

REETH & DISTRICT GAZETTE

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*A Happy New Year
To Everyone.*

PRICELESS

CHURCH NOTICES in Swaledale & Arkengarthdale

Sunday 9th JANUARY

- 9.30am St. Andrew's, Grinton
Eucharist
St. Michael's, Downholme
Holy Communion
- 10.30am Low Row URC
Holy Communion
Reeth Methodist
St. Edmund's Marske
Morning Service
Reeth Evangelical Congregational
- 11.00am St. Edmund's Marske
Morning Service
Reeth Evangelical Congregational
- 11.15am St. Mary's, Arkengarthdale
Holy Communion BCP
- 2.00pm Keld URC
2.30pm Gunnerside Methodist
Covenant Service
6.00pm St. Mary's, Muker
Evening Prayer
Reeth Evangelical Congregational

Sunday 23rd JANUARY

- 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
- 11.15am St. Mary's Arkengarthdale
Holy Communion BCP
- 2.30pm St. Mary's Muker
Service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
6.30pm Reeth Evangelical Congregational

Sunday 16th JANUARY

- 9.15am St. Mary's Muker
Eucharist
- 10.30am Low Row URC
Reeth Methodist
Covenant Service
- 11.00am St. Edmund's Marske
Family Service
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 30th JANUARY

- 10.30am St. Andrew's Grinton
United Parish Service. Speaker Revd. Alan Coustick, Methodist Superintendent.
Low Row URC
Reeth Methodist
- 11.00am Reeth Evangelical Congregational
St. Edmund's Marske
Eucharist
- 2.00pm Keld URC
2.30pm Arkengarthdale Methodist
6.30pm Reeth Evangelical Congregational

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St. Mary's, Arkengarthdale

St. Mary's are pleased to report that with the imminent completion of the work on the windows (to be decorated in January) that they have heard from English Heritage that an application for a grant for the re-roofing of the church has passed the first "sift" and will now go for detailed assessment as to the level of the grant. Although there is some allowance in the current grant for the ceiling plasterwork, this

new application includes the completion of the repairs to and redecoration of the ceiling. It is obviously preferable to leave all work to the ceiling until the roof is weather tight. Any money left from the current grant can be rolled forward by up to 12 months. Obviously there is a long way to go and unless a grant is a very high proportion of the cost, they cannot afford to go ahead - but lets wait and see. Nothing definite will be heard until some time in March.

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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

February	January 15th
March	February 15th
April	March 15th

PLEASE NOTE

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THE BIBLE - " A RIGHT RIVETING READ"?

Soon we shall all be invited to celebrate the 400th anniversary of the King James translation of the Bible, usually called the Authorised Version. This is a version of the Bible that has deeply influenced, not only the church, but our whole culture.

However, perhaps this invitation raises many questions. Is the Bible still relevant in our modern world? Although the Bible continues to be a best-seller, do people still read it? How well known today are some of the great stories in the Bible? Indeed is the basic story of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus as well-known as it used to be?

In the world of education, we have heard much about numeracy and literacy skills. Indeed many resources have been ploughed into literacy schemes. Well, the Methodist Church in Swaledale and Wensleydale has just begun a two year project on Biblical Literacy. This project aims to try and discover the answers to such questions as these. Part of the project is about researching levels of biblical literacy today, not only inside the church, but in our villages and communities. But part is also about trying to help us all, Christians and others, appreciate more the riches and relevance of the Bible.

If you belong to a church or community group that would like to find out more about this project and about how you might be involved, please contact Revd. David Wood. I am awaiting your call!
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The Parish Council were disappointed to learn that Bob Baker will not be cutting and maintaining the Village Green at Reeth etc in the coming year as he has done such an excellent job. Will anyone interested in doing this job please contact the Clerk to the Council, Ian Scott.

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REETH MEMORIAL HALL EVENTS

Apologies for any inconvenience caused by the late cancellation of North Country Theatre's *Blood Wedding in Wensleydale*. This was due to two of the cast being stranded in different parts of the country due to horrendous weather conditions. Full refunds will be given. Please contact John Little on 01748 884759 quoting your ticket numbers. **WHAT'S ON :Friday 21st January - 8pm - Pete Coe.** "*A One-Man Folk Industry*". With a vast repertoire of traditional & original songs, dance tunes & dances, playing bouzouki, melodeon, dulcimer, banjo & step percussion, he's been a professional musician since 1971. He has recorded ten albums, broadcasts regularly on local and BBC radio and has appeared in several television programmes. £10 (£11 door). **Friday 11th February - 8pm - Megson** are Teesside born and bred Stu Hanna (vocals, octave mandola, mandolin, guitar, 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 Icelandic 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 (guitar & 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). Tickets from Reeth Post Office. Half-price for under 16's. For further details or reservations email or ring John Little - 01748 884759 or visit our website www.reethmemorialhall.co.uk

MARRICK INSTITUTE

The AGM for the Institute will be held on Tuesday 27th January 2011 at 7.30pm. Coming events are :

On Friday 4th February at 7.30pm there will be a Whist and Dominoes Evening and a Prize Bingo Evening will be held on Friday March 11th at 7.30 pm. All funds raised will be in aid of the institute.

APOLOGIES

The Gazette apologises for incorrect information given regarding the date of the Reeth Christmas Markets. The Christmas Eve date was a mistake and we are sure everyone was grateful to Mr. Garner for coming an extra day.

DEADLINE FOR FEBRUARY

JANUARY 15TH

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 guidance 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 non-members to include a year's membership of MDLHG. To register for a place or for further information, please contact Tony Keates 01969 640436 or email dotandtonyk@btinternet.com

Muker Tea Time (was Muker Playgroup)

Muker Playgroup is now a tea time club for all families with children of any age. We're going to meet monthly on the last Tuesday to begin with from 3:30 - 7pm. January 25th, March 29th, June 28th, Starting with a healthy picnic tea (bring a contribution) and following on with age appropriate craft, toys and games.

During inset/school holidays we'll meet instead at 11:30 - 3:00pm. The dates for 2011 are January 4th, February 22nd, April 26th and June 6th at Muker Hall Public. Remember a picnic lunch. Together we'll set a theme or activity/event for each, just for a bit of direction. We'll certainly set some other sessions for other evenings to allow Tuesday swimmers and dancers a turn, and if it's popular we'll set the dates more regularly. **Everyone welcome**, we're a small group - let's keep it going! Contact: Anna Hunter, Bridge House - Muker (886461) Thanks

Meningitis UK Fundraising

Rachael Duck would like to give a big thank you to Dave and Sheila at the Farmers Arms for all their help with organising events and for Dave braving a back wax that raised over £1,000! Also a special thanks goes to Caroline at the Copper Kettle for lending us the tearoom (and for all the tea and coffee etc) for our Coffee Morning! We have raised a fantastic total of £3580! So thank you to everyone in the Dales who has supported our events over the last five months.

NATIONAL PARK FUNDING HIT HARD

The campaigning charity the Campaign for National Parks (CNP) has reacted with dismay to the announcement by Defra that the English National Park Authorities will receive a 21.5% cash reduction over the next four years, which, when considering inflation amounts to a 28.5% reduction.

The Park Authorities must make 5.4% cuts in 2011-12, but the figures provided for the three years from 2012-2014 are only indicative and will not be confirmed for some time.

In reacting to the announcement, Ruth Chambers, CNP's Head of Policy, says '21.5% may not sound so bad in the context set by the government's plans to make overwhelming funding cuts across the board. But when inflation and the impact of secondary funding cuts are taken into account, today's announcement will have a long-lasting and detrimental effect on the excellent work that these bodies do to look after National Parks for the nation. 'The funding uncertainty for 2012-2014 will present budget planning challenges for the Authorities but it is also an opportunity to explore ways to minimise the impacts of funding cuts in future years and to discuss other possible funding sources. Surely the Parks, which are Britain's breathing places and vital to our national well-being, deserve funding from across government, not just Defra?'

Helen Jackson, CNP's Chief Executive, added, 'National Park Authorities

are important rural employers and without a doubt funding cuts on this scale will lead

to job losses and a reduction in services. They play a vital role in supporting local communities and this work, alongside their conservation responsibilities, means that they are powerful advocates for sustainable development. We are worried that some of the difficult choices that Park Authorities will now be faced with to make ends meet will affect their role in championing sustainability and result in less activity on key work such as education, outreach and raising public awareness about key environmental challenges such as climate change'.

The CNP is the national charity that campaigns to protect and promote National Parks of England and Wales, and celebrates its 75th anniversary in 2011. For further details please contact Ruth Chambers on 020 7924 4077 ext. 222 or 07971 102 156.

REETH AND DISTRICT ATHLETIC 300 CLUB

OCTOBER DRAW :

1 st	53	Gordon Walker - £50
2 nd	106	Amanda Fuller - £20
3 rd	27	Malcolm Gardner - £10
4 th	234	Danny Plumb - £10

NOVEMBER DRAW :

1 st	109	Janet Seymour - £50
2 nd	183	Nathan Tulip - £20
3 rd	194	Neil Youll - £10
4 th	215	Bev Rutter - £10

DECEMBER GRAND CHRISTMAS

DRAW :

1 st	2	Peter Walker - £300
2 nd	249	Alan Dinwoodie - £50
3 rd	268	Roberta Barker - £30
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From time to time, some of our patients ask us about making a 'living will' - known in legal-ese as an 'advanced directive'. Whilst not the most cheery of subjects to start the new year, I thought it worth clarifying what it is and why we should give this matter some serious consideration. Most people make a will, usually lodged with a solicitor, stating, typically, how property and money should be dealt with after death. Other matters such as funeral and burial arrangements may be incorporated. Whereas ordinary wills have been used for centuries the concept of an 'advanced directives' is relatively new. With advances in healthcare, medication, improved diet and social environment, people are now living longer. Some are concerned that with advancing years, their mental and physical health may affect their ability to make decisions about themselves in the future, when they may be incapable of refusing treatments or when they are unable to consent or incapable of consenting. This is where a 'living will' may be considered. A living will, lodged with a doctor, can include the right to refuse:

- future medical treatment
- cardiopulmonary resuscitation (ie: attempting to re-start the heart when it has stopped)
- artificial breathing apparatus
- intravenous food and fluids

It can also state under what circumstances or conditions a person would not wish to be subjected to futile medical intervention. It is also advisable that those closest to the

person are made aware of the living will. Whilst this might be a difficult matter to tackle, it can help allay fear and anxiety among family members faced with the agonising dilemma of: *'What would my mother/father/husband/wife want?'* Not an easy subject to think about, but do feel free to come and discuss this further with us if you wish.

NURSE KIM AND DR. ANDERSON

They say that the only certainty in life is change and oddly it is the thing we often resist the most. It is with great sadness that I have to announce we are losing both Kim and Adrian in the early part of this year. Kim is moving to County Durham to head up a nursing team at a large practice in Shildon at the end of January. This will give her a great opportunity to use her advanced nursing skills as well as develop her management and leadership talents. We will miss her dedication and hard work as well as sense of fun. Adrian is hanging up his stethoscope altogether at the end of March to concentrate on new projects and finally finish off his dry-stone walling. He tells me that his time at Reeth was a great note to end on and that he enjoyed going back to traditional general practice before he retired! I am very grateful for all his help as 'man Friday'. I know you will join me in saying a reluctant *'good-bye'* to both of them, but also in wishing them well for the future. We will recruit a new nurse and associate doctor in due course, and, of course, I'll keep you posted. Watch this space! All the best for 2011 - Mike Brookes and the Team

Marrick Parish Council

25 November 2010

The Chair welcomed County Councillor Blackie to the meeting. Following last winter's extreme weather, North Yorkshire County Council's recent review of its winter maintenance service had led to proposals to guard against the impact of possible future national salt shortages. Over 50,000T of salt had been stored, normal winter usage, and arrangements put in place for restocking throughout the winter. Community participation in snow clearance was to be encouraged. The Department of Transport had published a guidance note on good practice for members of the public in clearing snow and ice from footways and public spaces, which it was hoped would allay fears of legal action. To establish the implications of taking on responsibility for winter maintenance activities, Councillors carried out a risk assessment. Consideration was given to available resources, safety implications, and identifying high risk areas. It was agreed that the Parish Council did not have adequate resources. No Changes would be made to the concessionary fare scheme. Regarding the proposed new pathways for stroke and trauma cases, it was felt that present ambulance and air ambulance cover would be insufficient to deal with the proposed changes and that additional ambulance services should be provided. The proposal to change the Out of Hours Doctor service caused some discussion. It appeared there had been little consultation. Regarding the removal of transport concessions, taking place throughout North Yorkshire, following the review of the Home to School and College

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Transport Policy, Councillor Blackie believed St Francis Xavier School in Richmond, justified exceptional treatment, 75% of the pupils would be affected. The half-yearly internal audit had been carried out by the Internal Auditor on 16 November. Copies of his report were distributed to Councillors.

Date of next meeting 13 January 2011 at 7.30 p.m. at Marrick Institute.

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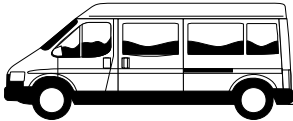
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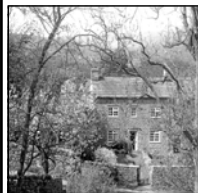
**New Officers for Wensleydale
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The outgoing chairman of the Wensleydale Agricultural Show Mr. Gerald Hodgson has handed over office to new chair Mr. David Ford.

At the Annual General Meeting of the show committee held recently at the Bolton Arms Leyburn, several new officers were elected to posts.

Previously vice-chairman, Mr Ford takes over for a two-year stint as show chairman having been involved in the show for a number of years. Vice chairman is Mr Bob Dixon. Also stepping down after completing his two-year term of office is president Mr Fred Lawson who will continue with his long-standing involvement in the show. Husband and wife team Morris and Ann Harrison will become joint Show Presidents for a two-year period. Julie Clarke was elected as vice president.

Mr Ford on taking office paid tribute to outgoing chairman Gerald Hodgson saying "We owe a great debt of gratitude to Gerald, it is a pleasure to work with him as he just gets on with the job. The show has gone from strength to strength and it is largely due to him and his efforts in publicity that this has occurred."



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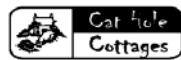
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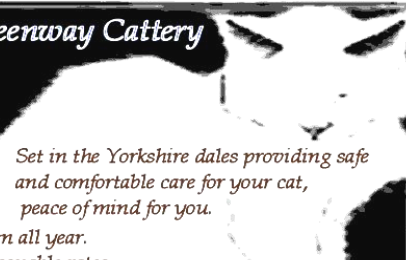


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Reeth Parish Council December 2010

Electricity Supply Coun Hutchinson reported that the problem of access to the supply box had been resolved.

Highways The broken mirror had now been fixed. The Highways department would deal with the trees by Reeth bridge and the potholes on Back Lane would be fixed when the weather permitted.

Winter Maintenance Information had been received from the county council regarding preparations for the winter and arrangements for gritting and snow clearing. NYCC had found that members of the public were discouraged from clearing snow and ice from pavements because of fears of legal action if someone then had an accident. They had pressed

Ministers for guidance to clarify the situation and wished to assure householders and traders that there was no law to prevent them clearing the area outside their property if they wished to do so. NYCC were also looking at the possibility of using groups of local volunteers to clear snow from areas not normally reached by the county council's winter service. Coun Gardner pointed out that this was already happening in Healaugh where residents were digging out one of the minor roads. A request had been received for ploughing up the left hand side of the green and it was noted that the council had made the same request in previous years without success. Inevitably the clearing of the main road led to some of the side roads being blocked in.

Parish Caretaker The clerk reported that funding for the parish caretaker scheme was subject to further review and might be limited due to general

cutbacks in spending. **Matrix Sign**

Following the use of a data logger outside Reeth School for a week in early October, the Richmondshire & Hambleton Community Safety Partnership had agreed to install flashing matrix signs in the area to reinforce the correct speed limit. They would be in touch with the council again when they were able to report back on the effectiveness of the scheme.

Minor Injuries Unit Notice was received of the PCT's plan to close the Minor Injuries Unit at the Richmond Friary hospital by the end of the year. Following the previous meeting, the chairman had written to the PCT expressing the council's concerns about the planned cutbacks to the service.

Metcalfe's Farm Councillors received copies of a letter from Mrs Bain, commenting on the various proposed layouts of accommodation on the site. The next step was dependent on the receipt of revised plans.

Memorial Bench Dr Corbett had requested permission to erect a bench near Prospect House in memory of his late wife. Suitable sites would be investigated as soon as the snow had cleared.

Swaledale Festival The Festival Office had given notice of a planned piano recital on the green in 2012 as part of the Cultural Olympiad.

Village Green All councillors expressed their grateful thanks to Rob Baker who had handed in his notice after several years cutting the greens and taking care of many other jobs around the parish. The post would be advertised in the local press before the new season began.

Remembrance Day It was noted that certain arrangements concerning the start of the Remembrance Sunday parade and laying of the wreath should be firmed up in advance of next year's event. A problem had arisen on Remembrance Day when the local PCSO had not been able to stop traffic past the war memorial during the two minute silence without a road closure order. It was agreed to apply for one in future. **Healaugh Roads** A meeting to discuss traffic priority in Healaugh had been postponed due to the bad weather and would be rearranged in the New Year.

Praise for National Park Authority

The performance of the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority (YDNPA) has been highly praised in a new report.

An independent review team that looked at all aspects of the Authority's work described it as a "strong partnership player that is seen as innovative and willing to push at the boundaries" and has "a strong track record of improvement". The review team spent a week in the Dales last month (November) and spoke to supporters and critics of the Authority, users of the Authority's services, and many of the organisations it works alongside. Its report concludes that the Authority's track record in improving its performance and in setting and using priorities is "exceptional". The Authority's work with partners on conservation and in promoting understanding and enjoyment of the National Park by visitors were both being delivered "to a very high standard". The report also draws special attention to the Authority's support for community hydro-power schemes in the National Park and praises the continual drive to improve the

service it provides to all its customers. Authority Chairman Carl Lis said: "I'm immensely proud of the achievements of the members, staff and volunteers at this Authority. It is really pleasing to see those achievements recognised in a rigorous and independent assessment." The review team's examination was part of a performance assessment taking place at every national park authority in England over the next five years. David Butterworth, the YDNPA's chief executive, said: "I am particularly pleased that the report highlights our track record in bringing external funding into the National Park, our record of achievement through partnerships and the work of our many volunteers. "All of these will be critical to our ability to continue to deliver high-quality services to visitors and residents as we see a substantial cut in the Authority's funding from central Government." The report also identifies areas where the Authority should consider how it might further enhance its performance. These include improving elements of the Authority's planning service and engaging with local communities and businesses over the cuts that will have to be made to Authority services. Carl said: "We welcome the very positive aspects of the report and we will now be looking closely at the recommendations as part of the decisions we will have to make about where to focus our more limited resources in the future." The review team's report is available on the Authority's website at www.yorkshiredales.org.uk/ydnpanpapareport-nov2010.pdf.

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Crime in The Two Dales

Last month we received a report of two males in the areas of Marske and Marrick stating that they were offering to do ferreting. A scrap vehicle was seen in Arkengarthdale. There has also been several incidents around Gunnerside where domestic cats have gone missing much to the distress of their owners. We have also had several reports about vehicles parking inappropriately on pavements which has prevented pedestrians from using them. Any vehicles found to be causing an unnecessary obstruction will be ticketed. 'Lock it or Lose it' is a campaign that has been set up in order to remind everyone to ensure that vehicles are left secure at all times and keys are removed from the ignition. Failure to do so could result in a vehicle being stolen with several police officers deployed trying to locate the vehicle which could be avoided and therefore allowing them to be free to attend other possible serious incidents instead. A claim on your insurance would prove invalid if the vehicle is left insecure. For advice on winter weather driving the AA provides a website on www.theaa.com/motorinadvice/seasonal/wintermotoring.html for useful tips and information. Please be advised that if for any reason you are near to a road that at all times of day you are visible to other road users. High visibility clothing and good lights are essential. A regular check on your lights to see if they are working should be done and if found to be faulty they should be rectified as soon as possible. Fog lights should only be used when there is fog as they blind oncoming

drivers. I would like to say a big thank you to those who came to my assistance in the treacherous snowy conditions your help was most appreciated. In such a rural area it is vital that we look after one another particularly in bad weather. The police can be reached on 0845-60-60-247 via the Control Room operators for non-emergency incidents or 999 in the event of an emergency. There is a telephone box situated outside the police station at Leyburn and there is one on the wall at the front of Hudson House in Reeth. PCSO 5550 Taylor-Page

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Non-members are welcome at £5 per lecture, ring the Membership Secretary, tel. 01969 624203 to book a place and for membership information.



The snow and ice has meant very little football. Travel conditions even prevented many getting to indoor football at Low Row.

On 20th November our Under 8's squad entered a League tournament at Catterick Garrison. This was the first time most had played any competitive football and, expecting a thrashing, we said "it will be good experience". The boys, with 2 girls, thought otherwise and in the first game kept a clean sheet in the first half before conceding one after half time. James Metcalfe then equalised with a cracking goal. 1-1 draw. The second game was against Catterick Village and James scored again and we benefited from an own goal to win 2-0. The final match was against Catterick Garrison and James scored twice to go 2-1 up at half time. A conceded penalty and a third goal, however, gave the hosts a 3-2 win. This was an excellent morning for our squad of mainly novices. James played cracking football and was "spotted" by scouts from Darlington and offered trials at their academy. We will watch his progress with interest. William Barningham also showed great improvement from last season and played with determination giving James much support. The newcomers this year played with great enthusiasm and I would pick out Ben Parker and 6 year old Ryan Atkinson as two to watch. The League expects to play more tournaments in the new year. Our squad is small but enthusiastic and Paul Hutchinson (sorry I got your name wrong last month) is giving good coaching

supported by Carol Dorman. We very much welcome new players in this group, aged over 6. Come and give it a try, We are also planning for next season and aim to field an Under 14 team again. Boys who will be under 14 on 1st September 2011 are urgently needed. Please get in touch now.

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