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In order that we can distribute the Gazette on the first of each month, it is necessary to have a Deadline date. The Deadline Dates for the next few months are as follows

<b>December</b>	<b><u>NOVEMBER 8th</u></b>
<b>January</b>	<b><u>December 15th</u></b>
<b>February</b>	<b><u>January 15th</u></b>

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## Share your memories of Arkengarthdale School as momentous 350 year milestone is achieved!

Arkengarthdale School will celebrate its 350<sup>th</sup> year in 2009 and plans are already underway to mark this incredible milestone. A series of Summer events including an open day, musical evening and grand dinner will ensure that pupils (past and present), teachers and everyone in the community can take part and enjoy the celebrations. We know there will be many fascinating memories about the school's history that we are not aware of and the children are looking forward to producing storyboards and displays to capture this interesting information. If you have any pictures or stories that you would be willing to share with us then we would love to hear from you. Perhaps you have an original workbook, your school report, class pictures, newspaper cuttings or written memories? Alternatively would you be willing for the children to interview you and make a recording? Everything would be gratefully received. Please either email us at or call Kath Hollingworth on 01748 884355 to arrange a convenient time to drop off any information, books or pictures. Please be assured we will take care of any items you leave with us and ensure everything is returned promptly. We are all extremely excited about 2009 and look forward to sharing our celebrations with you.

Mary Hutchinson  
Head Teacher, Arkengarthdale School



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## CHURCH SERVICES in Swaledale & Arkengarthdale

### **Sunday 2nd. November**

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

2.30pm Gunnerside Methodist

6.00pm St. Andrew's, Grinton  
*All Souls Memorial Service*  
*This is a service for anyone who wants to remember a loved one who has died.*

6.30pm Reeth Evangelical Congregational  
*Harvest Festival*

### **Sunday 16th. November**

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

2.30pm Gunnerside Methodist

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

### **Thursday 27th November**

**7.30pm** Arkengarthdale Methodist  
*Swaledale Christian Council Advent Service*

### **Sunday 30th. November**

10.30am St. Mary's, Arkengarthdale  
*UNITED PARISH SERVICE*  
Low Row URC  
Reeth Methodist

11.00am Reeth Evangelical Congregational

2.30pm Gunnerside Methodist  
St. Edmund's Marske  
*Christingle Service*

6.30pm Reeth Evangelical Congregational

### **Sunday 9th November**

#### **REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**

9.00am St. Andrew's, Grinton  
*Eucharist*  
St. Michael's, Downholme  
*Holy Communion*

10.30am Reeth Methodist

10.45am St. Mary's Arkengarthdale  
*Remembrance Service and laying of wreath.*

10.50am Holy Trinity, Low Row  
*Remembrance Service*

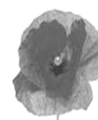
11.00am St. Edmund's Marske  
*Morning Service*  
Reeth Evangelical Congregational

2.00pm Keld & Low Row URC  
*Meet at Keld War Memorial*

2.30pm Arkengarthdale Methodist

3.00pm St. Andrew's, Grinton  
*Remembrance Service (Parade gathers at Reeth from 2pm)*

6.30pm Reeth Evangelical Congregational



### **Sunday 23th November**

8.00am Holy Trinity Low Row  
*Holy communion BCP*

9.30am St. Andrew's, Grinton  
*Eucharist*

10.30am Low Row URC  
*Holy Communion*  
Reeth Methodist

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

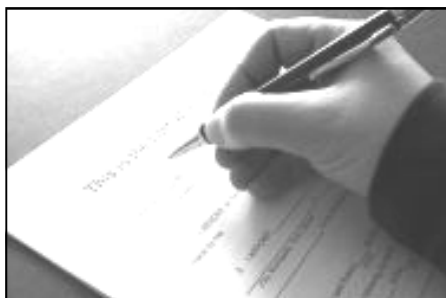
11.15am St. Mary's, Arkengarthdale  
*Holy Communion BCP*

2.00pm Keld URC

2.30pm Arkengarthdale Methodist  
*Holy Communion*

6.30pm Reeth Evangelical Congregational

Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)  
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Willing and able?

It is a sad fact that around 70% of the UK population have not made a Will - is that surprising?

Well it should be when it is considered the problems and heartache that dying without a Will can cause to your family and friends,

In addition to the time and often additional costs involved in sorting out an estate where there is no Will, your estate probably does not go to the person or persons you would wish. Some of the problems which arise are:-

- If you do not have a Will all of your estate does not automatically pass to your surviving spouse
- Whether you like it or not, part of your estate might be held in trust for many years
- Your children or grandchildren may inherit large amounts of money at 18 - would 21 or older be better?
- If you have no close family, it may be costly to track down relatives entitled to part or all of your estate
- If no relatively close blood relations can be found, your estate may pass to the Government

Making a Will can help also to reduce

inheritance tax and the effect of nursing/ care home fees on your estate.

Some people feel that to save costs they will make a Will using a will kit or prepare a Will online. This is the way to make money for solicitors. 85% of these Wills have been found to be in some way defective!

You might think that it is better spending a fairly modest amount of money having your Will made properly, to do what you intend, to protect your family or those people or organisations you care about

It is always sensible to use your family solicitor or a solicitor recommended to you who is experienced in the making of Wills and the administration of estates. They will either know your circumstances or spend time to find out about you, and this allows them to do what is vital, understanding your wishes and advising you as to the best way to achieve your aims.

The Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners and Solicitors for the Elderly have members locally who can help, Remember those you love or care about may not benefit from your estate as you expect!

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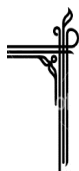
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### **Crime in the Two Dales**

Three honesty boxes located around the Green at Reeth were broken into on several different occasions, any persons acting suspiciously near to the collection boxes should be reported immediately on 0845-60-60-247. A diesel generator and five galvanised steel troughs with fittings were removed from a farm building at Swale Hall in Harkerside. This month has seen an increase in the reporting of loose cattle on the roads. Fences and gates (of which should be closed) are the farmers responsibility to maintain and this in turn should avoid any possible accidents/incidents with moving vehicles on the highway. Watching fireworks is good fun and popular. But fireworks are explosives and burn at high temperatures, so they need careful handling and storage. Only buy fireworks marked BS 7114. It is against the law to possess fireworks in public if you're under 18, throw or set them off in the street and they should not be sold to anyone under 18 yrs of age. Figures have shown that more children than adults get hurt by fireworks, over half the injuries that occur are suffered by children. Did you know that sparklers get five times hotter than cooking oil? They should never be given to a child under five. Members of the public can buy and set off most fireworks that come under the Categories 1-3. Information on the packet will advise you of the suitability of where the fireworks can be set off. Please keep your pets indoors. Once again I would like to thank you all for the reporting of incidents/accidents and

any suspicious activity of persons and vehicles. PCSO Tracie Lee Taylor-Page

### **St Andrew's Fundraising**

**Food Events** St Andrew's church tower fund continues with a series of food events covering all times of the day to suit - morning coffee, afternoon tea and evening dinner! A coffee morning is planned by Margaret Abson; an afternoon tea is planned by Caroline at the Vicarage and a series of evening dinners by Susan Allison and other committee members at their homes. All these events are on dates yet to be confirmed so watch out for the update in the next newsletter. The dinner events will be on dates to suit invitees so if you are interested in attending one of these [£20 per person for 4 courses] please contact Susan on 884366. **St Andrew's Supper** will take place at Fremington Sunday School on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November at 7 for 7.30pm. The award winning Reeth Artefacts are very kindly providing the post supper entertainment. Please contact Susan if you intend coming so that catering can be appropriately arranged. There is no charge for this event but donations in lieu will be taken for the registered charity for which Sharon Morad works [Samaritan's Purse]. Sharon visited the vicarage in June and is an obstetrician working in Ethiopia under somewhat harrowing conditions. The charity was supported by our harvest offerings this year. Please do come and enjoy the supper and entertainment whilst supporting a very worthwhile charity. **Party** Advance warning that a party will be held at the home of Joy and Ralph Court at the Gallery, East

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Windy Hall on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> January. More details in the next Gazette! PS: Do call in at church and see the progress being made with works in the tower.

SPORTS PROJECT LAUNCHED IN THE DALES

Young people will be the focus of a brand new project being launched by the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority (YDNPA) this year. Called 'Go Dales!', it is aimed at introducing eight to 25-year-olds from the Keighley, Bradford, Craven and Richmond areas to the National Park and to the huge range of adventure activities they can take part in in its beautiful landscape. Kath Needham has been appointed to the three-year, Sport England-funded post of Go Dales Project Officer and will be based at the YDNPA's offices in Grassington. "The whole idea is to get young people interested in some of the different activities on offer in the National Park by offering taster sessions in a whole range of sports including rock climbing, sailing and walking," she said. "We also want to introduce them to existing clubs that take part in the individual sports so we can overcome common hurdles like "I don't know anyone in the group" or "I don't know how to get there". "Hopefully, by doing this, we will help them to develop enthusiasm for a new pastime and a deep appreciation of the National Park and everything it has to offer." Kath is eager to make contact with individuals or people who work in the community who think they may have a group that might be interested in trying different activities. "I'm excited to be working with such a wide variety of young people - and being in a position to open doors of opportunity for

people is wonderful," she said. David Gent, Regional Director of Sport England Yorkshire, said, "Go Dales is a fantastic project that we're delighted to be able to support. "The idea is that, by giving young people lots of chances and a great experience, they will want to keep coming back to the National Park to take part in sport and outdoor activities regularly." Anyone who would like more information can contact Kath Needham on 01756 751633 or by emailing her at : [kathryn.needham@yorkshiredales.org.uk](mailto:kathryn.needham@yorkshiredales.org.uk).

**HAWES CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL  
and LIGHTS SWITCH ON**

*Fun for All The Family*

*Hawes, the small market town at the head of Wensleydale, will start the Christmas Season with a Family Festival on Saturday December 6th 2008.*

Programme will include Hog Roast; Music with The Fenner Sisters; Street Market; Children's Entertainment; Community Carol Singing with Hawes Prize Silver Band and a Teddy Bear Trail.

At The Dales Countryside Museum there will be **Christmas Bazaar and family fun** all weekend.

Details from: The Dales Countryside Museum  
01969 666210 or [www.haweschristmasfestival.co.uk](http://www.haweschristmasfestival.co.uk)

**ARKENGARThDALE METHODIST  
CHURCH**

The following events will be held in Arkengarthdale Methodist Church :

**November 7th** 'Last Night of the Proms' Concert with The Parish Choir and Leyburn Band - 7.30pm. £5 (under 16's free) pay at the door.

**November 27th** The Swaledale Christian Council Advent Service at 7.30pm.

**December 6th** the Annual Christmas Coffee Morning with Cake Stall etc. 10am to 12 noon.

**December 19th** Christmas Concert by the Parish Choir 7.30pm.

**December 24th** the Children's Candlelight Christmas Service at 6pm.

We would welcome your support at all these events.



### **REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY PARADE**

Could all those taking part in the Remembrance Sunday Parade on Sunday 9th November please meet on Reeth Green at 2.15pm for 2.30 pm start. A mini bus will be provided for those unable to walk. The service in St. Andrew's Church, Grinton, starts at 3pm. This will be followed by tea in Reeth Memorial Hall.

### **REMEMBRANCE DAY**

There will be a short Act Of Remembrance Service at 10.55am on Tuesday 11th November. This will take place at the War Memorial on Reeth Green.

### **REETH BONFIRE**

Due to increasingly stringent insurance and Health and Safety regulations concerning open public bonfires, it is regretted that NO bonfire material of any sort may be deposited on Reeth Green. This situation will be monitored closely and anyone flouting these new rules will be prosecuted for fly tipping. The RDC mobile skip will be on Reeth Green on Saturday November 15th, which will take all different types of rubbish.

The Fireworks Committee will organise a bonfire comprising 100% used pallets which when burnt will be doused out by the Fire Brigade.

**Martin Bearpark** : Chairman Reeth Parish Council

**Malcolm Gardner** : Chairman Reeth Fireworks Committee.

### **REETH PARISH COUNCIL**

The position of Clerk To Reeth Parish Council has become vacant. Anyone interested in this position or requiring further details please contact Martin Bearpark, Chairman of Reeth Parish Council on 01748 884687.

### **A BIG THANKYOU :**

To everyone who supported the events and donated money for the parachute jump.

A special thanks to Dave and Sheila at the Farmer's Arms, Rich and Kim at the Black Bull, Guy and Suzann at the Bottom Shop and Caroline at the Copper Kettle.

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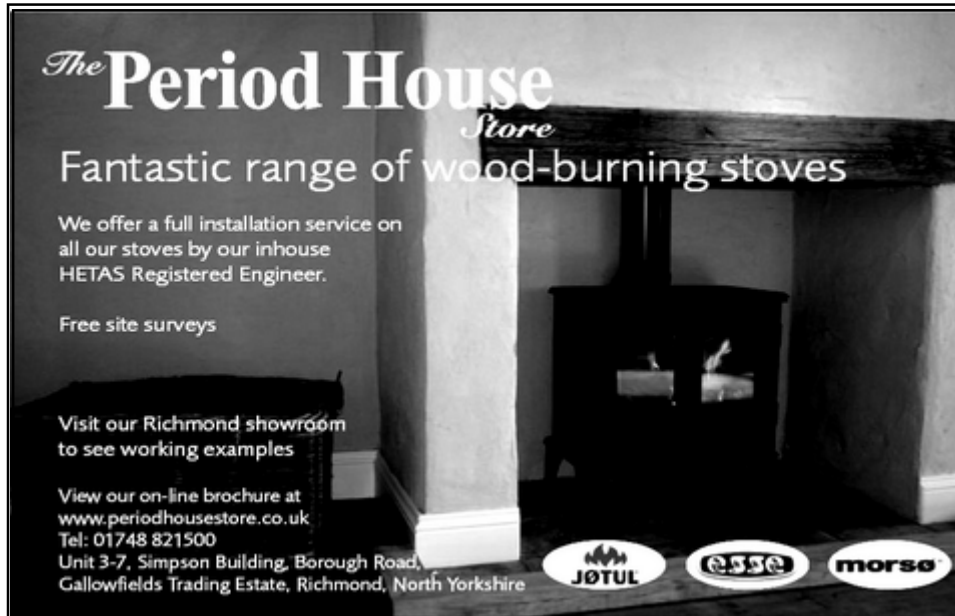


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ARKENGARTHDALE PARISH COUNCIL

A Parish Council meeting was held on the 13th October 2008. Problems are still arising with parking in the village restricting access to Storthwaite. A sign has been installed requesting people to park considerately. The owners of the adjacent cottages are to be contacted regarding this matter. Some progress has been made with the refuse collection and the system seems to be more satisfactory. There is still concern that some drivers are ignoring speed restrictions. The fire service cards have been distributed and returned to the fire service. There was a good response to this. The fire service are now in the process of fixing smoke alarms to all who requested them. It was noted that there are approximately forty houses in the Two dales where the fire engine cannot get to. The local fire brigade are seeking to address this problem. Although Parish Council meetings are open to the public, it is very rare that members of the public attend. It was suggested to make enquiries to set up a small website where the minutes would be available for all to see. A letter has been sent to the Yorkshire Local Council Association requesting further information on this. The next meeting is on 24th November.

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Marrick Parish Council Meeting 25  
September 2008.

In the absence of the Chair, Councillor Hodgson welcomed County Councillor John Blackie to the meeting. Councillor Blackie gave an update on health issues. There would be no withdrawal of 11 p.m. - 8a.m. doctor service, at present based at Catterick Garrison, though there was a suggestion this could be resited at the Friary, Richmond. Regarding concerns on a possible reduction in services at the Friarage Hospital, Northallerton, Councillor Blackie reassured the meeting that the excellent maternity services would continue. The importance of retaining a 24 hour Accident and Emergency service there was stressed. Dental services were also highlighted and there were concerns regarding pharmacy services and how these could impact on local surgeries.

Waste Collection Numerous complaints received by the Parish Council, regarding the alternate weekly waste collection, led to a lengthy debate. Councillor Wilhelmy stressed the importance of receiving a service that met the needs of the area. Councillor Blackie remarked on the abundance of complaints received throughout the dale. The recent meeting at Reeth to discuss the matter, had been attended by approximately 70 people, and had shown the depth of feeling on the subject. It was agreed to inform Richmondshire District Council of the complaints, and of the need to improve customer relations.

Street Lights in Marrick A letter had been received from a resident regarding the provision of additional street lighting at the west end of the village. However the matter could not be pursued at

present, as there was no funding available. Highways would be reminded of the need for repairs to road edges and overhanging branches. Potholes and water on the roads would also be reported.

Review of Financial Regulations It was agreed to postpone the triennial review of the Parish Council's Financial Regulations until the next meeting, when all Councillors could be present.

Planning Matters Permission had been granted for the erection of a conservatory at The Old School, Hurst.

Audit The External Auditor had been highly satisfied, following the spot check, which had involved a thorough examination of the Parish Council's affairs.

Police The Chief Constable of North Yorkshire Police would be present at Richmondshire West Area Meeting on 26 November. It was agreed to ask for an increase in police patrols in the area and that police presence be visible.

Elections European Parliamentary elections would take place on Thursday, 4 June 2009. Elections for County Councillors would also take place in 2009.

Date of next meeting 27 November 2008 at 7.30p.m.at Marrick Institute.

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**WHAT'S ON IN REETH MEMORIAL HALL**

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**THANK YOU**

**Leigh and Emma** would like to thank everyone who supported them in their Great North Run fundraising appeal for Candlelighters. They both successfully completed and more importantly enjoyed the run. Leigh finished in a time of 1hour 48minutes and Emma 2 hours 1 minute. The fantastic news is that they have so far raised **£3,000**. This is a fantastic achievement and thank you to everyone who has sponsored them. If you haven't made a donation and would like to it's not too late. Please contact **Leigh 01748 886277** or **Emma 01748 886308**

**Dear Editor**, May I through the Gazette thank everyone who has sent me cards, gifts and well wishes for my future in the last few weeks. It has been really very heartwarming, kind and touching. In fact had I known that I was so popular, I might have stayed a bit longer. Sincerely **Paul Bond**. *Ed. The Gazette sincerely wishes to thank Paul for his past services and wishes him well for the future.*

## REETH AND DISTRICT GAZETTE

Dormice sleep again in the Yorkshire Dales

One of Britain's best loved, but most elusive mammals - the hazel dormouse - is back in the Yorkshire Dales National Park following a successful re-introduction project. It is 100 years since the creatures - made famous in Lewis Carroll's *Alice in Wonderland* - were last recorded in the Park. In a joint bid by conservation organisations\* to reverse a drastic population decline, 35 dormice were released into Freeholders' Wood near Aysgarth in June this year. The latest peek into the nest boxes has revealed astounding success. Despite the very wet summer, 58 dormice, including well grown youngsters, were found in the 195 boxes. Sir Martin Doughty, Chair of Natural England said: "Dormice numbers have dropped dramatically due to a decline in their ancient woodland habitat. The rich mix of coppiced hazel trees, honeysuckle and bramble in Freeholders' Wood makes it an ideal habitat for a healthy dormouse population. "So much more can be achieved through working together and sharing our knowledge and experience. Each organisation had an essential role in this successful re-introduction". Dr Tim Thom, Senior Wildlife Conservation Officer from the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority said: "The reintroduction has exceeded all our expectations. The hard work put in by all of the people involved in the partnership has been rewarded by the large numbers of young dormice found in the boxes. The Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority is proud to have helped to reverse the decline of this charismatic mammal and is also working with neighbouring landowners to increase the amount of woodland avail-

able to our newest arrivals so that they can spread throughout the area." "We are delighted that the first nest box check has gone so well and that the dormice have been reproducing", said Laura Hurt, Conservation Officer at the People's Trust for Endangered Species. 'This is the third re-introduction that we have done in Yorkshire and this one has all the signs of success. It is very exciting.' The dormice were bred in captivity by the Common Dormouse Captive Breeders Group and given a full bill of health before release by Paignton Zoo and the Zoological Society of London. Staff from the People's Trust for Endangered Species and Paignton Zoo placed the dormice in mesh cages attached to hazel trees within the wood. The dormice were fed by staff and volunteers from the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority. After ten days, openings were made in the mesh to allow the dormice to explore. Freeholders' Wood is a protected Site of Special Scientific Interest and Local Nature Reserve which is being carefully managed by the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority to give the dormice the best possible new start. Dormice numbers have dramatically declined in most parts of the UK, mainly due to the loss and deterioration of their ancient woodland habitat. The dormouse Biodiversity Action Plan aims to return them to areas of the country where they have been lost. The reintroduction is one of sixteen in England over the last 15 years and is a collaboration between Natural England, People's Trust for Endangered Species, the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority, Common Dormouse Captive Breeders Group and the Zoological Society of London.

Facts About The Common or Hazel Dormouse  
(*Muscardinus avellanarius*)

Lifespan - up to 5 years Size - 80-85mm (head and body), 56-68mm (tail) and 15-30g Identification - orange/brown fur on the upper-parts and yellow/white fur underneath with a white throat. The only British mammal of this size with a thick, bushy tail. Habitat - deciduous and coppiced woodland, scrub and hedgerows. Diet - seeds, flowers, fruit and insects. Before hibernation nuts are an important food source. Behaviour - dormice spend the day sleeping in nests made from grass, moss, leaves and shredded honeysuckle bark. The nests are typically about 15cm in diameter and woven to entirely surround the animal. Little is known about their social organisation, but it is thought that they sometimes live in pairs. Dormice are nocturnal and hibernate from October to April. If food is short or weather prevents them foraging they are able to save energy by lowering their body temperature and becoming torpid. They can spend up to three quarters of their lives asleep. They are good climbers, and spend most of their time in the tree canopy. Breeding - they normally rear one or two litters a year, typically of four young. The young remain with their mother for 6-8 weeks before becoming independent. Conservation status - a British native, the dormouse has become extinct in up to 7 English counties (about half its former range) in the past 100 years. It is absent from the north, except for small populations in Cumbria and Northumberland, and although dormice are still widespread from Kent to Devon, their distribution is patchy. Even in good

habitats, numbers are low. The main reason for its increasing rarity is habitat loss due to the decline in hazel coppicing. Where woodland has become fragmented, populations become isolated and can't move to new habitat. Even gaps in woodland of as little as 100m can prevent the species spreading out. The reintroduction - Freeholders' Wood is managed as a traditional coppice woodland by the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority. The dormice released here were bred in captivity by the Common Dormouse Captive Breeders Group and given a full bill of health before release by Paignton and London Zoos. Staff from the People's Trust for Endangered Species and Paignton Zoo then placed the dormice in mesh cages attached to hazel trees within the wood. They were fed in the cages by staff and volunteers from the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority. After ten days, openings were made in the mesh to allow them to explore while still being provided with food if they needed it. Extra feeding stopped in mid September leaving the dormice wild and free to roam through the woodland. To see if the reintroduction had been successful 195 nestboxes were checked in late September. Despite the very wet summer 58 dormice were found in the boxes with large numbers of well grown youngsters. The dormouse Species Recovery Project is funded and monitored by Natural England and the People's Trust for Endangered Species.





## REETH AND DISTRICT GAZETTE



Firstly, I would like to thank Dr. Bond for all his hard work over the years. We have enjoyed working together over the past twelve months and I wish him a happy and successful future.

As Marie and I take over the practice in partnership together, we really want to build on what Dr. Bond has established. As well as being a Chartered Physiotherapist with ten years experience Marie will work with me in developing and expanding our services. Uppermost in our minds is the health and well-being of the population of Swaledale and Arkengarthdale served by a friendly, efficient and professional team at Reeth Medical Centre. To this end, I also intend to write regularly in the Reeth and District Gazette giving you some useful health tips and information. There will be a few new faces in the weeks ahead. We welcome Christine Bohanan, our new dispenser, who has come to us from Gales Pharmacy in Colburn. We also welcome Dr. Adrian Anderson, who will be working as our associate GP for one day a week. Adrian has been involved in training GPs in Leeds as well as working for the out-of-hours service and running a busy practice in Retford. Over the next few months, we are planning to make some changes in the layout of the surgery and so if there are any minor disruptions due to decorating etc please forgive us now! We plan to have an open morning in mid-December - details will be available in the surgery shortly as well as in next month's Gazette. In the meantime, we look forward to having the privilege of serving you in our wonderful community.

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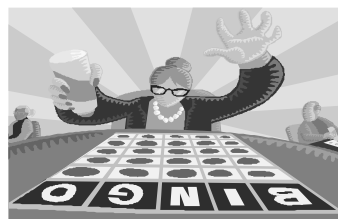
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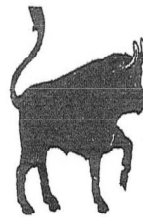
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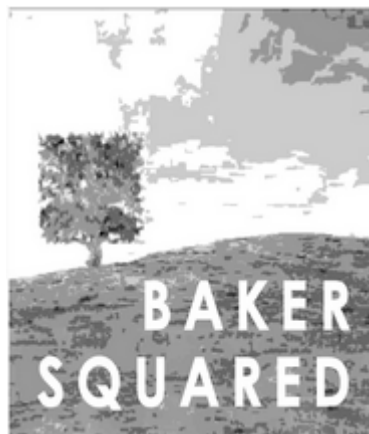
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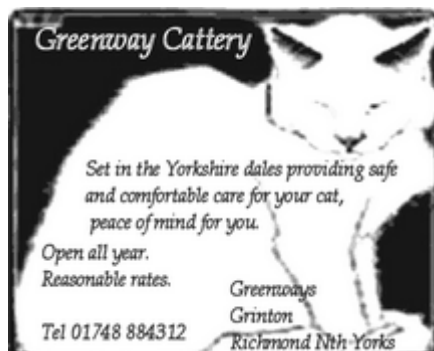
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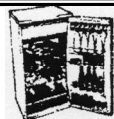
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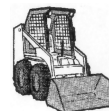
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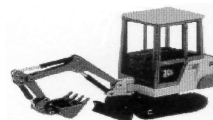
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