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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

July	June	12th
August	July	15th
September	August	15th
October	September	16th

PLEASE NOTE

We cannot guarantee any entry not submitted by the deadline.

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By Jocelyn Campbell**

Apologies for the incorrect credit for the picture last month. Thanks should have gone to Marjorie Daniels

CHURCH SERVICES in Swaledale & Arkengarthdale

Sunday 7th June

- 9.15am St. Mary's, Muker
Eucharist
- 10.30am Reeth Methodist
- 11.00am Holy Trinity Low Row
Eucharist and Baptism
(combined Low Row village service)
St. Edmund's Marske
Family Service
Reeth Evangelical Congregational
- 6.00pm St. Andrew's, Grinton
Evening Prayer BCP
- 6.30pm Gunnerside Methodist
Reeth Evangelical Congregational

Sunday 14th June

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

Sunday 21st June

- 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
Eucharist
Reeth Evangelical Congregational
- 6.30pm St. Mary's, Arkengarthdale
Evening Prayer BCP
Reeth Evangelical Congregational

Roman Catholic Services
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Sunday 28th. June

- 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
Holy Communion
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- 11.00am St. Edmund's, Marske
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St. Andrew's Church, Grinton

The 'Three P's evening' (Pie, Peas and Pudding!) held at Cogden Hall on 2nd May in aid of St Andrew's Church kitchen/ and toilet, swelled the coffers by £457. A big 'Thank You' to all who attended and for your continued support. Susan Allison

A SIGNIFICANT MILESTONE

A significant milestone has been reached at St. Mary's Church Arkengarthdale in meeting its initial target to raise £25,000 for the first phase of the replacing some of the crumbling stonework to the church's 180 year old windows. This has been achieved with the generous assistance of a large number of local people, visitors and dispersed Dalesfolk. This wonderful success, together with further considerable support from English Heritage and several other charitable foundations, will enable the East and North windows to be completely renovated during the summer of 2009. At the same time work will be put in hand for urgent repairs to the chancel roof together with preparation for rewiring the building and the replacement of the antiquated heating boiler. The sincere thanks of everyone who values the continuing existence of St. Mary's Church are offered to the many contributors to this fine achievement. Now that this first goal has been met, efforts can commence to raise the funds to renovate the windows on the South side of the church and to complete the repairs to the roof and to the internal plasterwork and painting - hopefully as a continuous process. When all that has been done St. Mary's Church will be in a fit state to look forward to the next 180 years of its life.



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Dear Editor

I read in the May magazine of the recent death of Mrs Annie Kendall. I have never been in contact with her family and only met them once when they were children, but I would like to convey *my sympathy* and love to them on the loss of their mother. This also closes for me the friendship of a very dear friend.

In 1937 I came to *teach* at Low Row Methodist School as a junior teacher. In the school was a very beautiful little girl about 9 years old. I left the school to return home to Nottinghamshire to *teach*. Annie asked for *my* address so that she could write to me and she continued to keep in touch faithfully every *year* at Christmas and when there was any news of the Low Row district activities or people. It was Annie who sent me the copy of your magazine containing the closing of Low Row Methodist church. As a result of this, I subscribed to get the magazine every *month*. She knew that I was especially interested in the Methodist church as in 1938 I took *my* examination as a Methodist local preacher and had *my* Service of Recognition in the church there. I received a Long Service certificate last *year* in *my* home circuit (Worksop and Kiveton) and this year will

have done 71 years of service. Unfortunately, I *am* not able to continue preaching due to age and ill-health, but *my* name remains on the plan. Recently, I retired to a lovely Christian retirement Home near my two daughters in Sheffield. I bought some copies of "Swaledale" by Sandra Wood. In one of the copies there is a picture of Low Row Methodist School. I am standing at the back of the children and in the middle is the pretty little girl, Annie Brown, voted by the photographer as the prettiest of all. I did not come to Swaledale often, but I met Sandra Wood and did once meet Annie's children. I thank God for a wonderful friendship which lasted for over 70 years *from* a little girl *who* cared so much. To Annie's family I want to say that she will always be there in our memory . . .

Marjorie Randerson (nee Kitson)

DALES WATCH

A Social Evening, with a light supper has been arranged for Friday 12th June at the Buck Hotel, Reeth, starting at 8.00pm. All current Watch members, with partners, are invited. We would like to extend a cordial invitation to all Watch members from the past and to anyone who would like to know what we do and how we work. We are currently looking to increase our current membership list. Any correspondence can be left at Reeth Post Office - FAO Dales Watch.



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OPEN DAY AT KELD RESOURCE CENTRE

All are invited to an Open Day at Keld on

Friday June 26th from 10-30am to 3-30pm. The Rt. Hon. William Hague MP will be in attendance for part of the morning. This is an opportunity to find out more about the redevelopment of the Centre, the newly refurbished Manse, and other future plans. A day of information and events based in Keld Public Hall and Keld United Reformed Church. For more information contact Rev Julie Martin 01833 638116.

VINES - Richard (Dick)

Retired forester, keen yachtsman and steam railway enthusiast passed away peacefully, but unexpectedly, in hospital in his 81st year with his eldest daughter by his side. Formerly of Low Row in Swaledale, he will be sadly missed by his wife, two daughters, three sons and three step-sons. He was cremated in the village of Charing, near Ashford in Kent on Thursday 21st May

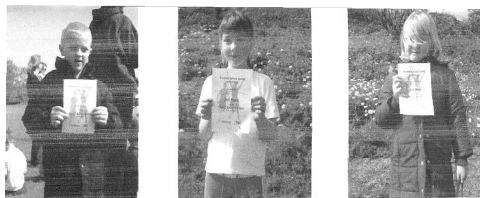
New Archaeology Group

On Wednesday 10 June at 6.45 p.m. at the Swaledale Museum, before the regular Museum Friends talk at 7.30 p.m., we will hold the launch meeting of SWAAG - the Swaledale and Arkengarthdale Archaeology Group. Like the Vernacular Buildings Study Group, SWAAG will be part of the Museum Friends. We took the difficult decision to reject SAG and SWAG as acronyms for the group, on the grounds that serious and responsible grant-givers might be underwhelmed; and for some extraordinary reason, "Time Team" is already taken. We plan to contribute to the knowledge base of the history of our dales through the full range of archaeological activity, so there will be something to interest everyone: desk-top research on documents, Google Earth, aerial and site photographs; site surveying, mapping and drawing; field-walking; excavation; recording and analysis of finds; and producing published reports. We will begin work in July and August in groups of three or four under the expert guidance of Tim Laurie who has kindly agreed to tutor us. Tim has offered a short course of field walks to help us identify clues in the landscape; and has identified several sites not yet studied in detail where he can teach us surveying, mapping and drawing, including a series of settlement sites sweeping down a hillside below Fremington Edge and a previously unrecorded lead smelting site. We hope over time to study a wide range of sites from prehistoric through Romano-British to medieval and lead mining. So, if you are interested in research, surveying, mapping and drawing, excavation, finds analysis, or just walking beautiful countryside year-

round or muddy ploughed fields in autumn, please come to the meeting and/or contact Peter Denison-Edson on 01748-886542/ peter123denison@gmail.com.

Fantastic Three at Fun Run

Reeth Community Primary School Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 children had a great time when they took part in a Fun Run at Catterick as part of the School Sports Partnership. Over 400 FS/KS1 children from the Richmond cluster gathered together to have their very first fun run as a cluster event. Children from Reeth and Gunnerside went down on a bus and spent a sunny morning taking part in the run as well as other multi skills activities. There were four separate races and all the children took part in a race along side 100 other children. We were very proud when three of our children came in the top three places in their individual race. Reeth School was the only school taking part to have three children coming in the top three places. Staff were very pleased at the attitude of all our children who all successfully completed the race. Well done to you all - especially the Fantastic Three.



Names removed on web version

CAR BOOT SALE Hudswell Village Hall nr. Richmond. 28th June 2009 (9am) All enquiries to 01748 824514

Muker Social History Project

A community project has been started with the aim of producing a book documenting the social and working history of Muker Parish covering the period of living memory through to the present day. The objective is to capture memories of life in Upper Swaledale and show the changes that have taken place in farming, industry, social life, tourism etc. The intended end-product is a book although there may also be an associated *CD/DVD* and website. Much of the information will be gathered from voice recordings and these would also be available as part of an oral history for use in local museums. Relevant photographs and drawings will be collected to illustrate the book. This project is working closely with the Dales Countryside Museum at Hawes and the Swaledale Museum in Reeth. We shall be using voice recording equipment to interview people and will follow the recommended best practices defined by the Dales Countryside Museum. This will ensure

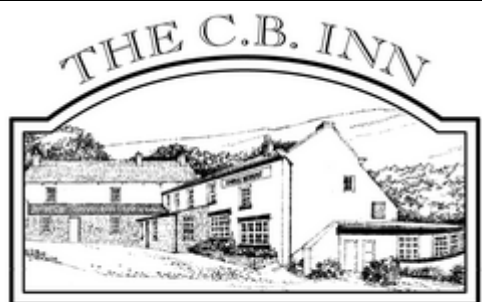
that the recordings will be of sufficient quality to contribute to their oral history archive. In return the Museum has offered to help with the project and archive the material securely. We hope to bring life up to date with some input from the children who live here now. We are still exploring ideas on how this may be done, and would welcome any suggestions. The project is being directed by a steering group and we will also draw on extra volunteers for interviewing and transcribing recordings .. If you think you can help and would like to share your memories with us of life and events over the years, or if you would like more information, you can contact us through the following people: Ivelet area Jane Sammells (886084) or Edna Waggett (886430) in Satron Ernest Whitehead (886968) or Peggy Purver (886400) in Keld Tania Sharp (886950) in Angram. Or pick up a contact form from: The Swaledale Museum in Reeth ,The Dales Countryside Museum in Hawes



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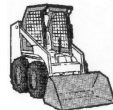
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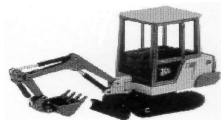
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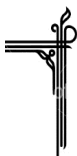
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sure you will join me in wishing Kim a long and happy association with us. Practice security You may be aware that recently we've installed metal posts and a barrier across the car park out of surgery hours. I would like to explain the reasons for this. Even in our two lovely Dales, we are not immune to crime. The Dispensary has been burgled in the past and there have been sightings of oil tanks being emptied. Most significantly, we have been advised that in the event of a major incident locally, (eg car accident, explosion, fire) access to the car park would be needed by the emergency services. So if someone has parked their car and gone walking, it could cause an obstruction and put lives at risk. Thanks for your understanding. That's all this month. All the best - Mike Brookes and the Team

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June 22 nd	A Dales Farm Childhood <i>[not illustrated]</i>	Barbara Buckingham
June 29 th	Birds of Swaledale	Graham & Fiona Wilkinson
July 6 th	Letters from the Trenches <i>[not illustrated]</i>	Katherine Carr
July 13 th	Autumn & Winter in Swaledale	Marjorie Daniels
July 20 th	Music in the Dales	Duncan Bythell
July 27 th	Chert Quarrying in Swaledale	Kay Jackson
Aug 3 rd	2000 Years of Walking in the Yorkshire Dales	Angela Henson
Aug 10 th	Swaledale - through the eyes of a lady novelist	Helen Bainbridge
Aug 17 th	The Railway King	Stuart Tate
Aug 24 th	Prehistoric rock art from Libya to Burningham Moor	Tim Laurie
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REETH AND DISTRICT GAZETTE



Jack Charlton Trophy Win

On 3rd May our Under 16's agreed to play for this trophy, presented to the League some years ago by Jack Charlton, at Barnard Castle School rather than on neutral ground. Unfortunately, owing to a family problem, I was unable to see what, by all accounts was a cracking match playing 11-a-side. I therefore only have a sketchy report. Barney were playing a strong side and soon went ahead and were able to get another before Will Gardener clawed one back only for Barney to score again. Dales, who had been unlucky so far started the fight back with another goal from Will and in the final minutes Eddie Anderson scored the goal of the match (season?) direct from a corner (bend it like Beckham or judging the wind?). 3-3. Extra time saw no more score as both teams were getting very tired so it went to penalties. This went 3-2 in our favour. An exciting match and the trophy for 2Dales. Thanks to Barney for hosting it and for a memorable match. Likewise I did not see our Under 12's take on Barton in their last League match. Barton beat us 1-6 at home and we were a key player short. Undaunted Dales never played so well and the tables were nearly wholly reversed with 4 goals and man-of-the-match for Sean Lord and another from Dan Longden with only one in reply from Barton. 1-5 win. What an end to the season!! On 20 April our Under 12's and Under 10's travelled to Leyburn. The older ones were playing a

League match against the unbeaten top of the League A team. The first half saw some well balanced football and Peter White in goal and Will Fawcett and Dan Longden in defence kept a clean sheet despite the odds and this continued well into the second half. Finally Leyburn broke through and almost immediately got another. They then developed a tactic of passing the ball back to their keeper, out to the wing and up to attack again and again which brought them 4 more goals. Sean Lord played well but was unable to get that vital goal and we were without our other striker. 6-0 loss. Our Under 10's, including some Under 8's played Leyburn Under 10 League team at the same time so I was unable to watch both. Nathan Tulip scored but Leyburn won 2-1. Daniel Johnson volunteered for goal for the first half but then agreed to stay in for the whole match. Well done Daniel.

We will be doing some training over the summer and new players for next year are most welcome. Our Presentation Night is on Sunday 21st June in Reeth Memorial Hall @ 7.15pm. All parents and players are expected to attend. Volunteers to help with a buffet supper would be much appreciated. Don't forget to save Tesco vouchers and let me have them soon after the scheme finishes. They may be left at Reeth Garage, Farmers Arms, Red Lion or Reeth Post Office. Finally, many congratulations for our Under 16's under Mattie Calvert and Eddie Anderson. Mattie has been signed up by Morecombe next season and Eddie is already playing for Reeth.

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- 19th Vin Garbutt, Reeth Memorial Hall 8pm
- 26th Keld Resource Centre Open Day
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JULY

- 3rd Land Girls of Yorkshire - Bad Apple Theatre, Memorial Hall 7.30pm
- 4th Open Gardens Event 11am to 6pm
- 6th The British Columbia Girls Choir St. Mary's Church Arkengarthdale 5pm
- 8th AGM of Fremington Sunday School 7.30pm
- 11th Grand Pavilion Variety Show, Memorial Hall 7.30pm
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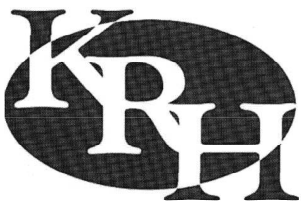
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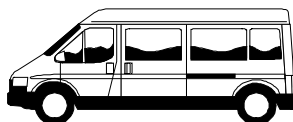
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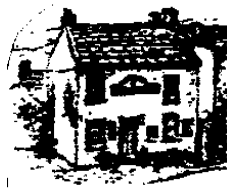
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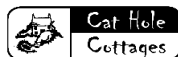
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The Swaledale Museum now hold the Minutes of the Reeth Rural District Council's World War II Billeting Committee which were recovered recently from amongst the Jackson family archives in Silver Street. The story begins with literature relating to the Government's Evacuation Scheme issued by the Ministry of Health and inviting householders in the safer areas of Britain to help in time of war by receiving school children from the big cities. The first document dated 18th April 1939 is a circular headed 'Government Evacuation Scheme' issued by Malcolm E Scott the then Reeth District Council Clerk, referring to offers, made previously by local folk during the September 1938 Munich Crisis, to act as Billeting Officers in the event of it becoming necessary on the outbreak of war to evacuate a portion of the civil population from an industrial area into the Reeth District. The letter was sent to some 24 men and ladies living in Reeth, Fremington and Healaugh, who had indicated their willingness to assist, and it invited them to attend a Conference to be held in the Reeth Conservative Club - since purchased by public subscription and renamed 'The Memorial Hall. The Minutes of the first Billeting Officers Meeting (Reeth Parish) was held on the following Friday 26th April and was attended by 9 men and 8 ladies under the Chairmanship of Mr Hubert Horn. The meeting reached agreement that in the event of evacuees being brought into the Reeth Rural District :- **the Constitutional Club would be used as the reception centre and a meal would be provided by the Women's Institute either there, or at the Laurels Café by kind invitation of Miss Edge. *a Sub Committee be formed to check over the billeting accommodation which had already been surveyed and provisionally assessed by District Council Officers*

**an enquiry would be made about empty houses in the Reeth area with a view to their possible use for Billeting purposes.*

The appointed Sub Committee headed by Hubert Horn comprised 5 men and 3 ladies including Reginald Place, Headmaster of Reeth Friend's School and Clarkson Jackson as Honorary Secretary. A feature of the voluntary organisation established to handle the reception, placement and oversight of evacuees was the significant number of local residents who took on responsibilities as Billeting Officers, who each were allocated an area within Reeth, Healaugh or Fremington in which they were to exercise their role. The file shows the available evacuee house accommodation, after review by the Sub Committee, totalled 316, made up as follows:- School Children 201; Teachers and Helpers 35; Others 80; Total 316

There was at that time what appeared to be possible additional evacuee accommodation in church halls, hotels and unoccupied buildings but in a letter from the Clerk to the Reeth District Council dated 30th August 1939, reported that according to information received from 'higher authority' the following properties would not be available to provide accommodation for evacuees, namely:- *The Kings Arms, Buck Hotel, Black Bull, Hill House, Moor Garth, Woodyard and Draycott Hall*

Following quickly after the outbreak of War on 3rd September 1939 significant, but sadly unrecorded, numbers of child evacuees, teachers and helpers arrived in Reeth from Gateshead (Wrekenton) and then from Sunderland (Grange Town) causing considerable overcrowding of local school facilities at Reeth and Fremington. The minutes of a meeting of the Billeting Officers (Reeth Parish) held on 8th March 1940, attended by six men and seven ladies confirm the hard and sometimes difficult work put in by local volunteers. The matching of evacuees to available homes was no simple matter and had to be constantly reviewed. On the latter point file records transfer of quite

a number of initially billeted children to new homes. Although not recorded on the file , after early problems the child evacuees from both Gateshead and Sunderland came to be welcomed by the local community and made interesting playmates for the local children. Some child evacuees became home sick especially when parents came into the Dales by bus to visit them at Christmas 1939 and therefore understandably when the expected bombing of North East Coast did not materialise in the early months of the war , there was a gradual but partial return home of evacuees such that by 6th July 1940 the total number remaining in the area supervised by the Reeth, Area Billeting Committee had fallen to 39, made up as follows:-

Home Town	Children	Helpers	Teachers	Cripples
Wrekenton	2	-	-	-
Sunderland	26	-	2	1
Sunderland	6	2	-	-

However only a few months later in May 1940 following the British Army's evacuation from Dunkirk , a letter from the then Acting Chief Billeting Officer Malcolm Scott dated 20th May 1940 to Clarkson Jackson ,Billeting Committee Secretary made the sudden announcement that in the event of the commencement of a German bombing of our cities and towns it was the Government's intention to send via Richmond Station for transportation by buses into Swaledale not more than 300 additional evacuees and that letter sought to know whether the ladies and gentlemen who assisted with the last evacuation scheme would be prepared to act again. Almost immediately on May 24th the Secretary circulated an invitation to all Rural District Councillors, Local Billeting Officers and Volunteers that a meeting in connection with the Government's Further Evacuation Scheme would be held in the Reeth Conservative Club at 7 pm on 27th . And on 29th May a further letter announced that there was to be a joint meeting of the Reeth and Grinton Parish Councils, that night in the Reeth Literary Institute. Interesting to note is that

on the 27th May ,the date of the first urgently convened meeting, a number of householders in the District who had been registered as having accommodation available, had reported that they could not accept any evacuees. Dr. Speirs the Reeth Rural District Medical Officer submitted to the meeting a note to say that an Appeal Committee had met and decided that four named persons were exempt from their liability to receive evacuees On the 4th July 1940 the Secretary received a telegram announcing that evacuees would be arriving at Richmond Station at 11-53 am on Sunday 7th July and once again the Billeting Officers swung into action. At a meeting on July 6th it was decided to use the Reeth Friends School as the reception building and that Hubert Horn Reginald Place, Robert Gill and Miss Salisbury (daughter of the then Reeth Methodist Minister) who had access to cars would meet the evacuees arriving by train at Richmond. The further evacuation of Children and Teachers to Reeth Rural District , this time from Gateshead itself , went off well, but sadly once again the actual numbers received is not recorded on the file. However it is evident that by this time, local Halls and Lodges having been filled up with troops returning from Dunkirk and the bombing of our towns not yet begun, there appears to have been a growing unwillingness on the part of some local folk to welcome further child evacuees. On July 10th 1940 a decision was taken that in order to consider the cases of people who felt they could not care for evacuees, a Tribunal would be constituted of three or five members and that the medical advice concerning appellants was to be taken to be independent of the tribunal. That same day it was decided to send a letter the Reeth District Council asking for their cooperation in this very difficult matter. Apparently the District Council had shown a noticeable lack of interest in the Evacuation Scheme and including the problem of finding alternative homes for evacuees whose placements were not proving to be satisfactory.

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This led to the Chairman and Secretary of the Billeting Committee writing, on 18th September 1940, to the Council on behalf of the Billeting Committee, tendering their resignation. The reason given was that the Committee felt that as Councillors were not willing to enforce the law requiring eligible householders to take evacuees they were in effect shelving duties laid upon them by Government and thereby rendering the work of the Billeting Committee impossible.

Nevertheless despite this setback, the voluntary work caring for evacuees by formerly appointed billeting officers and members of the local community continued unabated, and although understandably it is not recorded on this file, the caring hospitality extended by indigenous dalesfolk towards World War II child evacuees became legendary in the minds of many who came from the North East of England. And not a few, still fit enough to travel, return quite often to visit friends and view their old homes, schools, chapels and churches. Some have even recorded their heartfelt appreciation in our locally held record books.

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Sleeping rough	UNDERNEATH THE ARCHES
Down in the mouth	LES MISERABLES
3d	HALF A SIXPENCE
Rex and me	THE KING AND I
Not a tale of the east	WEST SIDE STORY
Singing ghost	PHANTOM OF THE OPERA
Round-a-bout	CAROUSEL
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