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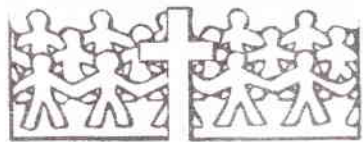
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St Edmund's Marske
Family Eucharist
- 2.00pm Keld URC
- 2.30pm Arkengarthdale Methodist
Covenant Service
- 4.00pm St Andrew's Grinton
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St Michael's Downholme
Holy Eucharist
- 10.30am Low Row URC
- 11.00am Reeth Congregational
St Edmund's Marske
Morning Prayer
- 11.15am St Mary's Arkengarthdale
Holy Communion
- 2.00pm Keld Methodist *Covenant*
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A MESSAGE FROM OUR LOCAL POLICEMAN

Firstly I would like to say how nice it is to be back policing the Dales, specifically Swaledale & Arkengarthdale. I have been away over four years, policing Catterick Garrison, but I did keep my eye on what was happening in the Dales and when the opportunity arose to return, I was only to glad to take it.

What I would like to do each month is to outline the crimes that have occurred in the area and any specific vehicles of interest to the Police. From the 1st November to the time I write this there have been a number of crimes, those which most people will be aware of are the burglaries at Swaledale Woollens & The Farmers Arms, both at Muker and the theft at Kearton Guest House, Thwaite. Information relating to suspicious vehicles and people seen in the area are being investigated and I thank those people who have contacted the Police directly or indirectly for their assistance. This is the type of crime that is typical in the lead up to Christmas.

I am hoping to get in touch with all Neighbourhood watch coordinators in the near future, hopefully early in the new year to hear of any problems they may have experienced, especially since the Ringmaster system has been re-vamped. As regards Daleswatch, I hope to have interesting news shortly. Over the years it has proved itself as a magnificent deterrent to the travelling criminal fraternity, who will be more active now that the foot and mouth situation seems to have eased. Whether vehicles or people, if you see anything, day or night you think is suspicious please contact the police. In respect to vehicles please try

and obtain the registration number, colour and make, and as much other detail as possible. This goes for people regarding a description. I am not trying to frighten anyone but just hoping to make you aware and more vigilant for our community.

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I intend doing more foot patrols in all the villages, so hopefully you will see more of a police presence in the Dales, although I can't be everywhere all the time, and that's why I need your eyes and ears as well.

Towards the end of November a horse blanket was stolen, whilst on the horse from a farm in Downholme. This is not the first theft of this nature as blankets have also been stolen from horses in the Wensleydale area. I would ask that if whilst people are driving around and they see a vehicle or vehicles parked near fields containing horses to make a note, if possible, of the registration number, make and colour of the vehicle. To the people who own horses I would ask that they be extra vigilant and wary as no doubt the people taking these blankets will still be about and on the look out for an easy steal. Finally to drivers, winter is upon us and you should by now have checked your tyres for safety, it's too late once you've slid off the road. Also keep a blanket and warm jacket in your car in case of breakdown or accident.

Well, I hope to see you about the Dales, although of course, not in a professional capacity. Have a good New Year.

PC 1038 Mark Rasbeary.

Leyburn Police Office.

REETH & DISTRICT GAZETTE

EDITORIAL

Hi! Thanks for reading. Here we are again in another New Year, all hopeful that things will be better than 2001. Have you seen any Euro's yet? I haven't, and I don't particularly want to. But personal feelings aside (although in all honesty, I must say I was one of the few who voted against being in the EEC in the last referendum. Thirty years or so hasn't made much difference to my thinking either!), I really was quite infuriated by a recent comment I heard one of our politicians pass when asked by the reporter what did he think the benefits were about the Euro! His reply was that it allowed all those British holiday makers to go onto the continent and spend their money more easily—or words to that effect! Now this is undoubtedly true, and I realise that he was obviously trying to be positive. But, do we in this country in general, or in our Two Dales in particular really want British holiday makers to go to the continent and spend their money more easily? My own opinion after the effects of last year is no. What we want is for all holiday makers to come to us and spend their money easily. I am quite sure our businesses will help them do that. But why? Why is it important for them to visit us? I believe that it is the only way we can protect our own community, by keeping it viable. Reading what went on over the Christmas period reminds us that we do have a wonderful community. But, like most other communities, it is under threat. It is not totally secure. If we want to preserve it we must work to protect it. Living in our Two Dales has great joys, and also problems. Keeping our community going is incumbent upon us all. Everyone would suffer if things declined to a situation where the Dales were turned into a commuter belt. Without support, this is just what would

happen. By and large all over the country things are changing rapidly. People are living in areas where they don't know or acknowledge their next door neighbour. There is no centre, spiritual or social, within their area. The Churches, pubs, shops are all under threat because they are not used. All aspects of community life (including the facility for friendships and feuds) need to be protected, and only we can do it in our own area. We all need to involve ourselves that little bit more. For our businesses, last year was very bad, but how many of us really supported them? Yes we need tourists and visitors to keep things going, with or without the 'Euro', we have for many years. But we also need ourselves. By all accounts every Church/ Chapel had a good attendance at Christmas, and there were a lot of services. But what about the rest of the year? We saw the closure of one building last month! All the pubs were busy on New Year's Eve, but most of them had a disastrous trading year. The local shops would also like the extra 'Christmas' custom all the year round to help them continue, and so do local events, concerts etc. They all need our support. Without it our fragile community will die. Since the last issue, we have sadly said goodbye to two of our communities' great personalities. Their passing causes one to reflect! One thinks of all the changes they saw in their life time, and one wonders what other great changes will be seen in ours? The short. Let us try and follow it as much as we can in order that we may support what we have: **"Keep It Local"**! Thanks for reading and a very Happy, Peaceful and Successful New Year to you all. GML

Any comments and other editorial material

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The next meeting will be held by kind invitation at the Old Vicarage, Muker, the home of Mr & Mrs A Bucknall at 2.30 pm on Thursday 10th January. Please bring a contribution of food for the afternoon tea. Thank You.

Kindly note the following meeting dates :- February 7th and March 7th will be at 2.30 pm and held in the tearoom of Muker Public Hall.

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Muker Methodist Church, 7th December 2001.

It was sad to see Muker Methodist Chapel full on the occasion of the Swaledale Christian Council Advent Carol Service, since it was to be the last service to be held in the Chapel. However we enjoyed the service with the contributions by the Swaledale Parish Choir, and the excellent supper that followed. I was asked to provide some historical information, which I obtained from the booklet which was published in 1934, price 1/-, to raise funds for the building of that chapel. It was called *A Short History of Muker Wesleyan Chapel, Swaledale*, and was written by E.R. Fawcett.

I began by reading a list of names of those who made up the Sunday School in 1931:

Superintendent John W. Alderson

Teachers: John Kilburn, Mary Kilburn, Mary W. Raw, Agnes Calvert, Harriet Calvert, Annas Peacock, Mary Ann Alderson.

Scholars: (Girls) Isabella Guy, Mary Peacock, Jennie Raw, Jennie Cooper, Jennie Reynoldson, Annie Raw, Margaret Kilburn, Ada Kilburn, Gladys Guy, Edith Alderson, Doris Guy, Isabella Guy, Hilda Alderson, Miriam Halstead, Elizabeth Cooper, Edith Cooper. (Boys) Spenceley Raw, Christopher Raw, Thomas Guy, Norman Porter, Thomas Alderson, Robert John Guy, Lancelot Guy, Laurence Guy, Thomas D. Whitehead, John C. Whitehead, Leonard Chapman, Robert Chapman, Dennis Metcalfe, Harold Halstead, Robert L. Peacock, Reuben H. Alderson, Earnest Alderson. The chapel

then in use had been built in 1845, but there had been a Methodist Society in Muker since 1795, fifty years earlier, when there were 17 of them, meeting in someone's house for Bible study. In 1807 they sent 12/- to the Quarter Board. By 1845 there were 34 of them and there were chapels in Reeth, Gunnerside, Healaugh, Low Row, Arkengarthdale, Whaw and Keld. They bought some land from Mr. Robert Metcalfe for £4.1.1d. The Foundation stone was laid on 20th August 1845, and it was opened on 11th November 1845! This was the building which now contains Rev. Gillian Bobbett's house. They raised £71-9-3d. and borrowed £25 at 4 1/2 % to make a total of £96-9-3d. In the list of donations there is an item which records 334 donations under 2/6, which only came to £14-5-8d., which must include many 'widow's mites'. The collection at the opening came to £10-12-0d. They bought a Bible which cost 9/-, and the hymn books cost 6/-, - it doesn't say how many that included. All the debts were settled by 12th January 1847, just over a year later. The first Tea Festival seems to have been on 13th January 1851. This has continued almost to the end, though the date had been changed comparatively recently to May because of the difficulties in bad weather. There used to be a tradition of going out to the village green on a Sunday night and singing hymns in summer. The annual Camp or outdoor service was held from 1845, no-one seemed to know when that was discontinued. There were the annual Love Feasts, and the stalwarts were associated with these.

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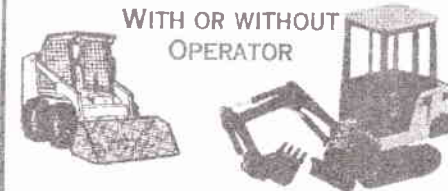
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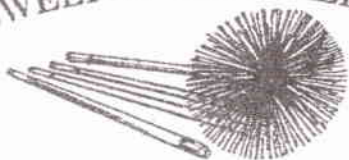
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Mary Clarke, December 2001.

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The Corpse Way Group

The first meeting took place in Reeth Ice Cream Parlour on 13th Dec. The group has over 20 members with chair Tim Tunley, Sec. Peter Hubey, Treasurer Denise Clarkson. It was decided that the group should pursue a number of objectives.

To research into and to collect information on all aspects of the Corpse Way and associated topics, stories, articles, references.

To collect stories of the dale, both ancient and modern.

To look into a way of marking the route.

To produce a new publication with map and a history.

To perform a re-enactment, a pageant.

To carry a coffin (wicker bier) from Keld to Grinton. A lively two day event with entertainment's along the way, including a troupe of travelling players acting out a suitable story, in the way of a mummies play: *A celebration of life in the dale.*

This last event could act as a link between all the villages of the dale, over the Jubilee Bank Holiday, Monday 3rd and Tuesday 4th June 2002. Also, if wanted, it could be a part of their celebrations.

Funding allowing, a quality film could be produced on the corpse way and the event. Philip Parr, Swaledale Festival Director, was keen on including it in the festival.

If anyone would like to help in any part of this project; records, history, stories, local tales ancient and modern, take part in the walk, in costume, make costumes, perform, or perhaps to raise money for a local charity, contact Pete Roe at The Manse, Low Row, DL11 6NA Tel. 886403

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THANK YOU

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Strange Events at the Sloate Hole Mine.

In 1975 Dr. Tom Bell introduced me to the Nut Hole Mine. We had a torrid time together, the place was awful, and we did not achieve what me had set out to do. To cap it all, I left my walking stick in the mine, and I wonder if 'this', had not happened, whether I would ever have returned to it again. During my return visit, I got myself lost in the mine, which is like a rabbit warren, and only extricated myself from my predicament, with the greatest difficulty. Although i thought I was in the Nut Hole., in fact I was in the Sloate Hole, , the two mines being joined, with their entrances not, far apart. Along with my oldest son on a third visit, we started to make a crude map of the mine layout, putting down candles as we went. We were in the main horse level, and as we rounded a significant bend, we were confronted with a straight stretch of poor ground, in which there were numerous stone heaps. Although we did not know it at the time, this was a lead vein that had been worked. Just before this discovery, we had run into a small tub, that looked in good condition, in the horse level, It was I p.m. and I decided that we would head for home, as my son who tested the way ahead for a short distance, said that the water in the next section was likely to come over our wellington boots. However, I had begun to toy with the idea of getting the small tub, which had been in situ for about 65 years, out of the mine. It would be a very difficult task, and I would need some help. I got an offer of support, but on the day my aid turned up with a bunch of approved school boys along

with their masters. They took one look at the mine, and said the task I had in mind was too dangerous, and they were probably right. The youngsters had a very good day, but I left the mine in despair. Explaining my predicament to my youngest brother, he volunteered his support. It was to be the beginning of a most productive partnership that would last for the following 9 years. My brother had an engineering background, and this would enable him to make very important practical contributions to the work that we were about to do together. When we carried out an initial survey of the mine, he found a second tub in a small cross cut. The thing that astonished us most was the disappearance of the gallery that my son had started to go down on our previous visit, which had only been months before. It was nowhere to be seen, only a blank wall of rock where it had been. All our searching produced negative results. We set off together on the 26th. July 1976 to undertake what proved to be a gigantic battle to wrest this small artifact from its grave. We pushed, pulled, rolled and struggled to achieve our objective. It was a dry year, and this helped. The use of wheels proved most effective. Sweat poured down our faces, blinding us, and it was very difficult to wipe it from our eyes, since our hands were covered in filth. By some miracle, we managed to get it to the bottom of the final passage way, that would ultimately bring us to the old mine entrance, the horse level having run-in. The following day when we came to the scene of operations, the atmosphere was torrid, as I feared that my brother was

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going to throw in the towel. However, it was not so, and we prepared ourselves for the final effort. We were entering an extremely low section by reason of rock deposits, meaning that my brother could only sit, and even in this posture, his helmet was touching the roof. Trundling the tub up to the mine entrance, we had to dig it out, removing very large rocks. Today about 10 feet of silt sits upon that entrance, which had it been present in 1976, would have made the salvage operation impossible. My whole family were there to share the final moment of rescue, when the durk was eased out of the mine entrance. Once we had brought it out of its grave, it sped across the moor to the main dressing floors, where it was given a temporary hiding place, before being picked up by Roland Weighill with his land rover. For me, the whole operation had been accomplished at the cost of a blinding headache, probably the result of the impoverished state of the air with the mine. I was so angry that I could find no one suitable to help me carry out the salvage operation in Swaledale, that the little plate that is now attached to it, refers to the fact that it was salvaged from the Nut Hole Mine by men from Southampton. It was, as I have already said located in the Sloate Hole, and this gives me an opportunity to acknowledge my fallibility, in that on occasion I have been unconsciously guilty of disseminating incorrect information, such as speaking of Earby as being in the County of Durham, when in fact it is in West Yorkshire, and I am sure that Frederick Hall would have been less than impressed, to hear that his Octagonal Smelt Mill was the work of the

Bathhurst's! The other tub to which I have made reference, was brought from the Sloate Hole the following year, and both are now to be found in the Swaledale Museum at Reeth. Just recently, I finally decided to see if I could get to the bottom of the mysterious event, namely the disappearance of the mine gallery, which I have already reported, that took place 25 years ago. Along with some friends I repaired to Faggersgill and the Sloate Hole Mine. The horse level within the mine runs in a northerly direction. Leaving my friends at the mine entrance, I set my compass to North and moved off across the rough ground. Although it was not planned, fortunately for me, my friends did not move from the mine entrance, and one of them was wearing a bright yellow anorak that was easily visible from a distance. After about half a mile, which I reasoned was the right distance, I came across a huge hole which was in the right place near to the level running under the ground. I had expected the whole gallery to have collapsed, but it was not so. Of course this event had taken place 25 years before, and not surprisingly nature had begun to soften the huge 25 foot hole that had opened up. However, strangely in the last year or two, a similar huge hole has appeared near to the Sloate Hole Mine entrance, and looks just like the recently discovered one would have done 25 years ago. My experience tells me, that the whole Faggersgill mining area is very unstable, and young people would be wise to avoid expeditions there Underground.

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A Sad Loss : Mrs. Joan Stubbs

Sadly, we report the death of a very special lady, Joan Stubbs. A person who touched the lives of a great many people by her concern and care. It was evident by the great number of people who attended the funeral in order to pay their respects. Born at Ramsgill, Pately Bridge, Joan was brought up by her mother and stepfather, Tom and Lilly Thistlethwaite who farmed at Bellerby. Joan grew up in Bellerby, attending the school there. But when she left school Joan went to work in munitions at Leeds, and lodged at Earby during her time there. Returning to the Dales she worked for Willie Stones as house and shopkeeper, making her home in Arkengarthdale. It was there that she became re-aquainted with John whom she courted during the later stages of the war. She and John were married in 1947 at Bellerby Parish Church. They made their home at Rawcroft, from where John continued to mine on Fremington Edge while Joan looked after the small amount of stock they then had. Later, John gave up mining and concentrated on working on the farm. It was at Rawcroft Farm that John and Joan's children, Robin and Julie were born, and also whilst at Rawcroft that Joan developed her great love of gardening, growing both vegetables and roses. After the wedding of their son Robin to Ann, Joan and John took the opportunity of making a move, and they settled in Langhorne Drive, Reeth. Sadly John died just two short years after moving into Langhorne Drive, and only a very short time after Joan returned home from North Tees Hospital having undergone a major operation. She

returned home from hospital on the very day of their fortieth wedding anniversary. The loss of John, and recovering from the operation was a very difficult time for Joan but her strength of character and her Christian faith brought her through. She continued to live her life to the utmost of her ability right to the very end. She attended Reeth Methodist Chapel, as she had attended Arkengarthdale Methodist Chapel whilst she was at Rawcroft. Joan was a member of the 'Proddy' Mat group which used to meet in Arkengarthdale chapel, and she was one of the longest serving supporters of Arkengarthdale Sports Association—even helping out at the Annual Dominoe Drive the evening before she died, and at which event she received commendation for her unstinting support. Joan—a very special person, with an exceptional sense of humour, held dear to the principle of caring for others. She will not only be sadly missed by her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren whom she loved dearly, but by all who knew her, and were privileged to know what a special lady she was. Many of us will miss that warm hug she was so capable of giving. At the funeral, were there was standing room only in Reeth Methodist Church, an emotional tribute was given by her granddaughter Karen, and her grandson Marc, who read out his poem 'Nanna' (see page 25). Reeth and District mourn the loss of one of its warmest personalities.

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The Shooting Season

August and September were always the shooting season in the dales. In the early years of the 20th century it was the rich and business people who came for what they called their "shooting holiday". The dales farmers had much work to do every year to prepare for these special visitors. First of all the moors had to be kept in good order. Heather, the favourite diet of the game birds such as grouse, had to be carefully preserved. Each year some parts of the heather moors were deliberately burned to get rid of old growth and to encourage fresh young plants to grow. The young birds, raised on the tasty heather, grew fat, ready for the sad day when they would end up on the dinner plate of some rich person in a restaurant or in their fine home. The farmers also had to ensure that the "shooting butts" were in good order. The semicircular low walls, that hid the shooters from view while they waited to shoot, had to be kept in good repair and bracken that so easily overgrew everything had to be cleared. I always thought that the fact that the gentlemen shooters had to hide behind the butts was proof that our moorland birds were not stupid; they recognised the danger of someone with a gun! The shooting season always brought plenty of extra work to the dale and the opportunity to earn much needed money. Anyone who owned a pony knew they would be able to hire it out for one of the ladies to ride. The boys made beater's flags from stout sticks with a flag of white cloth fastened to the end. There would be plenty of work for them to do. When the shooting season began, the "ladies and gentlemen" began to arrive. Most of them owned cars. The sight of so

many of those wonderful machines coming into Reeth brought just about everyone out to stare. In the first decades of the 20th century, cars were still a new and exciting sight. The shooting parties usually stopped at the Buck Inn as it was then called. Mary Ann Pedley, the manageress, was rushed off her feet catering for them all in the way they expected. Providing large, evening meals for so many people staying at the Buck, must have really tested her powers of organisation. Every day the shooting parties stayed, Mary Ann would pack large hampers of food - mostly beef sandwiches made with white bread - and cans of tea for the ladies, bottles of something stronger for the men. She would also provide food for the beaters and pony boys. The hampers would be carried to the moors either by car or strapped to the back of a pony. The shooters dressed in thick tweedy suits - their sporting outfits stout boots and deerstalker or trilby type hats. It was only the local men who wore their familiar flat caps. The gentlemen often had a 'man' to carry their guns and to load for them. The ladies dressed much as they usually did in long dresses or blouses and skirts. They'd wear a thick coat if the weather was chilly.

They crowned their outfits with large, fine hats decked with artificial flowers or feathers and tied firmly on their heads against the wind with a veil or scarf. It was all quite impractical for going out on the moors, especially the tight corsets that nipped in their waists, but fashion dictated they must wear. It must have made riding a pony and sitting side-saddle for such a long time very uncomfortable. I remember that in the shooting season my father

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The Death of an Icon.

As I drove into Reeth on Boxing day, in the back of my mind, was the prospect of my customary meeting, on the following Friday at the Methodist Chapel, with my old friend Fremmie Hutchinson. It was our custom to discuss many things over a cup of coffee, and high on our agenda was the subject of Swaledale's lead mining past. It was a meeting that alas was destined never to take place, for I had to attend to some important business in Durham and unbeknown to me, Fernie had already taken his leave of this life. He was a remarkable character with a strange name, Fremont. It had been acquired by his father, because of the death of a distant relative in the town of Fremont in the United States of America, and passed on to Fremmie when he was born. The Hutchinsons were among those who crossed T' Gert Dub (Atlantic) in the late 1800's, with the hope of finding a secure future, as the mining industry began to disintegrate. Fremmie was born in Arkengarthdale in 1910, the son of Fremont Hutchinson, a miner/farmer, who worked the last shift in the Faggeggill mines, with the Stang and Cleasby Mining Company in 1911. He grew up with mining in his blood, surrounded as he was by old miners, his family's history, and constant reminders of the great industry, with its deserted levels and crumbling buildings. As a child he played in the Low Level close to his home, and treasured up the many stories that were handed on to him by his elders. When the family moved to a farm in Booze, he drank in the atmosphere of this small village, which although past its

greatest days, had witnessed generations of mining history. This background, led to his developing a great affinity with the spirit that was abroad in his youth, which he maintained to the last. Not surprisingly at the age of 20, he entered the Chert Mines at the Hungry Hushes, and following the traditional custom of the time, he combined this work with the pressing demands of the family's small farm. Some years later, he joined the team that made the last trial for lead in Swaledale at the Pryse Level. Traditional techniques were used, and certainly initially he walked from the farm at Storthwaite Hall where the family now lived, to his place of work for 8 a.m. The words that I wrote as a tribute to the old lead miners, would certainly describe the type of life that he was living at the time:

Up in the morning before the Lark,
 Wrapped against cold, in a thick flannin
 sark,
 Down shaft, along level threading their
 way,
 Up rise or down sump, to their work for
 the day,
 With gloom as companion, they labour in
 sweat,
 Or divert rushing waters, all soaking and
 wet.

In 1940 Fremmie joined the RAF. Initially his service took him to South Africa where he showed great interest in the diamond mining industry. He moved on to Madagascar and Palestine, after which he joined up with the Eighth Army, travelling with it from El Alamein on into Sicily and Italy. He later went up into Austria and other European countries, prior to his return to the UK.

He saw service in thirteen countries in all. After the war, he then worked for a period in the Fremington Chert Mines, and was there when the new power drilling machinery was introduced. He later served as a shepherd for a short time on Denton Moor near Ilkley, and then he heard, through his brother in law, of a driving job with the Electricity Board in the Rhonda Valley, so he and his family moved to Wales. However his father became unwell, and he and his family returned to Swaledale to help on Storthwaite Farm, living in Top Hall. His wife Gwen, Fremmie met through his brother in law. Fremmie had taken the young man (aged 16) under his wing when they were together in the forces, went home to his home in Wales to see his family and met Gwen. They were married in 1946. In 1955 Fremmie, Gwen and their two sons David and Richard took up residence at the isolated Tan Hill where Fremmie was the licensee for some 5 years. Here his mining skills were of great value, as he worked at the local coal deposits. Eventually the family moved to the Temperance Hotel, where they remained for 14 years, and during this period Fremmie journeyed to Catterick, where he worked as a dry stone waller, fencer and forester. We became firm friends, after I was introduced to him by the late Harold Brown. He opened to me his great treasury of stored memories, a privilege coveted by many, to the majority of whom it was denied. My underground pictures convinced him that I might be an avenue to bring honour to his mining forebears, that he admired so greatly. When one of my books was being launched, Fremmie leapt up and made an impromptu speech

of support for the work, in which he declared that I wouldn't have been able to write it without his help. This caused great amusement at the time, but there was some truth in what he said, for he had helped me to introduce the activities of real people within its pages. John Woodcock, a journalist of the Yorkshire Post, writing a feature on one of my books, recognised the significance of Fremmie when he wrote of him, *"This bow legged old man in his flat. cap, suit shiny with age and shoes bought at a jumble sale for £3, portrays the archetypal dales character to perfection around the village green at Beeth. What most tourists don't realise is that when Fremont Hutchinson passes on, a chapter in history will end with him."* The truth of the matter is, to use an old expression that was originally coined as a term of abuse, Fremmie was 'born with a pick in his mouth.' In other words he was a natural miner, possessing all the attributes that one would expect in such a person, but he was denied work in an industry that he loved so passionately, because it had collapsed before he reached the starting line. He compensated his disappointment, by gathering together stories of the men who were his great heroes. To him, it was a matter of great importance and honour, that he retain and broadcast the story passed down through the generations, of the suppressed disaster that took place to the people of Booze. I know that there are those who dismiss his account of the events as unreliable, but I for myself, after much reflection, am satisfied that it bears the ring of truth, and hence I gave it a considerable significance in my James Natrass novel.

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We are all familiar with Fremmie's great enthusiasm for car boot sales, and his instinctive tendency to make a bargain. But then this is merely a manifestation of the frustrated miner, for did they not instinctively bargain for their livelihood. It wasn't just Fremmie's stories that were important to me. When he talked to me, he unconsciously revealed to me the inner workings and psychology of the Swaledale miner's mind. His verdict on my James Natrass novel, was of the utmost importance. After he had read it, and pronounced, "That's the way it was," I knew that I had got it right. In that book, James Natrass, delivering a valedictory address for an 'old timer' who had died, finally finished his tribute with words that would be eminently suitable in the case of Fremmie, who himself must be viewed as an 'old timer.' Concluding his address and substituting the words Two Dales for Swinnerdale, James Natrass said,

**"Remember this man, for his like
will not be seen again in our Two
Dales"**

John Hardy Jan.2002

We are grateful to John for this obituary with a personal approach. Fremmie was a 'real Dale's character' who was much loved, and will be sadly missed. His presence enriched all our lives, and many of us have very fond memories of him./ Although we must be grateful that he lived a full and active life right up to the end, we still have a sadness at his passing, in the knowledge that his like will never be seen again. Our sincere

condolences go to David and Richard and their families, and thanks for their permission to publish this article. GML

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Had my son and I entered the lost gallery, and the collapse that happened a month or two later had taken place whilst we were there, we would never have been found. Be warned! **John Hardy**

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Over the next few weeks our main task will be looking for funding support for the project; our first grant application (Barclays Site Savers) is already being considered. The British Trust Conservation Volunteers (BTCV) Group is helping with this, and we are likely to be involving them in the initial stages of clearing and designing the Orchard. The winter months are not the time for active gardening, but we can plan ahead and make our wish list! Watch this space!

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Back Problems ?

The EC is proposing to restrict the number of hours tractor drivers can work each day. Evidently it's all part of Europe's new policy towards 'Whole body vibration' and is designed to protect tractor drivers from its harmful effects. Yet another example of the European boffins trying to legislate our lives. Farming is one of the many occupations for which the human body was never designed. Understandably many farmers do suffer from back problems which can be attributed to many of the jobs around the farm, lifting, shearing, calving etc apart from tractor driving. The EC feel tractor driving on rough terrain is a major factor. Obviously the boffins have not worked on a Dales Farm. Tractors have advanced considerably in terms of power, drive, capabilities and cabin comfort. Mind you could it not be argued that bouncing along the typical Dales road in the hard seat of a Land Rover or Tractor is just as harmful. So who will foot the bill the event of any claim? Where will it all end? PB

'Crowds'

During the run up to Christmas crowds were seen flocking to Retail Parks and Shopping Centres. There were long queues, items out of stock, prices not always cheaper, and traffic jams, plus hassle, loss of time and extra travelling costs. All at the expense of local shops who offer a friendly and quicker service, with often much better prices, and where it is easier to shop. Some consumers tried Internet Shopping to avoid the crowds ! What's wrong with a New Year's Resolution "*Try and Keep it Local.*" PB

Praise & Worship Service

On the second Sunday of each month, starting on the 13th January, the Methodists at Reeth together with the Anglicans at Grinton will be holding a Joint Praise and Worship Service. The service will start at 6.30pm and alternate between St Andrew's, Grinton and the Methodist Chapel in Reeth. Worship will be in a more informal setting with modern hymns and choruses. All are welcome. The first service is to be held at St. Andrew's, Grinton.

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The December Issue had an extra page and to a number of 'Friends', a renewal subscription reminder letter enclosed. In the rush to get them out I overlooked the additional weight of the postal packet sent to you. I sincerely apologise to those "Friends" that Consignia decided to surcharge on postage for this slight overweight. Apparently the letter or packet is now withheld and a card left with request for the surcharge to be made in stamps and forwarded to the relevant sorting office, when the letter or package is then sent on. To the "Friends" who notified me, thank you for your patient and sober approach, consideration is being made in respect of your more practical suggestions.

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The Government is again wanting to reduce the number of Magistrates Courts, particularly in North Yorkshire. Having recently lost the Magistrates Court at Leyburn there is now a proposal to close the Magistrates Court at Richmond at the end of December and transfer all "business" to Northallerton. Notwithstanding the distance to Northallerton, the problems of direct public transport such a move is against the very principles of the local Magistrate system. Can the Bench sitting at Northallerton really have the knowledge and understanding of problems in the Dales? There is a shortage of suitable local Magistrates and centralisation will not encourage local people to come forward. Regrettably the move by the Police to centralise their Custody area on Northallerton only makes the closure of the Richmond Court more administratively practical. Councillor Michael Heseltine of Scorton is perfectly correct in his quote in the local Press that "Experience tells us that when one facility or local service goes, then more tend to be vulnerable and before you know where you are, there is nothing left." Moving the place of a Court sitting has in practice already reduced Police coverage in such areas. Confusing times, some agencies are advocating a "One Stop Shop" with Community Offices whilst others are moving away. There is still time to make comments known by writing to North Yorkshire Magistrates Committee at Northallerton, before 11th January.

Conservation Area.

The Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority has imposed Conservation Area

status on Reeth, something which the Parish Council, with very good reasons, had opposed. The area has continued to develop and maintain its hereditary beauty without such status. It is argued that such status can assist such areas to qualify for certain grants. However Reeth has benefited from a number of grants in recent years, the Market area is one such example. In one of the earlier issues of the Gazette a cartoon and supporting article depicted a 'Disney' style theme park in the Dale. Was this a light hearted feature or a preliminary feature to what may soon become reality? Swaledale is a working Dale which retains a vibrant community and Local opinions need to be respected before it is too late.

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From the winner of the treasure Hunt Competition held on the Late Night Christmas Shopping Evening in November :

*To Reeth Village.
Thank you for the hamper. The
Treasure Hunt was fun.
Yours sincerely,
Victoria Fairbrother*

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2Dales Children's Football Club

We have had two matches in the last month. On 25th November we took 3 teams to Bishopdale playing at West Witton on a cold, wet and windswept day. The under 9's played a fast and active game winning 1-0. Scorer was Ben Hall who was also man of the match. The under 12's match was hard fought and a 2-2 draw was perhaps a fair result with the cold wind and rain sapping the youngsters. Adam Calvert scored both goals. Man of the match was Jonathan Hall (keeping it in the family) but there were a number of good performances. After their poor showing against Hawes the under 15's came back in a cracking game to win 7-0 against a good team. Scorers were Robert Wilhelmy 3, Laurence Arnott, Ben Wearmouth, Peter Burt and Adam Calvert. Simon Calvert played a noticeably good game but man of the match was thoroughly deserved by Robert Wilhelmy as much for his willingness to go in and tackle as for his second half hat-trick. On 16th December we entertained Bellerby at home. We lost the A team League match 8-10 in a very exciting fast moving game despite having rather more of the ball. We scored some super goals while our defence let in some which should have been saved. Jim Smith scored from the half way line over everyone's heads while Stephen Bainbridge, unfortunately not on the score sheet set up several goals. Scorers were Adam Calvert 2, Andrew Calvert, Peter Burt 4 and Jim Smith. The B team played a friendly and were unlucky to lose 3-1. Scorer was Ben Hall while man of the match was Stephen Coates playing another very good game. Jack Lord also played better and despite being in defence was

unlucky not to score. These were two very good and enjoyable games of football.

Forthcoming Fixtures :

January 6th.v Askrigg at Gunnerside

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CHRISTMAS IN LOW ROW

Christmas, as usual, was well celebrated in Low Row. Starting on Christmas Eve, with the Village Carol Service which was held in a floodlight Holy Trinity Church. The Readings were read by representatives of the three main denominations in the village, and music for the carols was provided by musicians of the village who formed a brass quintet. The well decorated Church, with a large Christmas Tree (thanks to Claire, Robert and Kevin Sunter for decorating the tree) was full for the service, and the congregation enjoyed coffee, mince pies and Wassail Cup after the service. On Christmas morning there was the usual 8:00 am Eucharist Service in Holy Trinity Church, and a service in the United Reform Chapel, (again with local musicians playing for the carols) at 9:30. The Village Community Party was another great success. This was held on Friday 28th. December. It started at 3 pm and went right through until 10 pm. There were the usual games (Farmers In His Den, Musical Chairs, Pass The Parcel, Hockey, Going For Gold, Pass the Key etc.) an excellent tea, the traditional visit by Father Christmas, a large raffle, supper, Parlour Games (such as Oxford and Cambridge, The Ticket Game). The vote of thanks was given by Robert Sunter, and the evening finished with everyone singing 'Auld Lang Syne'. The large number in attendance had a thoroughly enjoyable time.

FIND THE BIRDS

In this letter there are a number of birds hidden in the script. How many can you find?

EXAMPLE: Summer links with holidays. The bird MERLIN is between Summer and links. See how many you can find in this letter.

Dear Ed,

Starting early we took it easy and at the Bell Inn, Eton, we picked up Jack Dawling and Ernest. One chatted a lot so time passed swiftly but rain on the motorway was a grave nuisance. After lunch I decided to hand over the wheel and steal an hour's sleep before reaching Ullswater at midnight in gale force winds.

Next morning on to Scotland where our hotel is in as fine a glen as I have seen, with rushing streams at the bottom of a steep Lovers' Lane. There is an old mill now renovated and very smart inside - no other one for miles around. On the lake Eric rows, though awkwardly, leaving Anne to doze in the stern. Excellent food, no good for taking off inches from the waist or keeping wide awake.

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[Adam Hammond] and my brother Albert used to set off each morning to meet up with a shooting party on the moors. Adam was usually a beater. His job was to stand in line with the other beaters, then stride away through the heather, across the moor, waving his flags and shouting loudly, to rouse up the birds. As the birds were startled into the air, the shooters would bob up from behind the butts, take aim and shoot. The beaters would then collect the fallen birds. Albert was usually a pony boy. His duties were to lead a pony, ridden by one of the ladies - the wife of one of the shooters - to a place where she could safely watch the action. Albert had to hold on to the pony to keep it steady, especially if it was frightened by the gunfire. When the party stopped for lunch, the "gentry" would enjoy their picnic and the beaters and boys theirs'. I remember Pa [Adam] bringing home beef sandwiches for mother and we girls. They were 'leftovers' from the hamper, but for us they were a feast - thick, juicy beef wrapped in white bread. I remember always having mixed feelings about the shooting season. Yes, it was exciting seeing all those fine folk coming to Reeth and seeing so many local families, including ourselves, benefit from the money they brought. Yes, I thoroughly enjoyed eating those beef sandwiches and tasting the soft, white bread - sheer luxury for the teeth and gums of someone used to dark brown, homemade bread. But I always felt sad when I listened to the sound of gunfire echo's up and down the dale, day after day. I thought of all those poor, beautiful

birds dying among the purple heather.

As told by Matty [Hammond] Moralee

LATE ISSUE OF GAZETTE ??

I know many of you eagerly await the issue of the Gazette on the first of the month. However this month due to holidays, and other circumstances, I have reverted to the time of issue as constitutionally stated i.e. the first weekend of the month. Thank you for your patience. Also, apologies for the deadline date last month which obviously caused problems - it was a little early! It does help to keep deadline dates though, in order that the magazine can be out together more easily. If you have any problems in meeting the deadline, PLEASE do contact THE EDITOR : 886505 and I will do what I can to help.

The Reeth Brass and Parish Choir Christmas Concert

A large audience attended the Annual Reeth Brass and Parish Choir Christmas Concert. They were entertained with varied and interesting programme, including a Fun item—Jingle Bells with actions! Traditional Carols were sung, as well as older and more modern items, and the Reeth Brass played a varied selection of music and finished with an excellent transcription of the famous Toccata in D. Minor by J.S. Bach. It was a very good way to start the Christmas celebrations.

Thanks to :

Muker Silver Band, Reeth Brass, The Swale Singers, The Swaledale with Arkengarthdale Parish Choir, Accidental Harmony and all other groups and individuals for their hard work in enriching our Christmas in the Two Dales and the surrounding area.

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Dates - The AGM is to be held on the 26th February 2002, The annual dinner is booked for March 16th 2002. Both to be held at the Buck Hotel, Reeth.

The season starts again on Sunday 24th March 2002.

Bob Forsyth 22nd November 2001

(Thanks Bob for your monthly news item, not only for locals. I have had several letters from subscribers commenting upon the interesting tit bits of information they have gleaned. Mike B.)

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Carol Lewis the Community Development Worker for the Two Dales Partnership recently presented two reports to the Management Board at the December meeting. The reports focussed on ICT (Computer provision) and Transport issues within the area. It is apparent that there are wide ranges of organisations providing access to computers and training within the area. However, a co-ordinated approach to informing the community when and where courses are taking place is lacking. The Two Dales Partnership have decided to produce an information pack to assist in helping the community to find out what is available out and about in the two dales. As reported in the Dec edition of the Gazette funding has been secured for an ICT project. Further development work will be carried out to investigate the option of a possible partner organisation to link in to the 2DP ICT project. The development of a transport project is in the early stages. The Countryside Agency has the capacity to carry transport surveys to clearly identify the needs within an area. The 2DP will be considering commissioning a survey to assist in the community consultation process prior to producing any proposals for a transport project. Should you wish to contact Carol Lewis on any of the above issues or you need assistance with your community project please telephone:

01833 627722 or 0775 2679990.

Up and Running!

The 2DP membership met at The Buck on Wednesday the 5th December to hear the first reports from their new Community Development Worker, Carol Lewis. The 2DP is the only Community Partnership

(made up of volunteers) in the whole of North Yorkshire to employ their own dedicated CDW to act on their behalf for the benefit of the community. The advantages of communities appointing their own CDW is well established and not unusual in places like towns and cities, more familiar with regeneration activities and the 2DP are pleased to be the first rural area to appoint. During the first four weeks of her appointment, Carol has been getting to know the people of Swaledale and Arkengarthdale and has already been approached by several groups seeking help with projects and funding. Carol has also been researching and assembling detailed reports on some of the projects outlined in the Community Investment Prospectus for the area. ICT, Transport and Recreation, amongst others, are all topics under review. Links are being forged with other interested agencies in order to get the best value from the European funding secured by the Partnership. Having heard Carol's reports, and restraining their impulse to cheer, the members then embarked on a well informed and enthusiastic debate about the next steps forward, all targeted at regeneration, employment and the future economic sustainability of the Two Dales. Carol is now collating information with a view to publishing a comprehensive prospectus of all ICT provision in the area, which will be circulated to every household. The Partnership is also taking advantage of a free survey facility on transport provision, offered by the Countryside Agency, the results of which will enable us to take part in some of the new transport initiatives being developed by local and national agencies.

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Jones, Grace Howard and Adam Simpson for swimming 25 metres.

Road Safety Competition -

Our Junior Road Safety Officers, Jack Bissicks and Hannah Jones were assisted by the County Road Safety Officer when judging the children's designs for clothes and accessories incorporating reflective and fluorescent materials. That would help people to be seen during the darker days and long nights of winter. Special prizes were awarded to Tom Bearpark, Ben Stones and Emma Brown for their special designs and all the children received reflective wrist bands.

Christmas Nativity -

We are most grateful to parents and friends who have been busy knitting figures to create our own unique Christmas Nativity scene.

Football in the Community -

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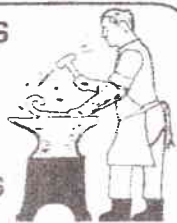
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More School News -

Celebrating Christmas. -We were delighted to again welcome our school Governors to share the delicious Christmas dinner prepared by Mrs J. Simpson and Mrs J. Malton. Several of our trustees also enjoyed the games and food at our Christmas Party when Father Christmas made his annual visit to Swaledale in order to give presents to all the pupils.

The school hall was packed for our Christmas Concert which got off to a splendid start with Paul Wilhelmy playing the piano and Kevin Sunter, Hannah Jones, Steven Bainbridge and Harvey Pilgrim performing on their cornets. Three groups enthralled the audience with their playing of the new Belle Plates purchased by the Friends of Reeth School. Class 1 told the entertaining story of 'The Bossy Christmas Fairy' which reminded us all of the true meaning of Christmas. The concert concluded with Class 2's performance in words and song of 'Christmas Presence' which the audience thoroughly enjoyed.

Once again the three Primary Schools of Arkengarthdale, Gunnerside and Reeth came together in Grinton Church for a Christingle Service led by the Reverend Tim Tunley. Thanksgiving for the joys of Christmas were spoken by Siobhan Smith, Matthew Esarte-Sarries, Amy Stubbs, Colin Blatherwick and Adam Calvert. Readings were by Georgina Stocks, Emma Brown, Jack Bissicks, Paul Wilhelmy, Steven Bainbridge, Harvey Pilgrim, Hannah Jones and Kevin Sunter. The meanings of the various parts of the Christingle were explained to the large congregation of parents and friends by Susan Whitehead, Avril Hunter, Gail Hunter, Emma Hopwood, Jackie Thornborrow and Eleanor Chadwick. The singing was accompanied on organ and keyboard by Pat Cowan and Jill Wilkinson. A collection of £149.69 was presented by Andrew Calvert, Kevin Sunter and Matthew Esarte-Sarries for the work of the Children's Society as they help young people who have run away from home or care to escape violence, abuse or neglect. The service brought the Autumn term to a meaningful conclusion as we all remembered less fortunate children whilst celebrating Christmas.

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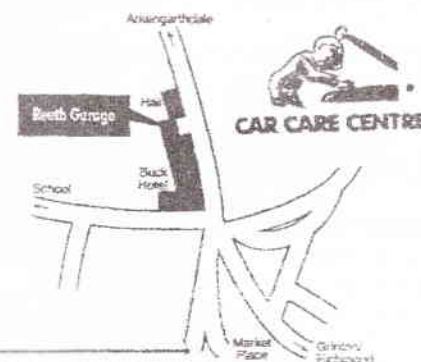
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