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Gone Home - 7th April 2002



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5th May

- 9.15am St Mary's Muker
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- 10.30am Gunnerside Methodist
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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
- 6.00pm St Andrew's Grinton
Evensong
Reeth Congregational

19th May Whit Sunday

- 9.15am St Mary's Muker
Holy Communion
- 10.30am Low Row URC
Reeth Methodist
- 11.00am Holy Trinity Low Row
Eucharist
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St Edmund's Marske
Holy Eucharist
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- 2.30pm Arkengarthdale Methodist
Holy Communion
- 6.30pm St Mary's Arkengarthdale
Evensong
Gunnerside Methodist
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12th May

- 9.30am St Andrew's Grinton
Eucharist
St Michael's Downholme
Holy Eucharist Rite B
- 10.30am Low Row URC
- 11.00am Reeth Congregational
St Edmund's Marske
Morning Prayer
St Mary's Arkengarthdale
Family Service
- 2.00pm Keld URC
- 2.30pm Arkengarthdale Methodist
- 4.00pm St Mary's Muker
Family Service
- 6.30pm Fremington Sunday School
United Praise & Worship
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26th May Trinity Sunday

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Holy Eucharist Rite B
- 10.30am Holy Trinity Low Row
United Service
with Bishop of Ripon & Leeds
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Holy Communion
- 11.00am Reeth Congregational
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Holy Eucharist
- 2.00pm Keld URC
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EDITORIAL

The publishing team have set and printed this 'Gazette' ready for issue for the 1st of the month and the Bank Holiday weekend.

The closing date for this issue was 19th April. To set the pages and print your magazine takes some 70 hours each month and more than six people are involved in the production. It is with some concern that we have not received any input from the Editor in time to be included in the issue. Some pages therefore do carry fillers of items held in stock.

An e-mail from him suggests that he intends to produce a supplement.

MAJOR F. T. C. WILLIAMS

Many friends of Maj "Bill" Williams crowded into St Andrew's, Grinton on Friday 12th April for his funeral service led by the Vicar Rev Tim Tunley.

Maj Frank Theodore Conon Williams died suddenly at his home in Swaledale on 7th April 2002. Aged 89 years, the Maj became famous over the years with locals and visitors alike for his enthusiastic and detailed illustrated lectures and guided walking tours of his beloved dales countryside. He was an excellent photographer and used his slides to great effect in his Monday evening talks in Fremington Sunday school. With the talks he raised funds for his Church, St Andrew's, Grinton, where he had previously been a Church Warden for seventeen years.

Born in Ebbw Vale, South Wales, in 1912, a son of the local vicar, he was educated by the Church at various public schools and left Foleshill Vicarage on 8th August 1933 aged 20 years, to seek his fortune and join the army. His father was not very pleased and his mother quietly wept when he said goodbye.

The rest of his adventures and exploits entitled '*Exciting Times & Narrow Squeaks*' the Maj tells in one of the many booklets which he kindly allowed your "Gazette" to publish over the years. This again to help raise money for his Church. The Maj, untiring and unstinting in his work, was again preparing to spend several Monday evenings thrilling the audience collected at Fremington Sunday school, with his pictures and wonderful descriptive stories of walks, the flora and fauna to be seen, and the full enthusiastic impact he had, has surely rubbed off on a great many people who now follow in his footsteps.

He had recently compiled a fifth set of walks and had passed them, together with drawings by Marjorie Daniels, to the Reeth & District Gazette for publication. The Maj sadly, was '*Promoted to Glory*' in the course of their preparation. It is hoped that these booklets in memory of the Maj, will be ready for the first of the planned talks on Bank Holiday Monday May 6th, now entitled; 'In the Steps of the Major', which will be taken by Marjorie Daniels.

Serialized over the years in the "Gazette" his tales and stories were sought and followed by many folk from the comfort of their armchairs. We shall all miss his wonderful repartee, but let us all remember Maj "Bill" for his gift to us of enthusiasm for and his love of nature and the countryside.

The Maj leaves his wife Emma, son Mark, daughter Heather, son-in-law, Martin and daughter-in-law, Mary and four grandchildren. Following the Funeral Service Maj Williams was interred at a private service in Grinton Cemetery. Donations at the funeral were given for church funds and the British Heart Foundation. PMB



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**SAGA OF THE CHURCHYARD EXTENSION - MUKER**

**25<sup>th</sup> March 1896:**

The Medical Officer of Health (Dr. Harling) had made the following report on the condition of the Churchyard to the Sanitary Authority in his annual report.

"I would take the opportunity the compiling of this annual Sanitary Report affords, of drawing your attention to the disgraceful state of things existing in Muker Churchyard. At every new interment of a body the number of skulls and bones exhumed is appalling. Quite apart from the sentimental aspect of the question there is a potential danger of disease propagation in the unearthing of so much decayed or decaying organic matter. I think in the interest alike of decency and public health some steps ought to be taken or recommendation made to the proper authorities to have the Churchyard closed for burials."

This report was brought to the notice of the Meeting and a discussion took place on it, and the following resolution was proposed by the Chairman, Mr. R. Clarke, seconded by Jno. Wm. Sowter and carried, "That this Meeting protests against any more burials being made in the old portion of the Muker Churchyard other than in the vaults, according to the order closing it, issued by the Privy Council on June 30<sup>th</sup> 1860"

**9<sup>th</sup> April 1924:**

Rev. A.E. Holmes spoke on behalf of the Churchyard Extension Committee, showing that land had been offered by Mr. R. Peacock adjoining the Vicarage garden.

This had been viewed by the Committee and a hole six feet deep dug to test the ground. It was considered too wet for the purpose.

**9<sup>th</sup> April 1925:**

Mr. J. Hunter reported that they had tested a second piece of land for Churchyard Extension and it had proved too wet for the purpose, and that as Churchwardens, he and Mr. Whit Guy had decided to give up the Extension scheme.

After much discussion it was decided to have a Cemetery. To this end it was decided to ask the District Council to Adopt the Public Health Interment Act, and provide this Parish with a Cemetery.

**23<sup>rd</sup> March 1936:**

The crowded state of the Churchyard was considered by the Meeting, and it was agreed to have a public meeting on April 9<sup>th</sup> to discuss the matter.

A public meeting was held in the School Room, Muker on Thursday evening April 9<sup>th</sup> 1936 at 8 o'clock. Mr. J. Scott in the chair:

The meeting had been specially called to discuss the great need for either a Churchyard extension or a Cemetery. It was unanimously agreed that a Churchyard extension was most desirable and a deputation consisting of Rev. A. Dungworth (Vicar), Mr. Whit Guy and Mr. J. Kilburn, were appointed to interview Mr. T.W. Raw, as to whether an extension was possible.

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The Reeth & District Gazette web site is now under construction. Articles and topics are now invited for inclusion on the site. Local history will form a base for the site and items for inclusion are welcomed.

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- ACT (automatic cash transfer) is coming in 2003, from next year, over the counter payment of pensions and other benefits will begin to be phased out. Negotiations over having a universal bank in post offices, where pensions can be paid in and cash withdrawn, have reached an advanced stage. The British Bankers Association has also agreed to set up ten pilot community banks in which the high street banks will operate
- The 'one stop shop' post offices pilot in Leicestershire and Rutland is drawing to a close. These post offices supply a range of information about government services. At present there is no news on the future of this experiment
- The monopoly over postal services held by the loss of Consignia, is being partially dismantled
- Changes in the network of post offices are still evident – in the financial year 2000-2001 no less than 547 post offices closed, while only 169 reopened and 1,290 sub post offices transferred ownership
- 90 per cent of users agree that post offices provide essential services and have a worthwhile community role
- 36 per cent of rural customers say that they meet friends in their local post office
- In urban areas the post office is the main source of cash for 38 per cent of users
- 66 per cent of sub post masters 'keep an eye on' vulnerable older customers. This includes helping them with forms and making enquiries when regulars don't show up
- One in five older people living in areas where a post office has closed said that they now find it very difficult to get to another post office
- 96 per cent of the 'pilot population' in the East Midlands live less than a mile from their nearest post office, compared to 58 per cent from a supermarket, 51 per cent from a high street bank, 41 per cent from a surgery, 30 per cent from a local government office, 23 per cent from a police station, and 15 per cent from a public library

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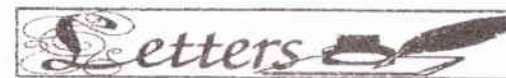
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As many of you will know, Les Taylor died on 1st February. We, his children, (Anne & Paul) would like to thank of you who sent flowers and went to his funeral at Grinton. Your generosity meant that we were able to send a donation of well over £100 to the British Heart Foundation.

Dad (and Mam) absolutely loved Reeth and district after moving there in 1956. Although Dad spent his last few years up in Edinburgh, happily, with Davina, he kept in close touch with events, courtesy of the "Gazette", which he had sent up to him and close contact with some dear friends. Thank you so much.

*Yours sincerely,*

*Anne Cranston, Leyburn*

### A Tribute to Major F.T.C. Williams

You were a wonderfully gifted man, with so much infectious enthusiasm for your love of the Yorkshire Dales.

You lived your life to the full and gave your time and efforts generously.

You will be sorely missed and lovingly remembered. It was a privilege to know you, Major Williams, Fremington Sunday School will never be the same again.

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If you cannot attend, but would like your views to be represented at the meeting, please call Mandy Barningham on 884327 or Julie Bissicks on 884912.

If insufficient new members come forward then it may not be possible to continue with the traditional August Bank Holiday Sports in REETH.

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**JUNE GAZETTE  
DEADLINE NOON  
FRIDAY 17th MAY**

### DID YOU SEE US IN THE DALESMAN?

The Reeth Community Orchard Group featured in the April issue of the Dalesman in a story of how the neglected secret garden behind the old bank is being brought back to life. And so it is: all being well, our Barclays SiteSavers grant will soon come through, and BTCV workers will be organising the task of clearing brambles, finding hidden footpaths and deciding how much ivy can safely be left on the walls. We'll keep you posted on when and where all these activities are taking place, through notices at Reeth Post Office and village notice boards and of course our local "Reeth Gazette"

As a direct result of this article, we have been contacted by a lady in Great Yarmouth, who lived in the bank manager's house as a young girl. She has promised to send us photographs of the garden as she knew it, and also photographs of the previous owner's garden parties. Anyone else with memories or photographs of the garden please do contact us, we would love to hear from you.

One small area of the garden, next to the walled part, has not yet been surveyed: it is so overgrown that it is virtually impenetrable. Here we hope to set up composting and potting up facilities. Is there anyone out there who knows of a garden shed that is no longer needed? We will need one to lock away tools etc once we are able to start work.

Contact numbers: Jane Davies 884188, Brenda Allen 884103.

### MUKER LADIES GUILD

Our Easter Monday Coffee morning was a great success, we raised £200, which was donated to Muker Public Hall towards the purchase of kitchen equipment. Thank you to all who contributed and worked so hard.

The next Guild event is on Thursday 2nd May at 7.15p when Una Berry will talk about Aromatherapy and Massage. New members welcome.

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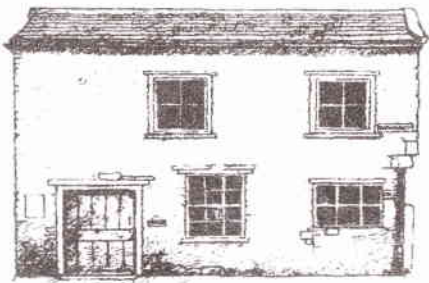
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| Monday<br>6 <sup>th</sup> May        | <b>A Walk beneath Calver's East Face</b><br>Meet outside the Burgoyne Hotel in Reeth at 10.30am<br><i>A local walk exploring the moors and riverside around Reeth</i>                                                                              | Paul Denning<br>5 miles      |
| Sunday<br>26 <sup>th</sup> May       | <b>10,000BC to 2,000AD</b><br>Meet outside the Burgoyne Hotel in Reeth at 2pm<br><i>An easy, low-level, 4 mile walk with fine views and interesting features</i>                                                                                   | Jeremy Hutchinson<br>4 miles |
| Sunday<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> June       | <b>High Points of Marrick Moor</b><br>Meet outside the Burgoyne Hotel in Reeth at 10.30am<br><i>A traverse of Fremington Edge affording inspirational views of Reeth, Swaledale &amp; Arkengarthdale</i>                                           | Paul Denning<br>10 miles     |
| Monday<br>3 <sup>rd</sup> June       | <b>Leadmining near Keld</b><br>Meet in Keld village at 2pm<br><i>An easy 3 mile walk to visit this unusual leadmining site</i>                                                                                                                     | Roger Pettican<br>3 miles    |
| Wednesday<br>5 <sup>th</sup> June    | <b>The Old Gang Mines and Mills</b><br>Meet at Surrender Bridge on Low Row to Langthwaite Road (SD989 999) at 2pm<br><i>An easy three mile guided walk led by Lawrence Barker to appreciate these fascinating features of the lead mining past</i> | Lawrence Barker<br>3 miles   |
| Sunday<br>16 <sup>th</sup> June      | <b>Leadmining in Gunnerside Gill</b><br>Meet at Gunnerside Village Institute at 2pm<br><i>A gentle walk in this beautiful gill rich in lead mining features</i>                                                                                    | Roger Pettican<br>6 miles    |
| Sunday<br>21 <sup>st</sup> July      | <b>Three Hills of Swaledale</b><br>Meet at Fremington Sunday School at 10.30am<br><i>A walk exploring the less frequented southern fells of Swaledale followed by a contrasting riverside walk</i>                                                 | Paul Denning<br>9 miles      |
| Wednesday<br>31 <sup>st</sup> July   | <b>The Old Gang Mines and Mills</b><br>Meet at Surrender Bridge on Low Row to Langthwaite Road (SD989 999) at 2pm<br><i>An easy three mile guided walk led by Lawrence Barker to appreciate these fascinating features of the lead mining past</i> | Lawrence Barker<br>3 miles   |
| Wednesday<br>14 <sup>th</sup> August | <b>Grinton Mines and Mills</b><br>Meet outside Grinton Youth Hostel (SE048 976) at 2pm<br><i>A popular 3 miles guided walk led by local expert Lawrence Barker who interprets these varied features of Swaledale's lead mining past</i>            | Lawrence Barker<br>3 miles   |
| Sunday<br>8 <sup>th</sup> September  | <b>Leadmining at Shaw Beck and Prys Level</b><br>Meet at Marske Bridge (SE104 004) at 2pm<br><i>A comfortable walk to discover the lead mining history to be found in this peaceful valley</i>                                                     | Roger Pettican<br>6 miles    |

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## A VISION FOR THE TWO DALES

An exciting project to provide nursery education for the children of Arkengarthdale and Swaledale could become a reality! The Headteachers of Arkengarthdale, Gunnerside and Reeth schools have a vision for the school communities which see the establishment of a nursery class, sited at Reeth Primary School.

They have even given this vision a name. It would be called "The Two Dales Nursery" and could provide nursery education for all 4 year olds in the area and a proportion of 3 year olds. In addition childcare and holiday play schemes could be provided for parents who want it.

Discussion began back in 1998 when the Headteachers and the County Council explored ways in which nursery education could be provided in the area. Several projects have been discussed during this time. Positive interest has been received from across the school communities and now finances are coming together. Now is the time to make this vision a reality.

Mrs. Pat Bumby and Mrs. Penny Vernon, Headteachers of Arkengarthdale and Gunnerside Primary Schools, agreed that 'the children of the Two Dales would benefit greatly from a purpose-built nursery with its own equipment and specially trained staff'.

To move this project forward the County Council must begin the process of the Statutory Notification to change the age range of Reeth School to allow them to proceed with the nursery. The first step is to consult with all parents and interested members of the communities and questionnaires will be dropping through letterboxes later this month asking for your views on the proposal.

To ensure everyone can make an informed response to these questionnaires there will be an open meeting on **Monday, 13th May at 7.30 pm in Reeth Memorial Hall.**

This meeting will be attended by representatives of the County Council who will be eager to answer any questions and there will also be a chance to view the site and discuss any other issues to do with the proposed project.

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## EXTRACTS from JAMES CLARKSON'S NOTEBOOKS

In last months "Gazette", issue number 81, April 2002, an essay on James Clarkson (1814 - 1881), 'A Victorian Gentleman of Swaledale', written by Margaret Batty, was published. There follows, as promised, notes taken by Dr Batty whilst living in the area and researching local history some 30 years ago. Margaret Batty is a Historian and Author of '*Bygone Reeth*'. The notes are presented as an aid to other researches and to all folk as general interest. The "Gazette" thanks Dr Margaret Batty for her continuing interest in the area and for granting permission to publish her notes. In forwarding her notes Dr Batty writes,- '*The other day I came across my file of notes made during my researches. James Clarkson's observations throw a refreshing light on Dales life and the many family names he mentions could be of help to local people tracing their forebears, so it seems a pity for them not to be read*'. ...

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### 1850

- April 5th    A haircut 3d (Jim Peacock). Paid Mr. Ward for dictionary binding 1s.3d.
- 12th        Paid Mr. Pearson for overalls bought of Mr. Knowles 3s.
- May 21st    Present to Mr. White (Independent minister) towards his ordination 5s.
- July 27th    Two quarters seat rent Wesleyan Chapel to John Severs.
- Aug. 9th    Half gig of Geo Ward 2s.6d. Wesleyan Times 5d.
- 18th        Church Sunday School 1s.
- 19th        Grinton feast.
- 25th        Independent Chapel Sunday School 1s.
- Sep. 4th    Reeth Cattle Show.
- Oct. 3rd    On the jury as regards the death of Thomas Alton of Fremington. Verdict accidental death.
- Nov. 14th   Doll for Catherine.
- Dec. 4th    Two guineas seat rent for Wesleyan Chapel.
- 15th        Edmund Tiplady interred at Grinton

### 1851

- Feb. 7th    Ponting's shaving cream 1s.
- Mar. 12th   Collection at Church for missionaries 1s.
- 17th        Jury on death of Rachel Pedley of Healaugh, found drowned in the Swale, being in a state of lunacy.
- May 28th   Wesleyan Missionary Meeting 10s.
- July 2nd    At Richmond to be appr. Assessor of Property Income Tax.
- Aug. 15th   Grinton Feast
- 29th        Raffle at William Ward's for American Clock 1s.
- Sep. 13th   Bought Rudimentary Electricity.
- Nov. 22nd   At Richmond. Saw Mr. Simpson (solicitor) about drawing up an agreement between myself and John Blenkiron, for me to receive half the profits of his business as a salary for my services.

- Dec. 3rd    Walked to Richmond by the old road in 2 hours 15 minutes.
- 30th        John Severs for 2 quarters seat rent, 1 guinea 9d, 1 front seat 1s.
- 1852
- Jan. 6th    To Thomas Alderson for Fremington Band 1s.6d.
- Mar. 11th   John Blenkiron married in London.
- 20th        To Robson Wood Richmond for 2 pair lambswool drawers for my brother Joe 12s.6d.
- Apr. 9th    Good Friday Festival in Wes. Chapel, tea 6d, music 6d.
- 22nd        Geo Raw left Fremington for America, sent with him £3 as a present for my brother.
- May 5th    1s. For liquidating A'dale Ranters (Primitive Methodist) Chapel debt.
- 15th        Took tea with Mr. Robinson of Richmond whilst at Reeth staying with Mrs. Hutchinson.
- June 4th    Mr. John Severs being in a low state of mind cut his throat and died on 8th.
- July 12th   Spent at Gaudy Fair 15s.11d.
- Aug. 7th    Fawcett had a tooth drawn by McCollah.
- 17th        At Grinton Feast, got home by 3 am.
- Sep. 22nd   Poor old Adam Kay died at the Reeth Union (Poor House) aged 92.
- Oct. 2nd    My uncle John Clarkson of Hill Top had James Raw, Cottingham and another person, all of Gunnerside, before the magistrate for illegal fishing with nets. Fined 10s. each and costs 15s. each.
- 23rd        Mr. Craig, Relieving Officer, left Reeth. Bart Blenkiron takes his situation until another person is chosen.
- Nov. 28th   Mr. Ward of Fremington received a letter from the Solicitor General, giving him notice to quit the school immediately.
- Dec. 3rd    The Board of Guardians of Reeth Union elected Mr. Hills as Relieving Off.
- 15th        Mr. G.A. Robinson and his wife, lodging with Mrs. Hutchinson, intend spending the winter here.
- 1853
- Mar. 17th   At Arkendale. Paid to Mr. Hayton (vicar) towards a subscription for the people at William Gill Colliery for their kind treatment to upwards of 25 persons and their horses, being detained there all night in consequence of the heavy snowstorm.
- Apr. 11th   Paid Betty Hillary for footing 2 pair of stockings. Charged me 10d, gave 1s.
- May 12th   The knife sharpener at Reeth, 2d.
- July 4th    Geo Alderson Robinson, Grinton Lodge, made me a present of a gold pencil case as a keepsake. Gave Mr. Robinson for Reeth Cricket Club 5s.
- Aug. 21st   Wesleyan S.S. Anniversary 6d. From the *Adelaide Observer*, May 28th 1853, 'At Swale Cottage, Strathalbyn, Adelaide, by the Rev. John Anderson, Mr. Edward Sunter, late of Feetham in Swaledale near Richmond, Yorks, to Ann, youngest daughter of Mr. Joseph Tregilgas, Strathalbyn. She is about 17 years of age.' Edward asked for Joe's address and whether he ever heard from him. ——— to be continued in future issues of Gazette.

## ARCHBISHOP OF YORK VISITS GRINTON

It was a very special day for the Parish of Swaledale with Arkengarthdale on Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> April when the Archbishop of York, Dr. David Hope celebrated the eucharist at St. Andrew's Church, Grinton. It is believed to be the very first visit of an archbishop to the Church of St. Andrew at Grinton.

The Archbishop's visit was at the personal invitation of Cyril and Peggy Purver, who were with him on pilgrimage to the Holy Land two years ago. Cyril assisted the Archbishop as Server and welcome addresses were given by Mr. Philip Arundel, Diocesan Secretary, the Revd. Peter Midwood, Area Dean, and Revd. Tim Tunley, Vicar of the Parish, who said "that Swaledale with Arkengarthdale Parish was the largest parish in England (250 sq. miles), the least populous (4.7 people per sq. mile) and had the most sheep. He welcomed the Archbishop on behalf of the Parish, the people and the sheep. Muker Silver Band and the Parish Choir provided the music.

The Archbishop commenced the service with a prayer for peace in the Middle East and based his sermon on thanksgiving. He talked about people's preoccupation with shopping – "Tesco ergo sum" (for I am) and ended with a child's prayer identifying the simple things in life that we should be thankful for. He impressed everyone with his warmth and gentle sense of humour.

Approximately 200 parishioners turned out to share the eucharist together, and they had the opportunity to meet with the Archbishop over coffee and home-made biscuits following the service. One small child was able to satisfy her curiosity by discovering what his hat (mitre) was made of – not cardboard as she had suspected.

The collection raised £300 and was donated to the Swaledale & Arkengarthdale Luncheon Clubs Association.

### RURAL ARTS CRAFT AFTERNOON

**Friday, 10th May**  
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| May 13  | The Wensleydale Railway- Past, Present & Future                                               | Ruth Annison          |
| May 20  | Dry Stone Walling                                                                             | Eddie Rowney          |
| May 27  | 'Wish You Were Here' – History Through Postcard Messages<br><i>in Grinton Church</i>          | Ian Dewhirst MBE      |
| June 3  | The Yorkshire Dales in 3D                                                                     | Dave Weedon           |
| June 10 | The Quaker Tapestry: The Stories Behind the Stitches                                          | Anne Taylor           |
| June 17 | Three Wild Walks                                                                              | Major F.T.C. Williams |
| June 24 | Victorian Swaledale                                                                           | Duncan Bythell        |
| July 1  | Nostalgic Richmond                                                                            | Gwen Butler           |
| July 8  | Easby Abbey: From Blood-letting to Bloodstock!                                                | Jane Hatcher          |
| July 15 | Comets and Other Astronomical Phenomena                                                       | Prof. G. Marr         |
| July 22 | Stained Glass of the Twentieth Century                                                        | Peter Gibson OBE      |
| July 29 | Leadmining in Swaledale & Arkengarthdale                                                      | Lawrence Barker       |
| Aug 5   | Swaledale & Arkengarthdale: The Story in the Rocks                                            | David McMahon         |
| Aug 12  | The Splendour of the Settle to Carlisle Railway                                               | David Alison          |
| Aug 19  | From Pangaen through Virosidium to Hellingsley<br><i>A journey through time in the Dales.</i> | Jeremy Hutchinson     |
| Aug 26  | From Hauxwell to the Land of Nod<br><i>in Grinton Church</i>                                  | Major F.T.C. Williams |

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The 'Gift' need not be money but any monetary gifts will be used to finance building repairs to the fabric of the church. If you have a vision for the way your gift might be used in the church, please come and talk about it. Or you may feel the need to say thank you to God and wish to give to His church or make a contribution to the church's work at Muker and in the Parish.

We are not called simply in monetary terms. God calls us to use the talents He has given us for His church, for each other and the community in which we live and serve. This is a new venture for us and I hope and pray God will bless us in this endeavour.

The above Gift Day will be run in conjunction with a:

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**SWALEDALE FESTIVAL****May 24 – June 9***A celebration of singing*

In 2002 we're focusing on choral and vocal music, with choirs and singers in all styles, from all over Britain and around the world. Of course you can look forward as well, to many other exciting artists and some regular favourites. As usual we'll be exploring as many fantastic venues as possible in Swaledale, Wensleydale and Arkengarthdale.

Following the choral theme, look out for concerts by Laudibus – the National Youth Chamber Choir of Great Britain, conducted by Mike Brewer, Bill Jones – BBC Radio 2's young folk artist of the year, a capella folk with a political twist from Coope, Boyes and Simpson and the British debut of young Swedish soprano Anna Emilsson with lutenist Jakob Lindberg who was a big hit at last year's festival. As well, a rare double bill of two Schubert Song Cycles, Winterreise and Die Schone Mullerin - sung by Stephen Varcoe and Thomas Guthrie accompanied by Peter Seymour, one of the best known choral works, Haydn's Creation sung by The Swale Singers, the Wordsworth Singers from Cumbria, and The Leicestershire Chorale with the Swaledale Festival Ensemble performing (in a new English translation) the three Martinu Folk Cantatas.

We've not neglected instrumental music though. We are delighted to welcome back The Lindsays and the Fitzwilliam Quartet continue their Tchaikovsky cycle as well as playing the world premiere of Quiet Earth by Rachel Stott, a Swaledale Festival Commission. The Ever Ready Band are our guest brass band this year, and of course both the Reeth and Muker Bands add lustre to the programme. Solo recitals from flautist Lisa Nelsen and the pairing of viola and viola da gamba played by Rachel Stott, will fill the valuable early evening concert slot 5:15. There's also early music from Red Campion, and a pops programme by the Richmondshire Orchestra.

Jazz appears on the programme in lots of guises. The Swale Valley Stompers make their regular appearance, and also at The Buck in Reeth are the Making Tracks Trio who bring with them special guests, trombonist Jim Clarke and clarinettist Julian Marc Stringle. We also present The Romeo and Juliet suite for Jazz Octet by young Durham born musician James Russell. Music that defies categorisation is provided by Yorkshire composer Peadar Long, whose Celestial Echoes draws its influence from world, jazz and folk music. Finally, the Bakelite Boys sing 100 songs, one from each year of the 20<sup>th</sup> century in 100 minutes!

We're delighted to be presenting the Tashi Lhunpo Monks from Tibet as part of their Spirit of Peace tour, in a programme of traditional song, dance and debate. A highlight will be their discussion with Elaine Storkey, who is the Festival's theologian in residence. In addition to discussing the question of personal faith with some of the performers, Elaine Storkey will give a series of lectures, themed on the psalms, and will lead a very special circular walk from Reeth, pausing for meditations on Psalm 42.

There are a number of walks in the programme, exploring all areas of Swaledale, Arkengarthdale and Wensleydale, led by Jeremy Hutchinson. Many link up with the 5:15 concerts, combining the beauty of the scenery with fine music.

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One walk of a rather different nature is a seven day trek from Tan Hill to Fremington, which will be undertaken by the poet Stephen Watts. Mapping with Words sees Steve walk the length of Swaledale (with forays into Wensleydale and Arkengarthdale) writing each day about what he sees and the people he meets, and reading his work each evening in pubs, churches and village meeting places.

Also celebrating the churches of Swaledale, the festival is collaborating with the choir of St Alfege, Greenwich, to present four concerts, one in each of the Anglican churches of the Parish of Swaledale with Arkengarthdale which recreate the liturgy and music of each church at the original time of construction. This will be a fascinating look at the choral and musical traditions of the area and the changes in church music over time. Each event will be accompanied by appropriate instruments, and the churches will be decorated in the style of the appropriate period.

There's just room enough to mention quickly a day of Street Theatre on Reeth Green, the usual wonderful range of Visual Art including the Festival Art Exhibition trail and art in the pubs. We'll be working with many of the schools, taking performers into the schools and as well there's a one day participatory Songwriting Workshop for young people (11 -21) in the half term break. Open gardens, a Festival service, and other events celebrating the Dales complete the picture.

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## Churchyard Extension -Cont. from page 7

8<sup>th</sup> February 1937:6<sup>th</sup> May 1936:

Rev. A. Dungworth gave a report of the interview the deputation had with Mr. T. W. Raw about Churchyard extension. Mr. Raw pointed out to the deputation a narrow strip of land down the north side and along the bottom of present Churchyard, for an extension, and asked that an offer be made to him for same which contains about 610 square yards.

After a long discussion and various proposals it was unanimously agreed that the deputation be authorised to offer Mr. Raw the sum of 2/6d per square yard.

12<sup>th</sup> June 1936:

Rev. A. Dungworth reported to the meeting an interview with Mr. T.W. Raw about Churchyard extension when Mr. Raw declined to accept the Parish Meeting's offer of 2/6 per square yard, and asked approximately 3/- per square yard for the proposed land.

Mr. Dungworth further stated that to forward the matter he had agreed with Mr. Raw to purchase the land offered for 3/- per square yard, and made himself responsible for the extra price if any difficulty arose in raising same.

The meeting then proceeded to appoint a committee to carry out the work.

The Committee appointed are: Rev. A. Dungworth (Vicar), Mr. Whit Guy and Mr. J. Hunter (Churchwardens), Mr. W.T. Raw, Rash, Mr. W. Peacock, Scarhouse, and Mr. J. Alderson, Mr. J. Kilburn, Mr. J. Scott, Mr. R. Waggett and Mr. R.C. Whitehead, Parish Councillors.

A Parish Meeting called to consider what steps should be taken to celebrate the coronation of his Majesty King George VI was held in the school room, Muker on Monday February 8<sup>th</sup> 1937 at 7 pm. Mr. J. Scott in the Chair.

1. It was proposed by Mr. Cooper Peacock that we celebrate the occasion in a similar manner as we did the Silver Jubilee of our late King George V. This was seconded by Mr. R.C. Whitehead and carried.
2. Proposed by Mr. J. Alderson and seconded by Mr. J.T. Heseltine that we ask for £20-0-0 from the rates, for the occasion. Carried.
3. Proposed by Mr. James Alderson and seconded by Mr. R.C. Whitehead that we have two celebrations for the Parish, one at Muker and one at Keld. The meeting agreed.
4. Two committees were then appointed, one for Muker and one for Keld to arrange for the carrying out of above.
5. Rev. A. Dungworth reported on the present position of the Churchyard extension scheme which was considered to be very satisfactory. Mr. Dungworth informed the meeting that arrangements had been made for the Bishop of Ripon to come to consecrate the new ground on 20<sup>th</sup> February 1937.

21<sup>st</sup> March 1938:

Churchyard extension. Rev. A. Dungworth gave to the Meeting a full statement of the Income and Expenditure of above. He showed how the total Expenditure of £145-6-0d had been fully met. The meeting highly approved this satisfactory report.

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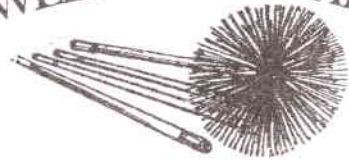
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There must be some Swaledale ghosts!

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Grandad had a somewhat imaginative Victorian style when he wrote. This is how he described walking from Keld to Muker:

"On your way to Kidson Force you pass a romantic lane by the side of the Swale. The lane is, particularly in Autumn, an elf-land avenue of ferns, wild flowers and coral-like hips, haws and mountain ash berries, often twice the size of those seen in districts purely agricultural. Presently you come to certain pastures called Hartlakes on the slope of Kidson Hill, whose flat summit soars far above.

"In the pastures stands Bogle House, a roughly stone-built place, too desolate in its appearance and general situation to be tenanted by a reasonable being. Even the boldest farmers and shepherds who have known it all their lives shiver when they look at it. There hear the uncanny wail in the ceaseless roar of Kidson Force as it comes along the night air, and brawling waters of Swinnergill on the opposite bank add their notes to those of the gurgling Swale. The Bogle House thus sleeps amid the melancholy music".....

"It seems that one John Alton, always known as "*Snapper John*," was the last tenant of Bogle House. One day when he and his wife were away at Muker market one of their children set her clothes on fire, from the effects of which she died. This event is recorded in the Parish Register.

The men from Upper Swaledale assure you most gravely that the unfortunate girl leaped in her agony from floor to ceiling, and that the marks of her head are visible on the ceiling to this day.

"*Snapper John*" and his family remained in the house until they could no longer stand the hollow moans and 'fleyings' by night, which resembled the familiar voice of their lost child, and which were at times accompanied by the sound of a bag of clog-soles rattled by the ghostly visitant under the stone stairs."

"When "*Snapper John*" left for more peaceful surroundings the dales people called the place Bogle House and knowing its terrors have ever since carefully avoided it after sundown."

Jocelyn M. Campbell

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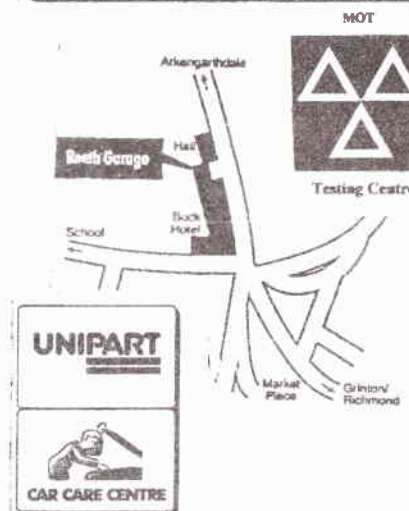
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