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## CHURCH NOTICES in Swaledale & Arkengarthdale

### **Sunday 6th MARCH**

- 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
- 6.00pm St. Andrew's, Grinton  
*Evening Prayer BCP*
- 6.30pm Reeth Evangelical Congregational

### **Sunday 20th MARCH**

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

### **Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)**

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### **Roman Catholic Services**

please contact Father O'Neil on 01748 822175

### **Sunday 13th MARCH**

- 9.30am St. Andrew's, Grinton  
*Eucharist*  
St. Michael's, Downholme  
*Holy Communion*
- 10.30am Low Row URC  
*Holy Communion*  
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  
*Holy Communion*
- 2.30pm Arkengarthdale Methodist  
Gunnerside Methodist
- 6.00pm St. Mary's, Muker  
*Evening Prayer*  
Reeth Evangelical Congregational

### **Sunday 27th MARCH**

- 8.00am Holy Trinity Low Row  
*Holy Communion BCP*
- 9.30am St. Andrew's, Grinton  
*Eucharist*  
St. Michael's, Downholme  
*Holy Communion*
- 10.30am Low Row URC  
Reeth Methodist
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*Eucharist*  
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Gunnerside Methodist  
*Holy Communion*  
Reeth Evangelical Congregational

### THE HOLY TRINITY ORGAN APPEAL

There will be a WORKSHOP on making a flower arrangement for your church or home entitled EASTER DECORATION. It will have YVONNE HOWARD's expert help And will be held on EASTER SATURDAY 23 April 2011 in Holy Trinity, Low Row from 10.30 a.m. - 1.00 p.m. The cost will be £10 With coffee and light lunch included.

The Swale Singers Entertain, at Holy Trinity Church, Low Row, 7.30 pm Saturday 19th March. This concert is in aid of the Church Organ Fund. Do come to support the restoration appeal. Duncan Bythell directs the entertainment, which will be followed by refreshments. Tickets are £5 at the door. All welcome at both events.

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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

April	March 15th
May	April 15th
June	May 15th

### PLEASE NOTE

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

Cover photograph of Reeth Moor submitted by  
Elsie Whitehead

**For all advertising queries please  
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### 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](mailto:janet.hall@finklecroft.me.uk) or 01325 374112

### Richmondshire Choral Society Spring Concert

In St Mary's church, Richmond on Saturday 2 April at 7.30pm. The programme will include Mozart's 'Requiem', Faure 'Cantique de Jean Racine', Mozart 'Ave Verum Corpus', Bach 'Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring' with orchestra and soloists. Tickets £10, school age free are available from choir members, Richmond TIC, by mail from 01325 374112 or see the website :

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Residents of Healaugh past and present gathered on the 12<sup>th</sup> February to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of Miss Rae Scott whose associations with the village go back half her lifetime. Rae was born in Hebburn on February 5, 1911, and attended Newcastle Church High School where she went back to teach geography after graduating from Cambridge. One of her fondest memories is of the wartime evacuation of the school to Alnwick where they were given the run of the castle, courtesy of the then Duchess of Northumberland! After the war she became Deputy Head at Darlington High School, now Hummersknott School, remaining there after it became a comprehensive to see the last intake of the High School girls through to the end of the sixth form. When an old friend retired and came to live with her they bought the house in Healaugh to use at school holidays and weekends. Until she was 97 Rae regularly drove herself to Swaledale from her home in Darlington where she still lives independently. The party in Healaugh was the third celebration in a very full week, beginning with a lunch organised by friends at the White House on her birthday & another at the United Reformed Church in Darlington the following day.

#### REETH MEMORIAL HALL EVENTS

**WHAT'S ON** - Friday 25<sup>th</sup> 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). Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April - Renbourn & Williamson - Acoustic guitarist and songwriter John Renbourn (*Pentangle*) and Scottish multi-instrumentalist, singer, songwriter 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 Irish harp, guitar and song. £14 (£16 door)

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> 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. 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](http://www.reethmemorialhall.co.uk)

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MARCH 15TH

#### THANK YOU

Hilary House, Reeth

Joyce, Bob and Clive Blodwell would like to thank **friends for their help and support following Ken's death**. Also many thanks to Reeth Medical Centre for their kind care and attention given during **Ken's illness**.



No excuses to use the same password everywhere

A common complaint from customers is that **they can't remember lots of passwords and so** they just use the same one everywhere. This is a really bad idea as someone only needs to pinch your email address and password from one website and they can guess you might use the same details on shopping sites etc..

A long time ago I mentioned using RoboForm for generating difficult to guess passwords and remembering them for you. Recently Roboform changed its licensing policy so that you have to pay for an annual subscription and their software has become less reliable because of bugs. Luckily there is another program which can do the job (and in my opinion better than RoboForm). The program is call LastPass and even better it is free. It works like this: Go to [www.lastpass.com](http://www.lastpass.com) and download the installation program to your computer. Double click on the file to install it. During installation it will ask for a number of pieces of information to make your passwords secure but to understand what is going on you need to understand a little of the mechanics of how it works (yes I know some eyes have glazed over but I will try to keep it simple). During installation you are asked to set up an encryption code and also an online account (which is free). Everytime you save a new password when you fill in a form on a webpage it is stroed on your computer. The encryption key you chose during setup is used to encrypt all of your data with military grade encryption and the encrypted data is store on the server at LastPass in the account you set up there. No one at LastPass can decode your encrypted data so it is important you keep a copy of your encryption code and account details. Once set up a new button appears in your browser (looks like a red star near the top right corner of the window) and whenever you have to fill in a form on a webpage or choose a new email you can use

LastPass to record that information. It will even make up new, hard to crack passwords for you **on your behalf and remember them so you don't** have to. The advantage of all this is that you can choose a new difficult password everytime you need to (so no using the same password more than once) and LastPass not only remembers the password but will fill in the login page next time you visit that website automatically. Your online **account means that if you are at somebody's** house and need to remember a password you can log in to your online account and look up a password. LastPass works with most common browsers on Windows (Internet Explorer, Firefox, Google Chrome, Safari and Opera) and also works with common browsers for people using Macs and Linux machines. If you pay a subscription (£1 per month) you also have access to lots of other features including using LastPass on mobile phones (such as iPhones and Blackberrys) as well as the ability to install all of you passwords onto a USB stick and use it in any computer without having to install any software. You can even use LastPass to remember passwords for security conscious applications on your computer (such as book keeping and accounts software that require you to log in). LastPass is a brilliant idea and works really well - why not give it a go. Any comments or question do please visit [www.dalescomputerservices.com](http://www.dalescomputerservices.com) and drop me a line - or sign up to ask questions in the forum (it is very lonely in there at the moment!).

TTFN Carol Haynes

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### Upper Swaledale Christian Aid Group AGM

Our AGM is on Monday 14th March 2010 at 2.0 pm at Low Row URC. Everyone is welcome to attend. The Christian Aid week service will take place on Thursday May 12th at 7.30 pm at Low Row URC prior to Christian Aid Week from May 15th - May 21st. The focus of the service will be on Nicaragua. A Christian Aid partner organization, Soppexcca, helps poor coffee farmers in Nicaragua to produce and process good-quality coffee and then market it nationally and internationally. By working together in cooperatives, communities gain the confidence to take charge of their own lives, and decide what kind of support they need to help themselves. For the cooperatives, unity is strength. It helps them to negotiate a fair price for their product; and more than that, it enables them to make real improvements in the life of their communities. The work of Soppexcca has enabled them to overcome all the odds, and believe that a better life is possible. We need volunteers for the House-to-House Collection in May particularly in Gunnerside and Reeth. If you are interested in helping in any way please contact Pauline Oldershaw (886790) or Susan Allison (884366)

### Middleham and Dales Local History Group Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2pm Middleham Key Centre

The third John Rettie Memorial Lecture  
*Fields, cow pastures and commons:  
environmental management in the Pennine  
Dales 1400-1750* Dr Angus Winchester

John Rettie, a renowned international journalist, humanitarian and dalesman, was chairman of this group until his death in January 2009. This third lecture to honour his memory will be given by Dr Angus Winchester, senior lecturer in history at the University of Lancaster and author of *The harvest of the hills: rural life in northern England and the Scottish borders 1400-1700*. Before enclosure in the 18th and 19th centuries much land in the Pennine dales was shared and used jointly, for at least part of the year. Open fields in the dale bottoms were enclosed comparatively early but shared grazings in cow pastures on the lower fellsides and common waste on the higher moors remained communal resources - and in some cases remain so today. How did communities manage these shared resources in the past? Using the local rules and byelaws made by manor courts and by informal meetings of commoners, this talk will ask how successful Pennine communities were in devising sustainable systems of communal land management. Dr Winchester has spent many years engaged in research on upland landscapes and the environment in the north of England during early modern times and is an acknowledged expert in the field of agricultural history. Middleham and Dales Local History Group is therefore delighted that he has agreed to give this memorial lecture on what promises to be a fascinating subject of great local interest. Annual membership of the group is £10 and visitors are welcome to attend individual meetings for a fee of £3. For further information, please contact Tony Keates 01969 640436 or email [dotandtonyk@btinternet.com](mailto:dotandtonyk@btinternet.com)

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<sup>46</sup> It has been said that life is a series of journeys and that every journey begins with a simple step. Take that step! <sup>49</sup>

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**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March** WHIST, DOMINO DRIVE & DRAW 7.30 p.m. @ Memorial Hall

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May** Management Meeting 7.30 p.m @ The Buck Hotel

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May** Cream Tea's & Tombola 2.00 – 4.00 @ Memorial Hall

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> August** Management Meeting 7.30 p.m. @ The Buck Hotel

**Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> August REETH SHOW DAY**

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> Sept** Management Meeting 7.30 p.m. @ The Buck Hotel

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> Oct** Big Breakfast 9.00 – 12.00 @ Memorial Hall

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> Nov** Ladies Meeting 7.30 p.m. @ The Buck Hotel

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> Nov** Horticulture Meeting 6.30 p.m. @ The Buck Hotel

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> Nov** Dog & Stick Meeting 7.00 p.m. @ The Buck Hotel

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> Nov** Horse Committee Meeting 7.30 p.m. @ The Buck Hotel

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> Nov** Sheep Committee Meeting 8.15 p.m. @ The Buck Hotel

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Changes to the NHS

You may well have seen coverage in the press about GPs taking over the running of the NHS in the near future, so I thought I would provide you with a bit more information about this.

The plans from the government are still quite fluid at the moment, but in our area (Hambleton and Richmond), the practices will appoint a committee of doctors and managers who will sort out the buying in of the various services we need, such as hospital appointments, X-rays etc. Each practice will have a vote when decisions need to be made, but the day to day business will be conducted by the committee. The hope is that local services will be tailored to the local population and that competition between people to provide services to the NHS will raise quality standards and reduce cost.

I try to stay out of politics wherever possible, but my personal feeling is that healthcare is not the type of commodity that can easily be bought and sold, in that a lot of the aspects of quality (such as continuity of care) cannot be easily measured and therefore given a price. Scotland and Wales have got rid of the **'market' within the NHS and this has led to** better working between GP practices and hospitals, which benefits patients. For some reason, the NHS in England is moving in an altogether opposite direction and inviting different companies to bid for contracts to provide different services which may lead to a fragmentation of care and breakdown in continuity and communication. There are currently ongoing talks between GPs and the government about this issue.

Day to day, things should look no different at Reeth Medical Centre. Although our overall allocation of money has fallen year on year in real terms, we continue to keep our costs within budget, for example using generic medicines wherever possible to keep within our annual £250k prescribing budget.

There are tough times ahead for the NHS and there may be further restrictions in **what GPs can and can't refer for** treatment, but we will try to use our vote to make sure we can get the best possible outcome for our patients.

I hope this helps to clarify things.

All the best - Mike Brookes and the Team

The British Medical Association has weighed in on the Prime Minister David Cameron's health care proposals. The Allergists voted to scratch it, but the Dermatologists advised not to make any rash moves. The Gastroenterologists had a sort of a gut feeling about it, but the Neurologists thought the Administration had a lot of nerve. The Obstetricians felt they were all labouring under a misconception. Ophthalmologists considered the idea short-sighted. Pathologists yelled, "Over my dead body!" while the Paediatricians said, "Oh, Grow up!" The Psychiatrists thought the whole idea was madness, while the Radiologists could see right through it. The Surgeons were fed up with the cuts and decided to wash their hands of the whole thing. The Ear Nose & Throat specialists wouldn't hear of it. The Internists thought it was a bitter pill to swallow, and the Plastic Surgeons said, "This puts a whole new face on the matter....". The Podiatrists thought it was a step backward, but the Urologists were peeved off at the whole idea. The Anaesthetists thought the whole idea was a gas, and the Cardiologists didn't have the heart to say no. In the end, the Proctologists won out, leaving **the entire decision up to the a.....s (idiots) in** London.



March events at the  
Dales Countryside  
Museum

On Friday 18 March at 7.30pm, as part of the Friends of the Dales Countryside Museum lecture programme, Dr Christine Hallas will give **a talk entitled 'Railway**

Mania in the Northern Dales and the outcomes, 1840 - 1912'. **Museum Manager Fiona Rosher said: "We have got a fantastic programme of extra events for all the family lined up for this year. In addition to our hands-on exhibits and fabulous collections of artefacts and objects that tell the stories of the people that have lived and worked here, we have a great exhibition programme. People can also make an appointment if they'd like to see things from the collection or archive at close hand. "In addition, our Treasured Possessions exhibition - which explores the way that things have been collected and recorded in the Dales over the years and why things become special to people - will be on show until 30 March featuring the work of local schools. The project carries on into the spring and we are still collecting stories and images of things that are special to local communities. We think we have something for everyone and we are looking forward to a fantastic year."** If your group or school would like a **"Treasure Pocket"** to fill, contact the Museum Project Officer Jane Sammells on 01969 666210 or email her at [jane.sammells@yorkshiredales.org.uk](mailto:jane.sammells@yorkshiredales.org.uk).



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wonderful £466. As this is half the amount I set  
myself to raise in the year, I have moved the finishing  
post and will now try to raise £5000.

Due to an abundance of events on 25 March (isn't it  
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## HUDSON HOUSE

Dales' councillors made impassioned pleas at the YDNP Authority meeting on February 3 that funding to Hudson House in Reeth should not be cut in 2013. This was but one of the recommendations made in the proposed budget following the major reduction in the Defra grant to the YDNP A for the next financial year. David Butterworth, the YDNP A chief executive, reminded members that in the next four years the Authority could expect a £2 million reduction in its budget. "A third of our budget is disappearing," he said. And so the members were presented with a budget in which it was proposed to cut 11 programmes, cut back heavily on its funding to the Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust and to make savings in other areas. One of those proposed savings was to stop funding Hudson House once the YDNP A's present lease contract ended in 2013. "I suspect that the recommendation would have been 2011 if we had not been contractually obliged," said the Chief Executive, David Butterworth. North Yorks County Coun John Blackie led the opposition to that proposal backed up by Grinton Parish Coun Harold Brown. Coun Blackie, who represents the Upper Dales, argued that the funding to Hudson House could be reduced by £7,000 to £20,000 a year with the money coming from the YDNP A's community understanding budget which runs to around £600,000. "In my view there is sufficient budget within Community Understanding to rearrange some of the staffing resources. Hudson House,

and our continued presence there, does a lot to promote community engagement within Swaledale and Arkengarthdale at a time when the government is looking for greater community engagement." Both he and South Lakeland Dt Coun Kevin Lancaster reminded members that when the YDNP A sold the its building in Reeth it had been with the understanding that the Authority would continue to have a presence in that town so as to provide a service to Swaledale and Arkengarthdale. Coun Lancaster said: "I think it is absolutely wrong headed for this authority to be contemplating pulling out of places like Reeth. I believe it is fundamentally part of what the present government is wanting to achieve with the Big Society - Hudson House is, in many ways, a pre-exemplar of the Big Society." In a passionate statement Parish Coun Brown pointed out that Hudson House was the shop window for the YDNP A in Reeth and the two northern Dales. "If we pull out of Reeth the National Park will be criticised as it was in the past. We are feeling very disappointed about this news." Dent Parish Coun Graham Dalton and Richmondshire Dt Coun Raymond Alderson also supported the proposal to continue funding Hudson House. Others, however, felt that the proposed budget should go into the consultation period unchanged. They hoped that during the consultation period more information might become available which would help members make the right decisions when the budget was discussed again in March, before being

ratified. The Chief Executive, David Butterworth, agreed with that. He said: "When we were looking at the budget as a whole we looked at the essential provision within the National Park. We compared Reeth to the four other visitor centres we have got - Hawes, Aysgarth Falls, Grassington and Malham. There is no comparison - it gets half the number of visitors and it cannot compete in retail activity." He added that unlike the other four it had not been listed recently among the top visitor centres in the York and Humber region. He added that the YDNP A was just one of the partners in the community office at Hudson House with Richmondshire District Council having the main responsibility for it. Coun Blackie responded: "I am disappointed with what Mr Butterworth had to say. This is a front line service. It's at the heart of the local community." He added that it did not get as many visitors as the other centres because not as many people visited Swaledale and Arkengarthdale. His proposal to continue supporting Hudson House was defeated. So now the communities of Swaledale and Arkengarthdale must make their voices heard during the consultation period.

Later, when introducing the Save Hudson House Campaign Coun John Blackie stated: "The likelihood that the withdrawal of the YDNP A will result in the complete collapse of Hudson House will go down incredibly badly with local people, and set back the reputation of the Authority to where it was in the 1990s. Then after a number of adverse planning

decisions the YDNP A was regarded with outright hostility amidst the communities in the Two Dales, and its local people have very long memories. "Its lead involvement in Hudson house has since led to the Authority being gradually accepted in these communities, but this perverse decision, if confirmed in March, will take it straight back to the bad old days."

#### From Councillor Blackie

Sadly the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority (YDNPA) reverted to type at its meeting last Thursday (Feb. 3rd) and made a preliminary decision to withdraw completely their presence and all its funding from Hudson House in Reeth, the local Tourist Information Centre, the Community Office for Swaledale and Arkengarthdale (the Two Dales), and One Stop shop for a number of other organisations, that has been open since 2003. This was despite my proposal, made at the meeting, and very strongly supported by Cllr. Harold Brown and Cllr. Raymond Alderson, both from Swaledale, that the YDNPA should maintain its service at Hudson House beyond 2013, at a reduced level of staffing and contribution towards the total running costs of the Community enterprise. David Butterworth, Chief Executive of the YDNPA, led by suggesting that if he had his way, withdrawal would take place in April 2011 but there was an agreement in place for the next 2 years. Members of the Authority, taking up his lead, voted my proposal down by 11 votes to 7, with a number of abstentions. In doing this, the YDNPA have

very probably condemned Hudson House to complete closure, as its staffing and financial contribution was an essential piece of the jigsaw of funding that keeps the Community enterprise going day to day. It is also seen as the lead Authority for Hudson House, and by voting with its feet to abandon ship, it is very likely that other public service organisations based at the Centre, all strapped for cash in this Age of Austerity, will do likewise. As 3 former Directors of Hudson House, who all had to resign very recently so that we were free to fight the proposal at the YDNPA, we made it crystal clear at the meeting that the prospect of complete closure was on the cards and the blame would lie fairly and squarely at the Authority's door, but our warnings went unheeded. It is incredibly disappointing. I proposed that £20,000 should be ring fenced for continuing the YDNPA presence at Hudson House in the future, just 3% out of a budget line of £600,000 for the Dales Information Centres. The £20,000, down by 26% from the £27,000 of previous years, represents a miserly 0.47% of the total funding of £4.5 million the YDNPA are granted by DEFRA. Obviously the message loud and clear is that the YDNPA cares not a jot for the best interests and well being of the communities of Swaledale and Arkengarthdale, a hugely important constituent population of the Yorkshire Dales National Park. Its commitment despite the cut in its DEFRA funding to **"maintaining front line services, including the visibility of these services"**, are patently just weasel-words, and will have a very hollow ring to them, from the fell-

tops and in the valley bottoms of The Two Dales, to its local communities. It is also a bizarre position to take during a Governance Review by DEFRA aimed at increasing the engagement and involvement of all National Park Authorities with their local communities. The YDNPA officially responded very positively to this Review in early February with a commitment to try much harder in the future. Oh dear !! Hudson House was established in the old Barclays Bank in Reeth in 2003, and is considered a flagship Community enterprise initiative, and a Beacon lead for deeply rural communities throughout the country. The various services it offers are of vast importance to local people, local businesses and visitors to Swaledale and Arkengarthdale, and are considered to be invaluable in an area where acute access to services because of its remoteness will always be a barrier to progress. The likelihood that the withdrawal of the YDNPA will result in the complete collapse of Hudson House will go down incredibly badly with local people, and set back the reputation of the Authority to where it was in the 1990s. Then after a number of adverse planning decisions the YDNPA was regarded with outright hostility amidst the communities in the Two Dales, and its local people have very long memories. Its lead involvement in Hudson House has since led to the Authority being gradually accepted in these communities, but this perverse decision, if confirmed in March, will take it straight back to the bad old days. This is especially so as there was a commitment made by the YDNPA to Swaledale and Arkengarthdale to maintain its presence when it sold off its old TIC

building facing Reeth Village Green, and became the lead player for what was then the fledgling the Hudson House project. Repudiating this commitment for 0.47% of its total funding is almost unbelievable and frankly nothing less than a dereliction of its duty to engage with local communities throughout the National Park. What can be done ??

**The Campaign to "SAVE HUDSON HOUSE"** starts today because whilst the writing for its future might appear to be on the Wall, a very loud and very clear barrage of support from the Two Dales Communities (and beyond) for the YDNPA continuing beyond 2013 could win the day. The Authority has launched a consultation on its Budget and future direction, and the result of this consultation will be taken into account when the final decisions are made at its meeting in March. Some Members of the Authority who abstained said they wanted to hear from the Two Dales communities (and beyond) before making up their mind, and with the vote so very close last Thursday, there is every possibility that a resounding hue and cry to **"SAVE HUDSON HOUSE"** will be triumphant. After I pointed out to the YDNPA that in parts of Upper Swaledale and Arkengarthdale there is no terrestrial TV, no radio reception, no mobile reception, no decent telephone system, no e-mail, no broadband, and no World-Wide-Web, it has agreed to accept any form of consultation response, rather than just an on-line submission. So you can go on-line at [www.yorkshiredales.org.uk](http://www.yorkshiredales.org.uk) or use the on-line surveys in hard copy that are now in National Park centres, including Hudson House. You do not have to plough through

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John Blackie North Yorkshire County Councillor The Upper Dales

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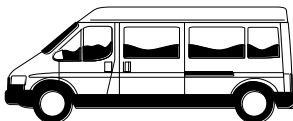
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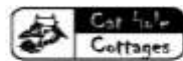
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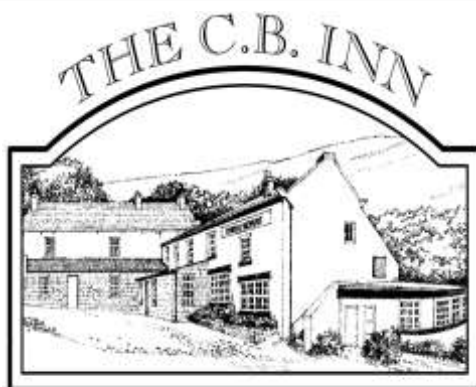
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MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> December 2010, had been circulated but because the meeting had not been quorate, the minutes were read through diligently at this meeting, any actions or decisions from the last meeting were discussed and approved. Only then were the minutes approved, agreed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING: The Clerk was instructed to find out where exactly the Endurance Rally is to go through Melbecks Parish. The proposed access Forum of the National Park is to be disbanded in order to economize, as part of Government cut backs. HIGHWAYS: The street lighting fault has not yet been reported to the relevant body as the clerk was awaiting feedback from the local SPCO. The clerk was instructed to write to highways regarding the streetlight.

RICHMONDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL: The Richmondshire Small Parish Insurance Scheme costs £142.01 and has been deducted from the April precept. The local council policy schedule was made available to the Council. The Street Naming and Numbering Shared services were deemed not relevant to Melbecks Parish.. Information regarding the Big Lunch - Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2011 was discussed, but deemed not relevant. NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL: Consultation on Library Proposals - hours are to be reduced, volunteers are to be sought and the removal of 10 mobile libraries, although not the super mobile, is proposed. The Council will await further decisions.

Y.D.N.P.A.: The Planning Committee - Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February was noted, although

there is nothing concerning Melbecks Parish on the agenda. Sustainable Energy Production Consultation Draft was made available to the Parish Council. OTHER CORRESPONDENCE/ AOB: An application for the position of parish clerk had been received. This was read by the Council which agreed not to discuss the application and leave it in abeyance until any other applications had been received and interviews had been arranged. The clerk was instructed to invite any applicants for interviews before the next meeting. The Council was informed that it is CENSUS year and that Census Day is on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2011. North Yorkshire LINK was made available to the Council, after some discussion it was decided that the Council did not wish to receive any more information by email. Country AIR was made available to the Council.. It was reported that a street light in Gunnerside is on permanently and that another street light in Low Row is not working. The Parish Clerk was instructed to inform the relevant body. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING: The next Annual Parish Meeting will be held in Gunnerside Village Hall on 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2011. Proceeded by the Parish Council Meeting and preceded by any interviews for the position of Parish Clerk.

### Maggie Pleasant

The whole of the organisation of Swaledale and Arkengarthdale Dales Watch are saddened by Maggie's death. She was our very good and reliable secretary. Maggie was also part of a small group of people who are prepared to leave the comfort of their homes and spend hours driving and sitting around our Two Dales watching for people who simply should not be there. For all this Maggie, the whole community owes you a big debt of gratitude. Our combined sympathies are extended to husband Tony and family.

**Malcolm Gardner**  
Dales Watch Chairman



### Crime in The Two Dales

last month we received several reports of suspect vehicles in the areas of Marske, Arkengarthdale and in Fremington a person was found asking for scrap metal. A vehicle was stolen from Reeth and found abandoned off the Arkengarthdale road. There was also an incident involving theft of Red diesel taken from a storage container in Arkengarthdale. Several Traps have been removed from the moor in Gunnerside over a period of time .A report in the area of Ellerton Abbey brought to our attention two males who were attempting to sell items at the door such as straps and gloves. In neighbouring areas there have been incidents of trailer thefts and further quad bikes have been stolen. We would urge everyone to ensure vehicles are left secure at all times even if you are just popping indoors for a brief time. Further speed checks will be taking place throughout the Dales, please drive with care and consideration for other road users. It is often very difficult to see cyclists on the roads and walkers in particular may be forced out into the road as there is often no pavement and very little grass verge to stand on. Any vehicles that are found to be parked inappropriately could result in a fixed penalty. Pavements should be left unobstructed for the use of pedestrians. It is advisable to park fully on the road where permitted as opposed to partially on the road and pavement which can result in wing mirrors being damaged because drivers fail to stop behind a parked vehicle and attempt instead to squeeze by when

meeting oncoming traffic when there is **insufficient room. As usual "Surgery" times** and dates are sighted at the front of Hudson House in Reeth on a poster, the purpose of which is to give members of the public the opportunity to voice any issues or concerns or queries they may have and done in a confidential manner. If the times are not convenient please feel free to pop into Hudson House and enquire with the front office staff as to whether or not I am available and I will be happy to assist. If you prefer to write letters they will be forwarded to me and they can be left at either Hudson House or at Leyburn Police Station.

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**The Under 12's played their** first match since November on 23 January at Middleham against Leyburn B. This should have been an easy match against bottom of the League but with 9 weeks without a match and an injured goalie, Dales were very rusty. Playing uphill in first half there was no score thanks to some excellent saves from Finn Shehan in goal and strong play by Joe Everitt in defence. In second half, Finn, back in his normal position, set one up for Nathan Tulip to finish. Good team effort allowed Ed Tiplady to get the second as the team remembered what a game of football was about. After a real goal mouth tussle, Finn got the ball to hammer in the third. Leyburn fought back strongly and often the defence had to get back but James Dent and, man-of-the-match Joe played really well. Harry Potter played to replace Shortie and did well. Won 0-3. No more football until 13 February when both teams were in Cup action at home. **The Under 12's played Bedale B who opened the** scoring in an evenly balanced match. Dales made some good chances but Ed, injured in training on Friday, was off form and could not find the net. After several good runs it was Jack Hammond who equalised just before half time. Dales took more control. Ed put us ahead. Finn played some skilful football while James and Joe put up a solid defence. Nathan clinched the match with a good goal from Finn. 3-1 win. With Shortie out, we were most grateful for our reserves, Sam and Ross, turning out when they were not really well to stand in if necessary. The next week Dales played Catterick Garrison at home. The first half

was a closely fought match with end to end football and it was Catterick who broke through our defence for a good goal. Ed found a chink in their strong defence to equalise by which time their coach was starting to complain. Ed made no mistake with an error in Catterick defence and then made it a hat trick. Joe and James again put up a strong defence while Jack went in goal giving a performance to be awarded man-of-the-match. Ed tried for his fourth but it was Nathan who got it on the rebound. **4-1 win. The Under 10's** played Catterick Village in their Cup match having not had a game for 3 months. It was a while of some good spirited football before Scott Alderson opened the scoring and then another. The defence played well and Lewis White in goal had to make some good saves. Catterick pulled one back but Will Tiplady got our third. A very good run by Tommy Marsh, in which he was right not to pass, made it 4. Ben Metcalfe, who was man-of-the match made it 5. **5-2 win** and through to the next round. I was pleased to receive an e-mail after the match from Catterick praising our play and wishing us well in the Cup. The following week they played Catterick Garrison Tigers. James Metcalfe opened the scoring before Catterick equalised and it was the visitors who got the decider. I could not see much of this match. James was man-of-the-match. Lost 1-2. The Tesco voucher scheme is about to start and parents and supporters are asked to collect these for equipment. We are also pleased to receive Sainsbury vouchers which we pass on the Scouts and Cubs on a reciprocal basis.

David Williams 01748 884650

Message from the SWALEDALE

MUSEUM in Reeth

Don't forget Friends of the Museum lectures are now at Fremington Sunday School. On March 9th at 2pm Chloe Parker, will talk on 'Through the Dark Ages on a Hogback'. Hogbacks are stone carved Anglo-Scandinavian sculptures from 10th-12th century England and Scotland. Their function is generally accepted as grave markers. There are particular concentrations of hogbacks in Yorkshire and Cumbria, the former being their likely area of origin. Our 13th April talk reverts to our summer timetable, starting at 7.30 pm with Mark Whyman, writer and photographer from Richmond whose talk is entitled **'From Domesday Book to Organic Veg, the Story of Richmond Market'**. On 11th May at 7.30pm David Johnson, author & Chairman of the Ingleborough Archaeology Group will be **looking at 'Lime Burning & the Land'**. We are delighted to have received some very unusual objects on loan for our Needlework Accessories exhibition: 35 silver pins, a thimble, a pair of scissors and a scrap of brass that were found hidden under the window sills and around doorways of a house in Healaugh. According to the Deliberately Concealed Garments project that began in 1998 at the Textile Conservation Centre in Winchester, they may have been concealed as a protective device to ward off evil or used as counter-magic to deflect a curse or other negative circumstance, such as illness or economic blight considered to be the consequence of malevolent spirits or witches. They may **also have been viewed as 'lucky things'**, perhaps heirlooms from an ancestor or

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