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Two Dales*

PRICELESS

# CHURCH NOTICES in Swaledale & Arkengarthdale

## Sunday 7th NOVEMBER

- 9.15am St. Mary's Muker  
*Eucharist*
- 10.30am Low Row URC  
Reeth Methodist  
*Holy Communion*
- 11.00am St. Edmund's Marske  
Holy Trinity Low Row  
*Eucharist*  
Reeth Evangelical Congregational
- 2.30pm Arkengarthdale Methodist
- 6.00pm St. Andrew's, Grinton  
*Evening Prayer BCP*
- 6.30pm Reeth Evangelical Congregational

## Sunday 14th NOVEMBER

- 9.30am St. Andrew's, Grinton  
*Eucharist*  
St. Michael's, Downholme  
*Holy Communion*
- 10.30am Reeth Methodist
- 10.45am St. Mary's, Arkengarthdale  
*Remembrance Service and Laying of Wreath*  
Holy Trinity Low Row  
*Low Row & Muker Remembrance Service. We shall be joined by some members of the serving forces from Catterick Garrison*  
*The collection will be donated to "Help for Heroes"*
- 11.00am St. Edmund's Marske  
*Morning Service*  
Reeth Evangelical Congregational
- 2.00pm Keld URC & Low Row
- 2.30pm Gunnerside Methodist
- 3.00pm St. Andrew's, Grinton  
*Remembrance Service- Parade gathers from Reeth at 2pm*
- 6.30pm Reeth Evangelical Congregational

## 11th NOVEMBER

**11.00am Reeth War Memorial - Act of Remembrance**

## Sunday 21st NOVEMBER

- 9.15am St. Mary's Muker  
*Eucharist*
- 10.30am Low Row URC  
*Holy Communion*  
Reeth Methodist  
*Family Service*
- 11.00am Holy Trinity Low Row  
*Eucharist*  
St. Edmund's, Marske  
*Eucharist*  
Reeth Evangelical Congregational
- 2.30pm Arkengarthdale Methodist
- 6.30pm Gunnerside Methodist  
Reeth Evangelical Congregational

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## Sunday 28th NOVEMBER

- 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  
*Family Service*
- 11.00am St. Edmund's, Marske  
*Eucharist*  
Reeth Evangelical Congregational
- 11.15am St. Mary's Arkengarthdale  
*Crib Service with Baptism*
- 2.30pm Gunnerside Methodist
- 6.30pm Reeth Evangelical Congregational

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## GAZETTE DEADLINES

In order that we can distribute the Gazette at the beginning of each month, it is necessary to have a Deadline Date. The Deadline Dates for the next few months are as follows

**December: November 19th**

**January: December 15th**

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We cannot guarantee any entry but submission by the deadline is of considerable help.

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**(see article page 25)**

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**St Andrew's LUNCHEON -****Saturday 27 November at 12.30pm**

St Andrew's day will be celebrated this year with a luncheon at Fremington Sunday School - *instead* of the supper which has taken place in recent years. The 3 course meal, made and served by members of St Andrew's congregation in celebration of St Andrew's day and in support of a charity can be booked on a 'first come first served' basis to those contacting Susan by telephone 01748 884366 or email [susan.allison@talk21.com](mailto:susan.allison@talk21.com) Proceeds from the lunch; for which donations will be taken, is in aid of Heather Ritchie's Rugaid charity. Further details can be found here: [www.rug-aid.org](http://www.rug-aid.org) Many thanks from St Andrew's and Heather for your continuing support.

**St. Mary's Church - Arkengarthdale**

The next stage of our Window Restoration has started. We hope to be finished by Christmas!

The response to our appeal and later your support for fundraising efforts has been wonderful. This has allowed us to also complete Electrical Rewiring which was much needed. Happily the old chandeliers and lampshades have been retained, a generous donation paying for their refurbishment. There are new spotlights for the Choir and Altar and outside lighting is improved. So - Thank you to everyone who has helped these projects in any way. Please come and see the results.

**WELCOME PRIMROSE....**

Primrose has arrived!! For those of you that haven't noticed the yellow bus, it is your new community bus 'Primrose' who is joining her older counterpart 'Kevin' the silver bus to serve the community by

keeping people independent by offering a door to door service for all those essential day to day travel needs and of course those weekend trips out with friends, as well as local group use.

'Kevin' has served the community for 4 years and has over 130,000 miles under his fan belt! He has been stuck in mud and snow and thanks to our local farmers has been released, he has undertaken thousands of journeys and makes a real difference to over 200 people's lives. He works 6 days a week and sometimes even 7, and to the many that thought it would never last, well you can eat your hat. Reeth & District Community Transport has gone from strength to strength and is one of the most successful community transport projects on the road. Grateful thanks to Reeth Garage who make the time at very short notice to keep us on the road, you will be pleased to know there are now two of them! If you are not a member already, you are missing out on some fantastic days out, our friendly drivers are happy to help, so why not find out where we are going this winter, the winter brochure will be due out at the end of the month. Come and do your Christmas shopping with us and you don't have to worry about parking, or driving home in the dark, we do it all for you. For more information, call Gail on 880021.

**SWALEDALE AND ARKENGARTHDAL  
DALES WATCH ANNUAL GENERAL  
MEETING**

The Annual General Meeting of the Swaledale and Arkengarthdale Dales Watch will be held in the Buck Hotel on Monday 22 November at 7.30p. It is a public meeting and all are welcome to attend.

## WHAT'S ON IN REETH MEMORIAL HALL

**Friday 12th November**-The Tom McConville Band-Tom, known as The Newcastle Fiddler was Musician of the Year 2009 at the BBC Folk Awards. Tonight he is joined by David Newey (guitar, vocals) and Phil Murray (ex-Hedgehog Pie) on acoustic bass guitar. "This band is quite simply the top of the tree". (Mike Harding) £11 (£13 door)

**Saturday 27th November** - Peggy Seeger - support Punch in the Dark. Peggy returns to Reeth after her sell-out concert in 2008. She describes herself as folksinger, songmaker and activist, plays 5-string banjo, guitar, Appalachian dulcimer, autoharp, English concertina and piano. She along with her half-brother Pete Seeger are considered to be among North America's finest folksingers. £12 (£14 door)

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December**-7.30pm-North Country Theatre-*A Blood Wedding in Wensleydale!* -Cold Comfort Farm meets Carmen-Lorca's famous Spanish tale of feuding families, freely adapted and re-set in the farming communities of the Yorkshire Dales-3 Fights, 2 Weddings & a Funeral-adapted and directed by Nobby Dimon. Book early as this is the last night of the tour.£9 (£10 door if available).

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December** - 8pm - **Malinky**-Scotland's finest folksong group - support **Paula Ryan**-*"Scots music at its most evocative"* (Mojo). **Malinky** are Dave Wood (bouzouki, guitar, backing vocals), Fiona Hunter (lead vocals, cello), Mike Vass (fiddle, backing vocals), Steve Byrne (vocals, bouzouki, cittern, guitar). £11 (£13 door)  
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### Out and About with Reeth and Gunnarside Confederation

We have been very lucky so far this term to have been out to visit many different and interesting places. The Year 5 and 6 class went to Darlington to learn about animation from the BBC. We made films about our work on Tudor explorers. We are going to put them on our website if you want to have a look. We also went to Fountains Abbey and took part in a drama day to learn about the reasons behind the way Henry VIII treated the monks. Meanwhile Years 3 and 4 have been to Jorvik to help their work on Vikings. They visited a dig too so if you see lots of holes appearing in the area you will know why! Reception Year 1 and Year 2 have not been left out, They went to Grinton Church to christen their 'baby'. Rev Caroline took the service and the children played the parts of the family. They walked all the way back too - taking photos on the way for their project about light and dark.

We are all looking forward to Big Draw Day when local artists are joining us in school to celebrate our art skills. Year 5 and 6 R & G Schools



We were 'in role' as brothers of the monastery all day at Fountains Abbey. Did you know .....monks were not allowed to speak unless it was important. I hope Mum doesn't read about THAT idea

### NEWS FROM THE BELLERBY STUDY GROUP

"The 19<sup>th</sup> Century Workhouse" is Allen Mills's subject on Wednesday 10 November. Allen is a retired university dean and local historian with a special interest in lead mining, the Poor Law and vernacular buildings. He is the co-ordinator of the Reeth Poor Law Group. On Wednesday 17 November in "**Postcards from the Past**" Clive Torrens gives a pictorial history of the local area. Playing Northumbrian pipes, bodhran, Highland smallpipes, fiddle and guitar, *Rapscallion* completes this year's meetings with "**Music For The Seasons**". This traditional and contemporary folk group has performed in the last two Swaledale Festivals and appear on Wednesday 24 November. Study Group Meetings are held in the Memorial Hall, Church Street, Bellerby at 7.30pm. Fees are £10 per term, visitors and guests are welcome and can attend for £2.00 each per meeting. Contact Monica Morris, tel. 01969 625977 for further information.

### Ceilidh in KELD Public Hall

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### **The Children's Society**

Very many thanks to the 28 boxholders who contributed £500.92 for the Society. Thank you all for your generosity. The Children's Society believes that all children deserve a good childhood. They work with children at risk on the streets; disabled children; young refugees and with children in trouble with the law.

£10 could pay to train a volunteer to act as a mentor for young teenagers on bail, helping them keep out of prison and go back to school

£15 could pay for a Big Bag full of the basic essentials a runaway child needs

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£25 pays for blankets and sheets or pans, cups, cutlery and plates for a young refugee living alone.

More information about The Children's Society is available on their website [www.childrenssociety.org.uk](http://www.childrenssociety.org.uk). Christmas cards can be ordered on line or ring 0844 415 7853. If you would like to become a boxholder please contact Pauline Oldershaw on 01748 886790

### **WENSLEYDALE DECORATIVE AND FINE ARTS SOCIETY**

#### **JEWELS AND THE CROWN**

We are all familiar with the magnificent portraits of Henry VIII and Elizabeth I with their sumptuous clothes and fabulous jewels; in "The Splendour of Sovereignty during the Tudor and Jacobean Periods" you can discover the role of jewellery to a monarch in the 16<sup>th</sup> and early 17<sup>th</sup> centuries. Was it worn as a symbol of

power or an expression of glory? Was it a method of communication between a monarch and the people? Susan Ruffitt will also describe the influence of Europe on English jewellery and how jewellery was remodelled from sovereign to sovereign. The lecture will use paintings and original evidence to explore the splendour of our sovereigns. Susan is an independent jewellery advisor, auction consultant and a specialist on BBC Antiques Roadshow. Previously she worked at Phillip's Auctioneers from 1996 as an international jewellery specialist and then Head of Department from 1999-2002 This Wensleydale Decorative and Fine Arts Society lecture is on Tuesday 9 November at 2.00pm in Middleham Key Centre. Non-members are welcome at £5 per lecture and membership and further information is available from the Membership Secretary, tel. 01969 624203.

### **The Yorkshire Dales Branch Of The Young Archaeologists Club**

Places have become available at the Club. We are based at the Dales Countryside Museum in Hawes and meet once a month on a Saturday morning. This year our activities have been based on the Vikings. We have made Viking pots, a model longhouse, jewellery and stone carvings. We have visited York Viking Festival and had a day out in Bursall with coracle racing, Viking crafts and boat burning !! We are currently planning activities and trips out with a medieval theme for 2011. If you are aged between 8 and 16 and would like to know more or want to join us, talk to Fiona or Debbie on 01969 666210 or email [dcm@yorkshiredales.org.uk](mailto:dcm@yorkshiredales.org.uk)



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### 70's & 80's DISCO NIGHT

The Disco night in aid of Yorkshire Air Ambulance features a "big" Hog Roast and Licensed Bar. 70's and 80' fancy dress is essential. It will be held on 20th November (8 till late) in Gunnerside Village Hall. Tickets are £10 from Julie Chadwick, Keld (886698) and Paula Leeson at the Kings Head, Gunnerside (886216). Support a great cause and have some fun!

### "REMEMBRANCE DAY"

The British Legion Act OF Remembrance and wreath laying is at 11 am on the 11th November at the War Memorial on Reeth Green. The Remembrance Day Church Service is at 3pm at St. Andrew's Church, Grinton with the Parade gathering at Reeth at 2.00 pm on Sunday 14th November.

### WINE AND CHEESE PARTY - HOLY TRINITY MELBECKS ORGAN RESTORATION APPEAL

A wine and cheese evening, with a very good raffle, will be held at Ling Garth, Low Row, on Friday 12 November at 7.30 pm, to support the Organ Restoration Appeal for Holy Trinity Church, Melbecks. Tickets (£10 donation each) from Carolyn and Ronald Stevenson, Tel: 886004, or at the door. Please come and enjoy a jolly evening, for a worthy cause.

### HOLY TRINITY MELBECKS ORGAN RESTORATION APPEAL CHOIR CONCERT

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.



## Let them eat cake! (or drink wine)

The advice on consumption of safe limits of alcohol has long been the focus of government and NHS concern. The effectiveness of the messages being promoted is still under review, but the reality is that 33,000 deaths each year are associated with alcohol misuse, mainly resulting from stroke, cancer, liver disease, accidental injury or suicide. Particularly worrying is a steady increase in deaths in the 27 to 30 year old age group. The current price tag to the NHS of treating patients with alcohol related illness is a massive £3 billion pounds a year. Whilst I've no wish to stop anyone from enjoying a drink, it does no harm to raise awareness about how much is too much. So here goes: In the UK we measure alcohol in units. A unit of alcohol is, more or less, the amount of alcohol that an average healthy adult can metabolize or 'burn up' in one hour, rather like the measurement of calories. Without getting into the science of how a 'unit' is measured, the simplest way is to identify how many units are in your favourite tipple. For example:

An average bottle of wine (750ml) at 13.5% of alcohol = 10 units

- Most pub measures, even if you ask for a small glass of wine, are around 250ml. That's nearly 3.5 units.

Drinking a couple of glasses of wine, therefore, means you've had 7 units. Given that the recommended safe alcohol limit for women is 14 units per week, two

glasses of wine, twice a week means you've reached that limit. The recommended limit for men is 21 units (sorry ladies, men can metabolize alcohol more effectively than women).

Beer drinkers fare slightly better.

- A pint of bitter is 2.8 units and a pint of lager 3, but of course, some ales have a higher alcohol content.
- A single shot of spirits, e.g. gin or whiskey is 1 unit, and a bottle of the popular 'alcopops' is 1.4 units.

When drinking at home these measurements become more difficult to judge, and the temptation to have a quick 'top-up' can take you well over the recommended limit. Here are a few tips on how to keep track:

- Use a small glass
- Drink 'spritizers' (eg. add water or lemonade to have a drink that lasts longer)
- Have a glass of water before you pour your drink so you don't use your tipple to quench your thirst
- Alternate alcoholic drinks with a soft drink
- Invest in a small measuring cup to measure the amount you are pouring
- Resist the temptation to take a gulp and top it up!
- Don't save up your units to have a 'big night' - even more dangerous to the body!

Kim, our nurse practitioner, mentioned that her teenage daughter was horrified to find out how many calories there are in alcohol.

She believes that if more young people realised how many calories they are consuming, it would have a greater impact than talking about units all the time. In a Department of Health survey taken last year of 2,000 adults, four in 10 admitted they didn't know the facts about calories in alcohol. So here goes:

- 115 calories in a small glass of wine (175ml)
- 170 in a pint of beer
- 52 in a single measure of spirits
- Anywhere between 90 and 225 in alcopops!

The average wine drinker puts on half a stone of fat in a year due to the excess calories they consume. This is because the body converts the alcohol content to sugar. A woman who drinks 2 large glasses of wine a day is not only over her recommended daily limit for alcohol consumption, but also takes in nearly 20% percent of her daily calorie allowance, at approximately 370kcal in total. In other words, the equivalent of eating a large slice of cake or two bars of chocolate! Sobering news! I do hope this clarifies the sometimes confusing messages. If you are concerned about your drinking levels, or feel you'd like to cut down, do come and have a chat with either Kim, Adrian or me. We have lots of resources that can help start you off on the right track and provide the support you need to maintain a healthy balance. All the best

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At the first meeting of the season it was pleasing to meet many of our regular members as well as some new faces. Mrs. Helen Weatherall arrived with a veritable forest of plants and cuttings from the garden. We began by commiserating with her as she recounted the damage to her garden last winter by hungry hoards of rabbits, invading sheep and burrowing moles. We all joined in with our own tales of precious plants and trees lost to marauding rabbits. Next we were introduced into the correct way to take cuttings from the various plants she had brought. Then armed with secateurs and sharp knives we were all invited to help ourselves and to take cuttings from the many plants on display. As a result members happily went home bearing little plant pots of choice cuttings, like children going home from a party. The next meeting will be on November 8th at 2pm in Reeth Memorial Hall when Marjorie Daniels will give a pictorial talk of gardens she has visited during then summer. If you are interested in gardens and gardening you are most welcome to join us.

## **YDNP MEMBER CHAMPIONS**

The Authority has two new Member Champions, whose job is to represent and promote their particular area internally and externally. Professional historian Roger Bingham becomes Member Champion for Conservation of the Natural Environment while Stuart Parsons is the new Member Champion for Promoting Understanding. Roger was born at Milnthorpe and educated at Milnthorpe before going on to Cambridge and other universities. He is a founder member of the Holme & District History Society has for 12 years been councillor for Lower Kentdale on Cumbria C. C. Born and bred in Richmond, Stuart attended Richmond School and University College London. He moved to France for a year and became director of a hotel and then became operations HR manager for the EuroDisneyland theme park. Since returning to Richmond, he has been a member of Richmond Town Council, Richmondshire District Council and North Yorkshire County Council.

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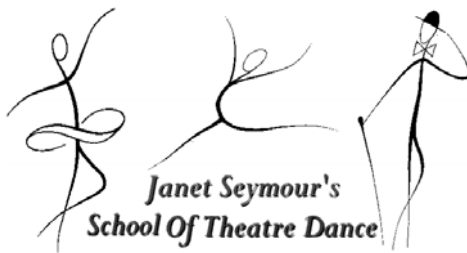
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### **Making and Storing Backups – Revisited**

I had an interesting phone call this month about an article I wrote a while ago recommending backing up computers to DVD. Unfortunately I was not here to take the call and so from the message I gather the gist was that DVDs only have a lifespan of about 5 years and that it is safer to store backups on hard disks. There is probably an element of truth in both of these statements and certainly for convenience and speed external hard disks win every time but there are a few things to consider with backing up important information. If you backup data to DVDs (such as photos or important emails and documents) how long will the DVD last? There are a number of considerations: the quality of the disk, the quality of the DVD writer you are using and the way the DVD is stored and handled. In terms of quality I see many people using unbranded or cheap supermarket brands of blanks DVDs and CDs. For quickly sending family and friends a copy of family photos or home movies these are probably fine but I wouldn't personally trust them for long term storage. By definition unbranded or supermarket disks are likely to be mass produced as cheaply as possible which means quality control is unlikely to be top of the agenda. You can expect lots of dud disks either immediately or down the line. If you want DVDs and CDs to last it is better to purchase a respected make. No one knows how long DVDs and CDs will last in the real world simply because they haven't been around long enough but, for example, Verbatim estimate the lifespan of their blank media to be up to 100 years from their testing in different environments - even if this is out by a factor of 5 and you only get

20 years and in 20 years time who will be using DVDs anyway - new storage formats will have replaced DVDs long before that. The DVD writer/drive you use also plays its part and without doubt different makes of drive have better success with certain brands of disk. Personally I always use reputable manufacturers for the drives I use (Sony, Pioneer etc. ) rather than generic cheap drives often supplied with cheaper computers. In these cases I have found Verbatim and TDK CDs and DVDs very good. Replacement drives are pretty cheap these days - eg. Pioneer drives sell for about £25 so there is no real excuse to stick with a cheap unbranded drive. Storage and handling are vitally important for CD and DVD media. Use either standard CD jewel cases or acid free plastic wallets specifically designed for the purpose and store the disks in a clean, cool, dark, dry environment. Only handle disks by the edge - never touch the data surface with fingers. Finally there is a difference between making regular backups (every day for business with critical data, regularly for home users) and archiving data for long term storage. Too many times I have seen important disks simply slung in a box or drawer without a case and covered in scratches and dirt - don't expect to be able to use them when you need them! If you are archiving data don't rely on a single copy on DVD for the next 20 years - perhaps copy the disk every few years or transfer a copy to new media as it emerges. On the subject of external hard disks - they are very convenient for speed but have some distinct disadvantages. Firstly most are only guaranteed for 3 years (and that doesn't cover data recovery if you need a warranty claim). I have seen a number of external USB drives fail within warranty much to the frustration of the owners. External drives



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can easily be knocked or dropped and can also be damaged by electrical spikes through the mains. If you do use external drives for backup make sure that you have more than one drive and rotate them when making backups so you don't have 'all your eggs in one basket'. Finally my Dales Broadband Survey is up and running until the end of November - do please take part and pass the word to friends and families in the area. The more data collected the more useful it will be.

Visit [www.dalescomputerservices.com](http://www.dalescomputerservices.com) and click the link at the top of the page to take the survey - it takes less than 5 minutes to complete. Any ideas for future articles or questions do drop me an email via the contact page on my website. Cheers **Carol Haynes**

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Few remain in the village today who remember those pre-war days. Today the roads are cluttered with parked cars. Many houses are now occupied with incomers or are holiday cottages only temporarily occupied. Only one shop and one pub remain, and the travelling shops that used to serve the villages are gone, a run to the supermarkets replacing their once social contact with the outer world. We no longer see the tough little dales ponies mowing and raking the fields, followed by whole families struggling to bring in the hay. It does well to remember those past days, perhaps with nostalgia, but hopefully changes have been for the better.

The book, which will make an excellent Christmas present, is obtainable from Reeth Post Office, Muker Shop, the Fat Sheep, Swaledale Museum or the Red Lion Inn, Langthwaite.

## **Upper Dales Family History Group**

The first speaker of the new season was Rev David Wiseman from Skipton with the story of two of his relatives who were transported to Australia in the middle of the 19th century. David's ancestor George Taylor was a tanner from Kettlewell who was left with ten children when his wife died in 1829. In search of work, George moved his family to Burnley which had grown from a small village to a town of over 20,000 in the space of 40 years on the back of the cotton industry. There they lived in very primitive conditions in the Hill Top area. Before long, two of the family had turned to crime rather than cotton spinning. In 1840 one of the elder sons, Richard, was found guilty, along with others of stealing goods in Bradford and was sentenced to be transported for 10 years. While he was being held in the hulks at Chatham, awaiting transportation, his younger brother Simon, was found guilty at Preston of burglary and received an identical sentence. Each unaware of the other's fate, the brothers undertook the four month long voyage to Australia where Richard was on the last ship to take convicts into Sydney. There he worked as a cook at the hospital. Simon however was taken to Van Dieman's Land where 1 in 3 of the population at the time were convicts. Both men married fellow prisoners and stayed in Australia after they had completed their sentences.

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Simon eventually learned that his brother was in Sydney and set off to find him, arriving after a long journey, only to find that Richard had recently died. The story of the brothers came to light only when David's grandfather died and a trunk was discovered containing the letters home from Richard & Simon, written for them by other convicts. When David began to write and speak about his discoveries, an article in the journal of the Lancashire Family History Society led to a similar report in an Australian journal, which found its way into a doctor's waiting room where it was read by the receptionist whose husband was a great great grandson of Richard Taylor. As a result of that series of coincidences David is now aware of around 300 relatives in New South Wales.

The next meeting is on Wednesday, November 24, at 2pm in Middleham Key Centre when Cohn Hinson will be talking about the wealth of family history resources which can be accessed through the Genuki website.

#### **Marrick Parish Council**

Estimates had been obtained for the roadside gate at High Buska. It was agreed to purchase a galvanised gate from Eden Farm Supplies. NYCC had been contacted regarding the moor gate, who considered it to be the National Park's responsibility. The Access Ranger had visited and would look into the matter.

The National Park Authority were working in partnership with the Woodland Trust to identify and record Ancient, Veteran and Notable trees within the National Park, essentially looking for trees that had a large girth by comparison with other trees

of the same species. They were also looking for mature Wych elms which were apparently showing resistance to Dutch Elm Disease. Councillors were not aware of any In the Parish.

Planning permission had been granted for the erection of a lean-to greenhouse to the rear elevation, Topside House, Marrick. Permission had also been granted for the erection of a replacement agricultural building at Walker House, Marrick. A Local Inquiry was to be held on Tuesday, 1st March 2011 at the Buck Hotel, Reeth, regarding the modification of the Definitive Map, by deleting part of Bridleway no.28 in Marrick, from a point immediately south of the Priory building at Grid Reference SE 0668 9778, then in a north easterly direction through the building and Church graveyard for approximately 85 metres to the Church gate and County road at Grid reference SE 0675 9782. Details of the proposed changes to Trauma and Orthopaedic surgery, and Acute stroke services, provided by South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, were studied by Members. NYCC were proposing revisions to the Home to School and College Transport Policy. A public consultation was taking place. Further information on York and North Yorkshire Waste Private Finance Initiative had been received. The External Auditor's report had concluded there were no matters giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements had not been met. District and Parish Council elections were to take place on Thursday 5 May 2011. Next meeting 25 November 2010 at 7.30 p.m. at Marrick Institute.

## 'Stage to Screen' shows sell out for local schools

The two sell-out 'Stage to Screen' shows raised an incredible £1,510 for Arkengarthdale and Reeth & Gunnerside Schools. The programme was packed full of show-stopping numbers performed by Janet Seymour's School of Theatre Dance, Reeth Brass Band, The Artyfacts, Five Pearls & A Piano and child soloists.

It was an absolute pleasure to organise the shows, everyone who took part should be immensely proud of themselves. It was wonderful to see so many children actively involved in fundraising for their schools. They danced, sang and played instruments with so much enthusiasm and outstanding professionalism. There were also numerous staff, governors, parents and ex-pupils of the schools taking part. It was a fantastic team effort, demonstrating what an exceptional community spirit we have in the two dales.

Aside from the talented cast, many other people were instrumental in ensuring everything ran smoothly throughout the day and my sincere thanks and appreciation go to:- Paul at the Post Office (ticket sales & copying programs), Holly Smith (technical expertise), Richmond School (lighting equipment), The Artyfacts (sound system), Arkengarthdale School (chairs), the Memorial Hall committee for being so accommodating (special thanks to Jenny), Pete Roe (putting down and taking up the wooden floor), ballroom dance teacher Ann of Applegarth Academy, music teachers George Lundberg, Ian Cobb and Lizzie Milner, the Friends of the Schools for organising the raffles and of course the

fabulous audiences for being so appreciative and responsive.

One person I must single out is Janet Seymour. Without her passion, dedication and skill the performances could not have gone ahead. We are extremely fortunate to have Janet on our doorstep. I am sure everyone who saw the shows will agree that the quality of her teaching and calibre of her students are second to none. Janet's next project is choreographing 19 of her pupils in the professional pantomime at the Georgian Theatre from 8<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> December. Tickets are now on sale for Mother Goose. It would be lovely for the children if they had lots of local support. The cast were delighted to welcome Ian Robertson, Headteacher of Richmond School to watch many of his own students and also enjoy a preview of the exceptionally talented children who will be his pupils in the future.

Finally, thank you to Linda Cork, Headteacher of Reeth & Gunnerside Schools and David Williams, Chair of Governors at Arkengarthdale School, for their kind words and gifts.

Jill Lundberg

## **Thankyou to the ring to ride community bus.**

If you are thinking of a shopping trip for around 8 people its definitely the way to go. We enjoyed a day in Carlisle with coffee enroute at the Karma Larma cafe and finished at the Italian restaurant in Richmond. We enjoyed the day so much we are now planning another trip to the Metro centre and will definitely be organising more next year, so go on give Gail Hall a ring on 01748 880021 and have a day out, thankyou Gail

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Carl Lis, the chairman of the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority, has been elected chairman of the organisation that represents the country's 15 national parks. The UK Association of National Park Authorities (UKANPA) aims to promote the national parks as beacons for sustainable development, to raise the profile, understanding and relevance of these protected landscapes, to facilitate training and development opportunities for national park authority members and staff, and to foster closer working with the growing UK and international family of protected landscapes. Carl said: "It's a real privilege to have been elected as chair of ANPA, which is a forum where all the national parks get together and promote the qualities of the UK's finest landscapes." Born in Penrith, Cumbria, Carl Lis has lived in Ingleton since 1982. He is deeply involved in the local community and has been a member of Ingleton Parish Council for over 15 years, serving as Chairman for four of those years. Since 1991 he has been the elected Craven District Councillor for the Ingleborough Ward, and was leader of the council for seven years in total, most recently 2003 to 2008. He is chairman of Ingleton Primary School Governing body, Ingleton Rural Community Association, Ingleton Scout Executive, Ingleton Football Club, and Ingleton Theatre Group. Carl was awarded an OBE in the 2009 New Years Honours for his services to the communities of North Yorkshire. He worked in the quarrying industry for 40 years and was manager of Ingleton Quarry for Hanson Aggregates for over 25 years.

He was appointed to the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority in 1996 and was chairman from 2004 to 2008. He was re-elected chairman in July 2009.

## Changes at the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority

Parish Councilor Nick Thwaite has been appointed to the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority by the Secretary of State for the Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, Caroline Spelman. Mr Thwaite, 43, who lives in Long Preston with his partner Clare, was born in Conistone Cold, near Skipton and comes from a farming family. Educated locally, he decided working full time on the family farm at Coniston Cold and Long Preston was not for him and went into the transport industry. He is now a self-employed contractor, working part-time as an instructor for Land Rover Experience and based at Coniston Hall. In addition, he works in the TV and entertainment industries as an HGV driver and rigger and has worked at such events as the Isle of Wight Festival, the Leeds Festival, the Cork Festival and more recently for Skysports. Nick's hobbies include clay pigeon shooting - he is a qualified instructor and member of Clay Pigeon Shooting Association - and mountain biking. In his public life he is a trustee of the Hartley Trust at Hartley School in Long Preston and he has been a member of Long Preston parish council since 2006, holding the Chair since 2008.

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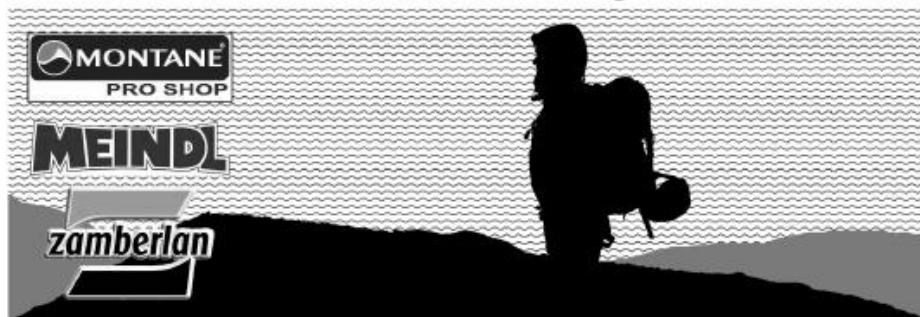
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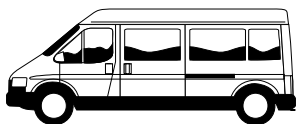
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"Despite this one being in agricultural use for over a century, it is a Grade 2 listed building and has been described as "a rare and relatively unaltered survival of the turnpike road era in Richmondshire".

"It was on our Buildings at Risk register because of its poor condition." Thanks to a partnership between the YDNPA, Natural England and the owner, it has now been given a new lease of life. The extensive work involved re-roofing, partial underpinning and rebuilding of stonework, repointing and renewing external joinery and guttering. Dr Margaret Nieke, Natural England's Historic Adviser, said: "There is so much history linked to this building - it's fantastic to see it restored to its former glory. It shows how Natural England's agri-environment schemes are helping to safeguard the historic environment in this much loved part of the Yorkshire Dales." The building's owner, Paul Harker, who lives

in Punchard House, Arkengarthdale, said: "The toll house was deteriorating rapidly but, with the help of the YDNPA and Natural England, a thorough renovation has taken place and the building has now been preserved for future generations." The Reeth-Tan Hill-Brough road was turnpiked in 1770 and was improved to cope with increasing traffic, particularly from the coal field at Tan Hill, and the need to make it easier to transport smelted lead from Swaledale. The building was sited at the edge of the enclosed land in Arkengarthdale, just as the road opens out onto moorland, in order to make it difficult to avoid paying tolls. In 1841 it was occupied by David Raine, a toll gatherer, who was described as a roadmaker in 1851. In 1861 the census reveals that John Calvert was a cattle jobber as well as a toll bar keeper but in 1871 the head of the household was a coal merchant and in 1881 a coal miner. The building is not mentioned in the 1891 and 1901 census returns which suggests it was then uninhabited. Turnpike trusts were generally wound up in the second half of the 19<sup>th</sup> century and responsibility for the roads passed to the County Councils in 1888. More information about the Punchard Gill toll house can be found on the National Park Authority website at <http://www.outofoblivion.org.uk/record.asp?id=399>. More general information on toll roads and toll houses can be found on the same website at <http://www.outofoblivion.org.uk/roads.asp> ..

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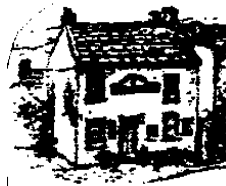
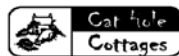
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## Reeth Parish Council September 27

**Memorial Plaque** Coun Kendall reported that the plaque outside the Burgoyne Hotel to commemorate the building's use during WW2 as the Reeth Battle School would be completed soon.

**mShelter** The police would be asked to deal with problems of anti-social behaviour in the shelter.

**Highways** A number of items on the list discussed with the highways Department in 2009 had not yet been dealt with and would be followed up.

**Metcalfe's Farm** A letter sent in August from a resident to Mr Butterworth about enforcement of planning permission stipulations had received no response. Councillors suggested that a second letter be sent and copied to other members as there seemed to be some problem of communication, with comments from the parish council not reaching the planning committee. Land at the rear of Metcalfe's Farm had now been resurveyed. Following a site meeting, the area of village green at the front of the property had been fenced off for recobbling although this had not yet been started.

**Competition** Results had been received from this year's Best Kept Village Competition. The judges had been particularly impressed by the shelter & public buildings but felt that the village was let down by the amount of litter.

**Yorkshire Water** A technician from Yorkshire Water had inspected the problem on the Arkengarthdale Road. He reported that there was no problem with the network but that the water was coming from a drainage culvert. Councillors noted that the water had actually dried up at the moment but that the difficulties would arise in winter when it froze on the road

**Scouts** The council agreed to give a donation of £50 to support a group of scouts from the area, including one from Reeth, who had been selected to join the North Yorkshire Unit representing the United Kingdom at the World Scout Jamboree in Sweden in 2011.

**Memorial Bench** A request for a bench on the green in memory of the late Janet Hodgson was approved.

**Arkle Beck** The Area Ranger reported that he had met the landowner to discuss flooding at Rawcroft with a view to getting the beck back on its original course. This would be a long term scheme & he proposed to install a series of board walks to cross the beck at intervals, keeping the path open.

**Broadband Service** Notification was received of a district council review of broadband availability within the parish.

**Playground** Repairs were being carried out to the aerial slide.

**Market** The market manager, Colin Garner, attended the meeting to discuss a number of matters which had arisen in connection with the weekly market. A letter would be drafted making it clear that the manager was responsible for the organisation of the market and that stall holders should be covered by their own insurance. It was also noted that some market rubbish had been left by the public waste bins and that more needed to be done about cars which were left parked in the middle of the market area. The electricity supply to the stalls was discussed with traders proposing a more central supply point which would avoid the use of long cables and councillors suggesting the use of generators. Mr Garner pointed out that this would be very noisy and ran the risk of staining the cobbles with oil spills.

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## Crime in the Two Dales.



During September, we received several reports of suspect males two in number in Marske enquiring about scrap and on another occasion three men making enquiries in Arkengarthdale. A further similar report in Langthwaite after being checked by an officer proved to be all in order. A vehicle and trailer around the Reeth area was reported several times but once again when stop checked by an officer proved to be legitimate but none the less we appreciate the time and effort people take in reporting possible suspect vehicles because they could prove to be committing an offence. In the village of Thwaite there was a report of a Barn being broken into and property stolen. A pub sign hanging outside a pub was removed from the Swaledale area. On a different note Bonfire night will soon be upon us so please

only buy fireworks marked BS 7114 and remember it is against the law to possess fireworks in public if you're under 18, throw or set them off in the street and they should not be sold to anyone under 18yrs of age. Members of the public can buy and set off most fireworks that come under the Categories 1-3. Information on the packet will advise you of the suitability of where the fireworks can be set off. If an officer is unavailable in Reeth , please remember a message can be passed via the Control room staff by using the yellow telephone box sighted on the wall at the front of Hudson House or by ringing 0845-60-60-247 and regular surgery times are also advertised on a poster on one of the windows at the front so individuals can pop in for advice and support. My colleagues and I will always get back to you as soon as is possible. PCSO Taylor-Page

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**March 11<sup>th</sup>**

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On 26 September the Under 12's entertained Leyburn A at home. Not being at full strength this was going to be a tough game but it was Nathan Tulip from Ed Tiplady who opened the scoring. The stronger Leyburn team soon equalised. Ed put us ahead again only for Leyburn to equalise before half time. The second half went Leyburn's way with 3 more goals including a lucky deflection off the post. Dales made chances but good defence and bad luck kept the ball out of the net. Dales played well and Ted While made a good debut in goal while Joe Everitt in defence, was man of the match. 2-5 loss. Rain washed out the following week and on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October we played Leyburn B at home. We welcomed Jack Hammond and Finn Shehan playing their first matches for us. This was a well balanced game but it was Leyburn who opened the scoring. Dales came straight back with a good finish from Ed. We were without Joe and Nathan's ankle was causing concern but Leyburn conceded a hand ball in the box and Ed made no mistake with the penalty. Finn and James Dent both played very well. 2-1 win. The next week we travelled to Catterick Garrison. Our squad worked well but the home side had the first half advantage of the slope and low sun to score 4. Dales then came right back with goals from Nathan and Ed but Catterick pulled one back. Lost 5-2. The Wensleydale lads are making this a good squad but they all need to get a bit more practice together over half term. On 26 September the Under 10's played Catterick Garrison Sharks at home. I could not watch 2 matches at the same time but Dales were slow getting into their stride.

Will Tiplady opened the scoring followed by Ben Metcalfe who had recovered his form after his first 2 matches. Ben then scored 2 more followed by one from Scott Alderson. The defence played well and it was by no means a one sided match. Lewis White continued to grow in confidence and ability in goal. 5-0 win. The next week we played at Spennithorne on a lovely morning. Spenni are unbeaten this season so this was going to be a tough game and they took control straight away. For a while Dales defended the Spenni onslaught while creating their own chances. Spenni opened the scoring with a lucky goal and made it 2-0 at half time. They then scored again before we brought on substitute Aleks Karadzic who immediately made his mark and was most unlucky not to score. Dales came back strongly but it was Spenni who scored the fourth. Defence, particularly Ben Webster, played well but mid field and the front made mistakes sometimes trying to be too clever. Bad luck meant a number of very near misses and Lewis made some excellent saves. Lost 4-0 with Ben Metcalfe man of the match. With some players in both teams now coming from Wensleydale following the sad and worrying demise of their clubs, we are starting to make some use of the Askrigg MUGA on Friday evenings until ours is available. David Williams 01748 884650

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