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First Thoughts

Aesculus Hippocastanum

Conkers to you and me!

22nd September my favourite time of year arrives. Autumn. Hence Conkers. Right, who has not played Conkers? Here is your guide.

Any kids should first talk to your parents and obtain permission to follow anything in this article. The fun part is collecting your conkers. The scientific name of the trees to look for are 'Conker Trees'.

Best time to collect conkers is after a windy day. Collecting them is a lovely task. I used to climb trees but today's kids are not allowed to or that is what it seems like? Again ask your parents? Do not go making a mess of trees as you collect your conkers. I am sad to say when I was collecting mine, I probably left quite a few branches around on the floor as I threw sticks up into the tree trying to knock those conkers clusters down.

When you do find your conkers, we can all agree that the swirly patterns of conkers are beautiful. They look like some form of polished wood.

Going back to safety. The Government advises you should wear a safety hat, gloves, boots and suit. Seriously the only protection you should wear is probably eye protection but ask your parents. All kitted up, here are the Woodland Trust rules for you:

1. Wrap the loose end of the string around your hand. One player should dangle their conker on about 25cm of string, keeping it absolutely still.

2. The other player then swings their conker at it to try to break it.
3. If the attacking player misses, they can have two more chances before it's their opponent's turn.
4. Take turns until one of the conkers breaks and you have a winner.
5. A new conker is called a 'none-er' as it hasn't beaten anyone yet. When it beats another conker, it's a 'one-er'. If it beats another, it becomes a 'two-er' and so on.



Your parents may have tricks handed down through the years such as soaking in vinegar and baking. Even more of a cheat is painting the conkers in nail varnish. Any injury to adult or child is at the readers own risk BUT go enjoy an ancient playground sport (or at least it goes back to the 1970 for me).

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Dear Editor.

The picture below (Grouse & Bike) was taken yesterday (9th August) at about 12.15 at Surrender Bridge. I thought it just showed that even in these alarming times, life still goes on. Yes, the



grouse really was there -it stayed for about half an hour, and I also attach a close up. **Roger Preston**



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We are going to continue for a bit longer operating the half-hour exclusive appointment system to use the library to choose your own books. Again, just ring or email me for a slot.

We are hopeful that we will be able to swap some of our stock in September so there will be some different books to choose from - welcome news to many, I'm sure, who feel they have been browsing the same books for months. Which they have.

It would be really helpful if you can return any books that are overdue (no fines, of course) before mid-September.

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Message from the Museum in Reeth

Thanks to all of you who have visited the Museum since we have re-opened, who have patronised our shop, booked in as an archive user or commissioned research, renewed or joined our Friends group, or who came to see us at Reeth Market on 31st July. The latter was a wonderful opportunity to see lots of people in a safe atmosphere and catch up with news. Thank you Prue and Nick for helping, and for the refreshments! Weather permitting we will be back on Reeth Green on 28th August, and 4th, 18th & 25th September. Do come and see and support us. The Museum continues to be open by appointment - so give us a ring if you want to come in!

This month we have been preparing a proposal for a travelling May Sinclair exhibition in collaboration with the May Sinclair Society, which will be submitted to the AHRC (Arts and Humanities Research Council) for funding. The format of 'May Sinclair and the Importance of Place. Postcards from Swaledale and Arkengarthdale' is inspired by a postcard sent by May Sinclair bearing a landscape photograph of Arkengarthdale. Sinclair has annotated Langthwaite with an arrow, and on the back of the postcard she has written 'This picture is the scene of 'The Three Sisters'. The marked house is the Vicarage. The hills are much bigger & higher than the photograph shows'. In both her novels based in Swaledale and Arkengarthdale, Mary Olivier (1919) and The Three Sisters (1914), Sinclair reveals the crucial importance

of place in her unfolding of the emotional state of her heroines. Her literature is deeply embedded in the landscape and its meaning. Sinclair lived in Reeth, the gateway to Swaledale, while writing these books, and her intimate knowledge of the place is evident. She was a keen walker and like her heroine Mary Olivier relished long perambulations through the dale. Her descriptions of place and people are detailed, accurate and integral to her literary intent. This will be the first time specific real buildings, places and people in Swaledale are matched with her texts, enriching our understanding of the power and importance of place in Sinclair's work. By the way we have a May Sinclair walk posted on our website. This is especially important as we learn from Dr Rebecca Bowler from Keele University that when Sinclair was asked 'what is Britain's loveliest walk?', she described one starting in Reeth.

The beady-eyed amongst you will have noted the typing error in our last message relating to the photograph of the Old Gang Barytes Recovery Plant, c.1977. It was of course a Davison not a Dyson cast-iron jig. Thanks to Alan Thorogood we were prompted to interview William Houston, who gave the photograph and others, at length, and we will post his reminiscences on our website. He provides technical details of the process and equipment as well as lively recollections of the characters involved.

Now for last month's photograph, which was given to us by Rhoda Fraser, part of a wonderful archive of material relating to Arkengarthdale Chapel. The picture was taken outside the Chapel,(continued on next page)

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but we don't know when. The back of the photograph has the following annotations: Back Row: 1 -?, 2 - Sybil Reed (née Hird), 3 - Rhoda Hutchinson (née Hird), 4 - Elizabeth Waller, 5 - Joe Siddle, 6 - Martha Siddle, 7 - ? & 8 - George Hird. Middle Row: 1-4 ? and 5 - William Hutchinson. Front Row Seated: 1- Hannah Harker, 2- Ernest Hird, 3 - Nellie Hird, 4 - Joseph Hird, 5.- ?, 6 - George Hird and 7 -?. We are looking forward to hearing your comments and hopefully finding out who the unidentified characters are. Dalesfolk liked to dress up - we have lots of photographs of similar such occasions.

The September photograph (above) has been the subject of much research by Tracy Little and will be known to Friends of the Museum. However we would like to share it with everyone,

but we are going to keep you in suspense for the detail next month.

If you want to sign up for our FREE e-newsletters with latest developments do let us know, and we will put you on the circulation list. For advance information on events, why not become a Friend of the Museum?

Annual membership: single £12.50, couple £20, family £25 gives unlimited free entry to the Museum, discount on talks, and our twice yearly Newsletter! For more information contact Helen: helen@swaledalemuseum.org or on 07969 823232. Visit our website at: www.swaledalemuseum.org for the latest information.

Helen

Great Album

Hand Me Down - Kate Rusby



I discovered Kate Rusby last Sunday. Lovely voice and perfect timing with her vocals across the melodies. Kate Rusby is an English folk singer-songwriter and is one of the few folk

singers to have been nominated for the Mercury Prize'

Her latest album released 14th August sounds excellent. They are all unique lovely sounding covers. Perfect for the darker evenings:

- 1 Manic Monday (The Bangles)
- 2 Everglow (Coldplay)
- 3 Days (The Kinks/ Kirsty McColl)
- 4 If I had a Boat (Lyle Lovett)
- 5 Maybe Tomorrow
- 6 The Show (Connie Theme Song)
- 7 Shake it Off (Taylor Swift)
- 8 True Colours (Cindi Lauper)
- 9 Carolina On My Mind (James Taylor)
- 10 Love Of The Common People (Paul Young)
- 11 Friday I'm In Love (The Cure)
- 12 Three Little Birds (Bob Marley)

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Christian Aid is working with some of the poorest and most vulnerable communities to help them stay safe during the coronavirus pandemic. This includes the Rohingya in refugee camps in Bangladesh.

Living in a refugee camp is already challenging at the best of times. Camps are overcrowded and lack proper hygiene which increases the potential for the rapid spread of the coronavirus. **To prevent the spread of the virus Christian Aid are:**

- Raising awareness of the virus and sharing hygiene messages to people in the camps in their local Rohingya languages. CA are doing the same with the host communities through community volunteers and religious leaders.
- Helping doctors in the camps receive training so they can treat infected people and train other doctors in health facilities. Ensuring healthcare staff are equipped with personal protective equipment (PPE) and that handwashing stations are available at the entrances to health facilities.

Christian Aid has an office in Cox's Bazaar and in Camp 15 with a large warehouse. They have a team of 25 experienced and skilled national staff working together with local NGO partners (Dustha Shasthya Kendra and Dhaka Ahsania Mission) to ensure they respond effectively, particularly in the areas of health and water and sanitation.

In addition, Christian Aid will build additional handwashing stations throughout the camps, and distribute hygiene kits (containing antiseptic liquid and soap) to 50,000 people.

Love unites us all

It is at times like these - testing times - that we recognise we are all in this together. Coronavirus impacts all of us, but love unites us all.

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The first phase is to vaccinate all those patients who would normally receive the flu vaccination. This will be covered in the clinics in September as detailed below.

Details of the second phase will be released once the NHS has confirmed their plans. We have been informed that phase 2 will be carried out around November/December time. If you are a phase 2 patient, please do not come to the September clinics.

The priority is to get phase 1 done first in September. We need your help to make sure that as many of you as possible in phase 1 come to either of the clinics in September. The drop-in flu clinics will be held in **Reeth Memorial Hall on Wednesday 16th September and Wednesday 30th September** - no appointment needed just turn up between **11am and 1pm** both days.

There will be enough vaccine for you so either date will be fine. In the past we have put on catch up clinics, but this will be difficult because we will need to

be getting on with phase 2 as soon as we can, so please help us by coming to one of the clinic dates.

In order to comply with COVID guidelines, we have arranged to hold both of the clinics at **Reeth Memorial Hall**. Please be assured that we have put plans in place for you to be able to attend for your vaccine safely whilst following all government guidelines including providing hand sanitising facilities and temperature checks on arrival, social distancing queues around the hall and all staff wearing personal protective equipment.

On the day please remember the following:

- Do not attend if you are feeling unwell or have been asked to self-isolate
- Attend ready to receive your vaccination - wear a short-sleeve, loose-fitting top
- Bring a bag for any coats or jumpers as there will be nowhere to put items down
- Wear a face covering before entering the hall and sanitise your hands
- Please leave immediately after your vaccination

Just to clarify, eligibility for stage 1 is defined as those people over the age of 65; those who are registered as a carer, pregnant ladies or those who suffer from the following conditions:

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- Chronic Heart Disease (e.g. heart failure, angina)
- Chronic Kidney Disease
- Chronic Liver Disease
- Chronic Neurological Disease (e.g. Parkinson's Disease, strokes)
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Thank you once again everyone for your support, it is a vital contribution for keeping the pavilion, field and MUGA operating for the local community.

April draw winners

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65 Wendy Fuller
90 Julia Thorogood
133 Matt Barker

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5 Incidents this edition

The teams focus during the Covid-19 outbreak has been to maintain an operational Mountain & Cave Rescue Service, we've held meetings on-line & limited equipment checks to reduced members of the team. Fortunately we are well stocked with the essential PPE to protect the team when deployed.

08/08/2020: Incident 26: An early call from the Police this morning following reports of a dog stranded on a ledge near Leyburn Shawl. Fortunately the dog made its own way to safety as we were on route.

08/08/2020: Incident 25: Called by the Ambulance Service to rescue an injured mountain biker, treated on scene by team medics and ambulance service. Then evacuated to the road.

06/08/2020: Incident 24: Both Team Search Dogs & handlers deployed to an out of area search.

30/07/2020: Incident 23: Called by the Police to rescue a 9 month old puppy that had fallen down a steep banking near Askrigg, North Yorkshire Fire Service attended & asked us to

assist. Stood down on route as the puppy was rescued by passing members of the public.

20/07/2020: Incident 22: Team Search Dog & handler called to assist in an out of area search.



Unfortunately it's not ours, its donated by Land Rover to Mountain Rescue Nationally as a test vehicle, we've managed to borrow it for a couple of weeks while our aging Land Rover goes to the Land Rover Doctor!

Thanks to all our team members, supporters & YOU for the ongoing support.

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**Swaledale Mountain & Cave Rescue
Alan**

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As some of our volunteers have returned to work, we are hoping that there are some in our community who may like to join our volunteer team? Please call us for more information.

On 5th August, we held our second (at a distance) afternoon tea in the Vicarage garden. A great time was had by all with, chat, laughter, sandwiches and cakes. We are hoping to hold another, towards the end of August. Please call us if you would like to join our invitation list!

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Images: Photographs of UCDLT Chairman Stephen Stubbs outside the redundant Arkengarthdale C of E School

Church officials have been accused of failing to practise what the Archbishop of Canterbury preaches by rejecting an offer for a redundant village school to be used for affordable family homes. Justin Welby has been asked to intervene in the sale of Arkengarthdale C of E Primary School on the northern edge of the Yorkshire Dales, which was forced to close a year ago after the number of pupils fell to just five.

The premises, bought from retired Army Colonel Guy Greville Wilson by Arkengarthdale Parochial Church Council for £325 in 1933, was put on the open market two months ago. A proposal by the not-for-profit charitable Upper Dales Community Land Trust (UDCLT) to create three two-bedroom and one one-bedroom homes for young families has gained widespread support. It is backed by Arkengarthdale Parish Council, the Yorkshire Dales National Parks Authority and Richmondshire District Council which pledged £150,000 from its affordable housing

fund to buy the site based on an independent valuation. However, Swaledale with Arkengarthdale Parochial Church Council is accepting an offer of £185,000 from an undisclosed buyer after its lay members were instructed by officials they had a legal duty to sell to the highest bidder.

Stephen Stubbs, 61, Chairman of UDCLT, who was a pupil at the school, said: "The Church has taken a legal view but not considered its moral obligation to the people of Arkengarthdale. The school was bought through local people for the benefit of local people. We are extremely concerned. The school building is the last chance to provide affordable housing to secure a more sustainable and brighter future for the community of Arkengarthdale.

"The decision seems to contradict the aims of the Archbishop of Canterbury's commission to examine housing, church and... *(continued on next page)*

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and community, which states: **'We have land and resources that can be used to help meet the need for more affordable housing'**.

In this case, it appears his vision to encourage and actively help affordable housing to be created from their estate is not borne out by reality as the exact opposite is happening, with his prophecy being sacrificed in the interests of short-term profit."

Arkengarthdale parish has seen a 14% decline in its population in seven years to 199 residents, 64% who are aged over 60 compared to the national average of 24%. Only 14% are under the age of 30 compared to 37% across England. According to the last Census in 2011, 69 of its 174 households were occupied full-time, the remainder either holiday-lets or second homes. In the past two years there have been eight sales at an average £363,200.

Yvonne Peacock, a North Yorkshire County and Richmondshire District councillor and member of the UDCLT, said: "Without homes for our local families how can our Dales have a sustainable future? We need people to live and work in Arkengarthdale to support our businesses, farming and tourism.

"I am so very disappointed our offer to purchase the school was rejected. Our proposal provided an ideal way forward to provide affordable homes and preserve a community for future generations."

Mr Stubbs, who is also Chairman of Arkengarthdale Parish Council, has written to the Archbishop of Canterbury in his appeal to Church authorities

to review the case. "We had hoped that after last year's devastating floods and the current Covid restrictions, Arkengarthdale and indeed the Dales in general would have some good news, a sort of flood/Covid resurgence story," he added.

Questions remain over proposed alternative uses of the premises which will come under intense scrutiny through stringent planning regulations and probable local objections. There are also issues surrounding how money raised by the sale could be used. A Trust exists which ring fences any proceeds for ecclesiastical use in the parish, something also spelled out in the original deeds.

Justin Welby, the Archbishop of Canterbury, when establishing his commission, said the purpose of housing should be understood as building homes and communities.

Graham Tomlin, Bishop of Kensington, stated at the commission's launch last year: "Many people cannot afford the rent on their homes, live in poor-quality housing or find themselves unable to stay in the communities to which they belong.

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Finance - The council approved unanimously the financial statement 2019-20, Certificate of exemption, Annual governance statement, Accounting statement, and Financial Risk Assessment.

Highways The clerk was asked to report the drain at Peat Gate and the trees to be trimmed, vegetation on the verges of the B6270 from Robin Gate, Low Row towards Low Whita which has become overgrown and is affecting visibility and potholes at Brocca Bank, Low Row. Patching and re-surfacing has taken place with work on the road outside Low Row Institute and in Gunnerside on the road to Modesty.

NYCC A re-organisation of councils in North Yorkshire is planned to create a unitary authority for the whole of the county later this year and the District Councils have employed a consultant to put forward proposals looking at the possible creation of two unitary authorities of approximately 400,000 residents.

YDNPA National Park Management Plan: The council noted the NPMP.

Planning 1, Lilac Cottages, Feetham, erection of two storey side extension to west and single storey extension to rear, and excavation of part of garden to form level patio: Approved conditionally, EE Ltd Consultation - Proposed Base Station Site Upgrade, Roof Farm, Gunnerside No comments or objections, Kings Head, Gunnerside- no

comments or objections.

YLCA It was agreed to join Yorkshire Local Councils Association at a cost of £129 for the rest of the financial year, the clerk to arrange.

Dates of meetings October 1st 2020, December 3rd 2020, February 4th 2021, March 25th 2021, May 13th 2021 and July 22nd 2020

Full minutes can be found at:
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Nikki

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A weekly newsletter, including an order of service to use at home on Sunday, can be found on the 'Services and Events' page of the Swaledale with Arkengarthdale parish website: www.swaledalearkengarthdaleparish.org.uk/. If you would like this to be emailed to you each week, please contact the vicar to be added to the circulation list. A weekly devotional message can be found on the Evangelical Congregational website - <http://www.reethecc.co.uk/>

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Annual Governance & Accountability Return for 2019/20

This was discussed and approved. Councillors thanked David Williams for undertaking the internal audit and would make a donation to the 2 Dales Junior Football Club and Reeth and District Community Sports Club Ltd in lieu of an audit fee.

Playground

Dates were being arranged for meetings with two different equipment suppliers to get quotes for replacing some, or all, of the play equipment. Two recent inspections had flagged up safety issues with the condition of the zip wire and part of this equipment has been removed as a safety precaution to put it out of use as children had been seen playing on it in spite of the playground being locked. Possibilities for getting the most urgently needed repairs done as an interim measure were considered and Coun Good would contact RDC about this. He would also check what measures they were taking with council owned playgrounds with regard to Covid-19 precautions.

Village green and parish land

Work to the flagstones in front of the Black Bull was almost complete apart from a small amount of pointing. A request for permission to block off part of the cobbles to allow members of a car rally to park together was turned down as the area in question was registered common land and the council did not have the right to authorise it.

One quote for repainting the white line had been received and the clerk would also approach the contractor used by NYCC.

The situation regarding garden waste tipped on the Beckside would be monitored before further decisions were made. A case of ash dieback affecting some of the trees growing out of the beck would be reported to the YDNPA ranger.

Flood works

Coun Terry would look into any further works required which could be carried out with remaining grant money.

Market

Coun Bearpark reported that all of the local charities who had been scheduled to have cake stalls had cancelled although some of the slots have been reallocated to the Swaledale Museum. It was agreed to accept the Market Manager's revised plan of which stall should go where and that customers and stall holders would be responsible for having their own hand sanitiser.

Grass cutting

Following a request from a resident the contractor would be asked to clear cuttings from the path and steps near the War Memorial if possible as it was making them slippery.

A reply would be sent to a letter about cutting and spraying of areas of grass containing wild flowers explaining the reasons behind the cutting and referring the correspondent to the Highways department who were responsible for spraying verges.

Roads and footpaths

An email from a resident proposing a speeding sign for the lane from the Arkleside Hotel down to the beck was
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noted and it was agreed that this was a matter which should be referred to the Police.

The council had been made aware of a hedge in Fremington which was overhanging the footpath. The clerk would contact the property owners if no action was taken in the near future.

Future meetings

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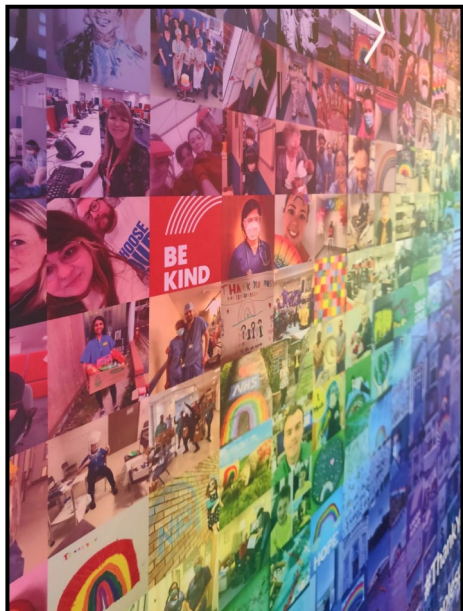
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The mosaic of Dales youth is being created by digital artist Helen Marshall of **The People's Picture**, whose most recent work was 'Rainbows for the NHS'. It will consist of 1,000+ pictures of school life in the Dales that will come together to create a whole new image. Hundreds of photos for the mosaic have already been submitted, but it's hoped that the community will bring forward many more.

The artwork has been commissioned by **The NASH** and **Dales Countryside Museum** in Hawes as part of 'The Story

of Schools in the Upper Dales' - an oral history and research project funded by The National Lottery Heritage Fund and the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority's Sustainable Development Fund. The project is delving into the development of schools over time in Upper Wensleydale, Swaledale and Arkengarthdale. It will culminate in an exhibition at Dales Countryside Museum opening 30 January 2021, including the big reveal of the mosaic, a short film, display boards, audio recordings and artefacts. Project Manager Emily Rowe Rawlence says: 'We want to create a community artwork that celebrates our schools but also the dynamic youth of the Dales from the dawn of photography to now. Do you live in the Upper Dales? Did you go to school here? We'd love to see your pictures about what youth in the Dales means to you. We'd like to amass as many images as possible. Photos can be vintage or modern and feature landscape or buildings as well as people, and artwork and drawings are great too - the more the merrier'.

Education Officer Heather Hodgson says: 'We're really looking forward to working with three local primary schools on this project - Reeth & Gunnerside, Hawes and BAWB. With pupils and the wider school community we'll be collecting as many photos, pictures and drawings as we can. Dig out your old photos, take a new snap, draw a picture, get creative! With digital technology it's super easy to participate by taking photos on phones and uploading them online. Members of the public can participate by uploading their images... (continued on next page)



directly at : thepeoplespicture.com/storyofschools/.

The People's Picture are experts in visual storytelling and bringing communities together to create, celebrate and own their unique legacy. Previous photo mosaics have ranged from 'The Face of Suffrage' marking the 100th anniversary of British women getting the vote to 'The People's Moon', a giant lunar artwork across Times Square and the Kennedy Space Centre, and 'Rainbows for the NHS', an interactive 'mosaic of hope' made up of thousands of pictures submitted to 'The People's Picture' during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Artist Helen Marshall says: 'I am proud to be creating artwork for such a special location and community. It is fantastic that our work is exploring and engaging with rural communities and I

am looking forward to discovering some of the unique stories and photos that shall unfold as part of the project. I am also especially excited to be visiting and working with The NASH and Dales Countryside Museum in Hawes, and cannot wait to see all the wonderful creative imagery that is generated from the community and schools.'

'The Story of Schools' artwork will be on display at Dales Countryside Museum from 30 January to 21 April 2021, after which it will tour as part of Swaledale Festival.

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Dales Police Report August 2020

The following incidents of note have occurred in this area this month -

Three incidents were reported

On the afternoon of 11th July, near Tan Hill, a pointer type dog escaped its lead and chased a flock of sheep causing considerable distress and some minor injuries to a number of ewes and lambs. The owner has been reported for summons for the offence of 'Dog worrying livestock'. It is just another example of how quickly uncontrolled dogs can revert to their primal instincts if given the chance.

On the afternoon of 29th July an off duty police officer near East Witton noticed a suspicious quad bike being ridden in convoy with a silver Mercedes car. Both vehicles made off at speed.

The quad was quickly located apparently abandoned nearby. The suspect vehicle was then tracked by the Force Control Room using the national network of 'Automatic Number Plate Recognition' cameras, and traffic officers soon intercepted it on the outskirts of Darlington.

Two male occupants were arrested on suspicion of theft of the quad, and are currently under investigation. The Mercedes was seized on suspicion of being used in crime. The quad turned out to have been stolen that day from a farm at West Scafton.

A great result, and a good reminder

to ring the police when you think something or someone is suspicious, out of place or unusual in your community.

It is also worth noting that this happened in broad daylight in the middle of the afternoon, so please watch out at all times of the day and night.

Overnight on 7th August the Leyburn Recycling Centre on Moor Road was broken into again and about 20 car batteries stolen. Please call in at the time if you see any suspicious activity down there.

The police continue to take reports of telephone and e-mail scams. Please don't share personal information or give strangers access to your computer, however convincing they might sound.

If you believe you have been a victim of fraud, call North Yorkshire Police on 101 or report it to Action Fraud by visiting actionfraud.police.uk or by calling 0300 1232040. In an emergency or if a crime is in action dial 999.

Coronavirus continues to have a huge impact on our lives. This looks set to continue until an effective vaccine is developed. In the meantime keep applying common sense with face masks, hand washing, social distancing and avoiding crowds.

For up to date information go to Gov.uk/coronavirus

Julian Sutcliffe PC558
Dales Neighbourhood Police Team



Sustainable Swaledale

Local Food Map We have created a map showing local food producers who sell or deliver to the Two Dales area. The interactive map on our website shows locations and contact details.

We will do our best to keep this updated. If you'd like to suggest a local farm shop, cheesemaker, butcher, greengrocer or food producer, please email, or post in our Facebook group.

Incredible Edible Swaledale grows free local vegetables for all, on un-used bits of ground. Our new plot at Reeth Medical Centre is thriving - please feel free to plant, pick or just potter around.



For this year, just plant things wherever there is space (ideally keep all the herbs together). Please label the things you plant if they are something unobvious!

We encourage people to pick the fruit and mature leaves, making sure you leave plenty for others too. If you're a good weed-spotter, pull the tiny weed seedlings out before they get started!

Our plans also include signage and fruit trees.

Recently (August), a blog on our website shared tips for the garden, including making free plant food from comfrey (which bees love!)

Wildflower meadows are one of the reasons people love coming to Swaledale. The UK has lost 97% of its wildflower meadows since the 1930s. Dr Cliff Henry from the National Trust explains that "wildflower patches are wonderful habitats that support a rich variety of insect life. In turn, other animals like hedgehogs, birds and bats need the insects to feed on. If one group of species is in decline, that can lead to the loss of many more."

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Share your favourite recipes

We are collecting and sharing recipes recommended by local people. If your recipe uses local ingredients, that's even better.

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The latest comes from the family of Emma Longstaff, who grew up at White House farm, Arkengarthdale. She married Charlie Wilson and they ran the bakery and village store at Oakworth House, Reeth during the 1930s-50s. 'Maids of Honour' is one of the family favourites that Emma made in the shop. Find it and other recipes on our website.

We'd love to hear the stories behind your recipe - where it came from, why it's popular in your family, maybe how you've improved on the original version. And a photo would be brilliant!

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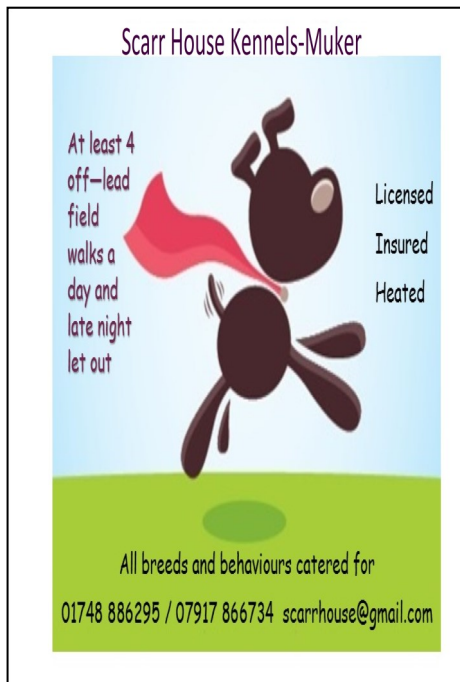
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One Year On Arkengarthdale School

Arkengarthdale School closed almost exactly a year ago but the final cohort of children had planted a wild life garden in front of the school.
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Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2019/2020: David Williams was thanked for undertaking the internal audit. The Parish Council was not exempt from external audit for 2019/20 on account of the flood-related contributions. The accounts would be sent to the external auditors this month and made available online. The commencement date for the exercise of public rights to view the accounts was set for a 30 working-day period between 20 July and 28 August 2020.

Budget 2020/21: The draft budget for the current year was considered. It was becoming increasingly difficult to operate within the current precept amount. An extraordinary meeting would be held on Monday 3 August to finalise the budget.

Coronavirus community support: A grant application to the Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust for fuel costs to reimburse the Arkengarthdale volunteer drivers had been successful. A grant application to RDC for Personal Protective Equipment for the volunteer delivery drivers had also been successful.

Affordable housing: It was noted that the Upper Dales Community Land Trust (UDCLT) (with support from RDC and Broadacres Housing Association) had submitted a bid to Charlton's Estate Agency for the school building on 9 June with an explanation of the

planned development and the rationale behind the bid. As yet no response had been received from the Parochial Church Council.

Flooding matters: The completion of the repairs to the flood-damaged road surface next to St Mary's Church was noted and thanks were expressed to Cllr Stones for organising the contractors; A plan of action received from YDNPA on the forthcoming works to the foot bridges and rights of way in Arkengarthdale had been received. Work on Arkletown bridge was currently underway; The Two Ridings Community Foundation would soon be re-opening a call for applications for individuals and organisations for flood resilience work.

Correspondence received: An expression of thanks from the Royal British Legion's local representative had been received for the Parish Council's continued support at a difficult time for fundraising; A complaint from a resident about dog fouling on the footpath in Scar House Woods was considered but, as the woods were private property, the Parish Council did not have the authority to act. A request for a representative of the Parish Council at future meetings of the Hambleton and Richmondshire Rural Transport & Access Partnership (RTAP) had been received. The likelihood of public transport for Arkengarthdale was discussed and Cllr Peacock noted that NYCC were currently looking at demand in isolated areas.

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NYCC Highways: A site meeting with Highways had been held on 2 June 2020 in Arkengarthdale. The list of issues previously identified by the Council had been viewed and discussed.

It was noted that pot holes on the Eskeleth road were particularly urgent.

Planning matters:

Planning application R/01/137A at Arkle Barn, Langthwaite - approved conditionally.

Planning Consultation - application R/01/166 at Low Seal House, Arkengarthdale, for works to rear of existing dwelling, to include raising the roof of the rear lean-to, provision of new rear entrance door and glazing, internal alterations and drainage works. Application unanimously supported.

Planning Consultation - application R/01/120A at Home Farm, Arkengarthdale, for erection of agricultural building for sheep housing. Application unanimously supported.

Mobile phone network: A local pilot scheme for 5G was noted but it was not clear if Arkengarthdale was included in the scheme. This would be investigated.

Full minutes are available online at www.arkengarthdale.org.uk

Date of next meeting:

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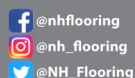
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ELLIE CLOCKS UP 851KM FOR CHEER

Congratulations to Ellie Hughes, a Year 8 student at Richmond School, who has taken the 100km Challenge for Cheer to fundraise for Lazer Cheer, the cheer-leading club she is a member of.

Throughout June, the club challenged its members to walk, run or cycle 100km to encourage them to take ownership of their fitness ahead of the new season.

With no cheerleading training for over three months, it has been very important for the athletes to keep their fitness levels up until they are able to get back to training.

Ellie cycled and walked each day, with her brother Matty, a former student, to keep her company. Ellie quickly smashed the 100km target, so Matty set her a new personal target of trying to travel the distance to Disneyland Paris, as she was meant to be there with school at the start of June. She managed to accomplish this, covering a grand total of 851km. She is very proud to have raised £100 from her efforts.

She has cycled in all weathers, from glorious sunshine to torrential rain and winds.

Matty said "Battling against the elements did not deter Ellie, she continued to drag me out on my bike at every possible opportunity. My seat is very unforgiving after several bike rides each day! Although I can't wait to have a bike ride back to myself, it'll be weird not having Ellie constantly talking in my left ear asking me to play yet another guess the Disney character or name an animal starting with every letter of the alphabet! It has been wonderful to sup-

port Ellie to help the running of the Lazer Cheer club, which she lives and breathes, it is such an important part of her life."



Mrs Carruthers, Ellie's PE Teacher, said: "Ellie made a real impression in Year 6 when she attended Richmond School to take part in a Netball transition club. She has then continued to impress me in PE lessons throughout the year as we have covered many sports, such as rugby, gymnastics or badminton - she is a very talented athlete. Ellie is a hard-working and dedicated student and it came as no surprise to hear that she was taking on this challenge."

Ellie is one of a number of our students who are dedicated cheerleaders with Lazer Cheer club, some of whom were honoured to travel to America in February to compete in the Cheersport Nationals, where they won the Junior



1 title. The club has raised £2,252 so far and has as a donation page at https://www.gofundme.com/f/lazer-cheer-academy-100-km-june-fundraiser?utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=p_cf+share-flow-1&fbclid=IwAROE4486__TKAbkgADGaaKep4cjQRga4RI8LkVIt666v_D0HzMf3AB9EPko

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From the vicar's column of the village magazine of Holt in Norfolk

I am sure many of you know that I am descended from Yorkshire stock who have worked the land for over 400 years. Those of us who have the privilege of being born and raised in Yorkshire know only too well that its God's own county. I hear some of you scoff, but just to prove my point let me tell you that I heard recently God was seen walking in Swaledale, and when asked what he was doing, he replied, "I'm working from Home, lad!"

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- 'Scuse me while I kiss the sky - **Purple Haze**

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The winner this month? Well, I think Margaret Porter was dischuffed with her disqualification last month and so has entered this month using the pseudonym 'Steve' - and it has worked. Because, although (s)he was way out with her/his guess for the tiebreaker, it did not matter as the tiebreaker did not come into play.

This month, as it's my birthday, I've chosen five of my all time favourite Top Ten songs. (Which actually numbers around 100, depending on the mood I'm in.) Title and original artist for the following:

- Ever seen a blind man cross the road, trying to make the other side
- Nothing to kill or die for and no religion, too
- Letters I've written never meaning to send
- It's a little bit funny, this feelin' inside
- I really love your peaches wanna shake your tree

For the tiebreaker, who recorded the first single I ever bought?

The usual rules apply with no internet use allowed - unless it is to listen to my show from 10.00am - 1.00pm every Tuesday on Bishop FM. (It won't help but you can have a go at guessing the year in the 'Mystery Hour') £5.00 will be donated to a charity of the winner's choosing. Answers can be left at the Post Office or sent via e-mail to:

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The Minotaur Takes a Cigarette Break by Steven Sherrill

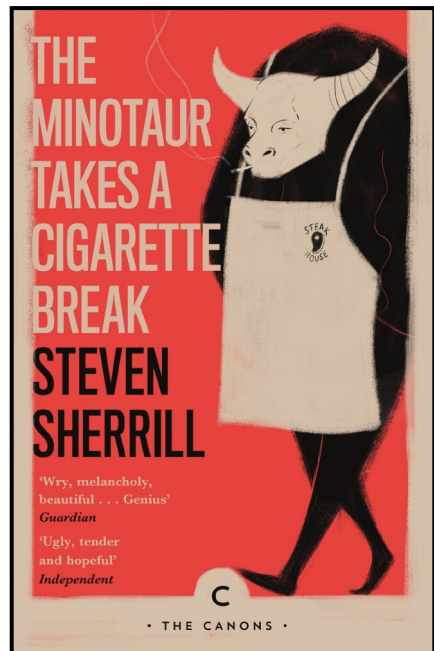
An oddball novel about a Minotaur, known as M, working as a chef in the American Deep South.

Great mix of the mythical living amongst the mundane, a fantasy character living a humdrum life.

The reader is right inside M's head with his thoughts, written unpretentiously.

An outsider's view of life. 5/5

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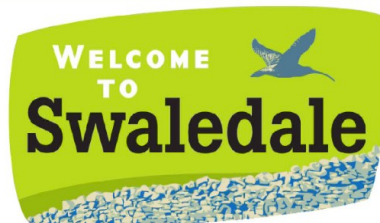
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Great Film
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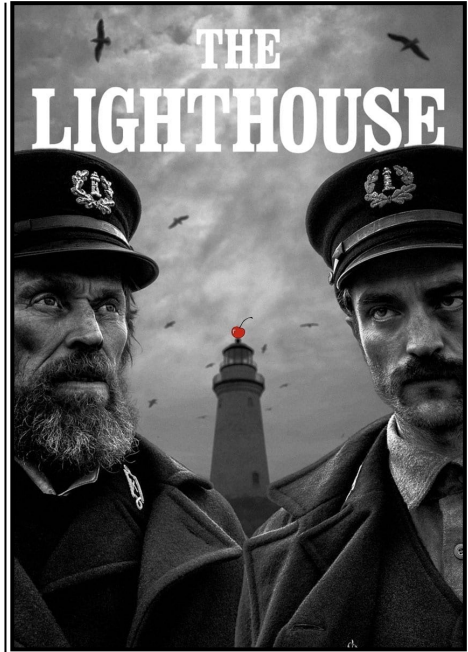
Two lighthouse keepers descend into an obsessive madness.

Brilliant acting, beautifully filmed in black and white, the box like screen (old silent movie style) enhances the feeling of claustrophobia.

The incessant sounds of foghorn and seagulls add to the impending doom.

If you liked Hammer Horror you will love this. It's on Amazon Prime. 5/5

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www.facebook.com/groups/ReethandDistrictCommunity/

If you can't access the internet and this information then please phone the anchor hub at Hudson House. Phone **01748 880 021** manned Monday to Friday 10 am to 3 pm (except bank holidays). Messages can be left at any time. Thank you to all who have volunteered and are providing this much needed support throughout the two dales.

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16th 11am to 1pm, Drop-in flu clinics
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30th 11am and 1pm, Drop-in flu clinics
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October

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Muker 2020 Show Cancelled

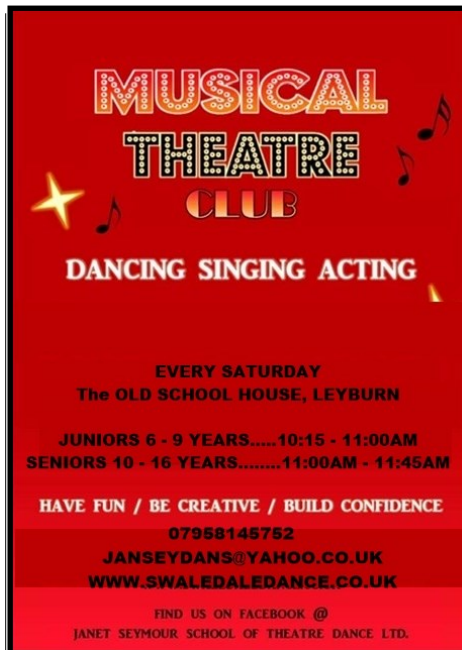
With regret the 2020 Muker Show is
cancelled. Next year's show on
Wednesday 1st September 2021 will be
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