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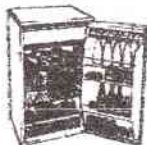
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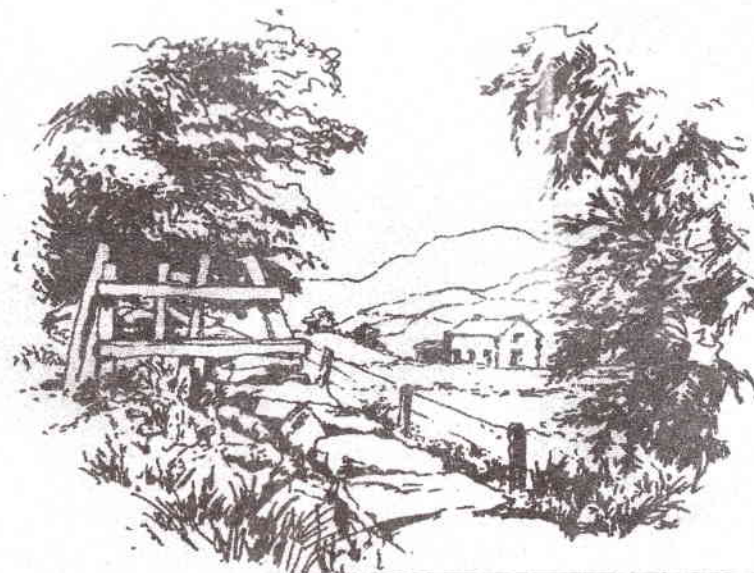
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EDITORIAL

beginning ! Here's wishing for us that the Spirit of Christmas will stay throughout the New Year and so make for us all a very happy, peaceful and contented 2003.

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Suggested DEADLINE for the February Issue is
Friday 24th. January

Names and addresses of the members of the Gazette Management Team can be found on page 14. There will be a meeting of the Management Team on Tuesday January 21st. Copies of minutes of the Management Team Meetings are available from the Secretary, Mrs. Susan Alderson. The Gazette has now moved buildings and for a short period the equipment will be housed in the Parish Hall, Grinton, from where it will be published. Many thanks to the Management of the Hall for allowing us the use of their excellent facilities.

REETH AND DISTRICT GAZETTE
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS

for the years ended 31 August 2002 and 31 August 2001

INCOME

Advertisements and Printing
Subscriptions
Donations
Bank Interest

2002	2001
£	£
6,886	5,245
1,182	838
15	7
3	3
<u>8,086</u>	<u>6,093</u>

EXPENDITURE

Printing Materials, Ink and Envelopes
Distribution, Subsistence and Administrative Expenses
Equipment Repairs and Maintenance
Postage
Rent and Electricity
Donations
Depreciation - Printing Machinery and Office Equipment

3,921	3,156
409	291
312	
882	396
300	323
	500
<u>1,004</u>	<u>2,635</u>
<u>7,328</u>	<u>6,801</u>

SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR

BALANCE SHEETS at 31 August 2002 and 31 August 2001

758 (708)

FIXED ASSETS [A]

Printing Machinery and Office Equipment - at written down value

2002	2001
£	£
6	211

CURRENT ASSETS [B]

Cash at Bank
Cash in Hand

3,681	2,425
76	
<u>3,757</u>	<u>2,425</u>

CURRENT LIABILITIES [C]

Income in Advance

1,611	1,242
<u>1,611</u>	<u>1,242</u>

NET CURRENT ASSETS [D]

[B-C] 2,146 1,183

[A+D] 2,152 1,394

GENERAL FUND

At 1 September
Add Surplus / (Deficit) for the Year

1,394	2,102
758	(708)
<u>2,152</u>	<u>1,394</u>

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

I have examined the accounting records of Reeth and District Gazette for the years ended 31 August 2001 and 2002.

The above Income and Expenditure Accounts and Balance Sheets are in accordance with the records and explanations given to me by Officials.

C J BEESTON
Chartered Accountant

The Laurels, Reeth, North Yorkshire
10th. November 2002

**SWALEDALE BIRDS**

We hope you enjoyed the first-ever quiz. Certainly there was some lively discussion in the bar of the Black Bull! Misprints aside, here are the answers. We think these are the correct answers, unless of course you know differently. We used the standard 'Birds of the Western Palearctic' for reference. The judges, however, reserve the right to be right.

British Bird Names.

1. The Halcyon is a **kingfisher**. According to the OED, the expression 'halcyon days' refers to fourteen days of calm weather, anciently believed to occur about the winter solstice, when the halcyon was brooding. Which shows you how much the ancients knew about kingfishers!

2. Mavis is the rustic name for the **song thrush**. The name dates back to Middle English, and is mentioned by Geoffrey Chaucer and Spenser, and later by Burns, Tennyson and Dickens.

3. Land rail is a common name for the **corncrake**.

4. A tree moose...now don't be silly, the antlers would get stuck in the branches! Congratulations if you realised that this should have said 'tree mouse', which is the **treecreeper**.

5. Dabchick is the **little grebe**. (There are plenty at Marfield gravel pits).

Literary Connections.

6. The bird which helped Oscar Wilde's

happy prince was the **swallow**. We assume the 'barn' swallow familiar in Swaledale, rather than the red-rumped variety.

7. In the poem by Samuel Taylor Coleridge, the Ancient Mariner was weighed down by an **albatross**, species not given.

8. Robert Stroud wrote his book in **Alcatraz** prison. His story was later made into the film starring Burt Lancaster.

9. William Blake said 'a **Robin redbreast** in a cage puts all heaven in a rage'. The quote was subsequently used by the RSPB as the title of a campaign to save migrating songbirds.

10. It was the **owl** in Edward Lear's 'The Owl and the Pussycat' who said 'what a beautiful pussy you are'. This may have been a result of several days in a pea-green boat with only honey and a fiver to sustain them. Was he thinking of lunch? **Collective Nouns.**

11. A **gaggle** of geese (on the ground).

12. A **skein** of geese (in the air).

13. A **murmuration** of starlings.

14. A **parliament** of rooks. (They could have a go at running the country).

15. An **exaltation** or **exaltation** of larks. Sky, Shore, Thekla, or Wood; they're still an exaltation, a word specifically used for a flight of larks. (n.b. exultation is something completely different). We're quite fond of some of the more descriptive collective nouns; watch out in further issues of the

Gazette.

Double-barrelled names.

16. *Troglodytes troglodytes* is the binomial for the **wren**.

17. *Pica pica* is the **magpie**. The word pica is used to describe bizarre food cravings because of the magpie's wide appetite. So why not ostrich?

18. *Cinclus cinclus* is the name for the **dipper**, familiar on the Arkle beck and the Swale.

19. *Apus apus* is our summer visitor, the **swift**. This is because early observers thought the swift had no feet.

20. *Phoenicurus phoenicurus* is another summer visitor, the **redstart**. If you use these 'latinised' names, you will be understood all over the world, whatever the local language. There will be an item about the binomial system of classification in a future Gazette.

Sporting Birds.

21. **Sheffield Wednesday** football team is known as the 'Owls'.

22. Newcastle United football team's nickname is the '**Magpies**'.

23. Sheffield Eagles play **rugby league**.

24. The 'Canaries' is the nickname of **Norwich City AFC**, because of their yellow strip.

25. We missed out a word. (And the question mark!). St. Louis' baseball team is known as the '**Cardinals**', after the bright red American bird of the same name. **Twitchers' Corner**. Guaranteed to identify the serious birders...or those with a good bird book...or access to the internet...

26. The **dotterel** is Britain's highest-breeding bird. These delightful waders visit Pendle and Ingleborough every year in groups called 'trips'. They also visit sites on the Lancashire coast on their journey north to Cairngorm. Individual passage birds have been seen in Swaledale, including one at Tan Hill.

27. The **fulmar** and **manx shearwater** have the longest incubation period of any British bird at an average of 51 days.

28. The **reed warbler's** incubation varies from 9 to 12 days. We wonder whether this short time is a response to heavy parasitism by cuckoos.

29. The **hawfinch** is Britain's heaviest breeding finch.

30. The **swift** spends least time in Britain on its annual visits. The maximum length of stay is from late May to early August, beating the cuckoo by a whole month. **Seasonal Tie-Breaker.** The beloved would have received 184 birds in total by the end of the twelfth day of Christmas. And people get fed up of ONE turkey! As for all those swans-a-swimming in the bath...Thank you to everyone for entering. Jan Robinson and Steve Crowe both scored 26 points, but Jan wins first prize for getting the tie-breaker right. Congratulations to you both; prizes are on their way. Sorry, no reported sightings this month, but keep your eyes peeled for winter visitors such as waxwings, and don't forget to send in those reports.

Eldorado.

It had been my intention to make no further comments concerning the Swaledale mines, and I am most reluctant to do so, but information has come into my possession which suggests I should break my trapist like silence. In doing so, I shall quote where necessary in italic from the diary that I kept of the researches that my brother Peter and I carried out for some ten years from 1975. In 1978, we both screwed up our fears and made the first forbidding journey to the Hard Level Head. Just before we arrived at the Old Rake Vein, I noticed a small vein, where there had been what appeared to be an unfinished trial. Little did we know it, but this small vein was to provide us with the most astonishing experiences. Since it was nearest to daylight, it had been named the Sun Vein, although we had no knowledge of this at the time. Before us at the head was a complex array of passages. To our right the New and Reformer Veins, before us Whites Cross Cut to the North Rake Vein, and to our left the Old Rake itself. A considerable distance to the west of Hard Level Head, we came upon a rise in which a hopper was still in position, and seemingly in reasonable condition. Since at this time it was a major objective of ours to reach the Main Level of the Old Gang Mine, which we knew to be some 50 feet above Hard Level, it is hardly surprising that in 1979 we set our sights on climbing it. Peter carefully and bravely climbed the rise and reported the presence of a small drift. He was very disappointed, but on my insistence that more would be there, he noticed some wooden boards. His torch shone through some cracks revealing empty space behind. At this point we dispatched our cameras by rope, and I followed them up to the small drift. One or two timbers were decidedly 'dodgy,' but the method of climbing was by straddling the rise on conveniently placed timbers, although one or two were missing on one side of the rise at the bottom. Peter moved the boards and climbed into a sizable working, and triumphantly announced that he had found a miner's pick. He expressed disappointment that we had not reached the Main Level. In fact we had, but were unaware of it at the time. Its nature was obscured to us, by the enormous amount of deads, that had fallen out of the vein, as the timbers on which they were resting had decayed. Peter was soon excitedly reporting that he had found a perfectly preserved tub perched on some rails. Now it was my turn to ascend to the working. All went well, and soon I was coming out of the rise. Suddenly unaware that I was supporting my weight on boards that were covered with dust and small spoil, I was plunging down the rise. A horrified Peter seeing me disappear out of sight, gritted his teeth and braced himself - in the hope that he would break my fall.

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-Continued from page 6 - since he had roller surrounded by one inch rope that taken the precaution of roping me up was so rotten that it fell apart in our before the ascent. In the agonizing hands. Soon the cameras were clicking. moments that seemed an eternity, all he Peter found an old copy of The Stockton and Darlington Times and Richmond and Ripon Chronicle. We had great difficulty in locating its date, and indeed thought that we should not succeed, but finally in the gloom, there it was March 23rd. 1912. What we had discovered suggested that a small partnership of six men worked in this place. Clearly mining was on its last legs, but we mused on the reason why the pick axes were left in a neat pile, and were never collected? We visited Eldorado again in 1983, and found further artifacts including a discarded pop bottle advertising Russell and Croft, that the late Harold Brown remembered had ceased trading around about the time of the First World War. It was at this time that the underground picture that appears on the front cover of The Hidden Side of Swaledale was taken. Fascinating information has now come available that confirms that a group of miners led by William Buxton were engaged in a trial in the Sun Vein at Bearpark's rise, located to the west of Hard Level Head, which clearly fits the description of Eldorado. Three of the other men engaged in the work are named as John Walker, Henry Calvert and Anthony Watter. Bearpark who would be leader of the men who put up the rise, almost -

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- Continued from page 7— certainly carried out this work in the early 1790's. This can be said with some confidence, because my brother had noticed the initials of the miners who were driving the North Rake Vein Cross Cut, much further forward of Bearpark's rise, carved in the wall of the cross cut, along with the date, October 1799. One hundred years later in 1899 John Walker added his initials to the display, and here we were almost 100 years on from him. The initial trial to the Sun Vein would have been made by miners of the late 18th. Century, since they clearly knew of its existence. This later trial of which we speak brought poor returns for the miners engaged, and immediately after Christmas in 1914 William Buxton suddenly died, and we are then informed that the other miners were unable to carry on because of an outbreak of sickness. It is not difficult to imagine, that an element of this sickness was the depression, that resulted from the poor returns that the miners were receiving for their labours. John Walker a strongly committed Methodist, provides us with an interesting footnote. He is mentioned by Mrs Batty in her little book about Gunnerside Chapel. She records, 'A man who made his mark on the members of his class in the early years of the century (20th.) was John Walker, an old miner, probably the last man to work at the Old Gang. He was also the regular organ blower. He had no illusions about

the effort required to be a Christian: he hung on to his faith like a terrier. He often begun the class meeting by saying, 'Why now, I wonder what sort of week you have had, because I have been in doubting castle, and what a queer spot.' One is tempted to wonder to what degree his often hard and unrewarded work contributed toward such an outlook. When this small group of men finally placed the cover over the rise for the last time, apparently unaware that they would not return, for them it was a place of unrewarded hope, but when my brother lifted that same cover 65 years later, Bearpark's rise was to become Eldorado!

John Hardy.

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Year End Review by the Chairman, Mark Sheard Well, things have come quite a long way since we looked apprehensively, a year ago, at the overgrown wilderness that was to be the Community Orchard. And now, what a change! The garden is clear of all the unwanted growth, we have a draft garden plan agreed and funding to get on with the plan. We have discovered many of the old garden pathways. These are all stone edged and several inches below the existing soil surface. By the time you read this article we shall have the paths exposed and the soil graded across the garden to its finished level. By early January we shall have seeded the two main grass areas . . . one with meadow grass seed mix, to provide the under sowing for the Orchard itself, and the other with lawn seed, to provide a general purpose area which will be available for general recreation and meetings/events. We have planted 500 wild daffodil bulbs under the largest old apple tree and 500 snowdrops around the base of an old plum tree. They will give us a welcome display in the Spring and a spur to press on with more garden improvements. We shall have phase one of the project finished by late March 2003 which will give us a clear, lawned area, studded with the remaining mature trees, and the old pathways exposed and resurfaced. The garden will be secured with wooden doors at the rear, and a temporary front gate. We have plans to invite design ideas for this gate, which we want to be a bold statement of the project. In March we shall have a formal opening of the garden. I think it most important that the local community, garden members and the general public have every

opportunity to contribute towards the shaping of the garden. So we shall be asking everyone involved to come to the opening and see the 'garden shell', and then to contribute ideas on how we move the design on to the next stage. I am very pleased to report that our cash position is quite healthy at the moment. We have enjoyed some success in our grant applications and have enough capital and revenue funding to see us through the work program for 2003. Funding has come from Barclays Site Savers, Shell Better Britain, Peoples Places, Single Regeneration Budget (SRB), BTCV, our Friends of Reeth Orchard membership and local fund raising events. Our events have been a success during the year with our Spring plant stall and Autumn Apple Day proving popular and contributing to our coffers!! In 2003 our fund raising efforts will include a Spring plant stall, an Open Garden event at Grinton and our Autumn Apple Day. We have been given permanent use of a fine, red-striped tent. Our display of the many varieties of apple we can grow in the Two Dales, in this tent, sparked very lively interest from many locals and visitors. This interest in apple varieties, and people's desire to grow them locally, is most encouraging and gives us confidence that the Community Orchard will prove a great educational, as well as recreational, facility to everyone who uses it; and makes the Group determined to plant as wide a selection of apple tree varieties as the garden can hold!! So . . . a good start, and lots still to do, but the hardest graft is almost behind us. Now the exciting, and rewarding, creative work can begin.

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I have deliberately avoided naming any individual in this review . . . help and contributions have come throughout the year from many people . . . some do a great deal . . . some whatever they can . . . but, my thanks go to everyone who has had any involvement, however small, for their generous and most welcome efforts. May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy New Year, and a good growing season in 2003!!

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MATTERS ARISING: The Council's application to adopt the Parish council Model Scheme for the Freedom of Information Act 2000 has been accepted and will apply for the period 28th February 2003 to 2nd. February 2007. Following correspondence from Highways Dept. Councillors were pleased to see work being carried out on roadside ditches on the Buttertubs, Usher Gap bridge and water problems at Satron.

FINANCE: Audit fees were high for this year due to there being one fee for the years up to March 2001 and a second for the year to March 2002. In future the audit will be carried out on an annual basis. Discussion took place about the Parish Precept for 2003/2004 and it was decided not to request an increase.

The Clerk has received a copy of the Register of Electors 2003 and notice of a review of Passenger Transport Services together with a copy of the new timetable. In the Richmondshire Area Committee Newsletter from NYCC mention is made of the disappointment with the Upper Dales that the new Highways contractor has not undertaken work within the required timescales.

YORKSHIRE DALES NATIONAL PARK- Planning permission has been granted for Bulk storage hopper at Fell View, Thwaite
Horticultural Glasshouse at Ivelet, Swaledale

YORKSHIRE LOCAL COUNCILS ASSOCIATION: White Rose update with news from around the Region. A letter inviting all local Parish Council Clerks to a get together including having a light hearted look at how to cope with council life.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Information from The Countryside Agency about new publications.

Request for a contribution towards funds and a copy of the Annual Report from Richmondshire-CAB.

Information about the Richmondshire Youth Van Project - the vehicle will visit villages on a regular basis for children to use its facilities. This information is in the hands of Coun. Raymond Calvert to see if there is any interest in the area.

It was decided to submit the Parish Council report to the Reeth Gazette as well as the D & S Times

The Clerk was asked to report to Highways about the state of the wooden railings on Hoggarth's Hill. and also again chase, up the repair of lights at Thwaite.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 2nd. January, 2003, at 7.30 p.m. in Muker Institute. Mrs. S. E. Alderson, Clerk. Holme View, Low Row, DLI 1 6PE.

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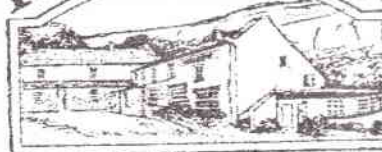
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Was a work of art by our leader called Kay.

How Monty was able to put up with us
I really don't know - He just didn't fuss
He was a pleasure to walk with - willing to go where led
And often ended up - under Marion's bed.

Marion Thompson had the time of her life
All her gear was name-tagged, to save her some strife
Gold star loo rolls - G. & T.'s and wine
But alas on dog food she nearly did dine.

Audrey Jagger carried all the tools for first aid
In plasters, creams and safety pins she did a good trade
Shirley Gale was our zealous minder
Strong of shoulder - sure footed - no one could be kinder.

Barbara Laxton *Money Monitor* looked after the kitty
She paid money out with zeal, showing no pity
Margaret Crapper celebrated her fiftieth birthday - she was fine! -----
We made her our drinks monitor -

We drank beer and wine.
Trixie as bed monitor she did her best,
And often ended up with the best place to rest!
Audrey Brown went round with paper and pen, our menu monitor -
Tempting our taste buds again & again.

Marjorie Daniels - as back-up - we would never have crossed
She was the one - who never got lost,
We went up hill and down dale - thro' squeezers and stiles
Along tracks, roads and paths, we trod many miles.
There was no mileage for the different stages
When we asked "How far now?" We were told - "only two pages!"

We talked about all that was under the sun, and were noisy and giggly -
But oh! we did have some fun
The weather stayed fine, with lots of sunshine
What a wonderful time I had,
With those great friends of mine.

Now we are back from The Limestone Way
That crosses the Derbyshire Dales
But one thing we know, as we come back to stay
Is that our home you can't beat,
In our beautiful own Yorkshire Dales.

Trixie Bradley



Dear Editor

In the light of the recent television program about fire in the home and the terrible house fire in Quaker Close, Reeth where luckily the family were not hurt but unfortunately their pet perished. I feel it vital to urge the National Parks Parish Councils etc to act and get mobile phone communication established in this area as fast as possible. A Fire be it in the home on the farm, moor or vehicle is awful at anytime, for this awful event to happen to Shirley and Steph so near Christmas is a terrible tragedy. I am only glad that the incident did not happen during the night otherwise it could have been much worse than just losing the family pet. My heart and feelings go out to Shirley and her daughter, and the family pet? well? some say 'it does not matter it was only a cat' it was part of the family and those of us whom love our pets it still is a sad loss. Thankfully people have rallied together to assist Shirley and Steph in their hour of need this help has been forthcoming in many ways which is community spirit at its best. The Television program I am referring to was aired only a couple of days after the house fire in Quaker Close. In this program it warned of the fact that if you have a cordless phone and are using this to call for help once the fire cuts the electricity supply these phones are of no use, as they work from the base set, so it is inevitable that once power is lost there can be no communication via the cordless phone because the base unit is out of action. Therefore IT IS BEST TO USE A MOBILE PHONE INSTEAD and you can't get cut off. So isn't it about time that the Two Dales came into the modern age, stop living in the Victorian era and we have mobile phone masts and communication. If nothing else there is the fact that mobile phones can save lives and in an area such as Swaledale and Arkengarthdale this facility is needed badly due to the sparseness of dwellings in some area's of the Dales. What can anyone do if we have a power cut and the normal telephone service goes down at the same time, and it has happened more than once in our area. So if we need the assistance of the emergency service's we are totally stuck up the creek without a paddle because there is no way of contacting anybody, Lives May Be In Danger. We were due to have a mast erected at Grinton and in operation by end of September at the latest, however thanks to some this has not taken place, it is ludicrous that it has not gone ahead DON'T DELAY TAKE ACTION TODAY TO SAVE LIVES. GET THOSE MASTS UP AND LET US HAVE PEACE OF MIND THAT WE CAN GET THE HELP OF THE EMERGENCY SERVICES VIA MOBILE PHONE IF REQUIRED.

(The writer asked for their name to be withheld, but name and address was supplied. Ed.)

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

Oh, I wish I'd gone to bed early
Oh, how I wish that I'd stayed home.
But New Years Eve, you need to get out,
Not stay in on your own.

Let me tell you the story,
Of what happened the other day.
Of my adventure on New Years Eve,
My headache still hasn't gone away.
I'll start at the very beginning,
My friend Pat said "Come on round,
And join me on New Years Eve,
It'll only cost a few pounds".

"I've got a fantastic invite,
To the party of the year,
It's free food and drink, and men galore,
a really glamorous affair."

So we went out looking for gear,
The outfit just had to be right.
We tried on dresses, long and short,
Some too big, some definitely too tight!
But at last we were both set up.
A little black number for me,
Pat bought a stunning red one,,
We were ready then for the spree.

With hair done and in new dresses,
Pat and I were ready to 'Rock'.
In our taxi we headed town ward
To the hotel, to then take stock -
Of all the eligible men there,
At this yearly "New Year's Bash"
We hoped to find a good one
We didn't want just any old trash.
The ballroom was all a glitter

The bar stocked with clean shaven men.
We toasted ourselves, as we entered
The "lionesses had come to the den".

The chap I met first was Horrace
Well spoken and well dressed was he.
I discovered he lived with his mother
That definitely wasn't for me.
I met at the bar with another.
Blond hair and a glint in his eye.
He said, that his name was Roger,
But he wasn't really a spy.

Pat was doing some dancing,
And I felt I should join in the fun.
Roger said "He wasn't a dancer"
And went to the bar on the run.

Once on the dance floor I saw Peter,
Gyrating his hips, what a guy!
He made "Elvis the Pelvis" look quiet,
He said "Can you dance?" I said "I'll try"
We danced the night together,
Even the quiet smooch at the end.
We kissed and cuddled in the corner,
As is the general trend.

He said "Do you live round here honey?"
"Staying the night in the hotel", said I.
"Do you mind if I stay here with you?"
Said he, giving me the 'glad eye'.

Well really I don't do this usually,
But with head in the clouds I said "Yes"
Not thinking of Pat and our shared room
I'd had too much champagne, I guess.

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Thankyou

Many thanks to everyone for helping me in my little project for the victims of the fire. I set of with two raffle prizes I bought, and thought that maybe I would make about £50. Everyone's generosity was great. Thank you to those who gave donations and to those who gave 12 more raffle prizes (14 in all), those who bought raffle tickets, the Chapel drop In Centre for allowing us to draw the raffle there, to Marjorie Gall for carrying the prizes over to the Chapel, Barbara Rowlands, Audrey Jagger and Mary Clark for helping to check things, and to Vera Whitehead for transporting me and the money (it was quite heavy). They received £250 to try and help brighten Christmas for them. Tanks again all of you.

Dibs Sunter

No Dibs, it is we who should say a great big thank you to you, for not only your splendid efforts in organising such a successful raffle for a very worthy local cause, but for being big - hearted enough and caring enough to be bothered. But that's just you Dibs !

Ed.

Introductions!

Dear All, To introduce myself first, I am the new Community Transport Co-ordinator for the 2DP. I moved to this wonderful part of the world in June, from the South and chose Yorkshire to

re-locate with my family for a better way of life in a cleaner and safer environment (and of course we loved it here). Nothing could have prepared us for the welcome and the community spirit, which is still very much alive and working hard. After only six months, my family and myself can't imagine living anywhere else, so I imagine my enthusiasm when I received the confirmation of my appointment as the CTC for the 2DP. The whole community thing is very new to

me, but it works and works extremely well and I can only hope through my hard work, enthusiasm and dedication to this project that I can somehow repay the community for the priceless gift of being welcomed to be a part of it all. I plan to give the Gazette a regular update on how the Community Transport Project is faring. Gail Hall CTC (2DP)

A warm welcome to you Gail, thanks for the introduction, do let us know how things are going on.

Ed.

Thankyou

I would like to express my deepest thanks to all our kind neighbours, friends and service personnel who have supported Sarah, Matthew and myself in the last few months. I cannot express too strongly how much the care of such a wonderful community means to us. With best wishes to you all for 2003. Veronica Esartes-Sarries

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Dear Sir,

I was interested to read in September's 'Gazette' the article about Dennis Waller, and especially the note describing his visit to Kettering in Northamptonshire just before the last war. The cousin he mentioned, or possibly his uncle, and stayed with was my great-grandfather Matthew Harker. He was the youngest son of a family of ten children, born at Smarber in 1858, and died at Geddington in Northamptonshire in 1947. He left the Dales as a young man eventually settling in Northamptonshire, taking first Cobley Lodge Farm in Little Oakley, where his uncle James Harker had already taken a place nearby, and then adding Grange Farm Newton to the holding, a total of over 1000 acres of arable and dairy farming. He built a fine new house in Geddington in 1926, naming it "Smarber House" after his birthplace, which I purchased from his estate and lived happily there for over 25 years. He brought up a family of ten children, six by his first wife Elizabeth Dougill from Gunnerside, and four by his second Alice Barratt. His youngest daughter, Barbara Harker, still lives in retirement in Kettering. His eldest son was my grandfather, Jimmy Harker, who was educated for some time, with his sister Mary, at Reeth School, around 1900 -

1910. My brother Trevor Harker, is still farming at Cobley Lodge which our great-grandfather took on 130 years ago! My wife and I regularly come to Swaledale, staying at Draycott Hall in Fremington, and would be very interested to meet anyone who may remember my branch of the Harker family. I did meet Dennis Waller briefly about two years ago, but did not get his address, so would be delighted if he would like to contact me. **Jim Harker**, Lyon's Yard, Wood Street, Geddington, Northants. NN14 1BG Tel: 01536 742245

Macclesfield, Cheshire.

Dear editor

On our Christmas visit to Swaledale we were appalled by how much dog dirt there was on the roadside footpaths. We visited the dale with our three young children and had to be constantly telling them to watch out. I had to go on the road several times with the pram to avoid the dog dirt on the footpath. We counted 13 piles of dog dirt on the footpath between Grinton and Reeth alone. We did see one sign in Reeth reminding people of the health hazard to children and threatening a £1 000 fine. Perhaps if there were more reminders and dog rubbish bins, and the occasional enforcement, then visitors could look up and enjoy the beauty of the dale, rather than keep their eyes constantly watching the path in front of them. **J. Sutherland**

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Sincerely yours **THE CAT!**

GUNNERSIDE W.I.

Despite the weather, we had an excellent attendance at our November A.G.M. A minute's silence was observed in memory of Hannah Milner, a founder member of our branch and enthusiastic worker for W.I. over many years. Hannah's collection of photographs and news cuttings had been handed on to Margaret Rutter, covering past events at Gunnerside. It was approved that Hannah's name should be entered in the W.I. Book of Remembrance. The officers and committee were then re-elected. Our secretary, Margaret Crapper, had sent her report from Australia, where she is visiting family, and reviewed the events of the past year, a good variety of interesting meetings and social occasions.

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And into our room, 113,
To see Roger, who really wasn't a spy,
With Pat, sat there on his knee.

They did look surprised as we caught them,
We then tossed a coin to find out who,
Would stay in the room and who wouldn't,
They'd have to spend the night in the loo!

We drew the 'short straw' you might say,
And crushed in the bath we crashed out.
Fully clothed, with only a blanket,
Until we heard a loud shout.

Someone set off the alarm,
The noise was excessive, I'd say.
Pat was stood in the doorway,
shouting — "Evacuation!
Please come this way"
So we all stumbled out to the car park,
By this time the firemen were there.
The red engine, and all their equipment,
But no flames or smoke anywhere!

That false alarm, it didn't please them,
And now it had started to rain,
The guests, staff and all party goers
Were really starting to complain.

The Police, by now had turned up,
A sergeant said sternly to me
That I was a suspect, so please
Could I go to the station — promptly!

Into the car I was bundled,
In my creased party number and heels!
I give them my statement and answers,
I now know how a criminal feels.
When all was done, it was then four am
But my name it was cleared, thank God.
I was cold, hungry, down hearted, and -
Outside the Police Station — on my tod!
I'd no money to hire a taxi,
No key for my own front door.
So back to the hotel I trudged,
Feet hurting and so terribly sore.

But in room 113, I found Pat,
Snuggled up with her new found man.
So I gathered my things up together,
Our friendship was now 'down the pan'.

Eventually at five I reached home,
Sore head, upset and quite cold.
What a night, but not to remember!
Really, a tale not to be told.
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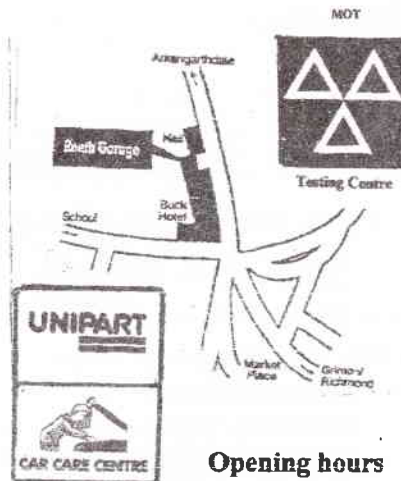
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AGENDA

1. Directors' Report
2. Financial Report and acceptance of the audited accounts.
3. Appointment of Auditor
4. Future Plans
- Election of Directors

In accordance with paragraph 26 of the company's Articles of Association, all the first Directors of the company are required to retire from office at the first AGM. The Board recommends the appointment of the following people as Directors who will retire, in future, by rotation. **Raymond Alderson, John Blackie, Harold Brown, Richard Good, Joan Graveson, James Kendall, Kevin Lancaster.** These 7 people have been part of the 10 who constituted the first Board and are eligible to be Directors. All have agreed to stand.

5. Any Other Business

In accordance paragraph 57 of the company's Articles of Association, the following Rules were adopted by the Board of Directors on 21 November 2002.

Membership

1. Membership of The Two Dales Community Company (known as Hudson House Limited) is open to everyone who lives, works, owns residential property or is on the electoral roll of the two electoral wards of Reeth and Arkengarthdale and Swaledale within the Richmondshire Rural District of the County of North Yorkshire.
2. Membership will be established by the address of each person given on entry to the Annual General Meeting.
3. No fees or subscriptions are payable.

Meetings

4. Each year the Board of Directors Will hold four ordinary meetings; in February, May, August and November.
5. The Annual General Meeting will be called in January.
6. Notice of the AGM will be given in the Reeth Gazette nearest to the date of the meeting. Notices will be displayed in the Post Offices and on all Village Notice Boards four weeks before the date of the meeting.

The Appointment of New Directors

Please contact Joan Graveson before (see below) if you wish to nominate a new director. The Board at present is unbalanced in its representation. Nominations of young people and women are particularly welcome.

Signed Joan Graveson, Company Secretary

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Reeth School pupils and staff for the annual

News

The children presented to Jennifer Kendall in and staff recognition of twenty nine years w e r e invaluable service to the school as delighted to Bursar and Secretary. The Christmas w e l c o m e Party and tea was not only attended by parents, grandparents, friends and the the Trustees but also by Father 'Swaledale Seedlings' to performances Christmas who brought gifts for all the of our Christmas Concert. The event children. We are most grateful to commenced with Christmas music Malcolm and Freda Terry for donating performed by the cornet trio and the the coins collected in their enormous belleplate groups plus a percussion whisky bottle to the school and to all piece, 'Rudolph's Rag', played by *Class 2*. those people who tried to estimate their The story of 'Jesus' Christmas Party' value. This turned out to be £47.34 and was told in words and songs by *Class 1*. A Hannah Guy made the winning estimate. performance of the musical play The Autumn Term concluded with a joint 'Shepherd Boy' by *Class 2* delighted the Christingle Service for the pupils, staff large audiences and refreshments and friends of Arkengarthdale, provided by the 'Friends of Reeth Gunnerside and Reeth Schools in St School' concluded a happy evening. Andrews Church at Grinton. The service Thank you to everyone who attended was led by Revd Tim Tunley and Revd these concerts, the raffles raised £159 Jane Harris. Readings were by Peter for school funds. Governors joined the Sparrow, Daniel Stubbs, Matthew

Tommey and Thalia Sparrow. Prayers were led by Laura Barningham, Jennie Frewen, Jack Lord, Kelly Jones and Lara Bissicks. The parts of the Christingle were explained by Joe Sommells, Zoe Wearmouth, Laura Calvert, William Porter, Nigel Waggett and Benjamin Hall. The collection of £142.11 was presented by Amos Parkes for the work of the Children's Society.

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MORE SCHOOL NEWS

Gunnerside School have had a successful Autumn Term and would like to share their successes with the community. The older children have been studying their local area this term and have made several visits to local museums including Hazel Brow Farm, Hawes Countryside Museum and the Hawes Creamery. The younger children have studied castles as part of a Houses and Homes topic, and Mexico. Visits to Mexico were out of the question, but they did visit Bolton and Addleham castles! Mexico came to the classroom in the form of tacos and guacamole. 'Zoolab UK' visited school with a host of invertebrate animals from far away places which stimulated science work, as well as some splendid art and craft. The children staged a Harvest Festival in Gunnerside Methodist Chapel to raise money for the Pendragon Charity and also gave a wonderful performance of 'Christmas Round the World' by James Wright as part of their Christmas celebrations in the chapel. The school is currently working towards the 'Healthy Schools Award' and as part of their work towards this have had Schools Waste Action Club visit them to alert them to the benefits of recycling and reducing waste. The children even recycled their own paper, which was used to make their Christmas cards. The school is proud to announce that it has also been nominated for a 'School Achievement Award' which is given to schools who have achieved consistently high standards in National Tests over the last four years. We are one of only forty schools nominated from the County for this National Award. As Headteacher, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those involved here at school for their hard work and commitment - children, staff, Governors, parents and friends. May I take this opportunity to wish everyone a Happy New Year. Penny Vernon — Headteacher

Arkengarthdale School The staff and children of Arkengarthdale School would like to wish you all a very happy and prosperous new year. Our autumn term was very busy and culminated with our production of 'Travellers from Afar' which was thoroughly enjoyed by participants and audiences alike. Our focus was thinking about other people both near and far. Our Christmas presents under the tree were collected for children in foster care in the Catterick area, the collection from 'Travellers from Afar' is being used to sponsor Amadou, our little friend in Senegal, we raise £435.46 for the British Heart Foundation and £25.00 for Children in Need. We thank all our parents, friends and Friends of the School who have helped and supported us and we look forward to another busy, exciting term.

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Two Dales Partnership - New Year Update farm diversification. LART have also indicated that they have been contacted by an animal feed company looking to employ 100 part time drivers for either weekends, evenings or through the day. Although this company is based in York they are aware that there is currently a big shortage of HGV drivers. Some of the food delivery companies are requesting food hygiene certificates and these are also essential for those people working in any form of food preparation or catering. Through this scheme there is an opportunity to gain qualifications, which would enable individuals to be well prepared and qualified to apply for these types of employment opportunities. If you want to know more about courses and costs you need to contact LART direct through any of the following numbers. Linda Bower 01944 758379, Stephanie McInnes 01642 724962, Angela Sims 01609 772359, Su Raper 01347 821306 **2DP New Year Plans** During the coming months 2DP will be continuing to work on the communications project and will keep you up to date on how we are getting on. In the early stages of development is a project to assist in enhancing the conditions of the roads within the Two Dales. An area identified from the transport survey carried out last year which is of great importance to the people who and live and work in the dales. A group of representatives from the Parish Councils are working with 2DP employment opportunities or assist with

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10.30am Low Row URC
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11.00am Holy Trinity Low Row
Eucharist
Reeth Congregational
St Edmund's Marske
Family Eucharist
2.00pm Keld URC *Epiphany Celebration*
2.30pm Gunnarside Methodist
Covenant Service
4.00pm Fremington Sunday School
Evensong
6.30pm Reeth Congregational
Marske Methodist *Covenant*

12th January

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 Church
2.30pm Gunnarside Methodist
Arkengarthdale Methodist
Covenant Service
4.00pm St Mary's Muker
Sunday School/Family Service
6.30pm Reeth Methodist Church
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19th January

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Holy Communion

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Holy Communion
9.30am Fremington Sunday School
Eucharist
St Michael's Downholme
Holy Eucharist
10.30am Reeth Methodist Church
Low Row URC
11.00am Reeth Congregational Church
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11.15am St Mary's Arkengarthdale
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