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your local news magazine of the
Two Dales**

PRICELESS

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Marrick Parish Council Meeting 31 July 2008.

Highways There were a number of problems with overhanging branches and vegetation, which would be reported to Highways. Richmond Cycle Race would take place on Sunday 21 September. The route would not include the parish. Marrick institute The grant application by Mr Trusson on behalf of Marrick Institute had been successful; £501 would be received from North Yorkshire County Council Community Fund, for refurbishment. The Clerk had attended the launch of Two Dales Live video link service. Councillor Hodgson explained the problems at Marrick, which was not yet operational. Refuse Village refuse bins, which had not been emptied recently, had been reported and would be monitored. Parish Land SINC monitoring by North Yorkshire County Council would take place at Nungate Top to assess the ecological value of the site. Councillor Wilhelmy had ascertained that fencing surrounding the trees at High Buska was in need of attention. Councillor Stones and Councillor Hodgson agreed to attend to the matter. The Scott Trial would be given permission to ride over parish land. Bridleway Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority were proposing to modify the Definitive Map by deleting part of the bridleway at Marrick Priory, shown as going through the graveyard, through the Priory building, through the farmyard and down the field to cross the river at the ford. Following a complaint about the buildings obstructing the route, the National Park Authority had carried out extensive research to gather evidence. The Clerk had examined all the old documents and minutes of the parish which could prove relevant. A public enquiry was possible. Planning There

were no objections to the erection of a conservatory at The Old School, Hurst. District Council New internal governance arrangements for Richmondshire District Council were outlined to the meeting. The District Council's draft decision regarding BT's programme of proposed public payphone removals had been received. Responsibility for stray dogs had been transferred to local authorities. Richmondshire District Council were considering the use of new legislation to prohibit dogs from all RDC play parks, Other Matters The Clerk had attended Richmond Engage event, where information had been provided on the physical, social and educational activities, assistance and advice, which was available to over 50s in the area. Councillors were informed that to provide services in the Richmondshire District, where 1 in 7 children and adults were affected by a learning disability, Mencap relied on £6200 from local people and referred to the need for more members to join the local Daleswatch. Date of next meeting 25 September 2008 at 7.30p.m. at Marrick Institute.



Taken at Reeth Show August 2008

CHURCH SERVICES in Swaledale & Arkengarthdale

Sunday 7th. September

- 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
- 6.00pm St. Andrew's, Grinton
Evening Prayer BCP
- 6.30pm Arkengarthdale Methodist
Harvest Festival
Gunnarside Methodist
Reeth Evangelical Congregational

Sunday 21st. September

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

Friday 26th. September

- 7.00pm St. Michael's, Downholme.
Harvest Festival Service

Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)

Meet at the Friends Meeting House in Leyburn, Bainbridge and Countersett. For details of regular weekly services and any further information please telephone Peter Neale 01969 625470

Sunday 14th September

- 9.30am St. Andrew's, Grinton
Eucharist
St. Michael's, Downholme
Holy Communion
- 10.30am Low Row URC
Reeth Methodist
Holy Communion
- 11.00am St. Edmund's Marske
Morning Service
Reeth Evangelical Congregational
- 11.15am St. Mary's Arkengarthdale
Family Service with Baptism
- 2.00pm Keld URC
Holy Communion
- 6.00pm St. Mary's Muker
Family Service
- 6.30pm Gunnarside Methodist
Reeth Evangelical Congregational

Sunday 28th September

- 9.30am St. Andrew's, Grinton
Eucharist & Harvest Festival
St. Michael's, Downholme
Holy Communion
- 10.00am St. Mary's Muker
Morning Prayer with Hymns
- 10.30am Low Row URC
Reeth Methodist
Harvest Festival
- 11.00am St. Edmund's, Marske
Eucharist
Reeth Evangelical Congregational
- 11.15am St. Mary's, Arkengarthdale
Harvest Festival
- 2.00pm Keld URC
Harvest Festival
- 6.30pm Arkengarthdale Methodist
Gunnarside Methodist
Harvest Festival
Holy Trinity Low Row
Harvest Festival with Supper
Reeth Evangelical Congregational

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Christian Aid

Thank you very much indeed to everyone for their support for Christian Aid. The House-to House Collection in May together with the Coffee Morning at the Drop-In and the Produce Stall on the Green raised a total of **£2551.24**. The following gives an indication of what our money could achieve: In Malawi, 4 solar panels to power 2 health centres. In isolated rural areas, solar-powered health centres bring life-saving medical treatment and vaccines to as many as 30,000 people. And, in Bolivia, 10 cans of worms. They help farmers produce more crops and can give them a surplus to sell. The House -to-House Collection for each area was as follows:

Arkengarthdale	143.77
Fremington	71.33
Grinton&Harkerside	238.78
Gunnerside	149.82
Healaugh	63.38
Hurst	14.42
Low Row	375.1
Marrick	82.33
Marske	216.15
Muker & Thwaite	107.22
Reeth	453.67
West Stonesdale & Keld	108.92
Late envelopes	24.35

The Yorkshire Quiz in May raised £120 for Christian Aid. The winner is Gordon Walton. The answer to the final question 'How much was raised in Yorkshire in Christian Aid Week 07?' is £830,312. If you would like the answers please email:

leeds@christian-aid.org or ring Pauline Oldershaw on 01748 886790.

The Bric-a-Brac Stall on Reeth Green on July 25th raised the magnificent sum of **£385.60**. It was a beautiful day and there were plenty of visitors to come and browse. The Committee are most grateful to all those who brought items for the stall and particularly to those who helped set it up, helped during the day and provided refreshments.

Finally there are two other ways you can help. We are asked to petition the Prime Minister to amend the Climate Change Bill to include aviation and marine emissions in the calculations for the 80% cut in carbon emissions. The petition is online at: <http://petitions.pm.gov.uk/EDM736>.

The North East Committee for Christian Aid have the privilege of welcoming one of the Christian Aid overseas partners to the region to speak about the work that supporters enable. They wondered if anyone would be interested in hosting an overseas visitor for a few days, once a year, while they are in the region. If you can help, please contact either Susan Allison 01748 884366 or Pauline Oldershaw on 01748 886790.

Pauline Oldershaw

Secretary - Upper Swaledale &

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'Wheels 2 Work' launched May 2001 is a project of the Rural Transport Partnership

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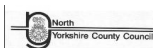
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MESSAGE from the SWALEDALE MUSEUM in REETH

We are now organising events for the Autumn Season. For those interested in uncovering the history of their house do come to our 'Doing Your House History in Upper Swaledale and Arkengarthdale' afternoon on SATURDAY 18th OCTOBER from 1pm to 5pm in the Museum. Speakers will include myself on sources in the Museum, Alan Mills, David Sinker and Tim Bagenal will be launching his book on the subject. The afternoon will also include an open surgery for those wanting to come and ask questions of the panel in connection with their own research. Booking essential and tickets will cost £7. We are also planning a lecture to launch our new PREHISTORIC LANDSCAPE displays with loans from the Bowes Museum and the Dales Countryside Museum. Watch this space for the date when Tim Laurie will give a talk on this new material which he has discovered, and celebrate its first ever public display in the dales. Scenic View from Reeth have done a wonderful job on the display panels. Plus don't forget our regular monthly programme of Friends Talks. On 17th SEPTEMBER at 7.30 Janet Bishop will be talking on the amazing resource the Quarter Sessions papers offer to the researcher. Last month we had some unusual new acquisitions to the Collection including an instrument for docking the tails of horses and a hay tester from Muker. I am particularly

grateful to Judy Abson who has begun some cataloguing work in the archive, making even more material accessible, and Marjorie Daniels who has been coming to spin for us, adding even more to the Museum experience. I would also like to thank our Heritage Walks team that includes Alan Mills, Neil Dyson and Roger Pettican who have been leading some wonderful walks over the summer. Our next meeting of the Knitting Group will be on MONDAY 22 SEPTEMBER from 2pm, come and join us and bring your knitting! Our group are plotting a rather unusual fashion show as their first public venture. We are also delighted to have received an inspirational book on Nordic Knitting for our Library from a generous donor. For further information about the Museum and events contact Helen Bainbridge on 01748 884118, e-mail: museum@swaledale.org

NEW PLANNING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Carl Lis has been elected chairman of the Planning Committee of the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority (YDNPA). Mr Lis, who has been a Member since 1996, replaces Harold Brown, who was elected as Authority deputy chairman in July. Mr Lis stepped down as Authority chairman in July after four years in the post. Will Weston, who lives in Barnard Castle, County Durham, and joined the Authority in April, 2006, was re-elected as the deputy chairman.



Crime in the Two Dales

During the month of July there was theft of diesel from a vehicle in the Marske area and in other parts of the Dale. Due to the rise in fuel costs we rely on the community to keep a look out for people siphoning fuel from vehicles and domestic tanks. Please ensure tanks have adequate locks on and are checked regularly. Suspect males were seen on land around Marrick possibly poaching and we had an incident where a vehicle was stolen from Keld. All vehicles should be left secure and ignition keys removed. We have lots of people from outside the area at this time of year so there are more opportunities for incidents to occur. I would ask that members of the community also keep an eye out for any suspicious persons or vehicles sighted nearby Pay and Display machines, public telephone boxes and honesty boxes. Given that we have a few major events coming up these coin collection boxes will be used more. Please use the 0845-60-60-247 and report your findings as soon as possible should the need arise. Incidents of this nature have happened in York and Catterick Garrison, whereby a cordless drill had been used and therefore only taken minutes to steal the monies. Many thanks to the local farmers who helped Swaledale Rescue in the rescue of two females, your help was very much appreciated.

PCSO Tracie Taylor-Page

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**What's On at the Dales Countryside  
Museum, Hawes September 2008**

**We are hosting a very special**

**exhibition from 6th September to 1<sup>st</sup> October.**

**NEST - a brush with the media** is one subject freely interpreted by 45 artists working in a wide variety of media. The concept was developed by Janet Rawlings after finding a birds nest in a besom. All are welcome to the charity preview on Saturday the 6<sup>th</sup> from 3pm with a collection for the Woodland Trust. There are **FREE EVENTS** planned to coincide with the exhibition: A besom making demonstration on Saturday the 20<sup>th</sup>, all day and 2 children's workshops on 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> between 10am and 12. Friday 19<sup>th</sup> Friends of the museum will be having an evening lecture by Professor Michael Green, "How the other half died" 7.30pm Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> Spinning a Yarn 2 - 4pm. Free spinning and rug-making demonstration. Examples of weaving, felting and dyeing explained. Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> Introduction to Digital Photography (use of computers) Learn how to download your pictures and manipulate them using Photoshop Elements. Bring your own camera, computer cable, USB memory stick and packed lunch. Under 16s to be supervised by an adult. Not suitable for under 12s. Booking essential, Charge £10. Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> Dales Harvest weekend in the Victorian Kitchen Join Friends of the museum who will be dressing up to explain about working and preserving in the kitchen. Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> Traditional dry stone walling demonstration between 2-4pm Contact details for all events - Dales Countryside Museum, Station Yard, Hawes 01969 666210 [hawes@yorkshiredales.org.uk](mailto:hawes@yorkshiredales.org.uk)

# REETH AND DISTRICT GAZETTE



## NEW SERVICE LAUNCHED TO SUPPORT VULNERABLE PEOPLE LIVING IN OUR REMOTE COMMUNITIES

Isolation is often the biggest threat to the well being of older people and those with learning disabilities or mental health difficulties, in Richmondshire. The most vulnerable are those who have little or no family support, live alone, have no independent means of transport, or deteriorating health and sensory loss. One solution is a new **Rural Support Service** launched by the northern-based charity, Avalon. Trained Support Workers are available to give as much, or as little support as necessary to maintain your independence. People can use the service to enjoy supported leisure opportunities, shopping, public transport, visits to nearby attractions or to meet friends. Alternatively, if preferred, the Avalon Rural Support Service can help you to carry out domestic tasks, deal with written correspondence, or understand and pay domestic bills. Avalon works closely with you to ensure your individual needs are met. The service is flexible, and available at any time of the day or evening, at any time of the week. If you think Avalon's **Rural Support Service** would be of benefit to you, or someone close to you, please contact your local managers **Anne Frizell** on (Tel: 07827 343160) or **Denise Castle** (Tel: 07793 307230) who would be happy to discuss your requirements.

Avalon's regional office in Northallerton can be contacted on 01609 783883.

## WHAT'S ON IN REETH MEMORIAL HALL

**Friday 26th September** - 8pm - The Churchfitters from Brittany, playing Irish music are Rosie Short (vocals, banjo, classical guitar, dulcimer, flute, percussion, soprano saxophone, spoons, tin whistle, ukulele), Chris Short (vocals, electric violin, mandola, mandolin, tin whistle, violin), Boris Lebre (bass banjo, double bass, human beat-box, percussion) and Topher Loudon (vocals, bouzouki, guitars, percussion). Support by Jiggawatt, a new young talented energetic band. £8 (£9 door).

**Friday 10th October** - 8pm - The Battlefield Band have played Scottish music of a rare passion and joy for over 30 years, having toured Australia, Austria, Canada, China, Egypt, Germany, Holland, Hong Kong, India, Italy, Jordan, New Zealand, Sri Lanka, Switzerland, Syria, USA, Uzbekistan and now Reeth! - support by Calum Stewart with Andy May - Calum Stewart - (Radio Scotland Young Traditional Musician of the Year finalist 2007) - wooden flute, Andy May (Jez Lowe & the Bad Pennies) - piano and pipes - There are still some tickets available. £17 (£19 door)

Tickets for all of the above are available from Reeth Post Office. Tickets and further details available from

**John Little 01748 884 759.**

**REETH SURGERY**  
**IMPORTANT PATIENT NOTICE**

Reeth Surgery will be implementing an **evening** appointment system from the 1<sup>st</sup> October.

Evening surgery with the doctor will run from 4pm to 6pm on Monday, Wednesday and Friday with appointments at 10-minute intervals.

Appointments can be booked in advance or on the day either by telephone (884396) or in person.

**The morning surgeries will continue to be open access from 8:30am to 10am.**

The reasons for this change are to make it easier for working people to see the doctor and also allow us to have later opening times during the week in the near future.

We will still have flexibility to deal with emergencies arising during the day.

Many of our patients have commented in our satisfaction surveys that they would prefer an appointment system, so that they do not have the unpredictability of the open access surgery and also potentially a long wait. Working patients are also keen to have longer surgery hours so that they can see the doctor after work. An appointment system in the evening would enable us to provide this service more easily. The doctor usually sees 12 patients during the evening clinic, so extending the new evening surgery times should ensure no reduction in service.

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'Flu vaccination clinic' will be held on Friday 10th. October at the Quaker Close Flats between 11.30 and 15.30.

Patients over 65, those with chronic diseases such heart disease, respiratory disease, kidney disease, diabetes and carers are entitled to vaccination. No appointment is necessary

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The meetings of the Upper Dales Family History Group begin again on Wednesday, September 24, when the speaker is Mike Wood on, "The Butcher, the Glover and the Candlestick Maker - Medieval Guilds". The meeting is at 2pm in the Middleham Key Centre and is open to all. Non-members pay £1. For further details contact Tracy Little (01748) 884759 or see the group's website [www.upperdalesfhg.org.uk](http://www.upperdalesfhg.org.uk)

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Wensleydale Railway Steam trains run every day on the until Sunday September 7 between Leeming Bar and Redmire, including the 1940s week-end on August 30/31. On Saturday September 6, the ***Brian Redhead Memorial Train*** will be run. This event will pay tribute to Brian's significant contribution to the Wensleydale Railway through reporting of its news and progress in the Darlington and Stockton Times and latterly in the Northern Echo too. Other September events include rail-based excursions (with onward coach travel from Redmire station provided by Foster's coaches) to Hardraw Scar Brass Band Festival on Sunday September 14 and Richard Fawcett's Sheepdog Display, Hawes. Diesel Multiple Unit (DMU) trains run 7 days a week from September 8, reducing to 4 days a week in October. ***For timetable and events, see www.wensleydalera railway.com or tel 08454 50 54 74.***

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If you love the arts you will enjoy the Wensleydale Decorative and Fine Arts Society (WDFAS). If you want to increase your appreciation and knowledge then WDFAS is for you. Through nine lectures each year, study days and a series of visits to galleries, stately homes and gardens, members participate in the amazing historical perspective of art history. Lecturers are chosen for their first class lecturing ability and academic knowledge.

The season starts on 14th October with *George III - art collector*, by Oliver Everett. *Once Upon a Time: Victorian Narrative Painting* by Lizzie Darbyshire follows in November and *The Christmas Story: Renaissance paintings of the Nativity* in December. Lectures are held at the Middleham Key Centre and start at 2.00pm. Subjects for 2009 are as varied as Edward Lear; the Punch and Judy show; the Lindisfarne Gospels and Chinese Ceramic Art. Members, who are drawn from throughout the Dales, also receive the quarterly NADFAS Review and our local newsletter. Membership information and application forms are available from Elaine Frances tel. 01969 624203.

Vernacular buildings of the two dales

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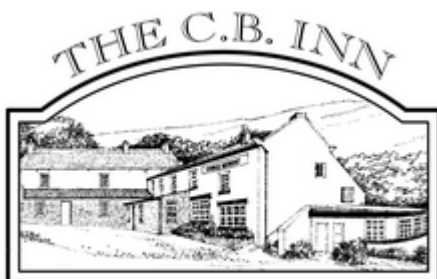


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Reeth Parish Council July 28

Refuse Collections Ongoing problems were still being experienced with bin collections. Coun Blackie who was in attendance reported that he had called for a review of the situation as the policy was not being implemented as it had originally been intended. He asked anyone still experiencing problems to contact him. Coun Gardner said that it was still hoped to organise a meeting under the auspices of the Business Association, drawing attention to the need for flexibility to deal with a rural situation. The district council had responded to the parish council's comments on bins obstructing pavements and parish land. A representative had visited the parish to assess the situation. It was felt that he might have gained more insight into the problems had he informed the council of his proposed visit and come to the area on a refuse collection day. **Postal Deliveries**

It was reported that a number of people in Arkengarthdale had received notification that post would no longer be delivered to their homes on health and safety grounds. Coun Blackie agreed to look into the situation. **Signage** Coun Blackie encouraged councillors to object to the lack of consultation over new road signs in the area which omitted local names and directed traffic instead to larger towns on the same route. **Footpaths** No reply had been received from Highways regarding responsibility for the footpath round the Buck corner and how to define the edge to prevent parking across it. It was noted that a number of paths in the parish were completely impassable and badly in need of cutting back. **Greens** Councillors felt that

the best solution to the path to the Congregational chapel was to tarmac it. The area near the Copper Kettle needed to be cleared of ragwort. Problems had occurred with strimming near the war memorial and it was agreed that some way should be found to warn drivers to move their cars beforehand. Maintenance work would be arranged for the seats around the parish. Some cobbling work was still to be finished on Healaugh green - it was confirmed that this would be done. **Bonfire Night** Following a Fireworks Committee meeting it was confirmed that the necessary insurance was in place to cover the event. However, the bonfire must be kept 25m from the public and would have to be much smaller. It was agreed that only wood would be allowed on the pile and building could only start a couple of days in advance of Bonfire Night. If this was not adhered to there was a risk of losing the bonfire altogether. **Cycle Race** Notification was received about a cycle race which would take place on Sunday, September 21, and which would involve closure of stretches of public highway at intervals during the day. Some concern was felt that this could cause disruption to traffic and could make emergency access difficult. **Fair** Permission was granted for the funfair to use the green as usual over the Bank Holiday weekend. **Village Clock** An inspection would be arranged for the clock which was no longer keeping good time. **Parish Clerk** No responses had been received as yet for the post of parish clerk. **Next Meeting** The next meeting is at 7pm on Monday, September 22 in the Memorial Hall.

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Arkengarthdale Parish Council

MEETING : A Parish Council Meeting was held on the 14th July when all councillors were present. County Councillor John Blackie sent his apologies. The Chairman welcomed Mr. Philip Bastow, a Reeth Fire officer and two North Yorkshire Fire Officers, Mr Lund and Mr. Hankin.

FIRE PREVENTION : There was a detailed discussion on fire prevention and also on the subject of difficult access to certain parts of the Parish. The Fire officers have offered to have a letter hand delivered by Parish Councillors to every house in the dale to offer fire prevention advice and install smoke alarms. The subject of difficult access was discussed and this is being looked into.

AMBULANCE SERVICE : The Parish Council have been in contact with the Ambulance Service and have hopefully achieved a situation where they are aware that certain addresses have difficult access. This needs to be allowed for if they get a callout from such an address.

PARKING : There has been a problem with cars parking outside the Church restricting access along the road to Scar House, usually when a large number of people attend the Church for concerts and special functions. Hopefully this problem has been resolved.

REFUSE COLLECTION : The ongoing problem of refuse collection was again discussed and it was decided that RDC would be given a little more time to iron out problems.

WINTER MAINTENANCE : no official notification of any changes have been received but once again there is some

hope of a more favourable solution to the problems involved.

CORRESPONDENCE :

A letter was received from Mr. Steve Keeney, Customer liaison Project manager for CE Electric UK. He can be contacted on 0845 3370151 during severe weather or other major incidents.

NEXT MEETING : The next Parish Council meeting is on the 8th September.

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### WHEELIE BINS

*Ed. : A lot of anger has been generated through the introduction of the new waste collection system. We have received many calls and comments since the editorial on the subject in the July issue. Last month's letter generated even more communications and in view of the forthcoming Public Meeting I thought it only right that the received letters be printed. I start with a response from the national Parks to an enquiry by one of our readers.*

WHEEL I thought you might be interested in seeing the response I received from the Parks Authority regarding complaints I made to their apparent lack of response over the introduction of Wheelie Bin collections in National Park by RDC. I did not necessarily intend it for inclusion in the Gazette but thought it might be of use to you as I know that there is a lot of ill feeling about this matter. **B Pearson**

#### Reply as follows:

Thank you for your recent email on the above matter. You won't be surprised to hear it's not the first piece of correspondence we have received on the subject. In simple terms, the reason the Authority has not commented in public on the matter is twofold. First, we have not yet adopted a position on the issue (I'll return to this in a moment). Second, we have no powers or authority to 'force'

Richmondshire DC to change their approach. The issue was raised at a meeting of the National Park Authority in May. Even at this very early juncture a number of problems were evident. Most concerned the difficulty that some residents were facing in complying with the new system, but the impact of unsightly bins on the 'landscape' was also highlighted. Members resolved to keep a watching brief and re-visit the issue at our September meeting when, hopefully, the teething problems had died down. We still intend to do this and I have written to the Chief Executive at Richmondshire DC to highlight these problems and our proposed action. Our position can only be one of trying to influence what goes on at Richmondshire. This is a District Council issue. They are the waste collection authority, and they have specific powers to direct people as to where to leave their waste for collection. These powers are contained in section 46 of the Environmental Protection Act. Your point about bins being left out is an interesting one. As I understand it this is unlawful if they are left for more than 24 hours, which would put RDC in the unenviable position of not only introducing a 'difficult' system of waste collection, but also taking action (presumably because of complaints from other residents or possibly the National Park Authority) against those who did not replace their bins! As I'm sure you will appreciate, I'm really looking forward to consideration of this matter at our September meeting! Yours sincerely

DAVID BUTTERWORTH  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

**Dear Editor,** In reply to Janet Reynolds letter in the August edition of the Reeth Gazette, which claims we have a 'not in my back yard' approach to this new waste collection system, I feel Ms Reynolds is completely missing the point. It is mainly due to the impracticalities, waste of resources and lack of communication from the Richmondshire District Council that some of us are so outraged. We all know we need to recycle and the majority of us do already hence the recycling points are nearly always full and we rarely had a full 'normal' sized bin come the day of collection before this new system, let alone a full great big grey wheelie bin with this new one. It's easy to recycle less for those that can't be bothered to separate their waste with all that space in the grey bin for rubbish. When we first moved to Thwaite in May last year, we asked Richmondshire District Council for one of these recycling boxes, it never came. We ended up buying a plastic storage box from Leyburn market instead and took it to Muker or Keld when it became full. No problem whatsoever. Having read the latest 'wheelie bin' article in the Darlington and Stockton Times, Friday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2008; "Bin men face 'aggressive abuse' over new system", I cannot believe Sean Little is still patting themselves on the back by quoting us recycling figures and targets. This is not just a numbers game. If private companies treated their customers this way they would have gone into liquidation by now. Why is it that we, the consumers are ignored? Because we have no choice but to pay our council tax - which is currently being wasted on unnecessary bins and wagons. When will the council realise that one size does not fit all? What may work in a town does not work in the remote areas of the Dales. We are the ones that live here, surely we would be able to advise best on what will and will not work?! The fact the council did not inform us or even seek opinions from residents before forcing this scheme upon us just defies belief. Considering the Richmondshire District Council were one of the last to review their waste collection system to meet recycling targets; you would have thought they would have learnt from the mistakes and successes of other councils before copying them all to the letter. In the afore-mentioned news item, Mr Sean Little quotes that "only £45.45 out of our annual council tax goes on waste collections". This I find very hard to believe considering earlier this month the BBC News website featured an article "Police to put lid on bin thefts" (4<sup>th</sup> August 2008) which stated each bin theft costs taxpayers £35. Well we've been given two of these bins (so that must be £70), which we don't even need as, firstly, we don't even have a garden, so there's no need for a garden waste bin. We are not alone in this, and the council could have saved themselves a lot of money if they'd asked residents whether they required these green bins or not. Secondly, we already had a smaller less conspicuous black plastic dustbin which was perfectly adequate and easy to hide from the road. We

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barely have room for a plant pot let alone two huge bins, a box and a bag - plus our original bin, which in light of the new system forced upon us should have been taken away and disposed of by the council. So, we are now a village of bins - old and new. The pretty village of Thwaite, like many others in these areas is just full of huge lumps of plastic, with no 'gardens' or 'driveways' to hide them in. Not only that, but of course we have new bigger wagons (How much did these cost?) which cannot reach anywhere other than houses on 'main roads'. Consequently, some residents have to wheel bins a mile or so through countless farm gates and over cattle grids to their nearest collection point. The costs must also increase with this new system as additional collections are introduced. The council now sends a wagon every Tuesday for 'commercial' waste, and one on a Friday for alternative household and recyclable collections. 'Commercial waste' bins in Thwaite are for the occupants of the holiday cottages, that is to say they contain your normal everyday household waste that you or I would produce - but is not recycled. Out of 32 houses in Thwaite, only nine are permanently occupied with a Friday collection. That's a lot of household waste, collected on a different day that is not recycled at all. This to me seems to be totting up to a bit more than £45.45. In addition to the new system, we have the 'recycling points' in Muker and Keld left from the old system - are these still going to remain? Regardless, there must be costs for the upkeep and disposal from those too. We were used to and happy to take our recyclables there as and when

they piled up at home. Surely it would have been cheaper and easier to add a couple more bins for 'non recyclable household waste' at these areas and then we just take all our rubbish to these places, one collection from a single point in each village. Simple. No bins littered outside every single household, lining the idyllic roads of the dales. My husband and I recently went to France whereby they do just that. They have 'waste disposal points' where local residents take all their waste, they have different coloured bags for different recyclables to match corresponding bins. Although this may be difficult for those who are elderly or do not have their own transport to take their refuse, there may well be a solution to that problem if we all communicated and shared thoughts and ideas properly. I'm surprised the Yorkshire Dales National Parks have not had something to say about all these wheelie bins scattered amongst the 'picturesque' Dales. Surely we need planning permission for these permanent obtrusive objects? One of our local residents had the National Parks authority contact them to request they remove piles of firewood from the front of their house. It's strange therefore that they've not been asked to move their two council imposed wheelie bins too - although where exactly they'd put them instead I do not know. By liaising with the local communities and the National Parks; surely the council would get a more positive and favourable result that would prove to be more cost effective and hit their all important 'targets'. The East Riding of Yorkshire Council is a brilliant example of this, with good communication

with residents. They have sought public opinion and ideas, have given them options and are still communicating with their residents after the new system has been introduced for feedback. (see <http://www.eastriding.gov.uk/target45/news/03-06-08.html>) As for the second half of Sean Little's statement "I call that a very good service"; Mr Little must have his head in the clouds. How many complaints exactly have they had? At last count it was well over 500 - and that's only a handful who have actually made the time to send in a complaint, there are an awful lot more of us in uproar but just do not have the time or the energy to bother - why? Because many believe there is no point, it appears we live in a dictatorship not a democracy. What difference will a letter make? Has Sean Little been to 'Litherskew' where residents have a 3 mile round trip to take their bins for collection. What about up Skeugh Head Lane, Angram in Swaledale? Or the road to Ramps Holme Farm from Gunnerside? Probably not - due to 'health and safety' reasons. The next set of gale force winds we get, no doubt we will have these wheelie bins and boxes blowing off the hills and rolling down into the river Swale. Good riddance I say, I hope they find themselves piled up outside the council offices. The whole system for the upper Dales is absolutely balmy. Only someone sat behind a desk in a town office would impose such a system. It's the same old story from any form of council or government: "We know best". Like hell you do!

**Emily Abbey**

**Dear Sir** I have read Janet Reynolds article re wheelibins. If she is a member

of the Friends of the Earth, then it puts me off having anything to do with them. She is missing the whole point. Most of us have nothing against recycling, we know it has to be done. In fact Janet has been doing it for over 20 years she tells us, presumably WITHOUT a wheeliebin.

She tells us to put the bins out on collection day and "then hide them away". She must be fortunate and have somewhere to hide them. She only has to look at the many villages in the Dales to realise that there are a lot of cottages without a back entrance and a very small front garden. Do these people bring the bin through the house or leave them in the front garden? We are fortunate to live in a conservation area, and to conserve the beauty of the National Park. Now it is a beauty blighted by the sight of large wheelibins in front of beautiful cottages. Only emptied once every two weeks which only puts salt in the wound. Progress, no way.

What makes it even worse, is that many bins are blocking the footpaths for many hours, forcing people to walk on the roads. This includes pushchairs and wheelchairs of course. We are told by the Council that they are insured for any injury or death that might occur when people have to do this. I feel sure that this really puts peoples minds at rest.

In Spain, they now recycle. Their communal bins, often put below ground level, are emptied EVERY DAY. It's time the people of this Country stop moaning to each other about the problem of these unsightly bins, and get together and do something about it.

**Grahame Hall**

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Dear Sir,

I wish to respond to the letter from Janet Reynolds in the August edition of The Gazette. Janet seems to have completely missed the point that was being made in the June editorial. The main argument that most people in the dales have with R.D.C's newly imposed waste and recycling scheme, is not with the recycling element of the policy, they are aggrieved at the unfair reduction in the household waste collection service. Is she aware that many people in outlying areas have lost their collection service altogether, and are expected to take their household waste to the nearest waste collection depots i.e. Leyburn or Richmond? These people pay their council taxes just the same as other residents of the dale, but are expected to accept a reduction in services, while paying for the privilege.

As for R.D.C's attitude to genuine concerns aired by residents, it has been a public relations disaster, and to quote a well used local expression, "that one of the only good services provided by R.D.C. was our bin collections", and now even that has gone.

I take the point that we need to reduce landfill, but however much we recycle there will always be some household rubbish to be removed from our homes and surely our local council have a statutory obligation to its residents to do just that. I have had discussions with members of R.D.C and officers of the Waste and Street Scene Dept., about why some residents can no longer expect to have refuse collected from their

homes, the reply is that it is too costly.

These costs should have been factored into the scheme from the beginning, providing a fair system for all the residents of Richmondshire. Instead we are left with a policy which could be seen as discriminatory.

So while you are taking the moral high ground Janet, please spare a thought for a minority of ratepayers, who get neither household waste or recycling collected. As for contacting Friends of the Earth, I am sure that they would be greatly concerned by the enormous carbon footprint being left by all the extra, unnecessary vehicles which are trundling up and down the dales, to say nothing of the visual impact of wheelie bin on this beautiful landscape.

Bob Gale

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Details on above events from Ann on 884652

**Dear Editor** This discussion on wheelie bins is going to rumble on for a very long time, but I feel that I must add to this. In your last issue of the Gazette it was stated, it is possible that we are not doing our bit for the re-cycling. We know that the landfill sites will be full in a few years (or so the government tell us). But to state, put the bins out on collection day and hide them away for

the rest of the time is absolute rubbish (forgive the pun), That is OK if you have somewhere to hide them, we are not all fortunate enough to live in a property where this is possible. We are all very well aware that it is Our Rubbish. We have also been recycling for a lot longer than 20 years. As for garden waste, of course most of us are fortunate to have some sort of garden, but not the ability to deal with composting, it has to be remembered that some of us are not as young as we used to be and also we are not as fit. We are aware there is no going back as far as wheelie bins are concerned but your reader has to appreciate, as I have stated that some of us have very little place to store them and some of us have physical disabilities preventing us from doing so. Perhaps your reader would like to enlighten us as to how we contact Friends of the Earth without increasing our carbon footprint, if we write we are putting more work onto Royal Mail, therefore using fuel, if we use the internet, we are using more electricity which we have been asked to cut down on, due to the fact that some of the electricity is produced by burning coal. Also we are not all in the position to afford the increase in the cost of electricity. As for the fact that wheelie bins have been used in and around our towns, all credit to the residents who use them, but I don't know whether your reader is aware that some councils do not supply them, but residents have to purchase them. **Lynne Single**

**'WHEELIE BIN MEETING'**

**An Open Public Meeting,  
is to be held on all aspects of  
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Collection at  
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**Dear Sir,**

I recently passed through your beautiful District on a Coast to Coast Charity event for Marie Curie. I was pushing a bike trailer and with two Border Collies in tow (the third one Meg was throwing a 'sicky' and had decided she would rather stay with Mrs. Janet Atkinson and daughter Rebecca and dad at East Applegarth Farm, Westfields, a good choice. The pavement of Catterick proving a little too harsh on her pads. If only I stuck to more off road terrain, though we did a lot of road work from Marske to Low Row, then through to Gunnerside with some lovely fields as far as Muker, to return to tarmac up to Keld and then on to Kirby Stephen.

In Reeth at the Black Bull food and fine ale along with a lovely welcome from the staff was enjoyed. While I was on my Tin shaking Mission, I came across a man with what I said was too much change and if he needed to lighten his load he could place it in my tin. He contributed as did others, and we moved on. Imagine the surprise to both of us later that night when knocking on a door to find out about a bed in a Bunk barn, the man with change in the pub comes to the door. No problem, but no keys, so off he goes to get dad. On return I learn of their recent loss. Mr. Clarkson, spoke well of my two dogs Robbie and Badie. We were

then left to get some much needed sleep. Next morning we left after good wishes of success and farewells from Mr. Clarkson. This was another good yet poignant stay on the journey. Then on Tuesday 29th, I pick up your Gazette and read about 'Nana Shirks' and this prompted me to send you these few lines. I would like to thank the lads for the time they took to sort out our overnight stay at such short notice and so late at night. I would also like to thank all the residents of Swaledale for the encouragement they gave, the Coffee Shop at Gunnerside and the locals on the street and the local shop in Muker.

Thwaite looked grand. I would also like to thank Mr. Django Kiss for his eggs, the barman at the old Youth Hostel in Keld, for the nice chat with Doreen Whitehead and the Campsite at Park Lodge.

There was no chance of doing Nine Standards Rig, not with my trailer plus the cloud down and very wet. So it was road work all the way eventually coming to the Cumbrian boundary where I have to say I felt rather sad at leaving my native land, though should I get the chance I would return to live. Peace and love from an absent Yorkshire Lad -

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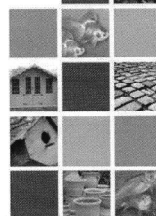
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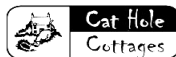
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in touch with neighbours and to meet new friends. The programme continues in October with *My Grand Design* by Jeremy Hutchinson; *How Comedy Works* by Harold Robinson and *Bridges* by Philip Harvey. In November Ann Kiely will describe the *Hydro Power Project at Yore Mill, Aysgarth*; Helen Bainbridge talks on *Swaledale and Arkengarthdale in Poetry and Prose*; John Heselgrave recounts *Some Adventures in Stone* and the work of *Artists of the Lakes and Dales* is described by Peter Webber. Meetings are held in the Memorial Hall, Church Street, Bellerby at 7.30pm. Fees are £8 per term and guests can attend for £1.50 each per meeting. Contact Lesley Irvine on 01969 622216 for further information.



I was working in the garden at Bridge End, about half a mile West of Keld on Sunday 27th July, when to my delight a red squirrel ran down the road and over the wall into a rowan in the garden. Its size made me think that it might be quite young - I am aware that they are smaller than the greys. This is the first red squirrel I have seen in the vicinity, which I have known for going on fifty years, although I have spotted them in the Nateby and Kirkby Stephen areas. Is this a rare sighting, or have I been merely unobservant? While I'm at my key board could I also ask, has anyone heard a cuckoo recently? I haven't and wondered if my deteriorating hearing was to blame. Best wishes,  
**Stephen Leather**

**TWO DALES DIARY DATES.****September**

- 3rd** MUKER SHOW DAY  
**5th** Silent Auction, Fremington Sunday School  
**13th** Christian Heritage Weekend  
**14th** Brass Band Festival at Hardraw  
**22nd** Reeth Parish Council  
**25th** East Witton Male Voice Choir  
 Reeth Methodist Church 7.30pm  
**26th** The Churchfitters—Reeth Memorial Hall 8pm  
**27th** Apple Day, Community Orchard  
**28th** Harvest Festival Service St. Mary's Church, Arkengarthdale with the children from Arkengarthdale School 11.15am

**October**

- 4th** Miss Holywood, Low Row Institute 7pm  
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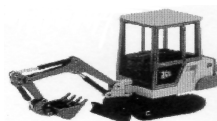
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