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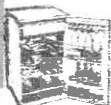
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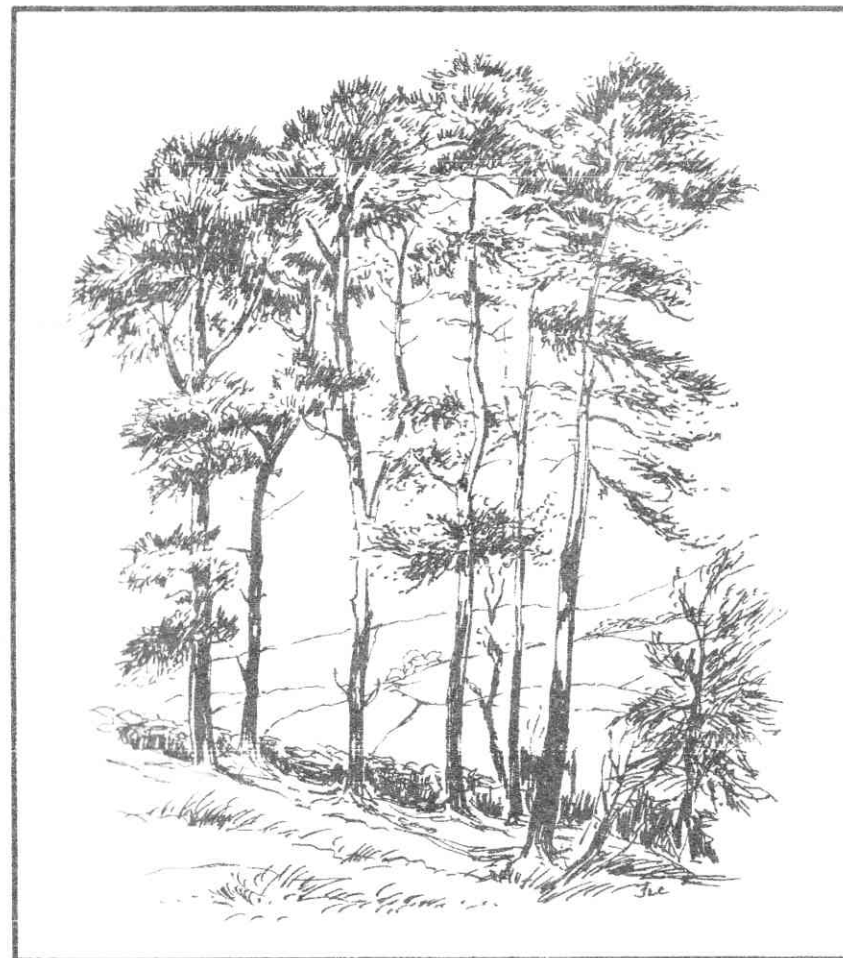
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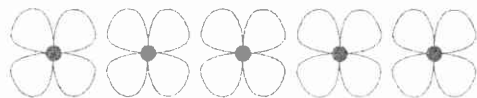
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November 3

9.15am	St Mary's Muker	<i>Eucharist</i>
10.30am	Gunnarside Methodist	
	Low Row URC	
	Reeth Methodist	
11.00am	Reeth Congregational	
	St Edmund's Marske	
	Family Eucharist	
	Holy Trinity Low Row	
	Eucharist	
2.00pm	Keld Methodist	
2.30pm	Arkengarthdale Methodist	
4.00pm	St Andrew's Grinton	
	Evensong	
6.30pm	Reeth Congregational	



November 10

Remembrance Sunday

9.30am	St Andrew's Grinton	<i>Eucharist</i>
	St Michael's Downholme	<i>Eucharist</i>
10.50am	St Mary's Arkengarthdale	
	Holy Trinity Low Row	
11.00am	Reeth War Memorial	
	Reeth Congregational	
	St Edmund's Marske	
	Morning Prayer	
2.00pm	Keld War Memorial & Keld United Reformed Church	
2.30pm	Gunnarside Methodist	<i>Communion</i>
3.00pm	St Andrew's Grinton	
	Remembrance Service	
6.30pm	Marske Methodist	
	Reeth Congregational	

November 17

9.15am	St Mary's Muker	
	Holy Communion	
10.30am	Low Row URC	
	Reeth Methodist	
11.00am	Reeth Congregational	
	St Edmund's Marske	
	Holy Eucharist	
	Holy Trinity Low Row	
	Eucharist	
2.00pm	Keld Methodist	
2.30pm	Arkengarthdale Methodist	
	Holy Communion	
	Gunnarside Methodist	
6.30pm	St Mary's Arkengarthdale	
	Evensong	
	Marske Methodist	
	Holy Communion	
	Reeth Congregational	

November 24

8.00am	Holy Trinity Low Row	
	Holy Communion	
9.30am	St Andrew's Grinton	
	Eucharist	
	St Michael's Downholme	
	Eucharist	
10.30am	Low Row URC	
	Reeth Methodist	<i>Communion</i>
11.00am	Reeth Congregational	
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EDITORIAL

Hello again, thanks for reading. Another packed issue. Sorry, but again it has not been possible to get everything in, but we will try and include in another issue. In this issue, there is a supplement containing the agenda for the extraordinary meeting, and the Constitution of the Gazette. You will see that there are three motions to discuss and vote on at this meeting. The first, was brought up last year at the AGM, to turn the Gazette into a company limited by guarantee, and if this motion is defeated, then another motion, also brought forward at last year's AGM, is to appoint a Management Team to help control and run the Gazette. Election of officers will only take place if the second motion is carried. The third motion is to look at the possibility of the Gazette having a base in the Hudson House Project. All these motions, with their 'pros' and 'cons' will be discussed at the extraordinary meeting, to which everyone is invited to attend and take part in the discussion. The Interim Management Team look forward to seeing you there. Whatever happens, changes are about to take place which we hope will put the

Gazette on an even firmer base.

We must at this time thank Mike Beckwith, who has sent in a letter to the Chairman of the Interim Management team, Richard Good, announcing his leaving the Gazette Team as from the 19th. November. Mike feels that after three years, and also due to his heavy involvement in another project, that it is time to retire. Mike came onto the Gazette Team as Financial Manager in September 1999, when the previous editor, Peter Brant left the area. The following year he took over temporarily as Advertising Manager, when Richard Birks, a founder member of the Gazette felt it necessary to retire. Mike leaves the Gazette with a healthy Bank Balance, and a loyal group of advertisers. We sincerely thank Mike for all his efforts on behalf of the Gazette, and wish him well in his new project. In the interim, please address ALL items for inclusion, advertisements and accounts to the Editor - address follows. Oh, don't forget, the late night Christmas Shopping evening in Reeth November 29th. (see page 14) GML

GEORGE LUNDBERG,

EDITOR

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ICT LOAN SCHEME READY TO LAUNCH

Through funding secured by the the Two Dales Partnership a scheme is now available for those who live in the Two Dales area to take out on loan computer equipment. Application forms for the loan of the equipment are now available and 2DP look forward to letting out the first equipment in November. Interested..... Your questions are answered.

What is the scheme about?

To enable local residents within the Two Dales of Swaledale & Arkengarthdale to borrow ICT equipment to assist them to develop ICT skills and/or use ICT as a means for personal development.

Who can access the scheme?

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addition you will be able to access a further 2 hours support free of charge. Any additional support will be charged at £20.00 per hour.

How much will the loan of equipment cost?

The loan of the equipment is free of charge including insurance for the equipment whilst it is on your premises.

What must I pay for?

You may choose to access additional support as detailed above for which a charge will be incurred. You will be responsible for the costs incurred in accessing the Internet. In the event that additional ink cartridges are required you will be responsible for their purchase and the purchase of any other sundry items such as discs and CD's.

How do I apply for the equipment?

Contact Carol Lewis, 2DP Community Development Worker 01833 627700 for an application form and detailed guidance information. On completing the form please ensure that you answer all the questions and give clear concise details. Ensure you explain clearly how you will benefit from use of the equipment. This is a great opportunity to help you improve your IT and Computer skills. 2DP look forward to a flood of applications.

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'Swaledale Birds'

Last month we gave you an idea of the
birds that you are likely to see at this
time of year. So this month we
will try and give you some idea
of the best places to see them.

In autumn we get an
influx of 'thrushes'.
These include Redwing,
(already here in mid-



october) Fieldfare and Blackbird. All
enjoy berries so any area with a good
supply should enable you to see any of
these birds. One particularly good area
around Reeth is Low Common Lane
that runs from High Fremington along
to Castle Farm. (Anywhere with lots of
hawthorn, rowan and elder can be
good). You should also see flocks of
smaller birds which should contain
Great, Blue, Long Tailed and Coal Tit
along with possibly Goldcrest. Along
this lane you can also hear the 'yaffle' or
Green Woodpecker. The yaffle refers to
its call, which sounds like demented
laughter? Look upwards and you may be
lucky enough to see a Buzzard. The
Swing Bridge will soon be open and the
Shingle Beds and surrounding area are
host to many birds during the winter.
The alders alongside the river are likely
to hold flocks of Tits along with some
more unusual visitors. Look out for
Siskins, and especially Redpolls. A walk
along the River is bound to bring a few
winter visitors. Anywhere birds are
regularly fed, will attract large numbers
in winter. Langhorne Drive is a good
example of this. Studies show that

garden feeding has a very positive
impact on winter survival rates, and
garden feeders can and do attract the
rarities.

For anyone fancying a woodland walk,
the wooded gill adjacent to Thiemswood
Hall, nr Healaugh, offers good winter
habitat to many species. This could also
be a possible site for the rare Crossbill.
As you walk out of the woodland and
onto the moorland, Merlin and other
raptors become a possibility. Gunnerside
Gill, and the area around Rowleth Wood
should also be worth a look in the
winter months. Birds are only after one
thing in winter, and that's food and
shelter. OK birds are after two things,
but food is the *most* important. Find the
food source and you will find the birds.
The locations mentioned above are only
representative. Find similar habitats and
the birds should be there. The final area
to look for birds is one many of us don't
actively look at. Lay on your back, relax
and spend the next 10 or 20 (or more)
minutes just gazing into the sky. You
will be amazed at the amount of birds
you will see (probably). Our next
column will feature our 'Winter Solstice/
Xmas/Christmas/End of year' Quiz
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Swaledale Birds : recent sightings :

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**One person saying to me, "You've made my day!" makes my day**

**REETH COMMUNITY ORCHARD – VOLUNTEER WEEKEND**

BTCV led the field on Saturday and Sunday, October 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>, with a gathering of volunteers and local people, to get to grips with the final clearout of the old Hudson House garden. The BTCV volunteers, from around the North of England, arrived on Friday night and stayed up at the Low Row Camping Barn but were on site, bright and early, on Saturday. The weather was not kind with steady rain throughout the day but this did not deter the workers, and by lunch time all the cut timber and scrub from the garden clearout had been carried out and piled up on Reeth Green as a start for the November 5<sup>th</sup> bonfire. So much debris has come from the garden that the bonfire is now complete! Work continued on Sunday in bright sunshine as the volunteers set to work to find the old footpaths rumoured to exist in the garden. Very soon they came up trumps with several lengths of stone path edging revealed some four inches below the surface. While this exploration went on, others stripped the last of the ivy from the walls, dug out old roots and picked the apples for pies and juice to be made for our Apple Day on 25 October. One enterprising young helper, Ian, fished for high apples with his tadpole net with great success! Another milestone has been reached; the destructive work is over and creative work can start. The first steps are digging and levelling the soil, re-establishing the pathways, seeding grass areas, the provision of secure gates, planting spring bulbs and some new fruit trees. With luck, and a fair wind, the basic garden for the Community should be up and running by



Dear Sir, We are just coming to the end of our sixth holiday in the two Dales. We have always felt a warm welcome and sense of community here. This time I had the misfortune to fall down the stairs of

our holiday cottage in the middle of the night. My partner called the local surgery who advised him to call the ambulance. It came promptly from Richmond. The crew were brilliant – cheerful, courteous and careful. The Paramedic examined me with skill and they decided they must take me to Northallerton Hospital. As you know it is an hours ride away, but they drove carefully over the not always smooth roads! On arrival at the hospital they greeted the staff of the A & E department saying cheerily, "This is Elizabeth, she's staying with us, and came down the stairs the quick way!" But it was this phrase "she's staying with us" which has stuck with me. It epitomises the feeling of welcome and community we have always felt each time we have stayed here. The staff of the A & E department were equally kind, skilful and courteous. The 'jam on the cake' was that I was given toast and marmalade with a hot drink in order that I could take the first medication with it. I was fortunate to have nothing more serious than a broken bone in my right foot – apart of course from some nasty bruising and being thoroughly shaken up. I was ready to go home after about 4 hours. Thank you everyone for the welcome and the care – we shall be back again in the not too distant future. Yours sincerely,

Elizabeth Hale. Gloucester.

***Don't Forget The Tea Dance***

Thursday 7th. Nov. in Reeth Memorial Hall at 2pm. 50/50 Dancing, to live music. Raffle and refreshments. Do come along

**This month's cover picture is a sketch**

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#### Up-date on Progress :

The contractors, PBS Construction from Middlesbrough, have been on site since 29 July. Initially progress was hampered by the bad weather, and as a result the contractors decided to install a temporary access track to get their vehicles to the site and progress the works. To prevent the new bridge being washed away, the abutments and the cables anchor blocks have been tied into the ground using steel piles and cement grout has been pumped around them - securing the piles to the ground deep below the river and creating a firm foundation for the bridge. The abutments have been re-built slightly higher than they were originally; this is to ensure that the finished bridge will be slightly higher and so less likely to catch fallen trees flowing down the river in times of flood. The main cables were threaded through the top of the stanchions and strung across the river at the end of September, and over the last few weeks the cables have been wired together

and the decking has been laid. Next the bridge cables will be tightened to introduce the correct tension and camber. *Until this work is complete, the bridge is not safe to use by the general public, and the footpath will remain closed.* Work still to be done :

Other work will be taking place at the site over the next few weeks. A revetment wall will be built around the bridge to prevent the winter floods scouring around the abutments, and to protect the public footpath giving access to the bridge from further riverbank erosion. Work to blend the access track into the landscape will take place next spring when the grass can grow. The legal line of the public footpath has now been moved on to the line of the bridge, and the footpath upstream of the bridge on the Reeth bank has been added to the Definitive Map. Next year some of the mature alders just upstream of the bridge will be coppiced, to protect the river bank, and the surface of the path will be re-instated where it has washed away.

#### Acknowledgements :

The Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority would like to thank the local community and the following organisations for their help in funding the replacement bridge: North Yorkshire County Council, Richmondshire District Council, Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust and Yorkshire Forward. We would also like to thank the following individuals and organisations for their help in building the bridge: North Yorkshire County Council (help and advice); PBS Construction; Mouchel (supervising the work), and most importantly the landowners and farmers for allowing access over their land and putting up with the to-ing and fro-ing of the construction traffic over the months. Without their help and support the bridge would never have been re-built.

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**THE SCOTT MOTOR CYCLE TRIAL****19<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2002**

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second place and creating standard time and losing 47 on observation. Third place went to star Spanish rider Amos Bilbao losing 9 & 40 marks respectively. Among our local riders an outstanding performance was put up by John Sunter who finished in 17<sup>th</sup> place and not too far behind was brother Mark Sunter who in spite of various mechanical problems (including having no gear change lever) finished in overall 29<sup>th</sup> place. Special mention must be made of splendid finishes by Michael Atkinson of Arkengarthdale in 67<sup>th</sup> place and the indomitable Kevin Sharpe in 71<sup>st</sup> place. But pride of place must go to our charming lady rider Katy Sunter who battled round an unbelievable 44 out of the 76 sections (including the crossing of the dreaded Grouse Moor) and was rewarded with the trophy for Best Lady and also the Best Endeavour award. It is worth noting that Katy was also sponsored for £500 towards the Scott charities. Little imagination is needed to visualise the mammoth organisational expertise and effort that the Richmond Motor Club have achieved in putting on this incredibly successful event. From the moment the event was started by Chairman of Richmondshire District Council, Mr James Kendall, setting off son Alan as no. 1 rider, the sun shone and a marvellous day was enjoyed by 200 riders and hundreds of enthusiastic spectators. The time and effort put in by John Fraser, Clerk of the Course, and assistants Kevin Hutchinson, Ron Bailey and Richard Sunter and many others is quite incredible often in dreadful weather, while behind the scenes financial and results staff seem to continue to achieve the impossible. Without the continued interest and enthusiasm of the local people and the generosity and tolerance of so many land owners, farmers and keepers

**Continued on page 23****Festive Fun!**

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In advance, I would like to thank John and Christine Price, of the Cobbles Teashop in Reeth. They have very kindly offered me space in the teashop on the evening of Friday 29th November, for the Christmas Shopping Night, to sell some Jewellery, Candles and other Gift items.

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**Margaret Johnson - 886376**



**WARM FRONT GRANT SCHEME**

It is well known that there are many households that are unable to afford to adequately heat their homes and each year, thousands of people die as a result of living in cold, damp houses. The Government is committed to eradicating fuel poverty, and one of the ways it plans to achieve this is through its Warm Front grant scheme which is aimed at **homeowners** and **private tenants** in receipt of benefits who are chronically sick or have disabilities, older people, families with children and expectant mothers. Grants of up to £2,500 are available to ensure that eligible households receive insulation and essential heating measures, and all the installation work and materials are provided free of charge to those who qualify. TXU Warm Front Ltd carry out an energy efficiency survey of eligible properties to identify what measures they can receive from the scheme, and then arrange for the work to be carried out. There are many households within Richmondshire who could benefit from a Warm Front grant, and we are hoping to make people aware of this scheme. Over the next few weeks in particular, we will be working with a wide range of organisations to promote the scheme to ensure that residents in Richmond are aware of and apply for these grants. I would ask for your assistance in helping us promote the scheme. If anyone wishes to know more about the Warm Front

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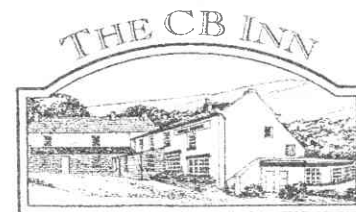
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none of this would be possible and to them all we say a great big thank you. We are also indebted to the Police, Fell Rescue and observers who undertake an often thankless task for our benefit. We hope you bought a programme and sponsored riders knowing that all monies go to needy Scott Trial charities. If not it is not too late to contribute. Thank you.

#### Low Row Women's Circle

The 34<sup>th</sup> session of the Circle opened on 2<sup>nd</sup> October with a working meeting at the home of Mrs. Sheila Barker. The next meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> October was held in the United Reformed Church, Low Row, when Margaret Murphy came to tell us about the work of Rural Arts in North Yorkshire. She gave us a slide show of work and projects undertaken by a variety of groups in the area. The age range of the groups varied from primary school (including one at Reeth School) to over 60 groups and covered topics as diverse as theatre & dance, metalwork, experimenting with textiles for a variety of uses, mosaic, ceramics, computer technology, music and photography. The ladies ended the afternoon trying felt making. As Low Row Women's Circle meet in members homes it is not able to hold open meetings except on special occasions. Ladies knit and make up blankets and childrens tops, usually for Oxfam, but they always manage to run out of wool. Should you have any odds and ends of wool, preferably double knitting that you have no further use for then we would love to take it off your hands and put it to good use. Contacts: President: Sue Alderson 886292 or Secretary Glenys Pennock 884496. *Ed. Note. The Reeth and District Gazette would like to give sincere thanks to the Low Row Women's Circle for their kind donation of £50 towards Gazette funds.*

#### The Meeting

There's a meeting tonight for our W.I.  
I suppose I ought to go,  
But then I really wouldn't be missed,  
I'm only one you know.

By the time I clean and dust the house,  
Wash and prepare the meals,  
Weed the garden and mow the lawn,  
You know how tired one feels.

I pull up my chair,  
Switch on the TV,  
Then I think, Oh Bother,  
They won't miss me.

The meetings we have are really quite good  
The members are quite good fun,  
It's just that I lack the get up and go,  
Surely they won't miss just one.

Then I stop and think awhile,  
Perhaps I am not alone,  
Others have just as much to do,  
So why should I grizzle and groan.

My family are married and now gone away  
But Edna has three little girls all day  
To clothe and feed and keep from harm,  
Also her husband to help on the farm.

Margaret Rutter has a mother at home  
Unable to move about,  
She has such a difficult time  
What cause have I to shout.

They have a reason to say they are tired,  
But a meeting they never miss,  
I'm being a traitor to our W.I.  
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*By Hannah Milner, and submitted by her daughter,  
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#### Gunnerside WI

The October meeting was well attended when our President introduced the speaker, Anne Harrison, former Chairman of the North Yorkshire West Federation. Anne gave an interesting account of the history and structure of W.I., the largest women's organisation in the country with a membership of 240,000 in England and

Wales. Founded in Canada in 1897, the organisation spread to England by 1915 and quickly went from strength to strength. Respected as a democratic common sense organisation, there is a three tier structure of individual W.I's, Area Federations and a National Federation, of which Anne is an elected member. She stressed the wealth of activities available in the Area Federation and also the value of the courses at Denman College. Margaret Rutter thanked Anne for her informative and enthusiastic talk. At the business meeting which followed, the president thanked the hostesses and all those involved in the recent visits of W.I. members from Dorset, when the guests had enjoyed a full programme of walks and entertainment. Members have been invited to join the Remembrance Day Parade from Reeth to Grinton on 10<sup>th</sup>. November. A collection following the July meeting raised £23 for ACCW. Our next meeting, the AGM will be on 21<sup>st</sup>. November.

#### LETTERS.

East Cottage, Booze. Sir, I feel almost ashamed to have to write this kind of letter in the year 2002. I have just read Elizabeth Gregson's letter on the Creation story in your October edition. Is she really asking us to believe that for the last 150 years there has existed an international conspiracy among the worlds geologists, astronomers, archaeologists, botanists, zoologists, physicists, chemist and other scientists? I rest my case. John Sissons

#### REMEMBRANCE DAY PARADE and SERVICE

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ticket when I stop them. A small price to pay if it does the trick. As far as I am aware the date for the police office opening in Hudson House is still early new year and until then I will have to use Leyburn for computer and phone enquiries so please bare with me if myself or colleague takes a while to get to you if you call with a query. Finally for your information I am also the Police Wildlife Liaison Officer for Richmondshire which occasionally may take me out of the Dales. If anyone has any questions regarding what that role includes don't hesitate to ask. Suffice to say if anyone believes an offence involving wildlife has occurred or they are not sure please get in touch and I will investigate. Thanks. Mark Rasbeary.

**LETTERS**

During our holiday in Langthwaite last week, we greatly enjoyed reading your gazette, and I wonder if you could help. Following a wonderful walk over the hills on Tuesday last, 8th October, I found that I had lost my camera. We had returned to our cottage through the fields by Scar House, crossing by the single-file footbridge on the path to Whaw. Just before the bridge I took my last photo, so I must have lost it in the fields between that spot and Langthwaite. The camera I can claim for, but the roll of film inside was nearly complete and I would so like to have it returned. If anyone has found the camera please could they let me know by contacting me at [briinvater@aol.uk](mailto:briinvater@aol.uk) - I would be most grateful for any help. I have contacted the police and left a card in the Post Office at Reeth, but I know how many local readers the Gazette has, and I am hopeful that you might bring me luck! Many thanks. Eileen Bennett Ed. If anyone has found the camera, please contact Eileen or The Editor.



## 2 Dales Children's Football Club

On 6\* October Hawes travelled to Reeth on a perfect morning to play 2 x 11-a-side friendly matches on the full pitch. The under 12's played first in a close and exciting match. It is good experience to play 11-a-side. We could not quite manage to overcome a strong Hawes team and lost 3-4. Scorers were Ben Hall, Matthew Calvert and Adam Calvert while man of the match was Stephen Bainbridge. The under 16's played a particularly good game "which again was very close and a 2-2 draw was a fair result. Jim Smith and Jason Flannery scored our goals and man of the match was Martin Calvert. On 20\* October we arranged a friendly match for the under 16's against Bellerby and played 10-a-side on the adult pitch. Unfortunately some of our older players were away but this gave good, though hard experience for some 11 and 12 year olds who were not put off by the visitors' significantly older and larger players. The inevitable result of a 1-6 loss does not do credit to the play and stamina of our team. Man of the match was Marcus Bumett although all played very well but mention must be made of James Keyse, one of our youngest (and smallest) players on the field who played

a super game. David Coates scored our goal as a result of an excellent piece of football. We have 2 under 12 teams in the League this year, Dales Athletic and Dales United and an under 15 team. Our next scheduled home matches are:

**17 November v Bishopdale at Reeth**

**24 November v Askrigg at Gunnerside**

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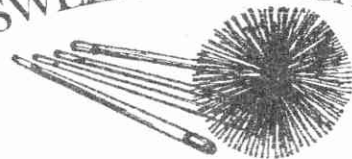
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## 'Fossils, Dinosaur Bones and the Bible'

Last March, it was revealed in the 'Guardian' newspaper by Professor Richard Dawkins that the curriculum of the Science Department of Emmanuel School, Gateshead, included teaching in both Creation and Evolution. Professor Dawkins was vigorously opposed to this and there followed much heated debate on the question in the newspapers, on television and even in the House of Commons. In the April edition of the Reeth Gazette, I contributed an article entitled 'Creation and Evolution'. Since then, there have been articles or letters on the subject for several successive months which is a record for the Gazette. Obviously, the matter interests and concerns people - and rightly so. Last year in Northallerton, a meeting was organized on Creation and Evolution in an hotel and 500 people turned up. The speaker on that occasion was Professor Andy McIntosh, a distinguished lecturer in Combustion Theory at the University of Leeds. I was able to attend a similar public lecture addressed by Professor McIntosh at Leicester University on 16th March this year with even more people present. Professor McIntosh's talk was illustrated with beautiful slides on the flight of birds and the remarkable defence mechanism of the bombardier beetle. I found him a stimulating speaker. The lecture was fascinating and held the attention of all present. Professor McIntosh will give a similar talk at the Memorial Hall, Reeth, on Thursday, November 21st at 7.30 p.m. His title will be "Fossils, dinosaur bones and the Bible". The meeting will be sponsored by Reeth Congregational Church but there will be no hymns, prayers or collection and entry will be free. May I invite you to come to hear Professor McIntosh speak on this occasion? It will certainly not be over the heads of

people and there will be an opportunity to ask questions and obtain literature on Creation and Evolution. I can guarantee that no-one attending will be disappointed, and it is such a crucial question having an important bearing on issues like atheism, humanism, abortion, euthanasia, designer babies and the rule of the strongest ("might is right").

David Gregson

## A Toast to the author of 'That Bit Of String'

Congratulations to the author  
Of that excellent witty poem  
Who travels around  
But not too far from home

Whose sketches are good  
Whose poetry a lot better  
I will try if I can  
To do a little better

I can't compete, but shall have a go  
So here's a little ode to my friend Steve Crow  
Whose wisdom it seems  
Can make words flow

Who is this person  
So full of verse  
Tinker, tailor,  
Doctor or nurse

Who else could think  
Of such a thing  
To construct a witty poem  
From a thin piece of string

Magician, musician  
Raver or ranter  
Let's drink a little toast  
To Crow's humorous banter.