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EDITORIAL

Hello again ! Thanks for reading. Sorry, but there is not much space this month so some articles and letters have had to be omitted. Hopefully, I will be able to get them in in the May issue. Many thanks to all those who contacted me about the editorial, it is nice to have a reaction whatever the view! We just had our AGM and an update including an advertising price increase (the first for two years) will be in next month's issue.

But here is thought for all before I dash off to print the issue for the weekend :

Many of you, I am sure will have watched some of the Sport Aid programme raising large amounts of money for charity. Some of the cases were heartbreaking and even more so when it was revealed that for as little as £40 per annum a child's upbringing could be made secure. Compare with MP's having £20,000 tax allowance to 'enhance—refurbish ' their homes, not to mention the amount corporate business and government are ploughing into the Olympics - a lot of £40's ! Talking of the Olympics, what about Tibet ? Anyone got any views? Please let us know. **GML**

SWALEDALE FESTIVAL on the road!

Sherwoods of Darlington, Stockton and Northallerton, the largest family-owned Vauxhall and Chevrolet dealers in the North of England, are giving practical support to the 2008 Swaledale Festival. They are providing Artistic Director Malcolm Creese with a car to get him around the many villages and venues in the Northern Dales which are involved in this

annual festival of music and the arts. "I have been visiting the area every month since October whilst planning the Festival, and it's great to have a car to get me around." said Malcolm. "I'm grateful to Sherwood,s Managing Director Alasdair MacConachie and his team for helping me to make the best use of my time. Sherwoods is also providing a van to transport all the staging and equipment, which will be a great boon." The Swaledale Festival runs from 24 May to 7 June. Visit the website at www.swaledale-festival.org.uk or ring 01748 880018 to join the mailing list. Tickets go on sale on 14 April and are available from local Tourist Information Centres or online from the website.

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- 9.15am St. Mary's Muker
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- 10.30am Low Row URC
Reeth Methodist
- 11.00am Holy Trinity Low Row
Eucharist
St. Edmund's, Marske
Family Service
Reeth Evangelical Congregational
- 2.00pm Keld URC
- 6.00pm St. Andrew's, Grinton
Evening Prayer BCP
- 6.30pm Arkengarthdale Methodist
Gunnarside Methodist
Reeth Evangelical Congregational

Sunday 13th April

- 9.30am St. Andrew's, Grinton
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St. Michael's, Downholme
Holy Communion
- 10.30am Low Row URC
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Sunday 20th. April

- 9.15am St. Mary's, Muker
Holy Communion BCP
- 10.30am Low Row URC
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Holy Communion
- 11.00am Holy Trinity, Low Row
Eucharist
St. Edmund's Marske
Eucharist
Reeth Evangelical Congregational
- 2.00pm Keld URC
- 6.30pm Arkengarthdale Methodist
Gunnarside Methodist
St. Mary's, Arkengarthdale
Evensong BCP
Reeth Evangelical Congregational

Sunday 27th. April

- 8.00am Holy Trinity, Low Row
Holy Communion BCP
- 9.30am St. Andrew's, Grinton
Eucharist
St. Michael's, Downholme
Holy Communion
- 10.30am Low Row URC
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Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The Annual meeting of the Parish of Swaledale & Arkengarthdale takes place on the evening of Tuesday 8th April at Fremington Sunday School at 7.30pm. Anyone is very welcome to attend this open meeting which will consist of a short business meeting which will be followed by a talk/update from Jim Gleave, manager of Marrick Priory - Outdoor Education and Residential Training Centre which, as many of you know, is run as an independent Trust under the auspices of The Diocese of Ripon and Leeds. Refreshments will of course be served, so please do come along and join us for this meeting and hear of Marrick Priory's exciting plans for the future.

Come & Sing at The Sage Gateshead

On Sunday 11 May there will be a Come and Sing Day at The Sage Gateshead - Handel's Zadok the Priest and Mozart's Coronation Mass. Janet Hall of Richmondshire Choral Society is organising a coach from Richmond for members of the choral society, some of whom went last year. They had a brilliant time, and have been asking ever since when it was going to be repeated. However, this is not an official choir event so is open to anyone. Departure from Richmond School will be about 1230. The afternoon is spent rehearsing then there is a performance in the evening with Northern Sinfonia. Any audience can get into the performance free (but not the rehearsals). Scores are provided and last year participants got a bottle of water and a pencil. Expect to be back at Richmond about 10.00pm. Full details will be distributed once they have been published by TSG. Based on last year the cost of a coach and ticket package should be about

£20. It will also be possible to do coach only for potential audience who want to spend the afternoon in Newcastle. If you are interested, contact Janet Hall 01325 374112 or janet.hall@finklecroft.me.uk

Two Dales Christian Heritage Project Ltd (Reg. Charity no. 1099892)

The AGM will take place on Tuesday, 22nd April 2008 at 7.30pm in Reeth Methodist Church. The speaker will be Mike Wood, Chairman of the Friends of Richmondshire Museum. He has written an updated History of the Franciscan Friary in Richmond which is in the process of being published and will be able to talk about the recently-launched 750th anniversary of foundation celebrations. All welcome Further details from the Revd. Jane Harris (01748) 884336 or by return email.

WINE TASTING EVENING -

Friday 2nd May

Following on from the successful event at Cogden Hall in January to raise funds for the kitchen and toilet planned for the bell tower, St Andrew's, Grinton are holding an informal wine tasting evening at The Gallery, East Windy Hall, Arkengarthdale Road, Reeth on Friday 2nd May at 7.30pm. The evening will take a light hearted look at wines and their basic differences using tastings and small competitions so that participation is fun and that hopefully a little knowledge is learned and taken away. Everyone is welcome to join us at this event. Tickets are priced £7.50 [inclusive of tasting wine] and these are available from the Gift Shop, Reeth or by telephoning 884366 to reserve your tickets. Please do join us. We look forward to seeing you there. Susan Allison
For and on behalf of St A's, Grinton

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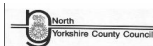
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Crime in the two dales

Welcome again to all you avid readers ! I would like to start on a positive note and congratulate all the members of our local Dales Watch who are working in partnership with the police very well and thank members for being vigilant and producing good results in their attempts to monitor vehicles and prevent crimes and thefts occurring . Volunteers would really be appreciated as they are much needed in order to ensure this watch continues for several more years to come! Early February a 4x4 was stolen from a local garage in Reeth and damage was caused to ornaments in a garden in Reeth and late February there was yet another attempt made to steal a quad bike but this was prevented by a vigilant member of the community.

We rely on members of the community to keep a watchful eye on their surroundings and neighbours, please continue to report any suspicious activities, persons or vehicles using the 0845-60-60-247.

Recently I have spent time with our local school children from Reeth and Gunnerside providing them with information on the roles of PCSOs and PCs and I must say a Big Thank You to Class 1 at Reeth for all their written work and pictures they have sent to me , to cheer up my office.

Surgeries are advertised at the local post office and at Hudson House regularly please do not hesitate to contact me , if you see me out and about , by telephone or by letter. All concerns and issues will be dealt with in a confidential manner.

Lastly please be advised that anyone found riding or driving inappropriately on the roads will be dealt with appropriately . I would like to finish by saying a 'Big Thank you' as well to all those who have made me feel welcome during my first year in the role. I feel very fortunate to have the opportunity to work in such a beautiful place and have support and advice from you the local community.

PCSO Tracie Lee Taylor-Page

Investigating Prehistory.

This course, tutored by Phil Abramson, starts on Tuesday 1st April, 7 o'clock until 9. The aim of the course is to cover the period from the earliest hunter gatherers to the Roman invasion. In addition, the methods of archeology investigation are put under the microscope. If you've ever wondered how archeologists locate buried sites, or date artefacts, then this course is for you. If you have done any of Tim's walks, Phil assures me that this course will complement what you have learnt with Tim. For those of you who are able to get to the first session but want to attend the course, then please come along to the second session. The course is for ten sessions, some of which will be a field-trip of our choosing - with Phil's help and advice. For more information, or to register interest in the course, please phone Janet Bishop on 01748 884854 or email jbhilltop@hotmail.com

Grinton Parish Council 3 March 2008

Winter Maintenance The chairman had attended the recent meeting in Hawes on concerns over winter maintenance and reported a good response from a wide range of road users who had all

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emphasised the importance of at least maintaining the existing level of gritting services. The meeting had been attended by representatives from the Highways Department and the review committee would be considering options and reporting on its proposals in June.

Traffic Issues A concealed entrance sign had been requested for the Old Vicarage on the moor road. However, the Highways Department had informed the council that these signs were no longer authorised for use on public roads by the Department of Transport and that it was the responsibility of the owner of the drive to ensure the safety of users. **Outlet Pipe** Yorkshire Water had been informed of the problem with the sewage overflow pipe which was being washed out of the river in floods then left on the bank. They had replied that no capital funding was available to deal with this. The problem will be monitored. **Competition** It was agreed to enter Grinton in Richmondshire's 2008 Best Kept Village Competition. **Cattle Grid** Recent repairs to the cattle grid on the moor road had failed and it had silted up again, allowing sheep to cross and causing a hazard on the road. This had already been reported to Highways by a member of the public and the council would send a supporting letter. **Planning Department** A report was received on the recent consultation on changes to the planning process. It was noted that many comments had been received on difficulties caused by the 21 day time limit, however that was out of the hands of the local planning department and was a response to central

government pressure. **Litter** The increasing problems with roadside litter had been reported to District Councillor Raymond Alderson who would take the matter further. **Next Meeting** The next meeting will be held at 7pm on Monday, May 5, in the Parish Hall.

What's On In REETH MEMORIAL HALL

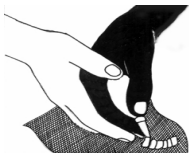
Fri 18th April - 8pm - Lau are a formidable union of three of the leading exponents of modern traditional music in Scotland today; Kris Drever (guitar and vocal), Martin Green (piano accordion) and Aidan O' Rourke (fiddle); Lau were winners of the 2008 BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards for BEST GROUP. They have recently toured Europe, North America, Japan and Cape Breton, so see them in REETH! Support is provided by a four-piece band comprised of some of the best talent from the Newcastle Uni Folk Degree Course. £10 (£12 on door). Friday 25th April - 7.30pm - Badapple Theatre present 'Laurel & Charlie' (based Stan Laurel's & Charlie Chaplin's tour of Yorkshire as part of Fred Carno's music hall troupe) - £10 (£11 door) Fri 2nd May - 8pm - Bernard Carney (Australia). Bernard has performed with world class musicians, Gene Pitney, Foster and Allen, Ralph McTell, Richard Thompson and Stephane Grapelli. Bernard is one of Australia's top folk singers and entertainers, winning four major Australian songwriting awards. - £8 (£9 on door) Tickets for all of the above are available from Reeth Post Office. Tickets and further details available from John Little 01748 884 759.

**The confederation of Reeth and
Gunnarside Schools**

has recently been inspected by Ofsted. Inspectors visited both sites on January 18th and detailed reports have been produced which are the result of rigorous evaluation of the many aspects of school effectiveness including, "leadership and management", "teaching and learning" and "standards and achievement". Governors are delighted that both Reeth and Gunnarside were judged to be good schools by the inspectors who found teaching and learning to be good overall. Inspectors also reported that teachers know pupils very well and that pupils have positive attitudes to learning. To improve further, the confederation is advised to ensure that more able pupils are challenged sufficiently and that all pupils are made aware of their own learning targets and of how to use them improve their work. Commenting on the outcome of the inspections, acting headteacher, Vivienne Smith said, 'I feel privileged to have been linked with the inspection of this unique confederation. It is a fitting tribute that the hard work of the children and everyone involved with the schools has been recognised in this way.'

RUG AID

I would like to thank everyone who has supported the work Rug Aid is doing in Africa. Your help is greatly appreciated and we have made a very good start. You can see photos from our recent rug-



making workshops in The Gambia in the galleries at www.rug-aid.org where you can read a lot more about how your donations have made a difference to a group of disadvantaged people. We have been working with Friends of GOVI to teach blind adults to make traditional rag rugs and are delighted to report that it is a success! We will be running two more workshops in The Gambia this year and it is our intention that the project should, eventually, become self-sufficient. Some of the blind people we have taught previously earned a living through begging: The Gambian government has banned begging, leaving these people with no income at all. By teaching them to make rugs from readily-available, low-cost recycled fabrics, Rug Aid is helping them to regain their independence and to experience the joy I get from the wonderful creative activity of rag rug making. Heather Ritchie, founder of Rug Aid Rug Aid cic is an asset-locked community interest company registered in England, number 6204537 Registered office: Greencroft, Reeth, North Yorkshire DL11 6QT Website: www.rug-aid.org Email: heather@rug-aid.org Telephone: +44 1748 884435

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Arkengarthdale C.E. School

Happy Easter everyone. A very early one this year but as usual a very busy and exciting short spring term here. Our school has been awarded 'Highly Effective Status' again and this achievement pays tribute to a very hardworking and committed staff and of course children. The Easter bunny will be visiting school and the school committee have offered to make the Easter egg hunt with maths and literacy clues. We have been studying electricity for science and year 5 and 6 children have been set a challenge to design and make a safe with a buzzer control to protect an Easter egg! Yr 3 and 4 are making Easter chicks and bunnies with eyes and tails that light up and flash. The Key Stage 1 children are making an lovely Easter garden for St. Mary's Church. We have been very sport conscious this term - whole school cross country on a Monday morning with Bob Fairbrother, 8/10th mile. It was lovely to have some parents joining us too. We have done this in preparation for the Risedale Cross Country. Congratulations to Olivia (5th), Louise (6th), Hannah (12th) and Alfie (16th) and well done everyone for completing the course. We have been using the PE hall at Richmond School for KS2 for gymnastics. It has been excellent to have some space and different equipment. Bob is doing some extra gymnastics with some children and they are busy working towards some awards. Key Stage 1 even had a gym in their role play! The race night, the Friends of the School held, was a great success and we had lots of fun doing a variety of work.

We all drew Brandy, Cheryl's horse; we were amazed how still he stood on the playground. The Key Stage 2 'Ascot' hats were fantastic and the children had great fun modelling them for their parents at our World Book Day assembly. Writing, reading and taping racing commentaries was exciting and playing a probability race enabled us to get the 'race night' into numeracy. We also wrote some lovely poems using powerful verbs and tried to imagine the emotions and feelings of horses just before a race. Thank you 'Friends' for raising such a fantastic amount of money. Year 6 had a super morning at Richmond School trying out the link bus, finding their way around and joining in a drama lesson. Key Stage 1 made and tossed pancakes - there was a scrumptious smell drifting into the Key Stage 2 classroom. So as you can read busy times have been and busy times are ahead. We were very sad to lose Julie Chadwick and Jenny Davies and would like to thank them for all their care and hard work and wish them lots of luck in their future ventures. We are also very pleased to welcome Christine Casling to our staff as Teaching Assistant in Key Stage 2. Thank you to all who support us.

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Flower Power : Hay Time in the Dales

Staff at the Dales Countryside Museum are currently working on their summer family exhibition, "Flower Power : Hay Time in the Dales". This free exhibition will run from July 25 to September 3 and will be part of the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority's Hay Time Festival. The exhibition will feature banners created by groups from within and outside the Yorkshire Dales National Park with our outreach officer, using all aspects of hay time as inspiration. There will also be hands-on exhibits, digi-stories and oral history from local people and activities to keep children of all ages busy. If you have memories or photos of hay time and would be willing to share them, please get in touch with staff. We will make an arrangement to visit you to record your impressions of hay time, either in the past, or now! The Yorkshire Dales Hay Time Festival 2008 includes over 100 events, walks and talks celebrating the wonderful diversity of plant and animal life to be found in the traditional hay meadows of the Yorkshire Dales National Park. There's something for everyone from Teddy Bear's picnics to identifying flowers on limestone hills, from dusk lantern processions looking out for moths and bats to guided walks through some of the finest traditional hay meadows in the Dales. Join us for a truly memorable experience! To find the full list of events go to www.yorkshiredales.org.uk/hay_time_festival Fiona Rosher
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Gunnerside WI March 2008 Meeting Report

The fashion event of the season took place on 20th March with a fashion show for Gunnerside WI members at the Edinburgh Woollen Mill store in Richmond. Members Jean Bingham, Audrey Brown, Maureen Clayton, Janet Loveday, Rachel Newborn and Joan Rice were the elegant models for the evening. London, Paris and Milan next stop? On show were the spring and summer collections. For everyday wear, there were versatile mix and match separates, using easy care fabrics in the classic summer colours of red and blue with white contrasts. For smart casual wear, there was a hint of the exotic, with clothes on display from the Marrakech and Zanzibar collections, featuring softly muted pinks, greens, blues, browns and purples. Bias cut and handkerchief skirts and sequined shirts demonstrated how outfits could be dressed up or down, particularly useful when travelling. Floaty fabrics, sequins and embroidery were on display in the evening and special occasion wear. The event concluded with a grand parade by the models, who were thanked for volunteering. A convivial supper followed and there was an opportunity for members to undertake some leisurely shopping. The next meeting will be on Thursday 17th April at 7.30pm at Gunnerside Village Hall, when Pete Roe will be talking about the work of the Swaledale Mountain Rescue. Please do join us; new members are always very welcome.

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Dear Sir, I am interested in anything to do with angling in the Yorkshire Dales, particularly during the nineteenth century. Although there is a lot of information on Wharfedale and Wensleydale, there is very little on Swaledale. Herbert Palmer, in his book 'The Roving Angler' (1933) has a chapter on the Swale and mentions noted local anglers such as George Dunn and Mr Bullock of Gunnerside and Mr Redmond of Low Row. T K Wilson (Broughton Point) of Skipton was a prolific writer on angling matters and in 'The Dalesman' and 'Yorkshire Illustrated' he mentions a Ralph Ward of Reeth who was the local postman and a very good angler and fly tyer. Wilson states that Ward used a leather creel or pannier and that the local cobbler made them. They were also much used in the Hawes area the maker in that area being Atkinsons of Sedbergh. These panniers stop being made around the turn of the twentieth century. If anyone has any information on old anglers or fly patterns I would be delighted to hear from them. My telephone number is 0191 3720101. John Austin

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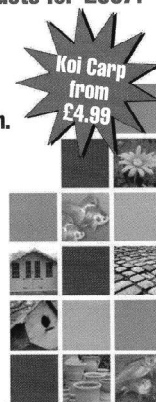
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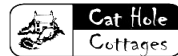
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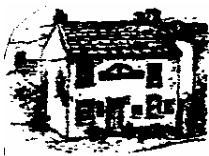
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The meeting was attended by Tracy Taylor-Page, Police Community Support Officer. **Highways** In response to items raised at the previous meeting, the Highways department had arranged for hedge cutting to be looked into along the road to Marrick. Salt had been provided on Raw Bank and it was understood that salt bins were now, finally, available. Damage to the roadside wall between Reeth bridge and Fremington Sunday School would be inspected. A manhole cover opposite the Buck Hotel would be reported to the department, as water was pouring out from it, forming a hazard in icy weather.

Winter Maintenance. Coun Gardner reported on the winter maintenance meeting which had been held in Hawes, chaired by Coun John Blackie. The meeting had been well attended by representatives of a wide range of interested road users, from emergency services to school heads, all of whom were concerned over the implications of proposed changes to the gritting schedule. It was felt that the proposals were completely unsuitable for rural areas where local conditions needed to be taken into consideration. Councillors also felt that road problems in some parts of the dale were exacerbated by blocked drains and uncleared culverts. The review committee would be considering options and reporting on its proposals in June. **Sports Pavilion** Councillors were unanimous in passing on their congratulations to all who had been involved in developing the scheme and getting planning permission

for the new sports facility to be developed on the athletics field. **Marathon** Permission was given for a tent for physiotherapy on the green during the Swaledale Marathon.

Reeth Green The wording of the green agreements would be reconsidered in view of difficulties with storage of waste and the increased problems with cigarette ends as a result of the smoking ban. It was noted that this was part of a general increase in litter around the dales which could only be dealt with by people taking responsibility for clearing up their own rubbish and taking it home with them. **Industrial Units**

A local childminder looking for suitable property to rent in the village had enquired about apparent restrictions on the use of the industrial units in Place Hill. The council would look into this.

Reeth Bridge Cracks in the parapet of the bridge were reported to be getting worse and would be reported to Highways.

Healaugh Green A tree which had once been coppiced had grown a number of stems which were now overshadowing several windows. Permission was given for residents to cut this back. It was noted that a rutted track to a garage off the green had been filled in with gravel by the owner. Councillors were happy with this, as long as the grass mowing was not impeded. **Next Meeting** The next meeting will be held on Monday, March 31, at 7pm in the Memorial Hall.

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THE SWALEDALE FESTIVAL

Two celebrated guitarists headline at this year's Swaledale Festival: **John Williams**, widely acknowledged as the greatest living classical guitarist, and **John Etheridge**, who enjoys a stellar reputation throughout the jazz world and beyond, will perform on Saturday 31 May at St Andrew's Church, Grinton. Their programme features solo sets and they will play together a selection of their own compositions and some specially commissioned pieces. The concert is sponsored by **Easby, Gale and Phillipson**, Independent Financial Advisers of Northallerton, North Yorkshire. Easby, Gale and Phillipson also operate a separate wealth management company which is a partner of St James's Place, winner of the Daily Telegraph's 'Wealth Manager of the Year' award, 2007. Managing Director Phil Morris said "We are delighted to promote this exciting and prestigious concert and to participate in bringing such world-class performers to Swaledale. When we heard that the Swaledale Festival had pulled off such a coup we just had to get involved." Having established his place in the genre's top rank over the course of thirty years, John Williams has made more than thirty best-selling recordings of a broad range of music for classical guitar. Although known primarily as a classical player, Williams has explored many different musical traditions, from Latin American to African to jazz-fusion, and has contributed to film scores, most notably *The Deer Hunter* and *A Fish Called Wanda*. John Etheridge's range is well illustrated by his years spent with the iconic Stéphane Grappelli, whilst simultaneously touring and recording with the legendary jazz-rock fusion group *The Soft Machine*. In addition

to this current partnering with John Williams, Etheridge has performed with Yehudi Menuhin, Dizzy Gillespie, and Nigel Kennedy. The Swaledale Festival opens on Saturday 24 May with an exciting French Baroque Spectacle featuring period-instrument ensemble **Compagnia d'Istrumenti** and students from Richmond School. The **Northern Sinfonia** celebrates Bach at Richmond, on Wednesday 4 June, and plays a new composition by **Composer-in-Residence Tim Garland**. The **Sacconi String Quartet** performs quartets by Ravel and Lennox Berkeley and the world première of Garland's specially commissioned *Swaledale Variations for 26 Strings*. Entrances and Exits brings together poet **Paul Hyland** and three master musicians including **Festival Director, Malcolm Creese**. Other artists include young guitar virtuoso **Carl Herring**, **Kathryn Tickell**, the **Heath String Quartet**, **Illuminati Woodwind Quartet**, **Alan Plater**, **Korros Ensemble**, **Samy** (formerly Raga Nova), **Caliche** and the *Antiques Road Show's John Bly*. Local favourites the Swale Singers, and Reeth, Muker and Leyburn bands also perform. Local children get involved in music workshops and *Mirabel and the Lead-miners*, and appear in the Festival finale, Britten's Noye's Fludde at Grinton, which promises be a riotous Swaledale community celebration. The Swaledale Festival runs from 24 May to 7 June. Visit the website at www.swaledale-festival.org.uk or ring 01748 880018 to join the mailing list. Tickets go on sale on 14 April.

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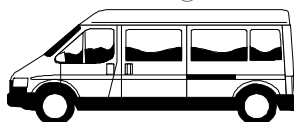
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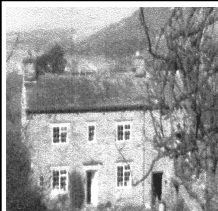
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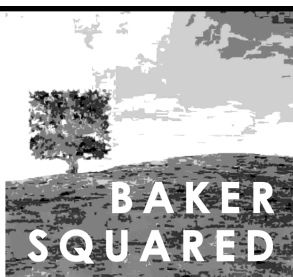
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which conceded goals and overall we lost 8-1 (Richard Herrlich scoring) and man-of-the-match was Peter Sparrow. On Friday 14th our Under 12 Girls travelled to Catterick but I was elsewhere and only have the result. We lost 6-3 with Madeleine Hill scoring all our goals. I would rather see them lose 6-3 and score some goals than lose 2-0 with no goals ! We have now resumed training for the Under 8's on Sundays at Reeth 12.30 - 1.30. New players are very welcome (boys and girls) as indeed they are at any age group up to 16. We are very stretched organising matches particularly at home and any volunteers for such jobs as putting up goals, marking the pitch and generally helping to keep the club going would be very welcome. There are usually just 2 of us to get ready and we are often at different venues!! You will have read that we have obtained planning permission for new facilities at Reeth and in this connection I would like to convey very many thanks to John Blackie for all his help. We are very sorry to hear of his illness and wish him all the very best. There is still a very long way to go to get the project off the ground (literally in view of the flood precautions). There will be much fundraising after a lull and parents will be expected to rally round. One likely project will be a 300 Club and I would hope we can go a long way towards 300 participants in our Club alone.

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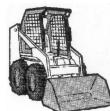
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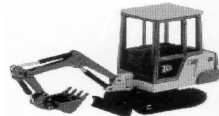
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