

REETH & DISTRICT GAZETTE

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*“A Very Merry Christmas
To Everyone”*

PRICELESS

CHURCH NOTICES in Swaledale & Arkengarthdale

Thursday 1st DECEMBER.

7.30pm Reeth Methodist
Swaledale Christian Council Advent Service

Sunday 4th DECEMBER

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

Sunday 18th DECEMBER

9.15am St. Mary's Muker
Holy Communion BCP
10.30am Low Row URC
Reeth Methodist
11.00am Holy Trinity Low Row
Eucharist
Reeth Evangelical Congregational
Service with Carols
2.00pm Keld URC
Carol Service
2.30pm St. Edmund's Marske
Carol Service
6.30pm Arkengarthdale Methodist
Arkengarthdale United Carol Service with the
children of Arkengarthdale School
St. Michael's, Downholme
Carol Service
Reeth Evangelical Congregational
Service with Carols
8.00pm Reeth Green
Carols round the tree.

27th DECEMBER

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

Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)

for information tel. Peter Neale 01969 625470

Roman Catholic Services

please contact Father O'Neil on 01748 822175

Sunday 11th DECEMBER

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

Monday 20th DECEMBER

7.00pm Gunnerside Methodist
Shortest Day Service

Tuesday 21st DECEMBER

2.15pm St. Andrew's Grinton
Schools' Ecumenical Christingle Service

Saturday 24th DECEMBER. CHRISTMAS EVE

6.00pm Arkengarthdale Methodist
Children's Candlelit Service
Holy Trinity Low Row
Village Carol Service
6.30pm Reeth Methodist
Carol Service
10.00pm St. Mary's Arkengarthdale
Holy Communion BCP
PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGE
11.30pm St. Andrew's, Grinton
Eucharist
St. Michael's, Downholme

Sunday 25th DECEMBER. CHRISTMAS DAY

9.00am St. Mary's Muker
9.30am Low Row URC
10.15 am Holy Trinity Low Row
Eucharist
10.45am Reeth Methodist
11.00am St. Edmund's, Marske
Eucharist
Reeth Evangelical Congregational
6.30pm Reeth Evangelical Congregational

26th DECEMBER 9.30am St. Michaels's Downholme

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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:

January	December 10th
February	January 10th
March	February 10th

PLEASE NOTE

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

LARGE PRINT

COPIES OF THE GAZETTE

We can now offer large print copies of the Gazette. These are issued free of charge, but P & P is £14 pa.. Please inform the Subscription Secretary should you require this service.

Cover Photo:

"CHRISTMAS GLITTER"

Submitted by Peter Cuff

For all advertising queries please contact the editor.

The Geology of Swaledale and Arkengarthdale

If you live in the Dales or just visit from time to time, you must have been impressed by the rugged grandeur of the Dales. It has always staggered me that all the rocks of the Dales were formed either in the sea or coastal swamps. This was during the Carboniferous Period which lasted some 70 million years (carbo = coal). Imagine a post box full of letters posted over a period of time. If the post box is not opened for a long period of time (even longer than the Dales postal service) then the letters and messages begin to deteriorate. The letters at the bottom of the box (the oldest) are hardest to read. Rocks are just like the letters in that they carry messages from the past. The older the message the harder it is to read. The oldest rocks in Swaledale and Arkengarthdale are in the valley floors. The youngest rocks are seen on the higher levels as revealed on Fremington Edge and above. The oldest and youngest rock of the Carboniferous are not found in Swaledale, but a big slice of the middle is found.

Three main rocks are found in the Dales, and also in most of the neighbouring Dales. These are limestone, shale and sandstone. The miners of the past called these rocks by different names such as flag for limestone, especially if it was fissile - it splits easily. Shale was called plate and sandstones were called grits. The vast majority of sandstones in the Dales are not coarse enough to be classified as grits. There are other rocks of some economic importance. These are lead, zinc, copper barites and silver. They are all linked to

previous emplacement of granites into the basement of the Pennines and their subsequent erosion. Many of the sedimentary rocks also had an economic role in the history of the dales. Limestone was burnt and turned into quicklime for improving the soil.

The Carboniferous must have been one of the most amazing geological periods. Consider the following statements:

- The world was spinning far faster than today so days were shorter but more in number - about 400 days in a year.
- The moon was much closer than today so tidal ranges would have been greater.
- The amphibians left the seas in great numbers to colonise the coastal environments.
- The primitive trees of the previous period, the Devonian, began to evolve and cover the land.
- The trees changed our atmosphere from one rich in carbon dioxide to one rich in oxygen. The oxygen excess caused gigantism in groups of creatures like the insects.
- All of this happened as earth's one continent called *Pangea*, drifted across the equator.

The evolution of the Yorkshire Dales raises many questions. Some of the most fundamental questions are answered through geology and the study of rocks. Perhaps it's time to take some of the mail out of the letterbox and see what we can discover about our amazing Dale;s and their evolution. John Russell

Old Swaledale Festival brochures wanted!
The Swaledale Festival is researching its 'family tree'.

Festival Chairman Nick Reckert says: "We are collecting old Festival brochures and related materials, which we hope to scan for online access, and which will then be donated to the Swaledale Museum. They will form the basis of an archive which will be updated yearly in future, and which will allow historians and scholars to see how the Festival has evolved over the years."

Do you have any Festival brochures from 1981-91 which you would be willing to donate? Don't let them gather dust at the back of a drawer! Phone 01748 822640, or email chairman@swalefest.org, or drop the brochures off at Hudson House. Thanks

FILM IN GUNNERSIDE

"Waking Ned" will be shown in Gunnerside Village Hall on Saturday December 3rd at 7.30pm.

ARKENGARTHDALE METHODIST CHAPEL

Arkengarthdale Methodist Chapel will be holding their annual Christmas Coffee Morning on Saturday Dec. 3rd. from 10 am till 12noon. There will be the usual stalls and a raffle. Please join us.

The Wensleydale Country Market

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How annoying is email ??? Just a short article this month ... a bit of a rant plus an admission! Is it just me or does e-mail seem to be getting less and less easy to use. Firstly there is the massive increase in junk mail again. Over the past couple of weeks my inbox seems to be absolutely full of adverts for pills and potions to solve problems I can't even have (you know the ones I mean but I am too much of a delicate flower to mention them here). Depending on how you collect your email there are various things you can do to try to avoid having to face the biological challenges of the 21st century. If they go into your junk folder that is fine and it is easy to quickly scan to check you haven't lost a real e-mail and then delete the lot. If they are landing in your inbox the easiest way to deal with them is to look for common words in the subject line and set up a rule or filter. Almost all email services allow the use of rules or filters but you will have to look in the options to find them. You need to set up a rule similar to this: If the email contains the word XXXXX then move it to the Junk (or Spam) folder From then on anything with that word will not drop into your inbox. Some systems allow you to automatically delete things - personally I avoid that approach just in case you make a mistake setting up your rule and end up deleting useful things! If

you are looking for rules and filters for BT internet or Gmail then they both have this system in the options. If you use a program to download your email (such as Outlook, Outlook Express, Windows Live Mail or Apple Mail) you will need to look through the menus to find the rules setup. The second thing is more and more people are using email just through an ordinary webpage and are inundated with adverts that flash and pop up at the most inconvenient times. If this is your experience you need to use a browser that supports blocking adverts. Try either Google Chrome or Mozilla Firefox and install the extension Ad Block Plus - and voila 99% of adverts are stripped from the page before you see it - no more flashing banners. To get Ad Block plus, first install a compatible browser and then go to <http://adblockplus.org/en/> and install the extension. Note that once installed you have to subscribe to an advert list (this is a list that is regularly updated to recognise new ads on the web) - the two I find most useful are EasyList and Fanboy's list. Now an admission - remember I told you about weak passwords? Well I got struck this week when one of my email accounts was hacked. It was a very old email address that I haven't used since 2002 - but amazingly it still exists. Not sure how someone got my password but it was a very simple password and they managed to break in and send spam to

everyone in the address book - luckily it was a very old address book and most of the email addresses did not work. Quick reminder - check out www.lastpass.com and you can use very long and very secure passwords and different ones on every website because you no longer need to remember them - that way if one password gets out there they can't use it on every account you own. Using weak passwords on multiple websites is very dangerous - if someone gets your email address and password and then try to log in to common websites you can find all your accounts compromised. Safe surfing and have a great Christmas. As always if you have any question or suggestions for articles feel free to drop me an email via my website at www.dalescomputerservices.com. Carol Haynes

Crime in the Two Dales

Last month we had an incident where a quad was removed from a field in Arkengarthdale. The suspect person and missing quad were found and subsequently dealt with due to the invaluable assistance of two local men in Reeth one of which made a call to our Control Room staff within minutes which allowed police officers who had a good knowledge of the area to anticipate the offenders potential routes. Without question their quick thinking and input meant that we got a good result. Over the last few months we have received several reports of suspect persons and vehicles. Two suspect males in a vehicle just outside Grinton were selling tarmac offering to do driveways and another suspect male and vehicle was seen in Marske.. Whilst a vehicle with 3 males in it was reported in Arkengarthdale. Two

males were looking for scrap in the area of Stainton. In the area of Hudswell two males were asking about the purchase of a tractor which was not advertised for sale and also nearby a male was reported as trying to sell items door to door. We would advise that unless you are absolutely sure of the caller not to answer the door to an unknown person/s. We can provide small stickers saying 'No to unwanted callers' that can be placed on windows close to front doors. If you require any please don't hesitate to ask me. Leaflets with 'Help the Heroes' printed on them have been placed through letter boxes asking for unwanted clothing etc. The Trading Standards department could do the necessary checks to see if leaflets are legitimate. The advice is to give to those charities you know to be genuine. On a different note a local business mans' sign advertising his shop was badly damaged and placed into a nearby waste bin. If anyone has any information regarding the incident please don't hesitate to contact myself or my colleagues all information is treated with the strictest confidence.

A Big thank you once again to all those people who either took the time to call the Control Room staff on the 0845-60-60247 number or those who left messages and stopped to talk myself with information about a possible incident.

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CHRISTMAS CONCERT
Muker Silver Band will give their Christmas Concert on Friday 2nd December. The concert will be held in St. Mary's Church, Muker, and will start at 7.30pm. All welcome.

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WINTER WRAPPED UP!

The last two winters have taken us a bit by surprise, so it is worth adhering to the old Boy Scout and Girl Guide adage *'be prepared!'* People who are particularly vulnerable are the elderly. They also tend to worry about the cost of fuel, and sometimes make a choice between eating the right food and keeping themselves warm. At the medical centre we have some comprehensive booklets called **'Winter Wrapped Up'** full of good advice about staying warm and healthy throughout the colder months. These include a thermometer that you can keep in your house to ensure it is at the correct temperature for optimum health (and comfort) - ie: between 18 -21° (64 - 70°). Make sure you've got sufficient fuel to keep you warm well in advance. The fuel delivery lorries may struggle to reach some of the more remote areas, particularly if we have a winter that lasts 2 - 3 months like the one before last. **How can the cold effect health and wellbeing?** The cold increases blood pressure which raises the risk of heart attacks and strokes. It lowers resistance to respiratory infections, and impairs lung function. It can trigger shortness of breath or constricted breathing in asthma patients and people with other lung conditions. Damp and cold housing is associated with an increase in mental health problems. Some people become socially isolated as they are reluctant to invite friends into a cold house. Symptoms of arthritis become worse. Strength and dexterity decrease, increasing the risk of accidental injury. A cold house increases the risk of falling,

particularly in the elderly. **Eat well.** Keep your energy levels up by eating good food. Increase your intake of milk and dairy products as well as fruit and vegetables to make sure you get those essential vitamins. Commit to having a good breakfast. Porridge - especially made with milk and a few raisins or sultanas added will ensure you give your system a good kick-start to the day. Make sure you have hot meals and drinks regularly throughout the day. The body draws on food to burn up energy so it is vital to stoke your internal boiler! Keep doors closed but always ensure there is a window ajar to allow air to circulate. Keeping curtains closed also helps to retain heat, and if you're cold at night, use a hot water bottle or an electric blanket - but never use both together. If it is very cold and icy, try to avoid going outside. Ice and even wet, slippery paths are often difficult to spot. At the surgery we see a sharp increase in breaks, fractures and sprains once the snow and ice arrive. **HERRIOT HOSPICE HOMECARE - FUNDRAISING** I am delighted to say that our 'flu clinics, combined with our book stall have raised in excess of £800 for this worthy cause. We are continuing to sell Christmas cards and tree ornaments for them up until the end of the year. Once again, thank you for your generosity. If you are on regular medication, **please ensure you order your repeats well in advance** as the Dispensary Angels become very busy over the Christmas period! Our Christmas and New Year opening times are on **page 18**. May I take this opportunity to wish you all the best for the festive season, and a happy and healthy 2012. All the best - Mike Brookes and the Team

DALES BUS

Sunday 23 October was the last day of the summer timetable and therefore the last day this year for bus services 830, 831 and 832. (Bus service 820 finished at the end of September.)

You may already have heard that Dales & Bowland CIC has fortunately been able to secure funding to continue the provision of the 856 service between Northallerton and Hawes over the winter. An essential part of this is a link with Little White Bus in Hawes which will, as from Sunday 30 October, be providing a scheduled service to link with the trains at Garsdale. They will also be providing a demand responsive service around the villages in Wensleydale to link with the 856.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Reeth Band's Christmas Concert is on Tuesday 20th Dec in Reeth Memorial Hall 7.30pm. Ticket prices are £6 adults, £4 children and will include mulled wine and mince pies

From the Vicar - house to rent wanted

As a parish, we are hoping to be able to welcome a curate (a trainee priest straight from college) to work and learn with us. There is nothing definite to report yet, but if this works out then such a person would come next June on a 4 year training contract.

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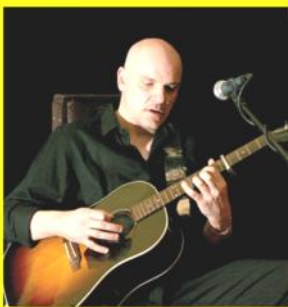
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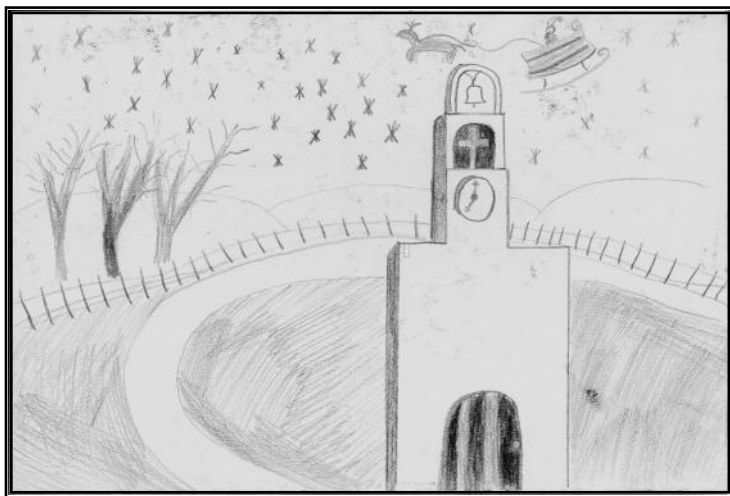
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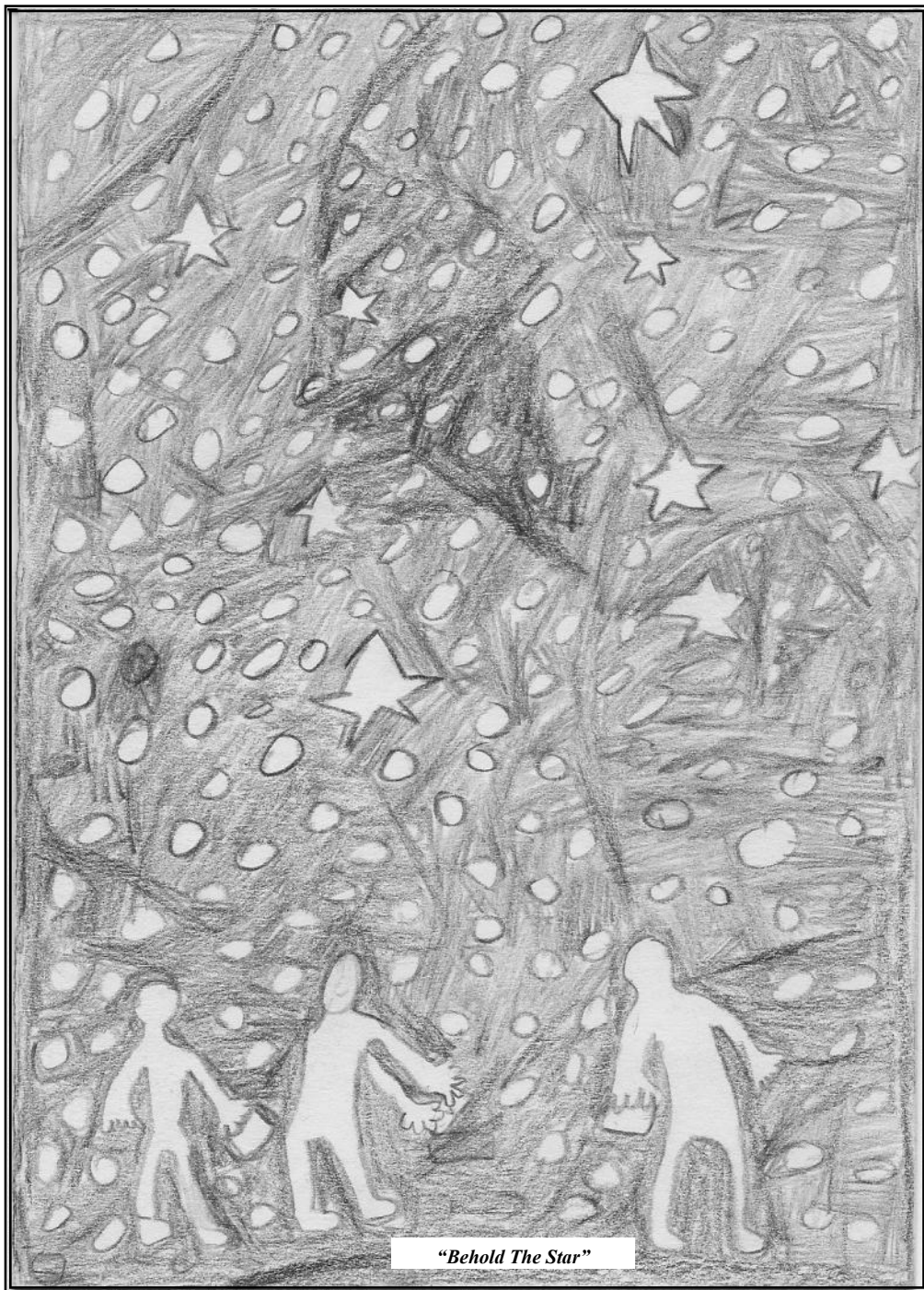
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*"On Christmas Night!"**"In A Manger Bare"*

The Swaledale Christian Council Christmas Card.

Every year the Swaledale Christian Council commissions a drawing for the annual Christmas Card. Each of the local primary schools is asked in turn and the winning submission is put on the Christmas Card. The winner and the runner up are each given a gift token as a prize. A selection of the remaining drawings are published in the Gazette. We thank the children of the Confederation of Reeth and Gunnerside Primary Schools for this year's submission. On a personal note, how totally refreshing it is to see the Christmas Story so simply and well portrayed.

G.M.L.



"Behold The Star"

SANTA HUMOUR

A group of mountain climbers once heard Father Christmas go past.

They must have had sharp ears!

They were mountain-ears!

An honest politician, a kind lawyer and Santa Claus were walking down the street and saw a £50 note . Which one picked it up and handed it in to the police?

Santa! The other two don't exist!

Father Christmas' sledge broke down on Christmas Eve. He flagged down a passing motorist and asked, 'Can you help me fix my sledge?'

'Sorry,' the motorist replied. 'I'm not a mechanic - I'm a chiropodist.'

'Well, can you give me a toe?'

Father Christmas: I thought I asked you to go out there and clear the snow!

I'm on my way, Father Christmas.

Father Christmas: But you only have one welly on!

That's all right! There's only one foot of snow

How many chimneys does Santa go down? Stacks!

I remember when Father Christmas first passed his sleigh-driving test. He came skidding down in front of the toy factory. 'Have you passed?' I asked. Father Christmas pointed proudly to the front of the sleigh. 'See for yourself!' he called proudly. 'No-el plates!'

How do we know Santa is such a good race car driver?

Because he's always in the pole position!!!

Primrose Weekend

On a bright October morning with Ray driving Primrose we set off on a weekend to the Borders and Scotland based in Wooler. On Saturday we began and visited Jedburgh Abbey and Mary Queen of Scots house. Then to the magnificent Floors Castle. The day ended as always with a cuppa and the largest chocolate eclairs ever seen.

Sunday to Scots view, Oryburgh, Melrose and following the River Tweed to its source. On the way we were given a hair raising drive over the tops from St. Mary's Loch where the views were wonderful. Out thanks to Ray for his driving skills and the way he looked after us, we had a wonderful weekend.



'A big "Thank you" from Cyril Purver to all his friends who contributed in any way to his very happy 90th birthday celebration. As well as the many gifts and more than 100 greetings cards, £250 has gone to the Great North Air Ambulance. God bless you all.'

The Glitter of Christmas ?

I love it! And as I get older I find myself loving it more and more.

I often wonder why this is so, and I don't think I have the answer either, I just know that every year I find it even more fantastic. I love the towns with their streets alight with illuminations and the hustle and bustle of everyone trying to fit so much in. I love the houses with their decorations and the churches with their services and the choirs and bands with their Christmas music and I love sending and receiving all the cards. I love the television and radio with their 'specials' for Christmas, and I love home and family even more at Christmas. I think it is just a special feeling, that warm glow, that trying to find something different for Christmas when it is such a well played theme. And that perhaps is the point. For over 2,000 years, mankind all over the world has celebrated Christmas, the birth of Christ.

It's that wonder, that so many people (and the number growing everyday) believe in Christ enough to celebrate His birth. There is no escaping it! Every present you buy, card you send, carol you hum is a sign of Christmas. A sign that we recognise the existence of the fantastic fact that Christ was born in Bethlehem. Now what really makes me think is that so many people throughout the ages have worshipped this 'boy' born at Christmas. He was conceived out of wedlock, born into a poor family and grew up in his own village He never went much more than 40 miles out of area. He had no transport, no university degree, no letter or book writing or publications, no computers, mobile phones, t.v. or radio and no media save word of mouth and He was

without great earthly patronage In fact there no help at all. What is more, after being so horribly and cruelly put to death, His message of hope and love continued and still does, better and stronger now than it has ever been. The message? That through Christ we may be taught how to live in peace and fellowship and through our belief in Him, at our earthly departing we may look forward to the resurrection and life eternal. WOW! No wonder we celebrate! But none of our celebrations are important or have any purpose if God is not part of them and part of the giving an unless we make Christmas a pattern to be followed for everyday life. Wishing you all the many joys and peace of Christmas.

G.M.L.

CHRISTMAS THOUGHTS

But as we celebrate Christ's birth

Remember there are those on Earth

So poorly clothed and underfed

No food, no home, not even a bed.

Please, spare a thought, do all you can

As co-workers with the Son of Man

Help make this world both just and fair

For all God's children everywhere.

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Is the measure of the love we give,

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(Sorry, I have no record of an author)

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Incidents from the log Oct 2011

11/10/2011 (19) 1220hrs: The team along with 4 search dogs were called by North Yorkshire Police to assist in the search for a missing man in the Catterick area. After 5 hours of searching woodland the missing person was found safe.

22/10/2011 (21 - 23) 3 incidents at the annual Scott Trial, the team assisted a casualty with a suspected Angina attack, a rider with a fractured collar bone & one with suspected fractured ribs & facial injuries.

24/10/2011 (24) The team controller was alerted at 12:05am this morning by North

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Middleham and Dales Local History Group 2012 Preview

Good wishes to all current and recent members of MDLHG for Christmas and the New Year. The AGM will take place on Tuesday 17th January at 2pm at Middleham Key Centre. In addition to the business meeting there will a members' discussion about the aims and activities of the group. The first lecture of 2012, entitled "Unopened boxes", will be at 2pm on February 21st when the speaker will be Keith Sweetmore of NYCRO. Highlights of the programme include a spring course on Garden History in the Dales (members' priority booking due to limit on numbers), the annual John Rettie lecture which this year will be on medieval houses in the North of England, a members' study day in Bedale and an autumn course on the archaeology of the Dales. Annual membership of the group is £10 and the subscription for 2012 is now due. Single lectures are free for members, but an additional fee is payable for courses. For further information, please contact Tony Keates 01969 640436 or email

Grinton Parish Council Monday,
November 7

Parking PCSO Taylor-Page, in attendance, had been in touch with the Highways Department to stress the need to reinstate the worn off yellow lines outside the church to allow access for emergency vehicles. **Grinton Beck** The chairman and Coun Coates had met representatives of a number of different bodies on site to explain the problems caused by erosion of the bank near the bridge over Grinton beck. A report was expected back in the near future. **Parish Hall** The clerk was still getting quotes from electricians for work on the downstairs lights. **Best Kept Village** Grinton had scored 49% in the 2011 competition. **Remembrance Parade** It was confirmed that rolling road closures were in place for the remembrance services and parade on November 11 & 13. **Affordable Housing** The chairman Coun Harold Brown reported that around 38 sites were being considered across the National Park as possible sites for affordable housing developments and would come before the inspector in the near future. **Diamond Jubilee** Planning for the Queen's 2012 Diamond Jubilee celebrations was deferred until more was known about other local events. **Precept** Councillors set the precept for the coming year at £1500. **Highways Matters** A number of items of concern would be reported to the Highways Department including lack of salt supplies, gutters which needed to be cleaned out properly before winter & the tree growing out of Grinton bridge which had not been cut back. A member of the public drew attention to a section of the moor road

where the supporting wall was being undermined and was collapsing into the beck. Councillors noted that there was also a problem on the opposite side where the bulging wall was forcing traffic out into the middle of the road. **Footbridge** Michael Briggs, National Park ranger, had been approached by a resident regarding the state of the small footbridge which crossed the beck near Blaeberry and was badly in need of repair. Although not on a designated right of way the bridge was well used by the public. The clerk would find out who owned it and if necessary the council would ask for it to become a right of way before repairs could be carried out. **Next Meeting** The next meeting is at 7.15 on Monday, January 2, in the parish hall.

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THE SWALEDALE MUSEUM

A huge thank you to our heroic Artyfacts for their two performances of 'Brief Encounters' last month. Not only did they raise wonderful funds for the Museum, but also gave a huge amount of pleasure to all those who came and enjoyed the fun. We would also like to thank all our volunteers who have helped keep the Museum open, active and full of energy this season, and all of those who visited, brought friends and relatives, and came to events. As ever our Friends of the Museum Committee have given us terrific support. Without you all helping us in these various ways the Museum could not stay open.

Do not forget our Knitting Cafe. Everyone welcome, all at 2pm. From November to April the Knitting Café will take place at the Vicarage in Reeth thanks to Caroline

Hewlett's offer of a 'home' while the Museum undergoes developments, the dates for your diary are: 12 December, 30 January, 27 February, 26 March, 23 April, 28 May, 25 June and 23 July.

We wish you all a very Happy Christmas, and look forward to welcoming you to the first event of 2012 - June Hall with be giving a talk at Fremington Sunday School on Wednesday 15th February at 2.00 pm on 'Folk Knitting Traditions across Northern Europe'.

The Friends of Reeth & Gunnerside Primary Schools

has organised a textile collection with Bag2School in order to raise funds for our schools. [Bag2School](#) are the UK's leading textile recycler and fundraiser working with schools. Please donate your unwanted textiles- this can include adults' and children's clothes, shoes (tied together please), hats, belts, bags, soft toys, curtains and bedding (not duvets or pillows). We will receive £400 per tonne or £0.40/kg which will be a great boost for our fundraising. In addition it will also raise awareness amongst the children of the benefits of recycling and reuse. If you fill the donation bag and still have more then you can use any other bag to donate your items. [Bag2School](#) will be collecting from our schools on Friday 9th December 2011 at 9.am. Please bring your bag (or bags!) to either Reeth School or Gunnerside School on either Wednesday or Thursday (7th or 8th December) or by 8.30am on Friday 9th December and help us to have a really good collection. For your free donation bag, please contact Louise Metcalfe on 01748 886110

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Jeremy is a performer and writer on music and many musical examples will be included in this Wensleydale Decorative and Fine Arts Society lecture on Tuesday 13 December at 2.00pm at Middleham Key Centre.

Non-members are welcome at £5 per lecture, pre-booking is essential, membership and further information is available from the Membership Secretary, tel. 01748 886545

SHAPE UP!

It's never too soon to start thinking about a healthy eating plan in the run up to Christmas and for 2012. Come along every Wednesday at 6pm to Shape-Up at Fremington Sunday School and be assured of a very warm welcome and lots of help to achieve the weight loss you would like along with advice, recipes, discussions and loads more. With a weekly weigh-in to keep you on track and one to one sessions to personalise your programme and give you that extra help, you will achieve your weight-loss and fitness goals for just £4.00 per week. Starts on January 11th

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8th Christmas social Evening, Melbecks Society, Low Row Village Hall 7.30pm

10th The Rocking Horse Winner, Reeth Memorial Hall 7.30pm

16th Christmas Domino & Whist Drive, Low Row Institute 7.30pm

A Yorkshire Christmas Carol, Reeth Memorial Hall 7.30pm

17th Flowers for Christmas, St. Andrew's Grinton 10.30am—1.00pm

Leyburn Band Christmas Concert, St. Matthew's Church, Leyburn 7.30pm
Swaledale Festival AGM 7.00pm at The Buck, Reeth.

20th Reeth Band Christmas Concert, Memorial Hall 7.30pm

29th Festive Frolics, Reeth Memorial Hall 7pm

30th Festive Frolics, Reeth Memorial Hall 7pm

JANUARY

6th Muker AULD ROY Domino Drive, Muker Village Hall 7.30pm

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On 23 October the Under 12's travelled to Bedale to play their Under 11 team (most of ours are also Under 11). Dales were playing much better and dominated throughout although some bad luck and good defending prevented our scoring for a while. Ben Metcalfe opened the scoring with a good run and this was followed by 2 more in the first half. Bedale made some attacks but they were dealt with by our defence. Dales hit the woodwork twice and several times could not finish. We gradually brought on all 4 substitutes in the second half but it was Nathan Tulip, now in better form, who got a long shot from the right wing to score while good team play allowed Will Tiplady to finish and again it was team play which gave Thomas Walker the chance of a good goal before Ben got his fourth. I believe the teamtalk in the comfort of the clubroom on Friday evening contributed to better team play. 0-7 win. The following week we were away at Leyburn. Nathan scored off the rebound after 2 minutes and Dales were on top most of the first half and were unlucky not to extend their lead. Leyburn had heavier players and had marked out rather a small pitch which they used to their advantage so we couldn't get any good runs. Some good saves by Matthew Short and good luck kept a clean sheet but we were rather lucky to come away with 3 points. 0-1 win. I was away with the Under 10's when we played Catterick Garrison Under 11 A team at Reeth. This was largely the team we invited to our grand opening and a close game was expected. Garrison opened the

scoring but Dales came storming back with 2 goals from Scott Alderson and 2 from Nathan. 4-1 win. On 16 October our Under 10's played top of the League, Bedale Under 10's at Reeth. Dales held Bedale for a while before conceding 2 goals in the first half. In the second half, Bedale had identified and exploited our weaknesses scoring 4 more while Nathan Brown pulled one back. Dales did not play as well as last week but fought to the end. Oliver Cocksedge played very well in goal and those we conceded were due to lapses in defence. We had hopes of a result when we travelled to Bedale to play their Under 9's on a lovely sunny day but we were without a key player. Bedale opened the scoring but Nathan equalised and for a long time a draw looked likely before a complete lapse in defence gave Bedale the decider. Oliver again played well in goal and Mary Stones played with great determination but Bedale focussed on James Metcalfe and closed him down throughout. 2-1 loss. It is a great help to continue outdoor training on the MUGA under floodlights on Friday evenings.

Our Under 8's now have 2 coaches in Michael and Simon and we are most grateful to them for giving up their Sunday mornings. We now urgently need some more players. Please contact me.

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