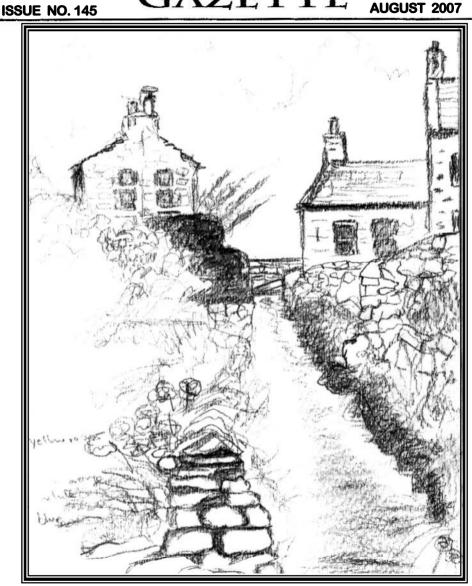
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PRICELESS



Would it really matter if yet another of our Dale's Methodist Chapels closed? Gunnerside for example. It really is not possible to keep the few we have left open without more support from the local communities.

At Gunnerside there is the Shortest day, Harvest festival, Easter and Midsummer where you will find more than a handful of people and the occasional visitors at a Sunday Service. The regular giving is also now so small it will not be possible to pay the bills for long.

It would be lovely to see lots of activity in the Chapel in addition to the male Voice Choir from York every other year, the odd concert for the Swaledale Festival, the Gunnerside Choir, and occasionally the Swale Singers and Muker Band. Even the Methodist Primary School may be using it less in future.

Fewer people get married in Church now, and when they do they never return. Of course we still do have funerals. Where would you like to be buried? Maybe scatter your ashes on the Swale or on the Barf or down the lead mines?

If Gunnerside Chapel is forced to close there would only be Arkengarthdale and Reeth left for Methodists—twelve miles form Keld and nine from Muker.

Apart from the financial implication, if the necessary officers to run the Cahpel are not forthcoming there certainly will be more closures in the Dales. Help from the circuit beyond Reeth to act as

Secretary/Treasurer and Stewards etc. can only be a temporary measure - then the crunch will come.

If you look in the Gunnerside Visitors Book in the porch, the comments are always encouraging and so often people are thrilled to find it open when they try the door. Many of the folk around the villages have ancestors who put their faith, money and skills into building the Chapel. Do we owe them anything?

Please think about it. Florence Bland.



Thank you Florence for the heartfelt letter. The problem of keeping Chapels and Churches open is not of course confined to our two beautiful Dales, but that is where our concern lies. I believe that we are just custodians for future generations of these magnificent buildings built to glorify and worship God. We therefore all have a duty and responsibility to keep them going wherever possible, as we, and our Dale would be so much the losers if they were not there as part of our community. They are now as much a part of our landscape as the sheep and hills. They also form part of our historical and social heritage, as well as being the spiritual centres of our Dale. We do need to think about what we can do to preserve them, not just as stones and mortar, but as a living and active part of our community. What do others think? Let us know. **GML**

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Sunday 5th. August

9.15 am St. Mary's Muker

Eucharist

10.30am URC Combined Service at

Barnard Castle

Reeth Methodist

11.00am St. Edmund's, Marske

Family Service

Holy Trinity, Low Row

Eucharist

Reeth Evangelical Congregational

6.00pm St. Andrew's, Grinton

Evensong BCP

6.30pm Arkengarthdale

Holy Communion

Gunnerside Methodist

Reeth Evangelical Congregational

Sunday 12th August

9.30am St. Andrew's, Grinton

Eucharist

St. Michael's, Downholme

Holy Communion

10.30am Low Row URC

Reeth Methodist

Holy Communion

11.00am St. Edmund's Marske

Eucharist

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11.15am St. Mary's Arkengarthdale

Holy Communion BCP

2.00pm Keld URC

6.30pm Gunnerside Methodist

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Sunday 19th. August

9.15am St. Mary's, Muker

Holy Communion BCP

10.30am Low URC

Holy Communion

Reeth Methodist

11.00am Holy Trinty, Low Row

Eucharist

St. Edmund's Marske

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Reeth Evangelical Congregational

6.30pm

St. Mary's Arkengarthdale

Evensong BCP

Arkengarthdale Methodist

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Reeth Evangelical Congregational

Sunday 26th. August

8.00am Holy Trinity, Low Row

Holy Communion BCP

9.30am St. Andrew's, Grinton

Eucharist

St. Michael's, Downhome

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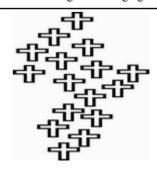
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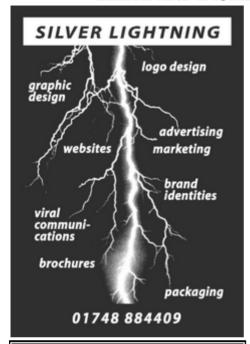
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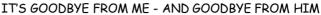
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No, we are not moving from Reeth to run a distillery in the Western Isles – but we **are** resigning from front line work in the Orchard to do all the other things retired people do. This is my last Gazette article about the activities in the Community Orchard;

I hope that, over the years, I have given you an insight into the project's trials, tribulations and aspirations.

Now that the renovation work is completed I can say it was all worth while - but it is just as well I didn't know what it would involve beforehand! I do have happy memories of all the people who have worked in the garden, sometimes in the most dreadful conditions. I have also been lucky to be party to commissioning the skilled work that has gone into benches, sculptures, walls and flower beds. These make the Orchard a unique garden to be enjoyed for many years to come.

The Orchard Group has changed over the six years since its inception; present members are now involved mainly with maintenance work. As any gardener knows, turn your back on the garden for long and it soon gets out of hand. More help is needed with this work - which is not necessarily onerous if enough people are willing to give an hour or so a week. It would be a bonus if we could have help from a wild flower meadow enthusiast! Help is also needed with the organisation and paperwork involved with running the Orchard; preferably someone who likes computers, though is not necessarily a keen gardener. The next Orchard Group meeting will be held on Tuesday, 14th August, at the Barn, Hudson House, at 8 pm; please just come along if you are interested.

Keith and I are sorry to be taking a back seat after a long and happy association with the Orchard, its volunteers, Friends and other supporters. We hope that new people will come forward to work with the remaining Orchard Group members; it will mean a lot to us to know that the future of the Orchard is in safe hands.

Brenda Allen 884103

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www.WensleydaleRailwayAssociation.com (history and volunteering). Tel 08454 50 Services are 'turn up and go' except for coach parties and groups of 11 or more who should book in advance. No need to book for Discovery Walk with leadmining theme from Redmire station starting at 11.40on Thurs. August 9. It is essential to book for special events which include both a train journey and meal (Sun August 5 Yorkshire Pudding Walk and lunch; Thurs August 23 evening Hog Roast and Castle Hills, Northallerton trip). (For other events and local information, tel. Leyburn TIC on 01969 623069).

The Friends of Arkengarthdale School would like to thank every-one who joined them and donated money on their Highway man trolley push on Sunday 15th July .We started at Low Whita bridge and pushed to Reeth where we stopped for a picnic on the green and then pushed back up to Arkengarthdale, we raised a magnificent £430.00. We all managed to stay dry and the children were amazing with most of them walking the whole distance shaking buckets and pushing our Dick Turpin. A big thank-you goes to Gail and co with the community bus for being our front vehicle and resting place for weary walkers, and to Douglas for taking up the rear in the landrover. Thank- you also to Charles & Stacey and staff at the C B for well needed Tea and a brilliant day was had by adults and children. Thank you.



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Arkengarthdale C.E. School

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Gunnerside Schools for a morning of fun activities and are looking forward to returning the visit next term. Year 6 children had a fun day at Colburn Leisure Centre experiencing several different activities including rock climbing. Eureka Outreach Programme visited school for an afternoon of Science activities. This was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone as well as our four new starters for September. highlight of this afternoon was me being put in a bubble but unfortunately the bubble didn't last! Well done to James Stones and Jacob who represented school at the Knex Challenge. Thanks to the Friends of the School for all their fundraising efforts and support. KS1 now have three lovely new scooter/ bikes. The children have designed Zoo and Dales pictures for a set of notecards which the Friends are selling at £3 per pack. These will be available locally. Finally congratulations to all Year 6 on their outstanding SATS results and we wish them well at their new schools and thank them for their support and enthusiasm in their role as the School Committee. I wish everyone a very happy, restful holiday and send my grateful thanks to my staff, governors, parents and Friends of the School but most of all to the children whose enthusiasm, hard work, positive attitude and fun make our school a lovely place to be. Mary Hutchinson

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From Dr. Minns on his retirement.

Eleven years have passed since I joined Dr. Bond's medical practice as his associate, after spending 25 years in my own practice in Cheshire, followed by a short period in Tasmania.

I have enjoyed my time in Reeth, appreciating the warm welcome I received and the development of that welcome into friendship. It has been a priviledge to care for, and to share in the joys and sorrows of such wonderful people whose homes are in Swaledale and Arkengarthdale.

Thank you to you all. Dr. Paul Bond and his staff at the surgery have all been superb colleagues, making my work a pleasure. I have always been impressed by their professionalism, but above all by their willingness always to go that extra step to provide the best and local care for our patients. Similarly the care provided by the District Nurses, Midwives and at Victoria Ward, The Friary, our Cottage Hospital, is given in a friendly and expert manner. These years have given me the opportunity to follow my other interests of hill walking and riding my vintage motorcycles, which include Shipley built Scotts, in the beautiful countryside of the Yorkshire Dales, and further north. I have enjoyed attending local events, pantomimes, Jazz, North Country Theatre, and the Swaledale festival. Thank you to all who work so hard to provide enetertainment, which helps to make the Two Dales so special.

I could not have imagined that these past

eleven years would have produced so many changes in my personal life, which include the birth of my 9 grandsons and above all my marriage to my very special and lovely wife Shirley. Thank you for your interest and best wishes since to Shirley and myself. I am overwhelmed by all the warm messages personally expressed and written on the large card signed at the surgery, and by my colleagues on the 'Chip Van Card'! Thank you to everyone for your generous gifts and for the contributions towards £252 presented to me at the luncheon held at the Burgoyne Hotel on the 3rd. May. Thank you Paul and Sandie for the wonderful luncheon given in Shirley and my honour at the Burgoyne, also to Derek Hickson and his staff including Paul Salonga and Chris Harker for producing such delightful food in wonderful surroundings. I have used some of the money to purchase a folding workbench to help with all those tasks which mysteriously appear in retirement, and also to help pass on woodworking skills to my grandsons. We plan to enjoy a scenic trip on the Settle Carlisle railway when the weather improves. The remainder we will use to buy items for our garden which we are now able to enjoy.

I do apologise that I appear to have taken so long to thank everyone for their best wishes and gifts to mark my retirement, but my earlier 'open letter' written at the beginning of May went astray.

Shirley and I plan to visit the Dales in the future to renew our friendships and to enjoy some of the events mentioned earlier. Sadly we were unable to attend the Festival this year, but I did manage to disturb the peace of the Dales recently whilst riding my 1926 BSA in the Beamish Run. Meanwhile Best wishes, **John Minns**.



Dr. John Minns, wife Shirley and Dr. Paul Bond on the occasion of Dr. Minn's retirement

Before very long a bench, in memory of my parents, William Moralee and Martha [Matty Hammond] Moralee, will be placed by the garden behind the Evangelical Congregational Chapel, Mr and Mrs Gregson and the congregation of the Chapel have very kindly aiven permission for me commemorate my parents in this way. The Chapel always meant so much to my parents, especially my mother, who was taken regularly to Sunday School from earliest childhood. As she grew up she attended Chapel services, the Band of Hope and all the many activities that took place there. In 1937 my parents married at the Chapel before leaving Reeth to live in London. In

the last months of her life, before she died last year, my mother's sadly confused thoughts were increasingly back in her childhood and the happy times she had spent at the Chapel. Indeed, latterly, most days would find her dressed in hat and coat, handbag and Bible in hand, asking "Is it time for Chapel?" I hope the memorial bench will prove to be a welcome addition to the Chapel grounds and that those who sit there will enjoy the peace and serenity of the place in comfort. Perhaps their thoughts will stray to all those who, down the years, have worshipped in and loved the little Chapel. Yours sincerely, **EA Moralee**



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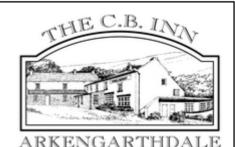
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What's On At Reeth Memorial Hall

Friday 17th August - 8pm - (from the Agent that brought us Tanglefoot) - Mad Agnes on their 'I'm With The Band' tour of the UK - their 1st British tour Mad Agnes is Margo Hennebach, Adrienne Jones and Mark Saunders. The Boston Herald reported that 'This trio brims with experience and sophisticated musical gifts ... funny showmanship and the most agile, rambunctious harmonies. The beauty can be intense.' They have also been described as 'From witty to wildly innovative, there seems nothing out there like Mad Agnes and certainly nothing like it in the folk world. A fusion of folk, pop and classical contrapuntal harmonies. contemporary yet timeless ... from simple a capella to breathtaking instrumentation (quitar. kevboard)'. bass. mandolin. Support is by multi-instrumentalist/ vocalist John Burge. Tickets £8 advance. £9 on the door (half price for under 16's.) Friday 21st September -8pm - SteamRadio - an excellent six piece band with a wealth of experience in Irish and traditional music. Members have played with the Vin Garbutt Band, the O'Boyle Band, the Champion String Band, The Rub and various Ceilidh Between them they will bring bands vocals, acoustic guitar, English Great Pipes, whistles, fiddles, keyboards, electric quitar, bass quitar, mandolin, octave mandolin, bouzouki, drums and percussion. They play a mix of traditional numbers and their own material 'inspired by years of immersion in Celtic music'. Tickets f.7 in advance, £8 on the door (half price for under 16's).



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Schools

By the time you read this we will all be on holiday. recovering after

particularly busy term.

The second half of the summer term started with KS2 children attending an extremely lively percussion workshop with 'O Duo' as part of the Swaledale Festival. The ballet 'Mirabel and the Wand' was performed in the Memorial choreographed by Janet Seymour with a text written by David Dixon, this was an enchanting production which starred some talented dancers from the schools in our area. A photo of the dancers was featured in the Northern Echo; they all looked very angelic, with the exception of the troll of course! The Y3/4 children also alongside professional musicians performance of Carmen which was wonderful community event that attracted a capacity audience at St. Andrews. Two of our Y6 pupils, Tom Bearpark and Lily Sammells, attended the area heat of the Young Engineers for Britain/K'Nex in York and gained third place with a prize of a large set of K'Nex for the school. Congratulations to Tom and Lily for achieving this well deserved prize. Early in June we held an Arts Week, working in conjunction with Rural Arts making a series of mosaic stepping stones. All of our children took part in mixed age groups, with older children supporting the younger ones. We were very grateful to all the parents who volunteered to help with this project and look forward to placing the tiles at both our school sites. The Nursery

Reeth and Gunnerside | children visited Preston Park Butterfly World and Reception children visited Northdale to link with their work on gardens. Y5/6 took part in a Science workshop as part of the Eureka Science Museum's outreach programme and Y6 children visited Colburn for an activity day where they were able to work alonaside other children who will be moving on to secondary education. Y1 and Y2 children visited a multi faith centre in Bradford and worked with Curriculum Kitchen on 'Faith Food, as part of their RE studies. Curriculum Kitchen also worked with Y5/6 children on Viking Food, KS2 children visited the Shipley Gallery and the Saltwell Park sculpture trail in Gateshead in July. This visit tied in with the colour and pattern theme for this term. Our Y3/4 class visited our school in partner Middlesbrough and the Abingdon children visited our schools two weeks later. This annual visit is always very interesting and productive as the children share their different backgrounds and explore each other's schools. Reeth Friends organised a strawberry cream tea afternoon at Hudson House and Gunnerside Friends organised a walk from Muker to Gunnerside and a Leavers' Disco. The leavers had their night out playing bowls at Catterick and enjoying a pizza at 'La Piazza.' A Leavers' Service was held in the Methodist Chapel at Gunnerside at the end of term. Our Leavers' Concert took place at Reeth Memorial Hall in July. The play, entitled 'A load of Rubbish, was written by Tim Rylands, a charismatic teacher who I heard speaking at a conference in Gateshead last year. It was a refreshingly uncomplicated

struggle to save the area where they play from a callous developer. It was about being yourself, accepting weaknesses and going for what you believe in, even when you experience failure. This seemed like an appropriate message to give to our leavers who will soon be moving on to secondary school. We wish all our leavers every success and happiness for the future. We will miss them. Jill E Wilkinson REETH & DISTRICT SPORTS ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL SPORTS DAY SAT 11TH AUGUST 2007

To commence at 1pm on Reeth High Row Children's Fancy Dress: Traditional Children's Races: Tombola: Bouncy Castle: Reeth Band: Face Painting

Quoits: Tug - of - War.

Donations of items for the Tombola would be gratefully received. These can be left with Suzann at Reeth Village Stores or given to Clare Brown, Margaret Porter or Helen Raw

Saving Used Stamps

I am still collecting used stamps. This year I am just sending to one charity which is the Sunshine Fund for Blind Children, any money raised helps to buy equipment for blind children.

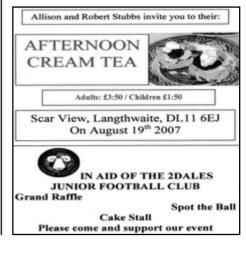
Please leave at least 1cm of paper around the stamp or just tear it with a generous amount around. I have a willing helper who happily helps to cut round them for me before they are sent away - thanks Dorothy. The drop off points are Reeth Post Office, Swaledale Woollens or East Lea, Muker, I would like to thank everyone who saves stamps for me and also the drop off points for collecting them.

Sue Thompson

story of a gang of children and their MUKER LADIES GUILD would like to thank everyone who helped to make their Pate and Pudding Evening such a success. In spite of the 'promise' of rain, many people managed to complete the JIGSAW TRAIL and put together a magnificent picture of Norma Guy in conversation with Lesley Garrett, £450 was raised for the local and Air Ambulance Service.

> Swaledale Festival Competition As many will know The Friends of the Festival ran a competition to quess the number of different instruments played the Festival In the event of a tie the decider would he the number of tickets sold The answers 88 of instrument were types determined by the Artistic Director Justin Doyle. the number of tickets sold 3788 got No one types instrument. three people were five of tickers sold the number was taken account Mrs Loadman Constable for 2 at the Bridge Burton. won a dinner kindly donated by Andrew Atkin. The competition raised £114 for Thank you to all who took part.

John Borland. Friends Chairman



MUKER PARISH COUNCIL From PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 3rd JULY, 2007

FINANCE: Payment was agreed for work to village notice boards - erection of a new board at Thwaite and repair work to the Keld RICHMONDSHIRE board at DISTRICT COUNCIL: Information about the Heritage Grant Scheme and Funding for Play from the Big Lottery is being held by the clerk. Notices were Day received about Active Life Richmond and the Woodland Diversity Day at Foxglove Covert Nature Reserve. objections were raised for the re-siting of a Wind Turbine at Tan Hill Inn; planning permission had already been given earlier in the year. The clerk was asked to contact the relevant Council department to complain about a horse being tethered by the recycling enclosure in Muker car park. Several residents wanting to use the recycling bins are being intimidated by the presence of the horse **NORTH** YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL:

further Parish Council update regarding the application from NYCC for a single Unitary Council entitled 'A New Council for North Yorkshire'. Notice of the erection of signs for an approved cycle route from Northallerton to Penrith which through Muker Parish YORKSHIRE DALES NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY: Notice was received of the public consultation on options for Housing, Waste, planning policy. Minerals and YORKSHIRE LOCAL COUNCILS ASSOCIATION: Mr Harold Brown from elected as the. Grinton was Representative appointment the

Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority. The Parish Council was asked to vote for two Parish representatives Richmondshire District Council Standards OTHER CORRESPONDENCE: The Standards Board for England has given guidance to Councillors on the revised Members' Code of Conduct by supplying them with 'The Code of Conduct: Guide for members' and 'The Code of Conduct: Pocket quide'. There was information about Richmondshire Senior Forum and from Yorwoods regarding Woodfuel Renewable Energy Opportunities for Rural Communities. There was a letter from the Chairman of Middleham Town Council suggesting a meeting regarding opposition to a Single UNITARY AUTHORITY. Also received was a consultation document and invitation to comment on the proposed changes to the North East Regional Spatial Strategy. The next Parish Council meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 21st August, 2007, in Muker Institute.

Malcolm and Freda of Harker's Coaches would like to thank family and friends, neighbours and all local businesses for their kind donations and help on their Coffee Morning. A totals of £1,800 was raised for MacMillan Cancer Support

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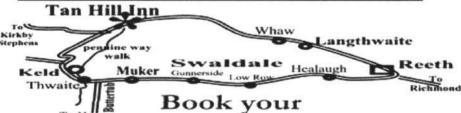


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THE SWALEDALE FESTIVAL

Swaledale Following the most successful Festival in years, trustees of this annual festival of music and arts are looking for new a n d additional staff John Sparke, Chairman of the Festival Board said, "With a fresh new programme, and a number of organisational changes, we saw a terrific growth in the numbers of visitors attending each Festival event. This has really stretched our volunteers and our few part-time employed staff. If we are to build the 2008 Festival on this year's success our staff resources will be stretched even further. Our Artistic Director, Justin Doyle, delivered a superb programme of events this year, including an exciting concert version of Carmen where the four principal singers were joined by a choir of children from Richmondshire schools and Spanish dancers. Now, with great regret on both sides, and with a great career ahead of him as a conductor, he has decided to go, but we expect to bring him back in the future, with a

baton in his hand!" Justin Doyle added, "Although I am extremely sorry to have to move on after only one year, I am really proud of what we have achieved - the 2007 Festival was a huge success and I hope that we have inspired a deeper love of music in many people." In addition to a new Artistic Director, the Festival is looking to recruit operational staff and volunteers for the busy period in April - June 2008. Details of the Artistic Director position may be found on the Festival's Website, www.swaledale-festival.org.uk. The vacancy will be formally advertised in mid August.

The Gazette welcomes all items for inclusion, in any form. Pictures for the front are particularly welcome. Please send all material to the Editor or leave at Reeth Post Office

GREAT WAR PILGRIMAGE TO THE WESTERN FRONT



Following enquiries from a number of local people, Chris Best is offering to take a Two Dales group to The Western Front this winter. The tour will explore The Ypres Salient, The Somme and, time permitting, Arras and Vimy Ridge. Particular attention will be paid to group members whose ancestors fought in those places and to those who died and Reeth. commemorated on Arkengarthdale and other local War Memorials.

Chris spent 37 years as a Regular soldier. Since retiring from the Army in 2001 he has guided many military groups on battlefields around Europe and Asia. He lectures throughout the UK to military audiences, professional groups, dining clubs and local societies.

He has also taken small groups of individuals on pilgrimage. Using Official and Regimental Histories, war diaries and trench maps he helped them trace the footsteps, graves or memorials of their forebears. Importantly, he helped them understand: why the war was fought; how soldiers were recruited and trained; the nature of the battlefield and evolution of tactics. But the overarching area of discussion is the daily life of the men and women who went to war and of those they left behind.

To learn more about this pilgrimage, or to express an interest without commitment, please ring Chris on 01748 884062.

Swaledale Museum in Reeth Poetry in Performance Day Read by Dominic Goodwin Enjoy the words of Keats, Tennyson, Sassoon, Owen, Coward and many other poets. Wednesday 8th August 2007 10am -11am: Strictly for the kids! A fun session poetry for 5-9 year Lewis Carroll, James Reeves, Michael much Rosen and 12 noon - 1pm: The Classics Shakespeare. Tennyson, Dickens, Sassoon, Owen & much more 2 - 3pm: Along the Swale to modernity! Local interest to Coward, Wendy Cope, Betjeman and beyond! Tickets: Children's hour: £3 12 noon and 2pm: £3.50 each or £6 for both performances ** Entry also includes free entry into the museum Tickets available from: 01748 884118 BOOK EARLY AS SEATS LIMITED Dominic Goodwin is a York based actor regularly seen at Helmsley Arts Centre, Georgian Theatre Royal Richmond, and other venues. Recent credits include Siegfried Sassoon in Stephen MacDonald's World War 1 play "Not about heroes" Jack in "September in the Rain" and Character voices for "The Man Who Wrote Lassie" for BBC Radio 4

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TWO DALES DIARY DATES

August

8th Poetry in Performance Day

Swaledale Museum

Reeth Sports Day

11th Reeth Sports Day

17th Mad Agnes and John Burge Reeth Memorial Hall

21st Muker Parish Council

25th Wensleydale Show, The showfield,

Bellerby Road, Leyburn

29th. REETH SHOW at the Showfield Reeth

September

5th MUKER SHOW at the Showfield,

7th. Brass Band and Choir Concert Arkengarthdale Methodist Church in aid of Chapel and St. Mary's funds.

7th - 9th

Christian Heritage Weekend - check with local churches for events.

9th Hardraw Brass Band Competition, Hardraw Wenslevdale.

21st 'Steam Radio' Memorial Hall Reeth at 8pm

22nd. York Philharmonic Male Voice Choir, St. Mary's Church, Arkengarthdale. 7pm.

October

18th Bob Fox and Billy Mitchell, Reeth Memorial Hall.

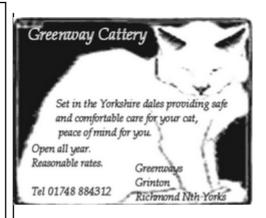


The Reeth Tea Dance

Thursday 18th August in the Reeth Memorial Hall. There will be 50/50 dancing with live music from the Mike Rose Band. All are welcome and admission is just £2,

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DIARY DATE Reeth Sports Day will be on the 11th. August 2007

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Gunnerside WI July Meeting Report

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a piece was made and when. Most Little did one of our members know that | intriguing is the anchor mark, denoting a the delightful small silver milk jug she piece has been made in landlocked inherited from her mother would be the Birmingham! A pair of silver sunglasses, centre of interest at the July meeting that today would not look out of place on of Gunnerside WI. Helen Bainbridge, the catwalks of Milan, and which are the curator of the Swaledale Museum in only silver item in the Swaledale Reeth, used it to demonstrate the Museum's collection, provided the finale various aspects of silversmithing as part to the talk. There is no evening meeting of her talk "Learning about your silver". I in August, but the branch will be holding The jug had been hammered, chased and its annual coffee morning, serving embossed, as well as having caste legs. delicious scones, tea and coffee, on Helen also used items brought by other | Monday 27th August 2007 at 10am at members to illustrate the difference Gunnerside Village Hall. There will also between fine and sterling silver. She be cake and preserves, plant, book and explained how, although not always white elephant stalls and a raffle. So



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