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**by**  
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# CHURCH SERVICES in Swaledale & Arkengarthdale

## Sunday 31st January

10.30am St. Mary's Arkengarthdale  
*United Parish Service*  
*Speaker from The Children's Society*  
 Low Row URC  
 Reeth Methodist  
 11.00am St. Edmund's Marske  
*Eucharist*  
 Reeth Evangelical Congregational  
 2.30pm Gunnerside Methodist  
 6.30pm Reeth Evangelical Congregational

## Sunday 14th February

9.30am St. Andrew's, Grinton  
*Eucharist*  
 St. Michael's, Downholme  
*Holy Communion*  
 10.30am Low Row URC  
 Reeth Methodist  
*Family Service*  
 11.00am St. Edmund's Marske  
*Morning Service*  
 Reeth Evangelical Congregational  
 11.15am St. Mary's, Arkengarthdale  
*Holy Communion BCP*  
 2.30pm Gunnerside Methodist  
 6.00pm St. Mary's, Muker  
*Family Service*  
 6.30pm Reeth Evangelical Congregational

## Sunday 28th February

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  
 Reeth Methodist  
 11.00am St. Edmund's, Marske  
*Eucharist*  
 Reeth Evangelical Congregational  
 11.15am St. Mary's Arkengarthdale  
*Holy Communion BCP*  
 2.30pm Gunnerside Methodist  
*Holy Communion*  
 6.30pm Reeth Evangelical Congregational

## Sunday 7th February

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  
 2.00pm Keld URC  
 2.30pm Arkengarthdale Methodist  
 6.00pm St. Andrew's Grinton  
*Evening Prayer BCP*  
 6.30pm Reeth Evangelical Congregational

## Sunday 21st February

9.30am St. Mary's Muker  
*Holy Communion*  
 10.30am Low Row URC  
 Reeth Methodist  
*Family Service*  
 11.00am Holy Trinity Low Row  
*Holy Communion BCP*  
 St. Edmund's, Marske  
*Eucharist*  
 Reeth Evangelical Congregational  
 2.00pm Keld URC  
 2.30pm Arkengarthdale Methodist  
*Holy Communion*  
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## THANKYOU

A huge thank you to Jed and Ian at Dorant 4x4 in Reeth, who got spare parts delivered though the snow and both worked on my Land Rover through Christmas Eve afternoon to get me back on the road in time for the Christmas services- Revd Caroline Hewlett, Vicar.

**DALES WATCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The Annual General Meeting of the Swaledale and Arkengarthdale Daleswatch organisation will take place on 8th February 2010 in the Buck Hotel at 7.30pm. All are welcome to attend. If you are interested in learning what Daleswatch 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 volunteer your help. We look forward to seeing you there.

**Reeth Athletic 300 Club**

Reeth Athletic Club 300 Club - 1<sup>st</sup> draw will be held on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2010. Don't forget to renew your membership, contact Alex Pealing (886767) You may be a winner!

**Swale Singer's Concert**

The Swale Singers will be singing Pergolesi's Magnificat & Schubert's Mass in G on Saturday March 27th at St Mary's Church, Arkengarthdale, 7.30pm Tickets £5.00 available at the door or from David Crapper 01748 886325

**What's On In Reeth Memorial Hall**

**Friday 12th February** - 8pm - Lander & Gareth Davies-Jones - double-header - "A Lander & Gareth Davies-Jones concert brings variety by the bucketful as they flow effortlessly between hauntingly beautiful ballads, livelier soulful explorations of life, jaunty jazz and folk tunes and the bounciest of jigs." (Hexham Courant). Bellingham based Fiona Lander and Paul Mason collectively known as 'Lander & Gareth Davies-Jones' have been writing, recording and performing together since 2000. Multi instrumentalist Fiona (vocals, piano, whistles, saxes, clarinet

and recorder) and Paul (guitars and vocals) have developed a unique sound which displays their undoubted talents. They combine both traditional and contemporary folk with jazz and other styles in their beautiful and striking arrangements. "Lander & Gareth Davies-Jones were musically excellent, showing off technical ability but also adding heart and soul into their songs. Lander showed impressive command of multiple instruments whilst Mason's jazz-tinged folk guitar-playing was exceptional". (Edinburgh Festival). Combining Folk, Americana, Roots and Acoustic traditions the Irish-born singer-songwriter Gareth Davies-Jones demonstrates that the legacy of well-written, descriptive music laid down by the likes of Woody Guthrie still lives on here in the UK. "Gareth is a fresh new voice.... real songs with some real things to say, in a melodic and entertaining way. He's a fine addition to the troubadour tradition." (Jez Lowe). As well as individual tracks from both Gareth and Lander & Gareth Davies-Jones, there will be several joint numbers in each set. Two concerts for the price of one! £10 (£12 door) **Friday 26th February** - Anna Shannon (BBC Radio Yorkshire Songwriter of the Year 2006). "She's a truly fine multi-instrumentalist, a great singer and as far as I'm concerned, a major songwriting talent. The clubs and festivals are yearning for what she has to offer." (Vin Garbutt). Support by Tippin the Wink. £6 (£8 door).

# REETH & DISTRICT GAZETTE

## EDITORIAL

Hello again and a Happy new Year to you all! I apologise for the loss of the January issue, but as you will appreciate, the weather conditions were so extreme that it was impossible to publish in reasonable time so we decided to join the January and February issues. Advertisers will have their invoices adjusted accordingly. The weather was pretty bad, but what seemed to be worse was the lack of suitable gritting material as well as late ploughing. I realise that there has been much criticism about this but I feel that much of it should be aimed at the policy makers, NOT the work force that have to carry out the decisions. I have got to say that personally I have found that Mike Woodford and the team have done a really good job in extreme conditions, conditions that at times seemed to hark back to the winter of 1963. In particular, the locals who have manned the ploughs and brought grit, have been very responsive. No, the problem does not rest with them but with the higher authority which dictates the policy, when, where and how to grit. We need in our Two Dales to make our voice and feelings felt as we often feel we are totally forgotten. If you call, write or phone your local County Councillor, John Blackie, you will find, as I and many others have, him to be very helpful and caring. He is our voice who is ready, willing and able to state our feelings on our behalf - use him! GML

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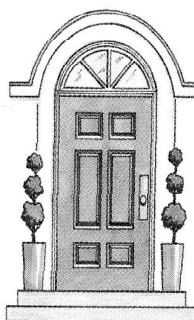
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## THANK YOU

A big thank you to the kind gentleman who so generously let me have the copy of "Arkengarthdale-a moment in time". It was so very much appreciated. Heidi Collins, Langthwaite.

## REETH BONFIRE

On behalf of the committee I extend a big, big thank you to everyone who brought only acceptable items to the bonfire. The mobile skip service from RDC worked very well for other items and this will be repeated next year. With current regulation and legislation, the position of the bonfire in respect to the public and what we can put on it is really out of our hands. One respected resident of Reeth commented that this year the bonfire "looked a proper job."

May I also thank all the committee for all their hard work on November 5th and January 1st, they really do 'work their socks off'. Malcolm Gardner, Chairman.

## DALES WATCH

We would welcome new and previous members to take part in organised patrols with Police presence in our two Dales. We particularly are in need of a co-ordinator for the top end of Swaledale. This is not a time consuming job as all the operations would be co-ordinated through our main man in Reeth. May I extend a warm invitation to you all to our AGM on Monday 8th February, 7.30pm in the Buck Hotel in

Reeth, to find out more about us and how you can help the community in which you live. Malcolm Gardner, Chairman

## THANK YOU

The Gazette Team recently had our Christmas night out at the Kearton Country Hotel. It was a superb evening and may I extend our sincere thanks to all the staff for an excellent meal and for looking after us so well. Thanks also to Malcolm Terry for his bus.

Malcolm Gardner, Chairman.

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IF IN DOUBT - CALL 999. I am

concerned that sometimes patients call the surgery to alert the doctors before calling for an ambulance. REMEMBER: 999 first

Doctor second One of the doctors will come to you as soon as possible, but vital

time can be lost waiting for one of us to arrive when an ambulance can already be on the way, carrying life-saving equipment.

Dr Anderson or I may be with another patient, out visiting or out of mobile telephone range. Your message will reach

us as soon as possible, but in a life-threatening situation, the emergency services are the first and best course of

action. I know some of you may think '*I don't want to bother the emergency services*'. Please don't worry. The

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urgency of the situation. An ambulance can always be cancelled if ultimately it is not required, but it is vital to be safe than sorry. ON LINE APPOINTMENTS

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BY E-MAIL & BLOGGING Whilst I'm in the technological vein, some of you have

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personal details, these are held in the strictest confidence and will not be divulged to any other party. If you would

like contact by email, just mention this to Janice or Vicki, and if you wish, we can send you the Reeth Gazette articles and

the Reeth Medical Centre Newsletters by email. Just let us know. You can also view our new blog on our website:

[www.reeth.org.uk](http://www.reeth.org.uk). I'm keen to encourage discussion, tell you about new medical

advances, answer questions, so please log on and join in. HEALTH VISITOR SERVICES AT REETH MEDICAL

CENTRE Those of you with young babies and children will know that Vicci Aylesbury, has moved to her home ground of

Harrogate. Naturally, we were sad to see her go, but the good news is that the service is going to be retained, and we will

still have a Health Visitor here on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of every month. In addition, you can contact the Health

Visitors by telephone at any time, just by calling the Friary Clinic where they are based on 01748 822122. Initially, Ann

Metcalfe, Assistant Practitioner, will be in attendance at the Reeth clinics. Ann is based at the Friary Clinic in Richmond. Ann works in liaison with Kath Wise and Pam

Spear, both Health Visitors, who can also be contacted at the Friary. In addition, their Team Leader is called Gill Common,



who can be contacted on **01609 751333**. All of these, of course, will work in close consultation with the doctors. I know we are all keen to retain the services of the Health Visitor, so please make the most of their visits to Reeth. Finally, I'd like to wish a happy and healthy New Year to you all. All the best - Mike Brookes and the Team.

### GOOD NEWS FROM ST. MARYS ARKENGARThDALE

The first phase of the refurbishment of the windows at St. Mary's Arkengarthdale was completed in time for Christmas. The stonework to the crumbling East window and to all the windows on the North side of the church was replaced and the rare cast iron frames refurbished so that they should last for another 100 years. The members of the church are very grateful to all the Dalesfolk who generously gave money and support to this major venture and to visitors and those scattered supporters who also contributed. We also recognise the tremendous help received from English Heritage who not only gave advice but also granted us over half the cost of the repairs. We are now considering the repairs to the South windows which are in a similar state of distress to those on the North before their repair. Since we have, as expected, expended all the funds raised for the first phase, we have applied to English Heritage for a 100% grant for the second phase. We have recently heard that our application has cleared the first hurdle and we hope that we shall be sufficiently successful to allow the replacement of the South windows to take place during the

Autumn of 2010. Our sincere thanks again to all those who have supported this work

### What's On in February 2010 at the Dales Countryside Museum, Hawes

**Exhibition** 27 February - 28 March Writer and photographer, David Morgan Rees presents "A Village in View - Marske in Swaledale" Drawings, watercolours and photographs of a special Dales community  
**Events** 16 February "Sheep to Scarf" Demonstration in the museum foyer between 2 - 5pm. Fran Coates will explain all the processes from the raw fleece, through dyeing, carding, spinning, and knitting techniques 17 February "Discover and Do" An afternoon of craft activities for children. 2 - 4pm. £3 charge.

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Completed application forms should be returned to the Secretary by the 8<sup>th</sup> March 2010.

**MARCH DEADLINE  
IS  
FEBRUARY 15TH**



The weather has taken a serious toll on matches and practices alike and we are well behind schedule.

On 22 November the Under 10's travelled to Hawes to play on a very soggy field. Nathan Tulip opened the scoring with a nice pass from Ben Metcalfe to be followed by a lucky goal from Thomas Walker which bounced over the goalie's head. Nathan then got a long shot off the post. Second half goals came from Scott Alderson, Nathan and Ben Metcalfe. Samuel Cocksedge was noticeable in defence. A 0-6 win was a good result although Hawes are bottom of the League but they never let up and the score would have been much higher were it not for excellent work from the Hawes keeper. The squad was joined by Zack Alderson, Sean Nicholson and Sam Winter to play a 10-a-side friendly while Hawes brought on a couple of older lads. Scott scored 2 and Nathan 1 to give a 0-3 win. On Sunday 13 December Under 10's entertained Barton at home. Dales started a little wobbly but were unlucky to concede a first half goal. Matthew Short played very well in goal. Dales woke up and were on top most of the second half. Tommy Marsh scored 2 good goals and had or made other chances to be man-of-the-match. Barton got the equaliser towards the end in a goalmouth tussle when our keeper was on the ground in arguably a foul but the melee of players prevented the referee from seeing so the inevitable goal could not be disallowed. All in all a very good game. 2-2

draw. An 11-a-side friendly followed and Tommy got his hat trick with goals also from Nathan and Scott. In the second half, Nathan scored again with Harry Potter but then Dales flagged allowing 3 in to give a 5-3 win. Our Under 8's participated in a mini tournament at Spennithorne on a rare fine day. It has to be said that our squad were "rather challenged" with insufficient depth to the team and we need to identify a recognised goalie. Results briefly were; lost 8-0 to Spennithorne; 5 -2 to Bedale and 5-1 to Leyburn and 7-1 to Leyburn again in the semi final. Nathan Brown scored 2 and Oliver Cocksedge 1 with at last a final goal from James Metcalfe on his birthday. We were told other teams were playing older players and we could easily have done so as Ben Metcalfe and Harry Potter were supporting their younger brothers and were anxious to play but the whole idea is to give up and coming players a chance.

Our Under 14's had no matches and little training because of weather and lack of pitches. We hope for better weather in the New Year.

David Williams 884650

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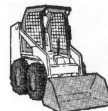
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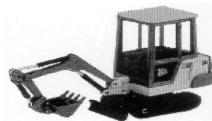
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We would like to offer our sincere thanks to a couple of residents in Swaledale for their assistance in helping us get out of a tricky situation.

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## Adventures of our Community Bus

Our trip to Northallerton on 23rd December proved quite a challenge. Despite the snow and ice we pulled out of Reeth with relative ease, but dropping Freddy off in Richmond was quite another thing. The steep bank out of the estate required all our driver's skills and patience. However plenty of shovel loads of grit and a running start meant we were on our way again. We all had a super time, especially as it was market day and a welcome opportunity to stock up before Christmas. The programme for February includes Skipton Market on Saturday 6th, Harrogate on 13th, Teesside Park on 20th and on 27th Kendal. The usual shopping trips to Tesco (1st February), Northallerton (10th), Richmond (17th) and Barnard Castle (22nd) will be running. As ever if you would like more information don't hesitate to contact Gail on 01748 8 8 0 0 2 1 or by email at:rcdtransport@husdonshouse.info. She is always ready for new ideas for visits. The new programme for the Spring will be out for March.

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### Message From The Swaledale Museum

Thank you everyone who came to the Friends Christmas Party, it was wonderful to see so many people. We managed to slip it in just before the first (and lasting) snowfall of the Season! Special thanks to 'Five Pearls and a Piano' who entertained us with great verve and made sure we all sang in tune to the carols!. John Baker has done an excellent job pointing the exterior of the Museum, which looks very handsome and we thank the Friends of the Museum for raising the money to do this. It had become an urgent job. We hope that by the time you read this Phillip Calvert will have laid a new floor in the Museum, in our campaign to make it a warmer place! New displays are being installed ready for our Easter opening on Good Friday. Don't forget the Friends of the Museum talk on 27th February, 2pm in the Reeth Methodist Chapel Schoolroom by Helen Bainbridge on 'Prehistoric City in Swaledale!'. Antiquarian Discoveries in Swaledale'. This lecture was inspired by a D&S headline reporting on the excavations carried out by Edward Fawcett at Muker in 1930. We will be looking at archaeological evidence reported from the 1700s. The March talk will be by Duncan Bythell on 31st, his subject 'Swaledale: A Rural Backwater? Change and Decay 1890-1950'. This will be the last talk held in the Reeth Methodist Chapel at 2pm before we revert to our evening timetable in the Museum in April. Our Knitting Cafe will meet at Margaret Abson's in Reeth at 2pm on 22nd February. We will be discussing our strategy for 'Woolfest', to which we have been invited to demonstrate, on 26th June. We hope you noted the Northern Echo

article on News Year's Day reporting on our latest acquisition, the handsome Swaledale Tournament of Song shield, which was discovered during a clear-out of an old chicken shed near Topcliffe. It was acquired by the Swaledale Festival who kindly donated it to our Museum. We want to know more about the Tournament (the shield covers the years 1907-37) ,and why it ended up in Topcliffe, are there any photographs out there? Thank you all those who have come forward with information about local samplers for our Spring show: 'A Stitch in Time - Samplers from the Dales - Past and Present'. This exhibition celebrates the art of the sampler from the 1700s to current work from the Richmond and Leyburn Embroiderers' Guild. The Swaledale Museum in Reeth is delighted to continue the partnership with the Guild established last year. Examples of their accomplished and inspiring work will be set in the context of historic samplers loaned from all over the Dale, on public show for the first time. As usual if you have any information or enquiries contact Helen Bainbridge at the Museum on 01748 8 8 4 1 1 8 o r e - m a i l : [museum.swaledale@btinternet.com](mailto:museum.swaledale@btinternet.com), don't forget to check our website [www.swaledalemuseum.org](http://www.swaledalemuseum.org).

Muker Show Annual Domino Drive will be held in Muker Public Hall on Friday February 26th at 7-30pm. Admission £4 including supper.

### THANK YOU

We would like to thank John Blackie, Robert Stones, Gunnerside Estate, neighbours and friends for their help during the snowy weather. Kathy & Sinclair



### **New Year Resolution – Computer Cleanup!**

If you are anything like me you will have already failed on your New Year resolutions but here is a task that will make life easier for you and hopefully make your computer run a bit faster – TIDY UP YOUR COMPUTER! A few ideas to get you started:

1) File all those muddled documents into properly named folders (this applies to any computer – Windows, Mac or Linux). Create new folders with clear names and move all your documents into the appropriate places. You could even rename some of your documents so that they are more easily identifiable. These could be word processing documents, spreadsheets or even photos, music and videos.

2) Delete rubbish! I seem to accumulate documents such as letters (and especially useless blurred photos) and never get around to pruning the rubbish. While you are filing why not delete some of the old stuff you no longer need. It will make it easier to find the useful stuff in future. If you can't bear to part with the rubbish stick it on a labelled CD or DVD and file it away – you will probably never use it but at least you know it is there and it no longer clutters up your computer.

The rest is for Windows users only:

3) Remove accumulated rubbish. Download and install the fantastic free tool Cleaner from [www.ccleaner.com](http://www.ccleaner.com). When you start up the program you can click on RUN at the bottom and it will clear away all the useless rubbish that accumulates over time. One

warning though after cleaning you will need to log back into websites that you regularly visit – if you want to avoid that untick “cookies” on the left (it is listed for each browser you may use, Internet Explorer, Firefox, Opera or Google Chrome). Alternatively, and better, use the options to set the cookies you don't want to delete automatically. (Another warning – unless you know what you are doing avoid using the Registry Cleaner on the left). Tools on the left gives quick access if you want to uninstall any programs you don't use.

4) Defragment your hard disk. File gradually get splattered all over your hard disk and get disorganised. Defragmenting your hard disk can help make the disk more efficient and speed up your computer. A basic tool is included with Windows (go to start, click on Computer and then right click on your hard disk and select properties – the defrag tool is hidden in the Tools tab). It isn't the best tool but it has the merit of being there and free. If you want to do the best job I thoroughly recommend Perfect Disk ([www.perfectdisk.com](http://www.perfectdisk.com)) either the Home or Professional version which not only defrags your hard disk but also reorganises the contents to make it more efficient and less prone to become fragmented again.

That's it for this month. My new website, [www.dalescomputerservices.com](http://www.dalescomputerservices.com), is now up and running – pop along and sign up to receive regular newsletters and chat in the forum. You can tell me how you got on with your cleanup or ask questions. If you have any ideas for future subjects to cover in these articles why not drop me a line.

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### A Piece Of Swaledale History

A piece of Swaledale history has been returned to the dale and put into the care of the local museum by the Swaledale Festival - and it's all a bit of a mystery! In the early part of the last century Swaledale, like Wensleydale, had its own 'Tournament of Song' in which local choirs competed for a fine shield which recorded their victories on plaques which were added each year. Earlier this year, while an old barn near Topcliffe was being cleared out, the Swaledale Tournament of Song Shield came to light after being hidden for decades under agricultural grime; but no one knows its history or how it got there. It was handed over to keen Rotarian Alan Nuttall, in the expectation that if any organisation knew what to do with it, it would be the Rotary Club with its network of members and contacts. Alan's first thought was that as it came from

Swaledale it ought to go back there and, seeing that the Richmond Musical Society had won the the Shield in 1934 and 1935, he searched for them on the Internet. That search quickly took him to the website of the Richmondshire Choral Society and its current chairman, Janet Hall, who was asked if the choir would like to have the shield. Janet explained that there was nowhere for the Society to display it. However, Janet discussed the Shield with fellow board members of the Swaledale Festival, and it was decided that the best home for it would be the Swaledale Museum in Reeth. The Shield design is appropriate for instrumentalists as well as singers, as it is decorated with an embossed silver crest depicting brass instruments, along with a tiny musical score of the National Anthem. Former winners of the Shield, between 1908 and 1937, include the Mowbray Chorus, Northallerton Music Society, Thirsk Choral Society, Catterick Choral Society and Northallerton Congregational Choir. The top plaque - for 1907 - is missing; could this be the first year of the Tournament and, if so, who were the winners? And there the mystery deepens: what was the Swaledale Tournament of Song? and how did the Shield get into a barn in Topcliffe? "It's a very handsome shield and a bit of a puzzle", said Swaledale Museum curator Helen Clifford. "We would love to hear from anyone who has any information about the Swaledale Tournament of Song, its history, or photographs of the winning choirs." Helen can be emailed at [museum.swaledale@btinternet.com](mailto:museum.swaledale@btinternet.com), and the Shield will be on display when the Museum re-opens at Easter 2010.

Bedale Archaeology & History Society

The Society's programme for the first six months of 2010 is as follows:

12 Jan. Annual General Meeting followed by Robert Hird, *Shoemaker, Bedale*, a talk by Professor David Kirby, local historian

2 Feb. *Historic Gardens of Swaledale & Wensleydale*, Val Hepworth, garden historian

2 Mar. *Hadrian's Wall and Roman Britain*, a lavishly illustrated talk by Derry Brabbs, landscape photographer

6 Apr. *Costume through the Ages*, Louisa Gidney, Rentapeasant

4 May *The SWAAG Project*, Peter Denison-Edison, archaeologist i/c the Swaledale & Arkengarthdale Archaeology Group

1 June *The Pyramids of Yorkshire*, David Wimpenny, local author.

Bedale Archaeology & History Society was founded in 1999 and covers Bedale and the surrounding area. We have a programme of talks usually held at 7.30 pm on the first Tuesday in the month in Bedale Hall. Our speakers include professional archaeologists and historians and experienced amateurs. We organize visits to local places of archaeological and historical interest. We also carry out research into topics of mainly local and regional interest, with site visits and many opportunities for fieldwork. We have links with similar groups in the region, giving members even more opportunity for involvement. The Society produces a newsletter, which is free to members. We welcome everybody interested in archaeology and history, irrespective of their level of knowledge and experience. The annual subscription is £12 per adult (schoolchildren and full-time

students free) and is due on 1 January. Non-members are welcome to attend meetings and trips for a charge of £2 (schoolchildren and full-time students free). Topics lined up for the second half of 2010 include *Masham's lost cemetery*, *Sutton Hoo* and *Swaledale voices*. For details of meetings or a copy of the newsletter please contact the secretary, Patricia Tricker, preferably by e-mail (arch@phonecoop.coop), or on 01677 450176 (after 7.30 pm only please).



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**8th** Dales Watch AGM in the Buck Hotel at 7.30pm  
**12th** Concert in Reeth Memorial Hall - Lander-mason and Gareth Davies-Jones. 8pm  
**26th** Concert in Reeth Memorial Hall at 8pm  
- Anne Shannon  
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**MARCH**

- 12th** Keld Domino and Whist Drive, Keld Public Hall at 7.30pm  
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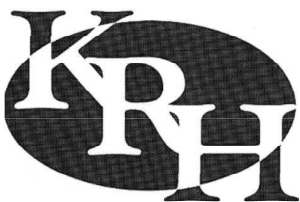
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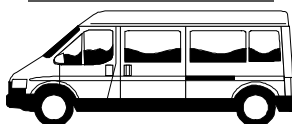
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February is National Heart Month and thousands of people across the country have already signed up and are planning many red-themed fundraisers including dinners, coffee mornings, quizzes, Valentine dances, sponsored challenges such as skydiving, plus bingo and bake sales. People can also get involved in National Wear Red Day on Friday 26 February 2010 and the BHF is calling on schools, colleges, businesses, sporting groups and Rotary Clubs to take part by donning red and raising essential funds in the fight against heart disease. Boxes of Red for Heart pin badges are available to order online to sell at work, or put out in the local community. Lucy Watson, BHF Fundraising Manager in North Yorkshire, said: "Across the UK we aim to raise £1.5 million during the Red for Heart campaign, to help save lives. There are fundraising ideas for everyone, from wearing red, to being a red devil for the day and skydiving from 14,000 feet! "I hope the people of North Yorkshire will encourage friends, family and colleagues to get involved this February and 'be a part of Red for Heart' to help the BHF make a real difference."

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## Sing Hallelujah

The Swale Singers concert in Gunnerside on December 5th was well attended. The audience were invited to join in singing the Hallelujah Chorus from Handel's Messiah. This was recorded and sent to the BBC website which had encouraged choirs across the country to do the same. A composite Hallelujah Chorus made up from a number of choirs including ours can now be accessed on the BBC website. For anyone interested to hear the result, the following link:-

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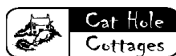
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The cookies I'd nibbled,  
the chocolate I'd taste  
At the holiday parties  
had gone to my waist.

When I got on the scales  
there arose such a number!  
When I walked to the store  
(less a walk more a lumber),

I'd remember the marvellous meals  
I'd prepared;  
The gravies and sauces and  
beef nicely rared,  
The wine and the rum balls,  
the bread and the cheese  
And the way I'd never said,  
"No thank you, please."

As I dressed myself in my husband's old  
shirt  
And prepared once again to do battle with  
dirt  
I said to myself, as I only can,  
"You can't spend a Summer,  
disguised as a man!"

So, away with the last of the sour cream  
dip.  
Get rid of the fruit cake,  
every cracker and chip.  
Every last bit of food that I like  
must be banished  
Till all the additional ounces have vanished.

I won't have a cookie, not even a lick.  
I'll want only to chew on a long celery  
stick.  
I won't have hot biscuits,  
or corn bread, or pie.

I'll munch on a carrot and quietly cry.

I'm hungry, I'm lonesome,  
and life is a bore ...  
But isn't that what Januarys for?  
Unable to giggle, no longer a riot.  
Happy New Year to you all,  
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Then the Christmas Tree went up  
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Then on Saturday the twelfth  
They came and hung the lights  
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