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CHURCH NOTICES in Swaledale & Arkengarthdale

Sunday 4th. MARCH

- 9.15am St. Mary's Muker
Eucharist
- 10.30am Low Row URC
Reeth Methodist
Holy Communion
- 11.00am Holy Trinity Low Row
Eucharist
St. Edmund's Marske
Reeth Evangelical Congregational
- 2.00pm Keld URC
- 2.30pm Gunnerside Methodist
- 6.00pm St. Andrew's, Grinton
Evening Prayer BCP
- 6.30pm Reeth Evangelical Congregational

Sunday 18th MARCH - Mothering Sunday

- 9.15am St. Mary's Muker
Holy Communion BCP
- 10.30am Low Row URC
Reeth Methodist
- 11.00am Holy Trinity Low Row
Eucharist
St. Edmund's Marske
Eucharist
Reeth Evangelical Congregational
- 11.15am St. Mary's Arkengarthdale
Mothering Sunday Family Service
- 2.00pm Keld URC
- 2.30pm Gunnerside Methodist
- 6.30pm Reeth Evangelical Congregational

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Sunday 11th MARCH

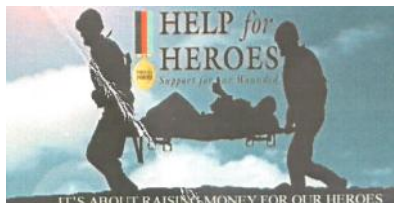
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Sunday 25th MARCH

- 8.00am Holy Trinity Low Row
Holy Communion BCP
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Eucharist
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June	May 10th

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THE GREEN THING

In the line at the supermarket, the cashier told an older woman that she should bring her own grocery bags because plastic bags weren't good for the environment. The woman apologized to him and explained, "We didn't have the green thing back in my day. The clerk responded, "That's our problem today. Your generation did not care enough to save our environment. He was right -- our generation didn't have the green thing in its day. Back then, we returned milk bottles, soda bottles and beer bottles to the shop or off licence. They sent them back to the plant to be washed, sterilized and refilled and re-used. So it could use the same bottles over and over. So they really were recycled. But we didn't have the green thing back in our day. We walked up stairs, because we didn't have lifts and escalators in every shop and office building. We walked to the local shops and didn't climb into a 300-horsepower machine every time we had to go to a supermarket. We bought fruit and veg loose - and washed them at home. We didn't have to throw away bins full of plastic, foam and paper packaging that need huge recycling plants fed by monster trucks all day, everyday. But she was right. We didn't have the green thing in our day. Back then, we washed the baby's nappies because we didn't have the throw-away kind. We dried clothes on a line, not in an energy gobbling machine burning up 220 volts -- wind and solar power really did dry the clothes. Kids got hand-me-down (mostly hand made or hand knitted) clothes from their brothers or sisters, not always brand-new clothing shipped from the other side of the planet. But that old

lady is right; we didn't have the green thing back in our day. Back then shops repaired things with funny things called spare parts - we didn't need to throw whole items away because a small part failed. Back then, we had one TV, or radio, in the house -- not a TV in every room. And the TV had a small screen the size of a handkerchief (remember them?), not a screen the size of Wales. In the kitchen, we blended and stirred by hand because we didn't have electric machines to do everything for us. When we packaged a fragile item to send in the mail, we used a wadded up old newspaper to cushion it, not Styrofoam or plastic bubble wrap. Back then, we didn't fire up an engine and burn petrol just to cut the lawn. We used a push mower that ran on human power and hand clippers for the hedges. We exercised by working so we didn't need to go to a brightly lit, air conditioned health club run on treadmills that operate on electricity and then drink millions of bottles of that special water from those plastic bottles. But she's right; we didn't have the green thing back then. We drank from a fountain when we were thirsty instead of using a plastic cup or a plastic bottle every time we had a drink of water. We refilled writing pens with ink instead of buying a new plastic pen, and we replaced blades in a razor instead of throwing away the whole plastic razor just because the blade got dull. But we didn't have the green thing back then. Back then, people took the bus and kids rode their bikes to school or walked instead of turning their parents into a 24-hour taxi service. We had one electrical outlet in a room, not an entire bank of sockets to power a dozen

appliances. And we didn't need a computerized gadget to receive a signal beamed from satellites 2,000 miles out in space in order to find the nearest fish & chip shop But isn't it sad the current generation laments how wasteful we old folks were just because we didn't have the green thing back then!



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The government's proposed changes to the NHS are slowly coming to fruition, and as part of their plans they are asking people to become involved by sharing their views on how NHS services can be improved on a local level. One of these bodies is entitled the 'Health Engagement Network'. It will bring together GPs and other health care professionals to make decisions about budgets and what services can be provided to the benefit of local communities. If you would like to become involved, you can do so to a varying degree, depending on the amount of time you have to spare. Some of

it will involve taking part in surveys, or attending focus group meetings. Leaflets are available at the medical centre, so please either take one or ask at Reception. It is your chance to have a say about the future of the NHS in your area and is particularly relevant given the recent controversies around the future of some services at the Friarage Hospital. Unless we speak up now, rural communities will see more and more reduction of services under 'efficiency' measures.

YOUR GENEROSITY. Once again, thank you all very much for your kind support for Herriot Hospice Homecare, our chosen charity for 2011. The final donations added up to over £1,000. A terrific sum, all raised by our patients. In 2012, we have decided to support the charity **BLISS - FOR BABIES BORN TOO SOON, TOO SMALL, TOO SICK.** Joss now weighs over 12lbs, and is hungrily demanding as much food as he can get. It seems a distant memory that he was only 2lb 6ozs at birth - about the size and weight of a bag of sugar. I'm sure you realise how grateful Marie and I are for the support that we received during that difficult time from the premature baby unit at James Cook Hospital, and the charity BLISS helps to provide units like theirs with essential equipment as well as support for worried parents. I'm sure you will, once again, support us in raising funds for this worthy cause. We will continue with our ever-popular book exchange, so please keep the books coming. If you would like to know more about BLISS, you might like to look at their website: www.bliss.org.uk.

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Sunday 18th March

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MELBECKS SOCIETY

The Melbecks Society's last talk of the season will be by Dawn Webster entitled 'Kiplin Hall & Gardens, Past, Present & Future' on Thursday 8th March, 7.30pm at Low Row Institute. Visitors are very welcome. Our January talk was by Dr Mike Brookes who outlined some of the highlights from his career to date. He also expressed his delight and thanks for the support from the community that raised £955 at the Society's coffee morning last November for Reeth Medical Centre's Specialist Equipment Fund. They have been able to purchase a hand held heart monitor, and a dermatoscope which looks at moles and skin lesions to determine if further treatment is required at hospital. Talks will resume next winter, starting on 11th October and continuing on the second Thursday of each month. Any suggestions for talk topics are always welcome - please mention any ideas to any of the committee members.

REETH SHOW CENTENARY DINNER

To celebrate the 100th show this year a Centenary Dinner will be held on Saturday 25th August 2012 in the marquee on the show field. There will also be live music & speakers. Tickets (£20) are available from J Bainbridge (Secretary) Upnadow, Fremington, Richmond, DL11 6AR. The committee are also looking for any old show memorabilia for the 100th show. If you have anything i.e old photos, programmes etc from the last 100 years, please could we borrow them. We will make copies and get the originals back to you.

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REETH PARISH COUNCIL JANUARY

Village Clock Mr Herbert had repaired the clock but it had stopped again in a power cut and restarted at the wrong time. He would be asked to look into a replacement.

Mower The mulch plate had been delivered and was being fitted ready for the new season.

Richmondshire Eco Group The group was making trees available for planting in the area. Coun Allinson would liaise to find out if these were available to private individuals or only to councils.

Playground Coun Gardner pointed out that Reeth seemed to be the only authority having weekly inspections of playground equipment. The clerk would check exactly how many inspections were required to meet the needs of the insurance policy.

Job Opportunities Information was received from *Just the Job* who provided employment opportunities for people with special needs.

Healaugh Bridleway Councillors Allinson and Gardner would inspect the track to two properties at Healaugh where problems had been reported with a possible collapsed culvert.

Footpaths The Area Ranger had confirmed that the roadside footpath at Fremington was the responsibility of the County Council rather than the National Park so the overhanging saplings will be reported to the Highways Department. The path along the Arkle Beck where stones had come out of the retaining wall would be reported to the National Park for action.

Access Ramp Planning permission had been granted for an easy access ramp outside the Congregational chapel. Councillors had no objections to the front wall being moved forward slightly if it was found to be necessary to accommodate the

gradient.

Remembrance Sunday Coun Gardner would attend a debriefing meeting requested by the local police to discuss any matters arising from the event.

Swaledale Museum Highways had not yet removed the bollards from the green. The council had no objections in principle to work to improve the footpath to the Museum but would ask for detailed plans of any changes of level and building materials involved before giving permission for the work.

Diamond Jubilee Only one member of the public had attended a meeting to discuss possible Jubilee celebrations although it was understood the playgroup may be organising something for younger children. The parish clerk from Muker & Melbecks attended the meeting to discuss a joint distribution of mugs to school children in the area.

Christmas Tree Councillors thanked the local farmer who had supplied the tree and would be sending a token of their appreciation. Due to the very bad weather a large number of bulbs had required replacing over the Christmas period. It had been found that the time switch in the new electricity supply box had been found to affect all the sockets, not just the one for the Christmas tree lights, causing inconvenience for the market. This would need to be altered before next Christmas.

Public Toilets Coun Kendall drew attention to the proposed closure of some public toilets in the area during winter months. He requested that the clerk should write to the District Council asking why part of the business rates, which are paid to central government, couldn't be used locally to keep the facilities open.

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Street Lights Two out of order street lights would be reported. The lighting in Silver Street was particularly poor at the moment. **Village Green** Coun Allinson requested that councillors should meet on the green to consider several items of repair and maintenance including damage to the grass and an overgrown tree. This would be arranged in the spring when the weather had improved. He had also drawn up a plan of loose and displaced cobbles which would be referred to the Highways department for their attention. **Next Meeting** The next meeting is at 7pm on Monday, March 26 in the Memorial Hall.

MELBECKS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The Parish Council Meeting was held on 26th January, 2012, at Low Row Institute, beginning at 7.30 p.m. Councillors D. Alderson, Calvert, Crapper, Blackburn, Blackie and PCSO Taylor-Page were present with Councillor R. Alderson presiding. Clerk was Mrs. Sharp.

MATTERS ARISING: The Clerk confirmed to the Council that the Jubilee mugs would be ordered by Reeth Parish Council on Melbecks Parish Council's behalf and would not contain wording relating to Reeth Parish Council. The Clerk advised the Council that the new Parish Council webpage provided free by RDC was now live and available on www.parishconnect.co.uk. The Chair asked the Clerk if there was an update on the public conveniences and the Clerk informed the Council that Councillor Blackie would be giving an update in person. **HIGHWAYS:** The Clerk was instructed to write again to the Estate to ascertain appropriate paperwork to be obtained before Highways can be instructed to proceed.

RICHMONDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL:

The Chair noted notification of a Revised Register of Electors available at Hudson House. **Y.D.N.P.A.:** Planning Application: Ralph Bank, Low Row. The Council raised no comments or objections. Planning Application: Gunnerside Methodist Primary School. The Council raised no comments or objections. Permission granted. Planning Application: Gorton Lodge, Low Row. The Council raised no comments or objections. Planning Application: Birk Park, Healaugh. The Council raised no comments or objections. Planning Application: Brockma Gill East, Morley Gate, Melbecks. The Council raised no comments or objections. Planning Application: Gunnerside Methodist Church. Planning correspondence informed the Council that the Church was a listed property but has ecclesiastical exemption. The Council provided landowners names for land damaged by recent floods to the YDNPA Area Ranger at his request. YDNPA advised Council that they are to repair this damage. **OTHER**

CORRESPONDENCE / AOB: The Chair reported a number of drains blocked after recent flooding at Robinsgate, Wood End Corner, Waller Hillfoot, Gallows Foot road end, Brocca and Belle Isle. The Clerk was instructed to write to Highways. Cllr Calvert reported the becksides wall before Gunnerside Bridge had not yet been mended and was now in a worse state of repair. The Clerk was instructed to write to Highways. Cllr Blackie updated the Council regarding the proposed closure of public conveniences in the Dales.

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Gunnerside public conveniences would be closed for winter from the beginning of November until the beginning of April. The Council voiced its objection to this closure and asked what alternative arrangements could be made to keep the public conveniences open at Gunnerside. Cllr Blackie advised that all possible alternatives had been considered. He advised however that the Council could take possession of the keys to their public convenience, make their own cleaning arrangements provided they provide all consumables themselves and that the public convenience is returned in the state they were handed it by County. Under these circumstances Melbecks PC could receive some remuneration from County for this service. The Council decided to consider their own locally tailored service during the winter period. Cllr Crapper informed the Council that contact numbers to report any malfunction of the Orange mast at Dykes Head had now been obtained. These numbers were in the possession of Cllr Crapper and the Parish Clerk. Cllr Crapper also informed the Council that Orange had now merged with T-Mobile and that it was now 'Everything Everywhere' who were to be contacted.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING:

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held in Gunnerside Village Hall on Thursday, 22nd March, 2012 at 7.30pm.

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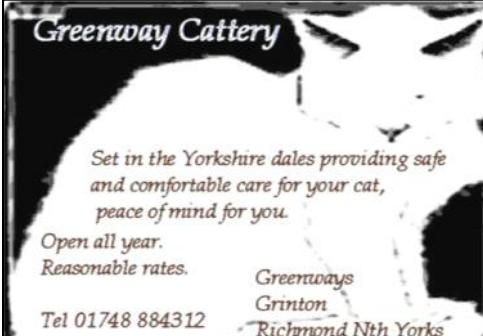
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Jan up to 10th Feb 2012 Total Incidents for 2011: 31, which equals approximately 2000 rescue person hours 29/01/2012 Training exercise at Ellerton scar, casualty evacuation over steep ground. Thanks to the land owner for access 26/01/2012 (3) 16.20hrs: North Yorkshire Police reported a large group of persons (30!) on the fells above Low Row with poor equipment. With blizzard conditions on the tops, a small team was deployed & quickly found the group & with the police re united group, tarmac & transport. 18/01/2012 (2) 13.20hrs: The team was contacted by the Yorkshire Ambulance service in relation to an incident in Swaledale. Due to the nature of the incident it was passed to North Yorkshire Police. 01/01/2011 (1)

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Reeth and Gunnerside Schools go to Bowes Museum A 'grand day out' was had by all when every child from both schools set off for the Bowes Museum for a Portraiture Day. Each age group took part in workshops based around a portrait and learned about the art of portrait painting. The older pupils learned about the symbolism of portraits. Using their i-pads they were able to take pictures which they could study later and to manipulate pictures of portraits - even managing to incorporate their own face into a famous painting! A highlight of the day was the famous Swan (or 'big goose' as someone suggested!) which everyone managed to see moving before they had to move themselves back onto the bus for home. The visit will be followed up over the coming months in all classes culminating in portraits of H.M. the Queen in June. **A new Cook for Reeth School** After many years as Reeth Cook Joanne Simpson has moved on for a promotion and a new cook has been appointed. We are delighted to welcome Mrs Louise Metcalfe from Muker as our new cook. Mrs Metcalfe tells me she is looking forward to getting to know the children, their likes and dislikes and to providing tasty and nutritious meals for all to enjoy. Together with Mrs Malton, the Gunnerside Cook, Mrs Metcalfe is working on a number of 'Special' menus at the moment. We have just had a Chinese New Year menu, complete with Fortune Cookies, which was delicious and we are looking forward to a Valentine's Day meal shortly. Look out for flyers giving details of our Mothers Day lunch when Mums and Grans

are warmly invited to join us for lunch.

Preparing for the Queen's Jubilee with the Reception Class!

I overheard a teacher working with a group of 4 year olds on Friday. "Tell me", she asked them, "does anyone know what is happening soon at Buckingham Palace"?

They did not disappoint. "Yes" said one eager little voice. "It will soon be the Queen's Jubilee- that means she has been Queen a long time.

"Well done, and can anyone tell me the name of the Queen and her husband?" asked the teacher, clearly encouraged by this knowledgeable answer.

"Of course" replied the previous expert. "It is Queen Lasagne and Prince Charming!" Ah well

UPPER DALES FAMILY HISTORY GROUP.

This month's meeting will be on Wednesday 28 March at 2pm in Fremington Sunday School when the speaker is Robin Millerchip on *The Art of Death, the development of Funeral Monuments*. Robin, whose background includes the army & the International Red Cross, as well as working an undertaker in a rural town, takes his title from an exhibition held at the Victoria & Albert Museum several years ago which brought together funeral monuments, grave goods, pictures, medical exhibits, pictures and manuscripts from many sources across Europe and reaching back nearly 3,000 years. Since that event, Robin has done a series of occasional talks about the Christian art history of burial and the remembrance of the departed in style which has been compared, appropriately, to the late Dave Allen!

Entry is free to members of Cleveland FHS. Non-members welcome - £2. For further details contact Tracy Little 01748-884759

N Y C RECORDS OFFICE

North Yorkshire County Record Office are holding another 'Local and Family History Day' on Saturday, March 10, at The Pavilions of Harrogate, HG2 8NZ. Over 30 society and professional trade stands will be there, ranging from local groups and a family history help desk to *Find My Past*, and there is a full programme of talks, including TV personality Nick Barratt and screening of rare films from the Yorkshire Film Archive.

Programme of talks:

10.15 - Jackie Depelle: *Researching your Yorkshire ancestors*

11.15 - Nick Barratt: *Family history and the media in the 21st century: behind the scenes of Who Do You Think You Are?*

12.15 - Marion Moverley: *Sick in body but perfect in remembrance: wills for local and family history research.*

1.15 - Gillian Hovell: *A muddy history of Britain - a local view.*

2.15 - Malcolm Neesam: *Researching Harrogate - some documentary sources.*

3.15 - Barbara Dixon: *Registration for family historians.*

11.00 and 2.00 - Graham Relton: Yorkshire Film Archive introduce 'Family film tree' - a new genealogy website.

The entrance fee is £1 and talks, which can be booked in advance, are £3 each.

To find out more, or to book a talk, contact the County Record Office on

01609-777585 or email: archives@northyorks.gov.uk

REETH MEMORIAL HALL EVENTS

Monday 12th March 7.30pm Annual General Meeting. Please come along and give us your ideas about how we can better serve Reeth and the surrounding villages.

Friday 16th March 8pm. Other Roads are Pete Abbott (vocals & guitar), Gregor Borland from Agost near Alicante, Spain on fiddle & David Walmisley (multi-instrumentalist). They are a top British contemporary folk trio, who play all over Europe. £10 (door £12). **Wednesday 4th April** - Maddy Prior with Giles Lewin & Hannah James. Maddy Prior (Steeleye Span) teams up with multi-instrumentalist, Giles Lewin (Carnival Band, After Hours) and Hannah James (Kerfuffle, Demon Barbers, Lady Maisery) with vocals, accordion and clog dancing. Tickets are selling fast. £14 (door £16). **Friday 13th April** - 8pm. Benny Graham (singer, melodeon, story-teller), Chuck Fleming (fiddle) & Bert Draycott (82 year old World Spoons Champion and music hall maestro). An evening of songs, music, stories and humour. £10 (door £12).

Friday 4th May - Al Parrish (Tanglefoot) all the way from Canada. Al (voice, guitar, double bass) sings original material, some carefully chosen covers including a couple of trad songs and some Tanglefoot favourites. £10 (door £12). Tickets from Reeth Post Office. For further details or reservations email or ring John Little -

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MARRICK PARISH COUNCIL

Planning Matters Councillors discussed the application from Marrick Priory for the retention of the caravan, used for staff accommodation, for a further three years. There was some concern that although the location and actual caravan was not intended to change, temporary consent had already been granted a number of times, the latest running out on 31 December 2011, when permission had been granted with the likelihood that a permanent building to replace the caravan would come forward in the short term. Given that fund-raising for a new building may have been adversely affected by the current financial climate, it was agreed two years should be sufficient time for progress to be made. Permission had been granted for the erection of a two-storey extension at Nun Cote Nook Farm and the erection of an agricultural building at East End Farm. Parish Land The Chair had carried out an inspection of the parish land. Walls were in need of repair in several places. He would inform the tenants. Finance An assessment of the expenditure requirements for the forthcoming year having been completed, it was agreed unanimously, that a precept of £1200 be issued. This amount had remained unchanged since 2007. The Clerk had completed NYCC budget consultation. An update on Hambleton and Richmondshire District Councils' Shared Services had been received. This had delivered savings of £2.6m. Highways would be informed that the direction sign at four roads end was in need of attention. Councillor Bryce reported that routine emptying of the wastepaper bin at

Hurst was required. North Yorkshire County Council was seeking views on Highways and Transportation issues. Councillors completed a survey, stressing the importance of road maintenance, which they considered was very poor. Dissatisfaction with gritting and snow clearance was emphasised, which all agreed was totally inadequate. Hospital Services The Parish Council resolved to support Councillor Blackie in opposing proposals to move maternity, special care baby unit and in-patient paediatric services from The Friarage hospital in Northallerton to the James Cook hospital in Middlesbrough. Date of next meeting 15 March 2012, following the Annual Parish Meeting at 7.00p.m. at Marrick Institute.

VISITORS TO THE NATIONAL PARK

Visitors to the beautiful Yorkshire Dales National Park this year will be spoilt for choice when it comes to things to do. A whole feast of events has been organised by the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority (YDNPA) to help people to enjoy their stay in the area and to learn more about its special qualities. There are guided walks galore - easy, three-mile ambles for all the family as well as 10-milers for the more energetic. Some explore particular subjects like the history and wildlife of the Yorkshire Dales while others just give people the chance to sample some of the stunning scenery of the National Park. On a Pathfinder Course they can learn how to navigate using a map and compass for a great value £10 per person.

And there are even more reasons to visit the Authority-owned Dales Countryside Museum in Hawes this year. As well as the permanent displays and attractions, staff have organised a huge range of additional activities to entertain and inform, with plenty of 'hands-on' events for all ages and interests. Michael Briggs, the YDNPA's Area Ranger who organises the events, said: "The majority of activities involve getting out and enjoying the fantastic landscape of the National Park. "We would like to thank the team of people - most of them Dales Volunteers - who are leading the events and will be sharing a wealth of knowledge about subjects ranging from history to wildlife. "There is so much to see and do in the National Park and we hope people will plan days out and longer stays so that they can sample some of the activities, perhaps learn something new and come back again and again." Malcolm Petyt,

the YDNPA's Member Champion for Recreation Management, said: "There is a huge range of activities on offer for people who want to enjoy our beautiful National Park and get to know some of the things that make it such a special place." Some events are free but guided walks are £3 for adults and many have to be booked in advance so it is advisable to contact the relevant National Park Centre (NPC) in advance for full details. The events are listed in The Visitor 2012 - the free, official guide to the Yorkshire Dales National Park - which can be picked up from Hawes, Aysgarth Falls, Reeth, Malham and Grassington National Park Centres or you can order a copy at www.yorkshiredales.org.uk. An online version of the events programme should be available to browse in the Tourist Information section of the YDNPA's website from mid-March.






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ZUMBA CLASS AT REETH**PAVILION**

Zumba Classes start on Wednesday 15th February at 7.45pm. Just bring a drink and a smile and join the Party! Contact Lesley 07989 365363 or 01969 650398

RUG AID

On Saturday 21st January 2012, The Buck Hotel in Reeth hosted a very successful fund-raising '60s night for Heather Ritchie's social enterprise Rug Aid. Heather would like to thank Jackie and Jim of The Buck for the room and for the fantastic 'pie and peas' supper they provided. She'd also like to thank The Gift Shop, The Black Bull and The Post Office for the raffle prizes they donated. The event was very well attended and raised £600. Thank you to everyone who came and gave Rug Aid their support while having a great time: Max Peters was an excellent host and it was a lot of fun!

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MUKER PARISH COUNCIL JANUARY

The Parish Council meeting was held on the 10th January 2012. Councillors Calvert, Metcalfe, Reynoldson, RDC Councillor Gardner were present with Councillor Whitehead presiding. The Clerk was Mrs T Sharp. **YDNPA Member:** The Chair welcomed Mr Ian McPherson, Member of YDNPA invited by the Council in August. Mr McPherson spoke on current issues within the Park and its main priorities for the future. The two main activities in the Park at the moment are the affordable housing scheme and the renewal of the 5 year Management Plan. The Park wishes to work with the Councils and Parish Councils in reviewing this Plan. Mr McPherson also reported that DEFRA are reviewing the governance of National Parks, the number of Members on the Park Authority would not be cut but a Member could be any parishioner not just a Parish Councillor as is the case at present. Mr McPherson listed the following priorities for the Park: Yorkshire Peat Partnership - restoration of peat bogs; Rights of Way; Farm Conservation / Agri-environment schemes; Biodiversity aims; Web based services; Volunteers and Sustainable Development Fund. The Council were informed that funding is available for projects under the Sustainable Development Fund and grants also available for designated conservation areas. The Council were advised that the Yorkshire Dales Housing Plan had been submitted to the Planning Office for review and a Public Hearing was taking place on 17th & 18th January. Mr McPherson also informed the Council that repairs would be carried out on the flood damage at Ramps Holme Bridge in Muker. Councillors enquired about the National Park extension

plans and were informed that Natural England were willing to go ahead with this proposal. The Council raised their concern about this proposal going ahead in light of all the objections from many of the Councils. Mr McPherson advised that due to the number of objections it was expected that there would have to be a Public Enquiry. The Council felt that the strength of the objections must be represented and heard by the Authority and Natural England. **Matters Arising:** Councillor Gardner reported that planning permission must indeed be obtained for Blacksmiths Cottage Thwaite. The Chair informed the Council that the new Parish Council webpage at www.parishconnect.co.uk was now live. **Highways:** Highways are to review the drainage of the B6270 just below Angram after the severe floods in the Dale just before Christmas resulted in waters gathering on the road to a point high enough to cause a major traffic obstruction due to inadequate drainage. Highways/Jacobs notified the Council that repairs would be carried out on Park Bridge, Stonesdale Lane, Keld in the financial year 2012/13 - exact date as yet unknown - resulting in the road closure. Councillor Gardner advised the Council that he had consulted with Highways/Jacobs to advise them that this would not be satisfactory for West Stonesdale residents, specifically through lambing and hay time, or for emergency vehicles. A series of short road closures every 20 minutes was duly agreed. *Cont.p.34*

Saturday 17th March
Upper Dales Mobile Skip Service
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Yorkshire Dales National Park: The Council considered a planning application at Dunny Hill, Ivelet for a moorland access track and raised no comments or objection.

Other Correspondence/A.O.B.: The Chair notified the Council of Councillor Blackie's correspondence regarding the proposed closure of maternity and paediatrics services at Northallerton Friarage Hospital and the proposed closures / winter closures of the public conveniences at Keld and Muker. Keld public conveniences are to be closed through winter from November to end March whilst Muker's public conveniences would be kept open all year round. The Council were strongly opposed to any closure of maternity and paediatric services at the Friarage Hospital and directed the Clerk to write to the appropriate authorities stating they felt this to be further erosion of services in the Dales. Councillor Reynoldson advised that the public notice board at Thwaite had been severely damaged in the recent gales. The Clerk instructed to obtain a few quotes for a wooden replacement as it was felt the old metal model was not adequate quality. Councillor Reynoldson advised Council that the drains on the road from Thwaite to the Buttertubs were all blocked up with grit. The Clerk was instructed to write to Highways. Councillor Gardner reported the following: the fitting of the light shield on the public light at Keld had not been done and Cllr Gardner chased NYCC for its completion within the week. Cllr Gardner had attained agreement from Highways to have the road from Gunnerside to Ivelet gritted under category 3 and the road

through West Stonesdale to be gritted under category 2. Cllr Gardner had suggested to the Strategy Board Meeting the installation of 20p entry machines on all Dales public conveniences to aid funding of the same and to enable them to stay open. The planning application for Park House campsite at Keld had gone to Committee on the basis that they have asked for an increase in tent and motor home sites. This therefore requires an environmental impact assessment. Cllr Gardner had raised concerns with the YDNPA about the use of limestone aggregate for the moorland track at Dunny Hill as this may be too conspicuous from a distance. **Date and Time of Next Meeting:** The next Parish Council Meetings will take place on the 14th February 2012 and 20th March 2012 at Muker Institute at 7.30 p.m.

MARRICK INSTITUTE.

On Friday March 9th at 7.30 pm there will be a Whist and Domino Drive in the Institute. This will be in aid of Marske Village Hall Association Jubilee Celebrations. Also in the institute there will be a Domino Drive in aid of Marrick Institute on 23rd March at 7:30pm. Supper will be provided.



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- 5th Christian Aid AGM 2pm Low Row URC
- 8th Melbecks Society – Kiplin Hall and gardens.
7.30pm Low Row Village Hall
- 9th Domino Drive, Keld Hall 7.30pm
Whist & Domino Drive, Marrick Hall 7.30pm
- 11th Help for Heroes Concert, Grinton 3pm
- 12th Gazette AGM 7.45pm in Grinton Institute.
- 16th Other Roads, Memorial Hall, Reeth, 8pm

APRIL

- 9th Coffee Morning 10 till 12 Muker Village Hall
- 11th & 12th Reeth Artyfacts Memorial Hall 7.30pm
- 13th Benny Graham, 8pm, Memorial Hall, Reeth
- 14th Reeth Artyfacts Memorial Hall 7.30pm

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- 4th Al Parish, Reeth Memorial Hall 8pm
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frost has so far prevented this being played. We expect Tesco will start their voucher scheme shortly and we will be collecting these for equipment for the Club. D. Williams

UPPER SWALEDALE CHRISTIAN AID GROUP AGM

Our AGM is on Monday 5th March 2012 at 2.0 pm at Low Row URC. Everyone is welcome to attend. Last year, despite the cold of the recession biting at our ankles, the North East was blessed with very generous Christian Aid supporters who continued to raise thousands of pounds for our partner organisations abroad. So, throughout Lent we ask you to 'Count Your Blessings'. Lent is the perfect time to reflect on how fortunate Christians are in the UK and to stand in solidarity with the poor. A leaflet, 'Count Your Blessings' is designed to help people count their blessings during Lent and give to help people out of poverty. It is available in printed form, through the Christian Aid website and also as a new free 'android app'. For more information visit www.christianaid.org.uk/lent. The Christian Aid week service will take place on Thursday May 10th at 7.30 pm at Reeth Methodist Church prior to Christian Aid Week from May 13th - May 19th. The focus of the service will be on Sierra Leone which is one of the poorest countries in the world. We need volunteers for the House-to-House Collection in May particularly in Reeth. If you are interested in helping in any way please contact Pauline Oldershaw (886790) or Susan Allison (884366) Secretary Upper Swaledale Christian Aid Group.



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