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by Angela Whitworth.***

REETH AND DISTRICT GAZETTE

The Beauty and Mystery Of Christmas
Hello again! Thanks for reading. It is now very close to that magical time of year—Christmas. Already we have seen decorations in the shops and streets inviting us to get into the Festive Spirit and spend, spend, spend. I do think that is sad, because we all too often forget about Advent—the preparation for the coming of the Christ Child. The glitter and baubles displayed too early seem to water down the message. We are all guilty of forgetting the message of Advent because we want to get everything ready in time for Christmas Day. I remember as a child we were still at school until Christmas Eve, and then we went shopping for the Christmas Fare (and for bargains) and the wonder and excitement of going round the town looking in the shop windows, and being part of the hustle and bustle added to the beauty and mystery of Christmas. I can still feel the excitement. Then there was the Christmas Tree. Usually put up on Christmas Eve and oh what joy. In Langthwaite in the early days we had no electricity, and so it was candles on the tree, although my friend's tree had battery lights. But the candles were super and really seemed to sparkle and glow. Along with the paper streamers and baubles it all added to the magic of the occasion. I heard the other day on a television show someone say that Christmas Decorations were 'tacky'. Someone else retorted they have to be to be in the spirit of the season. In some ways that is right. What we are celebrating is so out of the ordinary that we need to show it in an extraordinary way. Christmas Trees and decorations do just that. They help to add to the beauty and mystery of the occasion and brighten up our lives and surroundings at a time of year when things can be so bleak. Plus if we take on board the real spirit of

Christmas our lives will continue to be bright. But trees and decorations aside nothing can capture for me the mystery and the beauty of Christmas better than the carols we sing. They have the power to recreate in my imagination the scenes of the first Christmas. They seem to be able to set the atmosphere -- the crowded inn, the smelly stable, the sleeping city, the great star spilling its beauty down over the waiting earth, the lonely shepherds in the field, the blazing, sudden glory of the heavenly hosts breaking through the darkness, then the contrast of the stable with the sleeping baby and the wondering hearts that come to worship and kneel before this amazing wonder—Jesus Christ born on earth. Christmas means to me the most momentous event the ages have ever seen, when the Lord of All became the Baby of Bethlehem in order that we might be delivered from our selfishness. That is what Christmas is all about. It is the opportunity for love to break out in our families, in our homes, among our friends, wherever we are, that the back of evil might be broken in our individual lives and we be set free to be the loving creatures God made man to be. That is why Christmas is always associated with warmth and love and joy and forgiveness, with healing and beauty and light and glory. To celebrate the beauty and mystery of Christmas we usually give gifts, but nothing we give can compare with that greatest of all gifts given to us through the birth of Jesus. A very special gift that will anger no one, a gift that will satisfy each group of people, all religions, ethnicities and colours. In fact a gift that will satisfy all people everywhere, even us! So what is that gift - a gift whose price is beyond worth? It is the gift that we and our loved ones may enjoy Peace on Earth.
Merry Christmas to you all . GML

CHURCH SERVICES in Swaledale & Arkengarthdale

Sunday 7th. December

- 9.15am St. Mary's Muker
Eucharist
- 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
- 2.30pm Arkengarthdale Methodist
- 6.00pm St. Andrew's, Grinton
Evening Prayer BCP
- 6.30pm Reeth Evangelical Congregational



Sunday 14th December

- 9.30am St. Andrew's, Grinton
Eucharist
St. Michael's, Downholme
Holy Communion
- 10.30am Low Row URC
Reeth Methodist
- 11.00am St. Edmund's Marske
Morning Service
Reeth Evangelical Congregational
- 11.15am St. Mary's Arkengarthdale
Holy Communion BCP
- 2.30pm Gunnerside Methodist
- 4.00pm St. Mary's, Muker
Crib Service
- 6.30pm Reeth Evangelical Congregational

Sunday 21st. December

- 9.15am St. Mary's, Muker
Holy Communion BCP
- 10.30am Low Row URC
Reeth Methodist
- 11.00am Holy Trinity, Low Row - *Eucharist*
St. Edmund's Marske - *Eucharist*
Reeth Evangelical Congregational
- 2.00pm Keld URC - *Carol Service*
- 2.30pm St. Edmund's Marske - *Carol Service*
- 6.30pm St. Mary's, Arkengarthdale
Arkengarthdale Carol Service
St. Michael's Downholme
Carol Service
Reeth Evangelical Congregational
Carol Service
- 7.00pm Gunnerside Methodist
Carols with the Village Choir

Friday 19th December

- 2.15pm St. Andrew's, Grinton**
Christingle Service

Wednesday 24th December - Christmas Eve

- 4.30pm Hope House, Keld - *Carol Service*
- 6.00pm Low Row URC
Village Carol Service
Arkengarthdale Methodist
Children's Carol Service
- 6.30pm Reeth Methodist
Carols By Candlelight
- 11.30pm St. Mary's, Arkengarthdale
Holy Communion BCP
St. Andrew's, Grinton
Eucharist

Thursday 25th December - Christmas Day

- 9.00am St. Mary's, Muker - *Eucharist*
- 9.30am Low Row URC
- 10.15am Holy Trinity, Low Row - *Eucharist*
- 10.30am Reeth Methodist - *Family Service*
- 11.00am St. Edmund's, Marske
Morning Service
Reeth Evangelical Congregational
Family Service



Saturday 27th December

- 6.30pm St. Mary's, Muker
9 Lessons with Carols with Muker Silver Band

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Sunday 28th. December

8.00am Holy Trinity, Low Row
Holy Communion BCP

9.30am St. Andrew's, Grinton
Eucharist

10.30am Low Row URC
 Reeth Methodist united with Gunnerside
Covenant Service

11.00am St. Edmund's Marske
Eucharist
 Reeth Evangelical Congregational

11.15am St. Mary's Arkengarthdale
Holy Communion BCP

6.30pm Reeth Evangelical Congregational

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SWALEDALE - THE MOST DANGEROUS DALE

There appeared in the November edition of The Dalesman magazine an article entitled 'The Ale Trail' which told of a book written by Alfred J Brown entitled 'Striding Through Yorkshire'. The article, which you may well have read, told of the authors love of wandering the Dales and Moors, taking in the many views and sampling what seemed a comparable number of the local ales and hostelrys whenever the desire or opportunity arose. An interesting article that led me to wondering whether or not I could get hold of a copy of the original book. Two days later through the combined efforts of the internet and the Royal Mail a package arrived courtesy of Amazon. Published in 1938 and reprinted in 1943 the board and cloth bound edition I obtained was given with Love and Best Wishes by 'Mary &

Ernest' to a lady called Marjorie, Christmas 1944. The pages as you would expect had browned with age but the words were still as clear as the day they had been printed and it is some of those words which prompted this short article. It doesn't take A J Brown long to mention Swaledale, just 21 pages in fact, and turning to page 23, he describes Swaledale as 'the most dangerous' of the all dales. Dangerous? I think he may be right, but read on and see what you think. 'Of all the Yorkshire dales, Swaledale is, I think, the most dangerous - in the sense that once a man has really discovered it, he will not easily escape its thrall. Other dales may be prettier and gentler (Nidderdale and Yoredale for example), but there is something about Swaledale that sweeps a man off his feet and pulls at his heartstrings when the rest are forgotten'

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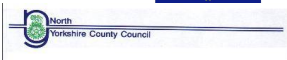
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ARKENGARTHDALE SCHOOL

The School Committee from Arkengarthdale School would like to thank everyone who supported us with our sponsored bike ride from Tan Hill to Reeth in aid of Children in Need. We raised over £1,000. This is far more than we ever expected! Our special thanks go to Jackie, Richard, Janet, Trevor, Anne, Jill, Mark, Sam and Sid who helped us cycle and to the Ice Cream Parlour for the ice creams when we arrived in Reeth!. Once again thank you to everyone - we had great fun for a very good cause.

Louise Stones, Daniel Winter, Thomas Markham, Thomas Coates and Kelsie Hendry - Arkengarthdale School Committee .

Ed. Well done to you all, an excellent effort.

**ARKENGARTHDALE METHODIST CHURCH**

The Chapel are holding their traditional Christmas Coffee Morning on Saturday December 6th 2008. It will run from 10am to 12 Noon. There will be coffee, scones and biscuits, a Cake Stall, Plant Stall and Christmas Decorations Stall. Adults £2.50 children £1.

On 24th December (Christmas Eve) the annual Children's Candlelit Service will be held. Starting at 6pm the service will be conducted by the children and will be followed by light refreshments.

This is a wonderful way to begin Christmas—do join us. All are welcome.

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Arkengarthdale C.E. School

We are already half way through the term and we cannot believe the work we have covered already. We have moved towards a 'creative curriculum' with a themed approach to our work. Key Stage 2's theme is 'Sugar and Spice and All Things Nice.' This has encompassed a lot of work on the Tudors and the influence of their exploration and trade. Within this we needed to know some background knowledge about the Tudor era. Here are some of the things we have been doing; making Tudor roses, compiling a Tudor portrait gallery, writing character studies of Henry VIII, reading Tudor historical fiction, Tudor handwriting with dip pens, constructing Tudor houses to make a Tudor street, making Mercator maps and yet to come Tudor embroidery, Tudor pomanders, Tudor ships and log books, Tudor explorers, The Mary Rose, re-enacting the battle of the Spanish Armada and finally performing a Tudor musical composition as a class. As you can tell we are just about 'Tudored' out but thoroughly enjoying it. To complement all this work Mrs Smith took KS2 to Knaresbrough Castle to study and play Tudor instruments and participate in some Tudor dancing. Key Stage 1 children have been equally busy living in a 'A Topsy Turvy World'. They had great fun in their cave studying night and day, light and dark and nocturnal animals. Other opposites they have investigated have included push and pull, happy and sad, past and present, straight and wavy, thick and thin, high and low and soft and hard and wet and dry. Talking about wet and dry we had a wet, messy, muddy, fun afternoon completing our Jump Rope for Heart. Yr 6 set up 5 stations on our cross country circuit eg skip in BIG wellies and skip with a ball, between your legs. We raised £283. Cross country has finished now and we had a lovely assembly with guests for the presentation of certificates. Every

runner had improved their time over the 6 week period. What a fantastic achievement. We were very surprised with our own harvest this year. We planted carrots, potatoes and lettuce and had a mouth watering addition to our lunch of mashed potatoes with chives, grated carrot and parsley and mixed lettuce. We have a very active and enthusiastic School Committee this year and they have organized a lunch time club for yrs 1/2 children called Club Club. So far they have made bookmarks, smoothies, done some drama and made puppets. What a super idea. The same yr 6 children have been the first to participate in our cookery club. This has developed as a result of our children questionnaire and we are very grateful to Shirley Gale who has helped us prepare some dishes from round the world - American muffins, Italian pizza, Welsh leek and potato soup. The children were so frustrated waiting for our tiny cooker they took the bull by the horns and contacted Andrea at extended schools and have managed to get funding for another cooker and a cookery shopping trip to Tesco. We have adopted a dolphin called Rainbow and by doing so are helping to protect whales and dolphins around the world. This came about as the children were so moved by the Ocean World story which was performed at Richmond School. Busy we have been but even busier times are ahead with the run up to Christmas. Our Christmas play - 'Magic Mayhem at Arkengarthdale' will be performed on Friday 12th and Monday 15th December in school at 6:00pm. Tickets priced at £1:00 are available from school (01748 884335). As usual may I offer a very sincere thankyou to everyone who supports us and take this opportunity on behalf of myself, staff and children to wish you all a very happy Christmas. Thankyou.

Mary Hutchinson - Dec. 2008

MUKER PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON

The Parish Council Meeting was held on Tuesday 18th November 2008. Councillors Whitehead, Reynoldson, Metcalfe, Calvert and Porter were present with Councillor Whitehead presiding. Also present was SPCO Taylor-Page and Mrs. J. Pealing, the Clerk. Councillor Raymond Alderson sent his apologies. There were no declarations of interest. The clerk stated that Councillor Blackie had not yet come back to the Council with regard to correspondence between RDC and the Parish Council concerning refuse collections within Muker Parish. Information received from RDC regarding code of conduct training, parish precept information, scrutiny review into out of hours service and upper dales feasibility study launch were all tabled at the meeting. Discussions were held and various documents were taken by the Councillors for further reading. With regard to Alternate Weekly Refuse and Kerbside Recycling Schemes - a discussion ensued and, whilst the council were in general agreement that the scheme is working to a degree and that they would continue to support it; there are still several outstanding queries that RDC have not yet addressed. The council feels that the refuse collection vehicle should travel up every adopted highway as it has done in the past. It has also been noted by members of the council that bins are now littering land which does not necessarily belong to the owners of the bins. It was stated that if the general public are paying Council Tax then they should be entitled to a full refuse service and the rubbish should be collected from curtilages, this

appears to be a "cut in service". RDC have still not answered why collection vehicles travel into housing estates on non adopted highways and will not travel on certain adopted highways in the countryside. It was stated that there is concern for the elderly in the parish in having to move their rubbish unassisted. The legality of placing bins on common land was questioned again. All of the above concerns have been raised with RDC, but the Parish Council has not yet received an adequate response.

Planning permission has been refused for re-occupation of former dwelling at west Calverts Farm, Gunnerside, SD925980. The council was disappointed that planning permission had not been given as the house had been once lived in and is situated next to other dwellings. There is concern for the upkeep of the area as Gunnerside Estates provide employment within the area. The Clerk was instructed to fill out the generic documents from the model scheme in the guide for the Freedom of Information Act in preparation for January when it will come into force. The next Parish Council Meeting will be held at 7.30 pm in Muker Institute on Tuesday 6th January, 2009.

ARKENGARTHDALE METHODIST
CHAPEL

presents an evening of candles, festive Christmas music readings, audience participation with the Parish Choir. This will be followed by supper. The evening will be held in the Chapel Community Room on Friday 19th Dec. at 7.30pm. Adults £5 children under 16 free. All proceeds for Chapel Funds. All welcome.

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Gunnerside WI November Meeting

A successful and enjoyable year was the verdict at our annual November AGM. We heard reports from Maureen Clayton, our president for the last three years, and from our secretary, Margaret Crapper, and our treasurer, Janet Jenkinson. During 2008 we have learnt about physiotherapy and stained glass making, enjoyed an art day, a fashion show, a visit to Alma House and a trip on the Settle- Carlisle railway. Despite the wet summer, we organised several successful fundraising events, including our annual August Bank Holiday coffee morning, and continue to have healthy balances. Maureen was re-elected president unopposed, with members' thanks for her continued hard work. The committee were also re-elected, with Julia Thorogood joining for the first time. We enjoyed a festive glass of wine and a delicious piece of Christmas cake, made by one of our members. We concluded our evening with readings of favourite and seasonal poems and prose. We are looking forward to another varied programme for next year, after our Christmas meal, to be held at Kearnton Country House Hotel on Thursday 18th December.

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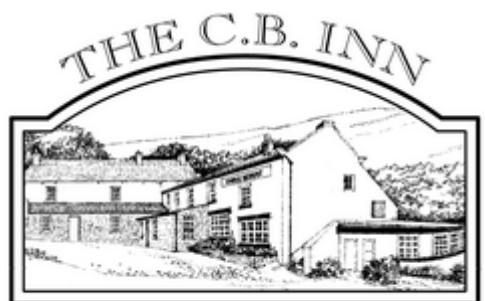
Community Bus Weekend Away

Last month, though famous for his 'Mystery Tours', Ray Wright guided a Community bus load of elderly (some even geriatric!) ladies on a thoroughly planned weekend to Liverpool. With high spirits we left the Dale on Friday evening. In spite of snarled-up traffic on the M6, road works and one-way streets, Ray patiently found our hotel on the edge of Liverpool. It being Halloween we had a good dinner served by grotesquely disguised staff in a restaurant bedecked in cobwebs, flying witches and bats. It gave us a great introduction to Liverpoolians, as families celebrated in a relaxed and cheerful mood. Children dashed about covered in face paint, and friendly people who, during the whole weekend, gave us a comfortable feeling of being welcome to their city. So we embarked on a packed two days in the European City of Culture. We parked near the Albert dock in fresh but clear, sunny weather. We explored the renovated warehouses, visiting the Tate, and Maritime galleries, the amazing exhibition on the Slave Trade and its ultimate abolition (though some would acknowledge that it still exists in the western world). We rested and fed at little cafes and took a hilarious sight-seeing tour on an ex World War Two landing craft. Some enterprising body has refurbished a number of these vehicles, painted them yellow and is taking organised trips around the city, an excellent way of establishing the various sites for our trip. The tour finished when the craft plunged into the docks giving one a view of the city landscape from the water, while scattering swans and being viewed by alarmed sight seers. After some difficulty our patient tour leader, who was putting up with seven back-seat drivers, found a parking spot on a double yellow line near the Catholic Cathedral. Here we had been promised by one of our group, a good lunch in a café nearby. Alas it was closed. Black mark Sylvia! However the Everyman Theatre provided excellent food in its basement, apparently a very popular venue. Thus strengthened we climbed the steps to the

Cathedral. An amazing building, as everyone knows. Beautiful and vast stain glass windows throwing shafts of brilliant coloured light across the interior. One disappointment was the acoustic quality in this circular building. An Italian choir were performing on our arrival, but all one could hear was a mish-mash of echoing sound which gave no justice to the singers. In the crypt was a wonderful exhibition of the work and life of Le Corbusier, both his architectural achievements and his paintings displayed in the extensive brick caverns. Then we visited the Anglican Cathedral, more conventional in style, though equally huge. On Sunday morning we returned for more culture around the docks and then to the Walker Art gallery, where the extraordinary picture of the city by the artist Ben Johnson, was on show with equally enormous paintings of Hong Kong and Jerusalem. A visit to St Georges Hall, a quick cuppa, and then Ray drove us out to see the Gormley figures on the beach at Crosby. A hundred cast iron figures stand on the sands and in the waves, looking out to sea as it receded from high tide. Such an interesting and spectacular sight against the red sunset, with wind farms gently turning on the horizon and the mountains of Wales beyond. In general we behaved well, no one was lost. One member of the party, who shall be nameless, fantasised a bit, expressing the wish to be embraced by a famous footballer! There was a fair amount of female chatter. And so Ray brought us safely back to a rainy Reeth. What a man to survive this witches' coven!

Jocelyn Campbell





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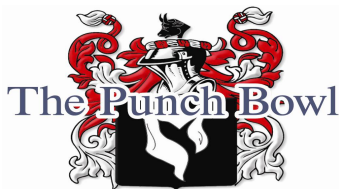
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£224.08 was donated from the Remembrance Service at Grinton Church so thank you to everyone who gave so generously.

I would also like to thank the ladies who volunteer their time to collect for the house to house which makes such a difference to the collection, between them they collected £431.59 thanks go to Mrs

Dorothy Guy, Mrs Gillian Whitehead, Mrs Kathleen Brown, Mrs Ruth Guy, Mrs Chris Mckay and the Simpson family ladies from Marske for their support, also I would like to thank Mrs Eileen Kilpatrick for her help this year in Gunnerside.

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Chris Porter Poppy Appeal Organiser.

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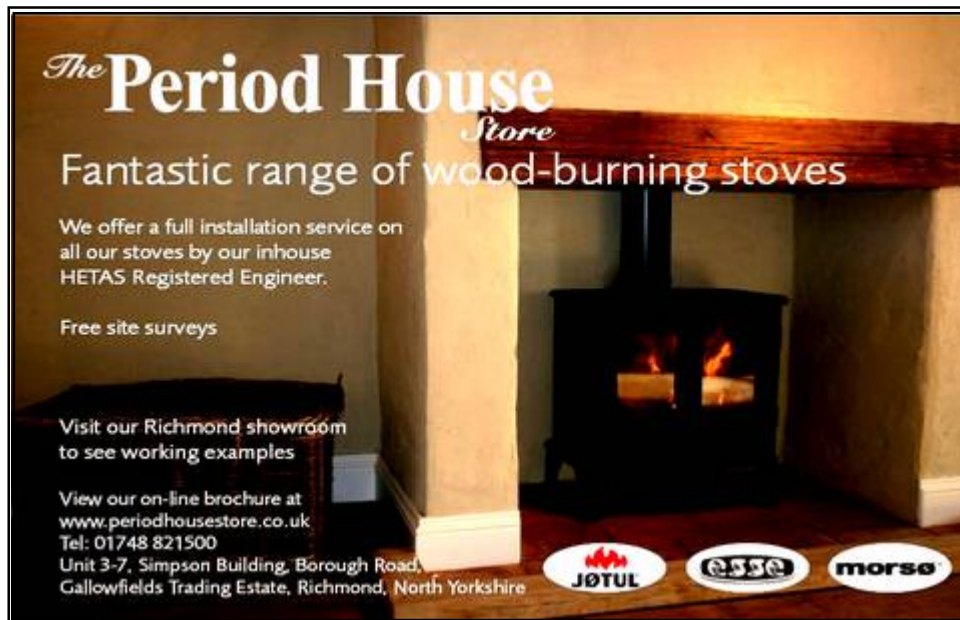
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It was a rainy, cold November afternoon when Ray Hodgson took the members to the tropical Caribbean and the island of Grand Cayman. She explained how this hurricane lashed island only 22 miles long by 4 miles wide was succeeding in conserving the local flora and fauna for future generations. Grand Cayman was first visited by Columbus where turtles, crocodiles and mosquitoes abounded. The scrub covered island was discovered by pirates and used as a lonely hiding place. Later the island was inhabited by over 900 people of whom 500 were slaves. Now the population is 50,000 consisting of a mixture of Caymanians and other nationalities. These people have learnt to live with winds of over 100 mph whipping up huge waves which flood over the low flying island and destroying buildings and plant life. Ray took us to see the Botanic Park which was established to conserve the native flora and fauna. It was opened in 1994 by Queen Elizabeth. We saw the lush vegetation of palms, ferns and flowers which can grow there and the large 2 foot long blue iguanas which instead of their normal plant diet will stroll along the paths and steal your sandwiches if you are not careful. Then we went on to visit Turtle Farm where you can swim in the lagoon pools with multicoloured fish and handle the beautifully marked turtles. When Drake arrived in 1586 there were so many turtles piled up in the shallow water that

they looked like rocks on the shore. But the turtles were very nearly wiped out by people who caught and ate them. Now, thanks to a successful breeding programme which has been instigated just in time, they are back on the increase.

Among other places we visited was a private garden hedged by colourful red Acolypah and Croton Bushes. Here we saw Bromeliad Plants, Lobster Claw Flowers, Bird of Paradise Plants which grow almost like weeds and the huge Poiniana Tree covered in brilliant red blossom. As well as seeing the typical coloured houses with a shady verandahs, we saw the oldest building built in 1780, which has survived the hurricanes due to its thick walls and sturdy roof. The turquoise sea is never far away, tempting all to play in the shallow water or cool off with a swim in the lagoon or take a lazy walk along the firm sand of Seven Mile Bay. For those of us who prefer to 'rest' we can lie in the shade of the great palm trees and look up at the fronds of leaves gently waving above our head.

At the end of the talk we were brought back to reality by the Chairman who thanked Ray for bringing the Cayman Island to Reeth in a very professional presentation. He reminded everyone that the next meeting on December 8th would be a social afternoon with a light hearted quiz and afternoon tea contributed by the members. This meeting will conclude with a bran tub, where everyone will produce a gift costing less than £2 and 'Father Christmas' will present the tub for us all to dig into. Anyone who would like to join us in this jollification will be most welcome.

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Look After Our Garden Birds

With winter drawing in and temperatures across the country plummeting, life is once again about to get tough for the UK's wild bird population. Freezing conditions, combined with a lack of food, mean that their survival skills will be seriously tested. A bird can use around 10% of its body weight keeping warm during a cold night in winter, and a prolonged cold spell can easily prove fatal if reserves aren't sufficiently replenished during the day. This is why it is so important to provide the wild birds in your garden with a plentiful supply of high energy food during the cold winter months of October to March - it can be the difference between life and death during this part of the year. Step one is to introduce a bird feeder and/or bird table to your garden, making sure it is high off the ground and in a place where the birds will feel safe and undisturbed (avoid positioning them near to fences, walls or hedges, where cats can reach them). Make sure that the feeders are full for the birds' early morning feed and again for their pre-dusk feed. It is important to keep the feeders clean and free from droppings or mouldy food, as this can lead to infection. A useful tip is to make sure you drop some food on the ground, as some birds prefer to not to dine at feeders or tables. Finally, don't forget to provide them with a fresh supply of water every day. In addition to feeding, you can also put up nest boxes to provide roosting sites for breeding birds. Nest boxes can be fixed to walls, trees or building - again, choose somewhere high above ground level, as this will allow for easy flight access whilst also being out of the reach of

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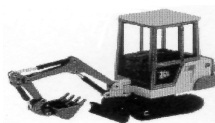
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On 19th October, our Under 12's entertained Leyburn B at Reeth. Nick Haste put us ahead only for Leyburn to equalise from a penalty. We put Will Fawcett in defence and brought Callum Sunter up which certainly helped but in second half, the defence was caught way too far up giving Tim no chance with an attack on goal. 1-2 loss. This was followed by a friendly when we brought on younger players, Harry Potter, Nick Lanier and Nathan Tulip while Dan Longden took Tim Dawson's place in goal. Tim opened the scoring followed by another from Nick Haste. Leyburn then brought back 2 of their best players and equalised but Harry Sunter got the decider with a cracking goal from a long shot giving a 3-2 win.

The following Wednesday we took Under 9 and Under 11 teams direct from school to play Barnard Castle Prep School. The Under 9' s played a good game against a strong team. Our coaches tried to give everyone a go including 2 very young players not listed to play! There was some very good football particularly from Thomas Walker and Nathan Tulip. We lost 4-0 but it was a good game giving match experience while identifying what needs to be done at this level. The Under 11's played next with an excellent match in fading light. All our team played well but particularly the 2 girls player of the match Marie Teasdale and Jasmine Guy in defence. Nick Lanier gave us an early lead and we held on to that until near the end when Barney equalised. A 1-1 draw was a

good and fair result and we were then entertained to splendid tea in their brand new school hall.

The weather took its toll but on Sunday 16th our Under 16's travelled to Barnard Castle to play a League match. Playing on a rare fine day, Dales did well most of the match although Barney were 2-0 up at halftime. Jack Lord pulled one back and a draw seemed quite possible. In the last 10 minutes our defence fell to pieces conceding 4 quick and largely unnecessary goals. 6-1 loss. Meanwhile the Under 12' s match followed a very similar course at Reeth. In the first half Nick Haste scored while Dan Longden created 9 chances but then the defence went AWOL conceding 4 goals. Lost 1-4. thanks to Keith Webster for refereeing. I don't have much information on the friendly which followed when Mark brought on some of our youngest players for experience and Samuel Cocksedge played particularly well. The Under 10' s and particularly the youngest are coming along very well thanks in great part to the indoor sessions at Low Row on Friday evenings.

Whereas, our results may seem disappointing it must be remembered that we are playing generally much bigger clubs. Askrigg have folded and others have amalgamated which makes it tough but the standards are definitely improving.

David Williams 884650

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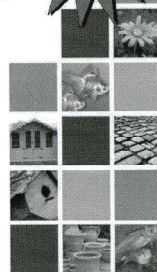
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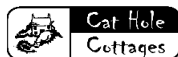
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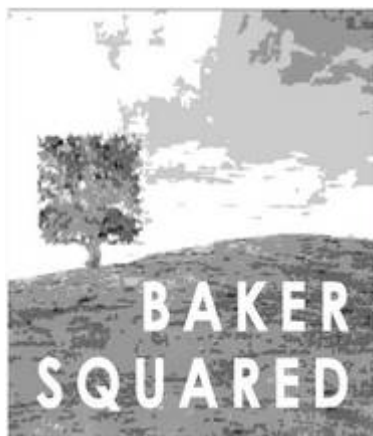
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