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CHURCH NOTICES in Swaledale & Arkengarthdale

Sunday 6th FEBRUARY

9.15am St. Mary's Muker Eucharist

10.30am Low Row URC Reeth Methodist

Family Service

11.00am St. Edmund's Marske

Holy Trinity Low Row

Eucharist
Reeth Evangelical Congregational

2.30pm Gunnerside Methodist

6.00pm St. Andrew's, Grinton

Evening Prayer BCP

6.30pm Reeth Evangelical Congregational

Sunday 20th FEBRUARY

9.15am St. Mary's Muker

Holy Communion BCP

10.30am Low Row URC

Reeth Methodist

Family Service

11.00am St. Edmund's Marske

Eucharist

Holy Trinity Low Row

Eucharist

Reeth Evangelical Congregational

2.30pm Gunnerside Methodist

6.30pm Reeth Evangelical Congregational

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Sunday 13th FEBRUARY

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

Morning Service

Reeth Evangelical Congregational

11.15am St. Mary's, Arkengarthdale

Holy Communion BCP

2.00pm Keld URC

With Baptism

2.30pm Arkengarthdale Methodist

6.00pm St. Mary's, Muker

Evening Prayer

Reeth Evangelical Congregational

Sunday 27th FEBRUARY

8.00am Holy Trinity Low Row

Holy Communion BCP

9.30am St. Andrew's, Grinton

Eucharist

St. Michael's, Downholme

Holy Communion

11.00am St. Edmund's, Marske Eucharist

Reeth Evangelical Congregational

St. Mary's Arkengarthdale

Holy Communion BCP

2.00pm Keld URC

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2.30pm Arkengarthdale Methodist

6.30pm Reeth Evangelical Congregational

The Parish of Swaledale with Arkengarthdale supported the Busoga Trust during their Harvest giving of Autumn 2010 and received a hand written note from the charity in November thanking them for the "terrific!" donation of £1013. The Busoga Trust is a small charity that works to support people through clean water and improved sanitation throughout Uganda. The thank you letter went on to say that the money would help "169 more people to gain access to clean water and good hygiene".

As the floods last month in Australia and Brazil reminded us; wherever we are in the world, water is a basic human need and we do very badly without it.

Should you be inspired to investigate further this small worthy charity and perhaps donate yourselves their web site is www.busogatrust.co.uk

Susan Allison - Parish Secretary.

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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

March February 15th
April March 15th
May April 15th

PLEASE NOTE

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

Cover photograph of Reeth submitted by Elsie Whitehead

For all advertising queries please contact the editor.

Come & Sing at The Sage Gateshead

There is a Come & Sing Day with top choral director Simon Halsey on Easter Monday 25 April when the work to be sung is **Handel's** *Messiah*.

There will be a coach from Richmond leaving from Richmond School on Darlington Road at 8.30am, returning to Richmond probably about 10.30pm.

The maximum cost for ticket to take part in the Come & Sing Day plus coach travel will be £25, and may be reduced if there are enough people to share the coach cost.

For those who don't want to sing, entry to the performance in the evening is free and the cost of coach only if you want to spend the day on Tyneside will be £15.

If interested contact Janet Hall at janet.hall@finklecroft.me.uk or 01325 374112

POT-POURRI AT BELLERBY STUDY GROUP

February brings a pot-pourri of topics to the Bellerby Study Group. The Life and Works of William Morris. designer, craftsman, writer, painter and visionary socialist, will be described by Donald Chapman on Wednesday 9 Silver from Medieval February. Modern Times is Helen Clifford's subject on Wednesday 16 February. Helen is the curator of the Swaledale Museum at Reeth and is currently curating the 2012 Goldsmiths' Company exhibition 'GOLDWORK - the story of Britain and Gold'. 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 on 01969 625977 for further information.

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MUKER SHOW

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REETH MEMORIAL HALL EVENTS

WHAT'S ON :Friday 11th February -8pm - Megson are Teesside born and bred Stu Hanna (vocals, octave mandola. mandolin, quitar, bass, fiddles) & Debbie Hanna-Palmer (vocals & concertina). Finalists for the 2011 Radio 2 Folk Awards for Best Duo. "Megson have steadily established themselves as two of the freshest, most original performers in the latest folk revival. (The Guardian). £10 (£11 door). Thursday 3rd March - 7.30 -North Country Theatre present Egil Skallagrimson Keeps His Head. When I celandic hardman Egil and his crew are storm driven up the Humber and into the hands of his old enemy Erik Bloodaxe, their days of travelling trading and trashing seem numbered. But Egil has more strings to his bow ...and his harp, than first appear. Specially commissioned by the Yorvik Viking Festival this fast moving tongue in cheek version of a classic saga. Book early to avoid disappointment. Tickets £9 Friday 25th March - Craig & Willoughby - Cathryn Craig (guitar & vocals) has sung with The Righteous Brothers, Garth Brooks, Chet Atkins and others. Brian Willoughby (quitar & vocals) began his career with Mary Hopkin and played with Strawbs for 25 years. He has worked with Monty Python, Joe Brown, Roger Whittaker and others. £10 (£11 door). Thursday 7th April - Renbourn & Acoustic quitarist Williamson and songwriter John Renbourn (Pentangle) and Scottish multi-instrumentalist, singer. sonawriter and storyteller Robin Williamson (the Incredible String Band) will perform their own solo material as well as playing as a duo. An evening of magical

music and humorous tales blending I rish harp, guitar and song. £14 (£16 door)

Thursday 28th April - *Eyes Front* - an exciting combination of live performance and film about the effect of music in wartime with singer and broadcaster Isla St Clair (*The Generation Game*, TV Personality of the Year & former Folk Singer of the Year) and film maker Patrick King (winner of 16 awards for his last 9 films). £8 (£10 door).

Tickets from Reeth Post Office. Halfprice for under 16's. For further details or reservations email or ring John Little -01748 884759 or visit our website www.reethmemorialhall.co.uk

Peter and Susan Midwood

Many people in the two dales knew Peter and Susan Midwood well, when Peter was the Vicar here. Sadly, we have to report that Susan Midwood died in early January, following a short illness. Her funeral took place at Walsingham in Norfolk on 15 January. If you would like to write to Peter and the family, please contact the Vicar for the address. There will be a Memorial Evensong service for Susan at Ripon Cathedral on March 5 at 5.30pm, which all who wish to are welcome to attend.

REETH LITERARY INSTITUTE TRUST

Limited grants are available from the trust for voluntary bodies working for the interest of social welfare and education, with the object of improving life within the township of Reeth.

Applications are invited to the trust at Helsmgarth, Reeth by February 21st 2011. A financial statement must accompany any application.

NEW SPORTS FACILITIES - LATEST STATE OF PLAY

Many of you have enquired as to when the new pavilion and MUGA will be ready for use. Our latest prediction is around the end of April providing that there is no further extreme weather in the meantime. originally on target were completion at the end of November but an unexpected delay in getting the electric supply to site combined with the bad weather thwarted all our efforts. I assure you that no one is more frustrated by the delay then the committee after all the battles that have been fought. But lets be positive - it will happen! Interest has already been expressed in playing tennis five-a-side and bowls as well as football. If you are keen to play any of the sports, or help with running any section, please contact the following:-

- Tennis Kim Dickinson 886971
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- 5-a-side Football (Juniors) Williams 884650 David and of course the main senior and junior football clubs and the cricket club are always looking for more players. For football contact as above, for cricket speak to Jonathon Simpson 0771 5993567. you for your patience generosity over the last few years. further announcement will be made when the opening date is known. Derek Pollard Reeth and District Community Sport Club.

Middleham and Dales Local History Group

'All human life...'- exploring the North Riding Quarter Sessions Records - with Ellen Tout, North Yorkshire County Record Office archivist. Spring course of 3 workshops beginning on Tuesday 15th February at 2 pm at Middleham Key Centre and continuing at 2 pm on 22nd February and 1st March. These three sessions will provide a unique chance to interact with North Riding Quarter Session court records in a "hands on" way under the quidance of Ellen Tout, a professional archivist at the County Record Office. The subject matter will be of great interest to anyone keen to learn more about local people and about some of the personal and communal crimes taking place in the area during the 18th and 19th centuries. Following an introductory talk on the 'All human life' cataloguing project, workshop members will have the chance to transcribe some Quarter Session jury warrants. These warrants are interesting documents listing the names, abodes and occupations of those members of society who were considered suitable to act either as members of the Grand Jury or the Traverse Jury. The fee for the 3 sessions is £10 for members and £20 for nonmembers to include a year's membership of MDLHG. To register for a place or for further information, please contact Tony 01969 640436 dotandtonyk@btinternet.com

WENSLEYDALE DECORATIVE AND FINE ARTS SOCIETY

Mining Art

The rich culture associated with coal minina is unique amongst the heavy industries. Until recently part of its priceless legacy, mining art, has escaped Ιn 'Shafts of Light: the attention. Phenomenon of Mining Art' McManners scrutinises the significance of this imagery and analysis the motives of the artists who produced this powerful body of work. Robert, himself an artist, will speak at Wensleydale Decorative and Fine Arts Society on Tuesday 8 February at 2.00pm in Middleham Key Centre. His enthusiasm for coal mining stems from his upbringing in Ferryhill, in the centre of the Durham coalfield. His publications include Shafts of Light - Mining Art in the Great Northern Coalfield: McGuinness-Interpreting the Art of Tom McGuinness; and with Gillian Wales. Quintessential Cornish - life and works of Norman Cornish. Non-members are welcome at £5 per lecture, pre-booking is essential, membership and further information is available from the Membership Secretary, tel. 01969 624203.

Citizens' Advice Bureau debt service faces the axe and needs public support for further funding

Personal debt of residents of Hambleton. Ripon and Richmondshire has soared in the past year with the increase in essential living costs. The CAB fears vital advice services will now be lost to those most in need following Government spending cuts from 31 March 2011. The Financial Inclusion Fund (FIF) project based at the Citizens' Advice Bureaux delivers debt

advice to enable people to better manage their finances. The total debt addressed by the project topped £6.5million in 2010 assisting over 360 people with an average of over £18,000 debt each, between January and December last year. People are urged to contact their local MP to support further application for CAB debt advice funding in the local area. Imminent loss of this service will be a great blow to the local rural communities over the wide areas which it covers as Money advice can help prevent debt ruining lives. bureaux have up to a six week wait for specialist debt advice due to the great demand for the service, although many clients benefit from emergency debt advice which can be given at very short The CAB is a free confidential unbiased advice service which is able to advise a wide range of people who get in contact with pleas for help. In recent weeks alone, the FLF debt advice project has dealt with clients aged 20 to 76 years old, with debts of between £700 to £190,000, and with monthly household incomes of £200 to £5,000. Currently many people need urgent advice due to their experiencing а change circumstances outside their control and major expenditure shocks to their personal budgets. Many households with higher incomes and large mortgages are now in financial crisis and need money advice due to the impact of the recession, People who have sought money advice from the bureau have often reported a vast improvement in their ability to cope with their finances and being more able to plan for their families' future.



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HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE - HYPERTENSION

In the coming weeks you may see the above logo 'Find the 5,000' appearing in the media. This is a campaign aimed at people over 40 in the North Yorkshire area who haven't had their blood pressure checked in the last 5 years. The aim is to find the 5,000 people across North Yorkshire who could be at risk of hypertension - otherwise known persistently high blood pressure. Whilst at Reeth Medical Centre we routinely offer a blood pressure check for the 40+ age group, there may be some of you out there who rarely attend, and haven't considered a BP check. High blood pressure doesn't usually have any obvious symptoms but people over 40 years old tend to be more at risk. If you have high blood pressure it means that your heart has to work harder to pump blood around your body. Over time, this can weaken your heart. The increased pressure can also damage the walls of your arteries, causing them to be blocked or an artery to split. Ultimately this can lead to heart disease, heart attack or stroke. Without wishing to frighten people witless, it might help if I explain how all this works.

What Is Blood Pressure?

Blood pressure is the amount of force or pressure that blood exerts on the walls of the vessels as it passes through them.

Why Is It Important?

As blood is pumped from your heart into your blood vessels, enough pressure is created to send it to all other parts of your body. As blood vessels travel away from the heart, they branch off and gradually get smaller, just like the branches of a tree. One branch may go to the brain, while another may go to your kidneys. Blood pressure keeps the blood flowing through all these branches so your body's cells get the oxygen and nutrients they need.

What does having my Blood Pressure taken involve?

Measuring blood pressure is quick and painless. A fabric cuff is wrapped around the arm and then inflated so it becomes tight. This forces the blood pumping through the veins to be under pressure briefly, and a stethoscope is used to listen to the sound of blood rushing back through the artery. The doctor or nurse then reads two numbers from a gauge attached to the cuff as air is released. The first number is read when a thumping sound is first heard (systolic pressure). The second number is when the thumping sound is no longer heard (diastolic pressure). This can also be done electronically with the aid of a special machine, giving an accurate calculation and digital reading of blood pressure. The two numbers that measure blood pressure are recorded as a fraction: one number on top (systolic) and one on the bottom (diastolic), eg: 120/80. The top number measures the pressure inside your

blood vessels at the moment your heart beats. The number on the bottom measures the pressure in your blood vessels between heartbeats, when your heart is resting.

Why am I at more risk now I'm over40?

As we get older the small blood vessels in the vital organs are most affected over time, particularly in people who have high blood pressure. These blood vessels become scarred, hardened, and less elastic, meaning that they are more likely to get blocked or rupture (leading to organ damage or even failure). This is why maintaining a <u>normal blood pressure</u> is an important part of reducing the risk of

A heart attack

Organ damage (such as the kidneys) Stroke.

It's not all bad news, however, as modern medicines are very effective at controlling high blood pressure, but as always, prevention is better than cure and this is why the 'Find the 5,000' campaign is so important. So don't delay. If you are over 40 and haven't had your blood pressure checked in the last 5 years, just give our Reception a call and book in.

All the best - Mike Brookes and the Team

PARKINSON'S UK

As many people know I have Parkinson's disease and in a self-help manner I made my New year's resolution to raise at least £1000 for Parkinson's UK this year. I have started to make some plans for events to raise this amount. The first event is on 5 February at the Buck Hotel where the Artyfacts are giving a second

performance of their excellent cabaret and they have kindly agreed to give all the profits from the evening to Parkinson's UK. The ticket price of £17 includes a 3 course meal and the entertainment. Tickets available from the Buck Hotel - be guick they are going quickly. On Friday 25 March at Fremington Sunday School there will be a quiz night with supper and good prizes for the winning team, The cost for this is £5 per person and again any profit made will go to Parkinson's UK.. If you can't make the evening then any contributions towards the supper or for raffle prizes will be gratefully received. A good evening is quaranteed for all! I am also going to try and do a sponsored walk of the Herriot Way - a walk of 52 miles. I am hoping to do this over a week in June/July. anyone would like to join me that would be great and nearer the time I shall be asking for sponsors. People who want to take part can contact me on 880110 or e-mail jenny@greensyde.orangehome.co.uk. Many thanks for reading so far and I hope you will help support me in trying to raise money to be used to find a cure or alleviate the symptoms of this disease. Many thanks, Jenny Curtis.



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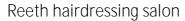
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60' Night In Reeth

Many thanks to every one who came to the 60's night in Reeth. We made £600 for my "Rua Aid" work The Gambia. Considering the weather was thick snow we had a great turn out. Luckily our entertainer Max Peters made it. He was wonderful, such a good voice and we laughed our socks off. Many came dressed up in true 60;s spirit. A special thank you to every one who gave raffle prizes. The Buck Hotel were the stars of the night they gave their time and venue for my cause, the pie and peas supper was superb, beautiful home cooking making

the night a huge success. The Rug Aid 60s Disco has been added to your YouTube videos at http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0mnL1ERecVA Heather Ritchie



Crime in the Two Dales

Over the festive season and New Year crime figures have been relatively low. Constant poor weather conditions have

resulted in several reports of road traffic collisions .In the past five years 30 people have been killed and nearly 800 injured because of drink driving. If you suspect anyone of committing such an offence the number to ring is 0845-60-60-247 or contact us at Leyburn police station. There have been two incidents of quad bike thefts one in the area of Gunnerside and the other in Barden. Please don't hesitate to call us if you see a Quad being ridden in a manner that raises your suspicion .In Grinton a window to the ladies public toilets has been smashed. Two enamel sinks were removed from Hurst and later found smashed. Three suspect males in a vehicle were seen in Keld and a suspect male in a van was sighted in the area of Ellerton Abbey .Due to rising costs in heating oil and diesel we would advise you to do regular checks as the theft of which has risen in some other parts of the country. We are continuing with the 'Lock it or Lose it' campaign that aims to encourage everyone to leave vehicles secure whilst offering crime preventative measures and advice to all. Many thanks for all your support and reports of suspect vehicles and persons in the area.

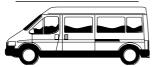
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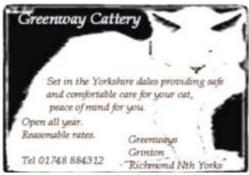
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Linda Cork

MELBECKS SOCIETY

After having had to cancel our December talk and supper due to the weather, we were delighted to host George Edward Brown at the Melbecks Society in January. His talk, entitled 'Building a Life in Swaledale' was both fascinating and very funny. Meetings are on the second Thursday of each month between October and March starting at 7.30pm at The Institute in Low Row. Visitors and new members are always welcome. Our next meeting is on Thursday 10th February, entitled 'Where were the Romans in Swaledale?' by Peter Denison-Edson. Our chosen charity to support for 2010/2011 is Macmillan Cancer Support.

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On March 4th there will be a service for The Woman's World Day of Prayer. Starting at 7pm the service has been designed by the women of Chile, All are welcome, men too! Also please note our traditional Mother's Day Service will be held on Mothering Sunday April 3rd at 11.15am. All welcome.

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May and 13th August. Thanks to our partnership with the new photography team 'Inside Out' we are working to show their stunning work in 'Treasures from Underground'. This exhibition showcases some of their stunning photographs taken down our local lead mines. Their work captures the drama of these extraordinary creations, the next best thing to going down oneself! Connoisseurs of the mines will find new details, identify change over time, while newcomers like myself will be amazed at the colour, the beauty and the grandeur. A series of events are planned alongside this show, so watch out for dates. For further information or to be put on our mailing list contact Helen Bainbridge, Swaledale Museum, The Green, Reeth, North Yorkshire DL11 6QT. Tel: 01748 884118. See our website www.swaledalemuseum.org for the most upto-date information.



THE TWO DALE'S GARDENING CLUB

It was a cold, slippery afternoon on January 10th when the members of the Gardening Club gathered to welcome the curator of Kiplin Hall, Dawn Webster, who arrived to talk on the development of he gardens.

She began with a slide of the hall as it stands today, a Jacobean House built in 1620 by George Calvert who was Secretary of State to James 1st. The house has remained the property of the family members, passing through the Calvert family during the 17th century, on to the Crows in the 18th century, Carpenters in the 19th century and finally to the Talbot family. The last member who owned the Hall was Miss Bridget Talbot who set up a charitable trust to maintain the house and grounds in 1968.

We were shown old pictures and prints of the Hall and grounds as they were altered over the years. The land once owned covered 5000 acres, but now covers 150 acres. The gardens were largely laid out to the present pattern by a member of he Carpenter family in the 1899s consisting of large areas of woodland, a lake, walled gardens, a lily pond and a rose garden.

The original glass houses are being rejuvenated where once melons and pineapples were grown and much work has been done to clean out and restore the lily pond which was very overgrown. A tree planted by a member of the Crow family still stands near the house and the old neglected topiary hedges are being cut back into shape including one shaped like a fan tailed peacock.

The grounds are tendered by Chris Baker

of Arkengarthdale who is helped by a group of volunteers, who as well as looking after the gardens, produce pleasant woodland walks which especially in Spring produce carpets of snowdrops and aconites.

Dawn Walker gave us an enthusiastic account of the history of the gardens with many pictures taken from the archives up to the present day. Afterwards an interested audience produced some thoughtful comments and questions and we left feeling that we had had a very pleasant and informative afternoon on a cold and wintry day.

Our next meeting will be on February 14th when Christa Perry, Haytime Project Officer from the Yorkshire Dales Millenium Trust is coming to speak to the Club on her work. You are most welcome to come and join us.

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On presenting the cheques, Councillor John Blackie congratulated the whole team of volunteers for their superb work in producing a much loved and very well read publication. In accepting the cheques on behalf of the Gazette, Chairman, Malcolm Gardner thanked sincerely thanked both John Blackie for his support and the whole team for all their had work month after month. The two grants received will enable

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Richmondshire Choral Society Spring Concert

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