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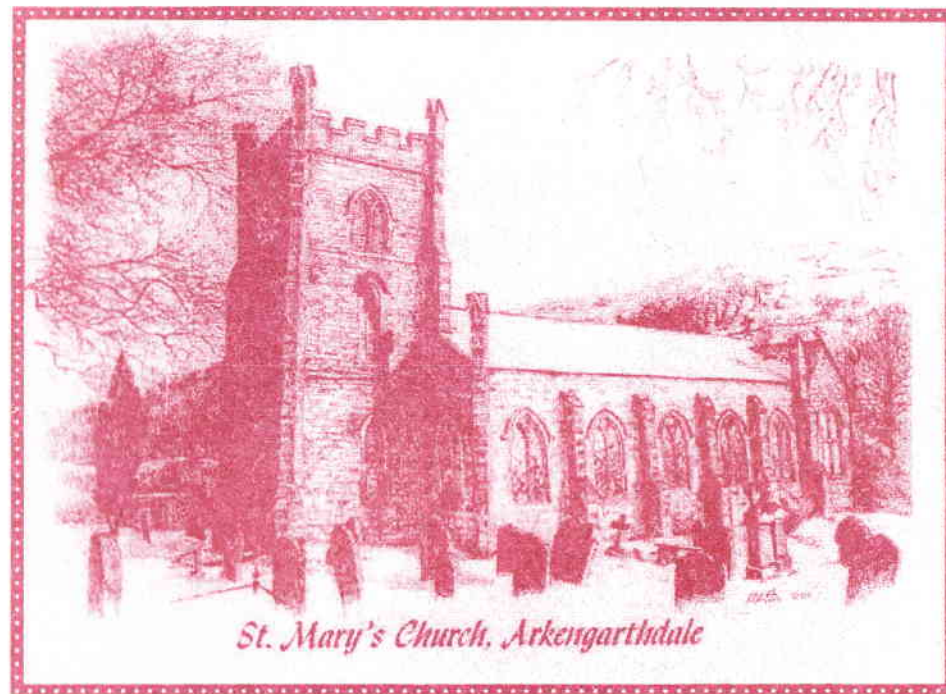
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EDITORIAL

Hello again ! A couple of things have been going through my mind recently. You know how it is, something starts you thinking and then you can't stop thinking about it. First of all it was Coronation Street. I'm a great Emily Bishop fan, and was horrified to hear that she was possibly going to be 'killed off', along with Maxine, a young wife and mother. I couldn't watch the episode (I'm a chicken when it comes to violence), but I was relieved that she wasn't actually killed(although Maxine was). Afterwards though, having been sent home from hospital (far too soon for my mind — is this true to life?) she learns that *doo gooder* Ken is actually going to talk to Aidan, the boy accused of attacking her (even though Aidan has tried constantly to make ken's life miserable). This is what started me thinking. Emily is horrified, and really upset with Ken, taking the line that the young accused good for nothing should never be let out of jail. A fitting punishment for murdering Maxine, and also attacking her. In spite of Ken's protestations that the boy is innocent until proven guilty she really is upset. The whole street believe that Adrian is guilty, in spite of flimsy evidence. Of course we know different because we saw what happened. But I wouldn't have expected Emily - a good upright Christian woman — (and *wasn't the late*

Mr Bishop leader of the local Mission, and by the way did you know that the mother of the actor who played that part lived in Reeth?) have felt like that, or is it natural because she is hurting, physically and emotionally. That's what bothered me. Emily whom everyone loves and trust, now has a basic belief that someone is guilty before being proven innocent, contrary to all laws of the land and human decency. And I am afraid we could all be the same. We all have our own private thoughts about people, and events, and we all can make judgements without having looked at all the evidence. Is that is why we are on the verge of a war? Because we let our own feelings and sometimes misplaced beliefs override the known facts. If it can happen to Emily, then it can happen to anyone. The other thought, also concerning something I watched on TV (I'm not a TV addict honest!). It was a James Bond film. I love 007 - pure escapism - and always the right ending (apart from the one in which his wife gets killed, so I don't watch that one again). Briefly the plot was that a multi billion dollar media tycoon wanted to take over control of the world's media. In effect he felt that he would then control the world! (I'm not sure where the Gazette fits into this scheme !). To achieve his end he tries to instigate a world war between China and the UK. 007 ably assisted by a suitably pretty Chinese agent, saves the day. The Power Of The Media worries me In the current climate, the fictional, is not too far from the truth.

That's what makes a good story, it is almost believable. Whether or not it is Emily and her confusion and hurt, or Bond on his escapades, there is a strong parallel with reality. We often pre-judge, and find it difficult not to, sometimes perhaps its because we want to (especially in things like racism, ageism and sexism) and the Media is becoming much more powerful - because we let it. What is forgotten is that WE have control, in our democracy, reactions only happen because we allow them to. If we want to change things, we can. Not just through the ballot box, and writing, phoning etc. to our political representatives but by not watching certain TV programmes, or buying the newspapers that we find offensive. After all it all down to money (or as St. Paul says the love of money) To be cynical, all the media companies are there for profit, and if they don't get their profits by pedalling one line, they will try another (except the R & D Gaz. Of course !). What can we do ? We can all try to be more objective and fairer in our judgements, (and not instantly do an Emily) and be selective about what we watch, listen to, and read, and make time to complain of we don't like it! Finally, I was asked by a friend recently why I liked living here. Not a problem to answer, we all feel the same I am sure. But he also asked where would I like NOT to live. My initial thought is Midsomer (that beautiful small rural area depicted on the TV detective series *Midsomer Murders*). Reason-life expectancy is rather short— at the rate of three adult murders a week, I should think a maximum of two years !

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Swaledale Birds

In the spring we will hopefully be organising some informal local walks and/or bird tours. The walks will not be too long and will focus on areas known to give a good chance of seeing a selection of local birds. The bird tours will go slightly farther afield (but still staying in the Swaledale and Arkengarthdale area) and transport will be provided. We will also be able to lend you binoculars etc, so no excuse there. If you have any suggestions as to when, where or which birds you would especially like to see, then please get in touch and we will do our best. As for cost, we will only ask for a donation that will go towards local bird related 'stuff' (nest boxes, Swaledale Birds web-site & publicity material etc). Are you a twitcher or a birdbrain? So opened the Xmas Quiz. We all know what a bird-brained person is but what is a twitcher? And what is a bird-watcher, a patch-worker and a stringer? I will try and explain. Please note for ease I have used the male genitive. However it should be realised that there is a huge number of female bird fans including one of the country's top twitchers. A *twitcher* is 'a bird-watcher whose main interest is the spotting of as many rare species as possible.' Anyone with a passing interest in birds has at the least a small bit of a twitcher in them. Would you go out to see a Golden Eagle over Fremington Edge? If so there's the bit of the twitcher in you. You would probably have a good look, unlike the chaps who drove from the Midlands up to near Oban to see a Snowy Egret, (a small white Heron) stayed 15 minutes watching the bird, then piled back into the car to drive to Lancashire arriving at dusk to see some other rarity. The word *apparently* comes from 'being on a twitch', which was coined during the 50's. A member of a London Rarity committee would go and check on all the rare birds seen in his area, which was done on the back of a Matchless 350 Motorbike. Arriving chilled to the bone he would start shaking, and his mates cottoned on to this and started using the phrase and the rest is history. A *birder* is someone who is very keen on his birds. Devoting many hours and pounds to his hobby. Probably taking birding holidays abroad and in the UK. Many birders also put something back into their hobby, such as helping out at local reserves, working in a ringing station or writing articles for local Gazettes. They are seldom far from a pair of binoculars. A birder spends more of his time 'on' birds than does the *bird-watcher* or *bird-spotter*. He is keen on his birds but a day out or holiday will *include* birds but not be the sole focus of it. I think this category probably encompasses the vast majority of bird-people. An *ornithologist* is someone who studies birds. This to me suggests scientific

study, which could include ringing, taxonomy etc. You can be all of the above and move freely between categories. So what about other birdy language? A *stringer* is someone who makes birds up. Not as in Buffalo Footed Pond Sparrow but someone who says they have seen birds they haven't. Stringing is the act of doing this. A *patch-worker* is someone who watches the same area over a long period of time and so he builds up a deep knowledge of the birds and when they are likely to appear or disappear and of numbers of birds which is vitally important. Let us not forget, it is the 'common' birds which tell us about the state of our countryside and not the 'freaks' which is really what the twitcher is after. So please keep sending your records to Swaledale Birds either via phone/fax 01748 884557 or e-mail swaledalebirds@aol.com (no stringing please). All the latest local sightings plus all old ones and lots more local bird related things can be found at <http://hometown.aol.co.uk/swaledalebirds/sightings.html>

Recent Sightings. JANUARY 2003 : 19th. BULLFINCH Orchard in High Fremington, SISKIN (2 pair) +BULLFINCH (m) Back Lane Reeth, 18th. BULLFINCH x 2 Booze, 12th. BUZZARD Reeth area, 11th. WOODCOCK Intake Wood Fremington, SHORT EARED OWL probable Grinton Moor, LITTLE OWL fields north of Healaugh 10th. GREY PARTRIDGE x 9

Fields east of Fremington, 9th. DIPPER x 2 + GREY WAGTAIL R Swale nr Grinton, 8th. BULLFINCH (m) High Fremington, 7th. LAPWING x 2 Westfields Richmond, 3rd. GOOSANDER pair on R Swale Great Langton, 6th. BULLFINCH pair Back Lane Reeth, 4th. BUZZARD Reeth Area, SISKIN pair Back Lane Reeth, 2nd. BULLFINCH x 2 (m) Back Lane Reeth, 1st. SISKIN (m) Back Lane, Reeth DECEMBER 2002, 29th. BLACKCAP (m) on feeder Back Lane Reeth, 25th CORMORANT over R Swale Low Row, 8th. BRAMBLING Westfield Gallops Richmond, YELLOWHAMMER + BULLFINCH Westfields Lane Richmond, 1st. BULLFINCH (2m + f) opposite Richmond Bats



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www.yorkshirelocalshops.co.uk

GUNNERSIDE W.I.

There was a very good attendance at our first meeting of the year, when the president welcomed two new members. She then introduced Verner Small of Bellerby who gave a fascinating talk on Gunnerside in the 1960's, when he and his sister started out in farming at Roof farm. He showed his excellent

slides of the winter months of 1963, when the first snow fell in late December and along with heavy frost continued for forty days. Certainly weather which has not been seen for many years and an unforgettable winter for the farmers in the Dales. Then a return to normality with slides of spring and summer, lambing and haytime. Verner was thanked by Margaret Rutter for his enjoyable talk and slides. The competition for an old kitchen implement was judged by Verner's sister Pauline. Sat the business meeting which followed the president asked for suggestions for our contribution to a federation wall hanging, in any craft medium, to depict Muker Show. An invitation from Thoraby WI to attend their April Meeting is to be accepted. There was news of Jenny Mansfield who recently left the area and is living in Switzerland. Marjorie Daniels spent a day with the family during a recent holiday. Our next meeting is on February 20th., and it will be our Annual Pie and Pea Supper, followed by entertainment arranged by Mary Thomas.

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hopefully a choice will be made and the vehicle can be ordered. Another big thank you goes to the schools taking part in the logo competition, the children have worked really hard and the entries so far are all of excellent quality - well done to you all. The Project is moving steadily along and I would like to take this opportunity to appeal for driver volunteers. If you have a few spare hours a week, a month or every other month, or if you make a particular journey every week for instance Richmond or Leyburn on Market Day, why not take the community vehicle with you and enable a few more people to get out and about, some of whom rarely leave home, because of the lack of transport. You can volunteer as little or as much as you like, there will never be any pressure put upon you. And the reward - knowing you have made a difference in someone's life that day - priceless! For a volunteer form, or for more information, please call 01748 884462. Thank you. **Gail Hall Community Transport Coordinator 2DP**

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Keith Allen

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Elizabeth Bradley

Dear Editor,
Through The Reeth and District Gazette, the members of Keld Methodist Chapel would like to thank the Muker Parish Jubilee Committee for the donation of £100 from the surplus of the fund. It will be used towards the re - wiring of the chapel which will be underway soon. We are very grateful for this kind gesture. Any further donations towards the re - wiring fund will be gratefully received.

Rachel Hall, Secretary.

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The Editor, Reeth Gazette.

Dear Sir,

I write regarding the correspondence in last month's Gazette concerning dog fouling. It is a continuing and vexing problem. It occurred to me that the co-existence of the signs threatening a £1000 fine and poo on the pavement meant that the signs are not working as a deterrent. In a spirit of enquiry, my dogs and I investigated why this should be. We found the signs; they were on posts about five feet off the ground. My dogs, sniffing around the base of the post, did not see the signs at all, as they were placed too high. However, I don't think placing the signs any lower would help as neither can read English. There was a pictogram of a dog standing proudly next to a steaming recent offering. My dogs thought this was a little ambiguous. Finally, on further enquiry, neither of my dogs admitted to being able to pay the £1000 fine, and that is why the signs are not a deterrent. I may have the answer to the problem however. I have noticed that after being fed my dogs experience the need to, how shall I put it, go to the loo. If my theory is correct and there is a connection between being fed and the appearance

of poo then a simple answer would be for owners not to feed their dogs. This would have an added benefit in saving a fortune on dog food. I hope this contributes usefully to the debate; I would hate to put my foot in it. Yours sincerely,

Dr. Paul Bond.

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Dear Sir,

It is always a pleasure to read articles by John Hardy on our lead mining heritage. As I have only recently discovered, much pleasure can be obtained by exploring old workings but it is important to realise that these are potentially very dangerous places indeed. John's article itself highlights the potential dangers and as he indicates it was fortunate that he was not seriously injured. For this reason three is generally accepted to be the absolute minimum number of people to explore old workings; in case of injury to one person then one can go for help whilst the other remains with the injured party. The inexperienced are best advised to avoid the temptation to explore but rather to join a reputable mining group such as the Northern Mine Research Society which organises trips underground.

Alan Mills, Reeth

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Councillor James Kendall, Chairman of Richmondshire District Council organised a concert in aid of his chosen charities. Held in St. Andrew's Church, Grinton, on January 11th. It supported the Motor Neurone Disease Society, and The Northallerton and District Branch of Diabetes UK. Performers were Reeth Brass, The Parish Choir, and guest soloists Lucy Lundberg (age 7) and 'Top Of The Bill', Mark Walters. Reeth Brass playing in fine form, gave a good contrasting programme, starting with the March Slaidburn, (in which Clr. Kendall joined the band to play cornet). Other pieces played were *The Best of Abba*, *Adagio*, *Shepherd's Song*, *I'll Walk With God*, *YMCA*, *Music From The Sixteenth Century* and the march *Barnard Castle*. The Parish Choir, in excellent voice sang *Some Enchanted Evening*, *Unchained Melody*, *Me And My Girl*, *Follow Your Dream*, *Rhythm Of Life*, *Over the Rainbow*, *The Lion Sleeps Tonight* and *Keep The Flame Alive*. Lucy Lundberg enchanted everyone with *Maybe* and *Tomorrow* from the Show Annie, and as a surprise item she lead the audience in the Local Anthem *Beautiful Swaledale*. But Mark showing his excellent playing talent wooed the very large audience with his four superbly played flugel solos :- *Georgia*, *Misty*, *Adagio from Guitar Concerto* (by Rodriguez), and the magical *Nessun Dorma*. The concert raised over £900. The evening finished with the communal hymn, *Guide Me O Thou Great Redeemer*. Sung to the tune *Cwm Rhonda* It was certainly a 'Night To Remember'

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87 people turned up for a feast of 50s - 70s jukebox music (provided by 'Betterdaze') and food at the Buck Hotel, Reeth, to support the Dales Youth Club Van Project. Lots of people 'dressed in style' which added to the great party atmosphere - Andy and Judy Malton won the best male & female outfit competition. Andy was totally unrecognisable as were a few others (maybe just as well?). A visitor from Darlington was chatting to Tony Hayes (dressed as an ecclesiastical CND supporter) about church matters until it was pointed out to him that the bloke with attitude in the biker jacket was the real vicar! For anyone who hasn't heard about it the project is to provide two vehicles equipped with music, Internet and other facilities for young people who don't have access to a youth club. The vans will visit remote areas and will be manned by youth leaders who can offer a sympathetic ear when needed. The project needs £565,000 for equipment and staffing but with the help of grants and other fund-raising efforts it is only £4,000 off target. We were pleased to be able to donate £275 - the proceeds from our event including donations. Eileen Martin, Hazel Smith and Michelle Curtis would like to thank everyone who supported this fund-raising effort, especially those who made donations and provided raffle prizes. Thanks also to Robert at the Buck for being so helpful in setting the scene for

the night and to his staff for working so hard.

*Ed. We were there, BUT not in costume !
It was a great night. Well done everyone.
Update on amount raised, and possible
picture next month.*

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2Dales Children's Football

I am sorry there was no report last month owing to my being ill over Christmas. This is therefore longer but I will try and be brief. On 24 November our younger Dales United team entertained Askrigg at Gunnerside. our team was somewhat overwhelmed and lost 9-1. Our consolation goal was scored by Ben Hall while man of the match was Harvey Pilgrim. Our under 15 squad wore unexpectedly severely depleted for their league match and were most grateful to Andrew Calvert and Harvey Pilgrim from the under 12's to make the numbers up but an 11-0 drubbing was perhaps inevitable. Man of the match was Marcus Burnett who did his best but Askrigg were simply too strong for our depleted team. On December 1st we travelled to Bamard Castle School. Our under 11 team played well and after a disappointing first half only lost narrowly 3-2. Steven Coates was man of the match and he and Matthew Calvert were the scorers. The under 13's, playing 11 a side were not daunted by Bamey's older and certainly much larger team holding them at half time. The home team's strength was evident in the second half giving them a 4-2 victory against us. Man of the match, Peter

Burt scored and they got an own goal. Consolation came with a cooked tea afterwards in the dining hall which was much appreciated. The next week we travelled to West Witton to play Bishopdale. The younger Dales United notched up a superb 3-1 victory in their League match- Harvey Pilgrim scored 2 goals and Ben Hall the other while man of the match was Steven Coates. Dales Athletic then played a friendly match enjoying an overwhelming 13-0 victory. Adam Calvert was man of the match as much for his sportsmanship as his 5 goals. Jack Lord scored 4, Steven Bainbridge 2 and 7 year old Adam Simpson 2. Well played both Adams. The Christmas Eve match was cancelled because of weather and our challenge to the Black Bull on 29th by our under 16 and under 15's was taken up by only 2 Black Bull players which was very disappointing. We travelled to Hawes on 12 January for 2 League matches. The younger Dales United team had another very good match and were unlucky to lose 4-3. Ben Hall scored 2 and man of the match, Jack Lord the other. The under 15's played Garsdale and notched up an 8-1 victory. Man of the match David Coates played a particularly good game with 4 goals. 2 of which were superb by any standard. Peter Burt scored 1 and Marcus Burnett 3. Martin Calvert hit the post 7 times but the whole team (including Martin) all played particularly well.

Finally on 19 January our 2 under 12 teams played each other in the League. Dales United held Athletic without a score but succumbed 3-0 at the end in a most enjoyable match. Colin Blatherwick scored 2 and Steven Bainbridge, who was man of the match for getting Athletic out of trouble on numerous occasions, the other. Matthew Calvert was man of the match for United who again played very well. **David 884650**

And Talking of Football !

Does anybody have any information about Reeth Football Club in particular how long it has been established. It is believed that the date is around 1904 but we need factual evidence to support this date. If you can help, please contact Philip Alderson on :

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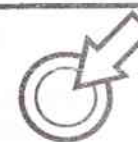
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GRINTON PARISH HALL
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February 13th. at 7:30 pm in the
Institute, Low Row.

ADVANCE NOTICE

The Annual General Meeting of the
Reeth District Memorial Hall

will take place on

Monday 10th March at 7.30pm in the
Reeth District Memorial Hall

Nominations for the Committee (with the name of proposer and seconder) may be given to the Chairman, Mr J Little, 11 Silver Street, Reeth, or to the Secretary, Miss M Thomas, 20 Hill Close, Reeth, prior to the meeting. Alternatively names may be put forward at the meeting. All inhabitants of Reeth and the neighbourhood of eighteen years of age and upwards are entitled to attend and vote at the AGM.

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Shirley and Stephanie Coates.

I would like to say thankyou to everyone who opened their shops for the Christmas Shopping Evening. I won the prize hamper. It was a big surprise when I was told I had won it. It was full of lots of goodies which were lots of fun to use and eat. It was a great evening.
Grace Howard (aged 9)

Annie Coates would like to thank family and friends, for the lovely flowers, gifts and cards, she received during her stay in the Women's health Unit, Northallerton.

Graham and Nikki would like to announce the safe arrival of their daughter

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## LOCAL CHURCH NOTES

'THE BISHOP'S VISIT'

To celebrate the completion of phases one and two of the Muker Church current refurbishment programme, the Right Reverend John Packer, Bishop of Ripon and Leeds came to Muker on the 22nd. January. He lead the service of Evensong and Thanksgiving. A large congregation was in attendance along with the Rev, Jane Harris, Methodist Minister, and the Rev, Gillian Bobbett, Minister of the United Reform Church. The Voluntaries and Hymns were stirringly played by members of Muker Silver Band, and the Parish Choir lead the singing for Evensong and sang the anthems Timeless Love and Keep The Flame Alive. The Bishop took as his text the first line of Psalm 127 *"Except the Lord build the house: their labour is but lost that build it."* He explained that these were words that were well known to everyone who lives in our Cathedral City of Ripon, standing out as they do from the Town Hall looking across the Market Square. *'Unless the Lord guards the city, the wakeman waketh but in vain'*. The psalm is used as a reference to the Ripon Wakeman who blows his evening curfew and his horn at every civic service. God's care of each community is not only for us as individuals—though of course he does—but as we gather in villages or towns to celebrate with one another, to care for one another. So, a Church stands for the uninterrupted nature of our

communal life. This is especially true of a Church built in 1580, as St. Mary's Muker was, amongst the first to be built after the Reformation. This was when the focus of reflection for the presence of God moved from monasteries—from Fountains, Rievaulx, Easby, Marrick, to churches in the local community. This is where God is for the people of Muker. So the Service today is a celebration of beauty, skill, generosity: and a celebration of community — village life. Within the local community, the Church marked a sense of time. Many Churches had the first accurate clocks, which marked the sense of time mattering. So the restoration of the clock at Muker has helped to set the time for the community, reminding us of the passage of time and of the urgency of the Gospel. The bishop then reflected on how he often liked to meditate on the lines of verse written on a clock in Chester Cathedral:

*'When as a child I laughed and wept,  
time crept.*

*When as a youth I dreamed and talked,  
time walked.*

*When I became a full grown man,  
Time ran.*

*And later as I older grew,  
Time flew*

*Soon shall I find when travelling on,  
Time gone.*

*Will Christ have saved my soul by then?  
AMEN!*

(As an aside he stated that he didn't think that William Chatterton, Bishop of

## CHURCH SERVICES

## 2nd February

- 9.15am St Mary's Muker  
*Eucharist*
- 10.30am Gunnerside Methodist  
Low Row URC  
*Communion*
- 11.00am Reeth Methodist  
Reeth Congregational  
St Edmund's Marske  
*Family Eucharist*  
Holy Trinity Low Row  
*Eucharist*
- 2.00pm Keld URC
- 4.00pm Fremington Sunday School  
*Evensong*
- 6.30pm Reeth Congregational

## 16th February

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



## 9th February

- 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  
*Holy Eucharist*
- 11.15am St Mary's Arkengarthdale  
*Holy Communion*
- 2.00pm Keld Methodist
- 2.30pm Arkengarthdale Methodist  
*Holy Communion*  
Gunnerside Methodist
- 4.00pm St Mary's Muker  
*Family service & Sunday School*
- 6.30pm Marske Methodist  
Fremington Sunday School  
*United Praise & Worship*  
Reeth Congregational

## 23rd February

- 8.00am Holy Trinity Low Row  
*Holy Communion*
- 9.30am Fremington Sunday School  
*Eucharist*  
St Michael's Downholme  
*Holy Eucharist*
- 10.30am Low Row URC  
Reeth Methodist  
*Holy Communion*
- 11.00am Reeth Congregational  
St Edmund's Marske  
*Morning Prayer*
- 11.15am St Mary's Arkengarthdale  
*Holy Communion*
- 2.00pm Keld Methodist  
*Holy Communion*
- 2.30pm Arkengarthdale Methodist  
Gunnerside Methodist
- 6.30pm Marske Methodist  
Reeth Congregational

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Chester in 1580, would have come to consecrate St. Mary's on a simple hours run to take the evening service ! Muker then being in the Diocese of Chester ).

Helping the community to share in depths of relationships, to care for each other in the way which Christianity points, and helping us to reflect on time as it passes as God makes Himself known to us, these are our celebrations and challenges as we rejoice in this restoration today.

*'Unless the Lord build the house, their labour is but lost that built it.'*

Having started the service with a selection of hymn tunes, including *Crimond* and the marvellous *Deep Harmony*, and accompanying the hymns (which included *The Church's One Foundation* and *The day Thou Gavest Lord Is Ended*) the band played the retiring voluntary—the hymn tune *Sagina*. Refreshments ( which really was a most marvellous supper) with a glass of wine were then served in the Public Hall. During the evening Norman Guy (Churchwarden) added to all the thanks that the Vicar, Revd. Tim Tunley, had made in his welcome address, by paying special tribute to Margaret Beckwith (Churchwarden and DCC Treasurer) for all her hard work and leadership in raising the money to pay for the refurbishment, and presented her with a bouquet of flowers as a token of everyone's

appreciation. The evening marked another example of the Two Dales rich community spirit. ~~~~~

### 'TREASURE IN CLAY JARS'

The text for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2003 was chosen by an ecumenical group in Argentina. Their country is one where there have been many waves of immigration, which have affected not only the national context but also the lives of the churches. In choosing this particular text from 2 Corinthians, the group were guided in their reflection by the fact that Argentina is a nation built by native peoples and immigrants. The *'treasure in clay jars'* - the *Glory of Jesus Christ* - is a gift from God to strengthen all who are suffering and sad. We have a responsibility as Christians to share the light of Christ and welcome strangers into our midst. During the Week of Prayer, there were daily short services of reflection around the Two Dales covering the themes Treasure, Affliction, Image, Faith, Courage, Grace, Perseverance and Glory. The main ecumenical service was held in St. Mary's, Arkengarthdale on Sunday Jan. 19th. The service was lead by The Revds. Gillian Bobbett, Jane Harris, and Tim Tunley. There was a good selection of hymns, and the Parish Choir sang the anthem,

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Upper Dales Family History Society

The final meeting before Christmas was treated to two local murder stories researched by Denny Gibson from Bedale. The first case dealt with the history behind the often overlooked "murder stone" set up beside the road near Akebar in 1826 by one of the magistrates who investigated the death of Nicholas Carter, a farmer from Crakehall, struck down for the sake of his purse by the son of the Finghall blacksmith. While the motive in the first case was simple greed, the second was an altogether more complex situation concerning a Nidderdale clogger, Robert Lofthouse, poisoned by his wife, Margaret, by means of an arsenic laced cake in 1835. Following an exhumation of the body and a post-mortem in Kirkby Malzeard church Margaret was arrested and confined to one of the officers escorting her to York gaol that she had done away with her husband because, apart from apparently paying too much attention to his sister in law, he kept his wife short of housekeeping and had very bad breath! The next meeting will be held at Middleham Key centre on Wednesday, February 26, 2-4pm when Ann Hartley will speak on the history of Thorl Cottage, Thoraby. All meetings are open to anyone, non members £1.

For further details of any meetings

please contact Glenys Marriott 01969 663738 or e mail [glenys@bishopdale.demon.co.uk](mailto:glenys@bishopdale.demon.co.uk) Details are also posted on the website at <http://www.bishopdale.demon.co.uk>

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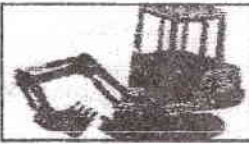


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Ah! Mr Bear - good morning. What a delightful aspect your house has! I'm sorry I'm a little late - my secretary of course found several urgent tasks for me, and then the approach here is somewhat confusing ..... Oh, no Mr Bear! It's charming.

I understand that you are considering letting your property, and I will certainly assist wherever I can. You are travelling abroad? Ah - Russia, yes .... No, I very often travel to Gran Canaria, but I can see that you would find Russia appealing. You have relatives? And of course the family is accompanying you. Excellent idea to let the house: so wise these days to maximise one's assets.

Have you considered security arrangements? You are rather isolated here, and you don't want anyone just wandering in on a whim, do you? There's a very reliable new line in brass door fittings which come highly recommended - I believe the name is 'Goldilocks'. I will send you the details.

You plan to leave all furnishings as well as fixtures and fittings? Well,

that can indeed be advantageous money-wise. Is it in order if we take a look through the property?

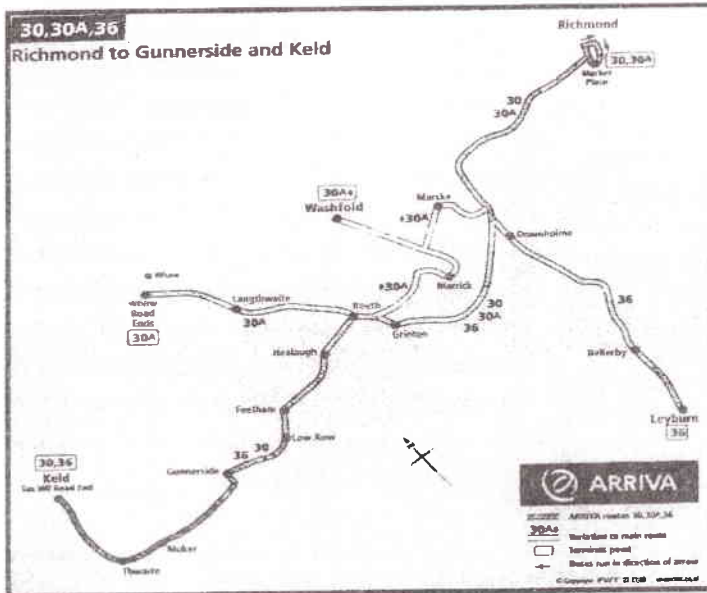
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Now, Mr Bear, I will draw up an inventory for you by all means. However, I think we shall find that potential tenants may require a little more in the way of furniture and kitchen equipment ..... Oh, yes, Mr Bear, I do appreciate that you have a top-of-the-range porridge steamer, and most attractive, but then families these days nearly always expect a wok at least. And I am sorry to say that the beds do not exactly suit today's co-habiting couples. Well, you couldn't push them together, could you, with different lengths? I think it would be advisable to advertise the house as semi-furnished .....I say! Hang on! ..... Ah! Exit pursued by A. Bear.

H.B.

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### 'DALES WATCH'

During a recent well attended Social Evening, at a local hostelry, the raffles raised a total of £122.50. Our thanks to everyone who attended and to those who generously gave raffle prizes. Your committee has been able to secure two new radios from the police which are satellite operated. This will enable us to talk car to car and directly to the police. We will be even more anonymous than at present, since there will be no need to carry an ariel on the top of the car. The storage of these units will be changed from the present locations and your co-ordinator will advise on this. We are still in need of funds, so if there is anyone who is willing to do anything at all please let us know. We are also in need of further people to strengthen the patrols, so please let us know if you wish to re start or join in for the first time, you will be very welcome. Any correspondence can be left at Reeth Post Office, addressed 'Dales Watch'.

Vice Chairman

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### ARRIVA BUS TIMETABLES FOR THE TWO DALES

Keld - Gunnerside - Reeth - Richmond 30  
 Whaw Road Ends - Reeth - Richmond 30A  
 Keld - Gunnerside - Reeth - Leyburn 36

#### Monday to Friday

|                        | 30    | 591 SD | 30    | 30 M-Th | 36 F  | 30 M-Th | 30 A  | 30    | 30    |
|------------------------|-------|--------|-------|---------|-------|---------|-------|-------|-------|
| Keld Tan Hill Road End | ...   | ...    | ...   | 10:30   | 10:30 | ...     | 14:55 | ...   | ...   |
| Thwaite                | ...   | ...    | ...   | 10:39   | 10:39 | ...     | 15:04 | ...   | ...   |
| Muker Farmer's Arms    | ...   | ...    | ...   | 10:43   | 10:43 | ...     | 15:08 | ...   | ...   |
| Gunnerside Bridge      | 07:30 | 07:55  | ...   | 10:54   | 10:54 | 1:30    | 16:19 | 18:35 | ...   |
| Low Row                | 07:40 | 07:59  | ...   | 11:04   | 11:04 | 12:40   | 16:29 | 18:45 | ...   |
| Whaw Road Ends         | ...   | ...    | ...   | ...     | ...   | ...     | ...   | ...   | ...   |
| Arkle Town             | ...   | ...    | ...   | ...     | ...   | ...     | ...   | ...   | ...   |
| Reeth                  | 07:51 | 08:11  | 08:45 | 11:15   | 11:15 | 12:51   | 15:40 | 16:40 | 18:56 |
| Downholme Road Ends    | 08:03 | ...    | 08:57 | 11:27   | 11:27 | 13:03   | 15:52 | 16:52 | 19:08 |
| Bellerby Cross         | ...   | ...    | ...   | ...     | ...   | 11:35   | ...   | ...   | ...   |
| Leyburn Market Place   | ...   | ...    | ...   | ...     | ...   | 11:40   | ...   | ...   | ...   |
| Richmond Market Place  | 08:15 | 08:40  | 09:09 | 11:39   | ...   | 13:15   | 16:04 | 17:04 | 19:20 |
| Richmond Schools       | ...   | 08:45  | ...   | ...     | ...   | ...     | ...   | ...   | ...   |

#### Saturday

|                        | 30    | 30A   | 30    | 30A   | 30    |
|------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
|                        | B     |       |       |       |       |
| Keld Tan Hill Road End | 08:40 | ...   | 12:50 | ...   | 16:55 |
| Thwaite                | 08:49 | ...   | 12:59 | ...   | 17:04 |
| Muker Farmer's Arms    | 08:53 | ...   | 13:03 | ...   | 17:08 |
| Gunnerside Bridge      | 09:04 | ...   | 13:14 | ...   | 17:19 |
| Low Row                | 09:14 | ...   | 13:24 | ...   | 17:29 |
| Whaw Road Ends         | ...   | 10:27 | ...   | 15:07 | ...   |
| Arkle Town             | ...   | 10:32 | ...   | 15:12 | ...   |
| Reeth                  | 09:25 | 10:38 | 13:35 | 15:18 | 17:40 |
| Downholme Road Ends    | 09:37 | 11:10 | 13:47 | 15:30 | 17:52 |
| Bellerby Cross         | ...   | ...   | ...   | ...   | ...   |
| Leyburn Market Place   | ...   | ...   | ...   | ...   | ...   |
| Richmond Market Place  | 09:49 | 11:22 | 13:59 | 15:42 | 18:04 |
| Richmond Schools       | ...   | ...   | ...   | ...   | ...   |

F - Friday only  
 M-Th - Runs Monday to Thursday  
 SD - Schooldays only (Not Arriva, details from traveline)  
 A - On Tuesdays only connects at Thwaite with service 130 from Hawes (Not Arriva, details from traveline)  
 B - Runs via Marske at 10:48, Hurst/Washfold Crossroads at 10:56 and Marske at 11:08

Richmond - Reeth - Whaw Road Ends 30A  
 Leyburn - Reeth - Gunnerside - Keld 36

#### Monday to Friday

|                        | 30    | 30    | 30    | 30 M-Th | 36 M-Th | 36 F  | 591 SD | 30    | 30    | 30 F  |
|------------------------|-------|-------|-------|---------|---------|-------|--------|-------|-------|-------|
|                        | A     |       |       |         |         |       |        |       |       | B     |
| Richmond Schools       | ...   | ...   | ...   | ...     | ...     | ...   | 15:45  | ...   | ...   | ...   |
| Richmond Market Pl.    | 06:50 | 08:20 | 09:15 | 11:45   | 13:40   | ...   | 15:50  | 16:10 | 17:50 | 22:40 |
| Leyburn Market Place   | ...   | ...   | ...   | ...     | ...     | ...   | 13:39  | ...   | ...   | ...   |
| Bellerby Cross         | ...   | ...   | ...   | ...     | ...     | ...   | 13:44  | ...   | ...   | ...   |
| Downholme Road Ends    | 07:02 | 08:32 | 09:27 | 11:57   | 13:52   | 13:52 | ...    | 16:22 | 18:02 | 22:52 |
| Reeth                  | 07:09 | 08:44 | 09:39 | 12:09   | 14:04   | 14:04 | 18:19  | 18:34 | 18:14 | 23:04 |
| Arkle Town             | ...   | ...   | ...   | ...     | ...     | ...   | ...    | ...   | ...   | ...   |
| Whaw Road Ends         | ...   | ...   | ...   | ...     | ...     | ...   | ...    | ...   | ...   | ...   |
| Low Row                | 07:20 | ...   | 09:50 | 12:20   | 14:15   | 14:15 | 16:31  | ...   | 18:25 | 23:15 |
| Gunnerside Bridge      | 07:30 | ...   | 10:00 | 12:30   | 14:25   | 14:25 | 16:35  | ...   | 18:35 | 23:25 |
| Muker Farmer's Arms    | ...   | ...   | 10:11 | ...     | 14:36   | 14:36 | ...    | ...   | ...   | ...   |
| Thwaite                | ...   | ...   | 10:15 | ...     | 14:40   | 14:40 | ...    | ...   | ...   | ...   |
| Keld Tan Hill Road End | ...   | ...   | 10:24 | ...     | 14:49   | 14:49 | ...    | ...   | ...   | ...   |

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## -----CHORUS-----

Beautiful Swaledale! Land of the  
rest,  
Beautiful Swaledale! I love thee the  
best,  
The land it is set in a beautiful style,  
The extension of Swaledale is twenty  
long miles.

There are two or three misers. That  
we'll allow,  
They're studying to save money as low  
as my shoe,

They keep all their brass in an old  
stocking leg,  
The next thing we'll hear of their  
starting to beg.

## Chorus

Beautiful Swaledale! Land of my  
birth,  
Beautiful Swaledale! its not known  
what thou'rt worth,  
Thy cattle and sheep, and grouse on  
thy moors,  
And pigs made of lead, bring in money  
like showers.

## Chorus

There's Ivelet and Satron, and there's  
Calvert House,  
There isn't one of them that's e'en  
worth a louse,  
For the Shepherd's Feast nobbut  
comes once a year,  
And they take good care they get  
plenty of beer.

## Chorus

There's Muker and Thwaite, those  
two ancient towns,  
For seeing old women a wearing bed-  
gowns :  
They're nearly all farmers, and live on  
their own,  
And in the Hawes Bank they've plenty  
of pounds.

## Chorus

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There's Angram and Thorns, a bit  
farther up,  
And all that they're good to is getting  
out muck ;

They're sitting int' nook and smoking  
their pipes,  
And their old benty pastures are  
wanting some lime.

## Chorus

Away farther up on Blackmoor Fell,  
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'RABBIT PROOF FENCE' (PG)

Thursday February 20th  
At 5pm & 8pm  
Catherine Deneuve in  
'8 WOMEN' (15) (subtitles)

Friday & Saturday  
February 21st & 22nd.  
At 5pm & 8pm  
Kenneth Cranham, Leo Bill &  
Derek Jacobi in  
'TWO MEN WENT TO WAR' (PG)

Thursday - Saturday  
February 27th. - March 1st.  
At 5pm & 8pm  
Michael Caine & Brendan Fraser in  
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Thursday - Saturday  
March 6th. - 8th.  
At 5pm & 8pm  
Audrey Tautou in  
'DIRTY PRETTY THINGS' (15)

Thurs to Sat. March 13th - 15th.  
Thurs to Sat. March 20th. - 22nd.  
At 3.30pm & 7.30pm  
Ian McKellan, Elijah Wood & Liv Tyler in  
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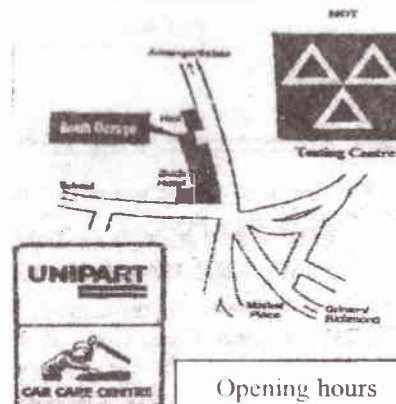
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