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*Your local news magazine  
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## CHURCH NOTICES in Swaledale & Arkengarthdale

**Sunday 1st DECEMBER**

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

**Sunday 15th DECEMBER**

- 9.15am St. Mary's Muker  
*Holy Communion BCP*
- 10.30am Arkengarthdale Methodist  
Low Row URC  
Reeth Methodist
- 11.00am Holy Trinity Low Row  
*Eucharist*  
Reeth Evangelical Congregational
- 2.30pm St. Edmund's Marske  
*Lessons and Carols*
- 6..30pm Reeth Evangelical Congregational

**Saturday 21st DECEMBER**

- 7.00pm Gunnerside Methodist  
*Shortest Day Service*

**Tuesday 24th DECEMBER. CHRISTMAS EVE**

- 4.30pm Hope House, Keld  
*Carol Service*
- 6.00pm Arkengarthdale Methodist  
*Children's Candlelit Service*  
Holy Trinity Low Row  
*Low Row Village Carol Service*
- 6.30pm Reeth Methodist  
*Carol by Candlelight*
- 10.00pm St. Mary's Arkengarthdale  
*Holy Communion BCP*
- 11.30pm St. Andrew's, Grinton  
*Eucharist*  
St. Michael's, Downholme  
*Holy Communion*

**Sunday 8th DECEMBER**

- 9.30am St. Andrew's, Grinton  
*Eucharist*
- St. Michael's, Downholme  
*Morning Prayer*
- 10.30am Low Row URC  
Reeth Methodist
- 11.00am St. Edmund's Marske  
*Morning Prayer*  
Reeth Evangelical Congregational
- 11.15am St. Mary's, Arkengarthdale  
*Holy Communion*
- 2.00pm Keld URC
- 2.30pm Gunnerside Methodist
- 4.00pm St. Mary's, Muker  
*Crib Service*
- 3.30pm Reeth Evangelical Congregational

**Wednesday 18th DECEMBER**

- 7.00pm Reeth Evangelical Congregational  
*Carols by Candlelight*

**Friday 20th DECEMBER**

- 1.30pm St. Andrew's Grinton  
*Schools' Ecumenical Christingle Service*

**Sunday 22nd DECEMBER**

- 9.30am St. Andrew's, Grinton  
*Eucharist*
- 10.30am Low Row URC  
Reeth Methodist  
*Family Service*
- 11.00am St. Edmund's Marske  
*Holy Communion*  
Reeth Evangelical Congregational
- 11.15am St. Mary's, Arkengarthdale  
*Holy Communion*
- 2.00pm Keld URC  
*Carol Service*
- 3.00pm St. Michael's, Downholme  
*Carol Service*
- 6.30pm Arkengarthdale Methodist  
*Arkengarthdale United Carol Service with the children of Arkengarthdale School*  
Reeth Evangelical Congregational  
*Carol Service*
- 8.00pm Reeth Green  
*Carols round the tree with Reeth Brass Band*

**Wednesday 25th DECEMBER. CHRISTMAS DAY**

- 9.00am St. Mary's Muker  
*Eucharist*
- 9.30am Low Row URC
- 10.30 am Holy Trinity Low Row  
*Eucharist*
- 10.45am Reeth Methodist  
*Family Service*
- 11.00am St. Edmund's, Marske  
*Holy Communion*  
Reeth Evangelical Congregational

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**Friday 27th DECEMBER**

- 6.30pm St. Mary's Muker  
*Carol Service with Muker Silver Band*

**Sunday 29th DECEMBER:**

- 10.30am St. Mary's Arkengarthdale  
*United Parish Eucharist*  
Low Row URC  
Reeth Methodist
- 11.00am St. Edmund's Marske  
*Holy Communion*  
Reeth Evangelical Congregational
- 2.30pm Arkengarthdale Methodist
- 6.30pm Reeth Evangelical Congregational

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I heard the other day on a television show someone say that Christmas Decorations were 'tacky'. Someone else retorted they have to be to be in the spirit of the season. In many ways that is right. What we are celebrating is so out of the ordinary that we need to show it in an extraordinary way. Christmas Trees and decorations do just that. They help to add to the beauty and mystery, or as M & S say "Magic and Sparkle" of the occasion and brighten up our lives and surroundings at a time of year when things can be so bleak. Plus, if we take on board the real spirit of Christmas our lives will continue to be bright That is why Christmas is always associated with warmth and love and joy and forgiveness, with healing and beauty and light and glory. To celebrate the beauty and mystery of Christmas we usually give gifts, but nothing we give can compare with that greatest of all gifts given to us through the birth of Jesus. A very special gift that will anger no one, a gift that will satisfy each group of people, all religions, ethnicities and colours. In fact a gift that will satisfy all people everywhere, even us! So what is that gift - a gift whose price is beyond worth ?

It is the gift that we and our loved ones may enjoy Peace on Earth. It never ceases to amaze me that the fact we are celebrating (along with 2.0 billion others) is God's real gift to mankind, the birth of His son born 2000 years ago. Someone who got His teaching from the local synagogue, who lived a very simple life training to be a carpenter like His earthly father, in a dusty middle eastern town. Someone who never went more than a few miles from His home. Someone who didn't have transport - there were no bicycles, cars, buses, trains or aeroplanes, every where He went, He went on foot. Someone who didn't go to school, had no exam credits, who didn't have the benefit of a university education. Someone who did not have access to mobile phones, television, radio, sky or any modern day 'benefits' and yet He managed to affect more people than any king, president, ruler or leader, before or since. In fact someone who can still turn our lives around if we'll let him. That's the real M & S - the Magic and Sparkle of Christmas!

Merry Christmas everyone, may the joy of Christmas be with you all. GML.

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JANUARY	DECEMBER 6TH
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*“Wise Men Worship”*



**REETH AND  
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Is there ever a term you could say is not busy? This one is certainly proving to be as full of exciting events as ever! On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November the whole school took part in a Lantern Parade at Keld village. The schools have a long history now of supporting the work of the Keld Visitor Centre, having made walk leaflets, designed art work for the Centre and taken part in events there. We were delighted to support the commemoration of the coming of electricity to Keld through the making of lanterns. Every child from Year 6 to Nursery made a lantern and all were invited to a scrumptious tea and a puppet show all arranged by Mrs Glenda Calvert and the villagers of Keld. After tea we went out to parade around the village singing the German Lantern Festival song we had learned in school and finishing beside the Visitor Centre with a moving rendition of 'Swaledale' by children, parents and the community. I never cease to be overwhelmed by the strength of the community spirit in these Dales and the warmth of the support for our children's activities.

I would like to tell you about some more activities you might like to drop in on too. We are always delighted to see you whether you have a direct link with the school through a current pupil or not.

**On Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November** we are holding an open evening for new parents from 4pm to 5pm. There is the

opportunity to visit the classrooms and see the range of activities that take place. If you would like to come but cannot make that date do please contact school and we can arrange a visit for you.

**On Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December** we are holding a Bags to School collection in aid of the Friends of School. If you are having a turn-out before Christmas we would appreciate donations. There are collection bags at school but donations in any bag are welcome to school early on the day.

**On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December** the children of Years 3 to 6 are holding a Christmas Farmers' Market at Reeth School. They will be organizing it over the coming weeks, from inviting traders to take part to making items for their own stalls. The market advertising will be around the village soon. Look out for the posters and bring your friends. Help support the children's efforts at running an enterprise on their own and maybe bag a few Christmas presents from local producers.

**On Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December** we are presenting our Christmas Play - The Snow Queen, at the Memorial Hall in Reeth in the evening. Again the children would love your support.

Finally on **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December** we take part in the joint Christingle Service with Arkengarthdale School at St Andrew's Church Grinton. Beginning at 1.30pm this traditional service is a lovely way to end the term and begin the celebration of Christmas and is a delightful spectacle to which you are most welcome.

On behalf of all in our school community I wish you all a Happy Christmas and a peaceful and enjoyable New Year.

**Linda and Staff.**



**BARNBY, BONFIRE AND BABOUSHKA!**

- news from Arkengarthdale School

The year 6 children had a fabulous week doing a host of outdoor activities at East Barnby in October. Without exception everyone enjoyed the visit, but don't just take my word for it, here are some quotes from the children. Ben said, "I thought the canoeing was brilliant. It was the first time I have ever done it." Meanwhile Joe said, "Bodyboarding was brilliant fun, even though my wet suit was incredibly tight!" The children joined year 6 children from Richmond Methodist School and Holly remarked, "I made lots of new friends". Finally James said, "The canoeing was great", Harriet commented, "It was challenging and fun" and Sacha said, "It was a fantastic week, especially the beck scrambling".

Bonfire Night at the CB Inn was a great evening and the children were thrilled that their bonfire-themed artwork was on display in the pub. Jocelyn Campbell kindly judged the pictures and had the difficult task of choosing the winners as the standard of work was extremely high. The prizes were awarded to: Sophie Tarran (reception), Eoghan Morton (yr 1 & 2), Isabel Lundberg (yr 3 & 4) and Florence Hall (yr 5 & 6).

"Baboushka" is the title of our Christmas play this year and the story is based on a well-known legend from Russia. At the heart of the legend is the story of the wise men travelling to Bethlehem with their gifts for the newborn King. We are delighted to be performing the play in St Mary's Church, Arkengarthdale at 6pm on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December. You are warmly

invited to come along and we look forward to welcoming you. Ahead of the Christmas Play the Friends of the School are running 'Christmas Squares' where you can buy a square for £1 and then the winning square will be drawn at the Play on 13<sup>th</sup> December. Tickets are available from Arkengarthdale School, the CB Inn, Reeth Post Office and Reeth Village Store (Bottom Shop).

Mark Allison, Head Teacher.

**SkillShare @ Hudson House**

December's programme includes the second of Ted Darwin's practical sessions on map-reading and navigation. This will take place on 4<sup>th</sup> December from 10.00 till 12.00. Come prepared for outdoor conditions but meet at Hudson House.

Later in the month, on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December, Yvonne Howard will demonstrate the making of Christmas decorations and arrangements; this will run from 10.00 till 12.00 at Hudson House. The previously advertised Singalong session is now to take place in the Memorial Hall.

The popular Friday afternoon drop-in computer sessions continue from 14.00 to 16.00, but please note that these are intended for answering software queries for PCs or laptops.

We're busy compiling the schedule for the spring term, but would like to hear from someone who could lead a session on making sketches, in pencil or ink. Please sign up for the courses in the folder in Hudson House, or email to [skillshare40@yahoo.com](mailto:skillshare40@yahoo.com). All sessions cost £3 per person.

**THE BROADSIDE BOYS**

Suffolk Folk Band the Broadside Boys visit Swaledale in December and it is something of a homecoming for the band that has its roots firmly embedded in the Dale. Broadside boy Eric Explains, "I Formed a band when I lived in Reeth a few years ago with a couple of local lads, we called ourselves "The Disputes", and played a few local gigs in the area, but I moved away before we had a chance to really get started. Back in Suffolk, I had all these songs that I had written in Yorkshire. With these songs I started performing with Mat, an old friend of mine. Since these early days we have played folk clubs, venues and concerts across the country, appeared on TV and Radio and now we're bringing it back to where it all began". Expect a high energy musical experience, that documents characters and events from country life. The broadside Boys are appearing at Tan Hill Inn 7th December 12-2pm. Grinton Bridge Inn 7th December 9-11pm. Hardraw Green Dragon, 8th December 12-2pm.

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concert of Christmas music in Leyburn,  
in St Matthew's Church. The  
programme includes excerpts from  
Handel's "Messiah" and carols old and  
new. Tickets (at the door) are £6, U16s  
free. Refreshments afterwards. The  
concert supports the David Young  
Foundation which helps young people in  
Sri Lanka



**CRIME IN THE TWO DALES**

Last month we received reports of stolen sheep from Reeth and Downholme, a male was assaulted in Arkengarthdale, four suspect males were seen in Grinton, an attempt was made to steal armoured cable in Marske, heating oil was stolen from a property in Keld and a male was caught entering a property in Grinton. Ensuring property including vehicles are left safe and secure at all times will remove the temptation for people to commit offences such as theft.

Please don't hesitate to contact North Yorkshire Police dialling 101 in a non-emergency to report any suspicious persons or vehicles. In an emergency please dial 999. We appreciate your time and effort notifying us of any incidents and helping us to keep the Dales a safer place to live in.

At this time of year visibility must be a consideration as it is extremely dangerous to walk, run and cycle on the roads using only a small torch for light. Please ensure you wear clothing that is visible to other road users in order that you can be seen and accidents can therefore be prevented.

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**WRONG TIME WRONG PLACE.**

Want to give someone a good Christmas or birthday present, then the book, Wrong Time, Wrong Place by local author Katie Willkomm is just the thing. About her early life in her native country, her incarceration into a Stalinist camp and her eventual freedom and coming to Arkengarthdale, it is a fascinating read. It can be purchased from Reeth Post Office, The Gift Shop, Reeth, The

Swaledale Museum, The CB Inn, Carrs Billington Hawes and the Teesdale Mercury at Barnard Castle. At a cost of £12 it does make an ideal present. The book can also be purchased from Katie direct: Katie Willkomm, Fountain Farm Booze, Arkengarthdale, Richmond, North Yorks, but please add £2.95 for post and packing. Katie would like to thank all those who have already bought the book and for the many kind comments received.

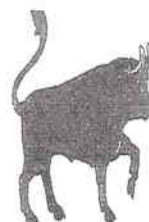
**CHRISTMAS SHOPPING IN REETH**

In the past, shops in Reeth have held a Late Night Christmas Shopping event. This year, by way of experiment, it will be during the day on Sunday 8th December 2013. All the shops and eating places will be open; Santa will be in his Grotto; there will be wandering musicians; problem solving challenges for children (adults as well if you like) on The Green; a free to enter Quiz Trail with a hamper as the prize; and free mince pies at some places. So avoid the stresses and strains of Big City Christmas Shopping and see what you can get in Reeth this year.

**HUTT  
John**

Sue would very much like to thank everyone for the cards of condolence, messages of sympathy and overwhelming support received during her recent sad and very sudden bereavement also for the very generous donations given in memory of John. The caring thoughts of all friends in the Dales and beyond have been a true comfort to her. She would particularly like to give sincere thanks to Simon Barningham and Rev'd Caroline Hewlett for all their help with the funeral arrangements and to the staff at The Buck Hotel, Reeth, for the refreshments provided after the service.

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We hope this will be easier to use.  
For December both emails will  
access the Gazette, but from  
January 1st 2014 only the new  
address will be operational.

### Reeth and District Community Sports Club

#### November 300 Club Draw

1st.	169	Cave Guy	£50
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LE TOUR REETH

Le Tour Reeth Committee has been established to co-ordinate activities taking place on the weekend of Le Grand Départ 2014. Our aim is to ensure that the local communities make the most of this event, portraying the area in such a way that visitors are encouraged to return, and at the same time raising money for local good causes. The Tour de France is the biggest annual sporting event in the world and to have it starting in Yorkshire is a major coup for *Welcome To Yorkshire* and the fact that it is passing through the heart of Swaledale provides a massive opportunity for local communities, not to mention a great spectacle on the day - July 5<sup>th</sup> 2014 in case you are unsure of the date. A number of rumours have been circulating about what is and is not happening, regarding in particular road closures, and concerns have been raised about car parking, camping, the number of visitors expected and how they will be catered for in terms of basics such as toilets and rubbish disposal. The truth is that no-one is really sure yet and nothing is set in stone. The full details of the route have been published but no decisions have been made yet as to road closures. The latest information is that this will be released in January, but for the time being people need to be aware that the road through Swaledale will be closed for most of the day at least. There is an opportunity for those with land on or near the route to open up fields for camping or car parking. If you are thinking of setting up a temporary camping or caravan site, or a temporary car park, fact sheets have been produced jointly by YDNPA, NYCC and RDC which are a useful starting point. There are some

copies at Reeth Post Office; or you can contact RDC directly who can provide further guidance, add your site to their traffic management plan and help publicise it. (Tel: 01748 829100 or e mail: [tourdefrance@richmondshire.gov.uk](mailto:tourdefrance@richmondshire.gov.uk))

A number of open meetings have been held already to discuss ideas leading up to and over the weekend. One suggestion is to have a large screen on Reeth Green for the first two stages of the tour. Obviously this would be a major expense and we are looking at ways to finance this. Others include a fireworks display on the Friday night; using part of the show field for local groups to fund raise; cordoning off the green with yellow, green and polka dot bunting; church groups providing refreshments in and outside their areas around the green; a scarecrow (on bikes?) trail; an information point on the green; leaflets for visitors handed out at the car parks; and Reeth to be spelled out in large letters on Fremington Edge.

We reiterate: so far these are only suggestions. We are open to ideas and welcome everyone's input. Have a chat with any of the committee members, which includes Susan and Martin at the Post Office, Caroline at the Copper Kettle, Mike and Meg at The Nutmeg Gallery and Jo Fletcher-Lee and Irene Slassor in Grinton. Our next two meetings are on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January and Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2014 at 7.00pm in the breakfast room at The Buck Hotel. You are welcome to attend to help us decide as a community how we can make the most of this fantastic event.

**'FLU CLINIC**

Many thanks to all those who have had their annual 'flu vaccination. The main clinic saw 254 people vaccinated by Carol and me in one afternoon and we raised a staggering £750 towards our new heart tracing machine from the raffle and tombola. We are now in a position to order our new equipment in the coming weeks! There are only a few vaccines left in stock now, and I cannot emphasise enough how simple and effective a 'flu jab is in preventing 'flu infections and complications such as pneumonia. People over 65 and those with diabetes and chest and heart complaints are at high risk of complications and hospital admission and it is worthwhile booking a jab if you haven't had yours already. There are plenty of ways to support the Friarage, without giving it more business!

**MEN'S HEALTH AWARENESS**

The month of November has been designated Men's Health Awareness Month or 'Movember'. You may have noticed messages on your repeat medication slips or advertising in the media. Those behind the campaign are encouraging men to grow moustaches to publicise the awareness month. Unfortunately Mrs B takes a rather dim view of soup-strainers, so in the interests of marital harmony, I have to stick with posters and writing in the Gazette. Traditionally men have been bad at reporting health concerns, often presenting at the doctors in the latter stages of illnesses such as cancer and heart disease, where perhaps an earlier detection would have improved the outcome. We are trying to encourage men to get their blood

pressure checked, perhaps consider stopping smoking and report unusual symptoms, such as problems with the waterworks, early to try and improve the current situation.

**CHRISTMAS OPENING TIMES**

<b>Monday</b>	<b><u>23 December 2013</u></b>
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<b>Wednesday</b>	<b><u>25 December 2013</u></b>
<b>C L O S E D</b>	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b><u>26 December 2013</u></b>
<b>C L O S E D</b>	
<b>Friday</b>	<b><u>27 December 2013</u></b>
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<b>Tuesday</b>	<b><u>31 December 2013</u></b>
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On behalf of all the staff, I wish you all a Happy Christmas and a healthy New Year!  
**Mike Brookes & Team**

**MISSING**

Black female cat missing from Watson House since mid October.  
Small white patch at throat. Any information please ring 01748 884912.  
Julie Bissicks.

ELECTRICITY IN SWALEDALE

After serving as a commissioned officer in the Royal Engineers Palestine & Egypt, working out of Harrogate, I was put in charge of the construction gangs installing electricity in 3 of the 5 main Yorkshire Dales namely Swaledale, Wensleydale & Nidderdale. This was 1948 just after the electricity industry was nationalised, the country was in a very poor state and the government was keen to increase our self-sufficiency. One way was to electrify the rural communities. Swaledale was & still is my favourite of all the main dales, my interest awakened by Ella Pontefract's 'Swaledale' first published about 1946.

There was no such thing as computers or lap tops in those days but sufficient to say all my records were kept in a black book a kind of Vade Macurn which I carried everywhere. I still have this, though dog eared and frail it is still discernable.

Much care was taken in planning and sighting both the 20,000 volt high tension and the low voltage lines to minimise to their impact on the visual aspect. Much different nowadays with the profusion of huge wind generators.

Events that come to mind in Swaledale are many. One gang Foreman was Polish. He had been captured as a teenager and sent to the salt mines in Siberia, later, fought on their Western front, escaped to the Allies and came to England. His experience in the use of explosives came in very useful when building the line from Muker via Thwaite to Keld.

In the valley bottom we ran into a peat

bog where it was impossible to dig a 5 foot hole, normal depth for a standard 28 foot pole. To get over the difficulty he stood the pole upright supported by 4 guy ropes then carefully put a 4 oz. stick of gelignite underneath and set it off, the pole went up vertically then fell about 1 foot into the hole this was repeated until it was down to the required depth, a heavy baulk of timber was then bolted to the pole below ground level to stable it. In another place on the same line we ran into whinstone or blue limestone close to properties, this he solved by very careful use again of gelignite in various small pieces, property being protected by covering it with very old ships chains which contained the explosion.

Some places had very difficult access, Booze in Arkengarthdale was such a case. The road was so narrow it was impossible to turn a heavy lorry carrying the poles onto the site. The solution was to dump them at the side of the road then snig them with borrowed horses.

On occasions I stayed overnight at the Black Bull in Reeth and remember the aged gentleman who kept the range well fuelled with logs. He was known as 'Old Tom' and like all of us who are getting old loved to reminisce. I clearly remember him telling us of an incident in 1926. During the general strike, no coal was available in the valley. King William drift mine which had been closed around the turn of the century was reopened. He was farming in the area of Low Row and a neighbour asked to borrow a horse to help his climb up Crackpot Hill. He said I went up to the old mare 'tweaked it at bak ut lug an it pulled we its belly t

grund'. I can still visualise this beautiful beast with its noble head, its fluttering white feathers and the overfilled panniers of coal across its back trudging up Crackpot Hilt with its belly t' grund'.

Switching on electricity always gave me satisfaction. It gave help to the farmers and great joy to their wives who could throw away their flat iron, battery wirelasses. oil lamps, which many later regretted as their value soared. I remember many buying their first 9 or 12 inch B&W TVs. especially to watch our Queen's coronation.

Most of the rural development was completed by 1957 when I left the area and took up posts in several parts of this and third world countries. On retirement we moved back to Harrogate, once again to enjoy the dales.

Both my wife and I think the most magnificent view in the county is from the peak of the road from Leyburn to Grinton looking up the Dale and Calva keeping its watchful eye on Reeth.

\*an old country word for dragging felled timber from a wood.

A HISTORY OF THE SWALEDALE  
WALKING GROUP REETH RAMBLERS  
AND AMBLERS

Wednesday November 12th 1985 was a rainy day when a group of five walkers set out to explore the Beldi Hill mines and dressing floor near K.A series of lectures on the lead mines of Swaledale had been given by Laurence Barker, and five of his students were inspired to visit the site which he had helped to clear of bracken

and trees. In spite of the rain it was an interesting visit and the intrepid group enjoyed exploring the area. As they trudged back to Keld they agreed that they had had a good morning and wondered whether it would be an idea to have another walk together next week. Thus the germ of the walking group which came to be known as Reeth Ramblers was born.

The group consisted of Ray and Walter Hodgson, Elizabeth Berry, Margaret Evans and Marjorie Daniels. For a few weeks the friends met for informal walks and several neighbours began to come too. By the turn of the year when other friends joined us it was clear that some more formal arrangements would have to be made. On the 13<sup>th</sup> of January 1986, a meeting was arranged in the Hodgsons large sitting room to decide on a regular day for our walks. Over mugs of tea, and biscuits baked by Ray's mother, it was decided by mutual agreement to meet on alternate Thursday mornings. Each walk to be arranged and led in turn by a different member of the group. Ray printed out the short programme of walks which we put into the window of the "Bottom Shop", so that anyone who wished to come could join us. On\* one of the walks while chatting we thought we should have a name for the gang. By one of Ray's inspired thoughts came ---Reeth Ramblers--- and so that was what we became! There followed many local walks as we each trotted out our own ideas - Cogden Beck to the Smelt Mill, Nun's Steps to Fremington edge, over Kisdon to Muker, Fremington Edge to Hurst, Ivelet to Muker and the suggestions came quickly. On April 14<sup>th</sup> we met again for a new programme. Several people who worked during the day had said

they would like to join us, so we decided to accommodate them by alternating a day walk with an evening walk. One member who particularly appreciated this was Maggie Pleasant. Later on her mother joined us too.

On May 19' we ventured up to the Lake District and led by Peter Wright we climbed up Place Fell beside Ullswater. On June 10th ,10 people walked to Birkdale Tarn and returned for ham and eggs at Kearnton Guest House in Thwaite. As the year passed we grew more adventurous and September saw us in Wensleydale walking round Semmerwater and on another occasion up Waldendale, finishing with tea and scones at Aysgarth. By November the group had evolved sufficiently to celebrate an evening meal together at the Riverside Hotel in Bainbridge.

During that year we conquered Shunner Fell and Pen Hill and walked on the Howgills. We again visited the Lake District and walked right round Derwent Water, where my old dog Becky learnt to swim!

On September 27th 1992 at our meeting we decided to change our regular Thursday walks to Tuesdays as this at the time, would enable us to use the local bus if needed,

At the start of 1993 we met at Springend when it was run as a hotel by Marion Thompson and her husband. We had a wonderful meal, and afterwards planned our next programme. . We continued to have day and evening walks and the membership increased alarmingly. We were joined by experienced fell walkers who required more extensive walks at greater speed than the 'locals', so at our meeting

on May25th 1993 at the Hodgsons house we decided to divide the group into two sections. The hardier walkers to retain the title Reeth Ramblers, and those who wished to walk more steadily would drop the 'R' to become Reeth Amblers. Members had copies of both sets of walks and could choose whichever walks they fancied. The Amblers restricted their walks to about six miles and the Ramblers could "spread their wings"

The plan proved to be successful and continued for several years. In'October 1993 we had a very sad experience when a member of the Ramblers actually lay down on the hillside and died whilst on their walk. She had to be evacuated by ambulance. On another occasion in 1994 the Amblers had a new lady member who set out from Keld to walk to Muker. She fell and broke her hip and once again an ambulance was required to transfer her to hospital. This made us all realise the importance of caring for each other when out in the countryside, and to make sure we had first aid equipment with us.

Eventually the responsibility for ensuring that there was a leader for each walk, never a simple job, was taken over from Ray Hodgson, who had faithfully organised, printed and distributed the list to members, by Barbara Laxton, who continued the good work for several years. This informal arrangement has continued in the safe hands of Richard and Dorothy Beal. The Ramblers branch of the walkers has become a separate group who organise their own programmes.

In 1995 a group of ladies from the Amblers suggested and thought about the long distance walk which runs from Ilkley to Bowness. Could it be done? Could we do

it between our other commitments? It would be fun to try! Kay Jackson long-time -map-carrier thought it possible if accommodation could be found for eight ladies on the way, so she set about the planning and on September 26' the intrepid group set off with rucksacks stuffed, some not sure if they could go all the way but willing to try. The route took them near enough to Swaledale for rescue if needed. In the end five survived to paddle their feet in Windermere 84 miles later. It had been fun and had given them a desire to try another route. In Spring of 1996 they walked the Cumbrian Way 70 miles from Ulverston to Carlisle and so with varying groups of companions every Spring and Autumn a long distance walk was arranged and many are the adventures and many are the tea rooms and the bed and breakfast houses which have stories to tell of the ladies who walked! After tackling the Northumbrian coastal path, The Cleveland way, St. Cuthberts way, Lady Anne's way, The Ribble way, and Hadrian's wall amongst others they moved into walks in the French Alps and Spain. In 2005 to celebrate ten years of walking they flew to Jersey to circumnavigate the island on foot. As time caught up the walking centered around one destination but still the enjoyment of tackling new routes remains.

A different group of Amblers with less ambitious goals but with the same enthusiasm for walking together, have booked various venues in the Lake District. They explored the gentler tracks around the lakes and up into the hills and even on one memorable occasion climbed over the famous Catbells overlooking Derwentwater and still proudly recount their memories.

Although this group has sadly diminished as age has caught up some of the original group of Reeth Ramblers still walk and holiday together and with the help of local coach companies spend regular visits to venues in Scotland and Wales and once to the Isle of Man (never to be repeated due to the rough crossing)

And so the years have passed and the walkers still sally forth every Tuesday in snow, rain and sunshine to enjoy our lovely countryside, continuing to give pleasure to the old and new corners alike. We have seen the seasons come and go, new lambs, flowering meadows, heather covered moors and snow covered hills and have formed lasting friendships. And now the mantle of Reeth Amblers and Ramblers have passed to a new generation who will in their turn amass memories of days to remember with amusement and affection, I hope that the inspiration that began in 1985 with five friends will continue to prosper for many years to come.

Marjorie Daniels

#### CHRISTMAS AT ARKENGARTHDALE METHODIST CHAPEL

**Christmas Coffee Morning on 7th December, from 10.a.m. to noon, homemade scones and biscuits, cake stall, very warm welcome to everyone.**

**Arkengarthdale United Carol Service 22nd December, 6.30p.m. led by Rev. Alan Coustick with the children of Arkengarthdale school, Reeth Band and the Parish Choir. Light refreshments to follow.**

**Annual Candlelit Service 24th December with the children of Arkengarthdale at 6pm. Light refreshments to follow.**



### NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY HITS THE MARK - YET AGAIN.

Four years running - that's the number of times the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority has been recognised for the fantastic way it treats its residents and visitors.

The Authority has just been re-accredited with the Government's Customer Service Excellence award for the way it delivers its services to the public.

Authority Chairman Peter Charlesworth said: "It is a big pat on the back for all our staff and Dales Volunteers. They give 100 per cent and try so hard to make people feel welcome and to help them in whatever way they can.

"We pride ourselves on the high-quality of the services we provide for everyone - visitors and residents alike - and the fact that we have maintained a national standard for the fourth time shows we are getting it right."

An external assessor spent two days looking at the way Authority staff interacted with visitors to its offices and National Park Centres NATIONAL PARK

### CYCLING VIDEO IS INSTANT HIT.

It's a blockbuster.

A fantastic video highlighting the amazing road cycle routes in the Yorkshire Dales National Park has just topped 1,300 YouTube views - in the six days since its launch.

The four-minute-long film, which features world-renowned cycling commentator Phil Liggett, was made for the Yorkshire Dales

National Park Authority to showcase the huge choice of routes on offer in some of England's most spectacular scenery.

It was launched to coincide with the confirmation of the Tour de France Grand Départ route next year that will see the world's top cyclists battling it out as they ride through the Yorkshire Dales.

Since then it has been watched by people across the globe, from South Africa to Canada.

Keen cyclist Nick Thwaite, the Authority's Member Champion for Recreational Management, said: "The video has captured the attention of audiences world wide, which is fantastic - although it's not surprising considering what this National Park has to offer.

"The fact that it has attracted so many views in such a short space of time emphasises just how much interest there is in cycling in this beautiful part of the country.

"Obviously the Tour de France Grand Départ is fantastic news for all the businesses and communities in the National Park in 2014. This video helps to show what is there all year, every year for everyone from professional cyclists to mums and dads out for the day with their children."

The light-hearted video has been produced by North Yorkshire-based Fridge Productions and features a group of riders cycling along sections of the Grand Départ route - ably assisted by a group of extras that includes rock climbers, some sheep and a Border collie.

The video can be viewed by going to the National Park Authority's website [www.cyclethedailes.org.uk/film](http://www.cyclethedailes.org.uk/film)

### NATIONAL PARK HIGHLIGHTED

Yorkshire has been named by international travel publisher Lonely Planet as the third best region in the world to visit.

And a photo of the fantastic scenery of Swaledale has been used on the organisation's website to explain just why the county is on the international list of top places to see in Lonely Planet's Best in Travel 2014 book. The county is only beaten by Sikkim in India and the Kimberley in Australia and in turn sits above Texas, Mallorca and Hunan in China.

Peter Charlesworth, chairman of the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority, said: "The new National Park Management Plan contains an objective to promote the Yorkshire Dales National Park as a leading sustainable tourism destination in the UK.

"The fact that they have chosen a picture of Swaledale - out of all the places in Yorkshire they could have picked - for their website article really does help that objective. It puts us among the best of the best worldwide. "It is immensely satisfying that our county has come so high in the list of the top places in the world to visit with the Dales so prominent and it can only benefit our tourist industry. The attractiveness of Yorkshire and the Dales in particular will now reach an even wider audience but will keep us on our toes in ensuring that it remains that way and that a warm Yorkshire welcome is always there."

Lonely Planet contributor Tom Hall is quoted in the Yorkshire Post as saying of the county: "It has a great mixture of history, shops and good cities, and a wealth of outstanding outdoor areas - the Yorkshire Dales National Park being chief among them as well as less highlighted places like Ilkley Moor." The Lonely Planet book says: "If the good people of Yorkshire were proud of their heritage before, the 2012 London Olympics only served to cement what they have always thought: that their county is better than - and really the best of - all the English counties. "Recently this rough-around-the-edges gentleman of the north has kicked away the walking cane. Bradford has become the world's first Unesco City of Film, fashion-thirsty Leeds has cut the ribbon on an ambitious retail development at a time when malls elsewhere in the UK are stalling, a new state-of-the-art gallery in Wakefield is giving London a run for its money, and Yorkshire now has more Michelin-starred restaurants than any other county outside London. In 2014, this welcoming region of rugged moorlands, heritage homes and cosy pubs will be able to hold its head even higher when the Tour de France begins its grand départ from Leeds." <http://www.lonelyplanet.com/travel-tips-and-articles/lonely-planets-best-in-travel-2014-top-10-regions#ixzz2j6l68yty>

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### RICHMOND & LEYBURN EMBROIDERERS' GUILD

Richmond & Leyburn Branch of the Embroiderers' Guild is holding a meeting on Thursday December 12<sup>th</sup> at Harmby Village Hall. It will be a Christmas Event and we shall be making some tiny decorative crackers. The meeting starts at 1.30 pm with a 'Bring and Share' lunch at 12 noon. Visitors are welcome. Ring 01748 886790 for more details.

### MESSAGE from the SWALEDALE MUSEUM in Reeth

We have now had the new floor laid in the upper gallery which looks very smart. We would like to thank the Community Opportunity Fund for helping us with this, and particularly Cllr Bob Gale and Cllr John Blackie for supporting our application. This space will be the new venue for our changing programme of temporary exhibitions, beginning on 1 May 2014 with 'People of the Dale'. The light and airy gallery affords splendid views over Fremington Edge. We are planning a series of events connected with this exhibition for next year. Current projects also include linking with the University of Newfoundland to explore links with Swaledale in the 19th century, and with the work on 19th migration by Prof. William Van Vugt from Calvin College, Grand Rapids. We were delighted to assist Prof. Van Vugt with his research here over the summer. He found so much material that he will be returning in 2014, and will be giving a lecture in the Museum on his project in July. So look out for the

date when finalised.

We wish everyone a very happy Christmas and New Year, with special thanks to the Committee of the Friends of the Museum, especially Tracy Little our dynamic membership secretary, publicity officer and who does much much more. We would also like to extend our great thanks to Jenny Curtis who steps down as the Treasurer after joining the Committee at its foundation. Thank you too all our Friends, supporters, visitors, donors and volunteers who contribute to the life of the Museum, its Library and Archive. Without you we could not do what we do! For more information Contact Helen Bainbridge on 07969 823232 or e-mail museum.swaledale@btinternet.com.

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**MUKER PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL  
MEETING HELD ON  
29th OCTOBER, 2013**

The Parish Council meeting was held on the 29th<sup>1</sup> October, 2013. Councillors Porter, Metcalfe, Calvert, Blackie and Gardner were present with Councillor Whitehead presiding. The Clerk was Ms K Scott.

**Apologies for Absence:** None received

**Declaration of Interests:** None.

**Minutes of previous meeting:** The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 1st October 2013 had been circulated. The minutes were approved as a correct record on the proposal of Cllr Metcalfe and seconded by Cllr Porter. All in favour. **Matters Arising:** Defibrillators: Cllr Gardner had started the Community Opportunities Funding documentation, which has been passed to The Clerk for completion. Highways Ivet Bridge: Cllr Gardner has found that YDNP were the people who had ordered the bat survey but has been unable to contact the individual staff member to discuss the matter further. Cllr Gardner will continue to pursue the matter. NYCC Bus services: Cllr Gardner has organised a public meeting on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November at The Buck Hotel in Reeth. Muker Village Parking Restrictions: The Clerk had contacted RDC Highways regarding the line painting in Muker, but the reply indicated some inconsistencies compared to the discussions the Council had with RDC earlier in the year. The Clerk to contact Mr N Linfoot. Muker Village Lighting: The Clerk reported this matter to RDC and the case is now in progress. Mr Hartley Memorial Seat: The Clerk had contacted Mrs Hartley and her reply was discussed. The Council will review where to site the seat in the Spring of 2014. Road surfaces in Muker Parish: Cllr Gardner is still working on improving the situation regarding the overly smooth road surfaces in three areas of the Dale. The smoothness is in fact a hazard. **Report from Cllr Blackie:** Councillor Blackie had issued a written report prior to the meeting covering a number of

issues, including his meeting with William Hague and Jeremy Hunt, Secretary of State for Health and these were outlined and discussed by the Council. Reeth GP Surgery & Minimum Practice Income Guarantee (MPIG): As a result of the information and arguments put forward by Cllr Blackie and other Cllrs from other rural area, Jeremy Hunt confirmed that he recognised there had been "unintended consequences" affecting rural areas and as a result would work on finding an alternative funding formula that is more appropriate to surgeries in deep rural areas. This is very good news for Reeth surgery. The Friarage Hospital: As this situation is part of an on-going consultation, Jeremy Hunt was unable to comment, but agreed to listen to the arguments put forward by Cllr Blackie against the reduction of services at the Friarage. Cllr Blackie will be visiting two areas in Scotland whose situation is similar to The Dales in order to continue gathering evidence against the current proposals.

Road repairs between Reeth & Richmond: Cllr Blackie reviewed the meeting he had with RDC Highways concerning a proposed 12 week closure of this road at the beginning of January 2014. In Cllr Blackie's view, and the view of the whole Parish Council, this could not be a worse time. The weather conditions would make using Reels Head as the alternative route between Reeth & Richmond dangerous and ill-advised. Cllr Blackie is organising a public meeting to be held in Reeth. Representatives of RDC Highways will be present. There is a tentative date of Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November, but this will be clarified later this week. Road repairs between Strands and Gunnerside: This road will be closed for re-surfacing for 10 days (two sets of 5 days) between now and Christmas. Cllr Blackie has stressed to RDC Highways that a signed diversion is imperative which is acceptable to light traffic. A total closure for trade/work/school users is out of the question. It is hoped that the closure will apply 0900-1500. **Finance:** Nothing to report **Highways:** Cllr Porter advised that the road

from Satron to Hilltop is in a very bad state of repair and is in fact unfit for a car. The situation is the same at the corner of Crow Trees. The Clerk to report the matter to RDC Highways. **Richmondshire District Council:** The Council noted the Newsletter from RDC Funding and Grants. The Area Partnership Funding scheme had been in touch to ask where Muker Parish were on the matter of new signage. The Parish are waiting for Highways to complete the job, send a bill to the Parish, so that we can then claim a grant from the Area Partnership scheme.

**NYCC:** The Chair read out a letter regarding the proposed increase in transportation costs of students from home to school and college. The current cost is £360 pa and will rise to £480 pa, excluding certain groups. It will be effective September 2014. The increase is due to NYCC having to save £92m by the end of March 2015. There is an opportunity to take part in a consultation process before Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2013. The Clerk was asked to put forward the Council's concerns regarding the potential impact of discouraging further education; An increase of 33% is too high; Further education is critical to the sustainability of rural communities and future business development. The Chair read out a letter regarding the proposed changes to waste and recycling services as NYCC seeks to save money. A poster will be put on the notice board as feedback from all members of the public is requested. The Council are concerned that a proposed charge for the disposal of soil, rubble and plasterboard will encourage fly-tipping. The Council agree with the proposal that the waste sites could close more often during quieter times of the day. **YDNPA:**

A letter was received requesting new membership to the Yorkshire Dales Access Forum. Applications close on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2013. **YLCA:** The Council noted the various correspondences and information sent by YLCA. **Correspondance/AOB:** The Council noted that there is a meeting of the Upper Dales Area Partnership on 6<sup>th</sup> November at

6pm at the Dales Countryside Museum in Hawes. The Clerk had received a letter from Mr Ian Scott inviting any member of Muker Parish Council to join in the Remembrance Parade in Reeth. The Chair asked the Clerk to contact British Telecom regarding the state of the telephone kiosks in the Upper Dale, which need painting and cleaning, particularly in the light of the Tour De France and the number of visitors that will bring into the area. Cllr Gardner advised that he had received a planning application from Gunnerside Estate re: Ravenseat Farm. The application is to renovate a Grade 2 listed barn. The Clerk was advised that there were no objections and the application could be passed on, once the Clerk received a copy. The Council wished to offer the previous Clerk, Mrs Tania Beatty, their thanks and appreciation of the excellent job she had done in the past. The Clerk to write to Mrs Beatty. **Date and Time of Next Meeting:** The next Parish Council Meetings will take place at 7.30pm on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2013, 14<sup>th</sup> January, 2014 and 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2014.

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**GRINTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**NOVEMBER 4**

**Highways** The potholes on the Whitaside road and Swale Hall Lane had been inspected and assessed for repairs. The question of temporarily lifting the ban on HGVs using the moor road to alleviate problems at the traffic lights on the Reeth to Richmond road would be looked at as a part of the whole scheme of repairs. It had previously been reported that Highways were hoping to begin repairs on the subsidence in October but Coun Blackie had now been informed that surveys have identified a number of further sites in the area where a potential landslip could take place. Work could not begin before Christmas due to the equipment required and would entail all traffic being diverted to alternative routes. In view of the likely disruption to traffic in the dale at a time of year when the higher level routes could be subject to wintry conditions a public meeting had been arranged to address the issues at 7pm on Thursday November 21 in the CB Inn, Arkengarthdale. **Big Dig Project** Alan Mills from the Swaledale and Arkengarthdale Archaeology Group explained about the Big Dig Project to research the development of Grinton, Fremington and Reeth. The group would use documentary research, landscape surveys and geophysical testing as well as small test pits and a bid was being submitted to the Heritage Lottery Fund who required explicit approval to be obtained from owners of public land before a grant could be awarded. Councillors were in favour of supporting the scheme. **Remembrance Sunday**

**Parade** The parade would meet on Reeth green at 2pm before the 2.45pm service at St Andrew's. **Caravan** The National Park Authority advised that they would not be pursuing the case of an unauthorised caravan being stored behind a building in the village as it was screened from public view, however there was no permission for it to be used as living accommodation on the site. **Recycling and Waste Disposal** A County Council consultation on the opening hours and use of recycling centres would be available through the NYCC website until December 21. Coun Gardner reported that from 2014 a charge would be made for emptying garden waste bins. **School Transport** A consultation was being carried out on proposed increases to post 16 school transport charges. **Accounts** The parish council accounts had been returned without comment by the external auditors. **Tour de France** A member of the local planning group attended to explain what had been discussed so far to make visitors welcome while maximising business opportunities for local people. The council agreed to apply for grant funding which was available to help publicise the village and Coun Coates would liaise with the planning group. **Public Transport** A public meeting would be held in the Buck Hotel, Reeth, at 7.30pm on Tuesday, November 19, to discuss proposed changes to bus timetables which would make it very difficult for anyone living in the dale to reach Richmond at a reasonable time for work or to make appointments.

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**REETH PARISH COUNCIL OCTOBER 28**

**Public Transport** A public meeting would be held in the Buck Hotel, Reeth, at 7.30pm on Tuesday, November 19, to discuss proposed changes to bus timetables which would make it very difficult for anyone living in the dale to reach Richmond at a reasonable time for work or appointments if they did not have the use of a car. It would also affect children who did not use the regular school bus service. **Highways Repairs** The street light by Reeth bridge had finally been repaired but one in Quaker Close was still out of order after 20 weeks. It was reported that this was because of its construction type - workmen were not allowed to climb it but needed a cherry picker. The damaged stone work on Reeth bridge would be repaired after April 2014. Coun Gardner felt that stretches of very smooth new tarmac on roads leading south out of the dale would be hazardous in icy weather and had had asked for the surface to be dressed with chippings. **Abandoned Caravan** The stolen caravan by Grinton bridge was not the responsibility of the police but would be removed by Street Scene. **Pinfold** The current tenant had advised that he wished to keep renting it at the moment. If in the future he decides to end the arrangement, the vacancy will be advertised locally. **Remembrance Sunday Parade** The parade will assemble on the green at 2pm before the 2.45pm service at St Andrew's, Grinton. A rolling road closure will be organised by the police. Councillors noted a possible grant to help restore war memorials for the centenary of WW1.

**Christmas Plans** Carols round the tree with Reeth Brass Band was confirmed for 8pm on Sunday, December 22. The clerk would look into acquiring a tree. **Community Emergency Plan** Members of the North Yorkshire Local Resilience Forum gave a presentation to encourage communities to look at plans for extreme weather or other emergencies which could hinder outside help. They would offer help in producing workable plans and keeping them up to date. Members felt that much of this local knowledge was already available within the community and had been put to good use in past emergencies. A list of useful phone numbers would be prepared against future events. **Reeth to Richmond road** It had previously been reported that Highways were hoping to begin repairs on the subsidence in October but Coun Blackie had now been informed that surveys had identified a number of further sites in the area where a potential landslip could take place. Work could not begin before Christmas due to the equipment required and would entail all traffic being diverted to alternative routes. In view of the likely disruption to traffic in the dale at a time of year when the higher level routes could be subject to wintry conditions a public meeting would be arranged to address the issues. (This was subsequently confirmed for 7pm on Thursday November 21 in the CB Inn, Arkengarthdale.) **Seats** Coun Allinson reported that the two memorial seats were now in positions on the green and up the Arkengarthdale road. Coun Gardner thanked him and Coun Frankland for also fixing the seat at Kearton lane end in Healaugh. **Cont. on page 30:**

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#### Repairs and maintenance

The wall at Fremington had not yet been repaired - the council would report this again and ask for a firm date for the work. A dead elm tree on Reeth hill and overgrown ash saplings would be cut down. A blocked drain was causing water to overspill from a trough on the Healaugh road and a retaining wall on the same stretch of road was in need of repair. Water was running down the road near Cambridge House - the water board would be asked to look into a possible leaking main.

#### NEWS FROM REETH POST OFFICE

If we compiled a league table of the most frequently asked question in the Post Office, somewhere near the top of the list would be: 'Can you get cash out here?' It is amazing the number of people who do not realise you can indeed get cash out from the Post Office, using a debit card from a personal account. One of our customers had been travelling to Richmond just to withdraw cash and was delighted when he found out that he could pop into the Post Office. And better still - there is no charge.

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Good news on parcels though. As mentioned last month, Royal Mail has re-thought their parcels sizes and whereas

before, anything larger than a small cube was classed as a medium parcel (and therefore much more expensive to post) now a small parcel can be up to the size of a largish shoebox. Yes I know, not a very precise unit of measure, but we have an example in the Post Office to show you how big a small parcel can be.

The Christmas stamps are now on sale. These first went on sale in the same year England won the World Cup. Yes, that long ago. On occasions in the past, Royal Mail have been criticised when the stamps have not had a religious theme. In actual fact, their long-standing policy is to alternate religious themed designs (odd years) with secular designs (even years). This year, the stamps serve both purposes. In addition to a range of stamps on the theme of The Madonna and Child, for the first time in 30 years Royal Mail ran a children's Design A Christmas Stamp competition. The competition received over 240,000 entries and the two winners have had their designs produced as 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> class stamps.

With Christmas rapidly approaching you may wish to make sure your mobile phone is topped up for those Christmassy conversations with friends and relatives. Naturally you can do this at the Post Office, either with your phone card or by buying a top up voucher.

Finally, Susan and Martin would like to thank you for all your support over the year and wish you a peaceful Christmas and a healthy New Year.

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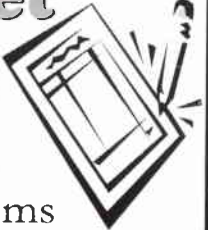


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**Under 10's** On 29<sup>th</sup> September played Leyburn away. Leyburn went 2 up in the first half. We were missing James Wardell in defence and this seemed to upset the whole structure as we tried to cover. Cameron Baker-Haste made some good saves and continues to settle well into the goalkeeping role. Dales played better in the second half but conceded 2 more. Dales did all the work for 3 good chances but failed to find the net. Lost 4-0. We played Carperby on 13<sup>th</sup> October and in the absence of Cameron, Jack Stephenson went into goal. Carperby opened the scoring and got another before half time. Dales positional play needs to improve but the match was quite equal but again we could not find the net. Lost 0-3. It is interesting that we brought on 2 younger players for the friendly to play 10-a-side and won 3-1 comfortably! On 20<sup>th</sup> October we entertained Catterick Garrison at Reeth. The rain stopped for the match but it was very wet underfoot. Garrison proved too strong for our young squad but Dales were undaunted and put up a spirited performance. **Under 14's** We played Catterick Garrison alongside the Under 10's short of several key players. Garrison had some large lads and had the edge on us opening the scoring. Kyle Galloway did good work in defence and Matthew Short had his work cut out in goal but it was far from one sided and Garrison's keeper was

good and had to work. Scott Alderson equalised with a powerful finish only for Garrison to go ahead before half time. A goalmouth scuffle enabled Ben Metcalfe to equalise but the stronger squad were rewarded with a decider. All our lads played well and a 2-3 loss was not an unfair result. The following Saturday Dales travelled to Bedale. Dales started very ragged and although having the upper hand there was not much in it. Kory Spink opened the scoring with a nice finish from Scott. Kyle and Thomas Walker had their work cut out in defence and Shorty had to make some good saves. After half time Nathan Tulip scored the second but again Dales gave the ball away unnecessarily and inevitably Bedale pulled one back. Dales need to improve significantly before taking on Colburn next week. Colburn, playing at Reeth had some large lads playing and this was a good but rather too physical game. Colburn were arguably the better team and are unbeaten this season but Dales played a great deal better. Colburn's strength gave them 2 good goals before some good team play enabled Kory to pull one back. The second half was very even with some good defending by Kyle and Joseph Wilkinson but suffered a couple of very heavy showers. Lost 1-2. Thanks to Pete McKay for refereeing.

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**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December** - Blast From The Past with their costumed Christmas show *A Medieval Christmas* - a festive show of songs, carols and stories from the Middle Ages played on authentic instruments such as cittern, hurdy-gurdy, bagpipes and shawm. Special children's rates. Tickets £12 (door £14). U16's £3.

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December** - 2pm - Gordon

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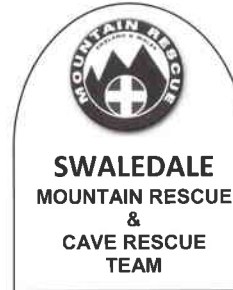
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Incidents & training Oct up to 9<sup>h</sup> Nov 2013:

Total incidents for 2013 = 47

Total Incidents for 2012: 41, approximately 3500 rescue person hours

Total Incidents for 2011: 31, approximately 2000 rescue person hours

2013 could be our busiest years ever! Thanks to all team members, families & employers for making this possible. This places an extra demand on the team for fund raising as well as actual rescues. Thanks to all our supporters!

3 incidents for the team this month

24/10/2013 (47) 17.00hrs: The team were called by the Police to search for, & then rescue, a walker who was stuck on the rocks on Fremington Edge after taking a wrong turn. Team members abseiled in & used ropes to lift the walker to safety.

19/10/2013 (46) 09.00hrs: The team provided rescue & medical cover for the annual Scott Trail event.

15/10/2013 (45) 17.00hrs: The team called

to search for a missing 10 year old boy in the Catterick area, during the initial search the boy was located safe & well.

27/10/2013 Team training was steep ground rescue at Oxnop Sc

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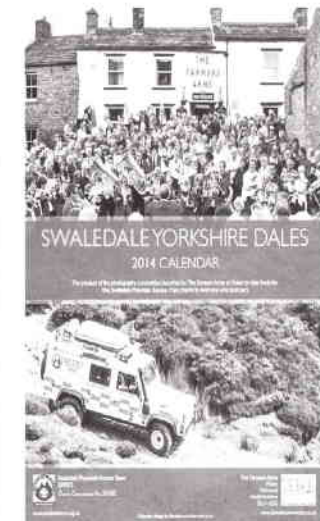
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**David Winpenny** examines Scott's life and career focussing on Ripon Cathedral as an example of his restoration work. He shows how Scott's intervention could be sensitive and careful but occasionally cavalier. It is certainly due to his work

that Ripon and at least 25 other British Cathedrals are still standing. **David Winpenny** studied English at Birmingham University and taught for several years before joining the Countryside Commission as Co-Coordinator of Information in Leeds. He is author of *Up to a Point - In search of Pyramids in Britain and Ireland*. He writes for BBC Countryfile magazine and is chairman of Ripon Civic Society. Wensleydale Decorative and Fine Arts Society lecture is at 2.00pm on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December at the Middleham Key Centre. Non-members are welcome at £6 per lecture, pre-booking is essential. Membership and further information is available from the Membership Secretary, tel. 01748 886545



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 8th Christmas Shopping Day in Reeth  
 13th Domino & Whist Drive Low Row Institute  
 A Medieval Christmas Reeth Memorial Hall  
 Leyburn Band Christmas Concert Leyburn Methodist Church Hall 7.30pm  
 14th  
 15th Carols by Candlelight Ghyllfoot 7.45pm  
 19th, 20th & 21st Cinderella Reeth Memorial Hall  
 23rd Reeth Band Christmas Concert Memorial Hall 7.30pm  
 28th Low Row Village Party 4pm the village Institute

**JANUARY**  
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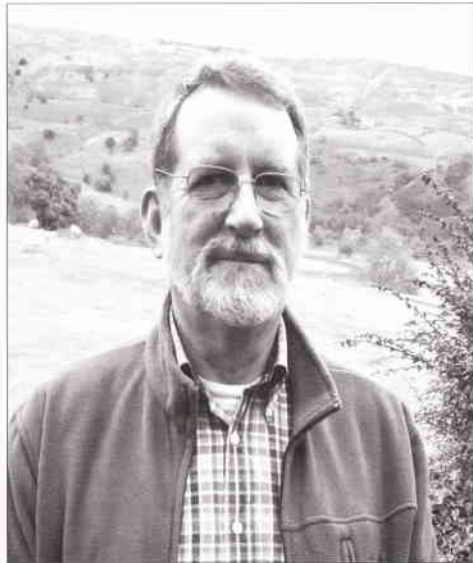
Now resident in Reeth, Peter was formerly a diplomat and a business consultant on Japan. He says: "Since my first Swaledale Festival in 2006, I have been deeply impressed by the variety and quality of its events, with arts and music of the highest standard from around the world, and a range of activities for all ages and interests in a world-leading landscape." Peter also chairs the Swaledale and Arkengarthdale Archaeology Group, where he is known for his fascination for most aspects of the Roman Empire.

Outgoing Swaledale Festival Chairman Nick Reckert said: "It's been a privilege to represent the Festival for the last three years. It's a thriving organisation, it encourages great art, and it brings a

good deal of revenue to businesses in the northern Dales. Peter is an excellent choice as Chair."

The next Swaledale Festival will run from 24 May to 7 June 2014.

Information about the Festival, and a full programme of events, will be posted to the Festival website: [swalefest.org](http://swalefest.org)



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