensure that everyone
has all the assistance they need to
get started. Val Stark, Chairman
of 2DP said, " This is a really
exciting time for 2DP as we see
projects which have been under
development actually happening and
hopefully making a difference to
the people of the dales. 2DP are
not standing still and are currently
continuing to develop other
projects as well as support groups
and organisations within the
community with their project
development" Carol Lewis 2DP,
Community Development Worker.

Intelligence Test: Final answer!
Have you forgotten your own
name?It was you !