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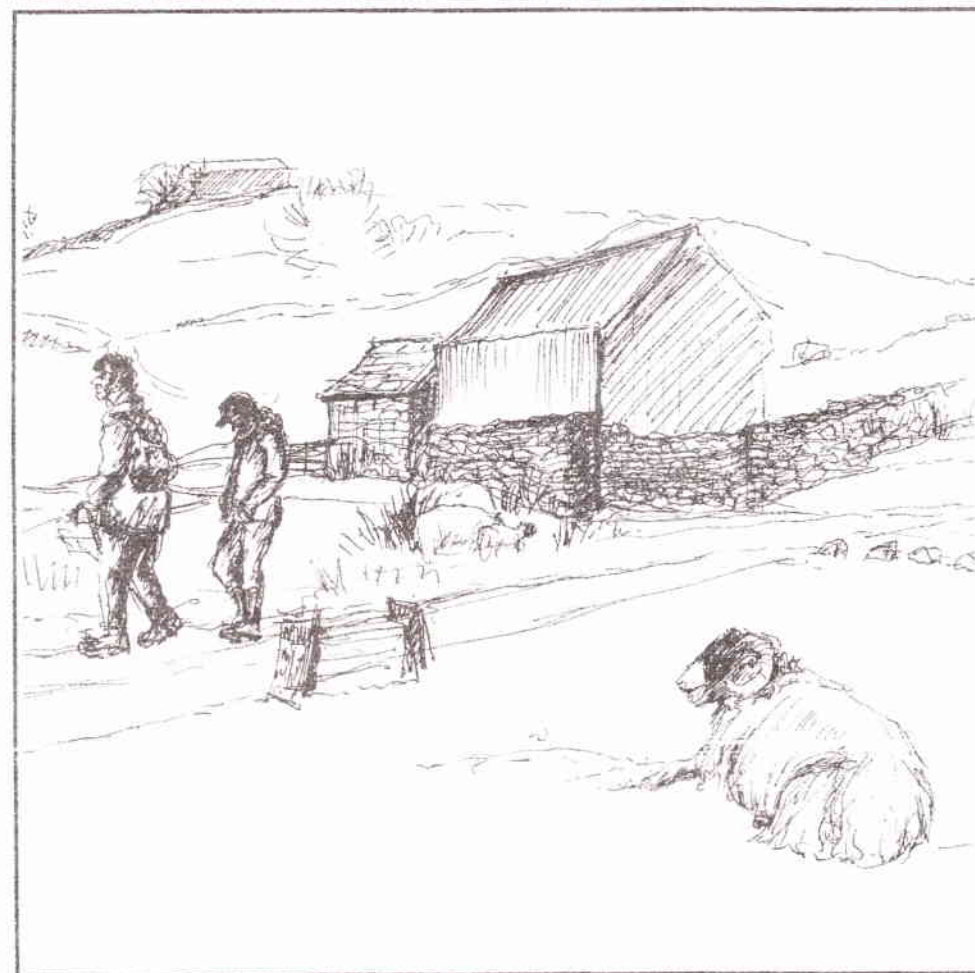
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## October 6

9.15am	St Mary's Muker	<i>Eucharist</i>
10.30am	Gunnerside Methodist	
	Low Row URC	
	Reeth Methodist	
11.00am	Reeth Congregational	
	<i>Harvest for all the family</i>	
	Holy Trinity Low Row	
	<i>Eucharist</i>	
	St Edmund's Marske	
	<i>Family Eucharist</i>	
2.00pm	Keld Methodist	<i>Harvest</i>
2.30pm	Arkengarthdale Methodist	
	<i>Communion</i>	
6.00pm	St Andrew's Grinton	
	<i>Evensong</i>	
6.30pm	Keld Methodist	<i>Harvest</i>
	Reeth Congregational	
	<i>Harvest Thanksgiving</i>	

## October 20

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

## October 13

9.30am	St Andrew's Grinton	
	<i>Eucharist</i>	
	St Michael's Downholme	
	<i>Holy Eucharist</i>	
10.30am	Low Row URC	
	<i>Harvest Service</i>	
11.00am	Reeth Congregational	
	St Edmund's Marske	
	<i>Morning Prayer</i>	
11.15am	St Mary's Arkengarthdale	
	<i>Holy Communion BCP</i>	
2.00pm	Keld URC	
6.30pm	Gunnerside Methodist	
	Marske Methodist	<i>Harvest</i>
	St Mary's Muker	
	<i>Family Harvest Service</i>	
	Reeth Congregational	

**United Service of Praise and Worship**  
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**6.30pm Reeth Methodist**

## October 27

8.00am	Holy Trinity Low Row	
	<i>Holy Communion BCP</i>	
9.30am	St Andrew's Grinton	
	<i>Eucharist</i>	
	St Michael's Downholme	
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## EDITORIAL

li! Glad you are still reading. There's lots in this month's issue, and before I start, apologies to those people whose submissions I could not get in due to lack of space — we'll try in another issue. Hasn't the weather been absolutely super this last week or so — and September was so dry (see the rainfall statistics on page 10), but never the less its Autumn and we know what's round the corner! At the moment though it is the time of Harvest Festivals, there are plenty of them locally, and still more to come. I've been involved in six this year in different churches, and it never ceases to amaze me the different ways people think of to decorate their church. All with the same objective, to praise the Almighty and to give thanks for our plenty. Talking of plenty, that's what started me thinking about our harvests and are they relevant. Not so long ago a couple of college friends came to visit me. I hadn't seen them for a while, and it was nice to see them again. When they rang to say they were coming through, I asked at what time. "Oh early" was the reply, "It will give us time for a chat". I retorted, "Why don't you come for breakfast then?" — and it was decided that it was a good idea. They arrived about 10'ish, for breakfast, and this gave us all the day to really have a good natter. All the cooking was out of the way, no lunch to see to, and so no interruptions. It was a real *social meal*. So successful was it, that it has been repeated with quite a few visiting friends, with just as much success. The breakfast? Well of course it was cooked — the 'full

monny' as the saying goes. Fruit juice, cereal, bacon, scrambled eggs, fries (concession to modernism), mushrooms, tomatoes, fried bread, baked beans, sausages, toast, marmalade, tea and coffee! I know it's a lot, but its only occasionally. I think that's the point I was reflecting about the other evening in a Harvest Festival. How much we have. We DO have a lot for which we ought to be thankful. I don't want to take anything away from our services, but what about: those people (in this country), who have not got much at all, who haven't a bed to call their own, or a home? Those who are alone, or are very sick, and those who are in danger and suffering every day of their lives? We surely must give them a thought, perhaps its all we can do. Then of course we look to other countries, for example famine in Malawi, floods in Central America, war in Palestine and Afghanistan, persecution in the Far East. There are plenty of cases to list, and new ones every day. Oh, yes we must give thanks, and not just at Harvest, but all the year round. And not just give thanks, but, if our Harvest is to be relevant and meaningful, we must also remember the others in trouble, not just the people living in countries where their disaster hits the headlines, but those countless people in trouble of which we haven't heard. Pray that they may soon be able to give thanks so that our Harvest thanks may be a World event, not just a local one. GML

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**APPLE DAY 2002 - ONE YEAR ON.**

It's hard to believe that only a year ago - Apple Day 2001 - the **Reeth Community Orchard Group** was founded. At that time we were uncertain as to when the Hudson House site would be bought for the Two Dales, but, nevertheless, the apple trees were covered with fruit and Barclays had given us permission to sell them; so we did, and our group was founded to ensure the future of the Orchard. On Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> October we will, once more, have a stall at Reeth Market selling apples and apple produce. October will be an action-packed month for us, with a BTCV Natural Break working weekend (October 12 + 13) and a group of Barclays staff working in the orchard (Saturday, October 26) for 'Make a Difference Day'. Local help is most welcome on these working days - just come along and join us anytime between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. This extra manpower will give a real boost to our clearing programme; removing large shrub roots, taking the last of the ivy from the walls, rediscovering the old footpaths and starting to build the Reeth bonfire using the large quantity of timber that has accumulated. During the removal of ivy from the rear boundary wall a small section collapsed - this has created an ideal viewing point - so why not have a peep in and see how things are progressing? Thank you to everyone who came to our Open Meeting, or contacted us with suggestions and ideas for how we can use the Orchard, and design the garden. Suggestions are still welcome! We would also ask for contributions for the Apple Stall in October - fruit pies, pastries, and preserves would be a great help. We will supply Orchard apples! We look forward to seeing you there, helping to celebrate our first birthday.

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Does anyone remember that 'Piece of  
String' (baler twine) we saw in the  
summer, it seemed to go on for ever,  
starting at Low Row, and going on  
through Reeth and Grinton to 'who  
knows where', well .....

### ***The Thin Blue Line***

One August Friday in the morning  
Another summer's day was dawning,  
The sun was up the sky was clear,  
The time for harvesting was near  
Tractors, balers, all things farming  
Were on the road that Friday morning.

As I approached the Punch Bowl Inn,  
Upon the road, a piece of string.

I wondered if by any chance  
The string was worth a second glance.  
The twine looked strong of cobalt blue  
Stretched on and on like all strings do.

Along the road it hugged the gutter  
A local guy was heard to mutter,  
"Bloody tourists left their litter  
Its normally ten cans of bitter".  
It carried onward round the bend  
Through the trees to old Wood End.

Past "Peep O Day" and House of Trough,  
On down the straight to Scabba Wath.  
It crossed the road at Healaugh Green  
The strangest thing you've ever seen!  
The string went on for half a mile  
Astride the kerbstone all the while.

Down School Hill past John the Baker,  
And Peter Back the Guitar maker,  
Down the hill past Langhorne Drive,  
The bus from Keld would soon arrive  
For market day upon Reeth Green

A nicer sight could not be seen.

Busy fruit and veg at Garners stand,  
His name is known throughout the land.  
Past House of Gifts and Cobbles Tea Shop,  
Kings Arms Hotel would be the next stop  
To quaff some ale and eat good food,  
Designed to put you in the mood.

To go next door to Black Bull Inn  
And drink some Theakstons there within,  
To sit awhile and off times tarry,  
And share a joke with Mr. Parry.  
Meanwhile, the string, still lying there,  
Turned sharp left at Anvil Square,

Past Ice Cream Parlour, White House Tea Shop,  
The string went ever onward non stop.  
The Copper Kettle came in sight,  
The strong blue string turned to the right,  
Past Bottom Shop for household goods,  
Frozen food and tasty puds.

Next Hackney House, a hikers haven,  
A steaming bath and bed to lie in.  
Along the road to Bridge Inn, Grinton,  
So step inside and have a quick one.  
But now the string went round the bend  
To Richmond town, where would it end?

Where did it come from, where would it go?  
A local guy who's in the know,  
Wise old shepherd long retired,  
Who's acumen's been much admired  
Said, "Secret of the thin blue line  
I'll have you know it's baler twine.  
T'was snagged behind a farmer's tractor  
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The contractors building the bridge are PBS Construction from Middlesbrough, whilst Mouchel are undertaking overall supervision of the project on behalf of North Yorkshire County Council and the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority. Once the bridge is re-built, responsibility for its future maintenance will fall to the National Park Authority, as delegated Highway Authority for public rights of way, on behalf of North Yorkshire County Council. However the main bridge structure has been designed such that it will not require a great deal of maintenance in the coming years.

Whilst recognising modern design standards, when finished, the new bridge will look as similar as possible to the original and will even be finished in the same colour paint.

Funding has been secured for the project from the National Park Authority, North Yorkshire County Council, the Rural Development Programme, Richmondshire District Council, Central Government, the Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust and the local community of Grinton and Reeth, after the launch of the 'Reeth Swing Bridge Public Appeal' by The Rt. Hon. William Hague, M.P. in February last year.

### Up-date on Progress

The contractors have been on site since 29 July. Initially progress was hampered by the bad weather, and as a result the contractors have 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 are being tied into the ground using steel piles. These have all now been drilled in place 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 metalwork and cables for the bridge are being fabricated and these will be brought to site once the abutments and anchor blocks are ready. PBS's men are installing the wooden formwork to shape the concrete caps to the abutments. These enclose the tops of the piles that have been drilled into the river bed. The steel towers that support the new bridge will be anchored securely into this concrete.

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Buttertubs more thoroughly" Then follows a list of reference books and maps (which includes Richard Kearson's book 'Birds and Birds' nests', wrongly stating that he was an inhabitant of Muker!) The Geology and Geography of the Dale is described, as is Botanical information, with lists of mosses and plants to be found. The writer "regrets that no attention has been paid to insects as yet" However, the study of Molluscs, by Dr Denison Roebuck, F.L.S. from Leeds, who catalogued 3 different species, seems to have been of interest. Red Field Vole, Water Shrew, Water Vole, Squirrel etc. and Lizards and Slow worms are all to be found (no Vipers). Interestingly mention is made of the following fish: Loach, Minnow, Bullhead, Eel and Trout. It is claimed that the Oxnop Beck trout is distinct, and named 'salmo farula swaledalensis'. Most of the birds mentioned are still found today on the moors, though the pamphlet claims that Dunlins are seen commonly during the breeding season. Ravens had also been nesting here "in recent years". It seems that after what must have been a demanding few days the dedicated naturalists were rewarded, after walking from Muker to Hawes, with a 'meat tea'. From there presumably they caught the train to their various homes.

Jocelyn Campbell

**THANKYOU!**

The Joint Car Boot Sale held by St. Mary's Church, and the Methodist Church, of Arkengarthdale raised £955. The organisers would like to thank all the many people who were involved in any way in this successful event. St Mary's Church Tea, later the same day, raised £300 for Church funds. Again, many thanks to all our helpers.

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Over the last twelve to eighteen months many organisations have realised that they need to take seriously the needs and concerns of older people in the community. We have seen Older Peoples Champions appointed at Government, District and County Council level, in social services and health. However we have to ask how these people know what older people want? Hambleton Over Fifties Forum, Richmond Senior Forum and Hambleton and Richmond Older Persons Planning Group have come together to organise a one day conference/ workshop. The aim of the day is to enable older people to raise issues on a number of subjects and know that the issues raised will be heard by the Older People's Champions, as they will be attending on the day. Work-shops will be held on the following subjects:- Housing and Benefits, Access to Care, Health, Transport, Education and Life Long Learning. Those attending will have an opportunity to attend two workshops during the day. Lunch will be provided and transport will be arranged for those who need it. The event will take place on Friday 1st ..November at Bedale Hall, Bedale. 10.00am to 4.00pm To find out more please contact Paul Fisher on 01609 771624. There will be no charge for those attending.

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**GUNNERSIDE WI September 2002 meeting**

Margaret Rutter welcomed a large gathering of ladies, the numbers swelled by the presence of nine summer visitors, which made up for the fact that several of our regulars are on holiday. Kathy Iveson from Wensleydale was our speaker and demonstrator. We watched with rapt attention while she put together four stunning flower arrangements, all distinct from each other in style and colour. While she worked Kathy chatted away about her training in floral artistry, about her recent holiday in Austria and most of all about her lovely garden in which she had grown most of the materials she was using in the arrangements. At the end of the evening the four arrangements were raffled off, and we all went home inspired to try something for ourselves. Four of the evening's visitors had come as our invited guests from Waiditch WI in Dorset, returning the visit made there by some of our members in the spring. An interesting programme of walks and events has been put together for our Dorset visitors to enjoy while staying in Swaledale, and Gunnerside members were invited to join in wherever possible. A bistro supper with musical entertainment has been organised at Ghyllfoot Restaurant for their final evening. Our next meeting will be on Thursday October 17th, when Anne Harrison, a past chairman of the North Yorkshire West WI Federation, will be the speaker.

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**SWALEDALE BIRDS**

In the last Swaledale Birds article we mentioned that The Corncrake was unlikely to re-appear in the Dales. Well it already had, with the news of a pair breeding successfully somewhere in 'The Pennine Dales Environmentally Sensitive Area' (Northern Echo 4<sup>th</sup> Sept). Let us hope this is not a one-off. This month we look at birds that we should see in the coming months. By the time this article is printed it will be early October and autumn will be on the horizon, if it hasn't already arrived. So what will this do to the birds of The Dales? We will lose many of our summer visitors. The Swallows will have almost departed, with just a few stragglers left behind, as will the Sand and House Martins. Gone to Africa for an easy winter. The Flycatchers and Redstarts, also departed for warmer climes. The Curlews and Lapwings, most familiar in the warmer months, move to 'softer' lowland sites (large collections are seen in winter around the A1 corridor). But their loss is our gain as a whole new host of winter migrants take their place. As winter approaches, the bird life of the Dale takes on a whole new appearance. The hedgerows, bursting with the fresh berries of Hawthorn, Rowan and Elder give food to the newly arrived migrants such as Fieldfare (a large noisy grey-headed thrush from Scandinavia) and Redwing (a Thrush sized bird with red/rusty 'armpits'). These winter visitors also use our gardens and feast off Berberis, pyracanthus (and any plants which leave a supply of winter berries) together with any fruit that has been left on the ground. Leaving 'windfall' fruit, is a simple and effective way of attracting these birds in the harder months. If the berries in

Scandinavia are poor, we may again see Waxwings (a starling sized bird with a foxy-red face, black throat and bushy crest) as they search for new food supplies. Some birds may become more visible. Even though they are around all year you may start to notice them more now. Robins are starting to stake out their patch for the winter. They will be joined by migrant 'continental' Robins which are generally more 'streamlined' and paler chested. Lots of squabbling is the usual result as they fight for territory. Blackbird numbers also increase. The Tawny owls are also becoming more 'vocal' as they also announce their presence for the coming months. This is the time when the young are 'turfed out' and have to find their own place in life. Autumn is a time of great change in the bird year and we need to think how we can help this change. Birds always need food and water. So make sure feeders are full of both seeds and nuts, the more variety of suitable food the better. Provide a source of fresh water, preferably in a shallow tray. This will also be used for washing and preening, to keep feathers in tip-top condition, vital to stave off the forthcoming harsh weather. It is vital that we do as much as we can to help dwindling bird population. Many local folk have said to me that 'theres nowt like as many birds as there use to be'. So please help with feeding etc. as much as you can. It costs very little but the rewards both for us as observers, and for the birds, are invaluable. And if you have anything unusual on your feeders, or see anything interesting please, please contact 884557 or e-mail

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It's early I know to be thinking about Christmas Card, but I do want everyone to know how much we appreciated their support last season. We received 30% of our sales figure which is a good return, and with continued support we will do it again this coming season. The cards in our catalogue are printed on better quality card with very little or no price increase. The Society this year is giving the profit from our sales to "Chopsticks" who are presently appealing for £850,000 to relocate. They have outgrown their premises in Springwell Lane, Northallerton, and need to acquire a new building on the Industrial Estate. If anyone wishes to know more, they can call at Chopstick's office - 65 High Street, Northallerton, or telephone them on 01609 761661. Chopsticks give a work environment to people with learning disabilities within Richmondshire and Hambleton. If anyone requires more information or can help in any way, please contact me on 01969 622172, or visit our website [www.northallertonmencap.org.uk](http://www.northallertonmencap.org.uk). Elizabeth Bradley (Vice President of the Northallerton and the Dales Mencap)

**REETH AND DISTRICT GAZETTE****Annual General Meeting**

The AGM of the Gazette was held on Tuesday Sept. 17th at the Buck Hotel, Reeth. The Editor welcomed the many people who had come to support the Gazette (the Breakfast Room was full). Apologies were received. In his opening remarks, the Editor stated that despite a few difficulties, it had been a successful year as far as publication went, with copies of 2800 being printed for August, and many people contributing to the editorial content. Thanks were given to the small team of volunteers who collated, folded and stapled the Gazette at Muker, every month, and to the Buck Hotel for the use of the Breakfast Room. A statement from the sub committee that was formed at last year's AGM was read out. The sub committee was formed to look into the possibility of forming a Company Limited by Guarantee. The sub committee felt that at this point in time it could not advise until it had found the answer to a couple of questions it had raised. The financial summary was given out, (the Gazette currently being in a sound financial position) and thanks were given to the financial manager for his efforts. The accounts were then deferred for audit, so that they could be presented for acceptance at the next meeting. A motion was then received suggesting that a Management Committee was set up to decide policy on such things as advertising rates, non gazette publishing,

replacement equipment, expenses etc. as well as helping with the monthly running of the gazette. Considerable discussion then took place, and it was unanimously agreed that an Independent Chairman be appointed to continue the meeting in order to facilitate smooth progress. Mr Richard Good was appointed as Chairman. It was then agreed that a Management Committee should be formed, and the members appointed were as follows :

Chairman : Richard Good  
Editor : George Lundberg  
Advertising Manager : Mike Beckwith  
Members : Sue Alderson and Richard Birks.

The meeting then decided that there would be an extraordinary meeting on Tuesday November 19th. This would give the Sub Committee, and the Interim Management Team both time to report back opinions and views for the way forward. Finalised accounts would also be presented at the meeting. Due notice of the meeting will be published in next month's Gazette. The Chairman thanked people for their attendance and the meeting was closed. GML

**The Interim Management Team**

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| Richard Good :    | 01748 884353 |
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Dear Sir,

I am not quite in the Outer Hebrides, but the weather today could not be much worse if I were and, through the window of our caravan in Wester Ross, I can just make out the isle of Sky on the misty horizon. Would this qualify me to try to answer Dr. Bond's suggestion that God is deceiving us by leaving evidence of a big bang, if in fact he created the world in the way that the Bible describes ?

We have to remember that the Big bang theory is purely speculative. No one (except god) was there to witness the beginning of the universe and no one can reproduce it in a laboratory in order to test any theory. Astronomers can only look at what is there now and make guesses as to how it came about. Some of the astronomical data which seems to support the Big bang theory could also be seen as evidence for a rapid creation.

People sometimes say to me "But surely carbon dating proves that the world is billions of years old !" Many people don't realise that radiometric dating is based on a number of assumptions such as how much radioactive material was in the rock when it was formed or whether

these elements have always decayed at the same rate. What is more, geologists will either accept or reject the results of radiocarbon dating. Depending on whether or not those results fit in with the supposed ages of other rocks in the same area. If they don't fit, the geologists will "interpret" the results to fit his own assumptions.

So who is it who is deceiving us ? Not God ! Please go or thinking.

Elizabeth Gregson

*Ed. Note. This has been the longest running topic of correspondence, but I shall make next month's the last on the subject.* GML

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FREE ENTRY

'Swaledale Birds' Cont. from p.18

Any reports from Swaledale, Arkengarthdale or anywhere surrounding our area are very welcome. The Swaledale Birds Web-site with all the latest sightings from the area as well as local bird links, old sightings, etc can be found at

<http://hometown.aol.co.uk/swaledalebirds/sightings.html>

Latest Sightings. SEPTEMBER 2002 15th. (Corncrake Brompton ((presumably nr Northallerton)) found dead under power lines) MAJLARD x 30 R Swale nr Downholme SISKIN m nr Stop Bridge Lane, Downholme RED KITE\* probable Ingsque Wood 14th. MERLIN mid-Swaledale Moors GREY PARTRIDGE x 4 Kearton Pasture 13th. (Lapwing 500+ nr Stapleton, Darlington) LITTLE OWL Hill Top, Kearton LITTLE OWL nr Shaw Farm, Stang Lane, GREY PARTRIDGE f + 3 juv Surrender Bridge 12th. GREY PARTRIDGE x 12 East of High Fremington 4th. CORNCRAKE pair bred with at least 2 young in North Pennines Environmentally Sensitive Area in N Yorks !!!AUGUST 2002 30th. PEREGRINE FALCON Mid-Swaledale 29th. BUZZARD x 7 Arkengarthdale, 28th. BUZZARD x 3 Intake Wood 27th. BUZZARD x 2 nr Reeth 25th. MERLIN x 2 Gunnerside area 24th. TUFTED DUCK + 3 young. Pond nr Marske

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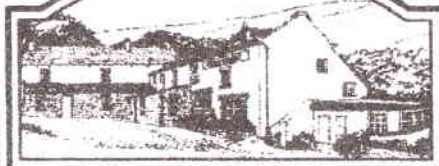
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passing improved in the second half enabling us to win 4-3 with Marcus Burnett scoring the second of his goals in the closing seconds. Other scorers were Peter Burt and Jonny Grieg. Man of the match was Lawrence Arnott who played a super game while mention should be made of Marcus Burnett whose football has improved significantly since he joined us at Christmas. The under 12's had a tough evenly balanced game. We had some young players and a 3-2 win was a very good result. Man of the match Adam Calvert scored all three goals while Georgina Stocks played very well in her debut match. The youngsters did well to adapt to playing 11-a- side on a big pitch. This is good experience at holding position. We have return matches on **Sunday 6th October** on the Reeth Athletic ground, again playing 11 a side on the full pitch. Kick Off is at 11:00am. Please come and support **the children. More help with the coaching is still urgently needed.** David Williams 884650

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And filleth all the borders  
With starry fruits of grace.

"No speech its song doth hinder,  
Nor knowledge doth engender,  
But powerful and clear  
Within the body's bower  
It singeth by the hour  
When head and heart will hear.  
"T"

### **LUNCHEON CLUBS ASSOCIATION SWALEDALE & ARKENGARTHDALE**

The Association invite residents over  
55 years of age, the retired, or disabled  
and disadvantaged to come along to  
any or all the Luncheon meetings of  
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#### **OCTOBER LUNCHEONS**

Reeth Memorial Hall Wednesday 9th  
Muker Public Hall Thursday 24th  
Arkengarthdale Meth. Hall Monday 28th

Look for posters and pick up a Menu  
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### Make a stand for better connections! **Electricity.** Do you assume

- that your night storage heater is faulty because it does not warm up properly on winter nights?
- that it is always you that has done something wrongly when your computer screen freezes?
- that it is your fault when baking does not always come out of the oven to the standard that you expect? Or dinner takes longer to cook than usual?

Does your microwave not work properly? Or has it expired after only a short life? DO NOT assume that it is the equipment that is wrong! Actually it is more likely to be your electricity supply, and you always thought that electricity was simply electricity. It isn't. There are legal requirements for the supply of electricity – and in the Two Dales these requirements are often not met, particularly in winter when demand is high. If the voltage is too low equipment does not work properly. Too high and it can be damaged. Actual sharp voltage drops (lights flickering) and cuts in supply also do damage. This is happening in many of the households in the Two Dales.

**Telephones - land lines. Speaking.** Did you know that some people in the upper dales share telephone lines? Why should they have this inconvenience when the modern ideal

for all things is good service? **Internet.** The Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority, in their new plan for the Park, emphasise the possibilities for working from home now that modern communication systems are at the advanced stage that we read about. Fast Internet access does not exist in the Two Dales; what we do have can be down to one-quarter of the speed of a normal telephone line in a town, which means that businesses cannot seriously use the Internet and individuals cannot work from home using the Internet. If Internet access was via **broadband** (instant access) then they would be able to – with obvious benefit to all concerned. As it is we know of at least one person who lost a good job because Internet access was not fast enough for them to use it to work from home.

**Telephones – mobiles.** Most of the country has the ability to use mobile phones, and for what? To tell someone in their family that they are on the train and will be home in 10 minutes; or for youngsters to talk to each other when they are more than 20 yards apart. In the Two Dales where people work in remote areas and may have accidents – **mobile phones do not work.** In the Two Dales where mobile businesses need to keep in contact with their base – **mobile phones do not work.** Have you heard the story about the senior manager from BT travelling to a meeting in a northern dale?

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## SWALEDALE with ARKENGARHTDALE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

**Cake Stall in Aid of Parish Funds**  
So far this summer the Churches in the Parish have been successful in raising funds. The stall on Reeth Market will be run by Muker Church on Friday 11th October and this will be the last event of this kind this year.

Contributions of home made cakes and donation of Raffle items for the food hamper will be most welcome. Anyone who would like to donate items for the food hamper to be raffled can leave them at Reeth Garage in the care of Elaine Johnson. Thank you all for your continuing support.

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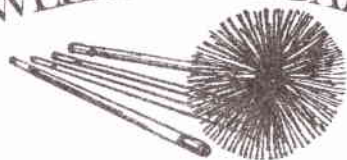
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They could not find the meeting venue so they got out their mobile phone but of course it did not work; **then the senior manager found out what it means to not be able to use a mobile phone; in this case - 40 minutes late to the meeting.**

**Action.** Now to the nitty-gritty, a group of people has come together (Keith Allen 884103, Mary Pepper 886489, Sinclair Sutherland 886564, and Pat Gale pat@gale.net), under the guidance of Carol Lewis (2DP Community Development Worker) and as a sub-group of the Two Dales Partnership, with the sole aim of improving the situations listed above. The group has called itself **CUD** (Connecting the Upper Dales). A forceful group **can** improve matters. There are legal requirements on some of these situations and if these are enforced, along with public pressure about the others on a larger scale than simply individuals complaining, we can achieve levels of service and facilities that towns take for granted. **BUT we need evidence.** There will be incidents that you can recall, and this coming winter there will be incidents that happen, where equipment or service was faulty or inadequate. We need to know about them. A large body of evidence - listing faults and problems that have occurred in the Two Dales - cannot be ignored by service providers (who often are not aware of the problems or, perhaps, are happier not to know). So this group needs your help. At the moment we only know of odd incidents but we are fairly certain that there is a mass of problems out there, which, if we know about them, we can use as ammunition in the fight to get improvements to these services. There is a questionnaire available with the October

edition of the Reeth & District Gazette. If you can remember an incident, however trivial, involving any of the services listed above please complete the questionnaire and return it. If nothing springs to mind please keep the questionnaire and complete it when something does happen. Further copies of the questionnaire can be obtained from, and returned to,

- your local post office in Reeth, Muker, Gunnerside, and Low Row
- the Red Lion, Arkengarthdale
- National Park Office, Reeth

and from the Internet (it can also be answered and returned on the Internet at [www.digitaldales.co.uk/cud](http://www.digitaldales.co.uk/cud)).

PLEASE HELP US TO HELP YOU if you live in Arkengarthdale or Swaledale from Grinton (in the east) to West Stonesdale (in the west). **The deadline for replies is 31<sup>st</sup> October, please.** Any queries and Keith Allen will be happy to help on 884 103.

### THANKYOU

The Coffee Morning held at the CB, Arkengarthdale on Monday Sept. 23rd was in aid of the MacMillan Nurses It was held as part of an attempt at the record to hold the 'Country's Biggest Coffee Morning'. The sum raised was £105. Very many thanks to all, especially the management and staff of the CB Hotel. A marvellous effort.

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**Diary Date** *Late Night Christmas Shopping* in Reeth, 6:30 to 10:00 pm on Friday 29th. November. See the many gifts available near home before travelling out of the Dale. Music throughout the evening by Reeth Brass and the Parish Choir

Email The Editor with your contributions : [GML1@qallowstop.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:GML1@qallowstop.fsnet.co.uk)