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for the Two Dales.*

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### First Thoughts . . .

Fifty years ago Scott McKenzie urged people to wear flowers in their hair - at least if they were going to San Francisco. 'So?' you might ask. Well, as I write this, the daffodils are just starting to flower in and around Reeth and when they are in full bloom, they look wonderful. But by the time you read this, they may well have started to wane - and then what?

Some of the businesses around the green in Reeth put out hanging baskets and these too look wonderful. But what if everyone did it? Not just the businesses, but householders as well; and not just around the green. Why not plant flowers in areas where there are none? Or attach a small tub to 'A' boards so they do more than just clutter the place? Could we have

planters in various places? Do we need to limit our imagination on this?

All this of course takes time - which seems to be a sparse commodity these days - and it may need some co-ordinating (Perhaps we need a *Flower Power Committee*.) but if everyone made just a little effort, that mounts up into one big effort. For those of you who do make an effort already - thank you; it really is appreciated. Let's hope others join you.

So why should we do this: to attract more tourists to the area perhaps? Well, no; simply because we live here. We are fortunate to live in a lovely area, but that doesn't mean we can't make it even better; and it would put smiles on the faces of people as they go about their daily business.

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## Gazette Deadlines

The deadlines for the next two months are:

**May issue:** April 10th

**June issue:** May 10th

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

A raisin dropped in a glass of fresh champagne will bounce up and down continuously from the bottom of the glass to the top. Go on - try it.

## COVER PICTURE

If you don't know where it is, ask Brian Sunter - he gave me the photograph.

## Notes From Your District Councillor

*Richard sent these notes to me the day before he sadly passed away. I wasn't sure if I should publish them, but decided to do so as a tribute to Richard. They show the sort of person he was: a person who did a great deal for our community whilst making sure that others got the credit they deserved.*

At last the evenings are drawing out and the first lambs have been seen in the fields so Spring can't be far away, can it?

If like me you pick up local papers when you are on holiday and read the notes from Parish Council meetings you will realise that most towns and villages have three issues in common: Parking, Street Lights and the eternal Dog Poo.

Let me assure you that all the Parish Council meetings I attend are fully aware of these problems and are constantly trying to come up with solutions. Parish Councillors do a great job and help to keep our area such a wonderful place to live in, but in reality it is up to us all to do our bit. Most of our local groups are in need of support on their committees; if you feel you could offer help I am sure I can find something to suit your interests.

The NHS seems to be in the news a lot at the moment. A & E services are under review but the latest figures from the Friarage Hospital are, in my opinion, very encouraging - but there is concern over the future of A & E and Maternity Services at Darlington Memorial Hospital. Consultations are ongoing so let's hope we hear some

positive news soon. The air ambulance service is such an asset particularly in such a rural area as ours so remember to pop your loose change in the collection boxes when you see one.

Front line staff do a fantastic job and rarely get the credit they deserve and that goes for our teachers, waste collectors, post men and women etc.

The Methodist Chapels in Arkengarthdale and Reeth are now being advertised in the first instance for community use. If you have any thoughts then please contact me and I will pass on your ideas.

Now, shall I get the lawn mower out or make a brew?

**Richard Beal**  
**District Councillor for Reeth and Arkengarthdale Ward**  
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*Many people will miss Richard. I for one will miss the banter; even his requests for me to play some 'proper music' in the shop instead of that 'Bruce What's His Name' rubbish; not to mention his complaints about the references to Hull in the Gazette.*

*More than once, Richard sent me his 'Notes' for the Gazette too late and I was unable to print them. He claimed it was a conspiracy and I was deliberately trying to silence him. My last communication with him was a reply to his e-mail sending the notes and in which he hoped he wasn't too late. I simply said: 'I bet you were born late,' and waited for his riposte.*

*I don't know if he entered this world late; but I know without a shadow of a doubt that he left it far too early.*

*Rest in peace, Richard. I'll play some Bruce Springsteen in your memory.*

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- 1 Debbie Reynolds, sang in the rain
- 2 Alec Guinness, a beer
- 3 Doris Day, a quiet storm
- 4 Heath Ledger, The Joker
- 5 Agnetha Faltskog, the blond one
- 6 Raphael, a Turtle
- 7 James Garner, modelled bathing suits
- 8 Juan Ponce de León, invented Florida
- 9 Carl Perkins, don't step on his shoes
- 10 Vincent, not very good, Kompany
- 11 Ian Bell, classy cricketer
- 12 David Cassidy, heartthrob
- 13 Al Green, wanted to stay together because he was tired of being alone
- 14 Robert Carlyle, naked train spotter
- 15 Elizabeth Montgomery, a witch with a twitchy nose
- 16 Wilbur Wright, Orville's brother
- 17 Daffy Duck, a duck (No relation)
- 18 Rick Moranis, shrank his kids
- 19 Jayne Mansfield, pianist and violinist
- 20 George Takei, flew The Enterprise
- 21 Iggy Pop, ugly bloke
- 22 Jack Nicholson, another Joker - not as good as Heath Ledger
- 23 Shirley Temple, sailed on the Goodship Lollipop
- 24 Margashayam Venkataramana, spinner
- 25 Ella Fitzgerald, The Queen of Jazz
- 26 Melania Trump, copies speeches. (Fake news, that)
- 27 Ann Peebles, didn't like the rain
- 28 Ferruccio Lamborghini, made tractors for local farmers in Italy
- 29 Phil Tufnell, founder of Tufty Club
- 30 Carl Friedrich Gauss, invented algebra - Boo!

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## 2 Dales Football

The Under 12s played Catterick Village at home in the Cup quarter final on a fine day. Village took a 2 goal lead at half time, the second from a free kick. Dales came fighting back in the second half. Dan Webster finished from good play by Luke Dent and Marko Jones (our youngest player). Dan again made no mistake when awarded a penalty to equalise at full time. Being a cup match it went to extra time and Village scored an early goal. Dales had given everything in the second half and were tiring with little opportunity for substitutes. Village capitalised on this scoring 4 more. Lost 2-7 but Dales had played well.

The next week Thirsk Falcons requested a Saturday KO and we agreed to accommodate them but sadly it seemed only to enable them to play their Teesside league players. Added to this Dales were unlucky hitting the woodwork while most of Falcons chances resulted in goals. We were also without Luke and Joe Alderson had to come off ill but only after Joe had scored as did Dan Webster. We got 2

but Falcons got rather more.

Dales travelled to Ripon on a wet afternoon to play on a very muddy pitch. Ripon opened the scoring and engaged in some rather too physical play but Joe equalised from a long shot. In the second half Ellen appeared to save the ball only to slip down in the thick mud and see the ball trickle over the line. Ripon scored again and Marko came on to play some good football and I also thought Fin Clark was notable but we were really beaten by the conditions.

I don't have a report for the Under 10s Futsal finals day when 2Dales and Spennithorne each fielded their own teams but having knocked out Spennithorne we became short of players and were knocked out at the semi-final stage. I felt that at full strength we could have gone all the way.

Back on grass they played their league Cup semi-final v Catterick Village Panthers. We started well and had chances but it was Panthers who took a 2 goal lead adding another just before half time. Theo Webster beat 2 defenders to pull one back before Oliver Scott and Josh Luchford battled hard in midfield to give Theo a chance to make it 4-2. Panthers then

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scored from a corner then Shawn Mattin following some good skills scored from 20 yds. Panthers then made it 6 before Alfred Atkin made a good run to pass to Theo who scored and then Theo beat 3 village players to make it 6-5 and Panthers' coaches looking worried. Panthers sealed it in the last minute to win 7-5. All our squad played hard and Jack Dalton and Ryan Howard performed well while Ben Alderson had a Messi run beating 4 players.

The next week they played a League match against Catterick Village Under 9s. They are a slightly younger team but we were not at full strength. Both teams played well with end to end football; Will Tyralla made two excellent saves to keep Village at bay. Josh made some good runs down the left; one run he crossed the ball to Oliver who passed to Ryan who scored. Village came back and made chances and only good tackling from Alfred and Ben kept Spenni/Dales in the game and take a 1-0 lead into half time.

The second half saw chances at both ends but good play from both teams kept that score until the last 10 minutes. Following a Spenni/Dales attack the ball came back to the halfway line, won by Jack who passed to Oliver who controlled and shot from 25yds over the keeper into the top corner for one of the best goals of the season. Won 2-0, a really good game with well-matched teams. It was a tough game with some hard tackling and quality football.

**We still really need a coach to try and resurrect an Under 8 team.**

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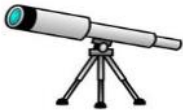
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## Astronomy in the Two Dales

Hello, Starboy here, taking over from Starman for the next few months while he is busy rebuilding his starship. He has of course timed his break to coincide with the lighter evenings when it is difficult to do much astronomy. But anyway, here goes.

April is the last month in which the sky gets fully dark, and is a good time to observe the phases of twilight. The sun sets in Reeth at around 7.45 BST (British Summer Time) on the 1st of April, and then sets about 2 minutes later each day. But it doesn't get fully dark until the end of the evening and, as the sky darkens, you can do some interesting experiments.

The first of these requires a reasonable view low to the East, for example down Swaledale towards Richmond. If you have such a view, go out shortly after sunset on a clear night and look East. If conditions are favourable, you should be able to see the grey shadow of the Earth rising, surrounded by a semi-circle of pink. This pink area is known as the belt of Venus, and is caused by sunlight skimming through the atmosphere just above our heads. As it travels through the sky much of the blue light is scattered, leaving red light to illuminate any dust or clouds above the Eastern horizon.

The second experiment involves estimating the end of civil twilight. This starts when the sun goes below the horizon, and ends when it becomes too dark to undertake normal activities. The fact that it stays light enough for

most purposes after the sun sets is reflected in the law on "lighting up time", which used to be a full hour after sunset but now (because of the speed of modern vehicles) is just half an hour after the sun goes down.

In terms of astronomy, the end of civil twilight is marked by the appearance of the first true stars. You have to discount the planets Mars and Jupiter, which will appear low in the West and East respectively as the sky darkens. But it is fun, especially if it isn't too cold, to sit outside and see who can spot the first stars and how long after sunset they appear.

The next phase of twilight is called "Nautical Twilight" because ships at sea can still see the horizon. When that can no longer be seen, we enter astronomical twilight, when only astronomers moan that it isn't fully dark yet. You can observe these changes with the Cyanometer printed on the next page. (That's a big word for a blue colour-chart.) Go outside on a clear night as the sun sets and hold the chart up towards the sky every 20 minutes or so to compare colours (a sun-lounger helps avoid falling over backwards). The colour high in the sky is best. Oh, and avoid any neighbours who might be puzzled, to say the least, as to why you are trying to read the gazette in the dark.

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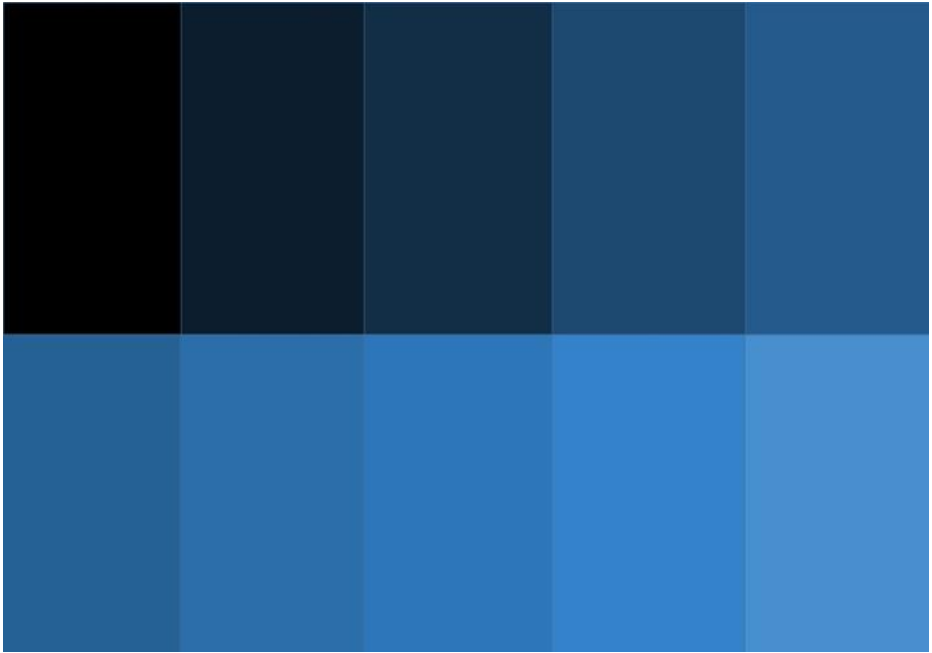
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## Reeth Gazette Community Chest

This month's recipient is a ragged group of individuals. Lone Ranger Mike explains:

The **Ragged Robins Conservation Volunteers** are a merry band of 20+ men and women who give their time to maintain, improve and generally look after many of the footpaths and bridleways around Swaledale & Arkengarthdale; and occasionally further afield in Wensleydale. Nearly every Thursday they will be out somewhere in the area. In 2016 they gave 514 work days over 45 working Thursdays. They come from as far as Washington, Northallerton and Healaugh.

The group have been operational in one guise or another for at least 10 years; carrying out conservation tasks as volunteers in the Yorkshire Dales National Park. They originated from a group of keen walkers from the Richmond area who were keen to contribute to the upkeep and conservation of the area. All their work is set by the National Park Rangers and can include anything from repairing dry stone wall stiles, strimming footpaths of overgrown vegetation, fixing gates, laying improved surfaces or maintaining drainage. You name it, they'll have a go.

Last month they were helping to reinforce the riverbank at Low Row by laying a living willow revetment. Before that they were restoring the old disused garage on the side of the Whitaside road for use by walkers and cyclists. For those of you who venture as far as Hudswell Woods - you should

be grateful for the heroic effort the Ragged Robins put into the new flight of steps there - it truly wouldn't have happened without their mammoth effort.

However, in the summer their main work comes when the annual growth of all things creeping and sprawling need cutting back to keep the footpaths and bridleways open for locals and visitors to enjoy. Give a Ragged Robin some loppers or a strimmer and they'll go all day. One of their annual tasks is to clear Skelgate Lane in time for the marathon each June. After that they know they will be strimming all those other narrower routes around Reeth for the next six weeks.

So next time you notice a route has been cleared or some other improvements made, then spare the Ragged Robins a thought. They don't volunteer for reward but they don't get much recognition for their hard work either; other than a pat on the back from the rangers - and that's wearing a bit thin.

**Michael Briggs, Area Ranger  
Swaledale & Arkengarthdale**



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## Computer Corner

With Carol Haynes of Dales Computer Services

### Email Woes With New Computers And Windows 10 Upgrades

I have spent some time recently helping people to upgrade to Windows 10 and transfer files etc. to a new computer. In particular people are keen to move email and address books from older computers where all their information is stored on the computer and this has become a bit of a problem.

Until recently I recommended people to download and install Windows Live Mail - this made transferring from Outlook Express in Windows XP or Windows Mail in Vista (or Windows Live Mail on any computer) a relatively quick and painless process but now Microsoft have removed Windows Live Mail from support and you can no longer download it from their computers.

The "Mail" app that comes installed on Windows 10 is very basic to say the least. Annoyingly it has no facility for importing your old address book and emails. There is a facility to import addresses from limited number of web based email services.

There are a lot of email programmes

available to use as an alternative but I have to say I don't like the fact that almost all of them lock you into their way of doing things and very few have useable export functions to get your data out if you decide you want to change.

The two solutions I have come up with are:

#### 1) Microsoft Outlook

This will import data from older Microsoft Programmes (with a bit of persuading) but for many it is overkill and it is not free. If you subscribe to Microsoft Office 365 you have access to all Office programmes including Outlook but then you are locked into an annual subscription. The annual licence isn't ridiculously overpriced - especially if you have more than one computer but it is still annoying. Outlook is also squarely aimed at the business user which means for many home users it has a lot of features you don't need and can be potentially confusing if you want a simple system.

#### 2) Web based email

You can use web based email through your browser. Most providers allow you to access your email via a webpage. This has a number of advantages - it is universally available (so you can check and send emails when you are not at home) and most services now link to smart phones so you can check on the move.

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One final thought - this last method also gives you an ideal way to change your email address from your service provider to a free web based account while not losing access to your service provide account. If you ever plan to try a new internet provider it is a good idea not to get stuck using their email system as when you move you may well lose that email address. A web based email address like gmail is not tied to your internet provider so you won't lose it if you change internet service.

That's all for this month. If you have any questions or ideas for articles feel free to call me on **01969 663798** or send me an email to:

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Historically we have relied on our old VHF radios, which have been slowly aging & failing with our increasing workload.

In 2014 we decided to take on the huge task of building our own radio network to provide coverage in Swaledale & Wensleydale. Anyone who has tried to use a mobile phone in the Dales will appreciate that even the 'major' mobile companies haven't managed it yet.

We are now in the position, with the help of our supporters, to have a digital network in place. What this really

means is that we can talk from almost any location to any location, e.g. directly from Hawes to Reeth via the network & internet connection. We also have the ability to track our team members position during rescues via GPS on the radios.

This all helps in providing a faster rescue service with greater safety for team members & casualties alike.

Special thanks goes to the team members working on this project & the following for allowing access to their buildings for aeriels: Robson House, Hawes creamery, North Yorkshire Police & Redmire quarry. The final piece of the jigsaw is an aerial in Keld.

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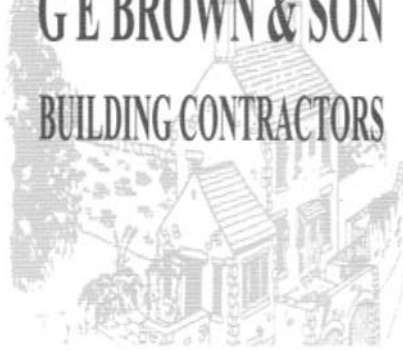
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A lot has been going on in this metropolis recently.

Many will already know the visitor centre converted from former stables on the lower floor of the Keld Literary Institute. Opened in 2011 and re-furnished in 2016, this was an early project of a new charity, The Keld Resource Centre, which was set up to look after the old Manse, school and Institute in Keld and find a modern use for them. The charity restored the Manse in 2008, now let out for holidays.

In 2016 they tackled the upper floor of the Institute, derelict since the Foot and Mouth epidemic of 2001. It is now an absolutely delightful meeting place and multi-functional events venue: The Upper Room. Fully accessible, it is praised by all users for its comfort, its inspirational atmosphere, and the high quality facilities, whether for a lecture to 25 or a team-building session for twelve or sixteen.

But there is more. Since Christmas an energetic and dedicated group of local residents has been creating the Community Orchard. Formerly an allotment, this land behind the Manse is being transformed by the volunteers, and will shortly be planted up with fruit trees and fruit bushes. There will be somewhere to sit to enjoy the view.

And there is yet more. Aware that winter walkers often find themselves in Keld with nowhere to go for a cup of

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**17th April 2017.**



tea, or somewhere to get out of the rain, volunteers, with the backing of the Public Hall Committee, have given the reading room of the Keld Public Hall a facelift and created a pop-up tea room. Open till the spring when Rukin's tea rooms resume operation, it provides a kettle, tea and coffee and a selection of cakes. Payment is through an honesty box, and the money raised will go to maintain and repair the Hall. The visitors' book shows how much it is appreciated.

May Day weekend will be your opportunity to come and see what has been going on. The Keld Resource Centre Festival, which runs from 28 April to 1 May, offers a varied programme drawing on and demonstrating the essential features of Keld.

There will be a Nature Day, a History Day and a Landscape Day, and the festival will be crowned by a concert by the Muker Silver Band. The Visitor Centre, the Upper room and the Manse will be open, and the Community Orchard will be on view. In the Upper Room will be an exhibition showing the history of the Keld Institute from its beginnings in 1861 to the present day, and looking ahead to the next phase which will be the restoration of the school building where Keld's children were educated for 130 years till the mid seventies.

Full details are on Keld Resource Centre's website (<http://keld.org.uk>) or Facebook (@keldresourcecentre) Some popular events will need to be booked either on Eventbrite, or by contacting [helen.guy@keld.org.uk](mailto:helen.guy@keld.org.uk) or 07790401476

David Figures



## Keld Countryside & Heritage Events

**Friday 28th April:** Birds of Upper Swaledale Guided Walk. 13:00pm - 16:00pm. Approx 2 miles. Led by knowledgeable volunteer Rev David Peel observing birds in their moorland, woodland and river habitat. Please bring own binoculars. Sorry no dogs or children under 8 years old.

Rating: Easy - Moderate.

**Saturday 29th April:** Lead Mines of Beldi Hill Guided Walk. 13:00pm - 16:00pm. Approx 5 miles. A guided walk with lead mining enthusiast, Helen Guy. Please bring a packed lunch. Sorry no dogs.

Rating: Moderate - Difficult (steep hillside paths).

**Sunday 30th April:** Waterfalls of the Swale Guided Walk. 13:00pm - 15:00pm. Approx 2 miles. The walk is led by Griff Fellows (author of The Waterfalls of England) and covers seven of the finest waterfalls in the Keld area. Dogs must be kept on a lead. Accompanied children welcome.

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For more information or to book please contact Helen Guy on **07790 401476** or [helen.guy@keld.org.uk](mailto:helen.guy@keld.org.uk); or visit [keld.org.uk](http://keld.org.uk)

### Future Events

**Monday 1st May:** Muker Silver Band 14.00pm Keld Public Hall.

**Saturday 3rd June:** Bibles, Books & Beer Guided Walk 11:00am - 15:00pm.

**Message From The  
Swaledale Museum  
In Reeth**

Things are hotting up at the Museum. Amidst preparations for re-opening we were delighted to loan a range of maps from our collection to Joanne Kaar who gave a workshop for the children at Gunnerside School, part of her Fabric of Place project; and look forward to welcoming the children of Pannal School this month. It is now time to start booking for our lectures, which are all held in the Swaledale Museum in Reeth. (£3 Friends of the Museum £4 for visitors.) Here is the 2017 programme. We look forward to seeing you.

**Wednesday 17th May:** 6.30pm Friends of the Museum AGM followed at 7.30pm by a Fine Art Auction - come and bid for some very special miniature work by local artists to raise funds for the Museum. We will also be offering a range of donated prints and other works for sale. Why not come and bid?

**Wednesday 31st May:** Jane Giscombe and Alan Argent, 'Non-Conformist Chapels in Swaledale and Arkengarthdale in the Christopher Stell Collection at Dr Williams's Library'.

**Wednesday 7th June:** Keith Sweetmore, Engagement Officer North, The National Archives, 'The Train That Never Came- attempts to bring the railway to Swaledale'.

**Wednesday 21st June:** Richard Lamb, 'Anatomy of Yorkshire's Lead Smelting Mills including the special case of Grinton Mill'.

**Wednesday 12th July:** Ruth Rising,

North Yorkshire County Record Office, 'Grounds for Appeal: the secret stories of First World War conscription - the military appeal tribunals relating to Swaledale and Arkengarthdale'.

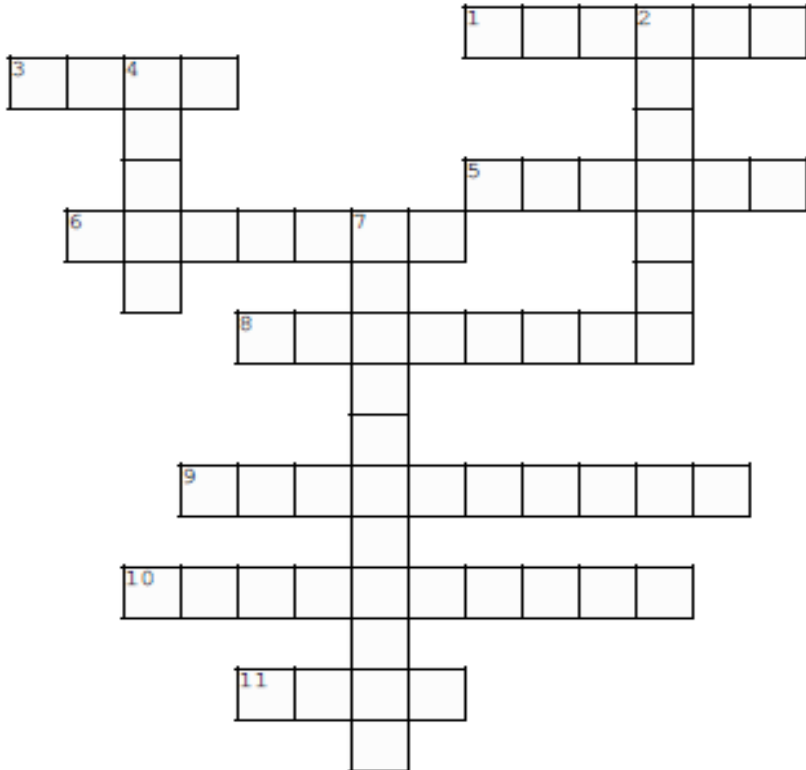
**Wednesday 16th August:** Tim Laurie, 'The Relict Trees of Swaledale'.

Richard Lamb will also be leading a tour of the 'Smelt Mills at Marrick' on **22nd July**. The Marrick mills are important for a number of reasons. The Low Mill is reputedly on the site of Yorkshire's first smelting mill from 1574 and of course both have survived remarkably well. This tour is a rare opportunity to examine, interpret and appreciate the remaining structures and their function within the landscape including the three dams, the two peat houses, the various ancillary buildings, the flue and the two mills with their complete furnace arches. There will be three tours of approximately 2 hours at 10.30, 13.30 and 15.30 Booking is ESSENTIAL and is strictly limited to 20 per tour. Cost £6 each payable in advance, contact Helen - details below.

Keep an eye on our website, and of course this Gazette, for the latest news. If you want to sign up for our FREE e- newsletters that come out every few weeks with latest developments do let us know, and we will put you on the circulation list. For advance information on events, why not become a Friend of the Museum? Friends of the Museum annual membership (single £10, joint £15, family £20) gives unlimited free entry to the Museum, discount on talks, and our twice-yearly Newsletter.

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or telephone **07969 823232** or **01748 884118**.  
**Helen Bainbridge**

**Swaledale Museum Crossword 2**



**Across**

- 1. Local castle that is not a castle
- 3. Local chapel built in 1840
- 5. God of Lead; also a planet
- 6. Legendary local bird
- 8. Man who set up an Electric Studio in Reeth
- 9. Very small and very old tools

10. Romano-British horse harness found here

11. Term for 8cwt of lead

**Down**

- 2. Place where local miners went
- 4. Northern counting name for 8
- 7. They introduced cheese making to Swaledale

**Swaledale Museum Crossword 1: Answers**

**Across:** 5. hushing; 7. dresser; 8. clogs; 9. bumellkite; 10. Bartholomew; 11. gimmer.

**Down:** 1. sandstone; 2. Fothergill; 3. Arkil; 4. Mesolithic; 6. galena. Spotted the deliberate mistake?

## Let's Get Lyrical

Well, did last month's challenge bring back memories? The answers are:

- Nuts whole hazelnuts - **Cadbury's Wholenut**
- They're tasty, tasty, very very tasty - **Kellogg's Bran Flakes**
- You can't put a better bit of butter on your knife - **Country Life English Butter**
- Just one - **Cornetto**
- She flies like a bird in the sky - **Nimble sliced bread**
- **1001** cleans a big big carpet for less than half a crown

As for the tiebreaker: Advertising history was made at 9.01pm on 22 September 1955, when Britain's first television commercial squeezed on to the air. It was a 70-second ad for Gibbs SR Toothpaste.

And the winner is - no-one. What a pathetic lot you are. So it's a double roll-over: £15.00 up for donating.

So, let's go back to the eighties. These lyrics are from some of the biggest singles of that decade. In fact, they all rank in the Top Twenty Bestsellers of the 1980s.

- You were workin' as a waitress in a cocktail bar
- Too ra loo ra too ra loo rye aye
- She'll see I'm not so tough just because I'm in love with
- Sometimes I feel I've got to run away, I've got to get away
- If there's something strange in you neighbourhood, who you gonna call?

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## Reeth Brass Band

### Annual General Meeting 2017

The Annual General Meeting of Reeth Brass Band will be held in the Memorial Hall, Reeth on Tuesday 11th April at 9.00pm, following a shortened band practice.

Nominations for band officials and committee members should be submitted to the band Secretary, Sarah Allison by the 28th March.

### Engagements May/June 2017

**Sunday 7th May:** Lambing Service, Cogden Hall 3pm

**Sunday 21st May:** Reeth Green Bandstand 2pm (Memorial Hall if wet)

**Tuesday 6th June:** Swaledale Festival Concert, St. Mary's Church, Arkengarthdale 7.30pm

**Sunday 18th June:** Wensleydale Food and Drink Festival, (Leyburn time to be confirmed)

**Sunday 25th June:** Reeth Green Bandstand 2pm (Memorial Hall if wet)

Engagement details for the rest of the year can be found on our website: [reethbrassband.co.uk](http://reethbrassband.co.uk)

### Training Band

The Training Band welcomes a new member Howard Harrington. Howard brings the total number of youngsters of school age up to a complete octet.

Most of the youngsters have now been integrated into the Senior Band, including Howard who has taken up a position as a front row cornet player.

There are still instruments available; music, uniforms and tuition are provided free. If there is anyone, irrespective of age, who would like to give brass banding a try, please come along to our practice on Tuesday night from 7.00pm at the Memorial Hall, Reeth. You will be made very welcome.

Irwin Blenkiron

## AGM of Muker Silver Band, 2017

The Chairman Philip Calvert reported on another successful year, including a tour to Southern Ireland.

The band had featured on TV more than once, during the year, both at Muker Show and in a Penelope Keith programme, *the Hidden Villages of England*, where she enjoyed band practice and chatted to members. On April 7th the band will be on TV again, this time with Tony Robinson on Channel 4 in the *Coast to Coast* series.

The officers of the Band were re-elected as follows: Chairman, Philip Calvert; President Mary Guy; Secretary Maurice Guy; Treasurer Dora Watts; Bandmaster Norman Guy; Conductor Duncan Bythell.

The band has lost a much loved member, Dustin Mirick of West Stonesdale, who died in October. He played trombone with the band for many years, and his widow Kate still continues to play E Flat bass. Dustin will be much missed for his faithful attendance and quiet humour.

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The polymer £10 note will be issued in September 2017 and the £20 note by 2020.

The new 12-sided £1 coin entered circulation on 28th March 2017. Businesses across the UK who handle cash have been informed of the need to prepare for the introduction. Many will have upgraded their machines to accept the new £1 coin, however, not all machines will work with the new coin from the date of introduction.

The legal tender status of the round £1 coin will be withdrawn on **15th October 2017**. From this date shops

will no longer accept these coins, but you will still be able to take them to your bank. The Royal Mint advises people to use their coins or return them to their bank before 15th October.

**The 2 Dales  
Action for Refugees**

Our next event is being planned for Saturday 6th May. This will take the form of a five/six mile walk starting from Low Row. A group of refugees will be arriving by coach at around 11.00am. Following refreshments the walk will begin from the Literary Institute.

It is hoped that we will be able to provide drinks on arrival, a packed lunch for each participant and refreshments at the end of the walk..

At this stage anyone wishing to help in any way, take part in the walk or simply find out more, should contact either:

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**Tell us about yourself in 50 words or less:** I was born in Galway and went to Dublin University to study Creative Writing. After graduating I moved to Liverpool to work as a journalist. From a very early age I was writing stories and always wanted to be a full-time writer. I love history so decided on historical romances.

**Tell us something about yourself that not a lot of people know:** My English teacher threw me out of his lesson because I corrected his grammar.

**What was the first job you ever had?** Stacking shelves in a supermarket - to earn money at University.

**What do you like/dislike about living/working in The Dales?** I think up plots for my books while walking, so Swaledale is an excellent place for that. I hate the slow broadband - especially when having to do Skype conference calls with my publisher.

**If you won the Lottery jackpot, what's the first thing you would buy?** My house; I'm only renting it at the moment.

**Which is your favourite film / book?** *Love Actually* is my favourite film. *Pride and Prejudice* is my favourite book. I must have read it over a hundred times.

**What is your favourite meal?** Shepherd's Pie followed by sticky toffee pudding.

**How do you like to spend your spare time?** Listening to classical music.

**Who would you most like to go for a**

**drink with?** Georgette Heyer. She essentially established the historical romance genre and I would love to discuss *Pride and Prejudice* with her.

**Is the glass half full or half empty?** I always top it up before it gets anywhere near half empty.

**What would be your luxury on a desert island?** The Complete Works of Historical Fiction.

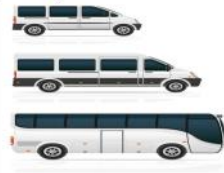
**If you could ban one thing in the country, what would it be?** The closing down of libraries.

**Your house is on fire. You can save one item. What would it be?** The first draft of my next novel.

**What's your favourite joke?** The one about the Irish bookworm: He was found dead in a brick.

Lizzie's next book, *Wensleydale Winter: Swaledale Summer*, is scheduled for publication in November.

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## Church Services April 2017

<b>2<sup>nd</sup> April.</b>	9.15 am	St. Mary's Muker	<i>Service of the Word with Baptism</i>
	10.30 am	Low Row URC	
	11.00 am	St. Edmund's, Marske	<i>Holy Communion &amp; Baptism</i>
	11.00 am	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
	11.00 am	Holy Trinity Low Row	<i>Eucharist</i>
	2.00 pm	Keld URC	
	6.00 pm	St. Andrew's Grinton	<i>Iona Evening Prayer</i>
	6.30 pm	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
	6.30 pm	Gunnerside Methodist	
<b>9<sup>th</sup> April.</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	
	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>
	6.00 pm	St. Mary's Muker	<i>Iona Evening Prayer</i>
	6.30 pm	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
<b>14<sup>th</sup> April</b>	9.00 am	Keld URC	<i>Start of Good Friday Walk</i>
	11.00 am	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	

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**Church Services April 2017**

<b>16<sup>th</sup> April.</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	<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>
	11.15 am	St. Mary's Arkengarthdale	<i>Holy Communion BCP</i>
	2.00 pm	Keld URC	<i>Holy Communion</i>
	6.30 pm	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
	6.30 pm	Gunnerside Methodist	
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> April.</b>	8.00 am	Holy Trinity Low Row	<i>Holy Communion BCP</i>
	9.30 am	St Michael's Downholme	<i>Holy Communion</i>
	9.30 am	St. Andrew's Grinton	<i>Eucharist</i>
	10.30 am	Low Row URC	
	11.00 am	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
	11.00 am	St. Edmund's, Marske	<i>Holy Communion</i>
	11.15 am	St. Mary's Arkengarthdale	<i>Service of the Word with Baptism</i>
	6.30 pm	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
<b>30<sup>th</sup> April</b>	10.30 am	Low Row URC	
	10.30 am	<i>St. Mary's Muker United Parish Eucharist. Preacher will be Rev Canon Derek Walmsley, Diocesan Director of Ordinands and Vocations</i>	
	11.00 am	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
	2.00 pm	Keld URC	
	6.30 pm	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
	6.30 pm	Gunnerside Methodist	

## Upper Dales Family History Group

We welcomed many visitors to our February meeting to hear the truly fascinating story of Alice Thornton who lived through one of the most unsettled and dangerous periods in this country's recent history. Drawing on Alice's lengthy autobiography which she wrote after being widowed in 1668, her own words were spoken by Rosi Keatinge and the background was introduced by Marion Moverley who had written the script.

Alice was born in 1627 at Kirklington near Bedale although her family also had property at Hipswell near Catterick and she had an aunt who lived at St Nicholas on the edge of Richmond. However much of her privileged and wealthy childhood was spent in Dublin where her father was eventually appointed Lord Deputy of Ireland and she was able to receive a good education.

Her father's untimely death in 1640 left the family in great danger and they returned in 1642 to an England torn by warring factions, where travel was dangerous but staying at home could be even more so. Landing in Chester which was under siege at the time and encountering threats from troops on the road, Alice's widowed mother eventually got her children safely to Hipswell Hall only to find Scottish and Parliamentary troops impounding their goods and demanding board and lodging.

As Royalists, the family estates had been taken over by the Parliamentarians. In order to help her brother recover his property and under

duress from her family, Alice eventually agreed to an arranged marriage with William Thornton from a Parliamentary puritan family in 1651.

Alice's journal records the joys and sadness of her married life through ten successive pregnancies from which only three children survived more than a few days. William died in 1668 leaving his family in a precarious situation financially. The Thorntons had already got badly into debt trying to reclaim her inheritance from the Irish estates, and educating her only son impoverished Alice's circumstances still further.

She had a remarkably long life for the time, not dying until 1707, but never again enjoyed the comfortable existence she had known as a child and never really being in control of her own destiny. The story of Alice tells us something of the life of women in days gone by. From her descriptive memoirs we can imagine the life our many times great grandmothers may have experienced, with the added advantage of having a local setting with many of the houses she lived in still in existence.

This month's meeting is on Wednesday, April 26, at 2.00pm in Harmby Village Hall, when the speaker is Mary Randles on '*Albert's Story*'; her research into a mystery in her family which took her to Dallowgill and Baldersdale.

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### TLC@Gunnerside

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**Grinton Parish Council  
March 2017**

**Roads:** Nothing further had been heard on the barrier on Grinton bank or the highway repairs at Ellerton where the road surface was getting worse. Coun Barker reported that additional problems there had been caused by poorly planned drainage which had led to a blocked culvert. District Coun Blows had been following this up and would be asked about progress.

**Ward boundaries:** Coun Barker had attended a recent meeting at which proposals had been discussed on reducing the number of district councillors by changing the ward boundaries and reported back on this. Little information had been forthcoming on how this would proceed and how any consultation would be carried out with the parishes concerned. The clerk would ask Coun Blows if there had been any further details on this and also write directly to RDC for clarification.

**Footbridge:** The new bridge across Grinton Gill had now been installed and was a great improvement. A letter of thanks would be sent to the National Park ranger and volunteers who carried

out the work on behalf of the parish council and local residents.

**Bus shelter:** The roof repairs had been carried out satisfactorily.

**Ash trees:** YDNP were seeking volunteers to take part in The Ash Tag Project, identifying ash trees, plotting them on a map and carrying out annual inspections for cases of ash dieback fungi and natural resistance to it. The clerk would obtain some tags for anyone interested in assisting the project.

**Property marking:** Details were noted of an offer by North Yorkshire police to visit communities to security mark valuables to aid in their recovery in case of theft. It was understood that a session would probably be taking place locally.

**Cycle event:** Notice was received of a Water Aid cycle event which would be passing through the parish on Saturday, July 1.

**Future meetings:** At the annual parish meeting on May 1 consideration would be given to future meeting dates to avoid clashes with other local parish councils.

**Defibrillator:** The clerk would look into any funding available to provide a defibrillator in the village.

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**Reeth Parish Council  
February 2017**

**Repairs:** A contractor had inspected the cobbles on the green and the walls of the pound and reported on work required. Coun Frankland reported that there were broken flags in the Mews and on Silver Street and some still to be repaired at the bottom of the village. The wall outside the GP surgery was also in need of repair and the clerk would follow this up.

**Ash trees:** YDNP were seeking volunteers to take part in The Ash Tag Project, identifying ash trees, plotting them on a map and carrying out annual inspections for disease.

**Damage to house:** A house on the green had been damaged by a delivery wagon trying to get up a narrow lane. The owner of the property had been advised to report this to the police community support officer.

**Property marking:** North Yorkshire police were offering to visit communities to security mark valuables to aid in their recovery in case of theft. Attempts would be made to arrange this at a suitable time, probably in the Memorial Hall.

**Street lights:** Some lights had been repaired but two were out of order at Fremington and on Back Lane.

**Playground equipment:** RDC's report had been forwarded to Mr Whitehead who would deal with any repairs necessary.

**Village green:** Damage had been caused by cars being driven unnecessarily right across the green. Complaints had been received about a van parked too close to the junction near the war memorial but this was a

matter for the police to deal with rather than the parish council. New green agreements would be sent out this year to all businesses around the green.

**Healough phone box:** Coun Longstaff and the clerk would investigate a suitable position for a defibrillator near to the phone box. Suggestions from Healough residents would be very welcome.

**Village clock:** The clock had been inspected and the problem was with the electricity supply rather than the mechanism. An electrician had been asked to deal with it.

**New website:** Coun Gale had created a new website, currently under construction, for the parish council at <http://www.reethparish.uk>

**Trees:** Permission had been granted for the trimming of trees and shrubs in the garden of Sleights Brow.

**Charity Car Wash:** The fire brigade were given permission for a charity car wash on the green on April 30.

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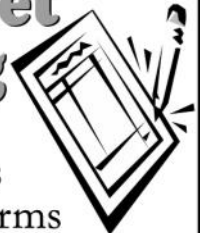


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We rely significantly on fund raising and run the 300 Club each year to raise money towards the running costs. Half the money from the 300 tickets is paid out in prize money - that's £1500.00 over the twelve months. If you have never bought a ticket, why not have a go? The December draw has a top prize of £300 which could be yours.

If you would like a 300 Club ticket they are available now at only £10 (that's less than £1 a month) and can be purchased from club members or David Williams, Terry Alderson, Steve and Margaret Porter or the Red Lion in Langthwaite (thanks Rowena).

If you currently support the Club a big thank you and please continue to do so, if you haven't won yet you may be lucky this year.

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The Club is run by volunteers for the community so please support us; or if you have a few hours to spare why not volunteer too; or join one of the local clubs that uses the facility.

Thank you for your support and good luck.

**Steve Porter**

### 300 Club February Winners

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## News from St Andrew's Grinton

**Come and help count the bats.** We are holding bat counts on the first Wednesday of the month. Meet at dusk. 5th April then next on 3rd May. All welcome.

A celebration of Sheep - our Swaledale Harvest:

**Woolly Day in Church** - Saturday 29th April 10am-3.00pm We are having 'woolly activities' - demonstrations, the opportunity to 'have a go', items for sale and refreshments available - and hope that you will join us. No entry charge; donations to church welcome. Drop in any time. For more information call Rev Caroline Hewlett on 01748 884706.

**Lambing Service** - our 'Harvest' celebration Festival - Sunday 7th May

at 3.00pm. This special 'lambing shed' service will be held at Cogden Hall Farm to celebrate the Swaledale Harvest crop of Lambs. (There isn't much ploughing and scattering in Swaledale.) Reeth Band will be playing and all are welcome to this service with farmhouse refreshments to follow. Farmers and their families are especially welcome to this informal service so that we can thank you for your work.

For further information, please contact Susan on:

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susan.allison@btinternet.com

## Parish Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting takes place at Fremington Sunday School. on Tuesday 25 April, 7.30pm. This is for PCC members, everyone on the Parish Electoral Roll, all regular worshippers and anyone else with an interest in the churches. Please make the effort to be there as we look ahead to the next year together. After a short business meeting, our speaker will be Ray Wright who will show a video of the parish visit to Poland, including Krakow and Auschwitz, and there will be time for some discussion of this. All are welcome.

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You can also pop into one of the local hostelrys for a more substantial meal. All our churches have the benefit of a village pub close by.

The churches will be open from 10.00am to 4.00pm. Everyone is welcome - Dales residents, visitors, holiday-makers, walkers (boots and waterproofs definitely needed), non-walkers, bikers and car drivers. We look forward to seeing you.

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**Melbecks Parish Council  
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**BT consultation on the removal of payphones:** The Council was informed that Richmondshire District Council had recommended that the payphones should not be removed.

**Gunnerside Ghyll:** It was agreed to arrange a meeting with the YDNPA ranger, Michael Briggs to look at the trees in the Ghyll.

**Light at Toledo, Low Row:** The Council was informed that there is a new pole on order for this light, which will be repaired once this has been received.

**Great North Air Ambulance:** A cheque for £50 was donated to the GNAA.

**Wall at Lodge Green, Gunnerside:** The Clerk was asked to contact Highways regarding wall at Lodge Green which is not in very good condition:

**District Ward Boundary Review:** The Council was advised that Richmondshire District Council are looking at the number of councillors, which currently stands at 34, and would like to reduce this to a number possibly in the 20s; although RDC have advised that they do want to continue to reflect the community and not cut across parish boundaries. Swaledale is the biggest ward with the smallest numbers of electors; however Swaledale and Reeth and Arkengarthdale combined would be too many for a single ward. RDC advised that ward names may change. Parish Councils are being asked for their views by July, and then a final decision will be made.

**YDNPA:** Article 4 direction The Council was notified that on 16th January 2017, YDNPA made an 'Article

4 Direction' which if confirmed, will remove a 'permitted development right' that would otherwise allow light industrial premises to be converted to dwellings without full planning permission.

**Ash tag project:** YDNPA had contacted the Council to raise awareness of the threat of Ash die back fungi.

Nikki Adams

***Iolanthe* comes to  
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Leyburn Gilbert and Sullivan Society makes a welcome return to Gunnerside Village Hall on Friday 12 May with a concert performance of *Iolanthe*.

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- 15th April - Easter Mystery Tour
- 22nd April - Harrogate Spring Flower Show or Harrogate town centre
- 24th April - York
- 8th May - Gretna Green Retail shopping village after morning coffee Scottish style.
- 14th May - Kilnwick Percy Hall Open day
- 20th May - Skipton/Boundary Mill
- 27th May - Mystery Tour

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## Reeth and Hull to be twinned?

Following mentions of the City of Culture in recent Gazettes, not least the excellent cover picture on the January edition, Reeth Parish Council has been contacted by Hull UK City of Culture 2017 with a view to entering into a partnership - a twinning of village and city in effect.

The Culture Company was set up to deliver the Hull 2017 programme and is an independent organisation with charitable status. One of the criteria which it has to satisfy as part of its remit to secure a legacy after 2017, is to extend the cultural events into rural areas and the company, which has been receiving copies of the Gazette, feels that there is a strong base of people with Hull connections in the Reeth area, which make it an ideal partner.

Although the matter has yet to be discussed by the Parish Council, one immediate effect of this approach is that residents of Reeth, Fremington and Healaugh Parish, if they are visiting any of the Hull museums, can gain entry for free. Unfortunately, you will still have to pay to watch Hull City or Hull FC. (You would want to be paid to watch Hull KR.)

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Nobby Dimon added "Young people often have travel outside the dales to take part in something like this but we have great spaces and skills right here. Every time we have performed in the

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### **Events In Gunnerside At Easter**

Monday 17th April from 10am - 12 noon in the Village Hall - Coffee Morning for Chapel funds

Monday 17th April at 7.30pm also in the Village Hall - on the big screen, a film show in aid of Chapel funds. Entry £5, £2.50 for children. Refreshments will be on sale.

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# Diary Dates

## April

- 1st Film in Gunnerside Village Hall: *In the Heat of the Night*. 7.30pm. Doors and bar open at 7.00. £5 (children £3)
- 1st-12th The Art of John Hunter - Planes, Trains and Country Lanes. One-man art exhibition at The Station, Richmond.
- 7th Two Dales Gardening Club, Coffee Morning in the Gallery at Hudson House.
- 8th Reeth Evangelical Congregational Church, Coffee Morning.
- 10th Two Dales Gardening Club, Sports Pavilion, *On the Home Front: Wartime Gardening* with Marilyn Elms. 2.00pm.
- 21st Tania Opland & Mike Freeman, Reeth Memorial Hall. 8.00pm.
- 27th TLC@Gunnerside Village Hall, talk by Trevor Hawkes from Wensleydale Garden Centre on "Garden planters".
- 28th *Last Tango in Reeth* by Reeth Artyfacts, The Buck Hotel, Reeth. 7.30pm.
- 29th Film in Gunnerside Village Hall: *I, Daniel Blake*. 7.30pm. Doors and bar open at 7.00. £5 (children £3).
- 30th *Last Tango in Reeth* by Reeth Artyfacts, The Buck Hotel, Reeth. 7.30pm.

## May

- 1st *Last Tango in Reeth* by Reeth Artyfacts, Gunnerside Village Hall. 7.30pm.
- 11th Christian Aid Service, Low Row URC at 7.30 pm.
- 19th Cake Stall on Reeth Green for Christian Aid Week.
- 20th Reeth Evangelical Congregational Church, Coffee Morning.
- 20th Film in Gunnerside Village Hall: *Swallows and Amazons*. 7.30pm. Doors and bar open at 7.00. £5 (children £3).
- 25th Lady Maisery; Aldridge & Goldsmith, Reeth Memorial Hall. 8.00pm.
- 25th TLC@Gunnerside Village Hall, visit to Barnard Castle and Bowes Museum.

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