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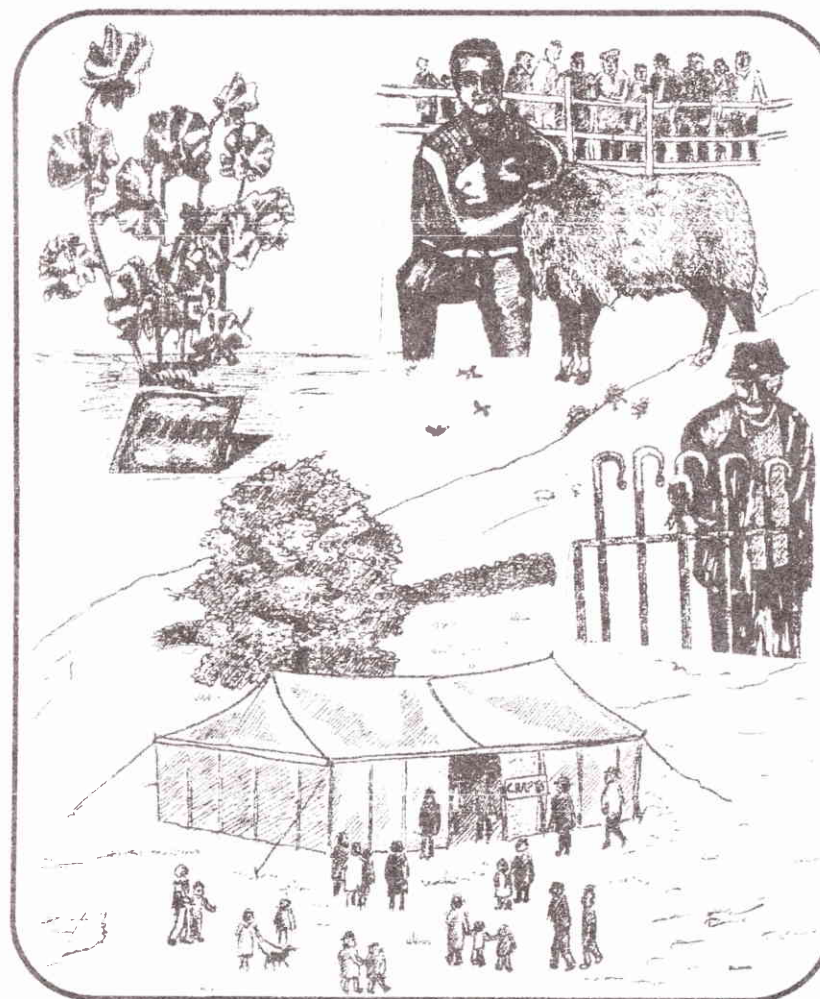


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1st September

- 9.00am Keld URC
 9.15am St Mary's Muker *Eucharist*
 10.30am Low Row URC
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 St Edmund's Marske
 Holy Eucharist
 11.00am Holy Trinity Low Row
 Eucharist
 2.30pm Arkengarthdale Methodist
 Gunnarside Methodist
 6.00pm St Andrew's Grinton *Evensong*
 6.30pm Reeth Congregational

15th September

- 9.00am Keld URC
 9.15am St Mary's Muker *Eucharist*
 10.30am Low Row URC
 Reeth Methodist *Communion*
 11.00am Reeth Congregational
 St Edmund's Marske *Eucharist*
 Holy Trinity Low Row
 Eucharist
 6.30pm St Mary's Arkengarthdale
 Evensong
 Gunnarside Methodist
 Harvest Festival
 Marske Methodist
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29th September

- 10.30am Low Row URC
 Reeth Methodist *Harvest*
 St Mary's Muker
 Parish Eucharist
 11.00am Reeth Congregational
 St Edmund's Marske *Eucharist*
 2.00pm Keld URC *Harvest Service*
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 6.30pm Grinton Methodist
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8th September

- 9.00am Keld URC
 9.30am St Andrew's Grinton *Eucharist*
 St Michael's Downholme
 Holy Eucharist
 10.30am Low Row URC
 11.00am Reeth Congregational
 St Edmund's Marske
 Morning Prayer
 11.15am St Mary's Arkengarthdale
 Holy Communion
 2.00pm Keld Methodist
 4.00pm St Mary's Muker
 Family Service
 6.30pm Fremington Sunday School
 United Service
 Arkengarthdale Methodist
 Harvest Festival
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22nd September

- 8.00am Holy Trinity Low Row
 Holy Communion
 9.30am St Andrew's Grinton
 Eucharist & Harvest
 St Michael's Downholme
 Holy Eucharist
 10.30am Low Row URC
 Reeth Methodist
 11.00am Reeth Congregational
 St Edmund's Marske
 Eucharist
 11.15am St Mary's Arkengarthdale
 Holy Communion & Harvest
 2.00pm Keld Methodist
 Communion
 6.30pm Holy Trinity Low Row
 Harvest Service
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EDITORIAL

I don't think anyone can have escaped the feeling of absolute horror upon learning about the horrendous and hideous crime of the murder of two lovely young people, Holly and Jessica. When it became clear what had happened to the two girls who had all their life ahead of them, one was just filled with utter disgust and dismay. Why? is the question on most of our lips, and is probably the question that can never fully be answered. Following such circumstances, there is a natural feeling of hate and vengeance within us all, and which reared its head amongst the public as we saw in the news broadcasts. Yes it is natural to be so disgusted that we want to do something to vent our anger, and I suppose to try and equalise the situation. But these feelings we have must not be allowed to come into practice. There is in our country a judicial system which is still regarded as being the best in the world, in spite of its faults. That judicial system must be allowed to take its course. We don't know what that will be. It maybe that one of the accused is never brought to trial, even if it is proved that they are guilty, or that the another is deemed to be innocent. We just do not know yet, but what we do understand is that people in this land are innocent until proven guilty, and that is the yardstick to which we must always work. Sometimes for all sorts of reasons people are allowed their freedom in spite of their crimes, and sometimes people are in prison who are proved to be totally innocent. These grave miscarriages of justice must be guarded against for the good of every one. We have come along way from vigilantes and mob rule, and so it must be, otherwise we become as low and disgusting as the perpetrators of this crime, and do the victims a grave injustice. What we must do in a practical way is to have

the girls, their families, friends and community in our thoughts and prayers. We must thank God for the sunshine they brought into peoples lives whilst they were with us, and thank Him that they are now at peace, as well as ask for His help for all in their families and the community of Soham, as they try to rebuild their lives. For them there will still be many dark days ahead. We hope sincerely that true justice is done in this situation, and the guilty are made to account for their crime. We must count ourselves fortunate that our system has been refined to administer justice as fairly as possible without the horrible penalties exacted in some other countries. Our hopes and prayers are that all world authorities will work hard to secure true justice for everyone, (and at the moment we think in particular of that young woman sentenced to death by public stoning in Nigeria for committing the offence of adultery). We must pray for enlightenment in all corners of our world, that we may all be equal, as we are in the eyes of that Highest Authority, the Authority to whom we will all be ultimately accountable.

Please send all material for the Gazette
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The Gazette is your Community Magazine. We thank you for your support. The AGM of the Gazette will be held in the Breakfast Room of the Buck Hotel on Tues. Sept. 17th. At 7:30 pm. Any proposals/ suggestions in writing to THE EDITOR please by 6th. September.

Sorry if your item was not included this month, this was due to lack of space, and we hope to include them next month.

REETH COMMUNITY ORCHARD - PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

With two very successful Clearing Days 'under our belt', members of the Reeth Community Orchard Group are now getting down to some serious thinking about the future of the Orchard. The wide, empty spaces we have now created there are just waiting to become a thriving garden, to be used by the whole community. We hope to keep many of the existing mature trees in the new design, but, because of many years of neglect, very few other plants are worth conserving. We need to make PLANS, and we would like local people to be involved. The Group will be holding an Open Meeting on Wednesday, 11th September at 7.30pm at the Buck Hotel, Reeth. **Please come along** with your ideas about the design of the Orchard garden and how it can be used by the local community - or just come along and hear about our proposed Plan of Action. Come and be part of a very exciting project - in the words of Lord Kitchener 'Your Community Orchard needs YOU!' Brenda Allen

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Pat Bumby



For thirty years the cottage industry of Swaledale Woollens has been providing locally made knitwear not only for the home market but for customers in many parts of the world. The Swaledale knitters have provided woollens for customers in America, Australia and Japan and there have been special orders - 125 pairs of hand knitted gloves for an arctic expedition, outsize long stockings for a 'red Indian chief' and woollen warmers for the steppes of Russia. It is a story of achievement by the many people of the Dale who have been involved. David Morris and his wife Grizel, who created and developed this cottage industry have now announced their retirement and Kenneth and Kathleer Hird, who are well known in the Dale, are taking over the business. With the support of the existing staff they are intent on continuing this valuable contribution to Swaledale's economy. Tel. 01748 884768 for more information.

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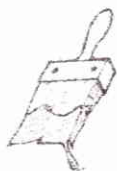
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On Saturday, September 21, a guided walk in Arkengarthdale will link the church and chapel currently in use with a number of older, half forgotten sites, and will be timed to incorporate a tour of St Mary's churchyard "The Victorian Way of Death" at 3pm and a funeral ham tea in the Methodist schoolroom at 3.30pm. The tea and talk are, of course, open to all, not just participants in the walk, and the chapel and church will be open for viewing all weekend. The walk begins at noon from the car park at Langthwaite - bring a packed lunch or work up an appetite for the ham tea - or both!

On both days most of the churches and chapels of the two dales will be open, each with its own points of interest. Final details of events and services in each church will be advertised in the local press nearer the date, but will include Harvest Thanksgiving celebrations, a Christian Cyber Café, a Communion exhibition, a chance to see the recently restored Gunnerside Banner, talks and displays on points of local interest and short guided walks from Low Row United Reformed Church up to the original, now ruined, chapel at Smarber. Throughout the weekend the United Reformed Church at Keld will be open for quiet prayer and reflection.

It is also hoped that anyone with a particular family history interest in any of the churches will feel free to contact the group in advance so that, wherever possible, steps can be taken to make their visit as productive as possible.

For further details please contact Mrs Joan Graveson, Long House, Low Row, Richmond, N. Yorks. (Tel: 01748 886470) or see the website at www.argonet.co.uk/gmb/heritage which will be updated as plans are finalised.

Please see page 32 for listed details of other events organised at individual churches throughout the dales. These are as notified individually to the "Gazette" There is so much happening please find time to visit as many churches as possible to support the week-end. MB



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Pressure appears to have paid off because the Government has now allotted £5million into a fund to cover lodging grants and you can apply **NOW** for this academic year starting September. The grant can be worth up to £3000 a year. The parental income needs to be below £30,000. Colleges need to be more than 25 miles or 1 hours travelling distance away - this criteria would cover most of the colleges serving the Upper Dales. The only problem is it is **First come, First served** and the £5million covers all England!! The final decision on who gets the grants will rest with the Learning and Skills Council. Applications need to be made through the college you are applying to. My experience has been that the grants are so new that some colleges have not heard of them, or have copies of the necessary form.

Please be persistent, but if you come up against a problem or obstacle I will be very pleased to help out - Please give my office a ring on (01969) 667 123. Remember - **Please act quickly** so our Dales youngsters can get the funds they deserve to support their learning!!

County Councillor

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My 100% European roots consist of Irish (North & South), English (Somerset & Yorkshire), Scottish & German. I find that Swaledale as perhaps the most likely home away from home.

My Swaledale folk emigrated from Yorkshire C 1852, never to return. It is with mixed emotions that one finds the house they left (Birks End, Whitaside) and the graves of their parents and grandparents at Muker. Many thousands now come to visit, admire and walk in the area; what deprivations, or what dreams and hopes of riches enticed them to leave this valley. Not just 24 hours by air, but months by ship.

*Brian Harker, Major Plains,
Australia*

Brian (a farmer) and his wife spent two hours at my home in July chatting and it was really a pleasure to meet our most distant "Gazette" subscribers.
Mike Beckwith

GAZETTE COVER ILLUSTRATION

The collage drawing this month is by Darren Chadwick of Thwaite. The "Gazette" invite and welcome submissions for the front cover.

Mike Beckwith

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Tuesday 3rd September. Spinning and Woolcrafts Demonstration 2 - 4pm

Wednesday 11th September. Hand Spinning Workshop

with Marrion Barritt. 2 - 4.30pm. £5 charge for this event, bookable in advance 01969 667450

Sunday 15th September. Handspinning and Mohair Demonstration. 2 - 4.30

Thursday 19th September. Natural Dyeing Workshop. 2 - 4.30 £5 charge.

Tuesday 24th September. Jams and Preserves in the Victorian Kitchen. The Museum Friends will be describing recipes and techniques. 11am - 4pm

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expect in the two dales in coming years? I suspect that the bee-eaters are a one-off – it is, after all forty-seven years since the last breeding success, and the Durham pair are likely to have simply been blown off course this Spring. Several people have asked if we might see corncrakes returning to the Dales. The wildflower meadows provide an ideal habitat, and the last known local pairs nested at Ellerton. However, we are unlikely to see successful breeding if we continue to cut early silage. The little egret (like a small white heron) population has expanded dramatically in the last decade or so, with birds regularly turning up in the north. The undisturbed boggy pools in the valley bottom near Healaugh are an ideal spot for them. Recent summers have seen increasing numbers of rose coloured starlings (like 'ordinary' starlings in pink vests) coming to this country, with records from as nearby as Ripon. This year there have been well over a hundred birds nationally. Keep your eyes open for hobbies, too. They are expanding their range northwards, and have been recorded at Bolton on Swale and Nosterfield. A great white egret (like a large white heron) was reported flying over Leyburn in April, whilst common cranes are becoming more frequent in Yorkshire. April also produced a hoopoe at Darlington. We are also at the northern limits of the range of lesser-spotted woodpecker, which is reported from Round Howe and Downholme,

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PROFILE OF A BANDSMAN

Dennis J. Waller
Baritone

Though he is not the longest serving member of Muker Silver Band, Dennis Joseph Waller born on 10th January 1921, is indeed the oldest playing member of the band. Born at 'Plantation House' (a former Public House called the Lily Jock) in Arkengarthdale, Dennis grew up and attended school until he was 14. The school then was the same building as the present school but without the 'mod-cons', heating was a large coal fire and winters

were cold. His father (a Joiner) and mother worked for the local estate but this was sold in 1933 and they with their family of four sons, Dennis, Parkin, Walter and Stanley, moved and took a small farm at Seal Houses. Times were hard and like most folk then, it was a struggle to make ends meet. Leaving school at 14, Dennis got a 'little job' at the CB Inn, (which then had a smallholding attached), looking after the stock of hens, ducks and geese with a little bit of gardening, cleaning boots and that, all for half a crown (two shillings and sixpence = 12½p today) a week.

The family stuck together till just before WW2, when cousins who had a large arable farm near Kettering in Northamptonshire wrote stating they needed help and they came and fetched Dennis. He was taken, aged about 16, away from Arkengarthdale for the first time in his life, to Kettering in the back of an old Morris Oxford, with a couple of calves the cousins had bought, in a sack, thrown in beside him. There he landed, too far away to get home, and things were bad! He didn't get home for some years. However, Dennis says that though he didn't like being away from home, he did gain a lot of experience ploughing with horses and driving a three horse harvesting-binder, making sheaves, which had to be stooked. It was whilst there that he passed his driving test. Eventually he acquired a motor-bike and took it into his head to come home. He didn't go back. About that time, some of the forests across the moor had been felled and he got work with Sunter Bros. hauling wood away.

He was there working when approached by a gentleman from the Ministry (September 1942) and directed to report to the office at Barnard Castle and he became employed at £3 a week, by the Ministry of Agriculture Fisheries & Food as a roving Agricultural Tractor Driver as part of the War Effort. He has a picture of one of the 'Fordson' tractors he drove with the Registration Number CAJ 39 and bearing a plate on the radiator N.R.W.A No. 133 - North Riding of Yorkshire War Agricultural Executive Committee. On the tractor is one of the many Land Army girls he taught at the time.

During this time (1947- that very bad winter) the family moved to Swallow Home Farm, and Dennis was courting Mattie, who he had known and grown up with since school. Dennis used to go at weekends to see Martha (Mattie) Harker, farmers daughter, of Dale Head Farm, and he remembers being able to walk a straight line from his home across the wall tops to see her, nobody moved that winter, because the snow was so deep they couldn't get out. The Ministry issued a Special Driving Permit to Dennis and moved him to driving Bull-dozers, reclaiming land and tearing out hedges and trees. Some of the stories Dennis tells of folk he met and some of the jobs he was asked to do are right rum and must be left for another time.

About this time, whilst off work with a damaged knee, he potted down to Reeth to watch the band which was just getting going and he was persuaded to try a Tenor Horn and got on fairly well with it. This is when he learnt to play and later met Dorothy a little girl of eleven, now Mrs Ken Guy and her future husband Ken. Reeth Band fizzleed out and Ken invited Dennis up to Muker for a blow and he and his friend Sid. Hird came and Dennis stayed. Dennis remembers the first uniform Muker got and how grand the band felt when wearing the 'blue'. In 1954 the Emergency Powers Agricultural Committee was wound up and Dennis gained employment with the Forestry Commission in 'Stang' forests and worked there till he was 50 years old. On the 11th December 1954, a cold and frosty, dry day, Dennis married his farmers daughter Mattie, at Reeth Methodist Chapel. Mattie at the time lived and worked in the family business - Pedley's Boot & Shoe shop, Reeth, and it was there that Dennis and Mattie lived for a few years until the shop was sold and they moved to New Houses, Arkengarthdale. The local Estate was owned by Thomas Sopwith (Airplane fame) and he wanted Dennis to take a job with the Estate looking after the trees and gardens. Because of his age and service he was able to leave the Forestry Commission and take up employment on the Estate without losing his pension benefits, and he was with the Estate for a few years when it was sold and at 55 years of age he was redundant. Worried about the future as he finished work on his last night at the Estate, a surprise awaited him - a gentleman arrived at his home with a personal letter from Lord Bolton of Bolton Hall offering Dennis and his wife employment and saying he would be delighted and pleased if he would call to see him to discuss the matter. Dennis still has the letter, written and signed by Lord Bolton. Dennis took the offered work, but asked when he could start had to say, "well not till next week because I'm with Muker Band filming, 'All Creatures Great and Small' in the Show Field at Muker". To this day he does not know who put in a good word and recommended him but certainly he thanks whoever it was because he worked looking after the formal gardens for Lord Bolton until he retired from the Estate at 65, and then Lord Bolton asked Dennis and Mattie to continue to look to his needs when Lord Bolton moved to his new home in Wensley. Dennis and Mattie lived in a cottage in Wensley whilst they worked for the estate. He was presented with an engraved glass vase by Lord Bolton in grateful

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Dennis J. Waller..... cont.

thanks and appreciation of his long service on his retirement in 1986, and with it he keeps the letter of thanks to him and Mattie for the further seven years loyal service. He and Mattie finally retired and moved into his present home in Richmond in April 1993. This was close to Gillian, their only daughter, her husband Sean and grandchildren, Haley and Stephen. Mattie, the love of his life, died in December 1999 after a long illness. The following year Dennis had both his hips replaced in the same week. Recovered, he now spends much of his time (when not banding) in his garden and he showed me his huge potting shed/greenhouse/workshop where he spends many a happy hour tending his plants and seeds.

He has many photographs which prompts his memory - showing him riding in "The Scott" motor bike trial before he was married, some of his hobbies, particular growing and showing prize chrysanthemums, leeks etc. He won the Middleham Leek Club trophy for his Chrysanthemums about eight years running and they presented him with a cup to commemorate his success. He has entered and won prizes in all the local shows over the years. Talk of re-issuing Identity Cards amuses Dennis because he still has his old one No. GF 914798, which he often had to produce when driving his tractor and bulldozer during and after the War.

Dennis was appointed Treasurer of the Muker Band in 1979 and still enjoys 'doing the books'. Over the years as youngsters have come on, he changed from Tenor Horn to Baritone and still enjoys his music. Dennis says it is good to see youngsters develop well and be so keen and he hopes they stay for a long time, and if not, then he hopes something of the band rubs off on them and that he is seen as an example of the joy that can be got from banding. The close bonds and friendships formed, have given him strong support over the years, and he fondly remembers the hours after practices chatting and playing dominoes in the Farmers Arms.

Dennis is enthusiastic about the band and it pleases him to see how well the band has progressed over the years. The making of cassette tapes helped the finances enormously - he thinks the first tape they made was the best musically speaking. The centenary was a special time for all the band. He admits to being short of wind now, and occasionally "I have to laugh off missed notes" - The recent 'Overseas Tour', the Bands very first overseas tour, was also the first time Dennis had been abroad and he thoroughly enjoyed it. The trophy, presented to Dennis, as Tour Champion, by the Tour Manager at the dinner in Valkenburg, prior to travelling home, stands proud on his dresser. He tells me he hopes that another trip can soon be arranged as he is looking forward to going abroad again. Lets hope so Dennis, Good Wishes.

Mike Beckwith.

This profile was first published in the Muker Silver Band Friends Newsletter.

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with a very recent record from Low Row. Once common raptors are making a return to parts of the Dales, with golden eagle seen at Stang Forest, and the buzzard population being well established (probably reflecting the large number of rabbits). We can only congratulate English Nature and the Moorland Association, through the Upland Bird Study Group, on the staggering success of the hen harrier project, with one pair raising six young this summer in the National Park. The fledglings have been given red wing tags; if you see any of these fine birds, please let Swaledale Birds know. Richard Saunders, who is working on the project, can also be called direct on 01539 792800. Swaledale Birds can be contacted by 'phone or fax on 01748 884557, or e-mailed on swaledalebirds@aol.com. The web page is at <http://hometown.aol.co.uk/swaledalebirds/sightings.html> To return to the original comments about the changing climate. Some years ago a Swaledale farmer was overheard to say "Ther were nowt wrong wi' weather till them sputniks went up"

We'll bring you more news next month.

Recent Sightings. AUGUST 2002

18th. RED KITE x 2 Riddings Farm, Reeth
17th. MERLIN Mid-Swaledale moors 16th.
LITTLE OWL Downholme Church
LESSER SPOTTED WOODPECKER on
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bred with 6 young within YDNP 11th.
DIPPER Gunnerside Gill and
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HOUSE MARTIN x 15 Gunnerside Gill
10th. COMMON SANDPIPER Shingle
Beds Reeth, LITTLE OWL on Marske/
Hurst road 8th. NIGHTJAR possible nr
High Fremington, LITTLE OWL adj. Intake
Wood Fremington 6th. MISTLE THRUSH x
12 Fremington, BUZZARD x2 over Intake
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23rd. SISKIN pair Langthwaite 20th.
NIGHTJAR probable nr Downholme 17th.
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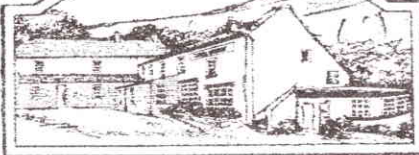
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The July meeting was a new venture for the group and took the form of a very enjoyable guided tour of some of the gravestones in Middleham church and churchyard, followed by a bar meal and a (very challenging!) Yorkshire Quiz for Yorkshire Day, which was rather embarrassingly won by someone who admitted to being born on the wrong side of the Pennines. The next meeting is at 2pm on September 25 in Fremington Sunday School, when Duncan Bythell will speak on "Church and Chapel in Victorian Swaledale" and the Computer Club will recommence on October 2 at the Keys Centre Middleham at 2pm. For further details of any meetings please contact Glenys Marriott 01969 663738 or e mail glenys@bishopdale.demon.co.uk Details are also posted on the website at <http://www.bishopdale.demon.co.uk>

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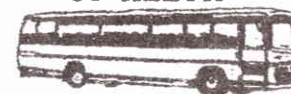
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Note; Auction Sale of Harvest festival produce on the Monday evening in Church at 7pm
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Dear Sir,

I was very sad to learn of the death of Mr. Vincent Taylor. I never had the opportunity to meet him but I should like to have been able to discuss with him

some of the points he raised in his letter published in the July issue. Perhaps you will allow me to address one of them here, for the benefit of other readers. Mr. Taylor asked "Why dose it have to be either The Bible or evolution? There are several answers to that question, for example the difference between theory and truth. Many people think that the Bible is collection of myths but the Lord Jesus described it as "truth" (John 17v 17) and archeological evidence invariably supports what the Bible says. On the other hand, Charles Darwin in 1858 described his forthcoming "Origin of the Species" as "too hypothetical". He hoped that the "missing links" would soon be found but despite fraudulent attempts such as Piltdown Man and Java Man and Peking Man, the missing links are still missing. Unfortunately, generations (including my own) have been indoctrinated with so called evidence for evololution that has

turned out to be untrue. I remember being taught that "vestigial organs" like the appendix or the tonsils were evidence of our evolutionary past yet functions are now being discovered for all these "useless" organs. Textbooks still quote peppered moths as a classic example of evolution even though the research has now been invalidated. Trying to mix religion and evolution really depends on which religion we have in mind. We can choose a God of our own imagining and fit Him into any theory. If

however we accept the word of the One, true, living God who cannot lie, then we don't need to try and accommodate the Bible to fallible man-made theories. My religion is Biblical Christianity and therefore for me it does have to be either / or because the alternative is as Mr. Taylor admitted, "some reinterpretation of Genesis", in other words saying that the current changeable ideas of scientists carry more weight than the word of God (and remember He was the only eye witness of Creation). May I just add how glad I was to read Mr. Taylor's postscript. I believe exactly the same thing. I too need the Saviour who died and rose again for me.

Elizabeth Gregson.

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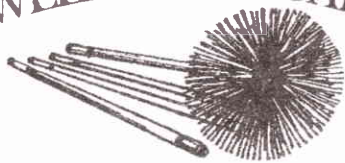
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Internet so I went to The Punchbowl, at Low Row, where there are 5 computers on the Internet provided by North Yorkshire County Council (free of any charges). I looked up The Electricity Act 1989 and started to print it, BUT there was a power cut! At first I suspected an

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but in fact it was caused by an electrician working on the modernisation of the bar in The Punchbowl. Anyway the Act showed that NEDL can obtain compulsory purchasing powers,

but they have to explore every other possible engineering solution first. This is why the delay, caused by their confidence about their purchase of land, is so galling, because they now have to spend more time doing these evaluations - and another winter is coming. **The good news.** The supervisor of the engineers, who have so far been working on this problem, lives in Wensleydale. He assures me (6 August) that **"by law they have to improve the supply of electricity to this area of Reeth, but this is dependent on purchasing a suitable area of land, or on devising an engineering solution. However, one way or another it will be done"**. Will it be in my lifetime?

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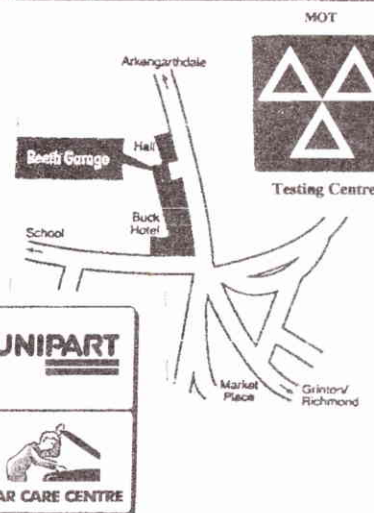
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