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## Church Services in November

3 <sup>rd</sup>	9.15am	St. Mary's Muker	<i>Eucharist</i>
	10.30am	Low Row URC	
		Reeth Methodist	<i>Holy Communion</i>
10 <sup>th</sup>		Arkengarthdale Methodist	
	11.00am	St. Edmund's, Marske	<i>Holy Communion</i>
		Holy Trinity Low Row	<i>Eucharist</i>
		Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
	2.30pm	Gunnarside Methodist	
	6.00pm	St. Andrew's Grinton	<i>Evening Prayer BCP</i>
	6.30pm	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
	9.00am	St. Andrew's Grinton	<i>Eucharist</i>
	9.30am	St Michael's Downholme	<i>Remembrance Service</i>
	10.30am	Reeth Methodist	<i>Family Service</i>
17 <sup>th</sup>	10.45am	St. Mary's Arkengarthdale	<i>Remembrance Service and laying of Wreath</i>
		St. Mary's Muker	<i>Low Row &amp; Muker Remembrance Service</i>
	11.00am	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
		St. Edmund's, Marske	<i>Remembrance Service</i>
	2.00pm	Keld War Memorial	
	2.45pm	St. Andrew's Grinton	<i>Remembrance Service</i>
			<i>(Parade gathers at Reeth 2 pm)</i>
	6.30pm	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
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		St. Edmund's, Marske	<i>Holy Communion</i>
			<i>Crib Service – All families and children are especially welcome, please bring your Mary &amp; Joseph figures to join those in church for a blessing to start the preparations for Christmas</i>
	11.15am	St. Mary's Arkengarthdale	
	2.00pm	Keld URC	
	6.30pm	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
	7.30pm	Low Row URC	<i>Swaledale Christian Council Advent Service</i>

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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:

DECEMBER	NOVEMBER 10TH
JANUARY	DECEMBER 6TH
FEBRUARY	JANUARY 10TH

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

**COVER PICTURE**

***Arkengarthdale School Choir***

**See article on page 12**

**Roman Catholic Services -**  
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**TOKER****Reeth**

Margaret and family would like to thank relatives, friend and neighbours for the kind expressions of sympathy, cards and letters of condolence received during their recent sad bereavement also for their generous donations in memory of Walter.

Extending their indebted gratitude to the staff at St. Teresa's Hospice, to Dr. Mike Brookes and the team at Reeth Medical Centre, the District and Herriot Nurses, Macmillan Cancer Care and all the support services for their wonderful and compassionate care. In addition, grateful thanks to Father Pat O'Neill, The Burgoyne Hotel, Reeth and Simon Barningham.

**WHITE**

David and family would like to thank everyone for the many cards of condolence and tremendous support they have received during their recent sad bereavement and for the extremely generous donations given in memory of Margaret amounting to over £1100.00.

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Dear Sir, I recently spent two very pleasurable nights at the Burgoyne Hotel in Reeth and perchance read the May edition of the 'Reeth and District Gazette'. I was interested to see that Keld were celebrating 60 years of electricity in the village. This was a great joy to me as I was the engineer in charge of the contractors who supplied electricity to most of the villages and farms in Swaledale between Marrick Priory and Keld. I still have my tattered old handwritten records and note

that I commissioned the supply to Thwaite and Keld on October 10th 1953. Yours sincerely John B H Winterburn (Harrogate).

P.S. Incidentally Healaugh I commissioned 17th May 1952

**REETH BRASS BAND-NEW STARTER'S GROUP**

In an attempt to regenerate interest in 'Brass Banding' in the Reeth Area the band now has a 'New Starter's Group' who meet on Tuesday evening at 7pm in Reeth Memorial Hall. This is run by two members of the band, David Hodgson and Paul Hutchinson who each have children in the group of six who are already playing members. There are a number of brass instruments available to anyone interested and tuition is free. It is not intended that the group will be made up only of children, it is also open to adults. The Brass Band world has a history of families having fun playing music together. So why not give it a try. You never know you could be the one to secure the future of 'Brass Banding' in the Dales and have lots of fun playing music and entertaining others.

**SAVE OUR BUS SERVICES**

**There will be a public meeting to discuss the cuts in our bus services in Swaledale.**

**County Councillor John Blackie and Councillor Malcolm Gardner will be present.**

**Tuesday 19th November  
7.30pm at the Buck Hotel, Reeth.  
Come along and have your say.**

**MIDDLEHAM AND DALES LOCAL  
HISTORY GROUP**

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2pm Middleham  
Key Centre

*The Mesolithic Period in Wensleydale,  
Swaledale and across the Tees-Greta  
Uplands* Tim Lauri

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS IS A  
CHANGE OF TOPIC AND SPEAKER  
FROM OUR PREVIOUSLY PUBLISHED  
PROGRAMME FOR 2013**

In this talk Tim Laurie will introduce the contemporary Mesolithic environment, woodland vegetation and fauna. He will also summarise the lithic and other evidence for human activity on the eastern fringe of the Pennines from the Early Post Glacial period at around 10,000 years BP (Before Present) until the transition from Hunter/Gathering Societies to the earliest pastoral farming communities at around 6000 years BP.

Tim Laurie has been concerned with the survey and interpretation of archaeological sites of all periods in Wensleydale, Swaledale and on the Swale-Tees/Greta Uplands over a period of almost forty years. He is mentor and Hon. President of the recently formed Swaledale and Arkengarthdale Archaeological Group (SWAAG). His current interest is in recording relict woodland communities throughout this region of the East Pennine Fringe.

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)

**THANK YOU**

Very many thanks from Cyril and Peggy Purver to all our wonderful neighbours and friends in Keld, Muker, Gunnerside and the whole of the two Dales. The help and support which we have received, and are still receiving, during our move to and settling in at "Watercrag" is really amazing, although typical of this lovely part of the world. We feel truly blessed and cherished.

**Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)**

Meetings are at Quaker House, 7 Grove Square Leyburn every Sunday at 10.30am. Additionally on the 4th Sunday of each month at the Scout Hut, Quakers Lane, Richmond at 10.30am. For further information tel. Judith Calow on 01748 884320 or [www.dalesquakers.org.uk](http://www.dalesquakers.org.uk)



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**BUPA GREAT NORTH RUN SUCCESS**

Emma Hopwood would like to say a big thank you to everyone who sponsored her for this event.

She completed the run in an excellent time of **1 hour 45 mins** and despite the weather was smiling as she crossed the line.

So far she has raised £845 with donations still coming in.

Donations for this very worthy cause can be accepted until the end of November. If you would like to sponsor Emma please contact her on 01748 886308 or at her Just giving page.

[www.justgiving.com/emma-hopwood16](http://www.justgiving.com/emma-hopwood16)

**MESSAGE FROM THE SWALEDALE  
MUSEUM IN REETH**

Now we are closed for the season the real work begins! We are busy researching and designing our PEOPLE OF THE DALE exhibition for next year. This is proving to be very exciting as we are getting all sorts of nominations from you. So far we are working on Rev. T.C. Gobat who is linked to Arthur Shepherd, Reeth School Headmaster - and another head teacher from Reeth School - James William Moore. We have the last leadminers of the Dale: William Scott, Fremie Hutchinson and John Thom Rutter. We would like to include Elsie Pedley and Susan Peacock the formidable landlady of Tan Hill. Does anyone have a photograph of her we could copy and use? We are also working on Jabez Raisbeck, thanks to Ric Carter who has been collating research. Please do contact us if there is anyone you would like to include. We are creating a folder of

folk, so we are not limited to those we are building special panels for.

We have an exciting new acquisition in process - the bank books of John Hird (from Aske), who banked with the Swaledale and Wensleydale Bank. We are very grateful to the donor for rescuing these, (and researching them) and rehoming them back in the Dale. Michael McDermot is busy on his booklet on The Great Flood of 1899, which we will launch next year. Stephen Eastmead is continuing his scanning of our Museum Archive photographs, so don't forget to go on our website to see what is new. There are 2,000 on the website, with 2,000 more to come. We are planning a day on reading our local landscape - bringing together geological, archaeological and historical methods of mapping and surveying - put 11 June 2014 in your diaries!

Thank you all who came to the Friends of the Museum AGM in October, it was wonderful to see so many of you and much appreciate your support. For more information Contact Helen Bainbridge on 07969 823232 or e-mail [museum.swaledale@btinternet.com](mailto:museum.swaledale@btinternet.com). Look at our website [www.swaledalemuseum.org](http://www.swaledalemuseum.org) for more details, and follow us on Facebook!

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12<sup>th</sup> November 2013

**"Raising modern sculpture from the dead": Jacob Epstein, Eric Gill and Henri Gaudier-Brzeska.**

**Evelyn Silber** discusses the pioneering work of artists who redefined sculpture in Britain during 1907-1915. This work includes, Epstein's *Tomb of Oscar Wilde* and *Rock Drill*; the sexually explicit carvings of Gill and Epstein; Gaudier's animal and figure studies and his *Head of Ezra Pound*. These artists created carvings that challenged contemporary taste, stirred up controversy and public debate and set the scene for Henry Moore and Barbara Hepworth. **Evelyn Silber** has worked at Birmingham Museums and Art Galleries, was Director of Leeds Museums and Galleries and Director of the Hunterian Museum and Art Gallery, University of Glasgow. She is author of books on Jacob Epstein and Gaudier-Brzeska. This Wensleydale Decorative and Fine Arts lecture is on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November at 2.00pm in the Middleham Key Centre. Non-members are welcome £6 per lecture, pre-booking is essential, membership details and further information is available from the Membership secretary, tel. 01748 886545



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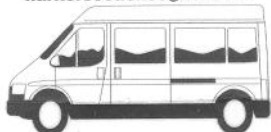
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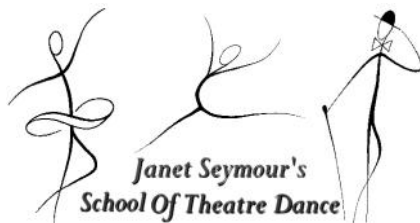
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### SOME ADVENTURES WITH STONE

Mr John Heslegrave of Leyburn is coming to talk to Arkengarthdale Jubilee Club on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30 pm in the Methodist Church in Langthwaite. He is a professional member of the Dry Stone Walling Association and creates features in dry stone. Visitors are welcome. Please contact 886790 for more details.

### AUTUMN TERM IN FULL SWING AT ARKENGARTHDALE

The Autumn term at Arkengarthdale School is in full swing with two after-school activities, choir and sports club, proving to be a great attraction for the pupils. Parents, Emma Wardell and Rod Hall, kindly run the choir on a Tuesday evening, carrying on their great work that saw the children excel at the Wensleydale Tournament of Song earlier in the year. The children's success has been celebrated with a recording by the whole school of an original song, Save a Place For Me, written by Rod. The children had a wonderful experience at the Forum recording studio in Darlington. CDs are £5 and are available from the school (t: 01748 884335 or e: admin@arkengarthdale.n-yorks.sch.uk) and in keeping with the message of the lyrics the proceeds will support an environmental project for the school. The recording and travel costs were kindly covered by the Friends of the School. If you'd like to hear the school choir sing then please do join us at a concert on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November at 4pm in Arkengarthdale School. Everyone is welcome and there will be refreshments served after the concert. A new sports club, led by sports coach Mike Layfield, has 14 very keen members who are delighted to have the use of the great facilities of the Reeth & District Sports Association. For the first time, the school held part of its Sports Day on the field in July and a fabulous time was had, by both the children taking part and friends and family who were watching. Christmas is creeping up on us so please do save the date for our Christmas Play at 6pm on

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December in St. Mary's Church in Arkengarthdale. Everyone is most welcome to join us and the children and staff hope to see you there. I am looking forward to reporting on other events at school later in the year, including a review of our year 6 pupils' outdoor visit to East Barnby, supporting the Children in Need charity plus more details about the Christmas Play.

Mark Allison Head Teacher.

### REETH & DISTRICT MEMORIAL HALL

#### **Fundraising Events - November**

The Memorial Hall is holding 2 events on November 30<sup>th</sup> At 2.00pm there will be a Ladies, Childrens & Accessories Fashion Show, an ideal opportunity for some Christmas Shopping! Followed by a Ceilidh from 8.00pm with refreshments For details please contact jill.memorialhall@hotmail.co.uk or phone Richard on 880146 or LOOK OUT FOR POSTERS IN THE BUS SHELTER!

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| <b>3rd</b> | <b>119</b> | <b>Mike McDemott</b>    |
| <b>4th</b> | <b>171</b> | <b>Stephen Clarkson</b> |

### APOLOGIES

Due to lack of space I could not include all articles in this edition. Those missed out will be published next month. **Editor**

Kim and Richard  
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**MUKER PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL  
MEETING HELD ON  
1<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER, 2013**

The Parish Council meeting was held on the 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2013. Councillors Porter, Metcalfe, Reynoldson, Calvert and Gardner were present with Councillor Whitehead presiding. Councillor David Crapper and Ms Jill Armstrong from Melbecks Parish Council joined the meeting for the Yorkshire Ambulance presentation. The Clerk was Ms K Scott. **Apologies for Absence:** Apologies were received from Councillor John Blackie. **Appointment of Parish Clerk:** Cllr Whitehead proposed the appointment of Ms Kathy Scott as Parish Clerk. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Gardner. All in favour. **Yorkshire Ambulance Service:** Cllr Gardner introduced the guest speaker, Mr Dave Jones, from the Yorkshire Ambulance Service. Mr Jones advised the Council on the benefits of a static site for a defibrillator. Due to the lack of mobile phone coverage in the Upper Dales, Mr Jones advised that First Responders was not a viable option for our area. The benefits of a static defibrillator were outlined. The defibrillator is designed for lay people to use and to go in public places for safe, general, emergency use. Training would be provided for a core team of local people and a day's training for anyone interested in learning more. The members thanked Mr Jones for his information and support. Following the presentation, Mr Jones, Ms Armstrong and Cllr Crapper left the meeting. The meeting discussed the benefits, costs and possible funding support. Cllr Gardner will pursue funding

options. Cllr Metcalfe proposed that the Parish purchase two defibrillators one for Muker and one for Keld. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Calvert. All in favour. **Declaration of Interests:** None. **Minutes of previous meeting:** The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> September 2013 had been circulated. The minutes were approved as a correct record on the proposal of Cllr Porter and seconded by Cllr Metcalfe. All in favour. **Matters Arising:** Highways Thwaite flooding: Cllr Reynoldson stated there had been an improvement, but the area was still flooding and the Clerk should contact Highways again. Cllr Reynoldson will advise Highways where the problem lies. Highways Ivelet Bridge: Cllr Gardner is trying to find out who authorised the bat survey. No work has been done and it is not understood why a bat survey has been requested when the work needed is on the parapet and not underneath the bridge. Cllr Gardner will continue to pursue the matter. NYCC Bus services: Cllr Gardner is in the process of organising a public meeting, as the proposed reduction in service doesn't allow for anyone travelling to and from work, school or college and limits time available in Richmond to 1 hour. Cllr Gardner will advise on progress. **Finance:** The Chairman has received the VAT refund of £274.47. PKF Littlejohn the Parish Council Auditors report has been received and the feedback form completed. The Clerk to advise PKF Littlejohn of her appointment. **Highways:** Cllr Whitehead requested that the Clerk contact Highways as the re-painted lines in Muker village where both the wrong colour and too wide. Also, all the lines need



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replacing in the village, not just those done to date. Cllr Metcalfe stated that the re-surfacing at Banty Hill on the Buttertubs is too smooth for frost and icing conditions. Cllr Gardner agreed and has already contacted Highways. Cllr Metcalfe is concerned about the overhanging trees at Scarr House Bridge and Muker Bridge which are obscuring road visibility. Cllr Gardner to take this matter forward.

**Richmondshire District Council:** Two street lights are not working in Muker village. The Clerk to contact RDC. Cllr Gardner has received a letter requesting parishes to comment on switching off street lighting between midnight and 0500 in order to save money. In North Yorkshire, councils have been given three options; Lights to remain on unchanged, some lights to remain on, others to be switched off or no change. As there are very few street lights and those that are present are at key points, the Council agreed that all lights should remain switched on. Clerk to write to RDC. Register of Electors will be published on 16 February 2014. Clerk to reply to RDC with the Council's preferred method of receiving its copy. European Parliamentary Election will be held on 22 May 2014 noted. A copy of the Casual Vacancy Procedure received and noted. The Clerk was requested to complete the Review of Polling Districts and Places feedback form as per the members' views. The Notice of a Community Governance/Parish review of Parish Arrangements was noted. **NYCC:** Nothing to report **YDNPA:** Scarr House Farm planning granted. Tree Felling at two sites has been granted Council noted that representatives from Parish Councils are

invited to Yorkshire Dales Local Plan 2015-2030 forums in Grassington on 28<sup>th</sup> October and Bainbridge on 30<sup>th</sup> October 7-9pm.

**YLCA:** Nothing to report  
**Correspondence/AOB:** Cllr Gardner advised the meeting that The Friarage Hospital consultation regarding Maternity and Children Services will take place in Hawes on October 17<sup>th</sup> 2014. The Chair read correspondence from Mrs Diana Hartley regarding a memorial seat. The Clerk is to write to Mrs Hartley for further clarification. The Chair read the invitation to meeting the Police Commissioner, Julie Mulligan who is coming to Hawes on 8<sup>th</sup> November. The meeting noted the poster and leaflet from Health Watch. The Clerk to put the poster on Muker noticeboard. The Chair read correspondence from Great North Air Ambulance requesting financial support from the Parish. The meeting agreed this was down to the individual and voluntary fund raising. Cllr Gardner asked the Chairman to advise the Muker Parish Tour de France committee that he was available to attend their meetings and offered support. The Clerk to advise Ms Alison Stringer, the Secretary of the Tour De France Committee. **Date and Time of Next Meeting:** The next Parish Council Meetings will take place at 7.30pm on 29<sup>th</sup> October 2013, 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2013, 14<sup>th</sup> January, 2014 and 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2014.

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A number of people have asked us what effect the sale of Royal Mail will have on the Post Office. The simple answer is that we do not know and will just have to wait and see how things work out. One misconception that a number of people still have though, is that the Post Office is part of Royal Mail. This is not the case as the two businesses were separated some time ago.

One bit of good news from Royal Mail is that they are consulting on a change to its parcel range to allow more items to be classed as 'small parcels'. If the consultation is successful, about 80% of all parcels delivered by Royal mail would be classed as 'small parcels' - which are a fair bit cheaper than medium parcels.

Finally, the last recommended posting dates for Christmas are approaching for overseas destinations. For airmail to Australia and New Zealand (You've missed the date for surface mail which was 30<sup>th</sup> September) it's 4<sup>th</sup> December for example and for the USA it's 13<sup>th</sup> December. No panic for inland though - you've got until 20<sup>th</sup> December for first class.

NEWS from REETH and GUNNERSIDE SCHOOLS

What a busy start we have had to the new term! Already we have held a very enjoyable

welcome service at the Methodist Chapel at Gunnerside to begin the new school year and have held two very successful Harvest Festivals one in Reeth School and one at Chapel in Gunnerside. It was lovely to welcome so many parents, friends and community to both occasions.

The two Dales Nursery has had a very successful start to the year with an Apple Day fundraiser. There were many parents, grandparents and friends at Nursery to share with the children their learning, their contribution to Harvest Festival and to buy delicious home baked and preserved goodies.

Our parent lunches continue to be popular, with 30 parents and family joining us for our recent Harvest Lunch. It is always lovely to see you all in school. There are many parent lunches held through the year. Do try to come to as many as possible. We are out and about in the area in the coming weeks as our topic of 'Holes - what's under the ground?' sees us visiting Reeth Museum, the Grinton Smelt Mill and the SWAAG group archaeological dig at West Hagg. As always, if you have any specialist knowledge or skill you could share with the children do get in touch as there are many of you out there with skills which could enrich the education of our children even further.

We had many successes at Reeth and Muker Shows this year, so congratulations

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to all those children who won handwriting and craft prizes. It really is important to us that we support the local shows as they are an important part of the culture and heritage of the local area. Thank you too, to all those who have given us such positive feedback about the involvement of the children; in entering the shows and in taking part on the day.

Our door is always open - you don't have to wait until an open day invitation. Just call in and see us and learn about the many exciting opportunities your child has to learn and develop. We look forward to welcoming you.

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On Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November from 1.30 till 3.30 pm, Kate Trusson will lead a session on Hand Piecing for American Patchwork, which will be of interest for all quilters. On Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November from 10.00 till 12.00, Ted Darwin will give the first of a practical two-session refresher on map-reading and navigation, with the second session on 4<sup>th</sup> December.

Continuing in December, we have two sessions to start the Christmas mood. Yvonne Howard will demonstrate the making of Christmas decorations and arrangements from 10.00 till 12.00 on

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December. The same afternoon, from 1.30, Gordon Styles will lead a Singalong session and we'll be including some Christmas refreshments. Please sign up in the folder in Hudson House if you would like to attend any of these sessions, or email to [skillshare40@yahoo.com](mailto:skillshare40@yahoo.com).

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Over the last couple of months I have become heartily sick of email. Not only do I get hundreds of emails a day (many of which are junk or trying to sell me something) increasingly I am finding emails either don't arrive when I send them (with no explanation) and aren't received (again with no explanation). Even when someone does receive an email it is becoming increasingly difficult to see the important emails you want to read in the blizzard of stuff you don't want. The problem seems to be a result of massive amounts of malicious emails swamping systems. I have had some experience of this recently dealing with websites that have been hacked and abused by spammers and malicious emailers using someone else's website to send out their malicious email. This is particularly frustrating as usually the first clue someone has that their website has been hacked is either their own emails being rejected because their site has been blacklisted or getting their account suspended by their email provider for sending out ridiculous quantities of email. Additionally the poor victim is frequently attacked by the recipients of the junk. Some things to consider when emails arrive in your inbox: 1) Are you sure the email is from where it says it is from? A number of years ago someone pretended to be me and started sending out job offers on my behalf - for weeks I was inundated by people sending CVs and other emails. Almost all of this came from the US - and it didn't seem to occur to them that a business in the UK was unlikely to randomly offer them a job in the UK. You have to use your common sense when looking at emails - a particularly common example of this sort of email is getting requests for money from a friend stranded in some far flung country --- ask yourself is your friend likely to be stranded in Vietnam at the moment? Unfortunately people get drawn into these scams very easily and seem to throw common sense out of the window. 2) Were you expecting

that attachment from a friend? If in doubt ask them BEFORE opening the attachment! 3) Is the email from a financial institution or official body - bank, building society etc. or a government department (such as HMRC). Does it ask you to log in to their website to solve a problem or offer you a free tax refund, free cash or any other inducement? I cannot say this loudly enough: **BANKS AND GOVERNMENT NEVER ASK YOU TO DIVULGE PERSONAL DATA VIA AN EMAIL.** It doesn't matter how convincing the email looks it is almost certainly a scam. If you are unsure then call the relevant body on the telephone and ask if this email is real - and use the phone number everyone else would use (from the directory) not the number supplied in the email. If it turns out to be genuine you need to get very angry with the institution for behaving so recklessly in the first place. You should never log in to a website from a link in an email unless you are absolutely 100% certain that the email is genuine and even then check the address of the website you end up at to make sure it is where you expect to be. 4) If you get junk from an unexpected source (for example fake 'Thank you for your order' emails that look like they come from Amazon and are very similar to genuine emails from Amazon) don't act on any of the suggestions in the email - check to see if the email address looks correct. If it does, go directly to the website yourself (not via a link in the email) and login to your account to check for fraudulent activity. Chances are the supposed sender knows nothing about it. The last two examples are what is meant when you see the term "phishing" - basically someone is trying to steal information that may enable them to steal money from you. Just to say it again - the rule is switch on common sense when dealing with email (and the internet in general). If you have any doubts the simple thing is to check it out before you do anything you may regret. That's it for this month - any questions or suggestions for future article please contact me via my website [www.dalescomputerservices.com](http://www.dalescomputerservices.com).

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To see the full story follow the link <http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/article/27331/Communities-do-it-for-themselves&source=nynowoct13>

**THANK YOU**

**I would like to thank everyone who gave cards and gifts for my recent "big" birthday. I would like particularly to mention Louise Metcalfe and her fellow conspirators for the surprise celebration at football (and the children for 2 good wins) and for the cake magnificently decorated with the logo. Also thanks to Rob Clipsham for the superb photos to remember the event. I would also thank Brenda and Graham for putting a party on for me.**

NEWS FROM THE BELLERBY STUDY GROUP

WT Stead was one of the famous people who died on the Titanic. In **Attacking the Devil and Sinking the Unsinkable: W T Stead and the Titanic**, on Wednesday 6 November, **Chris Lloyd**, deputy editor of *The Northern Echo*, discusses the life of this sensationalist father of modern campaigning journalism who started his career editing that newspaper

**Archaeology in the Dales...from the inside** is the title of **Dr David Johnson's** talk on Wednesday 13 November. It will look at sites that have been worked on in the Dales in recent years by Dr Johnson, ranging from Anglo-Saxon sites to the building of the Settle-Carlisle Railway.

Former Red Kite Project Officer, **Doug Simpson**, talks on the history of the decline of red kites as a UK species and the process of bringing them back in **Yorkshire Red Kites**, on Wednesday 20 November.

**Dales Village Dances and their Music** focuses on the village dances that were common in the Dales until the 1960s; the local tunes played and the musicians.

Former Head of History at Wensleydale School, **Bob Ellis**, now a full-time writer and part-time musician, will speak on Wednesday 27 November at Bellerby Study Group.

Bellerby Study Group meetings start at 7.30 pm and are held in the Memorial Hall, Church Street, Bellerby. Fees are £10 per term for members, visitors and guests are always welcome at £2 each per meeting. Contact Bridget Swann for further information on 01969 624418.

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The next talk is at Harmby village hall on Wednesday, November 27, at 2pm when David Lewis will be speaking about the famous 18<sup>th</sup> century scientist Smithson Tennant (1761 - 1815) and his Yorkshire roots. Smithson Tennant had family links to Selby and Wensleydale and David is particularly keen to learn more about his local connections to places such as Mount Park and Nappa Hall. If you can help him in anyway please do come along to the

meeting or contact us in advance. Admission is £2 for non-members. For full details of the group and all the meetings see the website <http://www.upperdalesfhg.org.uk> or contact Tracy Little 01748-884759.

On Saturday, November 9, from 1pm to 4pm, we will be running a drop-in family history computer club at a new venue, Wensley village hall. This is for anyone interested in researching their family history on the internet but doesn't know how to get started or just wants some tips to help them get further. Stay as long as you like - no need to book; £3 for the first two hours, then £1 per hour. For details contact Tony Keates 01969 640436 e-mail: dotandtonyk@btinternet.com

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**REETH PARISH COUNCIL SEPTEMBER**

**Tour de France** The parish council was preceded by a public meeting to discuss the 2014 Tour de France. A group of local residents and business owners had met to discuss possibilities and matters of concern and would continue to follow those up with groups and individuals within the community. Key points were that it was important to make sure all residents understood what would be happening and that visitors should enjoy their experience and want to return on other occasions. Parking issues needed to be addressed, both for visitors and for residents who would need to move their cars off the route. Councillors and members of the public felt that at least part of the green should be closed off to cars and council members later agreed to take measures to enforce the no camping rule on the green. A number of other issues such as provision of extra toilets and a First Aid base would be considered by the working group. Up to date information on the event is available on the Tour de France website.

Coun Gardner reported that current information was that the main road would be closed to vehicles from 11am on the morning of the race and that the whole caravan, including support vehicles should have passed through by about 3pm. Further information would be available nearer the time and the exact route would be confirmed on October 27.

**Athletics Ground** Following a complaint from a member of the public that the gates to the athletics ground had been locked, preventing access across the field to the river bank, councillors had looked

into the matter of ownership of the land. They reported that the Athletics Club had bought the field in the 1920s and it did not belong to the community. **Public Transport** Members discussed proposals by North Yorkshire County Council to reduce subsidies which would affect bus services in Swaledale. It was felt that the proposed changes would make the service virtually unusable as the new timetable would make it harder for passengers to get to Richmond in time for work or appointments. Coun Gardner was organising a public meeting to discuss the issues raised. **Grass Cutting** The clerk would check responsibility for cutting the grass on the verge at Fremington. **Repair Works** Councillors Allinson and Rutter had inspected the wall on the green and reported that the whole length was in need of refurbishment. The council would apply for a grant to cover this and various other repairs around the parish. **Highways Repairs** A street light by Reeth bridge was still not working even after repairs had been carried out. Stone work on Reeth bridge had been damaged by a vehicle.

Coun Frankland pointed out that a long list of items including potholes, blocked drains and street lights had been reported repeatedly to Highways over a period of months but had not been dealt with. One street light alone had been out of order for fifteen weeks and been reported nine times without any action been taken.

**THANK YOU**

Will Porter from Summer Lodge would like to thank everyone for the cards and presents he received on his 21st birthday.



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## MELBECKS PARISH COUNCIL

October 2013

**Highways** The Council was advised that a reply had been received from Highways regarding the overgrown tree at the junction of the B6270 and A6108, and was told that the Highway Inspector would be checking the ownership of the vegetation and arranging for any necessary works to be carried out. Cllr Calvert requested that some issues were raised with Highways: firstly, at Peat Gate, on the left hand side when going up the hill, there is a lot of overgrown vegetation obscuring visibility around the corner. Secondly, there is a problem with a street light in Gunnerside, opposite the memorial bench. Thirdly, there is still a large gap in the beekside wall outside Gunnerside. The Clerk was instructed to contact Highways regarding these issues. **Register of Electors/Review of Polling Stations & Parishes.** The Council noted receipt of information regarding the Register of Electors, and that there would be a European Parliamentary Election on 22nd May 2014. A Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places will be taking place and a survey was completed to be returned by the Clerk. In addition a Parish Review of the Parish Arrangements for the District of Richmondshire will be taking place.

**Line painting** The line painting in Gunnerside has still not been done. The Clerk was instructed to contact Highways again. Cllr Calvert advised that he had not yet had time to remove the bench but would be doing so in the near future. **Audit** The Council was advised that the Audit had been received back and all was in order.

**YDNPA** The Council noted receipt of amended Planning application for Nell Tom, Blades. No comments or objections were raised. The Council noted receipt of Planning application for Brockma Gill, East. No comments or objections were raised. **Memorial Bench** The Council was advised that Mr Wickes had contacted the Clerk, with an offer to donate £250.00 towards the cost of a replacement bench. The Council agreed that it would like to accept this generous offer, and Cllr Crapper would have a look at some benches. **Damaged fencing at the North West corner of the Methodist Cemetery, Low Row.** The Council noted receipt of a letter from a resident regarding damaged fencing. The Council advised that the resident would need to contact Low Row Pasture Committee and the Clerk was instructed to pass the letter on to the Secretary. **Great North Air Ambulance** - request for financial assistance. The Council agreed to donate £50.

**Request for financial assistance - defibrillator.** Cllr Crapper advised that a defibrillator is being purchased for the village of Gunnerside, which is being funded partially by the Communities Opportunities Fund. It was thought that additional funding might be requested from the Parish Council, however it does not seem to be necessary at the moment. **Tour de France.** A letter from a resident was received concerning parking and toilet facilities for the Tour de France and these issues were discussed by the Council. **Date & time of the next meeting.** The next meeting will be held on Wednesday December 4<sup>th</sup> at Low Row Institute.

REETH AFC

Start of a new season and what a disastrous start! Four games lost in a row, 4-2, 7-0, 7-0 and 5-0 and it looked like Reeth were on a return to form not seen for the last few years. The close of last season and the team had started to play some good football reaching a cup semi-final and looking a realistic possibility for a cup final; maybe not this year but possibly next! So what's gone wrong?, despite all but one player signing on at the end of last season, this season opened with player after player leaving the club. The only bright spot for Tel and Steve, a welcome return of local Keld lad Steve Coates, (note a change of position and playing some good football). You have to feel disappointed for the manager and his assistant, they invest a lot of time and energy keeping a local team going for the local lads - unfortunately it doesn't buy loyalty. It would appear the days where you played for and had pride in your local team are looking to be a thing of the past; maybe it is just part of a youth culture of self-interest but there is no I in team and if not supported there will be no team. The problem isn't just at Reeth though; two more local teams have disappeared from the Wensleydale league this season. A sad reality but not one just affecting Reeth AFC, those who make the decisions in government should take note - we need to keep young people in rural areas to keep the communities alive. However management is not just about the good times, when things are tough you just have to dig deep and get on with it. With a grim determination Tel and Steve have set about recruiting to support those lads that want to keep the club alive. From fielding the only eleven available they are now at the dizzy heights of luxury of having three subs on the bench. You have to be positive, a score of 5 -0 against the league leaders is seen as an improvement, not a disappointing loss. But it's not just about the management; those who have chosen to stay are what make a team in local football. As one of the lads said 'you win together, you lose

together, that's how it is you just have to get on with it'.

And so with a positive attitude the new look team took to the field against top of the league Spennithorne for the fifth game of the season. A goal from new guy Connor Underwood gave Reeth an early lead but a response from Spenny saw a 1-1 score line at half time. Five minutes into the second half and Reeth again took the lead with a strike from Dan Cassidy hitting the back of the net. A win looked to be on the cards but Spenny weren't giving up their 100% record without a fight and pulled a goal back for a full time score of 2-2. Man of the Match - Mike Snowdon. Into October and Reeth were again at home this time to Catterick Rovers. Two goals, both headers from 'oldies' Jon Simpson and Danny Plumb (now a granddad - congratulations to the Plumb family!) saw Reeth in the lead fifteen minutes into the game. This was followed within minutes by a first goal for Reeth from Rob Clements, and shortly before half time a goal from Mike Snowdon saw Reeth with a 4-0 lead at half time. The second half opened with a second goal from Rob Clements, further chances followed but Reeth were unable to increase their lead; new keeper Nathan Briggs, on his second appearance for the team, keeping a clean sheet in goal. Man of the Match - Steve Fleming. October's second game was also home, this time against Richmond Academy currently bottom of the league. Reeth's first goal a super strike from Mike Snowdon was followed by one from Dan Cassidy on a through ball from Snowdon. A cross from Connor Underwood and Cassidy headed the ball home for his second before Academy scored their first. Into the second half and Mike Snowdon scored his second from a well worked goal created by Cassidy. Academy pulled one back for a final score of 4-2. Man of the Match - Dan Cassidy. The lads maybe need to keep play going for the full ninety minutes and not sit back when they take the lead, but there is some good football starting to appear again.

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For those of you interested in cycling there will be a Safer Cycling Event held on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December 11am to 1pm at Wensleydale School, Leyburn for all ages. There will be bicycle checks and free bike and cycle marking, a competition run by Campbells' of Leyburn, prizes and more.

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**Under 10's** Tried to watch 2 matches side by side on September 22<sup>nd</sup> yet this was the most exciting. Bedale went 2 up before Daniel Webster made no mistake with a penalty. After half time Joe Alderson equalised and new signing Aidan Smith put us ahead Cameron Baker-Haste made some good saves and James Wardell was strong in defence. Bedale equalised for Fin Andrews to put us ahead. Finally Aidan got the decider in a cracking match. Won 5-4. After the matches parents put on a surprise party for someone's big birthday with a cake magnificently decorated with the Club logo. The following week at Leyburn we were missing James in defence and this seemed to upset the structure. Dales did all the work for 3 good chances but could not find the net. Lost 4-0.

**Under 14's** We entertained Bedale at Reeth on September 22<sup>nd</sup> and welcomed Matthew Hawes to his first match. It took a while for Dales to get into gear before Kory Spink opened the scoring followed by Nathan Tulip from a good cross. Nathan then got another from well out of the box. Scott Alderson scored from another powerful shot while Nathan got his hat trick with a nice finish. Ben Metcalfe made it 6 at half time. Attacks on our goal were well dealt with by Matthew Short. We then brought on our substitutes. Tommy Marsh got a good goal while Matthew Hawes set 2 up for Tommy and Frankie Clipsham. Finally Tommy got a lovely long

shot in the net. Bedale were undaunted scoring 2 in return. Won 10-2. I was not present the following week playing Catterick Garrison away. Dales did not play well going down 5-1 with Kory the sole scorer. The following week they played better at Spennithorne. Although Spenni have lost some players they are still a good side. Scott opened the scoring from Nathan Tulip though was perhaps unlucky not to be ruled offside although shortly afterwards he failed to score after a Spenni player grabbed his shirt so these things even out. Scott then got his second from a rebound but meanwhile the defence had their work cut out and Kyle Galloway and Shorty put in good performances. All the substitutes were brought on and were rewarded by a superb finish from Aleks Karadzic. Won 0-3.

**Football Development.** We are still in urgent need of coaching support. If you can coach or have children who want to play **please get in touch.** We really need you.

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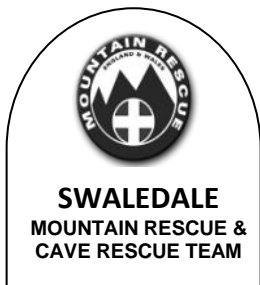
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**3 incidents for the team this month**

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missing person in the Brompton on Swale  
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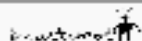


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The Festival was really fortunate to have in Margaret that all too rare combination of excellent organisational skills coupled with artistic flair and keen interest in the arts. Margaret's specialities are textiles and kiln formed glass.

Her cheerful approach and infectious laugh endeared her to musicians and Festival-goers alike, as she capably ran the behind-the-scenes operations and managed the

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Sir

Things are often not what they seem....

We refer to Sarah Proddow's letter in the October issue of the *Reeth & District Gazette* on the issue of what appeared to be fly-tipping near Shaw Farm. Sometime during the evening/night/morning of Sunday/Monday, 8 - 9 September our trailer was stolen from the back of our workshop despite it being both hitch-locked and clamped. We reported its disappearance as soon as we discovered it was missing on the Monday morning. Unfortunately, we were unaware that the thieves had scattered the contents of the trailer including exhibition display equipment and packing materials together with the registration plate, broken wheel clamp and tracker on the road leading to The Stang.

Thankfully, a public-spirited member of the public took the trouble to advise the authorities of the presence of our belongings near Shaw Farm and the scattered items were carefully collected together by a thoughtful Community

Support Officer but, unfortunately, not before they were subjected to the depredations of rain, wind and sheep. It was a full two days after the theft when we drove along Stang Lane and found our belongings which were, by that time, mostly ruined.

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