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*Merry
Christmas*



Two Dales Local News
CHRISTMAS 2019

First Thoughts . .

Last Christmas

What is your all time favourite Christmas song? It's a very difficult question to answer and can change each year...BUT for me it's 'Last Christmas' by Wham!

I remember Christmas 1984 when it lost out to 'Do they know it's Christmas' by Band Aid, for the no.1 spot. It's arguably the best song never to get to No.1.

'Last Christmas' was written by George Michael, then aged 21, in the summer of 1984. It was composed in his childhood bedroom whilst Andrew Ridgeley (his Wham! partner) was downstairs watching television and probably blow-drying his hair.

The song was then recorded August 1984, in a studio full with Christmas decorations. Incredibly George wrote, produced, performed and played every instrument, even though he had no musical training.

George died Christmas Day 2016 (what a sad coincidence) and before that he had already given permission for this year's Christmas film, 'Last Christmas' to be made. The film is written by Emma Thompson who in a recent TV appearance, said of meeting with George, "He was just the loveliest guy you could imagine."

The story of the writing of another of his classics, 'Careless Whisper' is again impressive. He wrote that song sitting on a bus age 18 for pete's sake.

The genius and maturity of George Michael at such a young age is clear to see. I have no idea how he was



so wise about life, love etc. He left a wonderful legacy of songs. Happy Christmas George.

Despite all of that the editor's:

'last Christmas was a bit rubbish !'

Happy Christmas to all readers

Mike B

No Apologies for all the Christmas imagery in this edition.

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Cover Picture.

'The whitesmith's cottage in winter' is the title of this beautiful 1000 piece jigsaw puzzle published by Falcon de luxe. Painted by the artist Dominic Davison.

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David Trusson

Members of the Management team, past and present were very saddened to hear of the recent death of David. For over 10 years he served as our Treasure, always generous with his time and a voice of calm and wisdom. He will be much missed.



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Charity Quiz Night Supporting FCN Charity

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There will be a supper, raffle, a bar and also of course another "amazing quiz". As at our previous quizzes teams should consist of no more than six people.

Tickets, priced at £10 per person, will be available from the post office in Reeth from the beginning of January.

To help us raise as much money for FCN as possible **we would appreciate** you not bringing your own liquid refreshments but supporting the bar instead (soft drinks will also be available) as all the money raised from the quiz will go to support the work of FCN.

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John C

Reeth 5th November 2019



Editor Note : Two items :
(1) thanks to fire service for Reeth Bonfire (left) &
(2) Cor! Reeth firemen are a bunch of handsome chaps, what we need is a Reeth Firemen Year's calendar 2020 lads.
Mike B

NEW YEARS DAY FIREWORKS DISPLAY



Reeth New Year fireworks display

will be held on the village green on Wednesday, January 1.

The display begins at 7pm and a barbecue is available throughout the evening. Admission is free and a collection is taken to support future village events.



Domino & Whist Drive

"Low Row & Feetham Literary Institute invite you to their December domino and whist drive on Friday 13th December at 7.30pm. Entry £4.00. including supper."



Domino Drive

"Owd Roy" Domino Drive will be held at Muker Public Hall on Friday 3rd January At 7.30pm

Comedy Sketch

I refer to page 32 the WI talk. It instantly reminded me of 'The Battle of Pearl Harbour Re-enactment by the Towns Women's Guild' of course a Monty Python sketch.

Mike B



The Prince's Countryside Fund

REETH WALLATHON

19 - 20TH OCTOBER 2019

'225 metres of wall restored in 2 days'

The devastation to the walls in and around Reeth were brought to our attention by our Patron, **HRH The Prince of Wales**. I received a phone call from the Prince's personal assistant at Clarence House. This was the start of the process. The DSWA has organised a few Wallathons in recent years in Cumbria and Dorset. We contacted all of our branches and used our website to spread the word and the 'Call to Wall!' The response was outstanding.

The Reeth Wallathon was a tremendous success, with wallers coming from as far afield as Dorset and the west of Scotland. We even had 2 wallers from Japan. In total, over 110 wallers took part over the 2 days and achieved the restoration of a mammoth 225 metres. There are still plenty of walls that need to be restored after the devastating floods in July, but it is hoped that the walls rebuilt this weekend will help the farmers manage their land over the winter. A further Wallathon in the Reeth area next Spring is being organised where we can again help to rebuild more of the 3,500 metres of dry stone wall destroyed in the floods.

The Wallathon was truly a co-operative effort with The Prince's Countryside Fund working alongside The Dry Stone Walling Association who

were, in turn, liaising closely with local farmers particularly, Paul Brown who was a key player in the success of the Wallathon. Phillip Dolphin DSWA Master Craftsman was involved from start to finish; he worked with Paul Brown to identify the walls for repair and also in advance of the weekend set up all eleven stints with profiles to work to. I and the DSWA are very grateful to them both.

The communal effort from the people of Reeth in feeding and 'watering' all the wallers was wonderful and very much appreciated by everyone. The Wallathon weekend was a real community event where everyone pulled together to make it a great success.

Peter Isherwood is a Master Craftsman waller who came along to the wallathon because he believes it is so important that communities work together to help each other in times of crisis. He offered this quote: - "It's great to see so many wallers from all different parts of the country coming here to help the farming community in Reeth. The passion and enthusiasm for dry stone walling is what brings us together. There's been a great team spirit this weekend and a willingness to work together to get the job done."

A further quote from Ray Stockall, Chairman of the Dry Stone Walling Association: - "Everyone has had a super time and the farmers and others from Reeth have really looked after us. We have managed to rebuild 225 metres of

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make life a little easier for the community in Reeth."

As part of the PCF Stepping Stones Project, the Dry Stone Walling Association trained 9 apprentices from the North Yorkshire Moors National Park up to the Lantra Level 1 qualification in July / August 2019. We contacted them to see if they would like to come along to the Wallathon and they were extremely enthusiastic. 10 apprentices and supervisors came to the Wallathon and were given the task of rebuilding the garden wall of the local vicarage.

The whole Wallathon weekend was enjoyed by everyone who came and they all said they are looking forward to the Spring event.

The Vicar of Reeth, Caroline Hewlett, is delighted with their efforts as is the Bishop of Rippon, who sent this message: -

I write to offer my deepest gratitude to all at the Drystone Walling Association for the incredible work done to restore the wall at Reeth vicarage. I had seen some photos of the Wallathon, and Caroline had posted some excellent things on Instagram about it, so I am really quite overwhelmed that you should have extended your work to the vicarage. Thank you so very much indeed. This comes with my gratitude, greetings and very best wishes indeed.

Rt Revd Dr Helen-Ann Hartley

Ray Stockwell

Editor Note : The photo shows 'commander' Ray giving the troops encouragement and his wisdom. I walked twice on separate days past the large number of helpers. What I saw them achieve in 2 days, what with grey skies and rain was admirable.

Mike B





2 Dales Football



The Under 9's joint team with Hawes played Catterick Village away. With 2 of our players away or unwell and some of Hawes players under the weather this showed on the field. We conceded a penalty and 2 more in the first half before Isaac Sleightholm pulled one back. In the second half we conceded 5 more recovering only 1 own goal. This did not reflect the ability of the team but although Hawes are our local team, the distance does make joint training in the winter a problem and that is what they need. After half term they played Spennithorne at Hawes and again the end of the half term holiday meant we were short of players. Sid Peacock made a good run to score and Declan Peacock made an excellent finish but Spenni were the stronger team and missing defenders showed. Also, we don't really have a dedicated goalkeeper although Rowan Wilkinson and Isaac both donned the goalie shirt and put in good performances (although I am glad I didn't have to wash Isaac's shirt afterwards!!)

The Under 10/11's played 2 matches at Catterick Village. In the first, on a very cold but mainly dry day, Ted Alderson opened the scoring but Village made it 2-1 by half time. Hawes/Dales were arguably the stronger team but having no substitute and becoming accustomed to a larger pitch was taking its toll and lady luck was not on our side. Ted equalised with some good team play with Coen Pickard-Sparne and others. Village were then awarded a harsh penalty and then got another. Despite missing some good chances Ted got his hat trick but a 4-3 loss was hard to take. After half term it was Village who started with an opportunistic goal and our lads let their heads

down briefly but rapidly came back. Ted made a run up half the field to score but Village replied to take a 2-1 lead into half time. Ted made a neat finish to score but Village came back with 3 goals but one was disallowed. This was despite our stepping up a gear. Daniel Bradley then scored the goal of the day with a hard, long high shot. Hawes/Dales then stepped up another gear and dominated the last 10 minutes despite tiring with no substitute. Our defence came too far up enabling Village to score against the run of play but this only spurred us on enabling Ted to score with great support from Coen and others. A 5-5 draw in a cracking game we should have won.

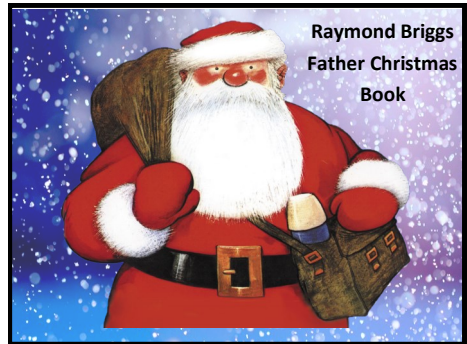
The Under 13's had several postponements until they too played Catterick Village. Dales were a bit rusty after half term and not much football. We were pleased to welcome Will Tylra back after a break from football. Village were a strong team who took an early lead. Jack Dalton equalised with an excellent finish from Lenny Blowes. Loaned player Aidan scored but Village got 4 in the first half. In the second half, Aidan scored twice more but Village replied with 5. We are still missing Oliver with a broken bone in his foot. Travelled to Bedale for a very exciting match played in the best of spirit by both sides. Lenny opened the scoring with a confident finish but Bedale equalised. Without our regular goalie who was unwell, we were very pleased to welcome new signing, Reece Shuker who donned the goalie shirt for the first half making some good saves. Matthew Moran put us ahead with 2 but again Bedale pulled one back. Jack Dalton, in his more familiar position of defence, put in a good performance with some strong clearances as did Will and Eidur Pickard-Sparne. This was end to end football and the score at half time was 5-5. The second half slowed down a little. Reece came in to mid field and played well. Bedale went ahead but Matthew Moran got his hat trick and

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and some very tired players ended with a very fair draw 6-6 all declaring it a smashing game.

We are wanting to start some football for Under 7's, school years 1 and 2 and urgently need a coach for this group.

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Thank You

A massive thank you and well done to all those who supported my Land's End to John O'Groats cycle on the 'Deloitte Ride Across Britain'. The aim was to raise £2019 for the Motor Neurone Disease Association. We more than doubled the target when Gift Aid is counted. That is a brilliant effort and I am overwhelmed by the generosity shown.

Just for the record I rode all of the 980 miles in nine days and whilst I won't be doing that again in 2020 I am beginning to get out on the bike again.

Pictured riding up Glenshee. **Kevin Pellatt**

Editor Note: Not forgetting the effort and time donated by Kevin. I think it's the amount raised that stunned me. Brill job Kevin. Bet you had sore bum. Thank You to Kevin.

Mike B



BBC Test Card Geeks The new Mindfulness Technique 1983 Christmas

For all your 50+ year olds. Who remembers the hours waiting until TV Programmes started each day or close at night? I am sure most of us sat watching the test card, bored rigid. Little did we know that actually boredom is good for you. It's healthy for the brain to have down time. Now watch this link and get bored for 12 minutes. **Crikey it relaxed me.** Who needs mindfulness when you have the Test Card videos to watch?
<https://youtu.be/YDwTEeuZy5o>

Mike B

**Melbecks Parish Council
October 2019**

Highways - work has been taking place to clear both cattle grids at Surrender Bridge and Peat Gate, and the work is now complete. The clerk will notify Highways that bushes at Peat Gate need trimming back, report the blocked drain and contact Highways for an update on the drain at Gunnerside.

YDNPA Planning decision - 2, Lilac Cottages, Low Row. Installation of air source heat pump: refused. Planning application: Foxgloves, Gunnerside & the Scott Trial, no objections or comments were raised, YDNPA management plan forum is taking place on 29th November 2019 at Middleham Key Centre.

Dales Police report - August & September 2019 were received.

Emergency response to flooding - councillors agreed to look into preparing a Parish Emergency Plan and this will be brought to the next meeting **Two Ridings Community Foundation** - the Parish Council will apply to the Two Ridings Community Foundation for funding to repair the road at Low Row, on the south side of the road on the east side of the village.

Great North Air Ambulance, Yorkshire Air Ambulance, Citizens Advice Bureau - it was agreed to donate £50 to the above organisations.

Dog-waste bin - the council agreed for the dog waste bin that is situated by Gunnerside Bridge, to be moved to a location in the centre of the village.

Date and time of next meeting - the next meeting will be at Gunnerside Village Hall on Thursday December 5th 2019 at 7.30pm.

Dates for next year agreed as follows -

Wednesday February 5th 2020,

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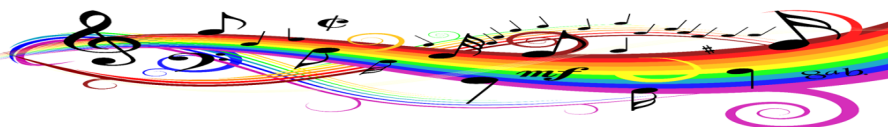
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Arkengarthdale & Swaledale Flood Relief Fundraiser Thank you

As our fundraising draws to a close, we would like to thank everybody who has supported Bands, Bids and a Big Night Out and our Grand Prize Raffle in any way.

Thank you for your support.

Jo, Nicki, Naomi, Glen and Paul

The Arkengarthdale and Swaledale Flood Relief Fundraiser Team

Editor Note : Massive thankyou for the tireless efforts of the fundraising team. It took more work than any of us can imagine to organise this flood relief fundraiser. We know who to call on next time we need funds raising. Don't worry team!

Mike B

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Police Report November



By Artist Graeme Browning

The following incidents of note have occurred in the Reeth and surrounding area this month:

Overnight 17th October an outbuilding at Kersey Green near Marske has been broken into and a number of assorted tools stolen.

In the early hours of 28th October a red Honda quad bike was stolen from a farm building near Keld. The stolen quad is believed to have been seen driving towards Tan Hill with a Landrover Defender, it'self believed stolen from Cumbria the same day. Around the same time two farm buildings at Angram were broken into, although nothing was believed stolen. A further farm building near Gunnerside was also entered and thieves unsuccessfully attempted to steal a quad bike from within. Enquiries are ongoing regarding all these offences.

On the evening of 5th November a Honda quad bike was stolen from a farm building at Gayle above Hawes. Vigilant members of the public reported seeing a quad being ridden later down Swaledale in the Low Row area. It was in company with an unidentified 4x4 type vehicle. Officers were already in the area working on an

anti-crime operation. As such the quad was seen and followed by police as it travelled over the Stang area, where the rider abandoned it before running off. Forensic enquiries are continuing to identify the offender.

The above incidents are a good reminder to check the security again on outbuildings and vehicles. For your quads, please consider installing chaining posts sunk into concrete, tracker, immobiliser devices, sound padlocks, security lighting and CCTV.

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Three months on from flooding

Update from the Swaledale & Wensleydale Recovery Fund

Just under 3 months ago flash flooding caused major devastation across parts of Swaledale, Arkengarthdale and Wensleydale. In response and thanks to generous donations from across the UK, Two Ridings Community Foundation opened the Swaledale & Wensleydale Recovery Fund to provide assistance to people affected by this flooding.

In addition to the contribution of £94,000 made by Two Ridings to start the fund, we have received donations of over £165,000 in the last 3 months. This means that the fund has £260,000 to distribute and to date £120,000 of the funds have been distributed to assist people affected by the flooding, meaning that 46% of the fund has been distributed already.

Jan Garrill, Chief Executive of Two Ridings Community Foundation said: "thanks to the generous support of many we have helped many of the people affected by the flooding but we know the fund also has to be there to help people in the long term, especially for key points such as when people move back into their homes. It is always a fine balance in terms of getting the funds out as soon as possible but also making sure there is support in the longer term. But you can be assured every penny will be spent on supporting local people affected by the flooding in Swaledale, Arkengarthdale and Wensleydale."

To date the fund has made 135 pay-

ments of £300 to people affected by the flooding, with a further 5 in the pipeline. As a result of the case worker team visiting people affected by the flooding 19 further awards totalling nearly £50,000 have been made to help people in significant hardship, including 4 awards to small businesses.

The money held in The Swaledale and Wensleydale Recovery Fund will be used to ensure that the families, farms and small businesses affected in Swaledale, Arkengarthdale and Wensleydale have long-term support to help them recover from the effects of flooding. This includes awards to the Parish Councils as well as payments to residents to help them with the costs of temporary accommodation, running dehumidifiers or replacing items such as white goods and essential furniture.

In addition, Two Ridings, with the help of Richmondshire Community Voluntary Action have regular drop-ins with a range of other support organisations (The Farming Community Network, Richmondshire District Council, NFU) attending.

To make a request for support or to find out more please contact the Two Ridings Community Foundation office on 01904 929 500 or email grants@tworidingscf.org.uk.

Two major fundraising events have been organised by local residents and generously supported by local businesses and networks. The first took place on 19th October at Tennants, Leyburn. The second was a Grand Gala Dinner Dance at Tennants on Saturday 2nd November.

Roxanne



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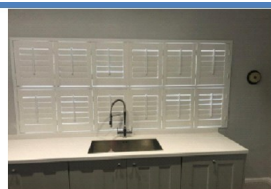
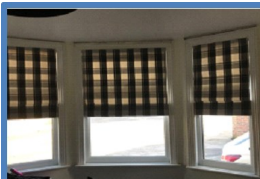
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sadly, the level of current interest. It
has been decided, reluctantly, that
the Christmas Buffet will be the final
meeting of the Club in it's present
form. We will meet in the Memorial
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Tuesday 31st December - Closed

Wednesday 1st January 2020 - Closed

Thursday 2nd January - 10.00 am to 3.30 pm

Friday 3rd January - 10.00 am to 3.30 pm

THE STANG ROAD

In June we were celebrating having overturned, on appeal, the decision by an earlier Judge to refuse the application for a Judicial Review and subsequently were informed that the date for the new JR had been set at 1st October 2019.

However, on July 30th we had a "rain event", to use modern phraseology, here in Reeth and the Arkle Beck, bless it's little cotton socks, burst it's banks up-stream from Dorants. It then flowed down the field behind us, entered and filled the cellar under the office, burst through the floorboards and went out through the front door which I felt obliged to open for it! On it's way it collected most of the furniture and equipment including two computers on one of which I had much information stored relating to the Stang Road Campaign!

As a consequence, I applied for and was granted an adjournment of the JR until January 2020, due to the exceptional circumstance, .

I know this further delay will be a disappointment to the many of you who travel over the Stang through the winter. However, the good news is that Tinkerdog Computers have been able to dry out the damaged computer hard drives and recover the necessary information which means we will be able to properly prepare our case for January.

Due to editorial deadlines the result of the JR will be reported in the March edition - keep your fingers crossed. I'm at: Dorant 4x4, Reeth, Richmond. DL11 6TS Tel: 01748 884245 Email: dorant4x4@gmail.com J.E.D. Collins

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Do you know your Paul Simon then? It would appear quite a few of you do, judging by the number of entries. (Or did I just make it too easy?) Here are the answers:

- Hello, darkness, my old friend - **The Sound Of Silence**
- I'm sitting in the railway station got a ticket for my destination - **Homeward Bound**
- I am just a poor boy though my story's seldom told - **The Boxer**
- The Mississippi Delta was shining like a National guitar - **Graceland**
- When you're weary, feelin' small - **Bridge Over Troubled Water**

The tiebreaker: He has released approximately 61 singles.

And the winner is Marion Parnell who claims to have been a teenager in the 60s. She was spot on with her 'guess' and her nominated charity for the triple rollover prize is Swaledale Mountain Rescue.

This month, I was going to have songs with snow in the title, but there aren't that many, so instead I've gone for songs with white in the title. Title and artist most commonly known for recording the following songs.

- There'll be bluebirds over
- We skipped the light fandango

- Letters I've written, never meaning to send
- May your days be merry and bright
- Go ask Alice when she's ten feet tall

The tiebreaker: According to Kevin the paint store helper, how many shade's of white are there?

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Editor Feedback

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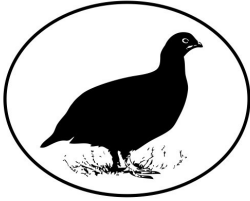
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If you feel a little like this, take the time to watch a few game reviews on this channel. If nothing else these guys are very 'nice' and entertaining. You will get to side with the guy you think is most like you.

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Toy Memories



'The Mouse House'

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Mr. Mouse spent his days reading the newspaper and playing the piano ; Grandma Mouse was either baking, winding up the grandfather clock or snoozing in front of the fire whilst Mrs. Mouse looked after baby rabbit, taking it for strolls around the garden in the pram.

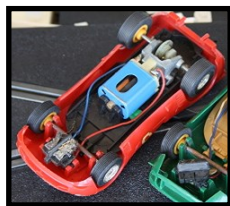
The mice lived happily in their home until that dreadful day when Mother decided I was too old for such things. The mice were evicted and the property handed over to another child. It still rankles !!!

Sadly there are no photographs of the mouse house but, thankfully, I still have the mouse family and memories.

Rosalind

Editor Note: Thanks Rosalind, so pleased you submitted these pictures as I am keen to continue Toy Memories as a popular regular. Readers have a think about the one toy that remains in your memory, even it was a hoop and stick. It would be good also to hear about a story about that toy. For instance when I received a Scalextric on Christmas Day 1969 (see the picture from the box front), I was so happy. Then I started playing it with my sister. It took her all of 1 hour to get impatient with my red car, clearly stuck on the track. So being my sister she proceeded to burn it out! Everybody from that era probably remembers the smell of burning Scalextric cars.

Mike B



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Leyburn & District U3A

No speaker this month, just the Christmas Social on Friday 20th Dec. All welcome from 10am at Leyburn Arts & Community Centre.

In January the talk is by Jeff Coates from North Yorkshire Rotters. Come and find out all about it! Friday 17th Jan, 10.30am at Leyburn Arts & Community Centre. All welcome, small charge for non-members. The committee will be available to answer questions on the interest groups.

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	11.00 am	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
	11.00 am	St. Edmund's, Marske	<i>Morning Prayer</i>
	11.15 am	St. Mary's Arkengarthdale	<i>Holy Communion BCP</i>
	2.00 pm	Keld URC	
	6.00 pm	St. Mary's Muker	<i>Crib Service</i>
	6.30 pm	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
15th Dec.	9.15 am	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	
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Church Services October 2019

15th Nov.	2.30 pm	Gunnerside Methodist	
	3.00 pm	St. Andrew's Grinton	A Festival of Christmas in Words and Music
	3.30 pm	St. Michael's Downholme	Lessons and Carols
	6.30 pm	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
17th Dec.	7.00 pm	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	Carols by Candlelight
20th Dec.	1.30 pm	St. Andrew's Grinton	Joint Schools' Ecumenical Christmas Service
21st Dec.	6.00 pm	Gunnerside Methodist	Shortest Day Service
22nd Dec.	9.30 am	St. Andrew's Grinton	<i>Eucharist</i>
	11.00 am	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
	2.00 pm	Keld URC	<i>Carols</i>
	2.30 pm	St. Edmund's, Marske	<i>Carols and Crib service</i>
	6.30 pm	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	<i>Carol Service</i>
	6.30 pm	St. Mary's Arkengarthdale	<i>Carol Service</i>
	8.00 pm	Reeth Green	<i>Carols round the Tree with Reeth Brass Band</i>
24th Dec.	4.30 pm	Bridge End, Keld	<i>Carol Service</i>
	6.00 pm	Holy Trinity Low Row	<i>Low Row Village Carol Service</i>
	10.00 pm	St. Mary's Arkengarthdale	<i>Holy Communion BCP</i>
	11.30 pm	St. Andrew's Grinton	<i>Eucharist</i>
	11.30 pm	St. Michael's Downholme	<i>Holy Communion</i>

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Church Services October 2019

25 th Dec.	9.30 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 Congre- gational	Christmas Day Ser- vice
	11.30 am	St. Edmund's Marske	Holy Communion
27 th Dec.	6.30 pm	St. Mary's Muker	Carol Service with Muker Silver Band
29 th Dec	10.30 am	St. Mary's Muker	Parish Eucharist
	11.00 am	Reeth Evangelical Congre- gational	
	11.00 am	St. Edmund's Marske	Morning Prayer
	2.30 pm	Gunnarside Methodist	
	6.30 pm	Reeth Evangelical Con- gregational	

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Qu	Category	Question
1	Film	What was the name of the Elf played by Will Ferrell, in the film of the same name ?
2	Music	Who sang 'Peace on Earth (The Little Drummer Boy)' the chart topping hit in 1982 ?
3	Literature	How many reindeer did St Nicholas ask to 'Now dash away! Dash away! Dash away all!' in the poem 'Twas the night before Christmas poem' ?
4	History	What year was the WW1 Christmas Truce ?
5	Geography	Which country has the most snow each year ?
6	Celebrity	Who played the boy in the film 'Home Alone' ?
7	Music	'On the seventh day of Christmas, my true love sent to me Seven'what ?.
8	History	Why do we kiss under the mistletoe ?
9	Literature	Who was the first ghost to haunt Scrooge in Dickens 'A Christmas Carol' ?
10	Television	Which long-running comedy had a Christmas Special on 25th December 1996, where the two main actors dressed as Batman and Robin ?
11	History	Which English leader prohibited the singing of Christmas songs ?
12	Film	Who played Kris Kringle in a remake of 'A Miracle on 34th Street' in 1994 ?
13	History or Literature	What gift did the First wise man offer to Jesus in the stable at Bethlehem ?
14	Music	Who composed the Christmas music for 'The Nutcracker' ?

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School Building: The nomination to register the school building as a community asset had been successful. A community meeting would be held on **Thursday 9 January 2020** at 7pm in the Garden Terrace at The CB Inn. A representative from Arkengarthdale Church Council, the vicar and District Councillor Good would all be invited. Clarification would be sought on who would be the beneficiary of the sale of the building.

Affordable housing: Cllrs Stubbs and Watkins would attend a meeting this month with the Corporate Director and Monitoring Officer at RDC to discuss the affordable housing project. A proposal from the Chair to continue to commit to the project, should funds be secured, was unanimously agreed.

Flooding matters: The next steps in repairing flood damage in the dale were considered now that the work in Arkle Beck was complete. Fallen trees were in the process of being removed from along the beck. Flood-related repairs on High Green would be attended to next. An anonymous donation of £2.5k had been made via the Two Ridings Foundation for the long term sustainability of the dale. There were outstanding highways issues relating to flood damage and NYCC Highways would be contacted again to ask for repairs to Stang Lane and to the gutter and wall opposite Langthwaite bridge and to confirm a new meeting date for a site visit. The repairs to the roadside and the bridge at Whaw would be starting on 11 November 2019 for 12 weeks. NYCC would be advised of the urgent need for re-

pairs to potholes on the Eskeleth road, which would serve as the access road for Whaw whilst the road was closed.

BT consultation on telephone kiosks: BT's intention to remove the telephone kiosk at Langthwaite was discussed. The Parish Council had applied to adopt the kiosk, should the telephone be removed. RDC would be informed that the Council wished to keep the telephone on the grounds that it was in an area with no mobile phone coverage and appropriately sited close to a public car park.

Parish precept 2020/21: The precept for 2020/21 was considered in relation to annual expenditure, noting that no increase had been requested in 2019/20. A sum of £3700 would be requested for the forthcoming year.

Website: A new laptop had been purchased for web maintenance and 75 percent of the cost would be covered by a grant awarded by RDC's Richmondshire Area Partnership Fund.

Langthwaite waste enclosure: The old enclosure was in the process of being replaced by RDC.

Planning matters: Scott Trial: Section 73 application for variation of Condition 2 of R/01/100C to extend the date of the permission to 14/7/2030. A letter of support had been sent; Planning Consultation - Application: R/01/108B at Spence Intake. There were no objections. A letter of support would be sent; Amended plans for Application R/01/77E at West House, Langthwaite. A letter of support for the original application had already been sent. There were no objections to the amended plans.

Christmas lights: The Christmas lights had been damaged in the flood and were not working.

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Alternative arrangements would be made and lights would be installed on High Green on Saturday 7 December.

Local matters requiring attention before the next meeting: *Remembrance Day Wreath:* The wreath would be laid at the war memorial by Cllr Stones; *Waterfall View/Storthwaite Lane parking sign:* Following a request for a progress report on changes to the wording of this sign, the resident who had requested the changes would be reminded to provide some suggestions for a new form of words; *Streetlight:* A streetlight on High Green that was not working would be reported to RDC.

Date of next meeting: Monday 13 January 2020



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Reeth Parish Council October

Flood matters

Several areas of the beck between Fremington Mill and Sleigill had been identified as being in need of clearing in order to prevent further flooding as well as to carry out repairs. Councillors were liaising with the contractors to decide which sections were most critical with a view to the work beginning as soon as possible.

A letter of thanks would be sent to all the market stall holders for continuing to hold the market in the weeks immediately after the flooding when two of the main access routes had been closed.

Play equipment

In the light of two recent inspection reports members felt it might be time to consider replacing some of the equipment which was showing signs of wear due to age.

Remembrance services

Arrangements for the two services were largely in place. At the Sunday service Coun Terry would lay the wreath and Coun Rutter would read the roll of names and give the vote of thanks afterwards. Coun Frankland would lay the wreath at the Monday service at the war memorial.

Christmas

Arrangements would be made to get a tree in time for the Carols round the tree on Sunday, December 22, and one of the public houses would be asked to put on refreshments afterwards.

RDC Information Day

The chair and clerk had both attended a very useful information day on 'best practice' for parish councils and reported back on this. It was noted that

in order to comply with new legislation the clerk would need to receive any agenda items from councillors or members of the public at least one week before the meeting. Any items received later than this could not be discussed until the following meeting.

Swaledale Festival

There were no objections to the request for a tipi on the green during the 2020 Festival for storytelling and kite-making workshops.

Phone boxes

The council had applied to adopt the red phone box in the square at Healaugh. It was noted that a BT consultation on the removal of phone boxes was ongoing.

Bench repairs

Coun Frankland was thanked for carrying out emergency repairs to damaged benches in Reeth and Healaugh.

Memorial Bench

After much discussion, members agreed that with great regret they were unable to take up the street furniture licence for a memorial bench for the Alderson family due to the stringent conditions attached and the problems which would arise with its maintenance due to the preferred position. It was hoped that an alternative option could be found.

District Council

In the light of Barclays decision to stop allowing their customers to make withdrawals at post offices, RDC were considering options such as a cash machine at Hudson House. The parish council would support this move.

Next meeting

Monday, November 25, at 7pm in Reeth Memorial Hall.

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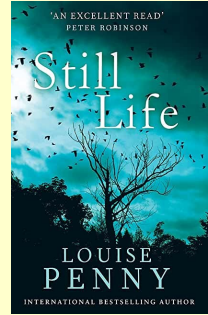


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MUKER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING October 2019

The Chair welcomed Cllr McMullon to the meeting and wished her well in her newly elected role.

Road Hump Ivelet - Highways had stated that they were continuing to monitor the area during rainfall. Cllr Metcalfe said that this was not satisfactory and that there shouldn't be a huge cost to rectify the problem. It was suggested that a site meeting be set up to look at this issue. Clerk to contact Highways.

Mobile Network - A letter had been received from Rishi Sunak MP detailing the Emergency Services Network. The two masts within Muker Parish are part of a subset of 229 sites in the remotest parts of the UK. The Home Office has only recently formally asked EE to do the work to activate these 229 sites and EE have put forward a commercial proposal. The proposal is currently with the Home Office. His letter states that he will monitor the situation closely and pursue with his cabinet colleagues.

Removal of Phone Boxes - There is just one in the Parish earmarked for removal at Thwaite. Cllr McMullon said that there had recently been an emergency with the Little White Bus in Keld and that the driver had to rely on the phone box as there is no signal. Cllr McMullon would urge anyone to contact RDC or BT regarding the consultation and state their concerns regarding their removal. Clerk to respond to RDC.

Village Sign - West Stonesdale. Highways had provided an estimated cost of £450 for two nameplates including in-

stallation. Clerk to contact Cllr Peacock to see if there is any funding available.

Finance - An order to pay and a cheque was raised for WEL Medical for a new base plate on the defibrillator box at Muker. UCI Grant of £823.50 had been received.

Highways - Cllr Porter raised the issue of water on the road at Crowtrees, he understood Highways were supposed to clear the gullies out some time ago. The water is now turning to ice and someone had an accident in their car last week, he also stated that there are no grit heaps. Cllr McMullon said that she had been made aware of the accident and had questioned Highways gritting policy for the road especially in light of the garage at Reeth being closed and residents now using the garage at Hawes or Woodhall. Cllr Calvert stated that he had travelled the road recently and there was ice all the way across at one point. Clerk to contact Highways. Cllr Metcalfe queried why the grass had been cut on the roadside at this time of year. Whilst it had been a job well done, he stated that it would be better done in the Summer months.

Energy Company Obligation Scheme - the scheme will allow some residents within Richmondshire to access funding for insulation and heating within their homes. The qualifying criteria looks at people on low incomes or receiving benefit's who are: over the age of 70, families with children under 5 years old, pregnant women and residents with certain health conditions. Information can be found at:

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Friarage Consultation - RDC are asking for comments from Parish Councils

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regarding the consultation. CCGG had sent an update on the consultation process along with details of further public meetings to be held. There is a meeting in Hawes on the 25 November between 14.00-16.00. Cllr McMullon commented that the majority of meetings were being held during the day when most people were at work. Cllr Metcalfe stated that there is much said about the importance of the 'golden hour' between a medical emergency occurring and the individual getting to hospital. As Northallerton is approximately one hour from the Parish any increase in journey time would place an individual outside of the 'golden hour'. Cllr Reynoldson said that the facility needs to be open 24/7. Further discussion took place, surrounding the effects of extra travel, NHS staffing and underutilised facilities. Clerk to contact RDC.

YDNPA - Planning Applications for Hillcrest and Stoneleigh have been approved conditionally.

Planning applications had been received for the extension of permission for the Scott Trials until 14 July 2030. - The Parish Council supports this application. Also an application for the erection of a garden room to the south

elevation at Skeugh Head - The Parish Council had no objections

Information had been received regarding either the removal of one limb and 25% crown reduction or the full removal of a rowan tree at Rowan Holme, Thwaite.

AOB-Cllr Whitehead raised the issue of a window which had been replaced at Chapel House Muker - A resident had raised this issue and had been in touch with the YDNP Planning Department. The Parish Council agreed that they would wait for the planning officer to contact them.

Cllr Porter raised the issue of wheelchair access at Muker Literary Institute. It is understood that this is currently being looked into and a survey has been carried out.

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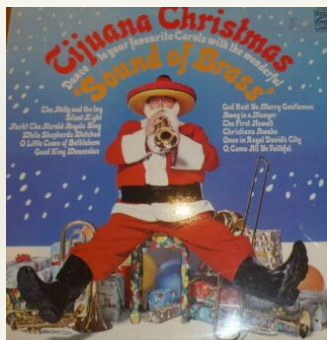
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Reeth Brass Band

The final engagement of the summer season took place on Saturday 21st September. Eggleston Agricultural Show is one of the last shows of the year. The band played during the afternoon to entertain the large crowds that arrived on a beautiful sunny day to enjoy a very successful event. This was also the day that our acting Musical Director, Peter Cuff, who has kindly conducted the band during the summer, stood down.

Tuition of children at Gunnerside School continues with the two volunteers from Reeth Brass Band joined by two volunteers from Muker Silver Band. Five of the six youngsters being trained before the summer holiday are still involved and further interest has been shown from other pupils. The sixth is now at Richmond School but is continuing her training with Reeth Brass Band in the Memorial Hall before the main band practice on Tuesdays at 7.15pm. Anyone interested in learning to play should come along at that time.

After a busy summer season things have quietened down with only three engagements in two months. During this time the band has been able to prepare for the Christmas festivities.

October

The two engagements in this month fell on the same weekend. Saturday 5th saw the band travel to the CB Hotel, Arkengarthdale for a wedding. Photographs and a video, taken at the time, can be found on our website photographs page. The following day was Masham Sheep Fair. The band marched from the usual assembly

point to the Market Square leading the fancy dress parade. This has been a regular engagement for a good number of years. Unfortunately this year it was wet and the band was unable to play outside. All was not lost though as we were granted permission to play in St. Mary's Church.

November

By the time you read this the band should have fulfilled it's duties to play for another Remembrance Day parade from Reeth to Grinton and service in St. Andrew's Church. This year is another poignant reminder of the sacrifice of our Armed Forces, being the eightieth anniversary of the outbreak of the Second World War.

December

Saturday 7th - Masham Market Place - Christmas Fair 11am St. Paul's Church, Healey - Christmas Concert 3pm.

Sunday 15th - Richmond Station - Christmas Concert 10am.

Saturday 21st - Reeth Memorial Hall - Band Christmas Concert 7.30pm.

Sunday 22nd - St. Mary's Church, Arkengarthdale - Carol Service 6.30pm/Reeth Green - Carols round the Christmas Tree 8pm

Irwin

Photo Editing Tool

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I have used so many editors. Particularly since I became Gazette editor. Whilst compiling this Gazette I discovered **PhotoPad Photo Editor**. It seems to be a very good find and much easier to use than many others:

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Film

Bad Santa (2003) starring Billy Bob Thornton. This month, one of my favourite Christmas Films. BUT for those who are easily offended this is not for you. Rated 15 (Suitable only for 15 years and over.

See the trailer : <https://youtu.be/xQvaoRScND4>

Mike B



Richmondshire Choral Society

'Praise and Glory' - a concert by Richmondshire Choral Society of Beethoven's *Mass in C*, Bruckner's *Te Deum* and Franck's setting of *Psalm 150*.

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Good Read For Kids Of All Ages

'Father Christmas' by Raymond
Briggs'. My favourite book. Much bet-
ter than 'The Snowman' which is dull.
Also look out for the cartoon of the
same name this Christmas. Again it's
better than 'The Snowman' cartoon
(except Bowie at the start, with his
lovely scarf). Also look out for his lat-
est book 'Time for lights out' this
Christmas. It's, as Amazon quotes it,
'short pieces, some funny, some melan-
choly...about the joy of grandchildren,
of walking the dog... He looks back at
his schooldays and remembers the
house in which he grew up. But most,
like this one, are about his home in
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**Images from my recommended Book
pages 22 & 11. Mr. Briggs is so Brill.**



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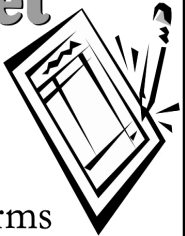


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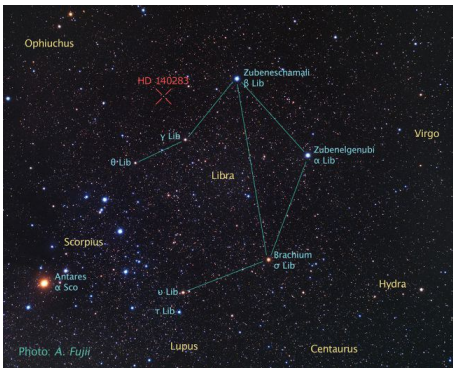
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Astronomy in the Two Dales

When you wish upon a star, makes no difference who you are - Cliff Edwards.

Sitting 190 light years away from Earth is a star named Methuselah, it is in the constellation of Libra, and has been closely observed for the past 100 years. The reason for this close scrutiny is that Methuselah is estimated to be as old as the universe itself, if not older. At present the age of the universe has been calculated as 13.77 billion years, yet



the age of Methuselah is 14.3 billion years plus or minus 800 million years, so at it's youngest this star is still 13.5 billion years old, and it is sitting in our backyard.

Present day theories state that the universe is flat and that the oldest objects are furthest away from us and still moving away from us. So how can one of the oldest objects in the known universe be so close to us?

This is causing a big problem in cosmological circles, then there is the data recorded by the Planck

observatory that reveals that the universe is 41 times more likely to be a sphere than flat, and this is not being accepted by astronomers.

I get the feeling we have all heard this before, the Earth was flat once, now we know it to be a sphere, previous calculations show the universe was flat, now it looks like it is a sphere as well.

It brings to mind the phrase 'as below, so above..... Merry Christmas'.

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Upper Dales Family History Group

Our October speaker was Anthony Atkinson to tell us about the life of Ada Lovelace, daughter of a short lived and volatile marriage between the science loving Annabella Milbanke of Seaham Hall and Lord Byron, poet and serial philanderer. Byron himself had a poor start in life, with a family history of mental instability, debt and suicide, and his father dying when he was only three years old. The later deaths of his grandfather and mother left him with a title and property but also a great burden of debt. Returning from abroad he met Annabella Milbanke who was enjoying her first season, and proposed to her. They married in January 1815 and their daughter, Ada Augusta, was born later the same year but within a month Annabella decided that her husband was insane and fled back to her parents, threatening to expose 'infamous crimes' which she had uncovered by reading Byron's private papers. He fled abroad to avoid the consequences and never saw his daughter again.

Annabella raised their child to be everything her father was not, educating her in mathematics and science and imposing a strict regime. Although often ill Ada was obviously a gifted student, helped by the quality of her teachers. In spite of all her mother's care however, the genetic influence of her father could not be escaped - in her mid-teens she was found to be planning to elope with one of her tutors with whom she had fallen in love.

Ada married William Turner, later First Earl of Lovelace. Around the same time she met Charles Babbage

who was working on an early type of calculating machine which he called 'the difference engine'. This came to nothing but Ada became fascinated by the idea and worked with him on his next project the 'analytical engine'. Convinced that it was capable of far more than he imagined Ada demonstrated how it could be used to work out formulae and translated an article from Italian, supplemented by her own notes, which are often considered to be the first computer program.

Sadly Ada's personal life was following the pattern of previous generations. Her health broke down after the birth of her second child, she became addicted to strong painkillers and her fascination with mathematics led to an obsession with gambling which led to the breakdown of her marriage. She eventually died from cancer aged only 36, being visited in her last months by Babbage and Dickens, leaving behind a legacy which wasn't fully realised for almost another century with the development of modern computers in the 1940s. Her contribution to something which we now take so much for granted is recognised by a Lovelace Day and the Lovelace Medal.

This was a fascinating glimpse into the sometimes insalubrious life of the early 19th century and into the world of a woman who Anthony summed up as being a brilliant creature but deeply flawed.

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PMM

Gunnerside Carol Service

Shortest Day in Gunnerside

Since beyond living memory, Gunnerside Chapel has held it's Carol Service on the Shortest Day, whatever day of the week that falls on. This year is no exception, and we will be there on Saturday 21st December, starting at the earlier time of 6pm. There will be light refreshments to follow. Please come and join us for some traditional readings and carols, with a few newer ones from the choir.

Margaret

A Countryside Christmas

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Tickets, to include light refreshments, cost £9 in advance or £11 on the door. Children enter free but do require a ticket. Tickets are available from Castle Hill Bookshop, King St Kitchen and Gift shop, Wives Kitchen, Neeps and Tatties, St. Mary's and choir members (from 20th November).

Further information from
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St Andrew's Church Grinton Events

There is no charge for any of these events so please do come and join in and enjoy these Advent events in preparation for Christmas.

Come and Sing Carols - Sunday 1st Dec at 4pm. Informal Christmas event - wear your Christmas jumpers and hats! We will sing Christmas Carols, hear the Christmas story and enjoy juice, mulled wine and mince pies. Donations may be given for Christian Aid's Christmas appeal which this year aims to empower women and in particular to help provide 'A better life for mothers living in difficult places to be a woman'.

Conservation Group meeting & Festive Decorating Session - Sat 14th Dec at 10.30am-3pm. Help us put up the Christmas tree and crib scene. Opportunities to cut greenery from the churchyard for decorating inside the church or for you to take home. Opportunity to get some help with making your festive wreath. Children most especially welcome. Drinks, soup and festive biccies of course!

A Festival of Christmas in Words and Music - Sunday 15th December at 3pm. This is a community service, involving, Carol singing for all, local choirs performing Christmas songs and festive readings and poems read by various members of the community. Mulled wine, mince pies and cakes follow for all to enjoy amidst jovial conversation.

Joint Schools' Ecumenical Christingle Service - Friday 20th December at 1.30pm. All welcome.

Younger Children's Christmas - Saturday 21st December 10.30-12.30 including buffet lunch held at **Fremington Village Hall**. 0-10's are welcome to come with an adult and 'Follow the Star' as we enjoy playing, baking, readings, singing and generally having a fun time.

Marie Curie Christmas Tree organised by Jane Fawcett. There will again be a Marie Curie Christmas tree in church during Advent for messages to be affixed in memory of loved ones and donations if so desired.

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Check out our **Facebook page Gunnerside Pub Fund** and email **gunnersidepubfund@gmail.com** with an indication of the maximum amount you might be prepared to invest. At this very early stage there is obviously no commitment and all responses are completely confidential. **The Gunnerside Pub Fund Working Group (Andy Beaumont, Teresa Bell, David Crapper, John Gilleard, Mark Golding, Debra Halcrow, Tracey Westgarth)**

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Diary Dates

December

- 3rd Thursday Ladies Club Christmas Meal
- 7th Table Top Sale, Reeth Memorial Hall 10am-12.30pm Free Admission
- 7th Reeth Brass Band, Masham Market Place - Christmas Fair 11am. St. Paul's Church, Healey - Christmas Concert 3pm.
- 7th Film in Gunnerside Village Hall: Fisherman's Friends, starring Daniel Mays, James Purefoy and Tuppence Middleton 7.30pm, doors and bar open 7pm. £5 (children £3)
- 9th Reeth Informal Astronomy Group Meeting, Unit 14, Reeth Dales Centre DL11 6SP at 7.30pm. See reethastro.org.uk.
- 13th Máire Ní Chathasaigh & Chris Newman - *Celtic Christmas Strings* - Reeth Memorial Hall 8.00pm.
- 13th Domino & Whist Drive, Low Row & Feetham Literary Institute at 7.30pm. Entry £4.00.
- 14th Coffee & Carols 10am to noon Reeth Congregational Church
- 15th Reeth Brass Band, Station Christmas Concert, Richmond at 10am.
- 15th Swale Singers, A Festival of Christmas in Words and music, Grinton Church at 3pm.
- 17th Carols by Candlelight 7pm Reeth Evangelical Congregational Church.

- 21st Reeth Brass Band Christmas Concert, Reeth Memorial Hall, 7.30pm.
- 22nd Reeth Brass Band, Carol Service, St. Mary's Church, 6.30pm, Arkengarthdale.
- 22nd Reeth Brass Band, Carols around the Christmas Tree, 8.00pm, Reeth Green.
- 24th Father Christmas fly-past approx 4am, if no delays because of shortage of carrots.

January

- 1st Reeth New Year Fireworks & barbecue, free admission, 7pm Reeth Green.
- 6th Grinton & Ellerton Parish Council 7.15pm Grinton Parish Hall.
- 9th Arkengarthdale Community Meeting on the future of the school building at 7pm at The CB Inn.
- 13th Reeth Informal Astronomy Group Meeting, Unit 14, Reeth Dales Centre DL11 6SP at 7.30pm.
- 13th Arkengarthdale Parish Council at 8pm, St Mary's Church.
- 14th "Textiles through History" by Christine Wallace, Swaledale and Arkengarthdale Archaeology Group, The Buck in Reeth at 7pm.
- 18th Coffee Morning 10am to noon Reeth Evangelical Congregational Church.
- 25th Charity Quiz Night, in aid of FCN, Reeth Memorial Hall at 7pm.

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7th Arkengarthdale Sports Association Domino Drive & Supper, CB Inn function room, 7:30pm. £4 (children £2). Tea & Supper as usual.

7th Reeth Show's AGM at 7.30pm in Reeth Memorial Hall.

Letter to The Editor

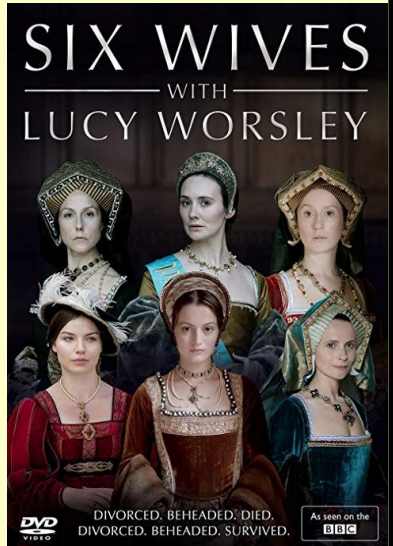
I had letters this month which is great. These will appear in the January Gazette
Mike

Good Television

Six Wives with Lucy Worsley (BBC)

Historian Lucy Worsley time travels back to the Tudor Court to witness some of the most dramatic moments in the lives of Henry VIII's six wives. Combining drama and Lucy's own contemporary historical comment. She appears as a range of silent servants: a maid, midwife or nurse maid. As the drama plays out, Lucy eavesdrops on the events in the royal court and reports back. The Tudor court was made up of a small group of powerful families all vying for influence and power over each other. While it was a world run by men, and the King had ultimate power, each Queen (as well as their ladies in waiting) found their own unique methods of exerting influence. Text copied from Amazon.

Very much recommended as I finally was fascinated by these stories, whereas I had never been interested before.



Mike B

Answers to 'Ask the Family' Quiz November Edition on page 37

(1) Scaffold (2) Elliott (3) John Constable (4) The Catcher in the Rye (5) Finland (6) Unit used to measure electric current (7) On the Buses (8) Mediterranean Sea (9) Sir Alexander Fleming (10) Wernher Magnus Maximilian Freiherr von Braun.

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(1) Buddy (2) David Bowie & Bing Crosby (3) 7 (4) 1914 (5) Japan (6) Macaulay Culkin (7) Swans a swimming (8) The ancient Norse associated mistletoe with their goddess of love (9) Jacob Marley (10) Only Fools and Horses (11) Oliver Cromwell (12) Sir Richard Attenborough (13) Gasper (Casper) brought Frankincense (14) Tchaikovsky

UK Christmas 2019 Stamps



Christmas trees in the moonlight by Nancy Mueller



See more of Nancy's work at:

<https://fineartamerica.com/featured/christmas-trees-in-the-moonlight-nancy-mueller.html>

Editor Note: Thankyou to Nancy (America based) for giving me kind permission to use this beautiful simple picture, for free. Included as I had a very hard time deciding if this should be my front cover and still do not know if I made the right decision as I love the simplicity of this art. I hope you love it as well. I added the words 'Oh Holy Night' to the original. I just had to publish it somewhere in this edition as...well...It's Christmas !'.