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PRICELESS



On the morning of 27th December at approximately 5.45 am we discovered a chimney fire at our home in Fremington. Not knowing what to do and being concerned not to over-react, I called Fire service HQ at Northallerton for advice. I was informed that the fire engine would be with us in less than 10 minutes. It was, manned entirely by part-timers all of whom live/work in Swaledale. They were efficient, courteous and helpful explaining every step of the way. They were at pains not to make a mess, even taking their shoes off at the door! The fire was put out, the loft checked and they did not leave until satisfied that all was safe. My husband and I do not know how to thank them other than through your pages. We have lots of unsung heroes (and heroines) in the Dales who give extra time to helping others,-the mountain rescue team springs to mind. Some are volunteers, some part timers but they all deserve our thanks and support. I hope you will be able to print this as our thanks to the Reeth and District Fire Service. **Ann Pope**

Having lived in Darlington all my life we take health care for granted in that the doctors, walk in health centres and hospitals are only 10 minutes away. I often talked with my wife Pam about what kind of service we would have if we lived in Swaledale as we have always loved the area having spent my childhood in Langthwaite. Little did I realise that on the 4th December following a heart attack I would find out. My attack came without any warning and I

have my wife to thank for calling the emergency services the first to arrive was Dr Bond and two members of his staff and undoubtedly their swift arrival and professionalism played a large part in my subsequent survival. Also quick to respond was a Paramedic followed by a ambulance from Northallerton and for over two hours they all played an important part in stabilising my condition including making the decision to call for the Cumbrian air ambulance to fly me to James Cook Hospital Middlesbrough. After the procedure to insert stents in an artery I was visited by a Dr Wright and my first words were to thank him for saving my life to which he replied that the people I should thank are Dr Bond and all the professional caring people who assisted him that morning, I am well on the road to full recovery and will always be grateful to all concerned including the nursing staff at James Cook and the Rehabilitation nurses under Barbara Conway at Darlington. Every aspect of my care has been carried out by dedicated professional caring people and this year our nominated charity on the caravan park will be for the air ambulance. We will soon be back in wonderful Reeth where we have found the people very friendly and I would like to say thank you to all those who have been so kind since our arrival in April 2007 in particular Kim, Richard all the staff and customers in the Black Bull see you all soon.

Pam and Pete Daly Orchard Caravan Park CHARITY RACE NIGHT

The Friends of Arkengarthdale School are delighted to host a Grand Charity Race Night at the CB Inn on Friday 29th February at 8pm. Race cards are £1 on the door and the first race begins at 8:30pm. The event is in aid of Arkengarthdale School and will include a raffle for luxury hampers.

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May	April 15th

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CHURCH SERVICES in Swaledale & Arkengarthdale

Sunday 3rd. February

9.15am St. Mary's Muker
Eucharist

10.30am Low Row URC
Reeth Methodist
Holy Communion
Gunnorside 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 Reeth Evangelical Congregational

Wednesday 6th February Ash Wednesday

10.00am St. Andrew's Grinton
Holy Communion BCP

Lent Meetings commence Wednesday 13th February. For details see separate notice.

Sunday 17th. February

9.15am St. Mary's, Muker
Holy Communion BCP

10.30am Reeth Methodist

11.00am Holy Trinity, Low Row
Eucharist
St. Edmund's Marske
Eucharist
Reeth Evangelical Congregational

2.30pm Gunnorside Methodist
Holy Communion

6.30pm St. Mary's, Arkengarthdale
Evensong BCP
Reeth Evangelical Congregational

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Sunday 10th February

9.30am St. Andrew's, Grinton
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St. Michael's, Downholme
Holy Communion

10.30am Low Row URC
Holy Communion
Reeth Methodist

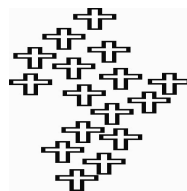
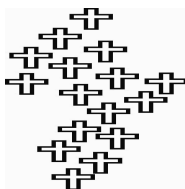
11.00am St. Edmund's Marske
Morning Service
Reeth Evangelical Congregational

11.15am St. Mary's Arkengarthdale
Holy Communion BCP

2.30pm Arkengarthdale Methodist
Holy Communion

4.00pm St. Mary's Muker
Family Service

6.30pm Reeth Evangelical Congregational



Sunday 24th. February

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
Reeth Methodist

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Marrick Parish Council Meeting.

Emergency Plan An updated Community Emergency Plan was completed. A copy would be held by the Clerk. Whilst the initial response to a major incident would normally be provided by the police, fire and ambulance services, who could call for assistance from local authorities as appropriate, experience had pointed to the need for communities at parish level to have procedures in place for incidents when the emergency services could require assistance.

Highway Matters Councillor Wilhelmy had reported a number of problems affecting roads in Hurst, particularly water on the roads, which was hazardous in icy conditions. The Clerk had notified Highways. However, following concern from Mr Tetford, wholly shared by members, it was agreed that she would write to Highways again, and to Councillor Blackie stressing the importance of attending to this, and of the dissatisfaction with the level of service. Parish

Land The Chair had inspected the parish land. The gate at Nungate Top would be reported to the Estate Manager. The wall at High Buska was also in need of repair. Precept Following an inspection of the accounts, it was proposed by Councillor Stones, seconded by Councillor Richardson, that a precept of £1200 be issued for the financial year 2008/09. Winter

Maintenance County Councillor Blackie had forwarded further information on North Yorkshire County Council's review of winter maintenance policy, which it was feared would lead to a reduction in the level of winter gritting and reduction in salt bins and salt piles. A meeting of parish councils and key organisations had been arranged for 11 February, representatives from the Parish Council hoped to attend. NYCC Winter Maintenance Scrutiny Task Group, who were carrying out the review

had promised an in-depth consultation with parish councils and other main stakeholders.

They hoped to present their final report to the Executive of the County Council around June.

Planning Matters The application for the retention of caravan for staff accommodation at Marrick Priory had been approved on condition it was removed on or before 31 December 2009. From 6 April 2008 new mandatory information requirements for validation of applications made to Local Planning Authorities under the Town and Country Planning Acts would be introduced, together with mandatory standard national application forms. A draft document setting out local requirements was discussed. Residents were advised to consult the local planning authority before submitting plans. Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority had produced two further documents, a Scoping Report and an Appraisal of Issues and Options, for consultation, following the Housing Issues and Options paper, to which the Parish Council had responded. Police A resident had requested

information on contacting the police. The telephone number for all non-emergency calls to North Yorkshire Police was 08456060247. The Police Community Support Officer for Swatedale and Arkengarthdale would be invited to attend the next Parish Council meeting. She could be contacted at Hudson House.

Correspondence A consultation paper on Orders and Regulations relating to Conduct of Local Authority Members in England had been received. Also received were the Register of Electors, newsletters from various organisations, advice notes and information on forthcoming meetings. A DVD giving information on flooding defences had also been received. Date of next meeting: 20 March 2008, at 7.0p.m., at Marrick Institute, following the Annual Parish Meeting,

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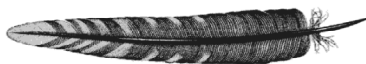
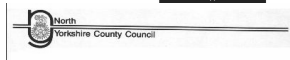
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Grinton Parish Council January 7

Highways The road to the Youth Hostel had been inspected and a request had been made for the leaves to be clearing when the roads were next swept. A certain amount of ditch clearing had been carried out and the flooding problem on the moor road would be looked into. The Highways Department could only do a limited amount of work as responsibility for maintaining ditches lay with the landowner. Councillors felt strongly that it would be a great advantage if the department employed a dedicated worker with a small digger specifically to maintain the network of ditches and drains to prevent future problems. **Winter Maintenance** The meeting organised by County Coun John Blackie to discuss proposed changes to winter road maintenance works would be held in Hawes on February 11. Representatives would be invited from a wide range of key organisations who needed to be able to travel in the dales daily in order to provide essential services for local communities, as well as heads and governors of local schools and parish councillors. No-one from the County Council Highways Department would attend the meeting but comprehensive notes would be taken and forwarded to the department for submission during the review of services. A letter was also received from the county council introducing the task group who would be liaising with parish councils over the review of winter maintenance service levels. **Poles** BT had requested permission to erect an extra pole on the Harkerside Road to cope with any future requirements.

Precept It was resolved to precept for £1200 for the coming financial year.

Litter A large amount of rubbish had been accumulating alongside the main road. The clerk would ask the district council who should clear this now that it was no longer the responsibility of the National Park.

Next Meeting The next meeting will be held at 7pm on Monday, March 3, in the parish hall.

News from Hudson House Learning Centre

The Learning Centre has been working hard over the last few months to put together some new activities for the coming year. We will shortly be launching two distance learning centres based in the CB Inn in Arkengarthdale and the Farmers Arms in Muker, this will mean that people will be able to use the facilities available in the Learning Centre without the need to travel into Reeth. As well as the usual courses for Computer Training which remain very popular we intend to offer more informal, general interest subjects. Have you got Broadband - we can show you how to load BBCi Player onto your computer, then record and playback programmes that you may have missed on TV! Understanding podcasts and iPods - keep up with your children or grandchildren on the latest technology. Family or Friends living far away? Learn how to use a Web Cam and Skype to see and talk over the Internet. Transfer your record collection onto CD's, we have the equipment to enable you to put those treasured records onto a CD to play whenever and where ever you like! Making presentations using powerpoint and digital projectors. **Cont. on page 9**



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Fri 14th March - QuickSilver - Make 'Em Laugh! QuickSilver is Hilary Spencer (ex-Artisan) and Grant Baynham (ex-That's Life with Esther Rantzen). Make 'em Laugh is a two hour show, celebrating 100 years of comic song, including the music of Victoria Wood, Gilbert and Sullivan, Cole Porter, Flanders & Swann, Noel Coward, Richard Stilgoe and QuickSilver. £8 (£9 on door).

Fri 18th April - Lau. Lau are Kris Drever (guitar and vocals), Martin Green (piano accordion) & Aidan O'Rourke (fiddle). They are one of Scotland's top live bands and finalists in the 2008 BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards for Best Group, Best Album and Best Live Act. £10 (£12 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.

What's On in February at the Dales**Countryside Museum, Hawes**

History Revisited - 50 years in the Dales is a project between the Dales Countryside Museum and the Wensleydale School. On the evening of the 5th February at 6.30 we will be having an Open Evening where we would like to invite anyone from the community who would be willing to share their memories

with young people from the Wensleydale School. Refreshments will be provided. Please come along. Wednesday 13th February **Discover and Do 2** - 4pm Children's craft afternoon Make Viking Jewellery £2 charge Friday 15th February **Storytelling 2** - 3pm Free family event.

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Gunnerside W.I.

The group welcomed new members Jane Sammels and Angela Silver, and visitors Jo Griffith and Lesley Stevens to the first meeting of 2008 on Thursday January 17th. Marie Brookes, a Chartered Physiotherapist now practising in Reeth, came to reinforce our New Year resolutions with her lively talk on the value of regular exercise - for general well-being both physical and psychological, and as a way of dealing with and ameliorating problems like arthritis and osteoporosis. With demonstrations and lots of helpful leaflets she made us all believe we could do it. Of course we can! Maureen Clayton, the President, said that the Christmas Dinner at The Punch Bowl in Low Row had been very successful, though not in our usual venue, and reminded anyone who had not been able to attend to collect her Christmas present of a bowl of plants. Future plans included a visit to Alma House in Ripon on May 22nd, particularly for newer members who might never have been to the NW Federation centre, where there would be a talk and light supper. There was enthusiasm for the idea that the joint outing with the Muker Ladies Guild in June might be a trip on the Settle-Carlisle railway. The March meeting, on Maundy Thursday, would be a fashion show at Edinburgh Woollens in Richmond, for which volunteer models were invited. The WI were going to contribute an item to the Gunnerside Concert to be given on two nights, 14th and 15th March; Joan Rice would represent the group at their meetings. Dear Reader, do not miss this village concert in the old-fashioned

style, with plenty of talent and contemporary relevance! The Annual Council meeting would take place on Wednesday 13th April in Skipton. The national competition this year was to create a leaflet featuring a local walk, and Gunnerside WI was going to enter for this. But the most important event requiring immediate planning was the Triennial Show in Hawes at the end of March; there would be a meeting in the village hall on Thursday 24th January at 10.30 am for anyone interested in helping with this. After refreshments, it was announced that Angela Burgin had won the month's competition for 'A Favourite Christmas Card', and Caroline Horn won the raffle. The next meeting will be on February 21st, the Pie and Pea Supper. Those who like can take part in a Beetle Drive, but some may wish to practise playing dominoes for the competition which this year has taken the place of the darts tournament. Edna Waggett's dominoes team will compete in the heat at the George and Dragon in Aysgarth on March 10th.

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Cash for new idea More groups and organisations in and around the Yorkshire Dales National Park will be able to get financial help to launch projects thanks to a Government pot of cash. Rural Affairs Minister Jonathan Shaw has announced that a £200,000 Sustainable Development Fund (SDF), which is grant-aided by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs through the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority (YDNPA), has been given the go ahead for each of the next three years. The fund is managed on the Authority's behalf by the Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust (YDMT). Organisations, individuals and businesses in and around the National Park are being given the chance to apply for cash grants for projects this year. The SDF - now in its sixth year of operation - aims to support new business ideas, community schemes or environmental projects that demonstrate new ways of living and working in the Dales and that benefit the National Park and its communities. To date, nearly £1million has been awarded to 96 projects, large and small. In turn the funding has attracted about £2.5 million of match funding to the area from a wide range of statutory, voluntary and charitable funding sources. Moya Turrell, the Authority's Sustainable Development Officer, said: "This is another chance for local businesses, groups and individuals to turn an innovative good idea into a reality. "We are especially interested in projects that test new ideas and promote best practice and that involve young people or encourage links between people from different backgrounds. "We will also consider schemes from outside the National Park as long as they show a clear benefit to the area. The SDF can also support projects and ideas that struggle to find funding elsewhere, like staff costs and mobile equipment." Isobel Hall, the YDMT's SDF Manager, said: "We welcome the fact that the money has been allocated for a three-year period instead of 12 months at a time. It means that we have peace of mind for that period, knowing there will be cash available to help new projects to get off the ground." Among the

projects that the SDF part funded is a three-year scheme to assess brown trout stocks throughout the tributaries of the upper sections of the River Ure where populations seem to have been severely reduced over the last few decades. The Yorkshire Dales Rivers Trust and Durham University project involves computer modelling of land use to assess areas of risk that may be delivering pollutants to the river, modelling of altered water flows and direct water quality measurements. Another project - called www.GreenBeams.com - aims to supply locally-sourced hardwood timber beams and posts for restoration/renovation work in buildings of architectural importance/listed buildings. The www.greenbeams.com brokering service connects buyers with suppliers, promoting and generating the use of local sustainable timber alternatives to steel and concrete. Set up by Structural and Civil Consultants Ltd of Northallerton, the project aims to foster the development of a new rural industry by adding value to local hardwood timber that has not previously been able to reach the construction market. It is the intention for GreenBeams.com to become a non-profit making company that would reinvest any profits into fighting global warming. Other SDF-funded projects include climate change workshops held at the YDNPA-owned Dales Countryside Museum in Hawes for about 80 youngsters from primary schools in Upper Wensleydale. The events helped to raise their awareness of climate change and to inspire them to take part and introduce energy-saving activities in their home and school. And the SDF has helped 69 local businesses in the National Park to get advice on how to reduce their environmental impact. Laura Backhouse, the Environmental Co-ordinator for the York and North Yorkshire Business Environment Forum, has helped businesses identify environmental issues including waste, energy, water pollution and legislation to reduce their environmental impact. The project runs until March and Laura can be contacted by telephoning 01904 554404 or email laurab@4sustainable-energy.co.uk

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Thanks to the arrival of a large batch of Museum Documentation Cards from our local Museums Office Julie Biddlecombe we can now begin cataloguing our Collection. We need volunteers to identify objects, photograph them and fill in details on cards that will then be entered onto a computer database. There will be a training day in March for those interested in helping. We are also beginning work on our Prehistoric Landscape Displays advised by Tim Laurie, there will be four text panels with photographs, a cabinet of local finds' including flint tools and pottery, and a CD which can be played by visitors. We are also launching our 'Cottage at the Swaledale Museum' which can be booked for weekend and holiday lets, ideal for a couple, centrally heated and with bags of character! We have a separate leaflet for this so do contact us if you are interested. This is part of a wider plan to make us 'sustainable'! Now here is another mystery we need solving. We have two pressed tin plaques embossed with the words 'VICTORIAN SCREW COMPANY REETH MOOR' with the date 'JANUARY 1875'. They were clearly meant to be screwed to a device as there are instructions 'with adequate lubrication this tool should give a long and problem free life'. Does anyone know anything about the Company, and what sort of tools they produced? Do get in touch with me Helen Bainbridge at The Swaledale Museum, The Green, Reeth, DL11 6QT, tel: 01748 884118 or E-mail: museums@swaledale.org

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Compared to an average practice, we scored higher on every indicator, in particular the availability of the doctor, access by telephone and the continuity of care. On the whole patients were pleased with the open access arrangement and the small size of the practice team allowing the personal touch and continuity of care. The main suggestions that patients had for improvement were in the provision of services out of hours, in particular at the weekend.

We are pleased that patients value the ease of access during working hours and also the personal service we offer. This is particularly relevant in a time when the NHS is tending to push towards large, super surgeries, as a model of excellence in care. We will strive to ensure that the diversity of services on offer keeps expanding so that we can provide care for the people of the Dales in the Dales.

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REETH AND DISTRICT GAZETTE

MUKER PARISH COUNCIL

FINANCE: It was decided not to increase the Precept for the Financial Year 2008/2009 which was set at £1,500, the same as last year. The advertisement in the Reeth Gazette for a new Clerk will run for a second month in the hope of encouraging an applicant for the position.

RICHMONDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL:

The Clerk gave a brief report on the State of the District Debate which was held in Richmond before Christmas; this event also included, for the first time, presentation of the Citizenship Awards. Correspondence from Richmondshire DC included information on the International Campaign for the Elimination of Violence Against Women; leaflets regarding Domestic Abuse; an invitation to comment on the Draft Interim Policy on Affordable Housing and notices for village noticeboards regarding the Register of Electors. Following the new style Area Meeting a newsletter has been produced together with a leaflet about the Emergency Planning unit and a DVD from the Environment Agency regarding Flooding.

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL:

A letter from the Chairman of the Winter Maintenance Scrutiny Task Group explains they are to undertake an in-depth consultation with Parish Councils and other main stakeholders regarding the winter maintenance service. The Clerk was asked to reply stating how concerned the Parish Council was about the reports of cuts in the gritting programme. All Councillors were given a copy of an email from County Councillor John Blackie about the meeting he has arranged over this matter which will be held on Monday 11th February at 7 pm in the Dales Countryside Museum, Hawes - all are welcome to attend. Correspondence was received from Jacobs UK Ltd, contractors for NYCC, saying they were to commence work on Scarr House Bridge and retaining wall on Monday 7th January. The week before they were due to start notice was received from the National Park refusing Listed Building Consent for the work to be done. Phone calls with Jacobs UK Ltd and CC John Blackie resulted in

the revised date of Monday 14th January.

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AUTHORITY: The Clerk has received six copies of the Public Spaces Private Places Character Appraisals (Historic Village Atlas) which were distributed to each Councillor and one retained by the Clerk - they are available for residents to borrow. There were no objections to the planning applications for a single storey rear extension to provide additional dining area with new rear entrance and addition of pitch roof to replace existing flat roof at Kearton Country Hotel, Thwaite; for the removal of agricultural occupancy condition at Ravensghyll, Muker; or for listed building consent for internal works at Westview Cottage, West Stonesdale. Listed building consent has been granted for internal alterations and renovation including structural alterations at United Reformed Church, Keld Manse, Keld.

OTHER CORRESPONDENCE: Councillors indicated they were not interested in pursuing developments with the Green Matters group. Newsletter and information from Richmondshire Council for Voluntary Services and Richmondshire Senior Forum. An offer of information leaflets and posters from CE Electric UK entitled 'Preparing for Mother Nature'. Notice from the Cleveland Group of Long Distance Walkers of their event in July 2008 and copy of the Clerks and Councils Direct magazine. The next Parish Council meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 19th February, 2008, in Muker Institute.



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therefore, for donations and sponsorship to supplement ticket revenue and help keep the cinema going. Cheques are payable to Leyburn Arts Centre Ltd and can be Gift Aided. You must pay an amount of income tax or capital gains tax at least equal to the tax the Picture House reclaims on your donations in the tax year (currently 28p for each £1 given). We must walk before we run. Once we're bedded down, we intend to host live performance events including theatre, poetry, dance and music. As part of our commitment to the community we'll offer space in the building at low rates to local groups and charities during the day. As well as serving our community, we'll provide another attraction for visitors. Throughout the year a steady flow of families, walkers and retired visitors stay in the campsites, holiday cottages and B&Bs. We're currently seeking funding for our web site. Our window to the Dales and beyond. Patrons and volunteers will leave messages for one another. We hope to take ticket bookings online, have profiles of volunteers (we have close on two hundred) and appeals for others to join them. A Warmest Thanks Board for donations and sponsors. The cinema will largely depend on ticket sales for income but we also need additional funding for a sign for the Picture House on the front of the building, essential in identifying the change. As a not-for-profit voluntary based organisation, we need support and funding from local businesses and organisations, and local people across the Dale to ensure the project's ongoing survival. If you're organising a fund-raising event during this year would you consider donating Gift-Aid funds to The Picture House? Without community support, we all know what will happen... Would any of us want to be without this wonderful community facility? **COLIN BRANNIGAN**

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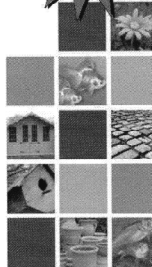
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Hudson House, Reeth. The purpose of it is to give the opportunity to members of the public to voice any issues or concerns or queries they may have to your local community officers, which will be done in a confidential manner. Feel free to stop and speak to me Tracie Taylor- Page wishing you all a "Happy New Year" and lets hope Reeth F.C start to do better!

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"Customs, Rituals and Records" was the title of a highly successful Saturday at the Museum last November. The day was jointly sponsored by The Christian Heritage Project and the Museum and the idea was to look at resources for local history linked with churches and other religious bodies. In the event the day was oversubscribed. People were turned away. Keith Sweetmore, director of the County Record Office at Northallerton, began by giving an overview of religious records at the North Yorkshire County Record Office (NYCRO). Helen Bainbridge, from the Museum, followed up by talking about resources in the Swaledale Museum Archive relating to baptisms, funerals etc. There followed an excellent lunch. In the afternoon there was a series of shorter talks, showing the great variety of the subject matter. Chris Best spoke about 'The Arkengarthdale Book of Remembrance'. The Rev Gillian Bobbett spoke about 'The beginnings of the Low Row church with its links with Philip Lord Wharton and Richard Frankland.' The Rev Jane Harris spoke about Methodist Love Feasts, and we had an opportunity to sample the special bread used. George Edward Brown showed us some mid-twentieth century photos of Chapels and Festivals which had recently come his way. Jocelyn Campbell talked about the sources available for researching Quakers. Joy Court showed us some pictures of the restoration of St Andrew's Church, Grinton in the 1890s. Finally Elizabeth Long shared some of her insights about exhibiting Christian Faith from her MA thesis for the University of Leicester. In all a very full, and

thoughtful day. We are now planning a follow up where there is a little more space, probably in the Memorial Hall, Reeth on March 15th.

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Low Row Domino Drive 7.30pm
- 16th** Valentines Disco at the Buck Hotel
9pm - Swaledale Darts League
- 18th** Daleswatch AGM 7.30 Buck Hotel
- 29th** Muker Show Domino Drive 7.30pm in Muker Village Hall
Charity Race Night, CB Arken'dale

March

- 9th** Stainer's Crucifixion - The Swale Singers at St. Mary's Arkengarthdale 7.30pm
- 14th** Quicksilver, Reeth Memorial Hall 8pm
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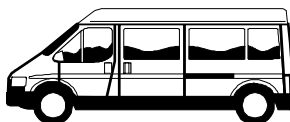
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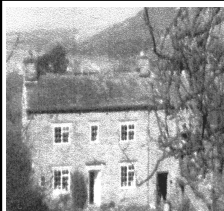
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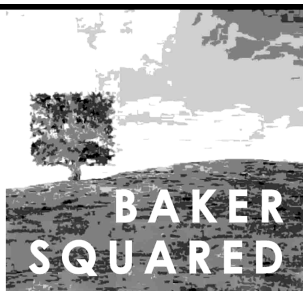


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On January 6 our Under 16's entertained Middleham who are one of the strongest teams but Dales played well in the first half. Isaac Dawson played well in goal in the absence of Peter Sparrow. Dales then conceded a goal and then rather let their heads down giving away more. Richard Williams was man-of-the-match and many thanks to David Wallis standing in while I was indisposed. The following week we travelled to Hawes on a wet day with 2 Under 14's players out of action and another sick on the day. Dales played well to keep a clean sheet in first half. After conceding an unfortunate penalty it rather fell apart letting Hawes score 3 more which did not really reflect play. It was good to see Ben Stones back on form after his (school) injury to be man-of-the-match and Bob also commended Isaac Dawson in goal and Charlotte Porter in defence for good play. Again the lads were helped out by Charlotte and Bethany and also Thomas Wallis and Dan Lohgden from the Under 12's. The under 12's that played with Hawes opening the scoring but then Dales got used to playing on a wet sponge and Thomas Wallis equalised. At half time Tim Dawson came out of goal giving him a welcome break on the field while Arte Dawson donned the muddy goalie shirt. Will Fawcett played well in defence while Nick Haste put us ahead in a goalmouth tussle followed by another from Harry Sunter. A 1-3 win was a fair result. Man-of-the-match was Thomas Wallis. There then followed an Under 10 friendly match. Hawes wanted to play 8-a-side so our youngest Under 12's, Sean Lord and Dan Longden (playing his third match) joined the squad. Sean took an early lead but Hawes equalised by half time and got the decider in the second half. The few Under

10's we have need more practice but we saw good play from Nick Lanier and we welcomed Adam Wallis to his first match. Man-of-the-match was Tim Dawson. On Sunday 20th our Under 16's played a strong Catterick team at home. While all ours were under 15 or younger, Dales played much better but conceded one in the first half. Sadly we gave away a penalty followed by another goal from Catterick but Dales performed well against a stronger older team and made a number of chances. Sam Hall played well in defence and when Thomas Simpson came on at half time he played notably well. A 0-3 loss was not a bad result in this match and thanks to Matthew Calvert for playing a manager/captain role. This team desperately needs a coach to help them. I did not see much of the Under 12 match but when I was able to look round Dales seemed to be on top but Catterick had a good goalie. The result, though, was a 0-3 loss. We have some very good players although numbers are thin in some age groups but we really do need some more help on the field, can someone come and help the older players even if not every week. Some of these lads should be playing for Reeth in a year or two. Thanks for all the Tesco vouchers. We collected over 5700.

David Williams 884650

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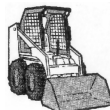
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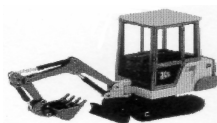
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