





## Cover picture

Ryedale Folk Museum, North Yorkshire; a view of the interior of the undertaker's shop. In the corner is a fine cabinet-maker's tool-box with an inlaid top, quite probably done at the end of a man's apprenticeship. Lying on top of the box is a measuring stick used for digging out a grave. On the wall is an axe that was the sign of the Ancient Order of Shepherds one of the oldest Friendly Society's that enabled people to save and pay for sudden emergencies such as funerals.