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## First Thoughts . . .

"You should write something in the Gazette about . . ."

Top of the list is cars churning up the green. It's not rocket science: at this time of year the ground is often very soft and the damage caused by vehicles driving onto and across the green is very visible. Admittedly at times it might be necessary to park on the grass, but what excuse is there for driving right across? And even when the ground is frozen hard, driving on the grass can seriously damage it.

Next comes dogs and the mess they leave which is not picked up by their owners. Or, if they do pick it up, they think it OK to toss the plastic bag into a hedge; or stuff it into the cracks in a dry stone wall. I imagine it is

particularly aggravating for the responsible dog walkers.

Completing the top three is litter. One correspondent complained in particular about the growing amount of litter that is cluttering up the verges along the Arkengarthdale Road. It could be argued that Richmondshire DC should be doing a more effective job of picking up the litter; but it shouldn't have been discarded in the first place. Keep it in your car and put it in a bin at home.

What links these three complaints is that they are all rounded off with: "And it's locals who are doing this, not visitors." There is an expression which in its crudest form goes: 'Don't s\*\*t on your own doorstep.' Sadly, there are a few amongst us who think nothing of doing this - literally-so in the case of some dog owners.

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## Gazette Deadlines

The deadlines for the next two months are:

**March issue:** **February 10th**

**April issue:** **March 10th**

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

## Please Note:

No animals were harmed in the shooting of this month's cover photograph.

## Cover Picture

I can't remember where it is.  
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2	1852	1st British public men's toilet opens in Fleet St, London
3	1966	1st soft landing on Moon (Soviet Luna 9)
4	1957	1st electric portable typewriter placed on sale
5	1870	1st motion picture shown to a theatre audience, Philadelphia
6	1952	Queen Elizabeth II succeeds King George VI to the British throne
7	1569	Philip II forms Spanish Inquisition in S. America. Nobody expected that.
8	1994	Jack Nicholson uses a golf club to attack a car
9	1964	1st appearance of Beatles on "Ed Sullivan Show" (73million viewers)
10	1940	1st Tom and Jerry cartoon
11	1981	Muhammad Ali's 61st & last fight, losing to Trevor Berbick
12	1901	Marconi sends first transatlantic radio signal from Cornwall to Canada
13	1996	Take That officially announce that they are disbanding,
14	1929	St Valentine's Day Massacre in Chicago
15	1906	British Labour Party founded
16	1923	Howard Carter opens Tutankhamun's tomb and finds the sarcophagus
17	1876	Sardines first canned by Julius Wolff in Eastport, Maine
18	1901	Winston Churchill makes maiden speech in the House of Commons.
19	1964	UK flies $\frac{1}{2}$ ton of The Beatles wigs to the US
20	1949	1st International Pancake Race held
21	1848	Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels publish "The Communist Manifesto"
22	1907	1st cabs with taxi meters begin operating in London
23	1872	Engineer James Watt's patent for a rotary motion for the steam engine (his sun-and-planet gear) is granted
24	1998	Elton John knighted by Queen Elizabeth II at Buckingham Palace
25	1964	Muhammad Ali TKOs Sonny Liston for his first world title
26	1616	Galileo ordered to abandon his belief in heliocentrism
27	1991	Singer James Brown is released from prison
28	1975	A tube train crash at Moorgate station, London kills 43 people.

## 500% Tax Increase

On 19th December a report entitled *Attracting Families To The Yorkshire Dales National Park* was presented to the Members of the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority (YDNPA). This report recommended raising Council Tax on second homes within the National Park by 500%. The purpose of this increase is to force the sale of second homes to release them back to the market and thereby to reduce the price of these properties by market forces. This, in turn, is expected to bring families back to the Park. The report was agreed by 12 votes to 9 and has now gone to the relevant District and County Councils for further discussion.

Although agreeing that we need balanced, vibrant communities in the Dales, a recently formed group, **Dales Home Owners Action Group (DHOAG)**, believes that the problem of "hollowed out communities" is not solved by the blunt instrument of taxing one group of Dales stakeholders. It is a much more complex issue requiring all parts of the community to work together. In particular, there is a need for careers, not simply jobs, to keep our young people here or to encourage them, and others, to return after university or college.

Importantly, the report has no economic impact statement to explore the effect of such a shock to the local housing market where the policy would be likely to cause a reduction in all property values, not just a typical 2 bed cottage. In addition, there is no assessment of the possible effects on spending patterns in the Dales and the

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consequences for local businesses.

DHOAG has already engaged in constructive discussions with representatives from Parish and District Councils, has emailed all Members of the National Park and has contacted our local MP, Rishi Sunak..

If you are:

- a second home owner who is concerned about the possibility of this Council Tax rise; or,
- a local business who feels your business may be adversely affected; or,
- a permanent resident who values the contribution made by second home owners;

or if you would simply like more information, please feel free to join our group. We welcome all Dales residents, businesses and other interested parties.

For more information contact:  
**info@daleshomeownersactiongroup.org**  
**Sue Flather DHOAG**

**Reeth & District Gazette**

**Annual General Meeting**

**7.15pm Thurs 1st March 2018**

**in Low Row Institute**

All are welcome and should anyone wish to join the Management Committee please send their application to the Secretary in writing by 22nd February 2018

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**by 28th February 2018.**

A financial statement must accompany any application.

**THE THOMLINSON TRUST**

(in memory of Hugh Thomlinson)

The Trust offers financial support to individuals and groups based in **the parishes of Melbecks and Muker** for educational, training and leisure activities.

Applications are now invited for grants to be awarded in March 2018.

For an application form, please send an e-mail to:

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**Friday 9th February at Gunnerside Village Hall.** Doors open 7.00pm for refreshments and quiz; play at 8.15pm.

Tickets £7.00 including light refreshments (bar separate) available from Reeth Post Office for Reeth performance and on the door at Gunnerside. Proceeds to local charities.



## Soup and Pancakes

Peggy's famous Soup and Pancakes will take place at **Muker Village Hall**, on **Shrove Tuesday 13th February 2018** starting at 12.00 noon till 2.00pm.

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Starting in Samoa as the sun rises, and ending as the sun sets off the coast of American Samoa, the service will have been translated into more than 95 languages and 1000 dialects as we are reminded that we have responsibilities in caring for this wonderful world we live in. With its rainforest and wealth of resources, Suriname asks us to pray for conservation and the protection of wildlife, through awareness of pollution, misuse and abuse, as well as for the situation in Suriname and concerns for the future.

This is not simply a day of prayer for women, but for everyone who cares about our world and those who live in it. We do hope you will join us. For further information please visit:

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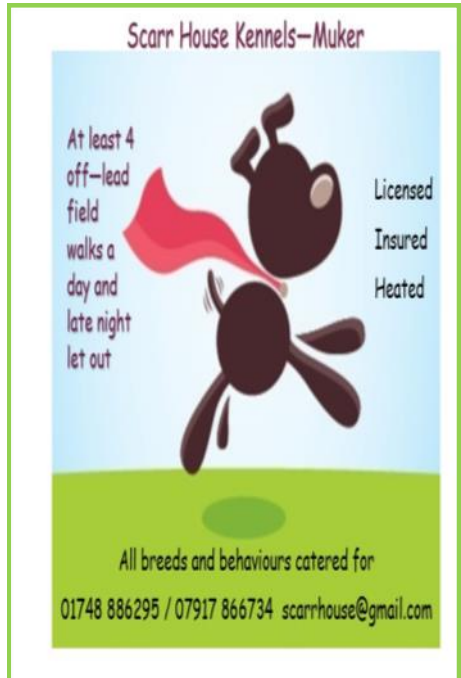
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## Thomlinson Trust To Expand Its Coverage

The Thomlinson Trust was set up in 1994 in memory of Dr Hugh Thomlinson. Until now, grants were made only to those living in the Gunnerside area. From March 2018, however, applications will be accepted from residents anywhere in Melbecks and Muker parishes, and in those parts of Grinton parish to the west of Summer Lodge beck. Should there be insufficient funds to meet all requests, only then will priority be given to applicants from the Gunnerside area.

The Trust makes grants to groups and individuals, of any age, towards the cost of educational and leisure activities. Grants are usually for amounts between £50 and £500. Since

1994, the Trust has made over 270 awards for a wide variety of activities.

More than 25 students have been helped with the cost of University and college courses, while others have received funding for music and swimming lessons, to buy computer equipment or for going on school trips. The Trust has supported the local nursery and primary schools, and youth groups. It has helped adults to learn new skills, contributed to tea parties for senior citizens, supported the local choir and repaired the chapel boiler and organ.

The Trustees meet twice a year (usually in March and October) to consider applications for funding. The next meeting is scheduled for the 8th of March. Application forms may be obtained from the Secretary by e-mail at [davidcrapper@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:davidcrapper@yahoo.co.uk).



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No-one - so it's a rollover.

The answers to the Roy Orbison's lyrics:

- I was alright for a while, I could smile for a while - **Crying**
- Dum dum dum dumdy doo wah - **Only The Lonely**
- Your baby doesn't love you anymore - **It's Over**
- I don't believe you, you're not the truth - **Oh Pretty Woman**
- I had to escape the city was sticky and cruel. Maybe I should have called you first but I was dying to get to you - **I Drove All Night**

The tiebreaker: how many singles did Roy Orbison release? 73

The winner is: Marion Parnell.

The New Year Bonus winner is John from Stratford who sent in a list of over 100 whistling songs (but I think he made some of them up.) His father was called Jack Smith and he used to tell people that he was 'Whistling' Jack Smith. He definitely made that up.

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- I see trees of green, red roses too
- When I tell everyone that you're in love with me
- For she invented medicinal compound most efficacious in every case
- You led me to believe you're old enough to give me love and now it hurts to know the truth

And the tiebreaker is: How many Beatles' songs reached No 1 in 1968?

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## The Stang Road

Winter is upon us and, as frequently happens, the road out of Arkengarthdale into County Durham, which climbs to some 1700 feet above sea level has claimed some scalps and caused difficulties for many due to snow and ice. These difficulties are often exacerbated because the boundary between North Yorkshire and County Durham is at the summit and so the responsibility for treating the two ascents lies with different organisations.

In recent years, whereas the Yorkshire side has been looked after well, the Durham side has not, resulting in many cases of drivers from the Reeth side reaching the summit on clean tarmac only to be confronted with a dangerous and frightening descent on snow and ice through the Stang forest.

This year we have mounted a campaign, with the help of the Teesdale Mercury in Barnard Castle, to try and persuade Durham County Council to upgrade this, the C166 road in question, to priority one for winter treatment.

At the moment, inexplicably, they class it as priority two which, in effect, means all you get is a few salt heaps by the side of the road.

We will be building pressure on DCC by collecting as much evidence of problems as possible and to this end would ask the many residents of Swaledale and Arkengarthdale who travel this road to send in any information they can about problems they have, or encounter, travelling over the Stang (dates, times, registration numbers, pictures - especially pictures). Please send to:

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This month's recipient is the recently-formed **Low Row First Responders group**. Here's what member Richard Lewis has to say:

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Now I am not a creature of habit, so knowing I could 'log on' to the service when I pleased appealed to me greatly. There are no 'fixed hours' a person has to do, no 'set' days of the week you have to be on duty. I pick the hours I like and provided they don't overlap with other CFR's I am then on duty.


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it is so we have time to plan any 'strategy' en route. We can be at a location in just a few minutes, potentially greatly enhancing the survival prospects of someone with a medical crisis.

If YOU have a few hours to spare every week or month and would like to come and join a band of great people give our coordinator **Simon** a call on **01748 886453**. (You'll probably know some of us.) Volunteers like you could save the life of someone you know or love. The skills you learn will help not only enhance the safety of people throughout the Dales but are useful to know should you ever (and fingers crossed you don't) have a family emergency, and need to give CPR (Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation) for example, to an adult or child within your own home.

As I said, all training and equipment is supplied - the Community Chest donation will enable us to purchase some vital equipment - and we are fully supported by the YAS. If you are thinking about volunteering for anything that helps you give something back to your local community, then becoming a CFR is a superb way of doing it.



If you'd like your group to benefit, email the [editor@reethgazette.co.uk](mailto:editor@reethgazette.co.uk) with a little bit about what it does. The management board of the Gazette will select one group each month to receive a donation. If yours is selected, you'll be asked to write an article of 300-400 words to appear in the Gazette, about 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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When? 19.00-21.00

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## The Cost Of Not Writing A Will

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This was nearly not the case when a family friend passed away earlier this year. For the purpose of this article, I will refer to him as Tom. Tom first asked me to write his Will in 2016 as he knew he had terminal cancer. Despite this, Tom kept putting it off and eventually signed his Will one week before he passed away. Tom's Estate was bequeathed to a close friend.

Had Tom's Will not been signed, he would have died intestate and his whole estate would have gone to the Crown, as Tom had no surviving family.

Only with a valid Will can you be certain that your estate will go to the right people:

- you can specify how long funds must be held in trust for children, to any age you deem appropriate.
- You may wish friends or charities to

benefit.

- You may also want to outline personal wishes, such as funeral arrangements or who should inherit particular property or items of worth.
- You may also exclude family members who you don't want to benefit from your estate in a will.

Even if you have made a will, you need to ensure it is updated.

If you do not draw up a proper Will:

- the rules of intestacy award none of the estate to stepchildren and live-in partners, regardless of the longevity of the relationship.
- Unless you have a joint mortgage, the house that you share with your live-in partner could potentially be passed onto your children, parents, siblings or the state, leaving your partner homeless.
- In the event that both you and your spouse die, you would have no say in who becomes your children's guardian. If your child or children are under the age of 18 it is important you have a Will for this reason.
- You may not want parents or siblings to benefit to the detriment of your spouse.

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- There may be personal wishes that cannot be fulfilled without a will.
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- Failure to have a Will can cause acrimony and complications. Look no further than famous stars such as Barry White, Bob Marley and Jimi Hendrix whose families squabbled for years because they all died intestate.

A client's mother recently passed away and they were unable to find the Will. Not knowing their mother's wishes, they decided upon a cremation ceremony. Only weeks after the funeral, they found a document stating that their mother had purchased a burial plot many years ago. This has been difficult for the family to come to terms with, knowing that their mother's

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## Upper Dales Family History Group

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Jennifer is an historic building surveyor and the talk will cover several of the farmsteads which she recorded with a volunteer historic buildings survey group, not only looking at the fabric of the buildings but also placing them in their landscape setting and local historic context.

The UDFHG are also arranging another 'Gathering' on **Saturday, March 24**, at the Dales Countryside Museum in Hawes. The Gathering is a

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Presentations cover a wide range of topics, from a tale of murder and mayhem to cheese making in Teesdale, and include the research behind the recent Richmondshire Youth Theatre production 'Miners of Lead', the making of Voices from the Land, an exhibition of photographs and recordings of contemporary farming life in the dales, as well as a look at some of the lead mining material in the Museum.

The event is open to everyone and the cost of £15 includes a buffet lunch provided by the Firebox Café, tea and coffee during the day, free parking on site and free entry to the display areas of the Museum. The day starts with coffee from 9.30am and ends around 5.00pm.

For more information or to book contact 07432677783; email: [tracy@swaledale.org](mailto:tracy@swaledale.org); or see the group's website at: [www.upperdalesfhg.org.uk/gathering.htm](http://www.upperdalesfhg.org.uk/gathering.htm) Tracy Little





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## Richard Birks

It is with great sadness that we heard of the untimely death of Richard following a tragic motor accident.

Richard who was genuinely interested in people, was one of the founders and a very keen supporter of the Reeth and District Gazette.

In the beginning he was the Advertising Manager working alongside the first editor Peter Brant. He handled most of the adverts for the Gazette for nearly nine years.

A very skilled designer, Richard had his own computer graphic design company which concentrated on advertising. Before moving to Arkengarthdale, Richard was based in Brussels and it was there that he met his wife Barbara.

Richard's computer skills played an important part in the development of the early Gazettes and we were very lucky to be able to access his skills. He produced some very fine art work for adverts in the Gazette.

Even now with the advent of full colour advertising and all the changes modern technology can bring, there are still remnants of Richard's art work to be seen in the Gazette. But the lasting reminder of his skills is our logo. Richard designed this and it was something of which he was very proud and it is most certainly his intellectual property.

Thanks for everything Richard.

**George Lundberg**



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## Church Services February 2018

4 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	9.15 am	St. Mary's Muker	<i>Eucharist</i>
	10.30 am	Low Row URC	
	11.00 am	St. Edmund's, Marske	<i>Holy Communion</i>
	11.00 am	Holy Trinity Low Row	<i>Eucharist</i>
	11.00 am	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
	2.00 pm	Keld URC	
	2.30 pm	Gunnerside Methodist	
	6.00 pm	St. Andrew's Grinton at Fremington Sunday School	<i>Iona Evening Prayer</i>
	6.30 pm	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
11 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	9.30 am	St. Andrew's Grinton at Fremington Sunday School	<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>
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14 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	10.00 am	St Andrew's Grinton	<i>Holy Communion BCP with Ashing</i>

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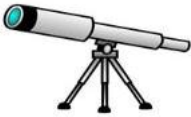
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**Church Services February 2018**

<b>18<sup>th</sup> Feb.</b>	9.15 pm	St. Mary's Muker	<i>Holy Communion BCP</i>
	10.30 am	Low Row URC	
	11.00 am	Holy Trinity Low Row	<i>Eucharist</i>
	11.00 am	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
	11.00 am	St. Edmund's, Marske	<i>Holy Communion</i>
	2.00 pm	Keld URC	
	2.30 pm	Gunnerside Methodist	<i>Holy Communion</i>
	6.30 pm	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
<b>25<sup>th</sup> Feb.</b>	9.30 am	St. Andrew's Grinton <i>at Fremington Sunday School</i>	<i>Eucharist</i>
	9.30 am	St Michael's Downholme	<i>Holy Communion</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>Holy Communion BCP</i>
	6.30 pm	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
The Methodist Minister for the two Dales is Rev. Les Nevin, who can be contacted on <b>01748 823149</b> or by email: les.nevin@icloud.com		Rev David Levell minister of Reeth Evangelical Congregational Church can be contacted on <b>07582 575815</b> or by email through the church website at <a href="http://www.reethecc.co.uk">www.reethecc.co.uk</a>	
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## Astronomy In The Two Dales

As highlighted last month, the deep winter night sky is dominated by the constellation of Orion - the Hunter. The chart on the opposite page shows the sky to the south at about 8.00pm on February 15th. This is also the date of the new moon and the sky will be nice and dark for a few days before and after.

Orion can be used as an aid to locating other constellations and stars. By extending the line of the Belt south-eastward, Sirius the brightest visible star and part of Canis Major (Greater Dog) can be found; extending the line north-westward leads to Aldebaran the 'red giant' eye of Taurus (the Bull). A line eastward across the shoulders points in the direction of Procyon, part of Canis Minor (Lesser Dog). A line from Rigel (bottom right) up through Betelgeuse (top left) points to Castor and Pollux - the two brightest stars in Gemini (The Twins). The winter Milky Way may be glimpsed as a faint band of hazy light running up past the east of Orion.

This February half term sees the third annual Yorkshire Dales Dark Sky

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A huge thank you to everyone who contributed and helped in anyway, with our recent Christmas appeal to help refugees on Teesside.

As you know, Christmas is a time for celebration with family and friends. It can also be a very lonely and miserable time when you don't have family and friends around you and when you are in extreme poverty.

On Wednesday 13th December 2017, all the items which had been donated by so many very generous people in the dales, were delivered to the Mary Thompson Trust in Middlesbrough.

Imagine our shock when we arrived, to find BBC Look North camera, Tyne Tees camera plus reporters from Radio Tees and Northern Echo all wanting interviews etc. This had all been arranged by our friends on Teesside to show how grateful they are for all our support.

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So thank you to each and every one who helped.

**Chris Watts**

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## Reeth Memorial Hall Events

**Friday 16th February, 8.00pm:** **Megson** are award-winning Teesside musicians, Debs Hanna (vocals, whistle, accordion) and Stu Hanna (vocals, guitar, mandola, banjo). See [www.megsonmusic.co.uk](http://www.megsonmusic.co.uk) Back by popular demand. Tickets £14 (£16 on the door)

**Friday 9th March, 8.00pm:** **The Emily Askew Band.** A thrilling collaboration where Medieval and Renaissance melodies/songs fuse with modern folk styles. Emily is a multi-instrumentalist playing vielle, shawm, bagpipes, recorders and medieval harp. She is joined by singer/guitarist/fiddler Jamie Roberts and fiddler/viola d'amore playing John Dipper. See [www.emilyaskewband.co.uk](http://www.emilyaskewband.co.uk) Tickets £13 (£15 on the door)



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**Friday 27th April, 7.30pm:** **Badapple Theatre - Amy Johnson** (the first woman to fly solo from the UK to Australia). Join Betty and Mabel, the two jovial WAF girls who follow **Hull born** aviatrix Amy's Johnson's final mysterious wartime journey and celebrate her pioneering career. Tickets £10

**Saturday 28th April, 8.00pm:** **Andy Irvine** (Planxty, Patrick Street and Mozaik) is one of the great Irish singers. Musician (bouzouki, mandola and harmonica), singer, songwriter is 'often copied, never equalled' (Irish Times). See [www.andyirvine.com](http://www.andyirvine.com) Tickets £14 (£16 on door)

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Tickets half price for under 16s.

**John Little**

## Reeth Brass Band

Christmas and New Year celebrations have come and gone but this is the first time I have been able to report the band's seasonal activities.

Our first ever trip to Kirkby Malzeard was to play a Christmas Concert to a large, appreciative audience in St. Andrew's Church on 8th December.

On 9th December five young members of the Training Band were joined by five senior members on Masham Market Square, to play carols for the market traders and customers between 12noon and 1pm. It was cold and we were grateful for the protection of a small tent.

On 10th December on an exposed Leeming Station platform it was dry but very cold. The band was booked to play for the departure of the "Santa Special" trains on the Wensleydale Railway at 10.30am, 12.30pm and 2.30pm. Thanks to the hospitality of the station staff who served hot cups of tea and gave us shelter in the stationary buffet car between trains, we managed to play for the departure of the first two trains. Unfortunately the cold got the better of us and we were sorry to have missed the 2.30pm train departure.

The following Sunday saw the band perform three engagements; Richmond Station; the Carol Service in St. Mary's Church, Arkengarthdale; and a quick dash down the valley to Reeth, to play carols round the Christmas tree.

The band's annual Christmas Concert was held in Reeth Memorial Hall on Tuesday 19th December. We were privileged to have our Patron,

Lord Zetland attend. A small, but appreciative, audience enjoyed seasonal music

The second half of the concert was opened by six youngsters of the Training Band who performed two carols, without the support of senior band members. A trophy, provided by Andy Percell, our bass trombone player, was presented to Training Band member Joe for achievement, having recently made the transition from cornet to a full sized E Flat bass. The band was delighted to learn, on the night, that two members of the Training Band, Taryn and Howard, had just passed their grade five music examinations. This was the first concert for the newest member of the group, Lily, she was welcomed to the band with a huge round of applause.

Before the end of the concert Musical Director, Richard Sands was presented with a Christmas hamper by Bandmaster, Paul Hutchinson. Brian Hicks was thanked for taking on the role of Band President during the year.

No Christmas would be complete without members of the band playing carols around the village on Christmas Day. Well done everyone for another enjoyable years blowing.

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Ghislaine discusses the fabulous meals of Toulouse Lautrec and the introduction of Provençal peasant cooking to Paris by Renoir, while including the tastes of Monet, Cezanne, Picasso and others. She reflects on how art and cooking, eating and looking are inextricably entwined in our lives and culture.

Ghislaine is a professional painter, named as a Woman of the Year in 2008 for her contribution to Art and Society. She has work in many collections including the Royal Collection.

Ghislaine's special booklet of artists' recipes will be available to buy for £2 at the lecture. Any profits from the sale will go to fund TASW Young Arts projects.

In the 50th Jubilee year of The Arts Society, we hope 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**, [wensleydale@theartssociety.org](mailto:wensleydale@theartssociety.org) who will be delighted to provide more details.

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**Matters Arising:**

Silver Hill - Awaiting a site meeting.

Streetlights, Keld - The lights in the toilets at Keld are still on during the night. Clerk to contact RDC.

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

Toilets Muker - Cllr Blows had been in contact with RDC regarding the new cleaning regime. Any complaints regarding the cleanliness of the toilets should be sent to RDC.

Telephone Box, Thwaite - This has now been repaired.

Defibrillator, Tan Hill - Tan Hill can provide £400 towards the cost of the defibrillator and with the grant received from the Area Partnership Fund there is still a short fall of approx £400. This is more than the Parish Council is willing to provide. Clerk to contact Tan Hill.

Buttertubs Pass, water on road - still awaiting a reply from Highways. Cllr Reynoldson commented on how bad the tops were Thursday 7th and Friday 8th December due to frozen water.

**Finance:** Defib Shop - An order to pay was raised for £238.80 for the replacement Defibrillator Battery.

**Highways:** Cllr Reynoldson stated that he had seen someone cutting the grass verges in and around Thwaite and Guideposts at the bottom of Buttertubs on Thursday morning and thought this was a waste of time and money at this time of year when they would be better served dealing with gullies and ice and on the Buttertubs. Clerk to contact Highways.

**NYCC:** Street lighting - A letter had been received from NYCC regarding Street lighting, this was deemed not relevant as the streetlights in the parish are the responsibility of RDC.

**YDNPA:** Planning Application R/06/217A/OH Park Lodge Farm and Keld Green - The application has been approved conditionally.

Planning Application R/06/51C Kisdon View Angram - There is to be a Planning Committee Meeting on Tuesday 12 December 1.00pm at Bainbridge. Clerk to circulate the Planning Officers report to all members of the Parish Council.

Planning Application R/06/73C, Intakes View Thwaite - for the erection of a two storey extension to provide additional bedroom and living accommodation. The Parish Council are in support of this application particularly as they would like to encourage young families to live in the Parish.

**YLCA:** Notification of External Auditors - An e-mail had been received from the Smaller Authorities Audit Appointments - outlining that PKF Littlejohn have been appointed as auditors for the parish for the financial year 2017/2018.

**Correspondence/AOB:**

Ivelet- Cllr Porter raised the issue of the road to Ivelet again regarding a number of pot holes from the bridge up towards Ivelet Village and also a run off which had been created some time ago, which was in need of repair. He noted that he hoped that the recent works carried out further up the hill on the same road, to improve the road surface would be continued to take care of the pot holes. Clerk to contact Highways.

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## Message From The Swaledale Museum In Reeth

Our lecture programme is shaping up and we hope to release the final details next month - Friends of the Museum get advance information.

One of our greatest supporters sent us a news clipping of the most recent acquisition made by the Museum of London, something that truly represents an important aspect of London life in the 21st century - a portion of a fat berg. Whilst this imposes immense conservation problems it made us wonder what you might put forward to represent life in Swaledale and Arkengarthdale today. Responses very welcome.

We are thinking through a mini-exhibition called 'Coming Home' which focuses on objects that have returned to the Dale from afar. We have a map of the Dale that was hidden in some office furniture that ended up in California, a little pot that belonged on a dressing table, sent to us from Australia. Have you got anything that has been 'returned'? Let us know.

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](mailto:museum.swaledale@btinternet.com) or by telephone **01748 884118** or **07969823232**. Visit our website [www.swaledalemuseum.org](http://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?

**Helen Bainbridge**

## Healaugh Xmas Lights

We hope you enjoyed the display once again this year. Now they've been taken down the national grid can get back to normal functionality.

A huge thanks to all who made a donation towards Guide Dogs UK. The total amount donated this year was a massive £381 surpassing our previous record of £250.

A reminder that if there are any spare display lights out there we will gladly take them in readiness for the Xmas 2018 display. (Tel. 01748 884675)

Happy New Year and thanks again from all the guide doggies and their needy owners.

**Pete & Chris**

## Christmas Thanks

It seems a bit late to be thanking people for their generosity at Christmas, but this edition of the Gazette is the earliest opportunity we've had to say a huge thank you to the many people who squeezed into Holy Trinity church for the annual Low Row carol service.

Our chosen charity was "Send A Cow" - a bit of a misnomer as they'll send cows, goats, donkeys, rabbits, hens and sheep to Africa to help people lift themselves out of poverty. Naturally, we opted to send sheep to farmers in highland areas in Ethiopia. The generosity of those who came to the carol service was so great that, we raised nearly £1,000, so we can send over thirty sheep. Many thanks to everyone who came, sang, ate, drank and gave so much. **Elizabeth Bedford**

## **Fleece Craft Shop: Designing A Cosy Niche For Fellow Artists**

As a creative one of the biggest challenges can be finding the perfect platform for your work. But five textile artists from across the North-east have crafted their own solution to that problem. The pals have come together to launch an artist cooperative. Fleece is a gallery shop in Reeth that not only provides the ideal place to showcase their work but also brings opportunities to likeminded artists.

Vicky Petrie, who founded the cooperative with Louise Curnin, Thelma Russell, Margaret Chalmers and Janet Phillips, said: "We wanted to create a place where artists could not only sell their work directly to customers but also show the real quality of the products being made."

After many years of designing, making and indeed selling their work, the group, who all met through their shared love of textiles, felt ready to take the next step. "For us it was about being able to create and sell handmade items in an environment that reflects the hours, days or even weeks of intricate work that has gone into each piece," said Vicky, who designs and makes felt from her home in Yarm.

Plus they are doing their bit to help support the region's creative economy, for as a not for profit cooperative the money made from every sale goes directly to the artists. Already filled to the brim with the work of up to 17 creatives from the Yorkshire Dales and just beyond, the friends are clearly filling a niche. The shop brings together

textiles, glassware, woodturning, handmade books, hand-dyed wools, watercolours, silver jewellery, ceramics and everything in between.

Textile artist Janet Phillips, who is owner of The Threshing Barn and a fellow founder of the cooperative said: "The shop has a good mixture of different crafts and everyone respects what each other are doing. I get such a thrill out of running a creative business and situated in the heart of Swaledale this is such an awe-inspiring landscape for creative people to work." Having enjoyed a lengthy career working around the world, the grandmother-of-three from Wensleydale added: "It is very rewarding to be able to put something back into the community."

With the shop officially opened by president of the International Feltmakers Association, Sheila Smith, the textile artist and author from Thirsk, who is also selling handmade books in the store, said: "Because the shop is staffed by the artists themselves it is a very inspirational place. People can talk to the artists about their work and who knows it might even encourage them to have a go themselves. "There is certainly a lot of creative talent in the area and this is a fantastic opportunity for artists to display and sell their work."

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**Public toilets:** The new doors are now in place; information regarding footfall and income will be provided by RDC.

**Street light at Flatlands, Gunnerside:**

RDC has advised that they will be fitting a new LED light which will give more effective light; it will turn off automatically from midnight to 5.00am.

**Street lighting:** NYCC advised that it has commenced a programme to replace all standard street lights with LED lighting which will be more efficient over the long term, in both energy and maintenance costs.

**Tree work in Gunnerside:** Work has been going on during the last 3 weeks to clear undergrowth and remove small branches. National Grid have advised that they will be attending to remove a cherry tree which is close to overhead cables.

**Electoral review of Richmondshire:**

The boundary commission has proposed creating a new ward together with Hawes and High Abbotside, to include Melbecks and Muker Parish Councils to

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be named Hawes & High Abbotside.

**Council tax:** The possibility of increasing council tax for non-resident second homes from the current 150% to address the issue of empty houses is being considered by RDC and an announcement is likely in the near future regarding this.

**Highways:** Work has been done to remove some trees on the south side of the bridge in Gunnerside to improve visibility. Clerk to report the drain at West End Cottage, Gunnerside, blocked drain at Peat Gate and broken drain at Brocca Bank and if possible to arrange a meeting with highways officer.

**Planning applications:** Wardell Hall, Low Row, Dial House, Gunnerside Dial House, and Rowleth Gardens, Strands The Council raised no comments or objections. Planning decision - Spensley House, Gunnerside. Approved conditionally

**Children playing signs:** A resident of Gunnerside has requested for signs to be put up advising motorists of children playing, as the population of children in the village has increased significantly recently. The clerk will contact highways to try to arrange a meeting to look at this.

**Scott Trial:** A letter of thanks from the Scott Trial was read out.

**Next meeting:** Gunnerside Village Hall on Wednesday February 7th 2018 at 7.30pm.  
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**Commons Registration:** Coun Coates reported that, contrary to information available at the previous meeting, attempts to correct the erroneous registration of a field corner at Crackpot had again been objected to. She had dealt with the points raised in a letter and had also requested a site meeting between all those concerned.

**Broadband provision:** Following the clerk's letter to Rishi Sunak MP regarding the lack of superfast broadband in Grinton, he had replied and passed on a letter which he had received from the Chief Executive of NYnet in response to his query. Grinton would be considered for an upgrade in Phase 3 of the scheme but there was no guarantee that it would be included. District Coun Blows understood that a map of the possible coverage in Phase 3 should be available in the near future and he would report on any developments.

**Defibrillator:** The clerk would order the cabinet and arrange for installation of the equipment.

**Public toilets:** Coun Blows had checked the district council policy on charging for access to disabled toilets and reported that where these were combined with ordinary WCs, as at Grinton, a charge would be levied. He would also check the times at which the doors automatically locked for the night.

**Ward Boundary Review:** The council felt strongly that the name of the proposed new district council ward should reflect the whole geographical

area covered rather than just Hawes and High Abbotside.

**Council Tax:** Coun Blows asked for opinions on the proposed higher rate of council tax on second home ownership to be passed on to him.

**Street Lighting:** Two lights in the village which had been reported several months ago were still not working.

**Dog waste bins:** Coun Fletcher-Lee asked if it would be possible to have a dog waste bin at the end of the Swale Trail cycle route as the recent improvements had made the route more attractive to dog walkers. The clerk would look into this.

**Next meeting:** 7.15pm on Monday, March 5, in the parish hall.

## St Andrews News

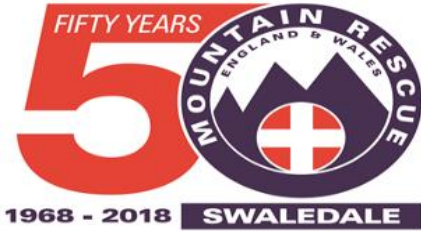
### Grinton Conservation Group

The next meeting is in the churchyard on Saturday 3rd March from 10.30am to noon. All welcome to this churchyard clearing/maintenance session. Bring your own tools if you have them. All are welcome and refreshing tea and scones available for all comers!

### Make Do and Mend

There will be a Make Do and Mend session organised by St Andrew's at Fremington Village Hall on Saturday 10th March from 10.00am until 4.00pm. Light refreshments will be served. Please do come and drop off your mending or ironing - or perhaps stay to enjoy a cuppa whilst waiting for your jobs to be done. The work will be done on a donation basis and proceeds will go towards the upkeep of Fremington Hall. Contact Susan Allison for further information: **01748 884366** or [susan.allison@btinternet.com](mailto:susan.allison@btinternet.com).

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**29/12/2017:** (72) 07.00hrs: Team called to remain on standby to assist Yorkshire Ambulance during heavy snow.

**28/12/2017:** (71) 14.30hrs: Local Team members called to assist with a vehicle crashed down a steep banking, working alongside Reeth Fire crew, Police & Ambulance.

**28/12/2017:** (70) 10.00hrs: Team called to assist Cleveland MRT with an underground search, stood down during planning.

**10/12/2017:** (69) 19.30hrs: Team Search Dog & handler called to assist Buxton MRT with a missing person search.

For our first event we are holding a Black Tie Dinner on Saturday 3rd March 2018 in The Garden Rooms at Tennants, Leyburn. The event starts with a welcome and drinks reception, followed by a three course Black Tie dinner with tea, coffee & petit fours to finish.

After dinner, we are honoured to have Major Andrew Todd MBE who will be talking about the expeditions to Everest in 2015 and 2017. And we have a great live band, *The Messengers* with dancing until late.

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## The Threshing Barn

I relocated my craft business last summer to Reeth Dales Centre and I would like to thank everyone for making me so welcome. I would like to see more businesses being encouraged to move to the dales. I know Susan Briggs from Dales Tourism and Abi Player from RDC are working to help those that are here and encourage more to come. My business has given part-time employment, uses the Reeth Post office for all mail order parcels, uses a local printer, electrician, garage etc. Creating businesses helps maintain local communities.

My business is textile based providing a one stop shop and workshop for spinners, weavers, dyers, knitters, felt makers and textile artists. For spinners we have spinning wheels and a wide range of natural and hand dyed wools. Weaving looms for children right up to complex computer operated floor looms. Knitters have a great choice of local wools, hand dyed yarns from a wide range of fibres, buttons and needles and tools.

In the workshop there is an inspirational selection of ready-made items from rag rugs, shawls, scarves, handbags, greeting cards etc.

I travel all over the UK attending big textile events from Edinburgh Yarn Fest, Knit and Stitch at the Rheged Centre near Penrith, Wonderwool Wales in Builth Wells, Step into Wool in Leeds, British Wool Show in York, Yarndale in Skipton and still many more to be confirmed. I am proud to be one of the largest spinning and weaving suppliers in the UK. The Threshing Barn has been growing over the last 24

years. I run a selection of craft workshops which can be held on a date to suit us both. There is also a list of special workshops held on set days for which booking is required.

### Workshop Dates: February

Saturday 10th: Wet felted hearts filled with Yorkshire lavender will make perfect gifts for Valentine's Day.

Tuesday 13th: Children's half day, making a card and gift for Valentine's Day, 6 years and above. Free of charge.

Wednesday 14th: Children's half day Learn to Weave. Free of charge.

Sunday 18th: Batik painting on silk inspired by the frozen River Swale.

Tuesday 20th: Winter wonderland wall hanging woven on a rigid heddle loom.

Saturday 24th: Peg loom weaving to make a set of table mats using local Yorkshire wools.

### March

Saturday 3rd: Hills and Dales felt and silk vessels inspiration from the stunning scenery in Swaledale.

Sunday 11th: Treat your mum for Mother's Day to make a selection of felt, silk, wire and beaded necklaces.

Tuesday 20th: - Spring begins with this pansy inspired day making a wet felted panel to embellish with embroidery and silk paper and a bowl trapping in pressed pansies.

### April

Wednesday 11th: Creative drum carding and spinning Art Yarns inspired by spring flowers.

Tuesday 24th: Lucet braids are made on this old wooden tool and made into placemats, jewellery and a loopy scarf.

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## 2 Dales Football

A combination of bad weather and Orchard Lane being closed for necessary works for the Caravan Park has meant very little football. The Under 11s had a match at Garrison postponed due to a waterlogged pitch then pitches froze and the first round of the Cup had to be cancelled twice because the frozen pitch was too dangerous. Likewise the Under 8 tournament at Bedale just before Christmas was cancelled for the same reason. Very frustrating.

At least we got our traditional Dads v Lads match on Christmas Eve when former 2Dales players return to take on coaches, parents and others.

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one time looked at only 7x7 despite one coach going down with man flu (now recognized as the very serious medical condition we have always known it is) and one of the Lads not bothering to turn up.

It was a good match of 4 halves (the Dads are not very good at sums) and the Lads went storming ahead. At each break though the teams were re-aligned so it ended up roughly equal even though no one was too sure of the score. Many thanks to those Dads who no longer play much for turning out and being good sports. It was great to see some of the former players come back and support

I am still short of one or two shirts from this match if these could be returned.

Many thanks to Reeth Post Office for the donation of £40 from the sale of plastic bags. This will go towards the Under 8s and on that subject we urgently need new players and those now Under 6 (I think that is present school Year 1s) are welcome to start to ensure we have a team next season.

We shortly go indoors for Futsal which is a good game.

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## Wensleydale Camera Club News

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In January, Club President Digby Angus presented a selection from the Club's collection of early twentieth century glass lantern slides. The slides show life in the Dales nearly a hundred years ago.

On **12 February**, we are delighted to welcome back prize-winning photographer Jed Wee, who will give a presentation on the magic of Norway's Secret Beauty. For more about Jed's work, visit: [www.essence-of-light.com](http://www.essence-of-light.com).

On **26 February**, Club veteran Len Shepherd shares his views of the Falklands Islands, which he visited

courtesy of the Royal Air Force.

On **12 March** is our final presentation of the season: Phil Robbins shares his experiences of street photography and offers his tips. The Club meets at the Leyburn Arts Centre, Old School House, Richmond Road, 7:15pm for 7:30pm.

Each of these events is open to non-members - £3.00 on the door, free tea included.

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Our Chairman, Yvonne Howard, presided over the AGM, which had had to be postponed from October. Various items were discussed, including the ever increasing cost of speakers. The meeting agreed to increase the annual subscription to £10; visitors contribution to remain at £2.50. Joan Rice kindly offered to support the Chairman and the Secretary.

Meetings are at the Sports Pavilion at 2.00pm on the second Monday of each month from September to May. Future meetings include a talk about Pruning and a demonstration on Spring Containers. We also plan to visit the famous Yorkgate garden near Leeds in May.

The Club will celebrate its 30th anniversary in 2018. We welcome new members and visitors at any time during the year. Please contact the secretary, Lee Lowther for more information. Tel: (01969) 326169 or email: lee.lowther30@googlemail.com

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# Diary Dates **April**

## February

- 2nd & 3rd Mr Hunter by Reeth Artyfacts, Reeth Memorial Hall. 7.30pm
- 2nd Reeth Show AGM, Fremington Hall. 7.30pm
- 9th Mr Hunter by Reeth Artyfacts, Gunnerside Village Hall. 7.00pm
- 9th Domino Drive & Supper, Arkengarthdale School, 7.30pm. £4 (children £2)
- 10th Film in Gunnerside Village Hall: *My Cousin Rachel*. 7.30pm, doors and bar open at 7.00pm. £5.00 (children £3.00).
- 16th Megson, Reeth Memorial Hall 8.00pm
- 17th Coffee Morning, Reeth Evang. Congregational Church. 10.00am
- 22nd TLC@Gunnerside, AGM followed by a pampering session, Gunnerside Village Hall. 7.30pm

## March

- 2nd Reeth Show Domino & Whist Drive, Reeth Memorial Hall. 7.30pm.
- 9th The Emily Askew Band, Reeth Memorial Hall. 8.00pm
- 17th Mobile skip on Reeth Green. 9.00am - 1.00pm
- 17th Coffee Morning, Reeth Evang. Congregational Church. 10.00am
- 22nd TLC@Gunnerside Pie and Pea Evening at Gunnerside Village Hall. Please book in advance with Joan Rice 886811
- 23rd Tannara, Reeth Memorial Hall. 8.00pm

- 13th Calan, Reeth Memorial Hall. 8.00pm
- 27th Badapple Theatre - Amy Johnson, Reeth Memorial Hall 7.30pm
- 28th Andy Irvine, Reeth Memorial Hall 8.00pm

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