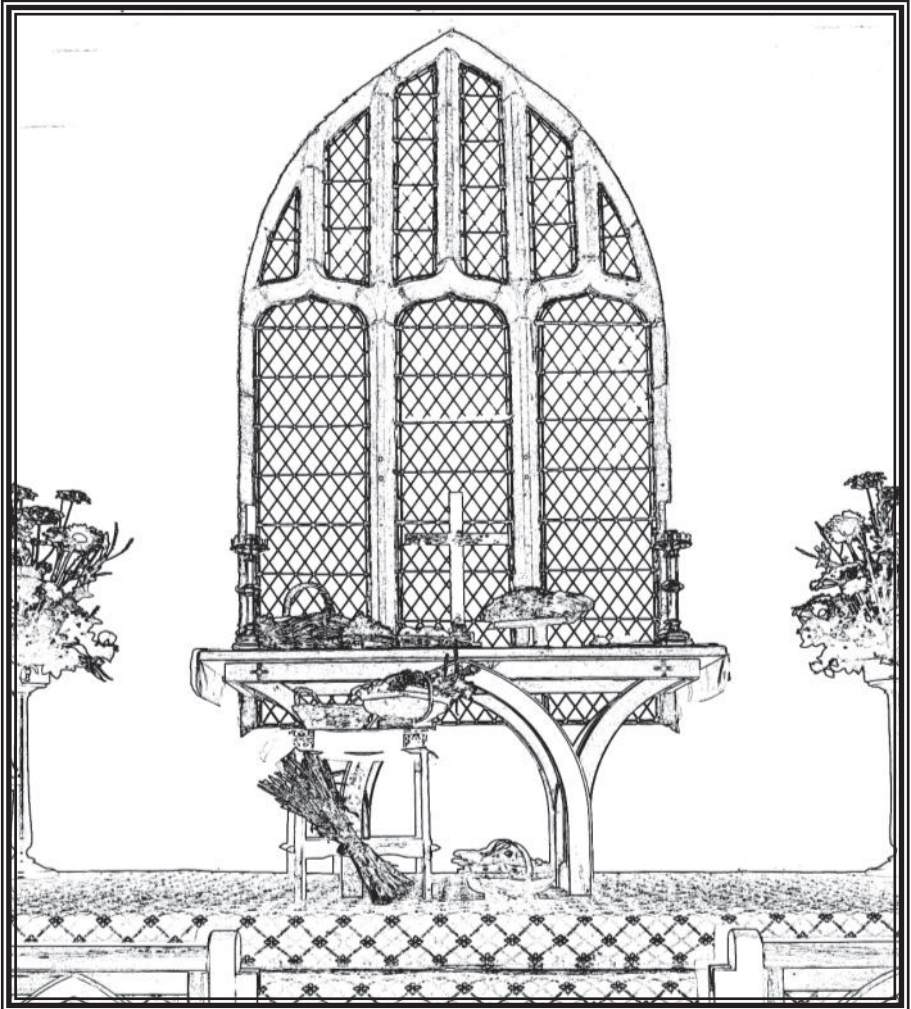


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**YOUR LOCAL NEWS MAGAZINE
for the TWO DALES**

PRICELESS



EDITORIAL



Hello again, thanks for reading.

This is the season of Harvest, when we think particularly of our blessings and hopefully of how we can help those more needy than ourselves. I have been to a few Harvest Festival Services this year (about six), all of them different and all of them very enjoyable. But what has struck me more than anything is the fact that everyone celebrated what we had to be thankful for but also did show great concern for others not so well off as ourselves. Fairtrade and Tearcraft (organisations that exist to provide fairness in trade for those in under developed countries, so that their farmers are not exploited) have been mentioned many times. But now we are starting to think quite rightly about Fair Trade here at home as well. Our own farmers are being exploited by big companies, and there is real danger that many of them could go out of business. Do we do enough to support? Do we make a concentrated effort to buy British goods and so support our own producers? With foot and mouth and blue tongue affecting our own farming community we need more than ever to see how we can see Fair Trade here at home. I was struck with one of the Harvest Addresses I heard, and thanks go to Caroline Hewlett for allowing us to print it. Please read it (pages 22 to 24) and see what you think. Comments welcome.

GML

Dear Editor, We are sure that the considerable activity taking place at The School House in Reeth over the last four months, has not gone unnoticed.

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We would love to hear from anyone with their experiences of The School House, as we would like to learn more of the history and architectural foibles of this lovely property.

Please call and see us in person, give us a call, or, if you prefer, email us. We'll be delighted to hear from you.

Yours sincerely

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December	November 10th
January	December 15th

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LOW ROW**

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CHURCH SERVICES in Swaledale & Arkengarthdale

Sunday 7th October

- 9.15am St. Mary's Muker
Eucharist
- 10.30am Low Row URC
Reeth Methodist
Holy Communion
- 11.00am Holy Trinity Low Row
Eucharist
St. Edmund's, Marske
Harvest Festival
Reeth Evangelical Congregational
Harvest Festival
- 6.00am St. Andrew's, Grinton
Evensong
- 6.30pm Arkengarthdale Methodist
Holy Communion
Gunnarside Methodist
Reeth Evangelical Congregational

Sunday 14th October

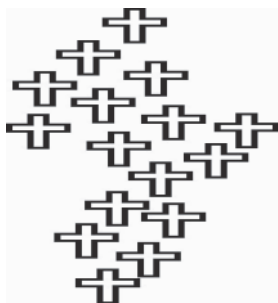
- 9.30am St. Andrew's, Grinton
Eucharist
St. Michael's, Downholme
Holy Communion
- 10.30am Low Row URC
Harvest Festival
Reeth Methodist
- 11.00am St. Edmund's Marske
Morning Service
Reeth Evangelical Congregational
- 11.15am St. Mary's Arkengarthdale
Holy Communion BCP
- 2.00pm Keld URC
- 6.30pm St. Mary's Muker
Family Service
Gunnarside Methodist
Reeth Evangelical Congregational

Sunday 21st. October

- 9.15am St. Mary's, Muker
Holy Communion BCP
- 10.30am Low URC
Reeth Methodist
- 11.00am Holy Trinity, Low Row
Eucharist
St. Edmund's Marske
Eucharist
Reeth Evangelical Congregational
- 6.30pm St. Mary's Arkengarthdale
Evensong BCP
Gunnarside Methodist
Reeth Evangelical Congregational

Sunday 28th. October

- 8.00am Holy Trinity, Low Row
Holy Communion BCP
- 9.30am St. Andrew's, Grinton
Eucharist
St. Michael's, Downhome
Holy Communion
- 10.30am Low Row URC
Reeth Methodist
- 11.00am St. Edmund's Marske
Eucharist
Reeth Evangelical Congregational
- 11.15 St. Mary's, Arkengarthdale
Holy Communion BCP
- 2.00pm Keld URC
- 6.30pm Gunnarside Methodist
Reeth Evangelical Congregational



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What has happened to the Keld Centre?

That is what some of you may have been wondering. It was foot-and-mouth disease which initially caused the Centre to close temporarily. For the past two years it has been "moth-balled", but there are now plans to re-open it. The Keld Centre is part of the premises belonging to Keld United Reformed Church and consists of the former Manse, School and Institute. The Northern Synod of the U.R.C. recently agreed to plans for an up-graded, down-sized, multi-use Centre.

Redevelopment will be done in stages. The first building to re-open, hopefully by next Easter, will be the Manse. At busy times of the year it is planned to house a student minister or a retired minister there to be a visible Christian presence to the many people who visit Keld. The Manse will also be available at certain times to ministers who are in special need of time and space away from their duties. For the rest of the year the Manse will be let as a holiday cottage with the intention that the income from this will help towards financing the other two buildings.

The School and the Institute will, at a later stage, be redeveloped as separate units to be used by a variety of smaller groups from the community and further afield, but with the possibility of both buildings being used together by larger groups. The aim is to be as flexible as possible and as wide-embracing as possible. If you have any thoughts or comments about these proposals, please contact the minister of Keld United Reformed Church, Rev Julie Martin (tel: 01833 638116).

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH Low Row

SATURDAY 3RD. NOVEMEBR

A Coffee Morning in aid of Holy Trinity church funds will be held at Barney Top, Low Row, the home of Christine and Ray Ford, commencing at 10.00am. There will be Cake and Gift stalls, a Raffle and Tombola. Jams and preserves will be on sale. Prizes for the raffle and tombola can be left at Ling Garth; cakes and gifts at Barney Top. Everyone is most welcome to attend.

At the Harvest Festival Service and Supper, £207 was raised which will be sent to the Farmer's In Crisis Charity. Thanks to everyone for their support.

ARKENGARTHDALE METHODIST CHURCH

CRIME AND DISORDER IN

ARKENGARTHDALE

(Before living memory!)

Is the title of a talk given by the County Archivist Keith Sweetmore on Friday 9th. November at 7.30pm Adults £4 children £1.50 to include light refreshments

TEARCRAFT

Were you in the Memorial Hall in Reeth in 2003/4/5 when Jill Hutchinson spoke about her visits to Nepal, Peru and Bangladesh? Do you remember the huge display of Tearcraft she brought with her and the wonderful slide show she presented? Jill is coming to Swaledale again on Friday 9th. November (starting at 8pm) and again she will be bringing enough Tearcraft nearly to fill the schoolroom at Reeth Evangelical Congregational Church. Do come along to have a look at it or perhaps to buy some of the beautiful craft items.

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Alderson Family History Meeting

Muker Public Hall saw, once again, a gathering of members and guests who all have an interest in the Alderson Family. This annual event, always held on the first Saturday in September after the Muker Show, attracts members from all over the world. This year we had visitors from South Africa and Canada. The day started with a general welcome and members could then examine the various records and books on display along with computers containing thousands of Alderson records. The AGM was held at midday followed by an excellent lunch supplied by Swaledale Caterers. Next, a talk was given by Alan Mills entitled "A window into the poor of Swaledale in the 19th Century". This was a fascinating presentation describing the rise and fall of the workhouse and the lot of the poor inhabitants. In the evening 35 members and guests joined together for a meal at the Kearton Country Hotel, which was of the usual high standard. The next day, the group assembled in Reeth and were entertained with a description of how Reeth developed around the Green along with a visit to the former workhouse. The guides were again Alan Mills along with Helen Bainbridge. The morning ended with a visit to the Swaledale Museum where Helen had laid out special articles of Alderson interest. Finally the weekend finished with a lunch at the Bridge Inn, Grinton. Godfrey Alderson Chairman AFHS

Hidden History of the Dales Exhibition

Having toured venues in North and West Yorkshire, gathering information along the way, this exhibition is returning to the Dales Countryside Museum in Hawes. It will feature archive material, never seen

before, that describes the involvement of the Dales and Yorkshire in the British trade in enslaved Africans; that shows how many Yorkshire people in various capacities were employed in the trade and in the plantation economies which it supported; highlights how financially the area benefited enormously from it; that many Yorkshire abolitionists other than Wilberforce tried to end it and, perhaps most surprising, that from the 17th century onwards a number of Africans settled in the Dales and Yorkshire because of it. Exhibitions about British Black History are rare and in North Yorkshire, rarer still, so it is an excellent opportunity to discover the links between people and places in the Dales, the Caribbean and Africa. Carnival costume from the Huddersfield and Leeds Carnival will also add a vibrant, colourful and telling element to the exhibition. **Hidden History Events**

A programme of special events will be held at the Dales Countryside Museum in Hawes over October half term. **October** Thurs 11 - Hidden History of the Dales Exhibition opens. Wednesday 24 - African bead-making - children's craft activity Thurs 25 - African Dance and drumming workshops - led by artists from "Africa for All" (Soundjata) teaching music, drumming, and dance rhythms from Zimbabwe, South Africa and West Africa. There will be a 10min performance, followed by 3 sessions of 45 min workshops with 15 min intervals. Max of 20 participants of all ages. Fri 26 - Georgian afternoon tea - food tasting and storytelling for the Hidden History exhibition as she describes the discoveries made through the project.

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Sat 27 - Carnival Costume making - discover the history and influence of Carnival and have a go at making your own costume
 Sun 28 - lunchtime lecture - Discovering the Hidden History of the Dales - join Audrey Dewjee the researcher
December Sun 2 - Gospel Singing - afternoon workshop open to all - evening performance featuring 2 choirs from the Dales and Huddersfield, 7.30 Aysgarth Church.

Please contact the Dales Countryside Museum, Station Yard, Hawes, for further information on 01969 666210 or email dcm@yorkshiredales.org.uk

NEWS from the Wensleydale Railway

The 30 day steam train operation in August proved a great attraction to visitors and was a success in all respects. There was significant benefit to Leyburn's economy as several thousand more passengers arrived at the station than is usual in August and then walked up into the town for shopping and lunch. The month-long pilot scheme demonstrated very clearly that the Wensleydale Railway already brings benefit to mid-Wensleydale - and how much greater it will be when the restoration of the full 40 mile railway has been achieved!

Looking ahead in the short-term, it is vital to attract passengers to the services that are already in place. In October, this means DMU services between Leeming Bar and Redmire on Fridays (market day in Leyburn), Saturdays and Sundays and then every day over the local half term from October 19-28 (trains run daily until September 30). Oct 27 (fourth Saturday)

is Leyburn Farmers Market (8am-3pm so catching the first train in each direction is advised). Special WR events in October are a Guided Walk with Cumberland Sausage lunch and vegetarian option on Saturday October 6 (booking essential) and Day Out With Thomas on Sat/Sun Oct 20/21 (booking strongly recommended for choice of journey time). Booking is also needed for WR's special excursions in November, including the Fireworks Special to Bedale (Sat Nov 3) which includes parkin and mulled wine on the return journey and Christmas shopping trip to Northallerton on Wed. Oct 28. October 31 is the deadline for claiming the Early Booking Discount for Santa Specials in December (tel 08454 50 54 74).

In a major step forward in the company's development, Wensleydale Railway is advertising for a full-time General Manager - deadline for applications is October 31 (see www.wensleydalera railway.com for details).

Ruth Annison

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Crime in the two Dales since the beginning of August.

2/3rd August a builders cabin up at Reeth school was broken into and tools taken during the weekend of Sept 8/9th a repeat break in took place and expensive tools were again stolen. The school is isolated up there at the top of the hill but if anyone has seen anything please contact the Police. Again, during the 2/3rd August a newly built property in Gunnerside was broken into but this time nothing was taken. Strangely, sometime during August one of the bells from the church at Downholme was stolen. This would have involved quiet an operation, but again in an isolated location. Churches have been targeted of late mainly for their Lead and Copper as prices have risen. Please report any suspicious vehicles and persons seen in the area, I can't stress how important it is. Now some good news. There has been a new "Community Bobby" appointed for the Swaledale and Arkengarthdale areas. Pc109 Alec Robertson, a man of over 20yrs experience, much of it spent Policing the Dales area is now ensconced as your local Officer. Alec, I know is looking forward to visiting the schools, Parish Councils and other organisations and deal with any problems that may occur. Alec likes nothing better than chatting to folk, both young and old so you children feel free to stop and speak to him. What I would say, especially to a certain Miss Porter is that Alec isn't as good at football as, I so don't be too hard on him. He will be continuing the effective relationship with our partner agencies

within Hudson House and that will remain a point of contact. Both Alec and Sgt Mark Hughes the new Dales sgt who many will know already, are both keen to work alongside the Daleswatch members on night time operations. This is relevant considering the dark nights will soon be upon us. I wont say this will be my last entry as like Leeds United's start to the season I may rise again. Mark Rasbeary Wildlife Crime Officer North Yorkshire Police tel - 0845 6060 247

mob - 07980 988287 email mark.rasbeary@northyorkshire.pnn.police.uk

Friends of Swaledale Museum

The next talk, "A window onto the Poor of Reeth in the 19th century" is on Wednesday 24 October 2007. Continuing the theme introduced by Janet Bishop in June, Alan Mills will talk about the treatment of the poor in the 19th century; 2pm in the Museum, Reeth. All Friends are invited to the Annual General Meeting which will take place on Wednesday 31st October at 7pm in the Museum. This will be followed by a short talk from Helen Bainbridge on "Swaledale & Arkengarthdale in poetry and prose" and refreshments

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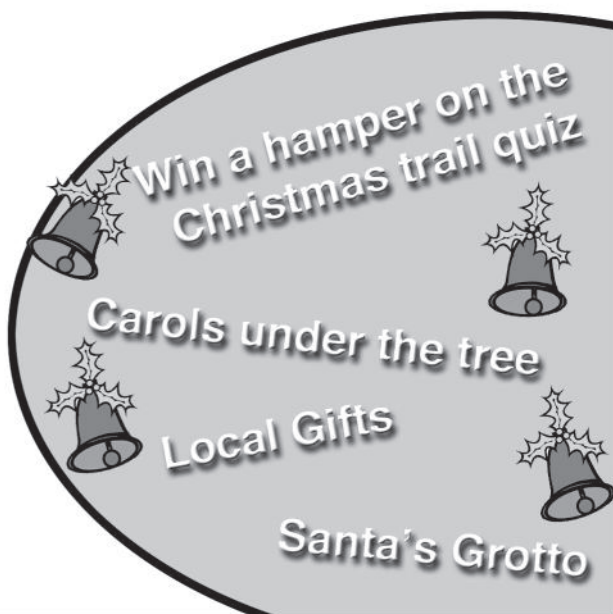
Reeth Christmas Shopping Evening



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Whats On In Reeth Memorial Hall

Friday 12th October - Billy 'n Bob - Billy Mitchell and Bob Fox - After a 'one-off' tour in 2006, which prompted one reviewer to say, "I have just witnessed my favourite gig this year ..." Billy Mitchell (Jack the Lad and former front man with Lindisfarne) and Bob Fox (twice nominated 'Folk Singer of the Year at BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards; with Stu Luckley winner of the Melody Maker Folk Album of the Year Award and 'special guest' on tour with Fairport Convention) have decided to play a farewell UK tour in 2007. They will perform alone and together. £9 in advance £10 on the door (half price for under 16's). www.bobfoxmusic.com

Friday 19th October - Swarb's Lazarus - Dave Swarbrick (Fairport Convention, Whippersnapper) on fiddle and mandolin; Kevin Dempsey (Whippersnapper, Uiscedwr) on guitar; Martin Allcock (Fairport Convention, Jethro Tull) on bouzar and acoustic guitar. Support by Judith Haswell - £15 in advance, £17 on the door (half price under 16's) www.swarbslazarus.com

Friday 16th November - Jez Lowe's 'Song for Geordie' Tour. Jez & the Bad Pennies are joined by Benny Graham (actor, story-teller, musician) and Shona Mooney (fiddler and BBC Young Tradition winner). Northern scenes of award-winning Durham artist, the late Tom McGuinness provide a visual backdrop. £12.50 (£15 on the door). www.jezlowe.com/
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May I remind everyone that the following items are not to be placed on the bonfire (Nov. 5th) : metal, glass, soft furnishings, building rubble, materials or ceramics. These items may be disposed of in the above skip.
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Our sincere apologies to all our subscribers, to Mrs. Hemming and to Tan Hill for the very late delivery of the September Issue. We had severe IT problems in transferring the data for the envelope labels from one computer to another. This was on the change over from our last subscription secretary to our new one Alex Hewlett.
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Marrick Show made a welcome return on Sunday 9th September. Nearly every household in the village managed to find something to enter in one of the 32 classes. Standards were high and judging was difficult but eventually winners were declared and the judges went to Katherine Carr's cottage for a well earned lunch. It was a pleasant surprise to see Tom there looking well after his recent illness. Fancy dress and pet classes were popular and after lunch sports took place in Mark Hodgson's field with children negotiating the lumps and bumps with their usual skill. Teas were served to passing walkers. It was good to see people with old ties returning to take part in a thoroughly enjoyable day, blessed with sunshine. Congratulations to Andrew Potter, brave enough to organise us all. Elaine Stones won the shield for the adult with most points and Tommy Stones won the junior shield

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Reeth Craft Group is an informal group that meets every Tuesday afternoon in the Methodist schoolroom between 2.00 and 4.00 p.m.

Members bring whatever they are currently working on and share their ideas. Although not a class, anyone wishing to try something new, can always be given help and advice.

Crafts include, patchwork, quilting, embroidery, (tapestry, crossstitch, etc.) knitting, crochet, rugmaking, (both hooky and proddy), jewellery, Christmas decorations, and much more!

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REETH COMMUNITY ORCHARD

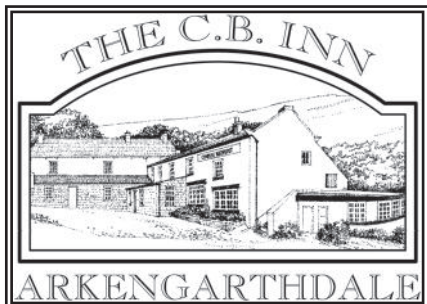
The Priory Exhibition is now finally open! On Saturday 8th September over 200 people had a lovely official opening with wine and nibbles whilst at the same time thanking Brenda and Keith Allen for six years of dedication to the Orchard.

Brenda was invited to cut the ribbon and open the Exhibition which houses wonderful pictorial wall boards recounting the history and restoration of the Orchard Garden. There are many photos of local people who have helped, including children. A beautiful oak cabinet containing treasures and finds unearthed whilst digging, and art materials for the children to record their impressions of the Orchard as it is now. The three new privies replacing the original ones on site are definitely NOT IN USE!

We would like to thank Graham, Mile, Dave and Blenkinsons for their contribution to the Priory Exhibition.

Don't forget Apple Day, Friday October 26th when you can buy juice, jams, pies, cakes and of course apples to help support your COMMUNITY ORCHARD.

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MUKER PARISH COUNCIL
From PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON 21st AUGUST, 2007

All members were present together with District Councillor Alderson and County Councillor Blackie. Following the announcement that the bid by NYCC to establish a single unitary North Yorkshire Council is not to proceed, the leader of Richmondshire DC wrote to re-assure the Parish Council that they will be entering into meaningful discussions with other Authorities in North Yorkshire to further improve service delivery in relation to value for money and efficiency. The complaint about a horse being tethered to the recycling compound in Muker car park has been passed to the wardens to investigate. Someone has been looking into the possibility of opening the post office in Muker for a couple of days a week but feels it is not worth it financially.

RICHMONDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL: Posters have been put on the village notice boards concerning Richmondshire District Youth Council, Richmondshire East Area Meeting at Askrigg on 26th September, and Annual Canvass of Electors. The Monitoring Officer sent information about adopting the Model Code of Conduct and who to inform on its adoption. The resolution to adopt the Model Code of Conduct including paragraph 12(2), effective from 22nd August 2007, was agreed by all Councillors who also completed new registration of interest forms.

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL: Highway Matters - the following to be reported as requiring

attention. On the west side of Thwaite bridge trees are growing in the wall causing it to crack; some of the road trenches filled in by BT following cable work are sinking especially one at Usha Gap; there is a pot hole in Muker outside Armsleigh and roadside trees and bushes in Muker from the camp site to the pub are becoming very overgrown and encroaching on to the road.

YORKSHIRE DALES NATIONAL PARK

AUTHORITY: The copy of the Yorkshire Dales Local Plan 2006 will be passed round Councillors for them to study. No objections were raised for the application for full planning permission for the installation of 2.no. dish antennas at 6.5 metres on existing pole and erection of equipment cabinet on land at Hoggarths Farm, off B6270, West Stonesdale, this is for communication for public services e.g. fire, police and ambulance (Coun. Calvert had declared an interest in this application). The application for full planning permission for the erection of extension to garage to form study and games room produced much discussion resulting in Councillors commenting this was clearly outside the development line of the village and they felt planning creep was taking place.

YORKSHIRE LOCAL COUNCILS

ASSOCIATION: The two Parish representatives elected on to the Richmondshire District Council Standards Board were Tom Burrows and Pat Middlemiss.

OTHER CORRESPONDENCE:

Information from Richmond CAB about their Big Lottery funding enabling them to

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reopen advice sessions in the more rural communities. Clerks and Councils Direct magazine. A copy of The Corporate Plan for North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority. From Richmondshire CVS a copy of their newsletter and a request for information for their database. South Tees Hospitals NHS Trust has been nominated to become a Foundation Trust and is consulting with local communities and looking to recruit members - should any residents be interested the Clerk is holding the necessary form.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 2nd October, 2007, in Muker Institute.

What's on at the Dales Countryside Museum in October

The exhibition "Hidden Histories of the Dales" has been on tour through the summer and will return to the museum and be on display from 11th October - 15th November. There are a variety of events organised to tie in with this exhibition, particularly over the half term school holiday - details: Friday 19th October

At 7.30 pm The Friends of the museum will be holding their Annual General Meeting followed by a talk by Peter Leyland "The story of Bainbridge Electric Lighting Company" all welcome. Events Tuesday 2nd October Friends of the museum will be demonstrating spinning and rugmaking and explaining a variety of textile techniques between 2 and 4pm. Sunday 21st October Apple Day. A "drop in" children's art and craft event between 11am - 4pm Tuesday 23rd October Kate Trusson will be in the museum all day demonstrating a variety of Patchwork and Quilting techniques

Wednesday 24th October Art in the Park. Children's craft afternoon. Booking essential Friday 26th September Storytelling for all the family from 2pm **Contact details for further details or to book onto any event:** The Dales Countryside Museum, Station Yard, Hawes open daily 10am - 5pm

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The Swaledale with Arkengarthdale Business Association will hold their AGM on October 16th. In the Buck Hotel at 7.30pm. The speaker will be Stephen Dunkerly from Yorkshire Forward.

INTERESTED IN YOUR LOCAL PAST?

Come to the SWALEDALE MUSEUM-in REETH on Saturday November 17th 10.30-4.30 for a day investigating sources of interest to those researching, family, social, building, local and religious history of Swaledale and Arkengarthdale. Speakers include Keith Sweetmore from North Yorkshire Record Office & Helen Bainbridge from the Swaledale Museum. The day entitled CUSTOMS, RITUALS & RECORDS will include talks, presentation of local case studies, and question and answer session. BOOKING ESSENTIAL as places limited, £6 for the day, contact Helen Bainbridge on 01748 884118 or museum@swaledale.org

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Fair Trade for British Farmers

Introduction to Fairtrade Many of us are familiar with the Fairtrade mark, and try to buy some Fairtrade products in our shopping. The Fairtrade Foundation website explains the history and the thinking behind this movement: The first Fairtrade label was launched in 1988 in the Netherlands and applied only to coffee. It was a specific response to the collapse of the world coffee price, which fell for some years to far less than the cost of production, and led to much suffering for coffee farmers and their families. It started with coffee, and now we can buy bananas, chocolate, coffee, tea, clothing, and even nappies and toiletries from the developing world, all of which carry a fair trade mark, and guarantee a fair price to the end producer. Most of these producers at the moment are farmers in the developing world, for whom fair trade has allowed them to have a better standard of living and to educate their children.

Granted, the issues for farmers and their families in this country are different - they can eat, and they have a home to live in, and are generally able to send their children to be educated. Even so, earning a living in farming in the UK is ever harder, and many people are giving up on farming as a life and a business, and doing other things.

That is not as simple as it sounds; it can be a big decision and a huge weight to carry if you are, say, the fifth generation farmer and it is you that has to decide to give up the holding. No wonder that this sort of pressure, combined with endless

paperwork and government demands, means that farmers have the highest rates of suicide and stress related diseases of any workers in the UK.

What has caused this problem? The price for lamb is less now than it was ten years ago, for a number of reasons, but largely because of imports from New Zealand. The costs of feeding, transporting and slaughtering animals have increased, often because of the paperwork and rules that have come in. In the past, the wool clip and sheepskins were more valuable than the meat but today many fleeces, particularly those of the traditional hill breeds, such as Swaledales, are worth less than the cost of shearing the sheep. Foot & mouth has had a long-term effect, and in the last three years, farm incomes have fallen by a third overall. It is a sobering thought that the number of UK dairy farmers has fallen from nearly 200,000 some 50 years ago to just over 12,000 now. The number of working Hill farms has halved in a decade.

There are a number of responses to this problem 1. There is a growing awareness in this country that we need to take seriously the issue of Fair Trade for our own farmers. Country Living Magazine, together with the Farmers Guardian trade paper and the supermarket Waitrose have started a campaign for fair trade for British farmers. Liz Falkingham, Editor of Farmers Guardian, says this: *If there is one plea I hear from the readers of Farmers Guardian more than any other, it is for the paper to "tell it like it is" about the desperate plight of some parts of the British farming industry. Unfortunately, publishing such things in Farmers*

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Guardian has little effect. As a trade newspaper, we are simply preaching to the converted, which is why the Fair Trade for British Farmers campaign is crucial. Working with others gives us the opportunity to speak directly to consumers and members of the general public. For many years we have rightly been encouraged to purchase Fairtrade products from countries around the world and yet, somehow, we are overlooking the injustice that is occurring on our very own doorstep. If we want to protect the rural infrastructure, to have the security of our own home produced food supplies, and even to keep cows in the fields and sheep on the hills, it is time to look more closely at our shopping choices. This is not just about what we buy, but about where we buy it and whether there really has been a 'fair trade' for the British farmer who produced it. There is an Early Day Motion going through Parliament at the moment, asking members to support this campaign. There is lots of information about it in the churches; please do take what you can use, and display a car sticker if you can to mark your concern and support.

2. Farm Crisis Network explain in their leaflets, *why fair trade begins at home.* They are a Christian based organisation that offers practical help to farming people in any need at all. If you need them, do contact them, and if you are able to support them - they are a charity - then that information is also in their form. Many of you will know Bob Baker, our local rep. His work is confidential, so

I don't know who or how he has helped, but some of you will have benefited from his help, and will know how valuable the right support can be at just the right time. Do make use of him if you need to, and encourage others to contact him.

3. Fair Trade and Christian Faith

I am not just being political in this address. Much of the Fair Trade agenda comes out of Christian principles, and many of the early pioneers of the Fair trade movement were Christians, who wanted to see how living out their Christian faith could make a practical difference in the world. You will have heard of Traidcraft and Tearcraft, both Christian organisations that sell fairly traded food and other products from around the world. You may have heard of a small chain of supermarkets, called *Out of this World*, these started in 1995, and were set up by a group of Christians from the Traidcraft organisation, and aimed to provide an alternative, fair traded option to the supermarkets. They now have shops in Newcastle, Nottingham, Leeds and York, and are looking to grow. The issues I have raised today connect with a number of areas of our Christian life and thinking: Fair trade is about how we steward God's Creation. All that we have belongs to God, and we hold it in trust. God gives us the responsibility of how we use the land, and how we look after it for the next generation. This is where Fairtrade crosses over into the area of caring for the environment, and in food production the two are very linked.

Fair trade is about how we use our money as an expression of our Christian faith

How we use money - God's money, which we have in trust - is an indicator of what we think is important. Our personal and Christian priorities shout out from our bank statements. The choices we make about shopping, about giving money to Christian and other causes, and about using our money in the service of God, has an impact on the lives of others, at home and abroad.

Fair trade is about how we live in relationship with our fellow humans.

Dewi Hughes, a Christian writer on this subject asks how we apply the command to love our neighbour to our everyday life choices, like shopping.

He says this, *"What we do when we shop is engage in trade. It is impossible to buy anything without impacting the lives of other people. Since Jesus asks us as Christians to love our neighbour as ourselves, and our neighbour is any other human being with whom we come into contact, the demand to love must prevail when we shop."*

Just let me give you an example - do you ask where the money goes that you spend on clothes? Do you know if they were made in the UK or in a sweatshop abroad, by children who were doing that instead of going to school? Does that even cross your mind when you are spending money? Do you know where your food has come from? These are some questions to ask as you shop next week

Fair trade is about how we live in

relationship with God.

All that I have said comes out of a Christian understanding of the world. Fair trade and the other issues that we have touched on are not just a good idea, or about being nice to other people. Respect for the land and for people comes out of a loving and gracious relationship with God who created all things.

God created the world and called it good. He made his creation as a place where human beings could flourish, and he gave them the responsibility to tend and care for his world. When we understand this, and that God calls us to share in this as part of our relationship with him, through Jesus Christ, then we can think about living in a different way, because we see the world as God's, and not ours to use. In that understanding, the land and its produce is a gift, and the way we treat it and other people reflects our understanding of how God treats us. God in Christ calls us to new life and to be bringers of hope and life to others as we remember his goodness and celebrate this Harvest Festival.

Rev. Caroline Hewlett Vicar of Swaledale with Arkengarthdale.

For more information, see these websites
www.fairtradeofbritishfarmers.co.uk
www.whyfarmingmatters.co.uk
<http://www.fairtrade.org.uk/index.htm>
 Farm Crisis Network: www.fcn.org.uk

LIZZIE CALVERT

Would like to thank all family and friends for their kind gifts and cards on her 90th. birthday in June.

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GUNNERSIDE W.I.

President Maureen Clayton began proceedings by introducing Mary, a visitor from America, and also two potential new members, Sylvia and Jennifer. In addition, we were delighted to have the company of several ladies from Hawes WI who had struggled over the Buttermilks in mist and rain to join us for the evening. Andy Barton, our visiting lecturer, demonstrated portrait drawing in charcoal, supplying everyone with boards, paper and charcoal. One of our members agreed to model, and after 25 hilarious minutes, our efforts resulted in several recognisable portraits. Our tutor, being suitably impressed by our talents has promised a return visit for a longer class. Mary Rountree and the American Mary were judged to have produced the most life-like drawings. Our October meeting will be on Thursday 18th October in Gunnerside Village Hall at 7.30 pm. Local vet Paul Rogers will speak about 'Animals in the Third World'. Visitors will be made most welcome.

REETH COMMUNITY ORCHARD

Apple Day in the orchard is on Friday, 26 October. There will be apple tasting and identification, apple juice for sale and refreshments available all in the conservatory. We shall also have apples for sale plus jams, chutneys, cakes and other goodies made from produce from the orchard. In addition, weather permitting, there will be games and competitions for the children. So please come and join us between 10.00am and 4.00 p.m. on the 26th in the orchard and make our Apple Day a great success.

Muker Educational Trust

Applications are invited from any resident of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Swaledale with Arkengarthdale for a grant from the above fund towards any expenses, costs, projects or other scheme concerned with the obtaining or furtherance of education.

Residency in the said parish and Education generally are pre-requisites to any application.

Application forms required by individuals or any other group so qualified should be obtained from the secretary to the said fund Mr. Michael B. McGarry, c/o Richard Johnson & Partners, Solicitors, Market Place, Hawes, North Yorkshire, DL8 3QS. Please note all applications initially and thereafter must be accompanied with a **stamped addressed envelope**. The closing date for submission of applications is on 26th October 2007.

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Upper Dales Family History Group

This month's meeting will be held at 2pm on Wednesday October 24 in Fremington Sunday School when Stuart Tate will speak on 'Foreign Fields'. Non-members very welcome - £1. A computer club has been planned for Saturday 17 November at Hudson House for anyone interested in getting some tips to get started with their family tree or for those who would like some company and some fresh ideas to take their research further. No need to book, stay as long as you like, £1 per hour to cover costs. For further details please contact John Harland (01748) 823263 or Tracy Little (01748) 884759, or see the website at www.bishopdale.demon.co.uk

Bedale Archaeology & History Society

presents Conservation at the County Records Office, an illustrated talk by Stephen Allen, on Tuesday 2 October at 7.30 pm in Bedale Hall. Entry is free to members and non-members welcome (£2 on the door - under 16s free).

THE STATION

Supporters' Information

Congratulations!

There's no doubt about our top story - the building work is completed, the fitting-out is in full swing, and The Station will open to the public early in November. Congratulations and thanks to everyone who contributed, in any way, to this successful outcome. There are still plenty of ways to be involved and to help.

Commence count-down...

The builders have just handed the

renovated old station to the Richmondshire Building Preservation Trust, and we start a busy few weeks of fitting out in preparation for opening The Station. We will be installing furniture and equipment in the meeting rooms and the Heritage Room, and the tenants will be fitting out their various premises. The tenants are:

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The Station will open to the public, and the tenants will open for business, early in November. At this stage, we can't give a firm date, so please watch out for announcements in the media. You probably remember when the re-opening was years away; then it was a matter of months; and now we are counting the days. All we need now is a blue touch-paper to light...

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**An Evening With Mervyn Stutter** - an outstanding evening of comedy and song on Thursday 25th October, Comedian, satirical songwriter, actor, scriptwriter and founder member of The Flying Pickets, Mervyn Stutter performs his solo comedy cabaret show. Sue Arnold in The Observer described his Radio Two comedy series, "Love 40 - New Balls Please" as 'the best radio comedy programme I've heard for years.' Tickets £8

**A Celebration of  
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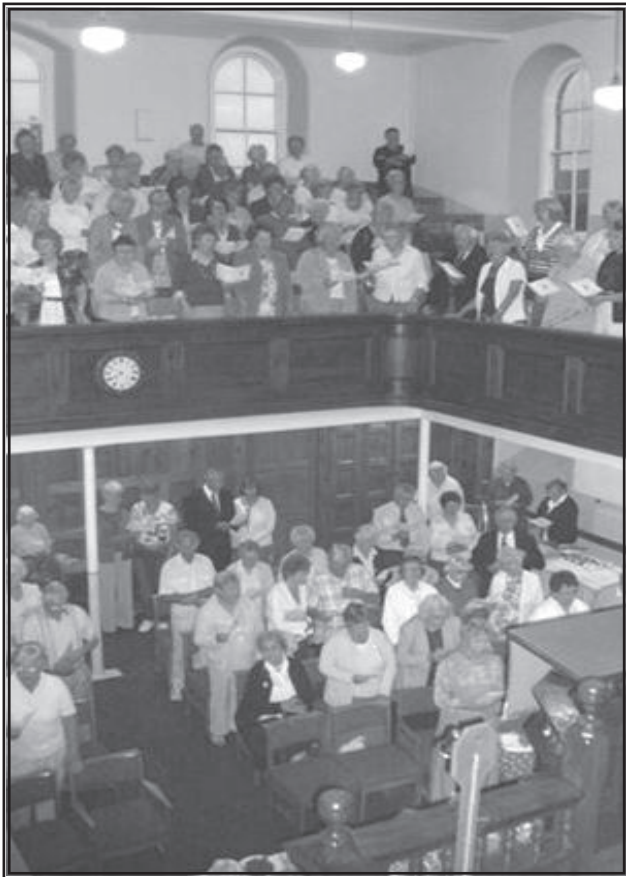
Led by the Gunnerside Choir - who were in fine voice—the celebration of Ira D. Sankey was a superb event.

Gunnerside Chapel was almost full of people who wanted a good sing, and that is what they got. All the hymns came from the 'Moody and Sankey' hymn books and most were written by Sankey.

There was a collection of hymns, some old favourites such as 'Will Your Anchor Hold', 'When The Mists Have Rolled Away', 'God Be with You' and 'Shall We Gather At The River', but also some which were not so well known yet fun to sing. The Choir sang four hymns, accompanied by Duncan Bythell, for the rightly

appreciative congregation. They started off with 'How Can I Keep From Singing', then we had 'Have Courage My Boy' and 'Where Is My Boy Tonight' with their final offering the 'Ninety- and- Nine' all greatly enjoyed by all. The rest of the hymns such as 'Marching To Zion', 'Safe In The Arms Of Jesus', 'Simply Trusting Every Day' were rounded off with the Swaledale Anthem, which was a joy to hear sung by so many.

And finally, of course, there followed the traditional Chapel Supper. I took an old friend with me, who is a true Lancashire Man, and his comment was "What a great evening, the best sing I've had in years - and supper too." Well done everyone involved, looking forward to the next event!



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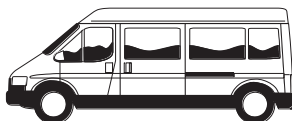
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I expected the Under 16's to be a good and exciting match and no one could be

disappointed. Matthew Calvert opened the scoring with a long powerful shot. The keeper did well to get his hands to it but could not save a goal. Askrigg equalised before Richard Herrlich scored from quite an angle to put us 2-1 up at half time. Askrigg then equalised and got the decider from a corner shortly before the final whistle. Sam Fuller and Sam Hall played noticeably well largely in defence but the whole team excelled and put everything into it. The third Sam (Alsopp), only 13, rallied well to the call and was undaunted by the older lads.

I pen this hurriedly before going on holiday and do not have nominations for man-of-the-match for these games. I think Bob will find it hard to single out individuals. Full details can be found on our website [www.communicate.co.uk/ne/2dalesjuniorfootballclub/](http://www.communicate.co.uk/ne/2dalesjuniorfootballclub/) We are collecting Tesco Sports Vouchers with collecting points across the 2 Dales. Please help us. We rely on these for much needed equipment.

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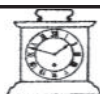
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