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CHURCH SERVICES in Swaledale & Arkengarthdale

Sunday 6th December

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

Friday 18th December

- 2.15pm St. Andrew's Grinton
Schools' Ecumenical Chringle Service

Sunday 20th December

- 9.15am St. Mary's, Muker
Holy Communion BCP
- 10.30am Low Row URC
Carols and Readings
Reeth Methodist
Family Service
- 11.00am Holy Trinity Low Row
Eucharist
St. Edmund's, Marske
Eucharist
Reeth Evangelical Congregational
- 2.00pm Keld URC
- 6.30pm Arkengarthdale Methodist
Arkengarthdale United Carol Service
Reeth Evangelical Congregational
Carol Service
- 8.00pm Reeth-Carols Around The Tree
with Reeth Brass Band

21st December

- 7.00pm Gunnerside Methodist
Shortest Day Service



Roman Catholic Services
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Sunday 13th December

- 9.00am St. Andrew's, Grinton
Eucharist
- 10.30am Low Row URC
Reeth Methodist
- 10.45am St. Mary's Arkengarthdale
Remembrance Service and Laying of Wreath
- 11.00am St. Edmund's, Marske
Morning Service
Reeth Evangelical Congregational
- 11.15am St. Mary's Arkengarthdale
Crib Service
- 2.30pm Gunnerside Methodist
- 4.00pm St. Mary's Muker
Crib Service
- 4.30pm Reeth Evangelical Congregational
Christmas Family Service followed by tea.
- 6.30pm St. Michael's, Downholme
Carol Service

**Two Concerts - Thursday 17th Dec at Holy Trinity Low Row
with The Parish Choir-7.30pm (in aid of Church funds).
Tuesday 22nd at St. Andrew's Grinton, Reeth Band -7.30pm.**

24th December

- 6.00pm Holy Trinity Low Row
Village Carol Service
Arkengarthdale Methodist
Children's Candlelit Carol Service
- 11.30pm St. Andrew's, Grinton
Eucharist
St. Mary's Arkengarthdale
Eucharist
St. Michael's Downholme
Eucharist



Sunday 25th December

- 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



Services for January
3rd are listed on
Page 32.

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MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the
Swaledale and Arkengarthdale Daleswatch
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February 2010 in the Buck Hotel at
7.30pm. All are welcome to attend. If you
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is all about and the steps we take in order
to keep our dales safe then do please come
to the meeting. You may even wish to
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seeing you there.

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POPPY APPEAL 2009

This year the poppy appeal raised
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from Reeth & Arkengarthdale Parish
Councils donated for poppy wreaths.
£269.53 was donated from the
Remembrance Service at Grinton Church
so thank you to everyone who gave so
generously. I would also like to thank the
ladies who volunteer their time to collect
for the house to house which makes such a
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they collected £473.67 many thanks go to
Mrs Dorothy Guy, Mrs Gillian Whitehead
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from Marske for their support, also Mrs
Eileen Kilpatrick for her help in Gunnerside
and most important Tracy, Margaret and
Eileen who kindly helped to count the
money. If anyone in Low Row would like to
volunteer to do a house to house collection
I would be most grateful if you could ring
me on 884684. Many thanks again to
everyone for supporting the appeal.

Chris Porter Poppy Appeal Organiser

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

There will be a Christmas Concert given by
the Parish Choir in aid of Holy Trinity
Church Low Row. The concert on Thursday
the 17th December, in Holy Trinity, starts
at 7.30pm. Tickets available at the door
are £5 (under 16's free) and include Mulled
Wine and Nibbles. Do come along and get in
the Christmas Mood.

REETH & DISTRICT GAZETTE

EDITORIAL

Hello again and thanks for reading. Thanks also to the many people who have contacted me to tell me they miss my editorial. I am sorry that they have been 'few and far between' but time and space all too often dictate actions. The 'Gazette' is based on A4 sheets of paper and we get 4 Gazette pages out of every sheet. I try, because of cost of paper and printing, to keep the magazine to ten sheets for ease of production (most of our equipment can handle up to 12 sheets). Lately the norm has been eleven, but sometimes we have a Gazette page extra and to print this I have to find a further three Gazette pages, which is not always possible. So, I need to drop a page and the easiest one to do is the editorial which cause less disappointment, so I hope you understand. However, being Christmas, I felt I had to write something! I just love Christmas. I like the hustle and bustle, the tacky decorations, the grub!, the giving of presents, the music, oh how I love the music - all those carols - and of course the sheer beauty of the love, fellowship and peace that abounds. In fact I love its sheer simplicity. As an amateur musician I am of course involved in the practising of carols and Christmas music and after band practice last night I got to thinking of the Carols we sing. Most of them are written with Victorian words which can have a childlike simplicity and yet we know when we are singing them that they do not always make sense. So why is it that they

are still popular? Is it because we like the words, or the music, the joy of singing? Or is it the fact that it is nice to know that we are doing what our grandparents and great grandparents were doing at this time years gone by - a sort of comforting nostalgic link with the past? Yes perhaps it is all of these, but I also believe that it is because of their simplicity and the festive nature of all the other celebratory activities that actually help us to focus on what we are really doing - celebrating the greatest miracle ever performed! The birth of Jesus. For two thousand years billions of people have been finding different and new ways to celebrate Christmas. And they still are. Why? Just to have an excuse for a party? I'm sure there is that in it, but I also believe that deep down, even in the hardened cynic, is that desire to celebrate something really and truly amazing and special, something that we cannot all fully understand, but we just have faith to believe. However we dress it up, or down, Christmas all comes down to that one significant fact that Jesus was born for us. The vision conjured up when we sing the carols of that baby wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger is more than a picture of peace. He was peace personified and He still is. So let's all try to make this Christmas a special time to praise and thank God for His unspeakable gift to us whose price is beyond worth-the gift that we and all our loved ones may enjoy 'Peace on Earth'. Jesus you know, really is the reason for the season. So in the words of the carol "O, Come Let Us Adore Him - Christ the Lord!"

Merry Christmas one and all.

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MIDDLEHAM AND DALES LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

Tuesday 19th January 2010 at 2pm
Middleham Key Centre

A magnificent achievement: a simple introduction to the language and conventions of heraldry - Brian Beeken

Although rooted in medieval warfare, heraldry is still familiar to us in many contexts, including letterheads, road signs and high streets. This presentation is a simple introduction to the language and conventions of a colourful historical tradition. This talk will be followed at 3pm by the AGM of the MDLHG to which members are invited. Annual membership of the group is £10 and visitors are welcome to attend individual meetings for a fee, currently £2. For further information, please contact Tony Keates 01969 640436 or email dotandtonyk@btinternet.com

Gunnerside WI November Meeting
Report

A successful and enjoyable year was again the verdict at our annual November AGM. We heard reports from Maureen Clayton, our president, and from our secretary, Margaret Crapper, and on behalf of our treasurer, Janet Jenkinson. During 2009 we have enjoyed a varied programme, including a reiki therapy session and a flower arranging demonstration. One highlight of the year was the Yorkshire Film Archive show, enjoyed by visitors, as well as members. Another highlight was the visit by a group of WI members from Northern Ireland, so well co-ordinated by Janet. Despite the unpredictable weather, we organised several successful fundraising events, including our annual

August Bank Holiday coffee morning, and continue to have healthy balances. Maureen was re-elected president unopposed, with members' thanks. The committee were also re-elected. After seven years as secretary, Margaret Crapper has decided to stand down, with our heartfelt thanks for all of her hard work. Julia Thorogood will be taking over the role of secretary and Joan Rice will be taking on the role of Vice President from Margaret Rutter. There was a special thank you to Angela Bergin for organising the Shoppertunity coffee mornings every Thursday in Gunnerside Village Hall. We then enjoyed a festive glass of wine and a delicious piece of Christmas cake, made by one of our members. We concluded our evening with readings of favourite and funny poems and prose. We are looking forward to another varied programme for next year, after our Christmas meal, to be held at Ghyllfoot on Thursday 17th December.

Muker Playgroup:

Will meet on Monday January 4th & 25th, February 22nd, March 15th and April 19th 2010 at Muker Public Hall. Bring a picnic lunch. We meet for lunch at 11:30 and follow on with toys, craft and fun for all until 2:30. Everyone welcome, we're a small group; if you're just visiting - come along and see! Contact: Anna Hunter, Bridge House - Muker (886461)

Wanted: Cleaner/caretaker for holiday cottage near Low Row. Please contact Sally on 01756 710330.



The year seems to have flown by and Christmas will soon be upon us. I hope you will enjoy a good festive season (not too much eating and

drinking and being merry!)

For those of you looking towards New Year resolutions, Kim is on hand to help with smoking cessation. She is able to guide you through the wide variety of products and methods to help kick the habit as well as offering you support throughout the detox process. Please contact reception for further details.

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Thursday 24 December	Normal opening
Friday 25 December	CLOSED
Monday 28 December	CLOSED
Tuesday 29 December	Normal opening
Wednesday 30 December	Normal opening
Thursday 31 December	Normal opening
Friday 1 January	CLOSED
Monday 4 January	Normal opening

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MARSKE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The meeting on November 24th was also the AGM when we were reminded of the past year's activities and a new committee was formed. The speaker for the afternoon was Julie Clarke who entertained us with stories of some of her B&B guests while she demonstrated how to prepare two savoury dishes and two puddings suitable for a buffet party. There was some debate at the tasting session afterwards as to which was the best but everyone liked all of them and the recipe sheets were eagerly gathered up. Earlier in the month some members had enjoyed a craft afternoon with Kate Trusson making bags and other containers from paper or fabric suitable for hanging on a Christmas tree. The December meeting will be the Christmas lunch to be held at the Bridge Inn at Grinton. The first meeting of the new year will be on 26th January, 2010 at 2.00 pm in Marrick Institute when Gillian Ward will introduce us to the benefits of Aloe Vera. We're hoping for tips for a new youthful look! Visitors are always welcome at the meetings although anyone hoping to be part of a calendar may be disappointed there are lots of other things to enjoy. Phone Hazel on 01748 884663 for more details or information.

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The great news is that the 2Dales Junior Football Club attained FA Charter Standard 14th October. Congratulations to all concerned. Weather and

other factors meant there was little football over half term and no matches. On 8 November Under 14's hosted Catterick Garrison in wet conditions. Catterick dominated the first 10 minutes then Dales fought back. Sean Lord, playing his best of the season, made several strong attacks on goal to be thwarted by their keeper or bad luck. Harry Hughes played well and created a chance for Nick Baker-Haste to finish neatly. 1-0 up at half time when we were joined by the girls to observe 2 minutes silence at 11 am. In second half Dales continued to play well with good defence from Will Fawcett, Dan Longden and Jake Taylor. Excellent keeping by Peter While and the Catterick keeper prevented further score; 1-0 win - the first of the season. Thanks to Eddie Anderson for refereeing. The following week we were again at home to Leyburn. Leyburn scored an early goal but Adam Simpson soon equalised from a penalty. The keeper got to it but sheer power drove it in. We were without our key defender and Leyburn scored 2 more in the second half and excellent keeping from Peter kept the scoreline down. 1-3 loss and overall a good result against a team who have won every match this season. Thanks to Keith Webster for refereeing. Our Under 10's played Bedale Under 9's (most of ours are Under 9 as well) away. Dales played below their best but improved in the second half. They need to find their best form to take on teams above then in the League. Nathan Tulip got his hat trick including 2

thunderous goals to be man of the match. Ben Metcalfe scored 2 and Scott Alderson got 1. 0-6 win. A friendly followed giving other players a game including our 2 older players- Dan Storr who scored 2 and Harry Potter 3. The next week they played Leyburn at home. Dales were again not at their best (missing any outdoor training?) but had the better of a close game having more chances at goal. Our defence played well and a 0-0 draw was a fair result. A friendly followed - also a draw (Nathan). Louise Metcalfe and other mums ran a refreshment stall with welcome hot drinks for club funds. Thank you ladies. The Under 14 Girls played Richmond Town at Home alongside the boys on Remembrance Day. This was their best first half they have had all season with no sleepy heads! They maintained their positions and the shape of the game. Lucy Porter made a 20 yard shot into goal and Hattie Howard is learning to play a supporting role from defence and timed her run to pick up a pass from a corner to score. The third came from Lucy just before half time. Richmond came back strongly but the mid field of Isla Teasdale, Jasmine Guy and Sarah Marsh worked really well with Khalon Deighton and Hattie Howard in defence. Marion Porter made yet another string of saves and Hattie was player of the match. We now have most of our goodies from the Tesco Vouchers. We have 3 big, regulation first aid bags we hope we don't need, 3 special soft footballs for heading practice, a large supply of quality match balls, a pump and much needed ball bags and cones and we await some agility ladders. Thanks to all your readers who collected for us.

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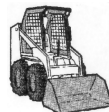
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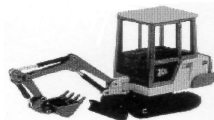
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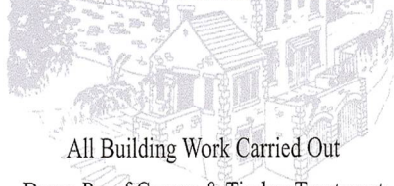
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time you leave. A big thank you to all the Swaledale Ladies who invited me to give a talk on rural policing. They soon put me at ease and looked after me very well. I now know who to approach if I am trying to locate an unfamiliar name or place in the Dales!

The Scott Trial and Bonfire Night were very successful any issues raised with the police will be dealt with so next years events will prove to be just as good if not better. When reporting a non-emergency incident or in order to pass general information please tel:0845-60-60-247 or use the grey telephone situated outside the police station at Leyburn, simply pick up the receiver and press the number '1' on the left of the box and staff based at our police headquarters control room will answer or leave a message for me at my office in Hudson House and I will contact you as soon as possible.

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The RCS Christmas Concert, consisting of music by Charpentier ('Messe de Minuit'), Mathias ('Ave Rex') and carols and Christmas music for choir and audience will be held on Saturday 19 December at 7.30pm in St Mary's church, Richmond, North Yorkshire. Tickets £7 (school age free) are available from Richmond TIC, choir members of by mail from RCS c/o Finkle Croft, Aldbrough St John, Richmond, DL11 7TD. See the RCS website www.richmondshirechoralsociety.org.uk

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Amid lashing rain and grey skies, and even worse weather forecast the Bus headed out of Reeth ... for the Yorkshire Sculpture Park at Bretton Hall. It had only just steamed in from a trip to IKEA at Gateshead the day before. The life of the our Community Bus is nothing if not varied! Well with extreme good fortune as Jeff braced himself for a long and taxing drive, the rain lessened, and by the time we emerged from the cafe at the Park even blue skies emerged and sun shone, to show off the Henry Moores and Anthony Caros to perfection. Perhaps the highlight was the indoor exhibition of Peter Randall-Page, whose sketch books, maquettes and large scale carved works were breath taking and inspiring. For the Christmas season many festive trips are planned, so don't forget to contact Gail on 01748 880021 (rdctransport@hudsonhouse.info) to find out more. We hope that you will also want to come along to the Christmas Fair in Reeth Memorial Hall on Friday 11th December 10am -1pm to support the Bus, and buy your Christmas presents while enjoying a coffee and a cake. Do bring along contributions, and come and pick up

some bargains from the many stands that will be there. Suggestions for visits in the Spring warmly welcomed, get out those guidebooks and think about where you would like to go!

Wensleydale Tournament of Song

Two popular adjudicators are returning to the Dales in March to help the Wensleydale Tournament of Song celebrate a centenary of festivals. Those wishing to take part must submit their entries by January 31, 2010. This is a very friendly festival with its warm and encouraging Wensleydale audiences. The speech classes from March 15 to March 19 will be adjudicated by Marie Dixon, and the music classes from March 22 to March 26 by Colin Touchin. The syllabuses are available in Leyburn from Towlers Newsagents and the Tourist Information Centre, or can be downloaded from www.dalesmusic.co.uk.

Christmas at Marrick, Sunday 6th
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THE SWALEDALE FESTIVAL

The Swaledale Festival has won a highly prestigious international award. At the inaugural Ability Media Awards the Festival won the category of 'Local Hero', beating off competition from all over the world to win with its production of *Semmerwater*. This original play with music was described at the awards ceremony in London as "an uplifting and fascinating work which, performed to the highest standards, showed how inclusive and affirmative community productions can be". The awards are presented by Leonard Cheshire Disability and the winners chosen for their creative excellence and social relevance. Winners in other categories included English National Opera, BBC Television, Frank Gardner OBE, Sir Anthony Sher, Sue Townsend, Jimmy McGovern, The Royal Shakespeare Company and Channel Four. *Semmerwater* was conceived by Swaledale Festival's Artistic Director Malcolm Creese as a project that would celebrate a local legend and enable a large number of local adults and children to share a stage with top professional performers. Malcolm commissioned prize-winning local writer Ann Pilling, who was inspired by the William Watson poem *The Ballad of Semmerwater*, to write the script, and top musician David Gordon to compose the music, which contained mediaeval, renaissance and baroque styles, as well as elements of jazz and folk. David has previously visited the Festival with the gypsy tango band *Zum* and early music/jazz group *Respectable Groove*. Children from the Dales formed an important and creative role. 34 children from Arkengarthdale, Reeth and Gunnerside Schools were the Sheep Chorus whilst 36 children from Askrigg and Bainbridge Primary Schools formed a Fish Chorus. Other singers came from the Wensleydale Chorus and the

Swale Singers, and young actors came from the Youth Theatre of the Georgian Theatre Royal in Richmond. Even Grinton's vicar, Rev. Caroline Hewlett, had a part in the play. Music teacher Rosi Keatinge had coached the performers in singing, and drama director Amanda Heitler took charge of staging and props. Workshops and rehearsals went on for several months. The performance took place in St. Andrew's Church in Grinton on 5th June 2009 and was conducted from the harpsichord by David Gordon. Instrumental music was provided by London Concertante, one of the finest chamber ensembles in the country, and 17 local musicians. The cast of 98 singers, whose ages ranged from 4 to over 80, was headed by professional soloists Emily Smith and David Pisaro, joined in the leading roles by singers from local choirs and Richmond and Wensleydale Schools. "We wanted to include as many local people as we could, regardless of age or ability" said Malcolm Creese, "so we decided to commission a new work especially for the community here in Swaledale, Wensleydale and Arkengarthdale." "We want to thank everyone who spent so much time and effort in taking part", said John Sparke, Swaledale Festival Chairman. "It was a great thrill to see *Semmerwater* performed and it is wonderful that all those involved can celebrate winning this prestigious award." At the awards ceremony at King's Place in London last November, the AMI Local Hero Award was collected by 14-year-old Amy Stockdale - from Wensleydale School, and 15-year-old Ben Lacey - from Richmond School, both of whom are Youth Theatre members, along with Swaledale Festival Chairman John Sparke, Malcolm Creese, Ann Pilling, David Gordon, Rosi Keatinge, Amanda Heitler, and singer/actor Emma Wardell. [Further information: www.swaledale-festival.org.uk](http://www.swaledale-festival.org.uk)

Fresh call for affordable housing sites

A fresh call for possible sites on which to build affordable housing has gone out to landowners and organisations in four areas of the Yorkshire Dales National Park. Despite a good response generally to an appeal launched in January by the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority (YDNPA), there were few sites put forward in the Hawes/Gayle, Grassington/Threshfield, Sedbergh and Reeth areas, according to Peter Stockton, the Authority's Strategic Planning Officer. "The bigger villages are the best places to put new housing in the National Park because they have the best range of services up and running and are a focus for local housing need," he said. "That means the existing services - and through them the local economy - will benefit, and they are nearby so people can walk to them rather than having to use vehicles - which saves them money and is more environmentally friendly. The original appeal for sites throughout the National Park did result in a number being put forward in the four areas but some are very constrained and will not go through to the next round of selection.

Each site must be large enough to accommodate at least two homes and will have to meet a number of planning requirements. Yvonne Peacock, Chair of the YDNPA's Housing Working Group and Member Champion for Forward Planning, said: "We have launched this second appeal to see if there are any other locations that landowners could put forward in the four areas. "We want to be as certain as we can be that we have the best range of available sites - the best options - to look

at." Half of each site that is finally chosen will be used for affordable housing in perpetuity. The remainder will not have to be affordable, but will still be restricted to occupancy by people who need to live inside the National Park. Landowners have until Friday, December 11, to put forward sites within the four areas and details are available on the Authority's website at www.yorkshiredales.org.uk.

National Park to feature in Harry Potter Film

The beautiful scenery of the Yorkshire Dales National Park is set to be seen by millions of people all over the world - in the new Harry Potter film. Film crews were at Malham Cove and on Grassington Moor above the village of Grassington last week capturing some of the National Park's fantastic landscapes for Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows, which is directed by David Yates and is due to be released in two parts in November next year and July 2011. The film footage and still photographs will be used as background shots, which will then have characters superimposed on to them. Authority chairman Carl Lis said: "It's good to think that the iconic landscape of the Dales is going to be seen by a world-wide audience in the next Harry Potter film. "We get dozens of requests every year from film companies wanting to shoot in the National Park, which shows just how special an area it is." Sue Quinn, supervising location manager for the movie, said: "We have been doing a lot of filming in Scotland and we wanted somewhere different that had a certain isolation so we came to the Yorkshire Dales National Park. It's very beautiful here."

SING HALLELUJAH!

Two important musical dates this year - the twentieth anniversary of the birth of the Swale Singers, and the 250th of the death of Handel. Combining the two celebrations, the Swale Singers will perform their anniversary concert in Gunnerside, where the choir was born - and they have registered for the BBC's "Sing Hallelujah" event. Choirs in every place are to sing the Hallelujah Chorus, between September and Christmas, and the Singers are inviting the audience to join in too. Words will be provided, there will be a brief practice, and all you have to do is come and sing! The concert takes place on Saturday December 5th at 7pm. The first half of the programme consists of "Golden Oldies", pieces which the choir have voted their favourites, and which audiences over the years have enjoyed the most. There will be choruses from several of the long works which have been sung over the years - Mozart, Mendelssohn, Stainer, Haydn, Vivaldi, and, of course Handel. The second half will consist of the Christmas music from the Messiah, and then the evening ends with the Hallelujah Chorus. Trumpeter Colin Pearson, who brought the house down when he played for the Swale Singers in Gunnerside a year or two ago, will be accompanying, along with our usual and favourite organist Greg Smith, under conductor Richard Brickstock. Tickets are £6, which includes £1 towards the cost of a drink after the performance at the newly flourishing Kings Head pub opposite the chapel. Tickets are available from choir members and from Reeth Post Office; or phone Elaine Dunne on 886699. If you love The Messiah, then come to Aysgarth Church on Saturday 19th December, when the Swale Singers, joined

by a goodly number of the Aysgarth Singers, will perform the Messiah, beginning at 7pm. Once again tickets £6, are available as above.

What's On in December at the Dales Countryside Museum, Hawes
2nd December 7.30pm North Country Theatre will be performing **Home on the Range** an epic tale of pioneer women from the lead mining communities of Northern England to the Wild West of America. Tickets £8.50 (£5 u/16) Book early - this event will sell out! **5th and 6th December Christmas Weekend at the Museum** On the **Saturday 5th** - Craft and produce stalls, children's activities, visit by Mother Christmas, free entry to the museum, mulled wine and mince pies, quizzes and competitions. **10 - 4pm Sunday 6th December** - A very special event to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the National Park and the 30th birthday for the Dales Countryside Museum. Join us for a seasonal concert of songs and carols with the Alverton Singers. Musical direction by Joan Foster and keyboard accompaniment by Jean Pocock. Refreshments available. All Welcome. **2 - 4pm** The museum is open every day between 10am and 5pm. Contact the museum for more details of events or to book on 01969 666210 hawes@yorkshiredales.org.uk www.yorkshiredales.org.uk

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MESSAGE from the SWALEDALE
MUSEUM

Helen and Alan Bainbridge, and the Friends

of the Museum Committee wish you all a very Happy Christmas with thanks to all of you who have supported us this year, by visiting or sending your friends and relatives, by attending our talks and events, by donating archive and objects, by booking your holidays in our cottage, and helping us by volunteering in both large and small ways. Without you there would be no Museum at all. We have already started work on essential repairs, maintenance and development in the Museum. We are working on new displays and new ways of thinking about our existing collection. There will be a new display called 'The Wonders of Common Things' focussing on the small, everyday, even inconspicuous things that were once essential or familiar to households of not so long ago. We plan a celebration of the role that women have played in making the history of the two Dales. Our archive shortlist will soon be on our website. So behind the grey doors of the Museum there will be much activity and hard work in preparation for the 2010 Season. Here is to a Happy New Year for us all.

Reeth Band Christmas Concert will be held in St. Andrew's Church, Grinton, on Tuesday 22nd December at 7.30pm.
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| 5th | Swale Singer's Concert 7pm, Grinton Church. |
| 6th | 'Christmas at Marrick' 7pm Marrick Priory |
| 12th | Carols For The Crypt-Concert in St. Andrew's, Grinton at 6pm |
| | Home on the Range- North Country Theatre |
| 17th | Christmas Concert Holy Trinity Church Low Row. Followed by mulled wine and nibbles. 7.30pm |
| | Domino Drive, Arkengarthdale School 7.30pm |
| 19th | Richmond Choral Society Concert 7.30pm in St. Mary's Church, Richmond |
| 20th | 'Carols Round The Tree', on Reeth Green at 8pm with Reeth Band. Collection for charity. |
| 22nd | Christmas Concert, St. Andrew's Grinton wirg Reeth Band. 7.30pm |
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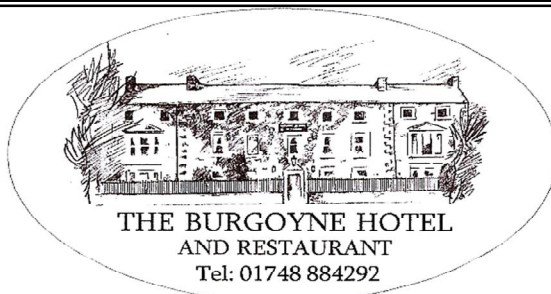
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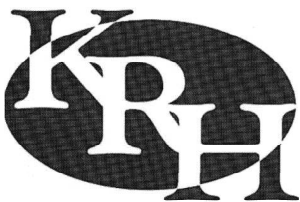
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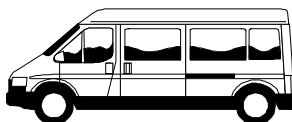
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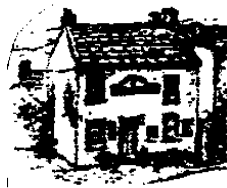
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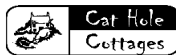
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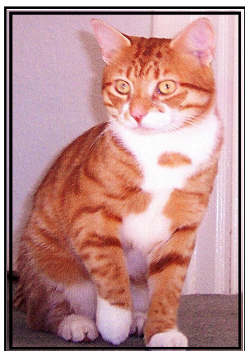
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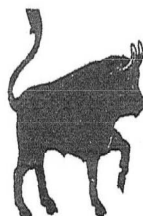
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