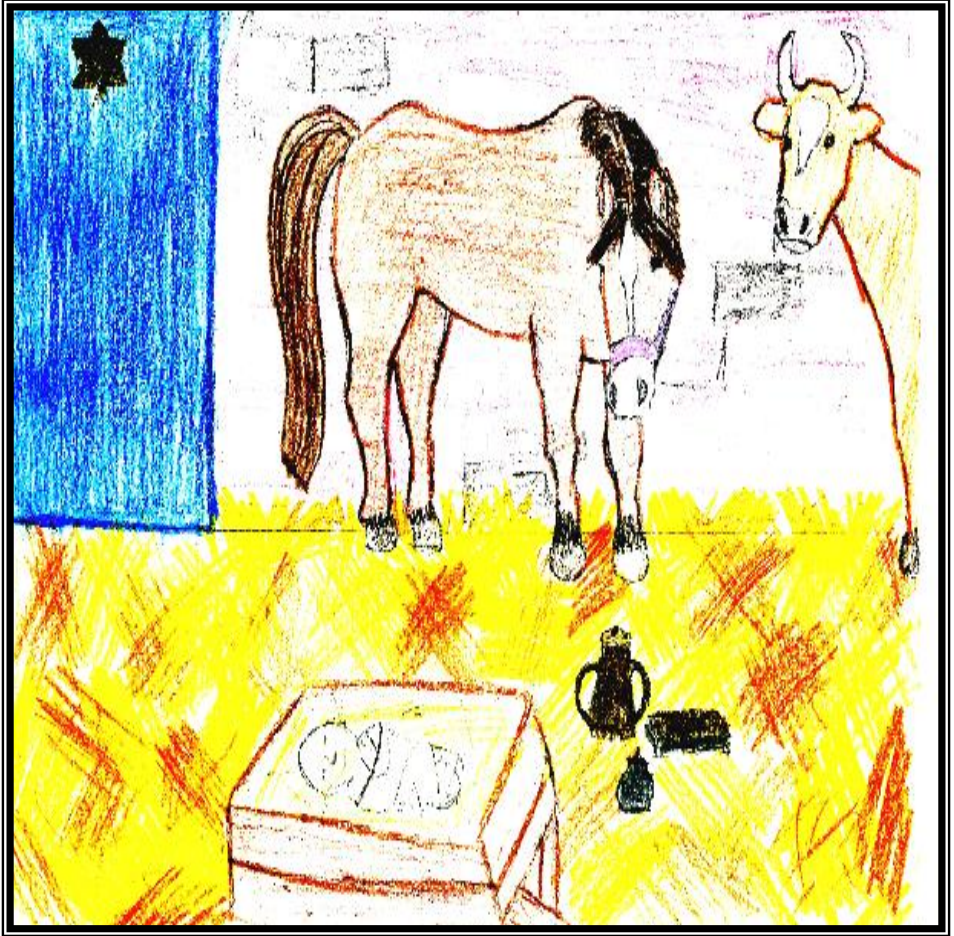


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*A Merry Christmas to
everyone.*

PRICELESS

CHURCH NOTICES in Swaledale & Arkengarthdale

Sunday 5th DECEMBER

- 9.15am St. Mary's Muker
Eucharist
- 10.30am Low Row URC
Reeth Methodist
- 11.00am St. Edmund's Marske
Family Service
Holy Trinity Low Row
Eucharist
Reeth Evangelical Congregational
- 2.00pm Keld URC *Holy Communion*
- 2.30pm Arkengarthdale Methodist
Holy Communion
- 6.00pm St. Andrew's, Grinton
Evening Prayer BCP
- 6.30pm Reeth Evangelical Congregational
- 7.00pm Christmas at Marrick Priory. All welcome

Sunday 12th DECEMBER

- 9.30am St. Andrew's, Grinton
Eucharist
St. Michael's, Downholme
Holy Communion
- 10.30am Low Row URC
Reeth Methodist
Holy Communion
- 11.00am Reeth Evangelical Congregational
- 11.15am St. Mary's, Arkengarthdale
Holy Communion BCP
- 2.30pm Gunnerside Methodist
St. Edmund's Marske
Christingle Service
- 4.00pm St. Mary's, Muker
Crib Service
- 4.30pm Reeth Evangelical Congregational
Carol Service for all the family

Friday 17th DECEMBER

- 2.15pm St. Andrew's Grinton *Christingle Service*
pmp

Sunday 19th 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
- 6.30pm St. Mary's Arkengarthdale *Joint Carol*
Service
St. Michael's Downholme *Carol Service*
Reeth Evangelical Congregational
Carol Service
- 8.00pm Reeth Green - *Carols round the tree with*
Reeth Band

Friday 24th DECEMBER Christmas Eve

- 4.00pm Keld, Hope House *Carol Service*
- 6.00pm Arkengarthdale Methodist
Children's Carol Service
Low Row URC *Village Carol Service*
- 6.30pm Reeth Methodist *Carol Service*
- 11.30pm St. Andrew's Grinton *Eucharist*
St. Mary's Arkengarthdale
Holy Communion BCP

Saturday 25th DECEMBER Christmas Day

- 9.00am St. Mary's Muker *Eucharist*
- 9.30am Low Row URC
- 10.15am Holy Trinity Low Row *Eucharist*
- 10.45am Reeth Methodist
- 11.00am St. Edmund's, Marske *Eucharist*
Reeth Evangelical Congregational

Sunday 26th DECEMBER Feast of St. Stephen

- 9.30am St. Andrew's Grinton *Said Eucharist*
- 10.30am St. Michael's Downholme *Communion*
- 11.00am Low Row URC
- 11.00am Reeth Evangelical Congregational
- 2.30pm St. Edmund's Marske *Carol Service*
- 6.30pm Reeth Evangelical Congregational

Monday 27th DECEMBER

- 6.30pm St. Mary's Muker
Carol Service with Muker Silver Band

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Primary School

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Melbecks Society Annual Coffee**Morning**

The Melbecks Society, Low Row, has held its annual fund raising coffee morning on behalf of Macmillan Cancer Support. A big "Thank You" to everyone who attended and helped to raise a grand total of £1068.00. As usual the committee and friends had worked hard to provide refreshments and a variety of stalls. Jackie & Liz from Macmillan were very happy with the sales of Christmas cards and promotional items. The top 3 raffle prizes were won by Liz Westerdale, Barrie Clayton and Sheila Clarkson. The other quizzes of guess the - weight of the cake, name the bear, and value of paintings were won by Bill Martin, Keith Allen and Maureen Clayton respectively. Our next meeting is at 7.30pm on Thursday 9th December at Low Row Institute when Duncan Bythell's talk will be 'Music Making in Swaledale' followed by Gordon's Wine Bar and a supper.

Gunnerside WI

Join the WI to learn new skills to beat the recession and to make new friends. We meet on the third Thursday of every month at 7.30pm at Gunnerside Village Hall. Our first meeting of 2011 will be on Thursday 20th January, when members will sharing their tips for jam making, vegetable growing and sewing. We always welcome new members.

November Meeting Report -

Another successful and enjoyable year was the verdict at our annual November AGM. We heard reports from Maureen Clayton, our president, our secretary, Julia Thorogood, and our treasurer, Janet Jenkinson. During 2010 we have

enjoyed a varied programme, including a beauty demonstration, the story behind the Quaker Tapestry, a talk by Jenny Davies on the Art of Patchwork and day trip to Whitby. 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, with Sue Barron joining. After several years as treasurer, Janet Jenkinson, has decided to stand down, with our heartfelt thanks for all of her hard work. Eunice Greenslade will be taking over the role of treasurer. There was another special thank you to Angela Bergin for continuing to organise the Shoppertunity coffee mornings every Thursday in Gunnerside Village Hall. We remembered Marion Thompson and said goodbye to Audrey Brown, who is joining Marske WI. We then enjoyed a festive glass of bubbly and a delicious piece of Christmas cake, made and decorated by members, with musical entertainment provided by Five Pearls and a Piano. We are looking forward to another varied programme for next year, after our Christmas meal, to be held at Ghyllfoot on Thursday 16th December.

THANK YOU

A huge thank you to everyone who supported the Help the Heroes handbag party at Jinglepot! We raised £250 on the night and donations still coming in. Kathy & Sinclair.

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Many thanks for the comments on last month's cover picture - *"before and after"*. It is good to see local landmarks restored. The building work was done by Dave Hollingsworth of

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There will be a Carol Service at Hope House, Keld, on Christmas Eve. Starting at 4.30pm all are welcome.



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Reeth Parish Council October 2010

Seats Quotes had been obtained from four local firms to give an idea of costs to those wishing to install memorial seats around the parish. Coun Kendall confirmed that there was room for another seat on the path up Fremington Edge. **Playground** The parts for the aerial slide had now arrived and would be fixed soon. Mr Whitehead had pointed out that the waste bins in the playground were not being emptied. Coun Hutchinson would follow this up as they should be emptied daily. **Conservation Area** A draft appraisal of the conservation area was being carried out by the national park authority who were inviting suggestions for consideration. Problems regarding the conservation of old barns would be raised. **School Transport** The council received proposed revisions to the county council's school transport policy which highlighted possible areas where cuts might be made in order to save costs. County councillor John Blackie, in attendance, pointed out areas of local concern which might affect children attending any school other than the designated local school, such as St Francis Xavier in Richmond. It was pointed out that a number of children from the dale also attended Leyburn School but that transport was provided because that was actually nearer than the 'local school' in Richmond. The council's concerns would be reported to the authority and Coun Blackie would check the position regarding local schools. **Healaugh** Following complaints by residents about behaviour of some motorists at the western end of the village, the highways department had drawn up a draft proposal to calm traffic

by use of a priority system on the narrow part of the road. However, part of the problem was that drivers could not see oncoming traffic. Coun Gardner put forward further considerations to those proposed by the county council which could, if implemented, make that section of road even safer. He would liaise with the highways department and arrange a site meeting with residents and councillors. **Remembrance Day** All arrangements were in place for a rolling road closure order for the parade on November 14. The parade would be preceded by the unveiling of the plaque outside the Burgoyne Hotel to commemorate the WW2 Reeth Battle School. **Grants** Coun Blackie reported that the Upper Dales Partnership had made grants of £500 to the Gazette and to the local Scouts. **Planning Permission** The owners of a sign on the green near Town End Hall would be informed that they needed to apply for retrospective planning permission. **Highways** A number of items previously discussed had not yet been dealt with by the Highways Department including the pot holes on Back Lane and the broken mirror at the bottom of the green - these would be reported again. **Bridges** Coun Kendall reported that trees were again growing out of the sides of Reeth & Grinton bridges as the roots had not been dealt with when the top growth was cut off. There were also a number of saplings by Reeth bridge which needed to be cut down. **Metcalfes Farm** Councillors noted that nothing had been done so far to the area off Anvil Square which was to be recobbled. **Dog Fouling** A householder had reported large amounts of dog fouling on the Back Lane.

The council suggested he should contact the dog warden. The community support police officer said she had already requested the warden to come to the village early in the morning but had been told this was not a priority. **Shelter** Ongoing problems with anti-social behaviour were thought to be caused partly by older children bringing alcohol into the area and giving it to younger ones. Some of the problems with litter could be dealt with by filling gaps in the wall and providing a bin for cigarettes and the police were aware of the situation.

Arkengarthdale C. of E. School Autumn

Term News

Make Peace Not War. This has been a really exciting theme for KS2 children this term. After our launch at the Richmondshire Museum we launched ourselves into a wealth of activities! Here are some of them - listening to the declaration of war and imagining feelings, making gas mask boxes and identity tags, researching and writing biographies of influential war characters and sketching portraits, making WW2 animations, making our own video clips about evacuation, making parachutes, working with currency from the war years, opening war suitcases and investigating who they might belong to and reading as many war time stories as possible. All this work was brought even more to life by support from our local community. Thank you Bill Martin for talking about being an evacuee, thank you Chris Best for showing us a fascinating PowerPoint and relating the war directly to Arkengarthdale and thank you Holly and Catherine for your exciting work about Remembrance Day. However the highlight

was when the children were all evacuated. The parents waved a fond farewell as the 'evacuees' were picked up, equipped with a jam sandwich and whisked away to their new 'home.' Thank you to the CB staff, Ann, Ray, Maureen, Katy, Kate, Barbara and Sarah, all of whom made the morning so meaningful. KS1 have been very busy with their Stand and Deliver work which has involved lots of letter writing, counting the post, designing envelopes and stamps, and running their own post office. Other activities this term include designing 'my perfect house' with Marcus Alderson the estate agent, making our bonfire pictures for display at the CB, listening to the fire brigade talking about firework safety, working with Powerdown Pete on reducing our carbon footprint, crucial crew, yr 4 really enjoying learning to play a musical instrument, lunch time clubs run by the school committee and KS1 joining in multi skills. Phew, what a busy term and we still have our annual performance ahead of us. If you would like to join us to solve 'The Mystery of the Fourth King' we will be performing on Friday 10th December and Monday 13th December at 6pm, tickets available from the school. All that remains is for me, my staff and my children to wish you all a very happy festive season and as usual give you my most sincere thanks for your wonderful support. **Mary Hutchinson**

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There will be a Christmas Concert given by The Parish Choir on Thursday 16th December. The concert will commence at 7.30pm and will be held in Holy Trinity, Low Row. Tickets are available at the door and refreshments will be served.

Fremington Sunday School

The Management Committee would like to thank everyone who organised and supported this year's fund-raising events held in the hall. The magnificent sum of £1,871 was raised, plus an anonymous and very generous donation of £650, bringing a total of £2,521. This has enabled new lighting to be installed and decorating of the exterior is planned for Spring next year. There should be sufficient funds left, after these two major works are completed, to carry out other essential maintenance work. The level of support from the local community has been very encouraging and we hope that events in 2011 will be equally well-supported. .Once again, A BIG THANK YOU.

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The World of the Renaissance Goldsmith

Helen Clifford will visit the world of the man who has been called the greatest goldsmith who ever lived, in the next Wensleydale Decorative and Fine Arts Society lecture on Tuesday December 14 at 2.00pm in Middleham Key Centre. Only one example of his goldsmith's work survives, the amazing gold salt made for Francis I of France. In *Benvenuto Cellini (1500-1571): a window into the world of the Renaissance goldsmith* Helen will reconstruct his rumbustious life and work from his autobiography and treatises, the comments of his contemporaries, and his bronze sculptures. Helen is the curator of the Swaledale Museum at Reeth - known more for lead than gold - and is currently curating the 2012 Goldsmiths' Company exhibition '**GOLDWORK - the story of Britain and Gold**'. Before moving to Swaledale she held posts as Senior Research Fellow at University of Warwick and was a visiting fellow at Balliol College Oxford whilst curating the Oxford College Silver Exhibition at the Ashmolean. Prior to that she taught for many years at the Victoria and Albert Museum. Non-members are welcome at £5 per lecture, ring the Membership Secretary, tel. 01969 624203 to book a place.

Keld Well-being garden opens

Heavy rain couldn't dampen the spirits of the 50 people who gathered to celebrate the opening of the Keld Well-being Garden at Keld-in-Swaledale on Sunday 31st October. The garden, created on a former piece of waste-ground was an initiative of the small but renowned Keld Chapel with support from Keld Resource Centre Ltd a community charitable company and the BIG lottery fund. The garden features a wildflower rich grassland, rustic seating made at Gale Mill, an interpretative panel and apple & wild fruit trees. The ancient name for Keld was *Appletre Kelde* - the spring near the apple trees - and the idea of planting fruit trees came from this. The theme of the garden is Well-being and it is hoped that people who visit the garden will use it to consider that Well-being is more than wealth but also about the environment we live and take leisure time in, our physical and mental health, education, spirituality and social belonging. The Garden was opened by Marina Whitehead the Secretary of Keld United Reformed Church who, appropriately, cut a green ribbon and pronounced it open. Then a fruiting Rowan tree was planted by the Revd Julie Martin the Chapel Minister and the Moderator of the Northern Synod of the United Reformed Church the Revd Rowena Francis who commented how appropriate the choice of the tree was given her name. Access to the Keld Well-being garden is through the Keld Chapel churchyard and is well signposted from the adjacent Old Thwaite Road which forms part of the Coast-to-Coast walk. A souvenir leaflet on the Garden is available in the Chapel. Speaking about the Garden creation, Clive Davies the Secretary of Keld Resource Centre, thanked the local farmer John Rukin and others involved in the project for their help and especially the BIG Lottery fund whose money had made its creation possible. The BIG lottery fund had awarded £8,075 for the project. Clive Davies added that "the Garden is a wonderful place to take in the views towards Kisdon the local fell. We expect thousands of visitors to come to the garden each year especially those who are walking in the area or staying at the campsites and B &Bs. in Keld"



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October's speaker was David Boulton the well-known writer, lecturer & documentary maker from Dent who came to talk about the origins of the Quaker movement in the Yorkshire dales. He began by giving some background to Dent & Sedbergh and to some of the research he has done into families from that area. In common with other parts of the dales many families had gone abroad in search of a better life. One family, the Sills, had prospered through involvement in sugar & cotton plantations in the West Indies, even bringing at least one slave back to Dent - the evidence for this being a notice in the Liverpool Advertiser offering a reward for his recapture when he ran away. John & Alice Alderson on the other hand went overseas because they had become Quakers and were 'Public Friends' who preached all over this country, then travelled to evangelise in Ireland and America. The Quaker links with the area began after the Civil War when George Fox came on a preaching tour, meeting up with small groups of like minded people who were in search of a more authentic religious experience than that offered by the established church. In such a relatively remote area he was able to meet many groups of independently minded radicals. David had worked out that more than half of them had been junior officers in Cromwell's New Model Army - a handpicked band of men who were politically motivated, well informed and keen on democracy. Amongst them his preaching fell on fertile ground and by the end of the 1650s a whole network of groups was meeting across the entire country, as well as in Ireland and the American colonies. With the Restoration of the Monarchy in 1660 religious tolerance came to an end and a period of persecution began for the Quakers as well as all other denominations outside the Church of England. Thanks to the Quakers' habit of meticulous record keeping it is possible to get an idea of the extent of their suffering and even of the goods they had in their

houses which were distrained as punishment - giving a great insight into the economic status of the individuals concerned. From the 1660s onwards the Quakers became pacifist, also refusing to swear oaths which not only debarred them from jury service but also prevented them swearing allegiance to the monarch, again attracting the enmity of the establishment. In spite of all this, by the end of the 17th century the Quakers had become the largest non-conformist movement in the country. David had also analysed the wills of many of the earliest Dent Quakers who died from 1652 to the mid 1680s, comparing their inventories with those of other members of the community from the same period. He concluded that they came mostly from the higher status families in the village, with over half being classed as yeomen. The next meeting will be in Fremington Sunday School at 2pm on Wednesday, December 15, when Marion Moverley will talk about 'Christmas Time in Days of Yore'. Admission is free to members of the Cleveland Family History Society & £2 for visitors who are very welcome at all meetings. For further details of the group or any of the meetings, contact Glenys Marriott 01969 663738, e-mail: glenys@bishopdale.demon.co.uk or see the website at www.upperdalesfhg.org.uk



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the determination with which the senior leadership, including the governing body have successfully led the school, especially over the past year, and combined with the improved progress, rising attainment and the high staff morale; the capacity for this school to continue to improve is good." The Chairs of Governors, David Hill and Martin Bearpark said, "We are delighted by the positive Ofsted inspection we have received. A huge thanks is due to the superb staff, the determined and highly effective leadership provided by the head teacher and most importantly the children who can look forward to prosperous futures based on the sound footings that the schools are equipping them with."

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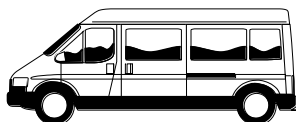
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TWO DALES GARDENING CLUB

It was very gratifying to see so many members turn out on Nov. 8th for our meeting on one of the wettest days of the month. We journeyed with Marjorie Daniels on her visits in the summer from the Scilly Isles via Kent and Sussex to Galloway in Scotland. Through her slide show, there were many colourful flowers and borders to appreciate and several members expressed their pleasure in seeing them. It was good to welcome new faces to our group and hope that anyone who enjoys garden topics will join us for our next meeting on December 13th in Reeth Memorial Hall at 2pm. We will have a talk on Hidcote Manor Gardens near Stratford and maybe to follow a few mince pies and cakes with 'tea and talk'. The first meeting of the New Year will be on January 10th when we will welcome Dawn Webster, curator of Kiplin Hall to give a talk on its gardens and estate.



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Dear Sir/Madam/Automated telephone answering service, Having spent the past twenty

minutes waiting for someone at Bodmin police station to pick up a telephone I have decided to abandon the idea and try e-mailing you instead. Perhaps you would be so kind as to pass this message on to your colleagues in Bodmin, by means of smoke signal, carrier pigeon or Ouija board. As I'm writing this e-mail there are eleven failed medical experiments (I think you call them youths) in St Mary's Crescent, which is just off St Mary's Road in Bodmin. Six of them seem happy enough to play a game which involves kicking a football against iron gate with the force of a meteorite. This causes an earth shattering CLANG! Which rings throughout the entire building. This game is now in its third week and as I am unsure how the scoring system works, I have no idea if it will end any time soon. The remaining five failed-abortions are happily rummaging through several bags of rubbish and items of furniture that someone has so thoughtfully dumped beside the wheelie bins. One of them has found a saw and is setting about a discarded chair like a beaver on ecstasy pills. I fear that it's only a matter of time before they turn their limited attention to the caravan gas bottle that is lying on its side between the two bins. If they could be relied on to only blow their own arms and legs off then I would happily leave them to it. I would even go so far as to lend them the matches. Unfortunately they are far more likely to blow up half the street with them and I've just finished decorating the kitchen. What I suggest is this - after replying to this e-mail with worthless assurances that the matter is being looked into and will be dealt with, why not leave it until the one night of the year (probably bath night) when there are no mutants around then drive up the street in a Panda car before doing a three point turn and disappearing again. This will of course serve no other purpose than to remind us what policemen actually look like. I trust that when I take a claw hammer to the skull of one of these throwbacks you'll do me the same courtesy of giving me a four month head start before

coming to arrest me. I remain your obedient servant Mr ??????,

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Dear PC ?????? First of all I would like to thank you for the speedy response to my original e-mail. 16 hours and 38 minutes must be a personal record for Bodmin Police Station, and rest assured that I will forward these details to Norris McWhirter for inclusion in his next Guinness book. Secondly I was delighted to hear that our street has its own Community Beat Officer. May I be the first to congratulate you on your covert skills? In the five or so years I have lived in St Mary's Crescent , I have never seen you. Do you hide up a tree or have you gone deep undercover and infiltrated the gang itself? Are you the one with the acne and the moustache on his forehead or the one with a chin like a wash hand basin? It's surely only a matter of time before you are head-hunted by M15 to look for Osama. Whilst I realise that there may be far more serious crimes taking place in Bodmin, such as smoking in a public place or being Christian without due care and attention, is it too much to ask for a policeman to explain (using words of no more than two syllables at a time) to these rats that they might want to play their strange football game elsewhere. The pitch on Fairpark Road , or the one at Priory Park are both within spitting distance as is the bottom of the Par Dock, the latter being the preferred option especially if the tide is in.

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PCSO Taylor- Page 5550

The Melbecks Society has held its second talk, of a programme of six, entitled Bird Watching in Upper Swaledale by Fiona and Graham Wilkinson. The rules of how to count birds was explained and examples shown of the many and varied species we have. Meetings are on the second Thursday of each month between October and March starting at 7.30pm at The Institute in Low Row. Visitors and new members are always welcome. Our next meeting is on Thursday 9th December, entitled 'Music Making in Swaledale - A Social History' by Duncan Bythell, plus Gordon's Wine Bar and supper. Visitor's entrance fee for this Christmas meeting is £3.00.

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Bedale are below us in the table and have had a poor record but they dominated the first half. At half time Aleks Karadzic came on and Dales played better. Excellent play from Ben Webster, who was voted man-of-the-match, in defence and some good saves by Lewis White in goal avoided a serious defeat. We were lucky to escape with a goalless draw. Bringing on younger or less experienced players for the friendly saw an early 2-0 lead but Bedale came back to win 2-6. Next Sunday we played Bedale Under 9's at home and who are above their Under 10's in the League. I didn't see the match but Dales played much better but still not at their full potential. We have changed the Friday training to separate the 2 squads which gives some logistical problems but has benefited both groups. Goals came from man-of-the-match Ben Metcalfe (3), Scott Alderson and James Metcalfe while again Ben Webster played well in defence. A lead at half time enabled Keith to bring on Tommy Marsh, Aleks and Charlie Dent who all performed well. 5-1 win. On the same Sundays the Under 12's played first Spennithorne away, Dales played well against a strong team. The whole team were commended for their performance. Joe Everitt was man-of-the-match but the result was a still creditable 3-2 loss with both goals coming from the boot of Ed Tiplady. The next week I was fortunate to be able to watch the match at Barton and inside information told me Barton were confident of 3 points. After 30 seconds, however, almost from the kick

off, Dales passed the ball out to Jack Hammond on the right wing who made a near perfect pass to Ed Tiplady who hammered it into the net. A classic goal. We had first half advantage of the slope and the speed and power of the first goal seemed to shell shock Barton. Matthew Short took a goal kick all the way just to the left of the Barton goal and Ed powered in the second from an acute angle. Jack then made another good pass to Ed who made no mistake with the third. Playing uphill in the second half we expected some reverse but Ed made it 4 while a lapse gave Barton a consolation goal. It wasn't just the glory boys at the front who played well. We had missed Finn Shehan at Spenni but this time he was back to play well as did James Dent and Joe in defence as Barton did not lie down but fought hard but our defence, though often tested conceded no more. Meanwhile Ed made it 5 while Nathan Tulip finally got his name on the scoresheet with a well deserved goal. All played so well that Mark and I could not single out a man-of-the-match but Barton were very complimentary of and nominated Ed. This was a really good game of football and perhaps not as one sided as the score suggests. 1-6 win. Our Under 8's are now being coached at 10.30 on Sunday mornings on the Athletic Field by Paul Harker. We would very much welcome more players - boys and girls aged over 6. Please give me a ring. As we go to press they are about to enter their first tournament. Our stunning new pavilion and MUGA are nearly ready and only await NEDL to get off their backsides and provide an electricity supply which we paid for some months ago.

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