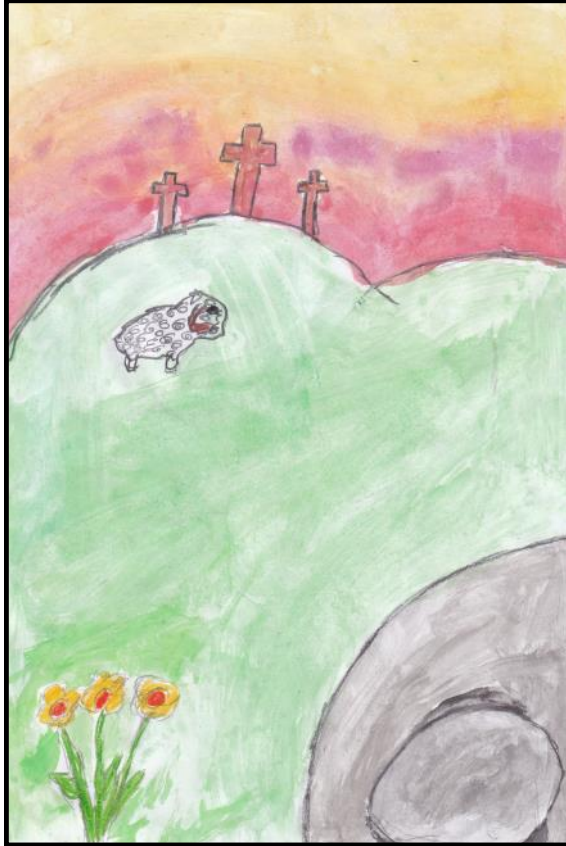


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## First Thoughts . . .

We all like a good moan, don't we? The weather is an easy target. We complain about the wind and rain; that it's freezing cold; and we dread the arrival of 'that white stuff.' We complain if it is too hot, or that there is no rain to water our garden.

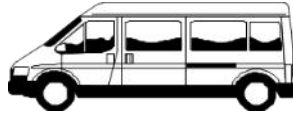
Even when the weather is just fine, there will always be one harbinger of doom who will be at pains to let us know that 'It is not going to last. There'll be rain by the weekend.'

Last year was a great year for moaning. In the spring we could chunter about the closure of the Richmond Road and the inconveniences caused by the long wait at traffic lights and lengthy diversions. And what a bonus the summer was with all those opportunities to moan about lycra-clad cyclists clogging up the roads of the Dale. So it should be a relief that The Tour of Yorkshire is not coming through Swaledale. But no: 'Huh, I see they've ignored Swaledale then.'

And what about the TV? When is there ever anything decent to watch? In 1992 Bruce Springsteen released a single called *57 Channels (And Nothing On)*. Only 57 channels? How many are there now? And still nothing on. (Be honest though: Who remembers when there was only one?)

Some will say there is no harm in having a good moan - that it does us good to get things off our chest. No there isn't; and yes it probably does. But, before you start moaning about what is or isn't in *The Gazette*, have a read of Jocelyn Campbell's piece on Page 24-25. It kind of puts things into perspective.

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**May issue:** April 10th

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## Letters to the Editor

### Memories

I read with great interest R Hodgson's article in the January edition of the Reeth Gazette.

I first visited Swaledale in 1964 with my parents and sister, who needed the use of a wheelchair, when I was 14. We stayed in a lovely cottage up a bank just outside Angram on the road to Keld, which was advertised in The Dalesman. That holiday was wonderful and we fell in love with Swaledale. We soon discovered Wainworth Falls, Ivelet Bridge, Surrender Bridge and Rowleth Bottoms: places which afforded easy access for my sister's wheelchair.

The roads were much quieter then and the shops not geared up for tourists. We could not buy a loaf of bread in the Dale - all the bread was ordered. So we bought flour and yeast and made our own. The oven in the cottage had three settings: high, medium and low. Nevertheless, the bread was a real treat.

The following year we moved to Havermill Cottage at Crackpot and then up to Jenny Sunter's Robson House Cottage on Whitaside. Our first holiday

at Robson Cottage cost the princely sum of £7.00 - what a bargain. We returned for many years, eventually bringing our own children.

During our 1969 holiday I was a 20 year old student and with my then fiancé, we came across Old Gang Lead Mine. It really was quite amazing - like an open-air museum, tools scattered everywhere with larger pieces of equipment in various stages of dereliction. At that time, I was training to teach in Durham and decided to write my dissertation on Lead Mining in Swaledale. I had the privilege of chatting to Mr John Tom Rutter, who was one of the last lead miners, at his home in Gunnerside. (I think.)

Over the last fifty years, I have enjoyed so many holidays in Swaledale at different times of the year, staying in various cottages, B&Bs and camping in Reeth and Usher Gap. Last September our son brought his children, who love to visit Swaledale too, to camp in Reeth. On that occasion we chose the soft option and stayed at The Buck Hotel.

Yes, times have changed but Swaledale will never lose its unique charm. It is a very special place and we will keep on coming back.

**Denise Kemshell**

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### **Dog Mess**

Following the article re dog muck on Reeth green I would like to have my say on the matter.

As a dog owner who walks his dogs every day across and around the green I am constantly dismayed by the dog muck that is left on the green. There really is no excuse as apart from the new bin near the Post Office (which

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unfortunately some people seem to think is for other purposes) there are four other bins where it can be deposited. I have often picked up mess left by others and put it in the bins, unbelievably many times in front of the bin and benches near the Black Bull.

However I believe that this problem is being caused by a very small minority of dog owners who probably live close to the green and allow their dogs to foul the area after dark. (I have my suspicions).

In answer to your correspondent who wants dogs banned from the green, firstly they are obviously not dog lovers which in my book makes them suspect to start with. Secondly it is not the dog's fault but the owner's and since many of life's problems are often caused by a small number of inconsiderate people, the solution is simple: Just ban people from the green. i.e. put up a fence all round it then there will be no more dog mess, tyre ruts, discarded picnic rubbish and all the other detritus that one often sees left there.

There won't be a parking problem anymore of course because visitors won't want to come to Reeth. Also many of the businesses will shut down as

well, which will make it a lovely quiet place to live in.

Seriously though, let's just educate the people who are causing this dog mess problem. One answer, which some parks and other public places have tried with success, is to have free 'poo bag dispensers' located at convenient points.

**Brian Pearson**

### **Police Unavailability**

I read with interest the article in the February Gazette on crime in the two dales. I'm surprised that PCSO Taylor-Page isn't aware that Leyburn police station is only open to the public for a short time on Friday. I believe that is from 10.30 to noon when the 'front desk' is staffed by a volunteer, not a member of the police force.

This is yet another service/facility which has been downgraded or lost in Leyburn since I moved here 10 years ago. It used to be the surrounding villages which lost everything, now it is the town - which should be the hub of this area.

**Sheila Simms**

**Editor's Note:** According to the NY Police website, 'Leyburn Police Station is an operational police station and officers will usually be out of the building on patrol, so is open by appointment only.' However, the website also states: 'Leyburn Police Station will have a front counter service on Friday 4, Saturday 5 and Sunday 6 July from 10am to 6pm, and from 10am to 3pm on Monday 7 July.'

I assume this refers to the TdeF weekend last year, so obviously they are too busy fighting crime to update the web site.

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### **Marske In Swaledale WI Meeting On 24th February 2015**

Our President, Hazel Smith, welcomed members to the meeting in Marrick Institute on a very wintry February day. The Spring Council meeting will be at Tennants of Leyburn on 28th March and the live broadcast of our Centenary AGM from the Royal Albert Hall is being shown in the Old School House cinema also in Leyburn on 4th June.

We have been invited to hear interesting speakers in Harmby and Wensley in April and May. Members are submitting craft items for the Exhibition in Kiplin Hall on 16th to 19th May. We are using Reeth Community Transport to take us on our outing to Saltaire on 28th July and this is open to non-members.

As this was our traditional 'members' meeting' with no speaker, the rest of the afternoon passed into the capable hands of member, Jean Wallis, who tested our knowledge with quizzes and 'dingbats' and entertained us with a humorous poem and adverts. Mary Clarke was the overall winner. We then enjoyed a delicious tea and looked forward to our next meeting at 2.00pm. on 24th March when Rosie Frankland

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Meetings are held in Marrick Institute and visitors are always welcome. The programme for 2015 is:

**April 28th 2pm:** Visit to Green Frog Garden Centre and tea at Ellerton Lakes teashop.

**May 26th 7pm:** Resolutions and Games

**June 23rd 7pm:** Strawberries & cream and poetry

**July 28th:** Outing to Saltaire

**August 25th 7pm:** Sally Reckert speaking on 'Transition Richmond'

**September 22nd 7pm:** Crafts & Cakes

**October 27th 7pm:** Kathryn Guy on Christmas Decorations

**November 24th 2pm:** AGM and quiz

**December 15th:** Christmas Lunch.

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**Eileen Martin**

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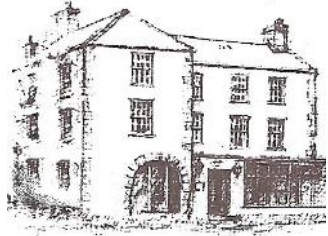
Fracking is the process of drilling down into the earth before a high-pressure water mixture is directed at the rock to release the gas inside. Water, sand and chemicals are injected into the rock at high pressure which allows the gas to flow out to the head of the well.

The largest expanses of shale rock are situated in the countryside, and this is where the majority of economically viable sites are likely to be.

There are many arguments for and against fracking and no doubt in the run up to the General Election, they will get plenty of air time. In the meantime however, a number of companies are applying for exploration licences. One such company is The Yorkshire Dales Energy Exploration Company (YDEEC) which is looking into the possibilities of fracking in the National Park.

What you might have thought were roadworks may well have been YDEEC. They have been digging holes in various locations to obtain core samples of the target rock formation as well as conducting seismic surveys. The information from the exploratory drilling and seismic surveys will give them an idea of how much oil or gas can be extracted.

Although it is early days yet, their geological surveys indicate that Swaledale may be an excellent place for gas extraction. Whilst YDEEC may not have the resources necessary to take the project into production, the exploration allows them to gather the data needed to attract large investors. For more information go to their website: [www.ydeec.co.uk/af](http://www.ydeec.co.uk/af).



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This month, it's Reverend Caroline.

### Tell us about yourself in 50 words or less:

I was born in Clapham, London, went to a boarding school in Sussex called Christ's Hospital, came north to Ripon to be a student when I was 18, and have lived in Yorkshire ever since. Alex and I married in Ripon in 2001. We have two cats, Emily and Arthur.

### Tell us something about yourself that not a lot of people know:

I learned to drive in New York City in 1995 and still only have an automatic driving licence.

### What was the first job you ever had?

Selling sunglasses in a department store.

### If you won the Lottery jackpot, what's the first thing you would buy?

I have never bought a ticket, so that would be a big surprise - maybe I could buy my first lottery ticket?

### Which is your favourite film /book?

Film: The Shawshank Redemption

Book: (apart from the Bible, obviously) T.S. Eliot's 'Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats'.

### What is your favourite meal?

Roast chicken dinner

### How do you like to spend your spare time?

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Snow

Your house is on fire. You can save one item. What would it be?

Our cats

What's your favourite joke?

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Editor's note: I did. It's not worth asking him.

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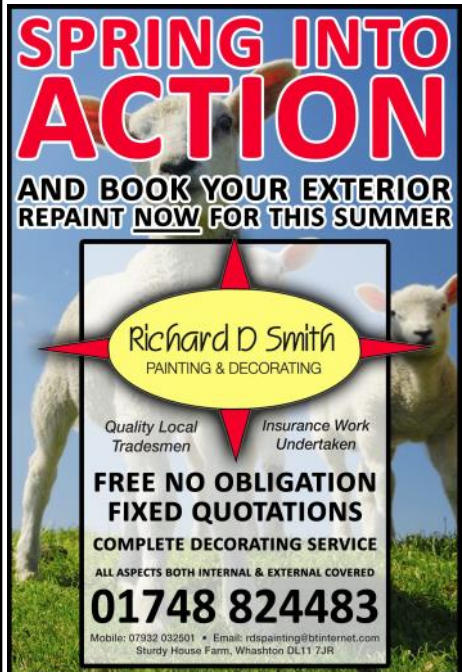
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### Topic

In Topic we have been learning about the 15 different National Parks in Great Britain. We have been researching and finding out about several activities including identifying where each one is on the map. Everyone in the class was given a certain national park to look up and make persuasive leaflets and posters for tourist attractions. Also we had to make a route for the Tour De France. It had to go through 3 of the national parks we have been learning about. Now we are learning about the first national park ever created and we are going to compare the Yellowstone National Park to the Yorkshire Dales.

**Isabel Lundberg Y5**

### Forest School

In forest school we have been doing a variety of activities including putting up a tarp, building dens and making little fires using Kelly kettles. Also, we made hot chocolate and tried rationed food that people would have eaten in WW1. Sometimes we make up games and play them in the forest near the mill stream. For example, you had to start at the pond and get to the top of the

hill by trying to hide from the opposing side. It was great fun and we all enjoyed it.

'I like forest school because it's nice to have a lesson in the wood. It is fun to see all the wildlife and learning how to use the tools. One of my favourite activities is putting up the tarp.'

**Ralph Midgely Y5**

### Science

In science we have been learning about evolution and adaptation. To see how whales adapt to the cold water, we carried out an experiment. We had to coat one of our index fingers with a thick layer of Vaseline to represent the blubber. We had our other index finger plain. We then held our two fingers into some cold water for two minutes. Also, we tested how much a bird's beak is needed in its life. To test this we had to pick an object off the table each and with one hand had to try and get as many sweets, chocolate, rice and pasta in our cup in the space of 1 minute. This activity was very fun and everyone enjoyed. We have also been looking at what the different types of animals do for example the green turtle can have up to 9 clutches in the space of 1 season. Each clutch can have up to 100-150 eggs.

**Amy Y6**

### Whole School Bird Watching

On the 9th February 2015 we had a whole school birdwatching afternoon with several activities going on. We did the activities in our houses. The activities were: Going to the forest and looking for birds, making birds houses, making bird feeders and making power points and posters all about birds. It was a successful afternoon and everyone enjoyed it.

**Lily Y2**

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Who do you share your birthday with?

- 1 Otto von Bismark, a big ship
- 2 Marvin Gaye, soulful singer
- 3 Marlon Brando, makes offers
- 4 Robert Downey Jr, son of  
Robert Downey Snr
- 5 Joseph Lister, liked things clean
- 6 Merle Haggard, looks like his  
name
- 7 Francis Ford Coppola, ask  
Marlon Brando who he is
- 8 Vivienne Westwood, primary  
school teacher
- 9 Hugh Hefner, liked bunnies
- 10 Jim Bowie, made knives
- 11 Jeremy Clarkson, hungry man
- 12 Bobby Moore, legend
- 13 Peter Davison, 5th Doctor
- 14 Peter Capaldi, current Doctor
- 15 Leonardo da Vinci, drowned  
when the Titanic sank
- 16 Charlie Chaplin, didn't say much
- 17 Victoria Beckham, cheerful one
- 18 David Tennant, 10th Doctor
- 19 Eliot Ness, the real one
- 20 Andy Serkis, Gollum
- 21 The Queen, a queen
- 22 Vladimir Lenin, Bolshie bloke
- 23 William Shakespeare, started  
Reeth Writers' Group
- 24 Sachin Tendulkar, perhaps the  
second greatest cricketer ever
- 25 Johan Cruyff, invented turning
- 26 Marcus Aurelius, dead Roman
- 27 Jenna-Louise Coleman, Doctor's  
companion
- 28 Bradley Wiggins, Mod-erate  
cyclist
- 29 Duke Ellington, played a bit of  
jazz
- 30 Bobby Vee, like a rubber ball

## Reeth Memorial Hall Renovations

It's been all go at the Memorial Hall. A year ago, we began the process of applying for funding to support the Repair and Refurbishment Project in the supper room and kitchen. We were so grateful to receive a grant of £19,992 from Richmondshire District Council's Communities Opportunity Fund. Reeth Parish Council made a contribution in addition to our own fundraising events.

Work began on the 5<sup>th</sup> January and was completed on the 10<sup>th</sup> February. We now have insulated and damp-free rooms with new blinds, lighting and flooring - how fantastic it looks!



We held 2 painting 'party' weekends when, in true community spirit, many people arrived to decorate. Many thanks to everyone who has supported us in any way.

**Jill Burdis**





## Computer Corner

With Carol Haynes of Dales Computer Services

### Beware the world of downloads!

One of the commonest things anyone says to me when I am looking at their computer is: "I don't know where that came from. I didn't do it." I usually stifle a chuckle as I hear the Bart Simpson defence but I also feel really annoyed that someone else has been more than likely been got by the download scammers.

Here is a scenario: you are looking for something to download - you may have had a message that something needs updating (Java, Flash or numerous other things) and couldn't be bothered at the time and go looking for that update, or you genuinely want to download a programme, music or video. For the sake of argument you go to Google to search and see the thing you want listed so click on the link. You are then confronted with a webpage which seems to have loads of download buttons and flashing messages saying, "Your computer is running slowly!" or, "Speed up your internet connection!" or, "Your computer is infected!"

If you see anything like this STOP. Don't click anything - you are more than likely on a scam download site. Click the browser back button to get back to the google results page.

What you should do is look at the website address google is taking you to. Almost certainly it is unlikely to be first in the list. The scammers are good at getting their result high up the

list. Look instead for the website that the program writers use (eg. If it is Adobe Flash check you are going to adobe.com and not download.com.)

Why do they do this? Simple: money. Every time you download and install rubbish they get paid by the rubbish writers.

It gets worse. Even legitimate websites now bundle other stuff, eg Adobe often offers toolbars or McAfee Security Scan as 'value added'. Make sure you read the page carefully before you click that button.

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meeting interesting people online. One such person has become a good friend called Corrine Morris. We met originally via Facebook and she is a wonderful international cellist. She was interviewed recently on BBC Radio 3. Check out her playing and an interview here <http://tinyurl.com/cm-radio3>.

I have managed to persuade her to come up from London to Wensleydale (St. Andrew's Church, Aysgarth at 7.30pm) and give us a concert on Wednesday May 13<sup>th</sup>.

It would be great if as many people could come along as possible and give her a big Dales welcome. Tickets on the door will cost £15 but can be bought in advance via [www.ticketsource.co.uk/cmconcerts](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/cmconcerts) for £12. (No extra charges if you print your own tickets.) You can find full details there too. If you would

like to catch a glimpse of Corinne playing check out her YouTube channel at:

[www.youtube.com/user/CorinneMorrisCellist](http://www.youtube.com/user/CorinneMorrisCellist).

It is good to know that good things come from the internet too.

Any questions or suggestions for future computer articles please do drop me a line at:

[carol.haynes@dalescomputerservices.com](mailto:carol.haynes@dalescomputerservices.com).

Happy Easter.

## Gazette Deadlines

The deadlines for the next two months are:

**May issue: April 10th**

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Suitable footwear, outdoor clothing  
essential. For full day walks packed  
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## Future Events

*Meadows & Moorland Guided Farm  
Walk* Sunday 14th June. 11.00 - 13.30.

*Swinner Gill Circular Guided Walk*  
Sat. 20th June 2015. 11.30 - 15.00.

*Flowers of Swaledale Ramble:*

Saturday 4th July 2015. 10.00 - 14.00

*Kisdon Classic Circular Guided Walk*

**\*\* National Parks Event\*\*** Saturday  
12th July. 11.00 -16.00

*Meet the Yorkshire Shepherdess  
Guided Walk* Sunday 23rd August.  
13.30

*Kisdon Circular Guided Walk* Saturday  
29th August 2015 11.30 - 15.30

*Keld During WWI* Saturday 12th  
September 2015. Time: 14.00 Venue:  
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Easter Service in the Chapel on Sunday 5th April at 6.30pm, with preacher Mr Rowland Dent and Gunnerside Choir.

Easter Monday Coffee Morning in the Village Hall from 10am - 12noon with refreshments, stalls, etc

Easter Monday at 7pm - film of the 1999 Gunnerside Concert to be shown at 7pm on the big screen in the Village Hall. Entry £5 on the door. The film includes items by the schoolchildren, the dance group and the very talented folk and good sports who live locally. Come and see how much younger we all looked then.

## TLC@Gunnerside (aka Thursday Ladies' Club)

Ladies - are you in need of some TLC? There is a new group meeting on the 4th Thursday of each month at 7.30pm in Gunnerside Village Hall, and new faces are welcome to come to a sample evening.

Our aim is to be independent, with no affiliations to national groups. We will meet and talk about everything and nothing, sometimes with a speaker or an entertainment, but no regular format.

The next gathering will be on **Thursday 23rd April**. Do come along at 7.30pm. Fun, friendship and cups of tea are guaranteed.

To find out more, ring Joan Rice on **886811** - or just turn up.

### Notice of the 12th Annual General Meeting and Partners' Meeting to be held on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2015 at 2.15pm at Hudson House, Reeth

Hudson House is a community led company wholly owned by the communities of Swaledale and Arkengarthdale. It does not receive any direct funding from public bodies.

The Annual General Meeting is open to everyone who lives, works, owns residential property in, or is on the electoral roll of the two electoral wards of Reeth with Arkengarthdale and Swaledale.

No fees or subscriptions are payable. The Board of Directors meets eight times a year and oversees the running of Hudson House.

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For our February meeting, instead of having a guest speaker, we worked in small groups on problem solving, looking at some of the commonest brick walls encountered in family history research and sharing possible ways to tackle them before pooling our findings over a cup of tea.

Many of the problems which cropped up were common to most of the groups. Everyone had come across the difficulty of several people in a parish having the same name and of names being repeated across several generations in one family. There were also cases of family members 'disappearing' in between censuses with no apparent date of death or changing their personal information on every census, as well as the frustrations caused by 'running out of records'.

We discussed a number of ways to tackle the difficulties including some lesser known sources of information such as wills, land transactions and nonconformist records as well as newspapers and magazines, many of which can now be searched online, before finishing with a quiz to recap some of the sources we'd covered.

The next meeting is at Harmby Village Hall near Leyburn at 2.00pm on Wednesday, April 22nd. The speaker will be Dr David Severs on 'Hugh Pannell, an 18<sup>th</sup> century North Riding clockmaker.' Since retiring as Chief Constable of North Yorkshire, David has studied history at York University and has developed a particular interest in local clockmakers, including his own

ancestors. He has written three books on the subject and recently hosted a major exhibition at Tennant's in Leyburn bringing together antique clocks from all over the country.

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Tracy Little

## Into the Yellow

Late sun pierces  
the cloud-filled dale,  
xanthic mist restless -  
moving and parting,  
giving now and then  
glimpses of  
saffron moorland,  
walls and scree,  
then curtained once again.

March snow pockets  
the summit of The Stang.  
Winter still grips  
that blown away place.  
Buzzards suspend, turn,  
pencil marks in the sky,  
are lost.

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and into the brume, we search  
for the land we know,  
hidden in a Turner's oil  
we didn't know he painted.

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## Message From The Swaledale Museum In Reeth

We re-open for the Season to coincide with the Swaledale Festival on 23rd May, although we will be hosting school groups before this. Don't forget our first event is the Friends of Swaledale Museum AGM on 27th May, at 7.00 pm, followed by a quiz hosted by the curator.

Our exhibition 'TEXT MESSAGE: Posters from Swaledale and Arkengarthdale' is our opening display, which includes not only a gigantic poster celebrating the 'opening of the new Organ' at Low Row Wesleyan Church but a fragile tissue-paper napkin - a souvenir of a concert at Reeth Friends School in 1903. Learn about the printers who produced them and the people and events advertised. Only intended to be ephemera they are a miracle of survival and wonderfully evocative of past times in the Dale.

It may seem a little forward, but next year, 2016, marks the 180th birthday of the Museum building, when it was erected as the Methodist Day School in Reeth in 1836. We would like to celebrate this, and we are looking for people who have memories and memorabilia to share about the life of the building. Do you remember playing badminton in the hall, or having your diphtheria injection administered by Dr Speirs here? Were you a member of the Reeth Wesley Guild, or billeted here during the Second World War? Do get in touch and help us build up a picture.

Many thanks to all of you who are booking group visits which give us the opportunity to create a customised talk and tour with refreshments, for a really special occasion. The Museum is an ideal venue for the curious and we cater for a very wide range of interests, from geology to quilts, single name family history to mystery objects! We can act as a collecting venue for parties going on to celebratory lunches and dinners, or provide an ideal introduction to the history of the dale for touring groups. What about hosting your AGM here?

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**01/03/2015 (07) 14.30hrs:** The Team Leaders were notified of a number of cyclists stuck in heavy snow between Keld & Kirby Stephen. KSMRT dealt with this incidents as it was on the Cumbria side.

**22/02/2015 (06) 15.30hrs:** The Team was called by Kirkby Stephen MRT to assist with a number of stranded vehicles on the Keld to Nateby road. As the team was deploying KSMRT managed to free everyone & we stood down.



The team continued its training with the new S92, the Bristow run, search & rescue helicopter. This time training at Catterick Garrison.

**Fund raising news:**

Thanks to Richmond Motorcycle Club who have donated £2000 to the team. The team provide rescue & medical cover for The Scott Trial & have rescued a number of club members during the years.

Thanks to The Farmers Arms, Muker for hosting the quiz in February raising £77.

We now have some Swaledale MRT business supporter window stickers and have started distributing these. If you'd like one and we haven't got to you yet then please contact Jill Armstrong, our fund-raising officer on 01748 886807.

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## Putting Things into Perspective

Not so prominent in the news any longer is the impact on Lebanon and the plight of refugees from Syria, thousands of whom who have left their destroyed villages and cities during the on-going conflict. I thought readers might be interested in knowing more about their predicament.

I was in Lebanon recently to do with a Quaker school there for which I am a Trustee. I had the opportunity of visiting two schools in the Bekaa valley where thousands of refugees are confined in tent camps in icy conditions. My friend who took me there works for a charity which organises three schools operating under the harshest physical conditions. The first camp we visited

was surrounded by a wire fence and we entered through piles of snow, which had been cleared to make a small playing space for the 300 pupils who attend the school. The outside of the tents, which are basically canvas and polythene sheets stretched over wooden frames, are cheerfully decorated with colourful pictures.

We entered a dark narrow passage between the tented classrooms in which the children are cramped in makeshift desks. The spaces were not too cold as small oil stoves were bubbling in the corner and there are no windows, although there was some ventilation through a sagging roof in one class where the recent snow storms had made it collapse. In another class a hole in the wall was presumed to have been caused by the weather.

The children, thanks to various charities, are fairly well dressed, and were responding to their young Syrian teachers with enthusiasm. Each day they come in two shifts and have classes in Arabic, Maths and English, as well as activities outside where we witnessed a teacher playing ball games

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with a group and telling them stories which emphasised the values of cooperation and tolerance. What were these poor kids understanding, I wonder?

There are children there suffering from severe trauma who hide when they hear a plane, or who have lost parents and are shepherded around by a caring sibling. We were proudly shown a dilapidated bookcase in the corner of an empty room. It had been donated by a University in Beirut and was piled high with given school books. How out of date they were I don't know.

We called on a neighbouring family where my friend had something to discuss about a child. There were two tents joined together. Five family adults and about fifteen children were huddling around a little stove on rugs and blankets. I was offered a white plastic chair to sit on. Two of these seemed to be the only furniture and both had holes in the seats so I had to perch on the edge. There was an alcove with pots and pans and some piped water in a basin, where the ablutions of all twenty inhabitants took place as well as food preparation.

The toilets were shared cabins in the alleyways, which I gathered caused health hazards during the summer as well as a serious stench.

Various health checks were offered through the school by some charities; and basic food as well as free bread was obtainable. The families were eager to find work and the household we visited depended on one man who was a tailor.

For the Lebanese, the situation poses a huge problem. About a third of the population are refugees, and

however compassionate they feel for the plight of their neighbours, they fear for the undercutting of their jobs when lower wages are accepted and that the conflict will spread - as it already has on the borders. The whole political scene remains precarious and has thrown Lebanon yet again into economic crisis.

What future these people have one cannot tell. Will they ever return to their devastated homes? Is their future to be like those Palestinians who still live in camps in the country after fleeing their homes sixty years ago?

Despite all this, we saw nothing but smiling faces, grateful that they are not forgotten and for the help that charities and NGOs provide. It was a humbling sight.

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	11.00 am	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
<b>4<sup>th</sup> April</b>	8.45 pm	St. Andrew's Grinton	<i>A Service of Light (Easter Vigil)</i>
<b>5<sup>th</sup> April Easter Day</b>	9.15 am	St. Mary's Muker	<i>Eucharist</i>
	9.30 am	St. Andrew's Grinton	<i>Eucharist</i>
	10.30 am	Low Row URC	
		Reeth Methodist	
	11.00 am	St. Edmund's Marske	<i>Family Service</i>
		Holy Trinity Low Row	<i>Eucharist</i>
	11.15 am	St. Mary's Arkengarthdale	<i>Holy Communion BCP</i>
	2.00 pm	Keld URC	
	6.30 pm	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
	Gunnerside Methodist		
<b>12<sup>th</sup> April</b>	9.30 am	St. Andrew's Grinton	<i>Eucharist</i>
		St Michael's Downholme	<i>Holy Communion</i>
	10.30 am	Low Row URC	
		Reeth Methodist	<i>Family Service</i>
	11.00 am	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
		St. Edmund's Marske	<i>Morning Service</i>
	11.15 am	St. Mary's Arkengarthdale	<i>Holy Communion BCP</i>
	6.00 pm	St. Mary's Muker	<i>Evening Prayer</i>
	6.30 pm	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	

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## Church Services April 2015

<b>19<sup>th</sup> April</b>	9.15 am	St. Mary's Muker	<i>Eucharist</i>
	10.30 am	Low Row URC	
		Reeth Methodist	
	11.00 am	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
		Holy Trinity Low Row	<i>Eucharist</i>
		St. Edmund's Marske	<i>Eucharist</i>
	6.30 pm	St. Mary's Arkengarthdale	<i>Evening Prayer BCP</i>
		Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
		Gunnerside Methodist	
<b>26<sup>th</sup> April</b>	8.00 am	Holy Trinity Low Row	<i>Holy Communion BCP</i>
	9.30 pm	St Michael's Downholme	<i>Holy Communion</i>
		St. Andrew's Grinton	<i>Eucharist</i>
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	Reeth Evangelical Congregational		

### Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)

Meetings are at Quaker House, 7 Grove Square Leyburn every Sunday at 10.30am. Additionally on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of every month at the Scout Hut, Quakers Lane, Richmond at 10.30am.  
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The Reverend Caroline Hewlett,  
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## Scott Trial Presentation

The Centenary Scott Trial culminated in the annual Charity Presentation Evening at the Buck Hotel Reeth. This year a total of £16,300 was given to local charities and causes. John Fraser Chairman of The Scott Trial Committee thanked the landowners, gamekeepers and tenant farmers for their continued support and also thanked all those involved in the trials organisation.

Scott Trial Treasurer Richard Hague then presented the cheques to around 30 organisations including: Swaledale Scouts, Swaledale Mountain Rescue, Reeth & Gunnerside Primary Schools, Arkengarthdale Primary School, Yorkshire Air Ambulance, Great North Air Ambulance, Reeth YFC, Swaledale Seedlings Playgroup, Friends of the 2 Dales Nursery, Swaledale & Arkengarthdale Luncheon Club and

Marrick Parish Council for Marrick Institute Fund.

Nigel Mackenzie, Manager for the 2014 Centenary Scott Relay Team, presented cheques for more than £4,000 raised by their team, to the Yorkshire Air Ambulance and Great North Air Ambulance. Three times World Champion Yrjo Vesterinen, Trevor Willans, Joe Buckworth, Glen Scholey, Mark Willis and Carl Tennent, some of whom were multiple award winners in the event from the 1970s until more recently, completed the trial as a relay team in just over seven hours.

At the end of the evening, Chris Wallis retiring Scott Trial Secretary was presented with a Neil Sturgeon framed photograph of Orgate Falls, one of her favourite sections, in recognition of her work and dedication to the Scott Trial over the last 7 years.

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## Notes from your District Councillor

By the time you are reading this, Spring will be well under way with nothing but sunny days ahead and the snow and ice nothing but a distant memory.

Amongst the issues that people are concerned about and have asked me to look into are two items that are important to our safety and wellbeing in the Dales.

Firstly, **the provision of Out of Hours G P Services:** Dr Brookes kindly explained to me that to access medical help during surgery hours ( Mon to Fri 0800 to 1800 ) then contact the practice directly. At all other times telephone 111. They will either advise you to contact the practice next time it is open, contact the Out of Hours GP who will contact you directly, or they will dispatch an ambulance to you. If you are asked to go to the out of hours centre they will arrange a suitable time. Do not just turn up without an appointment, the Doctor may be out on a visit. Always ring 111 first.

The OOH centre is based at Harewood Medical Practice, Catterick Garrison on the Richmond Road, opposite McDonalds ( Tesco's ). It is your responsibility to get there.

Secondly, **speeding on the roads around our Two Dales:** The road from Arkengarthdale, particularly the section from the cattle grid into Reeth where there is no footpath has been brought to my attention. Our local police have been made aware. NYCC has a link on their website giving residents an opportunity to raise the issue.

[www.northyorks.gov.uk](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk) then follow the links, residents / transport and safety / road safety / speed concerns.

Several local organisations have been awarded money or are in the process of applying for money from the Community Opportunities Fund. The money helps to maintain and develop the services which we rely on so much in our rural communities. If you require more information then please contact me.

In my last note I expressed thanks to the many people who assist with living in the Dales. I neglected to mention the staff at Reeth Garage who pointed out my mistake the next time I saw them. Please accept my apologies.

Finally, don't forget to use your vote on May 7<sup>th</sup>. All the Polling Stations for the Ward of Reeth & Arkengarthdale remain the same with the exception of Arkengarthdale, which will now be in St. Mary's Church from now on.

**Richard Beal**

Reeth & Arkengarthdale Ward

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## A True Simon Story (4)

"I need a wee," said Simon.

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This meeting is primarily for Parochial Church Council members, everyone on the Parish Electoral Roll and all regular worshippers - although all residents of the parish are welcome to attend and to hear our speaker which follows the short business meeting (which will include the annual parish report.)

Once the business has concluded, our speaker for the evening is Heather Naylor, who lives in Reeth, and who has worked for Oxfam and other NGOs abroad. Please do come along to hear the round-up of 2014 in the Parish and to listen to our speaker as we look ahead together in the coming year.

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Captain Scott, the Antarctic explorer died a sad death on the frozen plains of Antarctica when he could have been saved. If his team mates had obeyed orders that he sent back frequently, Captain Scott might have survived.

The last message he sent back was when he was about to split off from his team and head out to the South Pole with his chosen four men. That message said to send a dog team out past the food depot to retrieve them and bring them back to safety. Unfortunately his team disobeyed that order and only sent the dogs as far as the food depot so Captain Scott and his two remaining men had to fight their way through the



blizzard trying to save their own lives.

They were never seen again, until, the youngest member of Scott's team, Apsley Cherry Garrard, found them in their tent dead. He was devastated.

So is Captain Falcon Scott really to blame for his own death and that of his small team or is it his team who were left at base camp? Kathleen Scott said: "When we heard about his tragic death me and Peter were speechless. We were overwhelmed. Life won't be the same without him."

**Tristen Brow**

## Richmond & Leyburn Embroiderers' Guild

The next meeting of the Richmond & Leyburn Branch of the Embroiderers' Guild is on **Thursday, 16th April at 1.30pm** at Harmby Village Hall.

Lynne Hardy will be presenting a talk on Hardanger embroidery. Norwegian in origin and traditionally done in white, this form of stitching encompasses several different techniques.

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## The Gazette Online

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Back issues of the Gazette can also be accessed on this site and during the same month the March 2002 issue was downloaded 80 times and the January 2002 one 74 times. Quite why these issues were popular in January is a mystery. Indeed there is a peculiar randomness to the downloads. For example, in December 2014, the most popular download was the July 2003 issue with 134, followed by February 2013 with 108.

Jonathan says that there has always been this same randomness. He has often looked back and can see no logical reason why some dates, often from the distant past, are frequently downloaded - there's no special items of interest in them compared with other dates.

If you have any idea why these particular issues are popular, let us know.

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## Poppy Appeal Organiser

As I said in my last letter, I will be resigning as a Poppy Appeal Organizer after the 2015 appeal. So we really need someone either in Swaledale or Arkengarthdale to volunteer to carry on and collect for the Royal British Legion.

So far I have had no response to my letter but I live in hope. If anyone is interested then please ring me on **884684**.

Many thanks

Chris Porter

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Opening on the 4th April, the exhibition runs until 18th April

Then, beginning on the 26th April, an exhibition of work by the Muker Arts Group will be on show until the 9th May. Entitled "Palettes, Paint and Print" this is the work of local artists who use a variety of media, such as water colour, acrylics and gouache, to produce images mainly featuring local

**GAZETTE DEADLINES**

The deadlines for the next two months are:

**May issue: April 10th**  
**June issue: May 8th**

scenes. It also includes some digitally created images. This variety of media and the wealth of inspiration derived from the local landscape, brings a diversity of styles to this exhibition.

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## Memorial Hall – Help!

If anyone has any old photos, articles or history of the Memorial Hall, we would love to see or hear it please. We hope to include some on our website and piece together the hall's origin and development. Many thanks.

**Jill Burdis (Secretary)**

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## Missing Name

For the gentleman (and I use the term loosely) who commented that he couldn't see my name in The Gazette and that it should appear more often, here it is:

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## Grinton Conservation Project

**Bats:** Our monthly Bat Watches led by Brigitte from North Yorkshire Bat Group begin in April. Brigitte will be bringing the 'bat detector' to identify the different species of bats on the night by their different sounds.

**Bees:** The bees are getting out and about on the warmer days, foraging on the spring bulbs.

**Coordinator:** Would you like to support the Conservation Project without getting your hands dirty? We need someone to help coordinate news and activities. Enthusiasm is more important than experience. If you'd like to know more, please call Catherine on 884780.

### Future Events

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April - Bat Watch,** with North Yorkshire Bat Group, meet up at about 7:30pm. We suggest you wear warm clothes and bring a torch; and a clipboard & pen would be useful. We aim to count the bats leaving the roost in the church. Ideally, we'll position people around the church to see where bats are emerging from. A bat detector will help identify the different species.

**Saturday 11 April - Across in the Wood** (Grinton Forest Church) meet at 2pm. The theme is Water, Wind and Fire. Book with Kevin Pellatt, 01748 886963 and kevpellatt@yahoo.com. You'll also find them on Facebook

**Saturday 18 April - Willow Weaving** 10:30am to 3pm, Grinton Churchyard. Help weave a willow seat for our churchyard sculpture trail and perhaps create an individual small birdfeeder to

leave in situ or take away and enjoy in your own garden. Leilah Vyner is our expert and will help us create a natural seat feature, in memory of Rev Michael McDermott, a Grinton Conservation Group founder and stalwart. The seat will help visitors enjoy the quieter space at the west end of the churchyard.

There is no charge for either attending or enjoying the light lunch provided, but donations are welcome (in advance or on the day) towards the work of the conservation group. Please come! Further details from Susan Allison on 884366 or susan.allison@btinternet.com

**Wednesday 6 May - Bat Watch,** with North Yorkshire Bat Group, meet up at about 8:40pm See details for March above.

**Sunday 10 May - Across in the Wood** (Grinton Forest Church) meet at 2pm, St Andrew's Church. The theme is Bread and Wine

**Join in** - find out about future events and news: <https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/gcpforum> or search Google Groups for **Grinton Conservation Project**. Info also on the parish website, Environmental page: [www.swaledalearkengarthdaleparish.org.uk](http://www.swaledalearkengarthdaleparish.org.uk)

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### Who can come?

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### What do we do?

We explore topics through play and themed craft activities ranging from Gardeners World to Pirate Pandemonium! We often play on the climbing frame or soft play and often get the bikes and scooters out at the end of the session. We also have a wide range of books and toys for the children to enjoy.

### How much does it cost?

12mths to 2yrs - £2.50 per session or 2 yrs+ - £5.00 per session. This includes a healthy snack and drink.

### Who supports us?

Well to be honest the whole community supports us with our fundraising

activities. Reeth Post Office has been very generous in providing the milk for snacktime and until recently C & M Gardner kindly provided us with fruit and vegetables. Keld Hotel has also kindly provided a uniform for the playgroup leader and it looks great (if I say so myself!!). The Memorial Hall has always been supportive and sympathetic to our cause too. Without everyone's support we just couldn't continue to run.

### What to do next?

Just pop along for a free taster session and see for yourself or contact Andrea (Playgroup Leader) on:

**078 1234 1212.**

## Thanks

William and Elsie Whitehead would like to thank all our family and friends for their cards, kind thoughts and all good wishes given to us on the occasion of our recent Ruby Wedding Anniversary.

We have been overwhelmed by donations given and £300.00 will be donated to the British Heart Foundation. Thank You.

### GAZETTE DEADLINE

The deadline for next month is:  
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## Reeth Medical Centre News

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As you know, we are frequently hit by power cuts during the winter months, which have a double effect of causing a lack of productivity in the staff unable to use IT equipment and also a lack of heating in the building. I brought in an old exercise bicycle and wired it to an alternator a few years ago. During a power cut, staff took in turns to pedal and power the surgery. It also kept them warm.

The impromptu generator system proved a hit, and it wasn't long before each workstation was equipped with a mini-cycle under each desk linked to a central battery supply. Staff pedal almost continuously to keep the lights on and the computers going.

This micro generation scheme is a win-win. We save a fortune on oil costs for heating as well as our electricity. We have a reliable and constant source of energy, provided we keep the staff topped up with hob-nobs and tea and we were able to capitalise on a great feed in tariff. We are also investing in the long term health benefits and welfare of our staff, many of whom have shed several stones in weight since starting here.

Some of the staff at the practice will easily cover the same distance as one of the stages of the Tour during a morning surgery from the comfort of

their desk. In fact there is a slight feeling of disappointment that the Bradley Wiggins of this world are having it easy. 'I would like to see him complete an end of month return whilst simultaneously tackling the Butter Tubs and arranging hospital transport,' one employee told me.

Of course there is the usual talk of staff exploitation, and the unions were unhappy when our pay clerk collapsed with exhaustion after working overtime, but really this is all just to be expected with any new project. We are currently applying for a patent for our scheme and hope to roll it out across the wider NHS from 1st April this year. **Mike Brookes and the Team**

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**Reeth Parish Council**  
**February 23 2015**

**Water works:** Coun Gardner had passed on the council's concerns to Yorkshire Water who had supplied a large scale plan showing details of the proposed works which were scheduled to begin in April.

**Street lights:** Some of the lights which had been reported several times were now working but two more were now out of operation in Langhorne Drive and those at Fremington and in the Mews had still not been repaired.

**Village greens:** The clerk would look into prices for a set of simple goal posts for the village green to prevent future damage to the shelter. Quotes had been received for repairs to the corner of the green and for an area of grasscrete in Healaugh.

**Bus services:** A new timetable had been received for the Little White Bus which seemed to provide a good service for anyone living in the dale but working in Richmond or vice versa. It would also enable children to stay to after school activities and get home by public transport. The clerk had spoken to the service providers about the problems of parking outside the shelter.

**Commons registration:** The transitional period for commons registration had been extended to December 2018. The clerk would discuss the area to be registered with Coun Kendall.

**Fremington village hall:** Councillors agreed to support the hall at Fremington with a donation and letter of support for funding applications for improvements to the building.

**Methodist chapel:** On behalf of the

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council, Coun Gardner had attended a meeting to discuss the future of the Methodist chapel and reported back.

**Dog fouling:** The new signs had been put up around the village regarding fines for dog fouling.

**National park:** The National Park proposed to set up forums to bring together different parishes across the park and asked for suggestions as to how they might best operate.

**Charity event:** Permission was given for Ivy Cottage Tea Room to put a tent on the green on June 20 to cater for a charity cycle ride.

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## What Could Reeth Methodist Church Do for You?

Following the public meeting held on a wintery evening, by candlelight, in Reeth Chapel, during a power cut, the following points were discussed:

The chapel is both a listed building and heritage site which restricts what can be done but these problems can also be seen as an opportunity to move forward in a positive manner. There is a belief that there is interest in the village as to what happens, be it through heritage or nostalgia.

Reeth Methodist Chapel was founded in the 1760s, by the local community for the local community resulting in a sense of identity with the building. Unfortunately it now holds a great deal of unrealised potential because fundamentally there are not enough folk from the community using the building on a day to day basis. It is used for elections, support groups, funerals and Swaledale Festival events, but the number of these events does not cover the upkeep of the building.

If more groups were to become involved, more folk would gain a stake in the chapel and a development would gain a momentum of its own.

Suggestions already made include: Reeth Parish Council using the building throughout the year, turning the building into a nursing home for locals and the revival of concerts such as Last Night of the Proms, previously held in Arkengarthdale Chapel.

Are you involved with a group or organisation which could benefit from the use of the chapel, at a very

reasonable rate, then please come and see us. Come to the "Drop In" on a Friday morning; an open house coffee morning, no set charge, we just ask for a small donation to funds if you wish, or you might like to take a turn on the Friday rota running a Drop In morning.

The YDNPA require that a positive, meaningful effort is made to maintain/retain the building as a community asset. If we are to fulfil this obligation what project should we embark upon to provide a resource for the wider population?

**We ask for your help.** Do you have a suggestion, could you help organise a project, find funding or suggest/introduce us to someone else who could support such a project that would be for the good and well being of the whole community? You could help us in the first instance by completing our questionnaire, for which we would be very grateful. Questionnaires can be found in Chapel, shops around the village and in Hudson House. Completed questionnaires should be left at the Post Office or in the box in the Chapel porch by the 30th April '15.

Thank you for taking the time to read this article and thank you in anticipation for completing a questionnaire.  
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## 2 Dales Football

We have been enjoying indoor Futsal during the winter months. After the development stage the Under 10s were in a difficult group. Playing Catterick Garrison Tigers first we simply made it too easy for them losing 7-2 with goals from Ryan Atkinson and Daniel Webster. We then played Leyburn losing 5-2 against a strong team. Following a team being disqualified and successfully appealing we unexpectedly found ourselves still in the competition but lost 2-0 to Bedale A then played Leyburn again. Leyburn took the lead but Ryan equalised then Daniel Webster made an excellent finish from a goalkeeper fumble before

Finley Clark scored an excellent goal. Ryan made a good run to score and Joe Alderson made it 5 while Leyburn pulled 1 back. 5-2 win and Ellen Atkinson was notable in goal. Having lost to Bedale we still went out and on 1<sup>st</sup> March we were pleased to be playing Real Bedale on, albeit soggy, grass. This was a good evenly balanced game but it was Ryan who got the only goal for a 1-0 win. The next week they were away at Leyburn holding them to no score at half time. Leyburn then scored a dubious goal. Oliver Allison was excellent in goal and Ellen played well in defence as did Danny Marshall. We conceded another for a 2-0 loss but a good game. We had to make way and move to a larger pitch for the friendly but this enabled us to play 11 x 11 so were able to give a game to Harriet Rye and Sacha Cole who are too old for the League match and with no opportunity for girls football in the area.

The Under 14s A team in Futsal were drawn against Catterick Garrison losing 4-3 in a very good close game with goals from Thomas Walker 2, and Kory Spink. The B team had to play 2 matches in succession losing both but putting up a good performance with Luke Dinsdale particularly good in goal. They were unlucky to lose both matches but in reality we do not have enough players for 2 teams (5 x 5) but it means everyone gets plenty of football which is more important.

Putting them out to grass we played Spennithorne at home. Spenni have (sorry had!) won every game this season but Dales were really fired up and had the upper hand in the first half. Luke again played well in goal while Scott Alderson scored an opportunistic goal.

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After the interval Dales dominated as Spenni became more dejected with a hat trick from Kory and another from Scott and Tommy Marsh also got his name on the score sheet. Dales conceded one only when Luke had his glasses knocked off! This was a good game played in the right spirit. Won 6-1 opening up the top of the League.

The next week with Keith, the manager, away and two or three players short, we had a hastily arranged friendly at Bedale who lent us a couple of players. Bedale had found themselves short of players at the start of the season and, instead of being given time to re-group were pushed out of the League so we are keen to see them back. One of their key players, Josh, had been seriously injured in a tournament match v 2Dales at the end of last season and is now back training and we look forward to seeing him play again. Bedale opened the scoring rather against the run of play. After the interval Scott (or an own goal?) equalised and then he put us ahead with a good finish after Jack Cloughton had done all the work. Bedale equalised again before Scott made a perfect header and then he tapped in an easy finish, finally Reece Coltman also made a neat finish. 5-2 win.

Our Under 16s are now training with Paul Longden on a Tuesday night and welcome more players. We have a friendly match against Richmond Town coming up. We sincerely thank Phil Pattison for stepping into the breach for training before Paul took over.

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## Muker Silver Band

The AGM of Muker Silver Band was held on Friday 13th February. Officers elected included: President - Mary Guy; Chairman - Philip Calvert; Secretary - Maurice Guy; Treasurer - Dora Watts; Bandmaster - Norman Guy; Conductor - Duncan Bythell; Librarian - Kenneth Guy.

Another busy and successful season was reported, and plans were in hand for a full programme in 2015, including the making of a new CD which they hope will sell as well as their previous ones. The opening concert is traditionally on Easter Sunday, and the collection this year will be for the Air Ambulance Service. For the first time in fifty years the band will play at the Georgian Theatre, Richmond on Saturday 4th July, a very special venue.

The choice of music to be played at concerts is an important ingredient in running a successful band. The balance between modern and traditional, cheerful and what some Swaledalers might call 'dowly' is achieved by electing every year a music committee of five, drawn from members of the band, young and old. They hope that deciding programmes in this way, they please the audience as well as those who have to practise the pieces.

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Until this decision to stop the funding, the Council paid R&DCT for running this trip. This covered the cost of the fuel and other expenses for the bus. As all the drivers are volunteers they give their time and effort for nothing.

So the team that runs the yellow bus decided that action must be taken - we can't let our passengers down, even if the Council won't help. We will continue to run the Friday "shopping" trip to Leyburn but after 15 April we will need to make a modest (and subsidised) charge - just £4 per person for a return trip.

You'll need to book your place before 12 noon on Thursday to make sure you'll be picked up on Friday morning. Just phone 880021 for further details and we will provide a

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Don't forget, you can also call on the yellow bus to fill the gaps other services do not reach.

We are really grateful for all the financial support we get from the community through fund raising and individual donations, both one-off and regular giving. And Gail has been successful in applications for grants to keep the buses going.

So please - keep using the yellow buses, keep your financial support coming and we will continue to fight to provide an essential transport link for those who need it.

**STOP PRESS:** Good news - R&DCT has just been awarded charitable status. See next month's Gazette for more information on how this will benefit the yellow buses.

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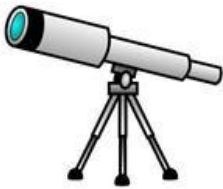
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## Astronomy in the Two Dales

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The Lyrid meteor shower is among the oldest of known meteor showers, for which records go back 2,700 years. It is the result of the Earth passing through the dust left by a comet. By an irony of history the comet concerned is comet Thatcher - whose long tail the Earth will pass through just a fortnight before the general election.

April is a sparse month for planets. We still have Jupiter in the evening sky, but for those of us who are out and about at one o'clock in the morning, the planet Saturn may be seen to rise in the east as Jupiter is setting in the west. If you have binoculars or a bird watching telescope you may be able to make out the rings of Saturn. The test for those with telescopes is if you can discern the gap in the rings called the Cassini division, which was discovered in 1675 by Giovanni Cassini at the Paris Observatory.

**Stay Safe:** Never look directly at the sun, and never look in its direction when using binoculars or telescopes. If going out after dark, wrap up warm and make sure someone knows where you are.

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Sunrise	06.41	06.09	05.37	Sets	05.32	14.31	03.37
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- 3rd Friends of Two Dales Nursery Easter Fete, Reeth Memorial Hall 10.00am-12 noon
- 6th Easter Coffee Morning Gunnerside Village Hall 10.00am - 12 noon. refreshments, stalls,.
- 6th Film of the 1999 Gunnerside Concert in the Village Hall. 7.00pm
- 9th Lucy Ward, Reeth Memorial Hall 8.00
- 11th Table Top Sale, Reeth Memorial Hall. 10.00am - 12.30pm
- 12th Reeth Brass Band at St Andrew's, Grinton. 3.00
- 16th Embroiderers' Guild meeting, Harmby Village Hall. 1.30pm
- 18th Film in Gunnerside Village Hall: *What We Did On Our Holiday* 7.30
- 22nd Swaledale with Arkengarthdale Parish, Annual Parochial Church Meeting 7.20pm
- 23rd TLC@Gunnerside, Village Hall 7.30pm
- 28th Hudson House AGM. 2.15pm

## May

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## June

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