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## First Thoughts . . .

So, Spring is almost here: the 20th of March, The Starman tells us. A day to celebrate - but not the only cause for celebration this month.

On the 15th, we can celebrate the Ides of March, a day sacred to Jupiter, the Romans' supreme deity. So important in fact that on that day the high priest would lead a sheep in procession along the High Street in Rome before sacrificing it - similar to the fate that befell Caesar at the Theatre of Pompey when he failed to pay heed to Spurinna's warning to 'Beware the Ides of March.'

Not a good day if you are a sheep or a Roman Emperor, but for the rest, a time for picnics, drinking, and revelry.

After Spring has sprung, comes another day of celebration: New Year's Day on March 25th. Well, at least it was celebrated as such in days of yore before the bureaucrats decided we should adopt the Gregorian Calendar and declared January 1st to be New Year's Day. Admittedly, it had taken Britain 170 years to take the decision to adopt the reformed calendar.

And if you still have a need to party, this month, relatively unusually we celebrate Easter in March. (It won't happen again until 2024.)

Easter falls on the Sunday following the full moon that follows the northern spring equinox (the paschal full moon). However, the vernal equinox and the full moon are not determined by astronomical observation. The vernal equinox is fixed to fall on 21 March and the full moon is an ecclesiastical full moon determined by reference to a

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lunar calendar. By this reckoning, the earliest and latest dates for Easter are 22 March and 25 April. But then, you knew that, didn't you?

**MAC**

PS. For those of you who avidly read through the Gazette to spot the reference to Bruce Springsteen, there isn't one this month, so you won't find him mentioned.



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## Gazette Deadlines

The deadlines for the next two months are:

**April issue:** March 10th

**May issue:** April 10th

**PLEASE NOTE:** We cannot guarantee that items submitted close to the deadline date will be included.

## What if . . .

Noah had swatted the two mosquitoes?

## COVER PICTURE

A lamb

Sent in by Elizabeth Bedford

## Letter To The Editor

### Rain

I would to take issue with some of the points raised by Mr Pollard in relation to flooding. Studies have shown that dredging is nearly always ineffective and at worst it can create heavier flooding by increasing the height at peak flow. Surely it is much better to hold back water up stream and release it slowly to minimize risk lower down, Dredging may have a limited role in a comprehensive flood plan but not in an ad hoc way, and especially not when demanded by politicians.

I cannot agree that concessions to saving valuable wetland and other habitats is just nonsense. Humans have an excellent record of destroying habitats and the animals and plants that depend on them, we don't need to give them any more excuses. Like it or not weather patterns are changing and we are likely to get more flooding.

Having your home flooded is no fun, I experienced that twice in 1986 but it is a fact of life that some areas will

always be prone to flooding. What it is not is a reason to abandon our responsibility to protect the environment for future generations.

**James Alderson**

### More Rain

In his letter the February Gazette, Derek Pollard blames the European Commission for the failure by the UK government to dredge the rivers. He specifically cites The European Water Framework Directive 2000.

I may have missed something in the reading (skimming) of this lengthy document (26 Articles and 5 Annexes), but my impression is that the Directive is aimed at improving river and groundwater quality, preventing the over abstraction of river water, and reducing the risk of pollution - all worthy aims which have greatly improved water quality in the UK and elsewhere. I cannot find any reference to dredging in the Directive. There are indeed exclusions from the Directive in the case of unusual conditions such as flooding or drought. If Mr Pollard

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could point out where I have missed it, I shall be happy to stand corrected.

Whether or not dredging is an effective remedy in all cases is of course debatable, but it seems unfair to blame Brussels for a lack of action which the Environment Agency is unwilling to take on grounds of cost.

**Roger Selby**

*So, there you have it: the European Bureaucrats are not to blame for all the flooding and dredging only has a limited role. Perhaps then it is just a case of Mother Nature becoming increasingly fed up with the microscopic beings who are irritating her skin more and more? Maybe she has decided to scratch the itch and remove the cause of the infection, Any Gaia Theorists care to comment?*

**Planets**

Following the suggestion from The Starman in last month's Gazette, I have been getting up early every morning to catch sight of the five planets in alignment. I have seen no planets, just clouds. Perhaps a column on *Cloud Formations* would be more appropriate?

**Disgruntled of Reeth**

**Twenty Years Ago  
Extracts from the  
March 1996 Gazette**

Contrary to local rumours circulating the village, the Band is not spending the winter in the Seychelles on the proceeds of the National Lottery grant which they have just been awarded.

Things are beginning to take shape in the quest for the licence to operate a local radio station for the Dales. To date there are three applicants: Dales Radio, Yorkshire Radio Ltd, and Yorkshire Dales Radio Group. All promise to transmit local radio at its best which includes local news, farming and business news, interviews, music to suit all tastes and a variety of other programmes.

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## Born in March?

Who do you share your birthday with?

- 1 Glenn Miller, Mum's favourite
- 2 Daniel Craig, 007
- 3 Madeleine de Verchères, no idea
- 4 Chris Rea, vastly under-rated musician
- 5 Matty Fryatt, ex Hull City striker
- 6 Michelangelo, painted church ceilings
- 7 Rachel Weisz, phew!
- 8 Mississippi John Hurt, bluesman
- 9 Amerigo Vespucci, invented America
- 10 Edward, a prince
- 11 Douglas Adams, guided hitchhikers
- 12 Thomas Arne, ruled Britannia
- 13 Percival Lowell, invented PLuto
- 14 Michael Caine, 'Not a lot of people know that.'
- 15 St. Nicholas, invented Christ mas
- 16 Jimmy Nail, a Geordie
- 17 Robin Knox-Johnston, rowed in a circle
- 18 Neville Chamberlain, had a 'piece of paper'
- 19 Wyatt Earp, Tombstone resident
- 20 Vera Lynn, disliked whale meat
- 21 Timothy Dalton, 007
- 22 Chico, a Marxist
- 23 Chris Hoy, an olympian
- 24 Alan Sugar, fired
- 25 Elton John, pub pianist originally
- 26 Leonard Nimoy, logically
- 27 Ellery Hanley, legendary Man of Steel
- 28 Sir Joseph Bazalgette, invented sewers
- 29 John Popper, the Hendrix of the Harmonica
- 30 Vincent van Gogh, pardon?
- 31 Richard Chamberlain, Dr Kildaire

## Reeth Gazette Community Chest

This month's recipient is Swaledale Scout Group. Here's what they have to say:

Swaledale Scout Group offers a fun and challenging experience for young people aged six to fourteen years. Our youngest section is Beavers for boys & girls aged 6 to 8 years; their programme is based on fun and friends. Like all the Scouting family a lot of their programme is based on the outdoors. Our Beavers will be joining in the celebrations of thirty years of Beaver Scouting.

Cub Scouts are for boys and girls aged eight to ten and a half. They have just started on a busy year of activities and projects to participate in Cubs 100 which celebrates Cubs starting way back in 1916. The highlight of the year will be a great County wide adventure camp over Spring Bank Holiday at Pateley Bridge.

The Scout section is for young people aged ten and a half to fourteen, like the Beavers and Cubs they learn outdoor and indoor skills, complete badges covering everything from swimming to sailing, model making to

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entertaining. Swaledale Scouts have won the District cooking competition for the last six years. The Scouts decided to learn more about mental health, as part of that they had a Christmas stall on Reeth Market and raised £175 for MIND.

We meet at Reeth School on Monday nights in term time: Beavers 4.45 to 5.45, Cubs 6 to 7.30 and Scouts 7.30 to 9.

All three sections are run by volunteer leaders who receive training from the Scout Association, we always welcome help from adults. The Group is managed by a committee of parents and Leaders.

We are currently collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers, we have collecting boxes at Reeth School and Hudson House.

For more information contact **Richard Good 01748 884353**.



If you'd like your group to benefit, just email the [editor@reethgazette.co.uk](mailto:editor@reethgazette.co.uk) with a little bit about what it does. The management board of the Gazette will select one group each month to receive a donation. If yours is selected, you'll be asked to write an article of 300-400 words to appear in the Gazette, about how your organisation contributes to the life of the two dales.

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### A Hike - A Pilgrimage - A Witness - The Stations of the Cross.

Christians Together in Swaledale is pleased to be able to announce that Rev Jon Swales, has agreed to be the 'spiritual leader' of this year's walk on 25th March 2016. He will guide us through some moments of reflection during the pauses in the walk comparing the last hours of Jesus's life to the vulnerable in society today. Jon is Lighthouse Mission Priest based at St. George's Church, Leeds.

All are invited to take part, for all or some of the route. Children and dogs are most welcome.

8.00am - Assemble for pre-booked Communal Transport at Grinton Church

8.10am - Transport leaves for Keld

8.55am - Assemble at Keld URC for safety chat

9.00am - Short Service at Keld URC; leave 9.10am

10.30am - Service at St. Mary's Muker, leave 11.00am

12.30pm - Gunnerside Methodist Church - lunch stop.

1.10pm - Short Service at Gunnerside Methodist Church

1.25pm - Assemble and off

3.30pm - Low Whita Bridge

5.00pm - Arrive Grinton (Hot X buns)

5.30pm - Service in St. Andrew's Grinton - retiring collection in aid of St. George's Crypt.

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## RBS Poppy Appeal

I have now ben confirmed as the Honorary Organiser for the Poppy Appeal. My first duty must be to acknowledge the debt of gratitude owed to the retiring organiser Chris Porter and her loyal helpers.

I am still without a house to house collector for Healaugh and also hope to extend house to house collections to Low Row/Feetham, if I can find someone to take on the role.

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**Martin Sutherland**

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There were 2 incidents in total for the team in January:

**31/01/2016** (03) 09.00hrs: The search dog & handler were deployed to assist Cleveland MRT with a missing person search.

**15/01/2016** (02) 16.00hrs: The team were called by the Ambulance Service to rescue an injured walker who had slipped on ice near Leyburn Shawl.

The Kings Head at Gunnerside are holding a pub quiz for to raise funds for the team on **4th March**. All welcome. They are looking for donations of raffle prizes too; so if you can help, drop them off at the pub. Thanks.

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.

All money raised is used to pay for insurance, maintenance and running of our three emergency vehicles, operating and up-keep of our base, and the replacement of rescue and medical equipment.

With the end of year wet weather some areas of steep ground are still unstable - have a look before venturing across or below these slopes.

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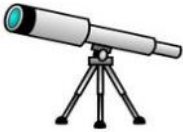
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## Astronomy in the Two Dales

BOING! Spring is here - or it will be at 4.30am on the 20th of March, so beware of mad hares. It is also the year of the Monkey in the Chinese calendar so if you want an excuse for going ape, now is the time.

The highlight of this month's sky activity is the opposition of Jupiter. The planet is at its closest point of approach to the Earth, so will be a great target for observation and photography. There are a couple of eclipses, both solar and lunar, however they are not gracing us with their presence, though they should get a mention in the news.

The new moon will be here on the 9th followed by the full moon on the 23rd and of course we have all noticed its strange behaviour of late, haven't we? - bouncing around the sky from one night to the next, or not even being visible for several nights in a row.

Is it possible that something is affecting the moon? Yes, says Dr L. Lorio Phd, who in 2011 wrote a paper showing that a large planet in the outer reaches of the Solar system would have the necessary influence on our moon. I am sure many of you have seen the recent press coverage of the theoretical prediction of the location of Planet 9. Dum, dum, dum!

Well, that bit of maths was re-examined by Dr Lorio and he has predicted that the object in question is 10 times the mass of the Earth and a similar size to the planet Neptune, in an

orbit of between 10,000 and 20,000 years around the Sun. This planet, named Telisto by Dr Lorio, will not approach us, as it is orbiting 1000 astronomical units, 30 times farther than Pluto, away from us, however it may have an effect on the Sun and nearby planets.

At the moment no one has seen this distant object, though appeals have been put out for amateur astronomers to take pictures of the night sky in an attempt to catch this object blocking out the light of stars as it passes in front of them, thus revealing its location. The research team responsible for the prediction believe that the planet is in the region of the constellation of Scorpius, in the southern hemisphere, which we cannot see being in the northern hemisphere.

Makes you wonder why they built that telescope at the south pole, doesn't it?

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## 2 Dales Football

Our Under 12s are now playing some competitive stage Futsal at Richmond School and were somewhat rusty for their first match January 10th against Bedale Hawks who opened the scoring. Joe Alderson equalised with a hard shot into the top right of the goal. Dales then conceded an own goal followed by 2 more goals. Ryan Atkinson pulled one back to lose 2-4.

Then played Catterick Garrison 2. Ryan opened the scoring from Joseph Scott then Daniel Webster ran right up the pitch on his own to score. Dan Marshall scored then Joseph made one of his trademark long hard shots from the half way line. The referee blew his whistle when the ball was in the air but then said he would allow it. Garrison objected but the goal stood. 4-0 win.

On 17th played Catterick Village. The teams were evenly matched but Joe Alderson scored 2 good goals while some stunning saves by Ellen Atkinson kept Dales a clean sheet. 2-0 win.

Played Catterick Garrison 3 and their passing was more accurate and scored twice and then again from a

dubious penalty. Joseph pulled one back but lost 3-1.

On 24th January played Colburn and were just unlucky to lose 5-1 with the goal coming from Daniel Webster scoring a hard shot from a very acute angle.

Then played Catterick Garrison 3 who we are quite able to beat but simply put in a poor performance to lose 8-2 with both goals from Joe.

On 31st played Catterick Village 2 who opened the scoring before Joseph powered one in. Then Ryan put us ahead. Village again equalised and the final few minutes saw some exciting football but it fell to Joseph to find the net from the rebound. 3-2 win and 3 vital points.

Then played Bedale Typhoons and Dales dominated the game without capitalizing with goals. Dan Marshall found his way single handed through all their defence to score then Joe made it 2. Dales then allowed Bedale back into the match to equalise and Dales simply gave away what should have been an easy win. 2-2 draw.

On 5th February played both Thirsk teams in great need of points but without goalkeeper Ellen (even the referee asked where she was). The

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first match Dales played well but fortune favoured Thirsk who went 3 up. Dales kept their heads up and fought back and Daniel Webster scored a good goal from a pass by Joseph and then Daniel put one up for Dan Marshall to finish with a powerful shot but Thirsk scored 2 more.

Dales again played well against Thirsk Blues with Daniel Webster scoring off a third rebound. (How many times have we told them to be prepared for the rebound? So well done Daniel.) Thirsk equalised but the decider came from a long hard shot by Joe while Joseph made several attempts at his powerful long shot from a 45 degree angle but could not this time find the net.

Finley Clark and Callum Bellwood both also deserve a mention putting in

some good football.

This should just get us through to finals day.

We are now planning for next season and warmly welcome new players and anyone who can help to keep football alive in the Dales.

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2. Last night they loved you, opening doors and pulling some strings - **Golden Years**, 1975
3. Take a look at the lawman, beating up the wrong guy - **Life on Mars?** 1973
4. I know when to go out and when to stay in; get things done - **Modern Love**, 1983
5. He says he's a beautician and sells you nutrition - **Jean Genie**, 1972

The winner is Lynn Turner. £5.00 will be donated to the charity of her choice.

For this month, these lyrics are from some of the top-selling singles of all time in the UK. By way of a tie-breaker, put them in order of sales with the biggest selling single first.

1. Far have I travelled and much have I seen
2. Even when you died, the press still hounded you
3. So you think you can stone me and spit in my eye?
4. The power you're supplying is electrifying
5. There's a world outside your window and it's a world of dread and fear

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There is a vaccine available to help prevent shingles. The vaccine is available as part of the NHS vaccination programme for people aged 70 to 79 because these people are

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The shingles vaccine is a live vaccine and given as a single injection into the skin. It should not be given to people with immune system problems or people who take certain drugs e.g. chemotherapy. Only one vaccination is required. The vaccination is expected to reduce your risk of getting shingles. If you are unlucky enough to have the disease despite vaccination, your symptoms may be milder and the illness shorter. The vaccine is very safe and has already been used in several countries including America and Canada. No safety concerns have been raised.

I am pleased that this vaccine is now being offered on the NHS. The evidence of its benefit has been around for at least eight years but only recently has funding been made available for it. I encourage you to have the vaccine to prevent an otherwise quite nasty illness. We will get in touch with all of you who are eligible in the near future to arrange an appointment for the vaccine.

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We will also hold an Open Day in the Memorial Hall on the following day, **Saturday 16th April**, when we will show the results of our work including displays of the finds. Members of our team will be on hand to explain what we have done, what we found and answer questions. Do please join us!

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**24th May** 7.00pm at Marrick Institute - Flower Arranging.

**28th June** at 7.00pm at Marrick Institute - History Wardrobe's presentation of 'Victoria Elegance' including food of the period.

**23rd July** outing to Leyburn 40s Weekend.

**23rd August** at 7.00pm Strawberries & cream and music quiz.

**27th September** 12.00 noon Walk at Jervaulx plus afternoon tea.

**25th October** 12.00 noon at Marrick Institute - Reviving an old WI debate 'Are Men Necessary?'

**22nd November** 12.00 noon at Marrick Institute - AGM and board games.

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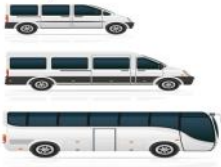
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Last month we had several reports over the same weekend. There were two separate attempt thefts of Land Rovers in both Low Row and Muker whereby the ignition barrels were damaged. A trailer was stolen near to Angram from along the road side. A Sherko 290 blue and yellow trials motorbike was stolen from Reeth. Anyone with any information should contact North Yorkshire Police by dialling 101 and speak to our Control Room staff who will be more than happy to help.

A possible suspect male was reported trying to sell tools from the back of a van in the area of Keld calling in at several farms and a male of similar description and vehicle was also reported at Ellerton Abbey trying to sell power tools. All sightings should be reported so that the vehicle(s) and person(s) can be checked out.

We occasionally get reports of lost dogs but it is no longer our responsibility and hasn't been for some time, so if anyone finds a stray dog they should contact the local Dog Warden via Richmondshire District Council on **01748-829100** who are

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Many thanks to all those who took the time to report any incidents, suspicious persons or vehicles your time is appreciated.

**PCSO 5550 Tracie Lee Taylor-Page**

## **Wensleydale Concert Series**

Wensleydale Concert Series is very pleased to welcome the wonderful violinist Fenella Humphreys and pianist Daniel Grimwood to St. Andrew's Church, Aysgarth on **Saturday March 19th at 7.30pm** for a recital of violin and piano music.


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They are also old school friends (from the Purcell School) and this is a very rare opportunity to hear them perform together.

Tickets are £12.50 (£3 for under 18s and students) bought in advance and £15 on the door on the night.

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## **Dales Business Directory**

I am currently updating the business listings for Upper Swaledale and Arkengarthdale in the *Dales Business Directory*. This directory aims to contain the contact details of every business in Richmondshire and is jointly operated by the Business Associations of Swaledale and Arkengarthdale (SABF), Richmond, Upper Wensleydale and Leyburn and Lower Wensleydale.

The aim of the Dales Business Directory is to provide an accurate database of the basic information on every business in Richmondshire in order to provide current information for the many business projects that Richmondshire is involved in. The Dales Business Directory can be viewed at :

**[www.dalesbusinessdirectory.co.uk](http://www.dalesbusinessdirectory.co.uk)**.

You don't need to 'login', just 'Search Business Directory' and see if your business is listed by entering your business name in the search keywords box.

The job of SABF is to make sure that businesses in Swaledale and Arkengarthdale are comprehensibly listed and accurately represented on this important business database. This doesn't involve any cost to the business and only requires an email to **[info@swaledale.net](mailto:info@swaledale.net)** giving us:

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## Church Services March 2016

<b>6<sup>th</sup> Mar.</b>	9.15 am	St. Mary's Muker	<i>Eucharist</i>
	10.30 am	Low Row URC	
	10.30 am	Reeth Methodist	<i>Family Service</i>
	11.00 am	Holy Trinity Low Row	<i>Eucharist</i>
	11.00 am	St. Edmund's, Marske	<i>Family Eucharist</i>
	11.00 am	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
	6.00 pm	St. Andrew's Grinton	<i>Evening Prayer BCP</i>
	6.30 pm	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
<b>13<sup>th</sup> Mar.</b>	9.30 am	St. Andrew's Grinton	<i>Eucharist</i>
	9.30 am	St Michael's Downholme	<i>Morning Prayer</i>
	10.30 am	Low Row URC	
	10.30 am	Reeth Methodist	
	11.00 am	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
	11.00 am	St. Edmund's, Marske	<i>Morning Prayer</i>
	11.15 am	St. Mary's Arkengarthdale	<i>Holy Communion BCP</i>
	2.00 pm	Keld URC	
	2.30 pm	Gunnerside Methodist	<i>Holy Communion</i>
	6.00 pm	St. Mary's Muker	<i>Evening Prayer</i>
	6.30 pm	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
<b>20<sup>th</sup> Mar. Palm Sunday</b>	9.15 am	St. Mary's Muker	<i>Holy Communion BCP</i>
	10.30 am	Low Row URC	
	10.30 am	Reeth Methodist	<i>Holy Communion</i>
	11.00 am	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
	11.00 am	Holy Trinity Low Row	<i>Eucharist</i>
	11.00 am	St. Edmund's Marske	<i>Holy Communion</i>
	6.30 pm	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
	6.30 pm	St. Mary's Arkengarthdale	<i>Evening Prayer BCP</i>

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## Church Services March 2016

<b>22<sup>nd</sup> Mar.</b>	7.30 pm	Fremington Village Hall	Christians Together Worship for Holy Week
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> Mar.</b>	10.00 am	St. Andrew's Grinton	Holy Communion BCP
<b>24<sup>th</sup> Mar.</b>	7.00 pm	St Michael's Downholme	Vigil
	7.30 pm	Holy Trinity Low Row Tenebrae Service - this marks the darkness of Maundy Thursday with a series of readings & music and the extinguishing of candles	
<b>25<sup>th</sup> Mar. Good Fri.</b>	9.00 am	Keld URC	Start of Good Friday Walk
	11.00 am	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
	2.00 pm	St. Edmund's Marske	Devotions
<b>26<sup>th</sup> Mar.</b>	8.45 pm	St Andrew's Grinton Service of Light (Easter Vigil) - the service begins around a fire in the churchyard and includes renewing our baptism promises.	
<b>27<sup>th</sup> Mar.</b>	9.15 am	*St. Mary's Muker	<i>Eucharist</i>
	9.30 am	Michael's Downholme	<i>Holy Communion</i>
	9.30 am	*St. Andrew's Grinton	<i>Eucharist</i>
	10.30 am	Low Row URC	<i>Holy Communion</i>
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	2.00 pm	Keld URC	<i>Holy Communion</i>
	6.30 pm	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
	6.30 pm	Gunnarside Methodist	

**\* Please check parish website and posters in churches as these arrangements may change**

**Reeth Parish Council**  
**January 25 2016**

**Christmas:** The collection at the Carols round the Tree had raised £85.82 for Cancer Research UK. One of the new strings of lights was faulty and would be returned.

**National Park:** There were no volunteers to attend the YDNP parish forum meetings.

**Astronomy Group:** There were no objections to a request from the local astronomy group to hold an open telescope event on the green on Tuesday, February 16, as part of the National Park's dark skies festival.

**Playground:** The RDC report on playground equipment maintenance was received. The points raised would be monitored and any necessary repairs made.

**Reeth Band:** A letter was circulated from Reeth Brass Band thanking the council for their donation towards uniform jackets for five younger members.

**Youth work:** Youth worker Richie Bastow would be invited to attend the next meeting to give feedback following his article in the January Gazette.

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**Street lights:** The rotten pole in the Mews had now been removed. Two lights were still out of order in Langhorne Drive and on the Arkengarthdale road.

**Parking:** A plan was circulated showing the proposed extra yellow lines to control parking near the Burgoyne which was leading to damage on the green. A price would be obtained for grasscrete outside the nearby houses and if necessary consideration would be given to protecting part of the area with low posts and chains.

Similar problems were occurring opposite Fremington Sunday School where cars parked on a narrow verge. The clerk was awaiting a response about this area from Highways through Coun Blackie.

Coun Frankland asked that the parking place on the left at the bottom of School Hill should also be added into the list of areas needing attention as the current state of the surface was causing great problems for some less able bodied residents.

**Village green:** Coun Gale asked if anything could be done to the bare patch on the green in between bonfires. Coun Frankland would look into the price of reurfing the area.

Coun Beal proposed that it would be a good idea to slightly raise the suggested voluntary contribution for parking on the green to cover some of

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the envisaged future expenses in preserving and protecting it.

**Defibrillator:** This had now been fitted to the wall at Hudson House. The clerk would arrange for it to be commissioned and for training for possible users in conjunction with other local groups.

**Roads:** A considerable amount of water was running onto the Arkengarthdale road off one of the adjacent fields. This was the responsibility of the landowner and the clerk would contact them about it.

**Council minutes:** The clerk would look into the feasibility of putting the parish council minutes onto the RDC website.

**Footpaths:** A broken flagstone near the Bakery would be reported. The steps down to the path were badly in need of repair and this had been reported to the local ranger.

### Elenore Alderson

will be 90 on 1st April

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Councillors agreed to make a contribution towards the cost of the repairs as this path was regularly used by local residents.

**Queen's birthday:** Coun Beal reported that communities were being encouraged to come together for neighbourhood events on June 12. This would be put on future agendas as a regular item while local interest was being assessed.

**Tracy Little**

### Low Row Institute AGM

The AGM of the Trustees of Low Row & Feetham Village Institute will take place on in the Institute on **Tuesday 8th March at 7.30 pm**

An Ordinary meeting will follow the AGM.

All local residents are welcome to attend.

### QUIZ NIGHT

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### Reeth Brass Training Band

Below is a photograph of the five young members of Reeth Brass Training Band, in their new uniform jackets. These have been funded by donations from Len Scrafton of Richmond Free Masons, Reeth Parish and Richmondshire District Councils.

The Training Band consists of these five youngsters, four trainers and a number of senior band members who play the larger instruments. They meet once a week on Tuesday at 7pm in Reeth Memorial Hall before the main band

practice at 7.45pm. Four of these youngsters already practice with the senior band for another half an hour.

The band still has spare instruments, music and tuition is provided free. If you are interested and would like to learn to play a brass instrument, please come along at 7pm on Tuesday next. It's never too late to start, so no matter how old you are, everyone is welcome. Brass banding spans the generations, we currently have members from 8 to 80 and have a great deal of fun making music together.

**Irwin Blenkiron**



**Keld Public Hall**  
**Domino and Whist Drive**  
Friday 11th March 2016  
7.30pm.

**Reeth Show**  
**Domino & Whist Drive**  
Friday 4th March  
Reeth Memorial Hall  
7.30pm



## Reeth Community Orchard

As I write, the snowdrops and aconites are blooming in the Orchard, the days are getting noticeably longer and when it stops raining the sun can feel quite warm so Spring must be coming.

The Orchard has been looking very bedraggled as until recently it has been impossible to get everything cut back and it was never "put to bed" properly in the autumn. However, with a lot of new shoots, and even buds, showing in the herbaceous borders the Orchard is already beginning to show promise for future glory.

Even clearing last autumns leaves has had its problems as they were so saturated and then frozen that they seem glued to the paths.

Winter pruning of the apple trees will be our next major task which will probably be a group exercise for the next few weeks, hopefully leading to another bumper crop as long as there aren't any late frosts.

It is hard work keeping the Orchard looking good but very rewarding when it is admired by our visitors and welcomed as a haven of peace.

We are always grateful for offers of help. You don't have to be an experienced gardener, just enjoy doing something outdoors where you can see the results.

If you would like to join us, ring either Gill on **884542** or Maggie on **884186**. Or come along to the Orchard on a Saturday morning. Weather permitting.

**Maggie Kentsbeer**



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## Computer Corner

With Carol Haynes of Dales Computer Services

### Microsoft gets aggressive with Windows 10

Please excuse my sarcastic humour this month but . . . The Windows 10 "free offer" has entered a new phase. If you have Windows 7 or Windows 8 you know the feeling when you switch on to yet another advert saying upgrade now for free (or else ...) It really does start to feel threatening.

Well Microsoft has now decided that you don't get to choose - they will download the upgrade to your computer whether you like it or not. If you are on a light user plan with your internet provider don't be surprised if you get a letter saying you have gone over your limit, and if you are on a slow connection then it is going to be a lot slower for a while as they use up your connection downloading a huge upgrade you didn't ask for.

Once downloaded the installation programme will start - please be aware at this point **YOU CAN SAY NO** if you want to.

Why am I still saying hold back on this upgrade?

1) I have seen quite a few customers now with problems - the most common being dodgy wireless connections and devices plugged into your computer not working properly. I am sure they will get this right eventually.

2) Most people don't have a good solid

backup of their computer - if you decide to go for this upgrade make sure you have a good system image backup of your computer.

I have seen a number of people (admittedly not many - but one is too much) left with a paperweight instead of a computer because the upgrade failed. If something happens and the upgrade does not complete properly you may well not be able to recover your computer again.

Details on how to make a backup were in a previous article in this column so I won't repeat them here - but I strongly urge you **DO NOT CONTEMPLATE UPGRADING** to Windows 10 UNTIL you have a sensible recovery system if something goes wrong.

I still recommend waiting another couple of months before you do this upgrade. If you are on Windows 8 or 8.1 it is a no brainer: you should do it during the free upgrade period. If you are on Windows 7 I am not really convinced that upgrading is necessarily the best idea - you probably have hardware that is a number of years old

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and Windows 7 will be supported until 2020 by which time it is probably reasonable to be thinking about a new computer. I can't honestly see anything compelling in Windows 10 - and anyway it is designed to work best on more modern hardware so you are unlikely to see many benefits.

### Windows XP and Vista

If you are still running a computer with Windows XP it is really time to bite the bullet and move on. It is coming up to 2 years since the last security update was issued. Vista too is now showing signs of age - Internet Explorer is out of date and shouldn't really be used and recently Google have started warning that Google Chrome is no longer being supported for Vista.

Even Microsoft's own software (such as Windows Live Mail) is out of date and not being upgrade on Vista. It was never a popular version of Windows and again it is time to move on. Chances are you could buy an upgrade to Windows 10 - but you have to ask if a computer is that old is it worth the expense.

That's it for this month. If you have any questions or suggestions for article please drop me a line at:

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Here is hoping the start of spring and some better weather arrives soon.

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## Upper Dales Family History Group

Our November speaker was Gillian Lord who demonstrated how she had solved a family mystery by taking each member back one step at a time and backing up the steps with documentary evidence.

Following up her grandfather's siblings Gillian had come across one member with a distinctive name, Chester, who she was able to trace through a combination of census records, photographs and family anecdotes from his birth in 1870 until he 'vanished' from sight in the early 1900s.

Chester had married and had children at Coatham but after that there was no trace of him until Gillian was contacted from someone from Canada who had a photograph of familiar family members but no idea of how they could be connected. Some years later she uncovered records online showing that Chester had served in the Canadian army in the First World War, giving an incorrect age, and had remarried there in 1916, quietly glossing over the fact that he had a wife and two children at home in England.

With contributions from family members either side of the Atlantic, the story gradually emerged. Chester had gone to Canada to join one of his

brothers and although his wife and children had gone to look for him in 1906 they had searched in vain and returned to England alone. Chester had made a new life for himself with a second wife and more children, joining the army and eventually enjoying glowing tributes in the local papers when he died there.

His English wife died in 1963 but his daughter lived to be 104, not dying until 2006 but sadly Gillian had not discovered this in time to make contact with her. Intriguingly it seems that Chester's brother who he joined in Canada may also have married in England then once again, bigamously, in Canada, so we look forward to eventually hearing the next part of the family saga on a future occasion.

This month's meeting is on **March 23 at 2.00pm in Fremington Sunday School** and is another 'missing relative' story. The speaker is Mary Randles with 'Albert's Story' - the fascinating account of her research into the mysterious roots and Dallowgill connections of her mother's half-brother.

For further details phone 0743 2677783; or e-mail [moverley.yorkshire@outlook.com](mailto:moverley.yorkshire@outlook.com) or see the website [www.upperdalesfhg.org.uk](http://www.upperdalesfhg.org.uk) for details of all events & the worldwide email discussion group

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## Message From The Swaledale Museum In Reeth

March sees the first of our visits from schools, and we welcome back Pannal School from Harrogate. Every year we have lots of fun exploring Grinton Smelt Mill and imagining what it would have been like in its busy hey-day, followed up by hands-on sessions in the Museum. Children handle the tools the miners used, the warning rattle used to alert miners of the detonation of gunpowder is always the most popular object, closely followed by the clogs.

We have started taking bookings for our popular lectures, so do get in touch if you want to secure a seat, even though the programme does not begin until May. We have just been reading an advance copy of David Joy's *Men of Lead*, an excellent new book which includes sections on their work and their lives, as well as focusing on Swaledale and Arkengarthdale. Why not come and meet the author in the Museum on 1st June?

Friend of the Museum Barbara Buckingham has sent us a cutting from *The Dalesman* (December 1985) which reminds us that although our Dale is admired for being 'isolated' it was in many ways at the epicentre of affairs. The published note was from J.R. Pedley who remembered as a child being given a day off school in 1915 to gather sphagnum moss on Reeth Moor. The project was instigated by May Sinclair, the authoress who rented Victoria Cottage in Reeth between 1912 and 1918, and who drove ambulances on the Belgian front. The moss was used

for dressings, and clearly in great demand during the First World war. May's fondness for Reeth was, as we all know, remembered in the creation of the Sinclair prize at Reeth School, still awarded today. How many competitors know about this extraordinary woman I wonder?

Readers of the Friends of the Museum Newsletter may remember a feature on a mourning ring found in the Swale at Richmond. As a result of this being found on our website the great grand daughter x5 of the lady commemorated - Judith St Paul who died in 1774 - has been in touch. We wonder which friend or relation of Judith's was bequeathed the ring, and why they were in Richmond. Yet another ongoing research project!

The revised opening times for the Museum are: from 1 May to the 30 September everyday from 10.00am to 5.00pm. Groups welcome at other times - just contact us beforehand.

Here is our lecture programme, all in the Museum at 7.30 pm (booking advised) - more details on our website.

**Wednesday 18th May:** 2nd 'So You Think You Know Your Swaledale and Arkengarthdale?' Quiz (preceded by Friends of Museum AGM at 6.45 pm.)

**Wednesday 1st June:** Lead Mining - Double Launch. Launching Roger Preston's photographic exhibition and David Joy's new book *Men of Lead*

**Wednesday 15th June:** Will Swales, 'Swaledale Hill Farms 1700 to the Present'.

**Wednesday 29th June:** Shaun Richardson 'Swaledale and the Cold War: Surveying the Royal Observation Corps Bunker at Grinton'.

**Wednesday 6th July:** Philip Batman

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'Sink or Swim: Kinship Families and the Collapse of Lead Mining in Victorian Swaledale.

**Wednesday 20 July:** Helen Bainbridge & Marion Moverley, 'Read All About It': Swaledale and Arkengarthdale in the Newspapers'

**Wednesday 24th August:** George Edward Brown 'Remembering Haverdale Mill, Low Row'.

**Wednesday 21st September:** Sue and Les Knight, 'A Date with Lichens'

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### Make Do and Mend - Saturday 12th March

There will be a Make Do and Mend session organised by St Andrew's at Fremington Village Hall on Saturday 12th March from 10.00am until 4.00pm. Light refreshments will be served. Please do come and drop off your mending or ironing - or perhaps stay to enjoy a cuppa whilst waiting for your jobs to be done. The work will be done on a donation basis and proceeds will go towards the upkeep of Fremington Village Hall. Please contact Susan Allison, Tel: 884366 or [susan.allison@talk21.com](mailto:susan.allison@talk21.com) for further information.

### Grinton Conservation Group - Saturday 12th March

The first meeting of the season takes place in the churchyard at 10.30am -12 noon. All welcome to this free green gym workout session of churchyard clearing and grave maintenance. Bring your own tools if you have them. All welcome and free scones and tea for the workers.

### A concert in memory of Paul Hawksworth - Fauré's Requiem by the Swale Singers

There will be a concert by the Swale Singers at St Andrew's, Grinton on Saturday 19th March at 7.30pm in memory of Paul Hawksworth. Tickets are £6 available on the door and children admitted free. The proceeds will be divided between cancer research and St Andrew's. Please do come - all welcome.



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Dales Village Dances and their Music at Middleham Key Centre on Tuesday 15 March 2016 at 2.00pm will cover the origins of some of the tunes and dances, their social context and how fashions in Dales dances and music changed over the years.

In a multimedia presentation, Bob Ellis will trace the history of village dances and dance music in the Dales and will include some field recordings of traditional musicians.

Bob will also play some short extracts of Dales tunes on pipe and tabor and on melodeon to illustrate aspects of the history. There will also be some biographical information about various Dales musicians, including William Calvert, who lived at Harmby in the early 19th century and is buried in Spennithorne.

Bob Ellis spent most of his career as a professional historian, first as a teacher of history (including 14 years at the Wensleydale School), then as a college lecturer, a chief examiner and a writer of history books and articles. He has played the melodeon in folk dance bands and for a Morris dance team for over 20 years and has run workshops and tune sessions at folk festivals. For the last couple of years he has researched the history of Dales village dances and their music and is creating an archive on this subject for the Dales Countryside Museum at Hawes.

For more information contact Tony Keates **01969 640436**, or [dotandtonyk@btinternet.com](mailto:dotandtonyk@btinternet.com).

## Harrogate And The Dales Association Of The National Trust

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There will be a party on the Green to celebrate the Queen's 90th Birthday on June 12th. It is hoped that Reeth Brass Band will play and that there will be games organised for local children and grown ups.

Everyone is invited to make this a great day out for Swaledale and Arkengarthdale. It is envisaged that people will bring their own food and drink. More details to follow in future issues of the Gazette.

If you are able to help with organising this event or have any ideas as to how we can make it a memorable day then please contact Richard Beal [richardbeal123@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:richardbeal123@yahoo.co.uk) or tel. 01748 880146

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**Drain at Robin Gate and blocked drain at Low Whita:** The Council was advised by highways that these drains have been inspected however the defects do not meet the criteria for further action. The Clerk was asked to contact highways again to confirm as the water at these locations is not draining away quickly enough following rainfall.

**Drains on Kearnton pasture:** Highways confirmed that this has been added to the schedule of works.

**Grit bin at Low Row:** This has now been replenished.

**Trees at Rowleth Bottom:** Highways advised that these are not the responsibility of NYCC.

**Bench at Gunnerside:** Nothing has been heard regarding this yet.

**Changes to the external audit regime:** The council noted receipt of this information regarding changes to the external audit for smaller authorities, and it was agreed not to opt out of the Sector Led Body.

**Highways:** the Clerk was asked to contact highways regarding the following issues: i) a blocked drain between East Ing and West End cottage in Gunnerside; ii) street light out on Bridge Corner, Gunnerside; and iii) at Gunnerside where the work has been taking place, there is another section of wall that is starting to lean. (on the same side of the road, heading towards Low Row.

**Planning:** The Roof, Gunnerside: granted with conditions. Planning application, Heatherdene, Brocca Bank, Low Row: The Council raised no objections or comments.

**Parish Forum:** This will take place at Bainbridge on March 24th 2016.

**Transparency Code for smaller councils:** The Council noted that additional information needs to be included in the website and the Clerk will arrange for this to be done.

**Dog waste bin in Low Row:** Cllr Crapper raised this point on behalf of Cllr McCartney regarding the possibility of installing a dog waste bin in Low Row, as the one in Gunnerside has been well used by dog-walkers. It was decided not to do this at the present time.

**Date and time of next meeting:** The next meeting will be the Annual Parish meeting followed by the Parish Council meeting to be held at Low Row Institute on **Thursday 24th March 2016.**  
**Dominique Adams**

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The phrase "rule of thumb" is derived from an old English law which stated that you couldn't beat your wife with anything wider than your thumb.

## Bellerby Study Group Meetings in March

Discover Jewellery, Milestones and Excavations at Bellerby Study Group in March

Emma Stedman is a contemporary jewellery designer and maker, specialising in working with silver and enamel. In **Working with Enamel on Wednesday 2 March**, she will describe how colour inspires her designs and the skills involved in applying coloured enamel to metal.

Barbara Dixon spent 20 years as a supervisor in a Registry Office. In **A Ramble Around the Registry Office on Wednesday 9 March**, she will recount some humorous and unusual events which happened when people registered life's milestones.

On **Wednesday 16 March** in **Keeping Up with the Conyers**, historian and archaeologist, Erik Matthews will describe archaeological fieldwork which has taken place at Hornby Castle every summer since 2010. Work has concentrated on the remains of a "pleasaunce" or detached moated structure used for the entertainment of important guests of the Late Medieval owners the Nevilles and later the Conyers. Tantalising evidence indicates the lifestyle of the owners with section of a piped water

supply, a high standard of furnishing and a rich diet. There is also evidence of an earlier hunting lodge constructed on the site by the Dukes of Brittany in the early 12th Century and most fascinating of all, some evidence of the occupation of the site, possibly by the Northumbrian Earls prior to the Norman Conquest.

There will be a Members' evening on **Wednesday 23 March** when the AGM will be followed by a Members' Quiz.

Bellerby Study Group meetings start at **7.30pm** and are held in the Memorial Hall, Church Street, Bellerby. Fees are £10 per term for members, visitors and guests are always welcome at £2 each per meeting.

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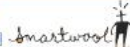
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He concentrated on one particular genre, depicting images of monks, saints and martyrs. These powerful and often moving images will be explored in the lecture.

The lecture will be given by **Sian Walters** who is a lecturer at the National Gallery and Surrey University, specialising in 15th and 16th century Italian painting, and Spanish art and Architecture.

We welcome non- members to this lecture and to any future lectures of interest. Lectures are held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month from October to June at the Middleham Key Centre. The cost is £8 per lecture.

It would be helpful to inform the

Membership Secretary beforehand if possible, on **01765 635244**, or [rosalindhigson@btinternet.com](mailto:rosalindhigson@btinternet.com).

## **Two Dales Does . . . Friendship Club**

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Hosted by the nearby CB Inn, and under the direction of head chef Gareth Bottomley, the children were able to not only prepare, cook, flip and eat their pancakes but also incorporate maths and literacy learning as part of the process.

The children worked in their houses, compiling their lists of ingredients with each house having a different brief, such as gluten free, on a budget and organic. They rotated between 3 activities. The first was Maths and this involved calculating costings and measurements. This was followed with Literacy where they planned a set of instructions on how to make pancakes before actually cooking their pancakes themselves in the setting of a professional kitchen.

The activities were rounded off with a pancake toss outside, with Harry Parker throwing his the furthest, followed by Isabel Lundberg, with Anna Brown (Lead Teacher) a close third.

Commented Anna Brown, 'We are so grateful to everyone at the CB Inn for giving the children and staff the opportunity of experiencing first-hand the working of a large-scale kitchen. The activity was extremely engaging for the children, cleverly uniting curriculum learning with a great deal of fun as well as some hearty competition



in the pancake flipping and throwing stakes.'

The children's completed instructions will then be displayed in the CB Inn with visitors invited to take a copy.

The start of the new year brought with it a golden celebration, honouring the long service and commitment of two special ladies, who jointly have worked for 50 years at the school. Kath Hollingworth, School Secretary, celebrates an impressive thirty years working for the school. During this time, she has not only ensured the smooth running of the office, but has also fulfilled an invaluable role in caring for the wellbeing of both children and staff.

Barbara Birks has been a valued member of the team for twenty years, supporting children's learning and play, looking after the school environment and ensuring that children and staff are well-nourished.

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Commented Helen Ring, Headteacher, 'It is an honour to celebrate this wonderful milestone for Kath and Barbara. They have made a valuable contribution to the school over the years and are highly respected by their colleagues and of course the children. Their loyalty and dedication are unsurpassed.'

Kath and Barbara were presented with flowers as a thank you for their loyal service.

Jill Lundberg

### Swale Singers Concert

Paul Hawksworth was a much loved Member of the Swale Singers. In St Andrew's Church, Grinton, at 7.30 pm on 19th March the concert will be in his memory. The music we hope will be considered appropriate, including as it does, one of Paul's favourite pieces - John Tavener's *Funeral Ikos*. In addition will be the gentle *Alleluia* by Randall Thompson, a chorus from Rossini's *Stabat Mater* which tells of the soul's rising to Paradise after the death of the body, and the ever popular *Requiem* by Fauré, that ends with *In Paradisum*, the chorus which brings it to a peaceful but joyful conclusion.

The two soloists in the 'Requiem' are the Choir's own Jean Bookey who will sing the 'Pie Jesu', and Richard Brickstock, a past Musical Director of the Choir.

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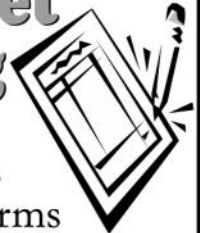


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# Diary Dates *Market Place*

## March

- 4th Reeth Show Domino & Whist Drive, Reeth Memorial Hall. 7.30pm
- 5th Film in Gunnerside Village Hall: *Suffragette* (Carey Mulligan, Meryl Streep) 7.30pm
- 8th Low Row Institute AGM. 7.30pm
- 10th Gazette AGM, Low Row Institute. 7.00pm
- 11th Yorkshire Night & quiz, Punch Bowl Inn. 7.30pm
- 14th Reeth Memorial Hall AGM. 7.30pm
- 17th Arkengarthdale Sports Assoc. AGM, CB Inn. All welcome. 8:00pm.
- 18th North Country Theatre, *Egil Skallagrimsson Keeps His Head*, Reeth Memorial Hall. 7.30pm
- 19th Swale Singers concert (in Paul Hawke's memory), Grinton, 7.30 pm
- 26th Big Breakfast Peru 2017 Fundraiser, Reeth Memorial Hall. 9.00am - 2.00pm.

## April

- 1st Johnny Cash Revisited, Reeth Memorial Hall. 8.00pm
- 9th Film in Gunnerside Village Hall: *The Lady in the Van* (Maggie Smith) 7.30 pm
- 9th Hannah James' Jig Doll Tour Reeth Memorial Hall. 8.00pm
- 29th An Evening With Anita Harris, Reeth Memorial Hall. 8.00pm

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