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### First Thoughts . . .

Much as I like John Lennon's Happy Xmas, I have never quite understood the lyrics: So this is Christmas and what have you done? Another year over, and a new one just begun.' Because, if it is Christmas, then the year is not quite over yet and neither has a new one just begun.

Then I get to thinking: When he says 'So' is he saying it with a sense of disappointment: So this is it then? Is that all there is to it?

Once you get thinking this way, it's hard to stop: Is the 'What have you done?' bit a straightforward question, wanting to know what you have been up to? Or is it suggesting in an accusatory manner that you haven't actually done anything at all? Then again, it could be a semi-rhetorical question, expressing surprise or even shock at something you have done: 'Oh my goodness! What have you done?'

And when he says, 'I hope you have fun' is he doing so genuinely or with a hint of sarcasm in his voice? You might be able to enjoy yourself and overindulge in food and drink at Christmas, but there are plenty of people who cannot do so.

'Let's hope it's a good one, without any fear' can be either optimistic in its hope for a brighter future; or pessimistic because really, nothing is

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going to change. After all, the lyrics are just as pertinent now as they were when he first wrote them 36 years ago.

But then, perhaps one should not over think the lyrics. Apparently, after John Lennon had been told by a fan that they were analysing the lyrics to Beatles' songs in school, John was so incensed he wrote I Am The Walrus and said: 'Analyse the \*\*\*\* out of that.'

Plus he also stated that his inspiration for writing the song was partly that he was sick of hearing White Christmas every year. MAC

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How did it get so late so soon? It's night before it's afternoon. December is here before it's June. My goodness how the time has flewn.

Dr Seuss

#### **Gazette Deadlines**

The deadlines for the next two months are:

February issue: January 10th March issue: February 10th PLEASE NOTE: We cannot guarantee that items submitted close to or on the deadline date will be included.

If cold December gave you birth, The month of snow and ice and mirth Place on you hand a turquoise blue, Success will bless whate'er you do.

### **Swale Trail Update**

As many of you will have heard the National Park Authority is well under way developing its flagship Swale Trail cycling project - a new mountain cycling route between Reeth and Keld. If you haven't heard; details and a map can be seen by googling "YDNPA Swale Trail". I am writing this just to keep you all up to date on progress of the project.

As I hope many of you will have seen currently working with are we contactors using some big kit and plenty of manual labour on the river bank upstream from the Swing Bridge. This is the part of the project I don't like: when it's all mess and machines before the repair and improvement really starts to show. Rest assured it will be a top class route for all users by the time we're finished. I always feel I should apologize for the mess but it doesn't seem to bother many people.

Some people are already enjoying the Low Lane and Dubbin Garth Lane sections; these are all but finished minus some snagging and a ford to build. Walkers, runners and cyclists young and older are all telling me what

a wonderful route it is and how they will enjoy using it, especially as a safe route with children. To receive this sort of feedback from local people, before the route is even finished, is really encouraging. The surfaces are beginning to look a little less new and smooth but they are holding up to the recent wet weather well and even greening up with grass.

We are aiming to launch the Swale Trail officially next Easter. Before then we will be improving signage, landscaping and planting trees and then promoting the route as Swaledale's newest family-friendly attraction. Hopefully it'll be enjoyed by locals and visitors for many years to come. I do hope you will take the chance to see what we are doing and make good use the route once it is all finished.

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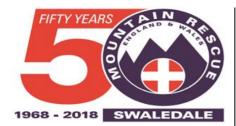
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#### Who do you share your birthday with?

- Bette Midler, University of Hawaii dropout
- 2 Lucy Liu, a kung fu panda
- 3 Eamonn Holmes, wakes people up
- 4 Jeff Bridges, Lloyd's son
- 5 Little Richard, greatest living rock & roller?
- 6 Baldassare Castiglione, 15thC Italian diplomat
- 7. Saint Columba, a saint
- 8 Mary Queen of Scots, lost her head
- 9 Kirk Douglas, still alive apparently
- 10 Kenneth Branagh, a Kurt knight
- 11 Jermaine Jackson, one of five
- 12 Bill Nighy, former altar boy
- 13 Taylor Swift, sold an album or two
- 14 Slammin' Sam Burgess, Rugby League softie
- 15 Don Johnson, Crockett, or Tubbs
- 16 Billy Gibbons, a bearded Top
- 17 Humphry Davy, a lamp
- 18 Brad Pitt, trucker's son
- 19 Alexis Sanchez, ex -Arsenal?
- 20 Peter Criss, Kiss drummer
- 21 Samuel L. Jackson, a Furyous man
- Ralph Fiennes, oops, I've named himRichard Arkwright, invented factories
- 24 Lemmy Kilmister, had a Silver Machine
- 25 Alastair Cook, a chef
- 26 Christopher Catesby Harington, aka Kit
- 27 Johannes Kepler, invented the laws of planetary motion
- 28 Nigel Kennedy, punk violinist
- 29 Jude Law, unto himself
- 30 Del Shannon, wonders why she ran away
- 31 Anthony Hopkins, a cannibal



2016 was our busiest year with 71 incidents. So far in 2017 we have had 67 incidents, with five in the past few weeks.

25/10/2017: (67) 14.30hrs: Team called by Police to rescue a dog stuck on steep ground near Round Howe; owner & dog reunited safely.

21/10/2017: (66) 15.30hrs: Team called to assist Scarborough MRT with an ongoing search; stood down while planning.

21/10/2017: (65) 08.30hrs: Team provided rescue cover for the annual Scott Trial. A cold & wet day with the usual bumps & scrapes dealt with.

19/10/2017: (64) 14.30hrs: Team called to assist Upper Wharfedale Fell Rescue Team with an injured walker over the hill from Hawes. A small team went to assist & a joint effort between UFWRA, Swaledale MRT & a CRO team member meant that all the Yorkshire Dales teams had a jolly out. Oh, and it rained a lot.

30/09/2017: (63) 15.30hrs: Team called by the Ambulance service to rescue an injured walker near Carperby; treated on scene by the team & hauled up a steep bank side then carried to the road ambulance.

#### Fifty Years Old

2018 sees the team reach its 50th year of rescue operations. During the year we'll be holding some fundraising &

special events to mark the occasion. Our target is raising £50,000 in our 50th year, a huge task but you're only 50 once.

Our first fundraising event is on Sat 3rd March 2018, a Black tie 3 course Dinner at The Garden Rooms at Tennants, Leyburn. Tickets are now on sale at £65 per person or £600 for a table of 10 people. We are looking for sponsors and raffle prizes; and we have advertising space in the dinner menu.

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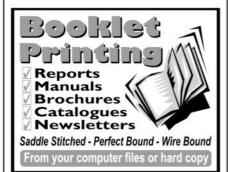
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#### **Christmas Farewell**

Mixed in with the joy of the season, there will be a touch of sadness this Christmas when the 'The Swaledale with Arkengarthdale Parish Choir' sing at the Carol Service at St. Mary's Arkengarthdale on the 17th. December. After 30 years, members of the 'Parish Choir' have decided to end their singing as a group. This decision has been brought about by illness and quite simply the effect of 'Tempus Fugit' - all good things must come to an end.

The choir was first started in order to sing at the fifth Sunday services when the four churches in the parish came together for worship. It was felt by the then vicar, the Rev. Peter Midwood, that it would be nice to enhance the worship at the fifth Sunday services and make more of the churches coming together. Peter was very keen on music in services as a way enhancing worship and after discussion George and Marjorie Lundberg came up with the idea of a Parish Choir. There were five people at its first meeting. A couple of weeks later they were joined by a group from the Methodist Church and so the choir was born Τt became the most ecumenical group in the Parish with members covering every denomination well as those who had attachment. The original few little realised how popular it would become and how much fun it would be.

Since they started, the choir has endeavoured to sing music of a lighter nature whenever and wherever they were asked to sing.

They have sung in churches, chapels, halls, schools and venues all round the region from Arkengarthdale Chapel to

Ushaw College and Fountains Abbey to the back garden of the Buck Hotel (that was for a Radio 2 Broadcast at 10.30pm) They have enjoyed singing for services of all types, weddings, funerals and concerts. All concert proceeds were for charity as they sang without fee, their only income being from members subs and wedding and funeral fees. They have even had a piece of music written for them. Dr. Bull, a celebrated local musician, was so impressed when he heard them that he wrote them an anthem -'Merciful Lord'.

Over the years they have supported many Music Festivals - Teesdale, Wensleydale, Darlington, Consett and St. John's Chapel - with quite a lot of success and all good fun.

But sadly the time has come to say 'Finis.' They hope they have given enjoyment wherever they have sung and that the singing has enriched the worship in the services of which they have been a part.

Hearty and sincere thanks must go to all the members past and present whose loyalty, support and commitment have been unsurpassed. They have been wonderful and their activities leave us with many happy memories.

A particular thanks must go to Maureen Stones who since George's retirement due to physical disability, has ably lead and guided the choir.

But, most importantly, a sincere grateful thanks must go to you their audiences, without whom it wouldn't be worth singing.

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George Lundberg



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- Galveston, oh Galveston
- It's knowing that your door is always open and your path is free to walk - Gentle On My Mind
- I've been walkin' these streets so long singin' the same old song -Rhinestone Cowboy

And the tiebreaker: Glenn Campbell was briefly a member of the Beach Boys.

Well, there must be a few GC fans out there, because we have a winner. In fact, we have three winners: Dave Skinner (who mentions that GC was also in The Crickets briefly, singing on 'Don't Ever Change in 1962.) Peter Midgley and Tom McNabola. The tiebreaker didn't separate them, so their names went into a hat and the first one out was: Peter Midgley. £15.00 goes to the charity of his choice.

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- She didn't see me creep down the stairs to have a peep
- Come and trim my Christmas tree, with some decorations bought at Tiffany's
- Gifts I'm preparin' for some Christmas sharin' But I pause because hangin' my stockin' I can hear a knockin'
- He sent a note to Santa for some soldiers and a drum; it broke his little heart when he found Santa hadn't come

And the tiebreaker is: In which year was the first song in this list first sung?

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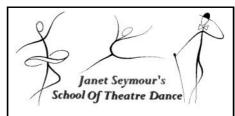
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I feel saddened to see the loss of so many trees on a short stretch of the south riverbank, west of the swing bridge. The work is considered necessary by YDNP to secure the bank and thus protect the new cycleway for the future. It is after all a bridleway and that is their statutory duty.

Well, that is true but surely in a conservation area, trees have more protected status? It could be argued that with a bit more thought and sensitivity, the mature trees could have been saved. Particularly, in view of the fact that eight more mature trees on that stretch (ones with metal tags on) are to be felled - being considered "unsuitable for retention". These are

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eight out of a total of thirty six trees on the Grinton Estate which have been identified as a risk on highways and public footpaths, as part of a tree management plan by the Estate. The Park Authority have inspected and agreed with the recommendations for felling which will take place over the next two/three years.

The only bright note to all this, is that I have been assured that the Park Authority will replace trees lost during the recent works on the riverbank.

Josie Kyme

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Commons Registration: The amendment to the incorrect registration of the corner of a field at Crackpot was progressing satisfactorily.

Ward Boundary Review: Details of proposed changes to district council ward boundaries in the area were circulated. These had been configured so that, as far as possible, each councillor would represent a similar number of voters and similar types of community would be kept together in individual wards. Locally Swaledale and Arkengarthdale would be in one ward while Muker and Melbecks formed part of Hawes and High Abbotside. There were no objections but it was noted that the draft proposals were open to consultation and might still change.

Defibrillator Funding: The clerk reported that a grant had been received from the Upper Dales Area Partnership for part of the sum required and she was asked to go ahead with the order for the cabinet to mount the defibrillator on the outside of the parish hall.

Upper Dales Area Partnership Meeting: District Coun Blows reported

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on this meeting which had covered a number of issues including housing, local primary schools, and public toilets. There had also been a report on the future development of critical care and other services at the Friarage Hospital. Councillors and members of the public were encouraged to attend the public meetings on this which were being held around the area.

Parish Forum Meeting: Coun Coates reported on the recent forum which had looked at an affordable local housing scheme in Hudswell and the National Park Management Plan as well as Dark Skies status.

**Precept:** The precept for 2018 would be unchanged.

National Park: Councillors were invited to participate in a forum on November 23 to look at the future YDNPA Management Plan.

Broadband provision: Although superfast broadband was now available in Reeth, the distribution point in Grinton was still too far from the cabinet to receive the full download speed, even though the fibre cable actually passed through the village. A local resident had been lobbying the company to include Grinton in the next phase of work and asked the parish council to add their weight to the argument. The relevant emails would be forwarded to the clerk for action.

Next meeting: Monday, January 8th at 7.15pm in the parish hall. Tracy Little





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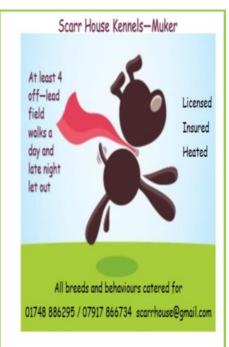
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Craig would like to thank everyone for all their kindness shown towards his father, Bill.

It was deeply moving to have so many of Bill's friends attend and be involved in the Funeral Service at St Mary's Church, Arkengarthdale, making the day so special.

With deepest gratitude.

Craig

### 2 Dales Refugee Support Group

Following last year's highly successful appeal to help very needy, lonely people who are refugees in Tees Valley, we are hoping to repeat the exercise again this year and are looking for the following

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This month's recipient is the **2Dales Junior Football Club**. Here's what David Williams had to say:

The 2Dales Junior Football Club is delighted to have been awarded the Reeth Gazette Community Chest. This will be used to help defray the costs of re-starting an Under 8s team.

In the summer it looked as though junior football in Reeth was finished - we continue to fight and these boys and girls are the future. We would welcome more for training on a Sunday morning.

Read more about the exploits of the junior footballers overleaf.



You may have noticed the lack of recipients in recent editions of the Gazette. This is not through lack of funds, but due to lack of applicants.

If you'd like your group to benefit, email the 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 your organisation, so that you can tell the wider community how your organisation contributes to the life of the two dales.

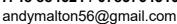
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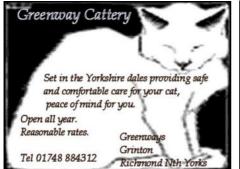


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## 2 Dales Football

Our small but talented Under 11s squad continued their unbeaten record and

have not dropped a point so far this season.

There is only one more match to report - against Catterick Garrison at Reeth. We had 7 players but Garrison wanted to play 9x9 which is a good game and they lent us 2. We welcomed Lorcan O'Neil to his first match playing in defence. We were without Nicholas, our goalie, so Oliver Scott went in goal.

Dales had the upper hand though not as much as the scoreline suggests. Matthew and Lucca from Garrison had to play in bibs and I rather thought at first they were not getting enough of ball being not immediately recognized but that soon changed. Alfred Atkin hammered the ball home 7th minute but Garrison equalised. Alfred then retook the lead followed by Josh Luchford. Dales were then awarded a penalty which the keeper saved together with 2 rebounds but Alfred made a neat finish on the 3rd rebound. Great credit to both the goalie and our players for persevering. Our youngest player, Harry Hammond, then scored followed by Alfred's 4th. Lucca made it 7-2 at half time

Ben Alderson, who had played an

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excellent first half took over from Oliver. Garrison scored from the spot but Harry then got the goal of the day hard into the top left corner of the net. Lucca got our 10th but Garrison never let up. 10-3 win and great sportsmanship by Garrison and the 2 they lent us.

We continue to build our Under 8s and warmly welcome Amelia Alderson. Thomas Bainbridge and Coleby Teague. We participated in a tournament at Richmond and although we didn't guite win any matches and were without our regular goalie, Freddie, they put in a much stronger performance on a very muddv pitch. Hawes. who restarted a team and have a lot of players, just pipped us in the final match. We also make a point of giving as much football as we can to all our players and don't just keep the strongest ones on all the time.

Access to our pitch is limited for a week or two while they lay a new water main to the caravan park and after Christmas we start some Futsal.

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Led by Colin Bailey, Mick Yare and Amy Fudali performers aged from 7 to years old present a varied programme of well-known songs and festive favourites and celebrate their achievements during 2017. Tickets are £5 (U12s free) inc. light refreshments are available on the door or from Colin 07711211169, Audrey Bailey 01969 663319, Hawes Community Office or the website http:// www.blueboxt.co.uk. Proceeds support of performing arts activities for young people.

#### Samba Band Workshop

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## Reeth Parish Council October 2017

Remembrance Day: Arrangements were in place for the parade and service on Remembrance Sunday, followed by tea in the memorial hall, and for the short service at the war memorial on Saturday, November 11, which would follow the same pattern as in previous years.

Memorial Seats: The seat previously at the youth hostel had been repositioned at Reeth bridge. After a lengthy discussion on a proposed memorial to the late Coun Richard Beal, the majority of those present said they were not happy with the idea of planting a tree on the green with a seat around it and preferred a standalone bench.

**Playground:** Playdale had carried out the necessary repairs and the council would source metal liners for the bins. No further damage had been reported since the last meeting.

Christmas events: Carols round the tree with the brass band would be at 8.00pm on Sunday, December 17th.

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**Healaugh:** The grant money for the defibrillator was now in place. The clerk and Coun Longstaff would make arrangements for the installation of the equipment.

**Street Lights:** The light on Silver Street had now been repaired.

**District Council:** Coun Scott reported on the recent Upper Dales Community Partnership meeting.

Highways: Coun Meffen had taken photographs of the extent of the pot holes at High Fremington and the clerk would forward these to Highways.

Road Safety: Coun Mitchell drew attention to the speed of traffic in both directions on Arkengarthdale Road which was particularly dangerous as there were no footpaths. The possibility of speed warning matrix boards would be looked into.

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3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec.		•	Luciui ist
	10.30 am	Low Row URC	
	11.00 am	St. Edmund's, Marske	Family Communion
	11.00 am	Holy Trinity Low Row	Eucharist
	11.00 am	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
	4.00 pm	St. Andrew's Grinton Come & sing carols. Informal Carol Service - donations for Christian Aid's Christmas Appeal. You are invited to wear your Christmas jumper or hat for this service!	
	6.30 pm	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
	7.00 pm	Christmas Event at Marrick Priory	
10 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	9.30 am	St. Andrew's Grinton	Eucharist with Baptism
	9.30 am	St Michael's Downholme	Morning Prayer
	10.30 am	Low Row URC	
	11.00 am	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
	11.00 am	St. Edmund's, Marske	Morning Prayer
	11.15 am	St. Mary's Arkengarthdale	Holy Communion BCP
	2.30 pm	Gunnerside Methodist	
	6.00 pm	St. Mary's Muker	Crib Service PLEASE NOTE TIME
	6.30 pm	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
12 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	7.00 pm	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	Carols by Candlelight
17 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	9.15 am	St. Mary's Muker	Holy Communion BCP
	10.30 am	Low Row URC	
	11.00 am	Holy Trinity Low Row	Eucharist
	11.00 am	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
	2.00 pm	Keld URC	Carols

### **Church Services December 2017**

17 <sup>th</sup>	2.30 pm	St. Edmund's, Marske	Lessons/Carols	
	3.00 pm	St. Michael's Downholme	Lessons/Carols	
Dec.	6.30 pm	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	Carol Service	
Cont.	6.30 am	St. Mary's Arkengarthdale Arken'dale Joint Carol Service		
	8.00 pm	Reeth Green Carols round the Tree with Reeth Brass Band		
21 <sup>st</sup> Dec.	7.00 pm	Gunnerside Methodist	Shortest Day Service	
22 <sup>nd</sup> Dec.	1.30 pm	St. Andrew's Grinton Joint Schools' Ecumenical Christingle Service		
	11.00 am	Reeth Evangelical Congregational		
	4.30 pm	Hope House, Keld	Carol Service	
24 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	6.00 pm	Holy Trinity Low Row	Low Row Village Carol Service	
	6.30 pm	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	Come & Sing Carols	
	10.00 pm	St. Mary's Arkengarthdale	Holy Communion BCP	
	11.30 pm	St. Andrew's Grinton	Eucharist	
	11.30 pm	St. Michael's Downholme	Holy Communion	
25 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	9.00 am	St. Mary's Muker	Eucharist	
	9.30 am	Low Row URC		
	10.30 am	Holy Trinity Low Row	Eucharist	
	11.00 am	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	Christmas Day Service	
	11.00 am	St. Edmund's Marske	Holy Communion	
27 <sup>th</sup> Dec	6.30 pm	St. Mary's Muker	Carol Service with Muker Silver Band	
31st Dec	10.00 am	Fremington Village Hall	Parish Eucharist	
	10.30 am	Low Row URC		
	11.00 am	Reeth Evangelical Congregational		
	11.00 am	St. Edmund's Marske	Holy Communion	
	6.30 pm	Reeth Evangelical Congregational		



# Astronomy In The Two Dales

Stargazing is sightseeing ... at night. It can be a bit 'Slow TV' (All Aboard the Country Bus') relaxing, sometimes ordinary but often mesmerising and fascinating. However, this month it is set to go all 'Formula 1'. Shooting stars from the Geminid meteor shower will flash across the sky.

Shooting stars (meteors), are streaks of light from the glowing remains of small rocky and metallic fragments (meteoroids) that are burning up as they enter the earth's atmosphere. A fragment that manages to reach the ground is a meteorite.

The majority of visible meteors are from meteoroids between 1mm and 3cm in size. Smaller particles do not burn bright enough to be seen, and larger objects . . . duck!

The meteoroids come from two main sources - comets from the outer reaches of the solar system and the asteroid belt, mainly between Mars and Jupiter.

Comets are the main cause of meteor showers – outbursts of activity appearing to come from a particular area of sky. This is when the earth passes through the trail of dust and fragments left behind as the comet orbits the sun. The Geminids are a bit different as they are associated with an asteroid – Phaethon (great name).

The Geminids are so named as they appear to originate from the constellation of Gemini. The diagram opposite has the view to the east at about 9.00pm on December 13th. The brightest star in the night sky, Sirius,

is rising and the 3 stars of Orion's belt should be visible. Observers can see over 100/hour in good conditions - no moon (a faint waning crescent this year); little light pollution (Yea, we live in the 2 Dales) and a clear sky (Ah, we live in the 2 Dales).

The best night to look up is Wednesday December 13th through to the morning of the 14th. Some meteors will be visible soon after it is fully dark - about 7.00pm. The number should increase as the night progresses, best from 10.00pm until 5.00am.

Assuming it is clear: Get a sun lounger, very warm clothes or sleeping bag, hot drinks and a bit of comfort food, find a dark spot, look up away from any light pollution and try to stay awake.

P.S. The bright star quite low in the south east on the morning of and around the 25th December is the planet Jupiter.

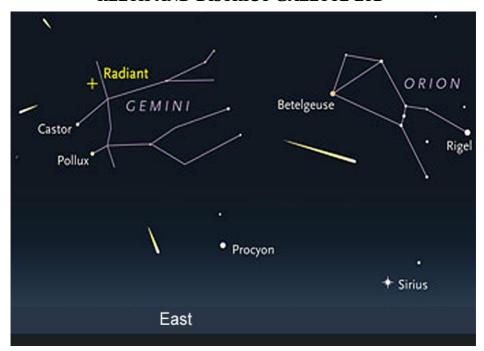
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SCARPA, a project in Newcastle, aims to be in contact with young people at least once a week or more if needed. They also help young people to access support services and maintain relationships with other service providers. Their work is designed to help young people make better choices, develop resilience, reduce missing episodes and reduce risks. It is not 'one size fits all' and they have a number of resources focusing on topical issues including online safety. A box gift of £20 could help a project worker give immediate support to a child vulnerable to exploitation.

More information about The Children's Society's work is available on their website:

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## Gustav Klimt: The Arts Society Wensleydale

The early career and influence of Gustav Klimt, who shocked Viennese society in the 1900s with his sexual imagery, bold colours and use of goldleaf, is the subject of Gavin Plumley's lecture on Tuesday December 12th at 2.00pm at the Middleham Key Centre.

Writer, broadcaster, and expert on Viennese culture, Gavin is commemorating the centenary of the artist's death on 6th February 2018. The presentation considers Klimt's early years as a muralist for grand municipal buildings and royal and aristocratic palaces of the Austro-Hungarian Empire. It also illustrates the many changes in Klimt's life, his rejection of public pomp and the impact of his style and work on the artists who followed him.

In its 50th year, the Society is keen to attract new members who will receive a very warm welcome. Visitors pay £8 a lecture, which will be refunded if they join. Contact Ros Higson on 01765 635244, email wensleydale@theartssociety.org, who will be delighted to provide more details.

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# Muker Silver Band celebrates 120th Anniversary.

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Ken Guy is the longest serving member; he joined in 1948, encouraged by bandmaster Sim Raw, and was soon followed by brothers Maurice and Norman Guy. They remember the two old men who were part of the original Harker and George band, David Alderson, when it began in 1897 under Sim Raw's father Tom. Two members who joined in 1910 were Ken Guy's dad Whit Guy, and Kit White. Then when Band folded Bill (Upsteps) Keld Alderson and George Clarkson joined Muker Band. Ken remembered playing "Dawn of Spring" at the age of 12 - and he played it again at this concert.

A nostalgic moment was when Ken's son Andrew played the hymn tune Muker on a cornet which had been bought in 1898 for bandmaster Tom Raw. They'd only had second-hand instruments for their first year, so obviously were sure they were going to continue; which they have.

Of course the concert was followed by supper in the Public Hall, and President Mary Guy cut the cake and

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proposed a toast to the next 120 years. And what a cake. It was made by Joyce Kilburn and decorated by Carol Moore. It was a Victorian Bandstand, and so splendid that the top layer was auctioned to swell the total raised for Bloodwise. The band chose this charity in memory of Dustin Mirick, who with his wife Kate had played in the band for many years. Though suffering from leukaemia, he continued to play until a few weeks before his death last year.

The concert raised £1,840, thanks partly to the generosity of businesses in Swaledale and around, who provided some wonderful raffle prizes. The band would like to thank: Ginger Tree Beauty Richmond; Gunnerside Estate; Kings Head Gunnerside; Laithwaite Wines; Lidl Stores Catterick; Muker Village Store and Tearoom; Swaledale Woollens; Purple Creative for printing the programmes; Muker Church for hosting the event.

Sylvia Crookes





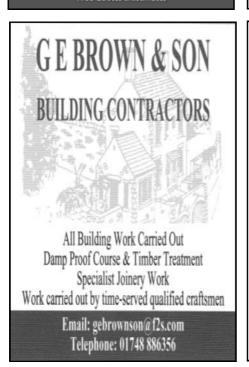
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07967 839494 or by email at fremingtonvillagehall@outlook.com

#### Muker Public Hall Developments

The Trustees of Muker Public Hall are in the process of refurbishing the hall.

It has recently installed a new, state of the art, audio-visual system which is proving popular with groups hiring the hall and the next phase will include new curtains, pointing, plaster work and painting and, in the medium term, new lighting.

In the process of preparing for this, we have re-discovered a large old print of Muker and Swaledale, which apparently originally came from Reeth Institute. We love the photo and the original, which is 6ft by 3ft, is now in a prominent position in the Hall. We are

trying to find out more about the photo and who took it. We believe it was likely to have been around 1950 but if any reader has any information about the photographer and date we would love to hear from them (contact details below).

Incidentally, Richard and Pauline, the new owners of the Old School Art and Craft Gallery in Muker, have made smaller copies of the restored print and these are being sold (mounted for £30) to raise funds for the redevelopment of the Hall and the Literary Institute, and would make an ideal Christmas present.

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#### **Message From The** Swaledale Museum In Reeth

Don't forget the Museum is now closed for the winter. We would like to wish our Friends. followers supporters a very Happy Christmas.

prepared lecture We 'Christmas in Swaledale' a few years ago, based on the Christmas Eve entries made in the day books of Jackson's the drapers (now Scenic View) in Silver Street in Reeth, Guess what the most popular gifts given by farmers their wives Wellington boots and warm underwear. After the Second World War, these were replaced by bottles of 'Evening in Paris'. Do you remember the scent? When we gave the lecture there was a great sigh of remembrance among the ladies. What do farmers give their wives now I wonder?

Marion Moverley has been hunting in old newspapers again, and she has asked us if we know anything about 'John Coates alias Fiddler Coatey alias Swaledale Jack originally a miner about 40 years of age about 6 feet high' Tyne reported in the Mercury, Northumberland and Durham and

Cumberland Gazette 7 March 1815. He had absconded leaving a wife and a small family chargeable to the township of Muker in Swaledale. Can you help us find out more about him?

For more information and booking contact Helen Bainbridge at The Swaledale Museum, The Green, Reeth, DL11 6TX preferably by e-mail at museum.swaledale@btinternet.com or telephone by 01748 884118 07969823232. Visit our www.swaledalemuseum.org to find out more about what we do. Why not become a Friend of the Museum and get in FREE, with reduced admission price to our talks?

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To be held on Saturday 27th January at 7.30pm at Low Row & Feetham Literary Institute.

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Tuesday 19th December:	10.00am 3.30pm	to
Wednesday 20th Dec:	10.00am 3.30pm	to
Thursday 21st Dec:	10.00am	to

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10.00am Friday 22nd December: 3.30pm

Saturday 23rd December: Closed Sunday 24th December: Closed

Monday 25th December: Closed Tuesday 26th December: Closed Wednesday 27th Dec: Closed Thursday 28th Dec: Closed Friday 29th December: Closed Saturday 30th December: 10.30am 3.30pm

Sunday 31st December: 10.30am 3.30pm

Monday 1st January 2018: Closed

#### Thank You

Thank you for cards, flowers, plants and presents and for sharing our lovely party at the CB Inn. Thank you to Michael, Jill, Sarah and Andrea for entertainina evenina their everyone really enjoyed; the three boys and Sharon for all their hard work; Anne Stanley for her lovely flower arranging; Freda for the cake; and everyone for the generous donations to Cancer Research.

Thank you all so much.

Gladys and Lawrence Atkinson

#### The Friends of **Marrick Priory**

Thank you to everyone who supported the Quiz and Curry Night in October. The event raised £832, a really excellent total.

These monies will be used to support the Bursary Fund at the Priory, a fund which aims to make experiencing a stay at Marrick available to as many young people as possible.

We hope to repeat this event next year and have already spoken to the Quiz Master, see you next year.

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Conservation Group meeting & Festive Decorating Session - Sat 16th Dec

Come to St Andrew's at 10.30am and help up put up the Christmas tree and crib scene. Opportunities too to cut greenery from the churchyard for decorating inside the church or for you to take home. Opportunity to get some help with your festive wreath too.

Children most especially welcome to come and help. Drinks and festive biccies of course.

Joint Schools' Ecumenical Christingle Service Friday 22nd December -1.30pm, at St. Andrew's Grinton And Finally...

Many thanks to all those who supported the Make Do and Mend event which raised a total of £124.

#### Christians Together in Swaledale

a Christmas festival is originating in Latin America that dramatizes the search of Mary and Joseph for lodgings. Each night during the days of Advent, Mary and Joseph will be visiting events, businesses and church services in Swaledale. So, see if you can spot them and feel free to upload comments, pictures or perhaps 'selfies' with M&J to the dedicated Facebook page. Search for 'Swaledale Posada 2017' for more information.



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For the second consecutive year, Cambridge countryside House auesthouse in Reeth, were proud the 'Best Yorkshire Breakfast'. The iudae said. 'The breakfast was outstanding both because of the quality of ingredients and the standard of service. I found all

the items in my breakfast exactly as I would want them cooked, and happily enjoyed working my way through all the different jams and preserves.'

In the four years since taking over Cambridge House, Robert and Sheila have been finalists in the prestigious Welcome to Yorkshire's White Rose Awards Guest Accommodation category in 2015, 2016 and 2017 and now winners at the Deliciously Yorkshire Taste Awards 2016 and 2017. Cambridge House has also been awarded Visit England's top award of 5\* Gold, Breakfast Award, Welcome Walkers and Welcome Cyclists.

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## Muker Parish Council November 2017

Planning Application - R/06/51C Kisdon View, Angram: A number of emails from local residents had been received prior to the meeting outlining objections to the planning application. The Chair invited one member of the public on behalf of residents to speak. Sharon de-Witt outlined the main objections as follows:

- The close proximity of the build to Spion Cop, in particular its proximity to the kitchen, which she believed could be a health issue
- Smell from effluent and animals
- Noise Cows bellowing and concern that sheep enclosed and in such close proximity would also make unacceptable levels of noise.
- No proper drainage outlined in the plan. There is mud and gravel beneath the yard so there is a concern that water and effluent could soak into the ground and as the land slopes towards Spion Cop, then potentially it would affect that property. She stated that when a pipe had previously leaked the water had come up into Spion Cops garden. She also questioned how rainwater will drain away as the roof on the proposed building slopes towards Spion Cop.
- The proposed build will block light to Spion Cop and its garden, she again stated that it is too close to the property and is potentially oppressive.

Sharon de Witt said that the owner of Spion Cop - Crispin Coates is working abroad and cannot attend the meeting.

Jim Peters reiterated that the proposed build was too close; in particular he noted the close proximity to the kitchen in Spion Cop and was concerned that this was a potential health issue.

Griff Fellows suggested that the plans could be modified to cover most of the objections, by moving the proposed build to the south side in an L shape around the building and that this potential compromise should be explored.

Cllr Metcalfe explained the pressure that farmers were under in so far as Natural England wanted to ensure that sheep were off the moors in the winter. Cllr Reynoldson explained that sheep cannot be put into the older smaller barns as there are welfare issues. Cllr Metcalfe stated that sheep make less noise and less effluent than cows

There then followed a discussion with Councillors about all of the above points. Councillors agreed to approve the application with the following conditions attached:

- a) The build has a concrete floor and waterproof walls
- b) That the floor has the correct levels to ensure run off does not affect adjacent properties
- c) That the build has a drainage system to ensure that rain water from the roof is carried away.

Telephone Box, Thwaite: Cllr Blackie stated that there had been a change in personnel and that a new engineer was currently looking at the problem as a top priority issue and BT had apploprised for what had happened.

Silver Hill: A site meeting is to be held with Cllr Blackie, Cllr Whitehead and

Richard Marr of NYCC Highways.

Streetlights, Keld: Gary Hudson of RDC had sent an electrician to look at the sensor in the Keld Toilets, the lights outside of the toilets in Muker had been fixed.

BT Box Keld: Cllr Whitehead thought that some work may have been carried out.

Hoggarths Bridge Roadside: Clerks had reported to Highways and were awaiting a response.

Toilets, Muker: Gary Hudson of RDC had responded to the Parish Council's concern about the lack of sanitary bins in the cubicles of the ladies toilets. Gary Hudson stated that sanitary bins are not provided in any of the Council's public toilet facilities, but that there are waste bins provided wherever there are baby changing facilities.

An e-mail had been received from Colin Dales RDC regarding the cleaning of the toilets stating that a new Street Scene Service would be in place from 6 November 2017 in order to make services "more efficient and resilient". He stated that contrary to reports this does not represent a reduction in service and that he would welcome feedback positive or negative regarding the new regime.

Cllr Blackie stated he was confounded as to how Colin Dales could state that there was not a reduction in services, when the toilets were currently being cleaned on a daily basis and were now to be cleaned only four times a week. Cllr Blows offered to look at this issue.

Finance: An order to pay was raised for £90 for the filling of the grit bins. YDNP: Planning Application, Park Lodge Farm and Keld Green: An application

has been made by Northern Power Grid North East to remove an overhead conductor and associated poles in the Keld area and install two pole mounted transformers. No Objection

Planning, Building New Homes: The Chair read out an e-mail from YDNP Planning. One of the main objectives of the new Local Plan is to increase the supply and range of housing. The YDNP requests that builders, developers, agents and any other interested party consider the potential for "developing new build housing" in the National Park and have published a guide to the new policies which is available on their website.

Superfast Broadband, Keld: An e-mail from Superfast North Yorkshire outlining the new services had been received. Residents can check what speed they have by entering their telephone number at www.dslchecker.bt.com/adsl/

adslchecker.welcome Not all providers are offering this service in the area.

Defibrillator Tan Hill: The Council have been awarded a grant of £664.30 from the Area Partnership Fund. Clerks to contact Mike Peace of Tan Hill to see how much Tan Hill Pub can raise towards the cost of the defibrillator, cabinet and fitting.

**Buttertubs**: Cllr Reynoldson raised the issue of water on the road over Buttertubs Pass particularly on the tops and with the weather turning colder the problem of the water turning to ice. Clerks to contact Highways with a view to getting the side gutters cleared.

Next Meeting: Thursday 7 December 2017, 7.30pm

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#### **Reeth Brass Band**

Following the Remembrance Service, in St. Andrew's Church, Grinton on the 12th November, the only other band engagement in November was a trip to York to play for the annual St. Nicholas Fair on the 18th. This is the first time the band has undertaken this job and it was an excuse to have a day out for everyone by hiring a coach with a meal organised on the way home.

Our annual Christmas Concert will be held in the Reeth Memorial Hall at 7.30pm on the 19th December. This will be the last opportunity to play together this year and is always a favourite engagement for both band and audience.

A busy month precedes the concert with half a dozen appearances as

follows:

3rd Richmond Christmas Market, time to be confirmed

8th Kirby Malzard Church Christmas Concert 7.30pm

10th Wensleydale Railway Leeming Station, Santa Special 10.30am, 12.30pm, & 2.30pm

17th Richmond Station Christmas Concert 10.00am

> St. Mary's Church, Arkengarthdale, Carol Service 6.30pm

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There could also be the option of an earlier departure for a two-course, pre-concert meal at the Old Deanery Restaurant for £15 and it may be possible to run two coaches for those with and without the meal option.

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Pete McKay

#### **Thank You**

Gunnerside Chapel has recently benefitted from refurbishments to the kitchen and cloakroom. Thank you to Michael Guy (electrician) and Graham Edwards for donating equipment. Thanks also to local craftsmen Greg Porter, Martin Dower and Michael Guy (plumber) for doing excellent work at

reasonable cost. Also we wish to thank the owner of Brooklyn Cottage, who has kindly cleaned and painted the front railings. Members are most grateful for these improvements to the premises.

#### **Thank You**

Our Soup and Sweet Event held on 14th October in Gunnerside Village Hall, raised a grand total of £283.70. Thank you to all who made such delicious soups and wonderful puddings for such a successful event, and thanks also to those who offered assistance in serving, washing up and running stalls.

We would also like to give a special thank you to our friends from Muker who attended and hope that they will continue to come in the future.

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## Apple Day 2017 Reeth Community Orchard Garden

Glorious Autumn sunshine greeted us on Apple Day morning. So, full of enthusiasm, we loaded apples, apple press, tables, chairs and other paraphernalia into wheelbarrows and headed for the tents.

Derek and Richard were in the garden early to erect The scout tent (juicing tent), the Orchard volunteers having put up the apple sales gazebo tent the previous day, hoping for a windless night.

Alison and Graham laid the tarpaulin for ground protection in the juicing area as things get very sticky when pressing. Sue and Graham from Langthwaite came along with their press to help Wilf work through all the pre-prepared apple chippings.

Sheila and Richard turned up with their delicious Pumpkin soup essential refreshment for volunteers and visitors alike. Meanwhile the apple gang (Janice, Josie, Freda, Eileen and Yvonne) were sorting boxes of apples into cookers and eaters, John Beckett assembled his apple recognition display, exhibiting the wide variety of apples that can be grown in the North, and their beautiful colours.

Maggie supplied us with coffee supplemented by John's wonderful chocolate buns and a kindly donated chocolate cake.

Sarah was ready with paper and paints for the children's workshop in the gallery, with Gill organizing the children's races in the Orchard area. A steady stream of locals and visitors

headed to the scout tent for soup and juice ably sold by Peggy at the counter.

The apple tent was quiet and in an endeavour to boost sales the apple gang set up a table at the entrance to the garden. Successful, warm and sunny. The sun shone throughout, making the task of clearing at the end of the day that more enjoyable.

The Orchard committee thanks our helpers Derek, Graham & Wilf; Janet for her scrumptious chocolate cake; Sheila and Richard for the delicious pumpkin soup, and our superb volunteers who, for weeks, sorted, chopped, stored and labelled the apples.

We look forward to seeing you all again next year. Same place, same month and same time. Yvonne Howard

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#### **December**

- 1st Tom McConville & Tony Wilson, Reeth Memorial Hall. 8.00pm
- 2nd North Country Theatre, Nightmares in Norfolk, Reeth Memorial Hall. 7.30pm
- 2nd Film in Gunnerside Village Hall: Sully. 7.30pm, doors and bar open at 7.00. £5 (children £3).
- 3rd Christmas at Marrick. Entertainment by candle light, carols and supper. Tickets from Reeth Post Office.
- 12th Carols by Candlelight, Reeth Evangelical Cong. Church, 7.00pm
- 15th Whist & Dominos Night, Low Row & Feetham Literary Institute.
- 16th Coffee & Carols, Reeth Evangelical Cong. Church. 10.00am to noon
- 22nd *A Christmas Farewell*, The Swaledale with Arkengarthdale Parish Choir, Fremington Sunday School. 2:30pm

#### **January**

- 1st New Year Fireworks on the green, Reeth. 7.00pm
- 5th T'Owd Roy Domino Drive, Muker Public Hall. 7:30pm
- 13th. Film in Gunnerside Village Hall: Their Finest. 7.30 pm, doors and bar open at 7.00. £5 (children £3).
- 27th Andreas Tophøj & Rune Barslund, Reeth Memorial Hall. 8.00pm

#### **February**

- 9th Domino Drive & Supper, Arkengarthdale School, 7.30pm. £4 (children £2)
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