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### First Thoughts Marley's Jaw

So how many times do I hear the it's could be caused by over-use' when I google an ailment I am experiencing

**Disclaimer** before I continue to write this. None of this refers to any advice from my most excellent G.P. That almost goes without saying because of how good he is and all locals know who I mean. It's all to do with my internet research and anyway my ailment has to be treated by my dentist.

It just seems to me as my ailments now go, evidently I am to expect this at my age OR the cause is down to that overused (see what I did there) phrase 'its wear and tear or overuse'.

What have I overused this time you may ask !

Well despite being a Billy-No-Mates I seem to have overstretched my jaw. Meaning it now clicks when I open it wide. Tommy Cooper would say here 'well do not open it wide then'. So like a clicking knee I can, on your request, click my jaw to any tune you request. It hurts actually when I do.

The exercise to repair this issue seems to involve me gurning for ages and stretching my tongue to where I cannot stretch it. What with my yoga to stop other bloody aches due to working at a computer. Then walking to stay fit and slim. I do not have time to write any more of this today. So stopping here.

Hope you enjoy this Gazette. **Mike B**

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So, how's your Pacemaker? Answers are:

- You give me a feeling in my heart, like an arrow passin' through it - **How Do You Do It**
- Do that again you're driving me insane - **I Like It**
- And don't be afraid of the dark - **You'll Never Walk Alone**
- For the morning will bring joy for every girl and boy - **Don't Let the Sun Catch You Crying**
- People they rush everywhere each with their own secret care - **Ferry Cross the Mersey**

And the winner is: **Margaret Porter**, who was suspiciously spot on with the tiebreaker - an adult return ticket on the ferry across the Mersey costs £3.70. Hmm . . . has the lady cheated? This month, all these lyrics are from songs by Cat Stevens. Why? Why not?

Song titles please.

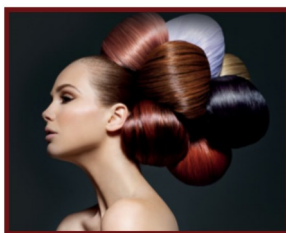
- No one asks for more money cuz nobody dares
- I would have given you all of my heart
- Now that I've lost everything to you
- It's not time to make a change just relax, take it easy
- Well I think it's fine, building Jumbo planes

And for the tiebreaker: Which is the odd one out and why?

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 years in the 'Mystery Hour') Answers can be left at the Post Office or sent via e-mail to:

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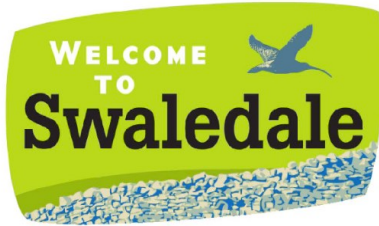
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## Ask the Family

Answer the trivia questions without referring to the internet or books.

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Q	Category	Question
1	General	What do speleologists study ?
2	TV	What colour was Oscar the Grouch in sesame Street ?
3	General	What city was Walt Disney born in ?
4	Sport	What name is given to a ball on a wire that is thrown in an Olympic event ?
5	Literature	What author's name means two fathoms deep ?
6	Science	What metal is also known as quicksilver ?
7	General	What does 'Helvetica' mean ?
8	Medical	What does a sphygmomanometer measure ?
9	History	What killed over half a million Americans in 1918 ?
10	Movies	What is the name of the coolest girl gang in the movie 'Grease' ?
11	Nature	What are beavers called before they are full grown ?
12	Literature	What Shakespeare play inspired the title of Aldous Huxley's 'Brave New World' ?
13	TV	What city was the setting of the completely rubbish TV Show 'Friends' ?
14	Music	What is the name of the leading female singer in an opera ?
15	Movies	Who played Dracula in the 1931 film of the same name ?
16	History	What is the one-eyed giant of Greek mythology called ?
17	General	What city hosted the 2010 Winter Games ?
18	Nature	What colourful name is often applied to a sequoia ?
19	Movies	What 1987 Michael Cain film has a zero rating on the website Rotten Tomatoes (clue think big boats) ?
20	Music	What disco queen's first gold record was 1975's 'Love to Love You baby' ?



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### Message from the Swaledale Museum Reeth

With museums closing, or limiting their services, all around us, we are excited to offer more positive news. We are planning re-opening the Swaledale Museum from Monday 31st May, Mondays to Thursdays inclusive 10.00 am to 4.00 pm and at other times by appointment, just contact us. We can't wait to get back into our stride and see you all. We are still not sure about rescheduling our talks yet, but will keep you up-to-date with what is possible. We have a range of new acquisitions to display, including some books by Ruby Ferguson, but more on them in a later message.

Thank you all for your comments relating to the new releases on our Museum Image Archive. We are particularly grateful to the grand daughter of Emma Nathan (née Hodgson of Marrick). She recognised her grandmother in some of Eleanor Barker's photographs, and has told us she lived at Lock Heather in Healaugh, and tended the phone box there. You may remember it - carpeted and always with a vase of fresh flowers in it. We are hoping to gain further information to help bring these pictures alive for future generations.

Thanks to all of you who responded to our March photograph, and correctly pointed out that it was taken outside Reeth Workhouse, and shows the Board of Guardians. As I am writing this on International Women's' Day I thought I'd focus on the lady with the fine hat seated at the front. Thanks to re-

search by Alan Gibson and Tracy Little we featured this quietly famous lady in the Spring 2018 edition of the Friends of Swaledale Museum Newsletter. To paraphrase Tracy's longer article, in early 1907 Mrs. Elizabeth Eleanor Greathead was the first woman ever to be appointed to the office of a Clerk to a Board of Guardians. As the widow of Mr. Greathead, a solicitor, who held the office to the Reeth Board for a number of years, she was well acquainted with the duties to be performed. This was no mere secretarial post. We have some idea of what the job entailed, thanks to The Business Encyclopedia And Legal Adviser (1911), which stated that 'The position of Clerk to the Guardians carries with it great responsibility, and is the most important office in connection with the administration of the Poor Law in the Union.

He is the expert adviser to the Guardians on all matters affecting indoor and outdoor relief and those relating to the powers and duties of the Guardians. The Clerk is not obliged to belong to the legal profession, though this probably obtains in the majority of instances, and in such cases the fact is of considerable advantage to the Board...'. Born Elizabeth Eleanor Bennett, a farmer's daughter from Deddington, Oxfordshire, she came to Swaledale when she married, aged 17, local solicitor Francis Joseph Greathead in 1879. Mrs. Greathead was very much a part of an increasing involvement of women in politics but was way ahead of the field in holding the position she did. Astonishingly, two decades later, she was still unique.

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The Leeds Mercury reported in 1926: 'The only woman who is a clerk to Guardians and also to a Council, Mrs. E. E. Greathead, of Reeth, is retiring.' The other lady in the photograph is the Matron Mrs White, and sitting between them is Joseph Peacock of Punchard.

We do not know who the handsomely bewhiskered man to the far right in this row is. Do any of you know?

I wonder if we ran a Greatest Lady from the Dales competition - who would you chose and why?



This month instead of a photograph from our collection we present an object. One of the most enigmatic of items that we care for is a strip of unfinished patchwork, with the backing papers still in. You can see here the finger tip of one of our volunteers Clara Baltiesz . Several years ago she catalogued some of our textile collection. She has a very groovy style in nail polish. She reveals one of the backing papers. Others are made from envelopes postmarked 1891, advertising for animal medicines, Methodist circuit plans and playing cards. I wonder does anyone recognise this wonderful patchwork, as we have no provenance for it.

We would love to know more about this likely Methodist farming lady with a penchant for card playing!

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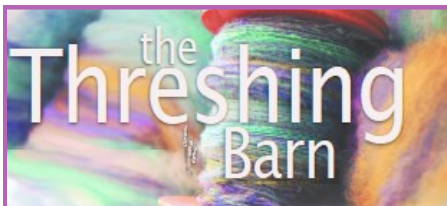
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## **Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority Strongly Condemn Recent Shootings of Birds of Prey Bainbridge 12<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

The Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority are shocked, but sadly not surprised, by footage recently released by the RSPB investigations team of two buzzards being lured to their deaths on a North Yorkshire grouse moor.

Neil Heseltine, Chair of the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority said:

"This shows a callous disregard for the law and birds of prey that is all too familiar from some within the community. The Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority condemns raptor persecution in the strongest possible terms and continues to work closely with partners and others to stamp out this crime once and for all.

"This incident, and the continuing issue of bird of prey persecution in the County demands maximum exposure. People need to know what is happening here and the devastating impact this is having on our protected species.

"ALL birds of prey are protected by law and killing them is a criminal offence. If this activity continues it is difficult to see how the Government in

England will not be forced to examine other ways in which to prevent this criminality. Certainly the actions of the individual involved in this case can only be assisting those who wish to see the end of driven grouse shooting. For that reason, if no other, you would hope someone in the community might expose their obnoxious criminal activity.

"Finally, I would encourage anyone, local or visitor, who witnesses any suspicious activity while they're out and about in the countryside, or anyone who is made aware of it through their networks, to contact the Police".

For concerns about a possible wildlife crime, you should call 101. If you witness a suspected wildlife crime in action, call 999 immediately and ask for the Police. Finally, you can speak in confidence about raptor persecution directly with the RSPB on 0300 9990101

The Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority Management Plan objective C5 on illegal persecution of raptors can be viewed <https://www.yorkshiredales.org.uk/about/national-park-management-plan/c-wildlife/objective-c5/>



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## THE STATION

### New General Manager for Richmondshire Building Preservation Trust



It's full steam ahead as Richmondshire Building Preservation Trust appoints a new General Manager.

Chris Brown, until recently Executive Director of The Old Deanery in Ripon, joins the Trust this month, bringing a wealth of business development, event service and hospitality experience to both the management of The Station and wider developments across the Trust. He will oversee current and new projects as the charity enters an exciting new future post-lockdown.

John Harris, Chair of RBPT says, 'We are very pleased that we have been able to appoint Chris to the key role of General Manager. He is experienced and enthusiastic, and has shown an excellent grasp of the challenges ahead as we all emerge from lockdown. He has many good ideas and I am sure there are exciting times ahead.'

Formed in 2003, Richmondshire Building Preservation Trust's most notable project to date is the transformation of the Victorian station building in Richmond. The Station is a community enterprise housing exhibition galleries and

3D art store, Café Bar, award-winning artisan food producers, three-screen cinema and meeting rooms. The building is also a hub for community activities and courses, such as photography, singing, crafts and language lessons.

Chris says, "I'm delighted to be joining the Trust, to providing support to the exceptional team already in place at The Station and to helping grow the Trust's presence and investments in the area. With Covid-19 restrictions hopefully being eased over the coming months, I look forward to welcoming friends new and old back to The Station and to assisting our wonderful tenants in re-opening their doors."

The Station is planning to re-open to the public on 12 April with self-service food and refreshment options from the Cafe Bar during the initial few weeks at the end of current lockdown restrictions and with new outside seating facilities.

All the latest information can be found on The Station's website:

[www.thestation.co.uk](http://www.thestation.co.uk) or on their social media pages.

For more information on the charity's projects: [www.richmondshirebpt.co.uk](http://www.richmondshirebpt.co.uk)

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**Lotte Betts Dean (mezzo-soprano) and Sean Shibe (guitar)** - Thurs 15 July, St. Andrew's Church, Grinton  
Two concerts at 16:00 and 19:30.

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**The Hut People** - Sat 17 July, Raygill House Farm, near Hawes

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**Solus Trumpet Ensemble** - Tue 3 Aug, St. Andrew's Church, Grinton

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Two concerts at 16:00 & 19:30

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**Aurora Percussion Duo** - Tue 14 Sep, St. Mary's Church, Richmond

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**Meera Maharaja (flute) & Dominic Degavino (piano)** - Fri 1 Oct, St. Andrew's Church, Aysgarth

Two concerts at 16:00 and 19:30

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Sunday 28 March - Palm Sunday - Holy Trinity, Low Row

- Sunday 4 April - Easter Day - St Andrew's, Grinton
- Sunday 11 April - Holy Trinity, Low Row
- Sunday 18 April - St Mary's, Muker
- Sunday 25 April - St Mary's, Arkengarthdale - followed by the APCM
- Sunday 2 May - Holy Trinity, Low Row

Churches will also be open for private prayer on request. Please contact the churchwardens.

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Please contact any of the ministers or check on the websites shown below for the latest information for each church. Even though buildings may be closed please know that the church - the body of people who worship and follow Jesus - is alive and well and continuing to pray and seek to serve. Please contact any of the ministers as usual to talk or pray, or if we can help in any way.

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### **CHARLOTTE PORTER PUTS IN A GREAT PERFORMANCE FOR THE SWALEDALE SCOUT GROUP!**

I am pleased to submit a lovely positive news story about our local young people. Charlotte Porter, from Reeth, who now runs her own dance school in Richmond, was invited to be a guest speaker for the Swaledale Scouts Group.

Charlotte Porter, Richmond School alumna, was invited to be an inspirational guest speaker at a recent meeting of the Swaledale Scouts Group. Charlotte runs her own award-winning dance school, the Charlotte Jacqueline School of Dance, at The Station in Richmond. She talked about her journey into dance, starting at 10 years old, late for many, being inspired by Mrs Seymour, the local dance teacher, dancing in Germany and then working in France before returning home and eventually setting up her business. Charlotte also talked about pushing herself outside her comfort zone by joining the Mountain Rescue and being one of the youngest in the organisation, along with Chris Curry, another of our former students.

Charlotte said: "It was wonderful to speak with the Swaledale Scouts! It is so lovely to see so many of them interested in both the arts and also being involved in their community! We chatted about what life was like as a professional performer, living abroad and what the training included. Many also wanted to know about volunteering with

the Mountain Rescue and it was lovely to see that lots of them would love to volunteer when they are older. Scouts is such a wonderful organisation, and we owe our initial dance school set up to the Richmond Scouts for allowing us to hire their Scout Hut on Quakers Lane. It was also great to see some of them involved in and supporting other local clubs."

Richard Tarran, leader of the Swaledale Scout Group said: "Thank you so much to Charlotte for giving up her time to be our guest speaker. She brought energy, zest, enthusiasm, positivity and inspiration to Swaledale's Monday evening Scout meeting."

The Swaledale Scout Group are looking for an assistant, over 18 years old, to help with their meetings. If anyone would like to discuss this opportunity further, please contact Richard Tarran on [richtarran@aol.com](mailto:richtarran@aol.com) or **07866 410616**. It is a great voluntary role and would be ideal for anyone looking to fulfil their Duke of Edinburgh service element.

There are currently 11 Scouts in the Swaledale Troop (10  $\frac{1}{2}$  up to 14  $\frac{1}{2}$  years old). There is also a Beaver Colony (5  $\frac{3}{4}$  up to 8  $\frac{1}{2}$  years) and a Cub Pack (8 to 10  $\frac{1}{2}$  years).

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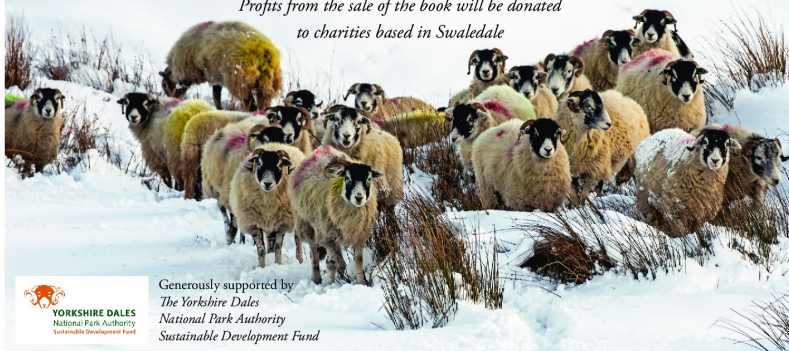
David Ian Short is a well-known local photographer based in Richmond, who runs the Richmond Station Photography Groups for beginners and experts. Ian has exhibited at Richmond Station, Scottish Natural Heritage in Perth, and Joe Cornish Gallery in Northallerton. He has previously completed photographic projects with the Alvie estate in Aviemore and has run photographic holidays in Scotland.

Ian's background is in teaching and as a geographer, he brings a wealth of knowledge about the area and this is inter-weaved into his narrative. Ian's love for the dale comes through in his distinctive and engaging narrative voice, which accompanies his photographs.

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## **Border Collie Rescue Dog Food Support Program**

We are running a program to assist people who are in financial difficulties because of the pandemic to feed their dogs. In some cases people are going without themselves to ensure their dogs are fed and in other cases it is the dog that loses out.

The extreme side of this is that some people are being forced to part with their dogs due to their temporary circumstances.

We want people to be able to keep their dogs and themselves well fed throughout this crisis and if they are in financial hardship the provision of food for their dogs will free up some cash to enable them to look after themselves better. Everybody wins.

We will supply free complete dried dog food to eligible people in the Two Dales. In most cases we would provide enough dog food to feed their dog/s for one month. This could be repeated. There is no restriction on breed of dog. For the duration of the program it is not restricted to Border Collies!

We will deliver to their houses directly in most villages and set up times and locations where people can meet us to collect food if they are outside of our delivery areas.

Delivery areas will be in the principal villages up to Muker in Swaledale and Langthwaite in Arkengarthdale. To be eligible people must be able to demonstrate hardship.

The simplest way would be to provide evidence of receipt of some sort of state benefit or basic state pension but there may be some people who are on furlough or have been self employed and are receiving no help, or insufficient help, to get by.

We would have to look at such cases on an individual basis.

To enrol on the program, eligible people would simply need to contact us.

There is one other caveat - people must not be receiving support from the Richmond food bank as we are already supplying dog food to them for them to distribute to people who have provided proof of eligibility to their satisfaction.

Swale Vets are aware of the program and in cases where they feel that one of their clients would benefit they will put them directly in touch with us but outside of themselves and the food bank we need to make more people aware of the opportunity for support if they need it.

We are also looking for somewhere in Reeth where we can leave bagged up dog food - sufficient for an average dog for one week - where people can pick up a bag if they need it.

It must be somewhere open to the public at least a couple of days a week - Friday being one - and under some sort of general supervision. We would rely on people's honesty in taking dog food in this way and this is one reason why we  
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we would want it to be under some sort of supervision.

People are less likely to abuse the program if they could be seen collecting food.

If the smaller bags are insufficient they could come onto the main program for a sack to be provided. We would supply a plastic dustbin or other similar container and fill it with bags of food. When it's contents get low someone could call us and we would top it up.

Our funds are not bottomless but we would carry this on for as long as we could.

Initially we are proposing 3 months. It could be longer - it depends on take up.

More affluent people could make a donation to the program to extend its duration and we will be appealing for additional funding from other sources.

Please note - we are a voluntary organisation. A registered charity in England and Wales and also registered in Scotland. No one will benefit from this other than the recipients of the food. This program is being run to help local people, primarily in Swaledale and Arkengarthdale.

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## Melbecks Parish Council February 2021

**Planning application:** Croft House, Gunnerside - Planning application/ Listed Building consent, for erection of porch and replacement of existing roof - the Council raised no comments or objections, Brow Hill Farm, Gunnerside; householder planning permission for conversion of adjoining stone building to create additional living accommodation- this application has been withdrawn.

**Tree planting** High Gill House, Low Row & Old Dairy, Low Row. A request was made for a letter from the Parish Council to support their application to the Millennium Trust for tree planting. The council was happy to support the plan and the clerk will reply to advise of this.

**Request for bench outside Low Row Church** A member of the public has requested that a bench be installed outside the Church in Low Row, no objections were raised however this will need to be agreed by Reeth Estates which is now administered by GSC Grays. The clerk will contact them to see if this is possible.

It was also noted that the Church has permission to put a path for disabled access along the wall side, and it was agreed for the clerk to contact the Church regarding this Highways Cllr Silver has met with Steve Barker, **Highways**, NYCC and the work has now been mostly completed. No further work at Gunnerside has taken place.

The clerk was asked to request more salt for outside the Institute, Brocca Bank and Peat Gate. The clerk was also asked to report to Highways that on the road up to Peat Gate, there is an

issue where the road is starting to slip into the gully in a passing place, which could cause damage to vehicles

**Next meeting** will be on Thursday March 25th 2021 at 7.30pm, which will be the Annual Parish meeting, to be held either at Gunnerside Village Hall or on Zoom, if to be held virtually, this is yet to be confirmed.

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## Reeth Memorial Hall Caretaker

After 18 years as caretaker of Reeth Memorial Hall, Jenny Sunter (ably assisted by Brian) has decided to retire at the end of March.

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## Sustainable Swaledale

Climate change  
Swaledale's climate twin

**Climate change** means that in the future Swaledale is likely to have weather currently experienced further south. Using the latest official UK Climate Projection data reaching out to 2080, covering temperature, rainfall, and windspeed amongst other measures, it has been possible to look for places which currently experience the sort of weather that Swaledale will experience in 2039 and 2061. Visit the blog post to find out which places, if current projections are accurate, closest match a future Swaledale climate:

[sustainableswaledale.org/blog/swaledales-climate-twin/](https://sustainableswaledale.org/blog/swaledales-climate-twin/)

The National Trust has used the same dataset to map climate change threats to its properties, coastline, and countryside. The mapping covers **Arkengarthdale/Swaledale**: <https://tinyurl.com/bw82cc>

### Food and gardening

Find advice on what you can start to plant and the importance of rotating your crops in the blog:

**March in the vegetable garden**: [sustainableswaledale.org/blog/march-in-the-vegetable-garden/](https://sustainableswaledale.org/blog/march-in-the-vegetable-garden/)

UN research on **food waste** found that more than 930 million tonnes of food sold in 2019 ended in waste bins. The UN has set a target to halve food waste by 2030: [news.un.org/en/](https://news.un.org/en/)

[story/2021/03/1086402](https://www.reethanddistrictgazette.com/story/2021/03/1086402)

The Sustainability charity WRAP has reported that batch cooking and more careful meal planning during the lockdown has recently reduced waste by 22% compared to the 2019 figure. [bbc.co.uk/news/science-environment-56271385](https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/science-environment-56271385)

One way of cutting down food waste is **compleating** (whole plant eating) focusing on eating all edible parts of a plant. An account of a beginner's experience of compleating is on the Sustainable Swaledale site:

[sustainableswaledale.org/blog/](https://sustainableswaledale.org/blog/)

### Planning

Sustainable Swaledale responded to the Yorkshire Dales National Park Consultation Paper no 3: Exploring our options: building new homes, expressing concern regarding the downgrading of Reeth.

### Together for Trees

The Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust and Sustainable Swaledale are still looking for **small sites for planting trees**. If interested, please contact [info@sustainableswaledale.org](mailto:info@sustainableswaledale.org)

### Wood Pasture

With the current renewal of interest in **wood pasture**, it should be noted that Swaledale used to have a lot of wood pasture defined as grazing land with scattered trees. Place names such as Thwaite (clearing), Hollins (holly trees), Stott Wood (stott meaning a steer), scrogs and springs (pollarded trees) all point to a historic landscape. More information can be found in Andrew Fleming's book: *Swaledale: Valley of the Wild River*.



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### World Curlew Day 21 April 2021

We are privileged to be able to see and hear the birds around the Dales. The Yorkshire Dales National Park and landowners within the Northern Upland Chain Local Partnership are working to conserve the curlew. The UK's breeding curlew population **has halved in the last 25 years** and the curlew was added to the UK Red List of Birds in 2015 (birds most at risk).

On the subject of birds, it isn't too late to put up nesting boxes.

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### Richmond Sixth Form College Emma's Artwork Admired By Jesse Lane

I am delighted to share some news about Emma Hodgson and her fantastic artwork which has been admired by world-renowned artist, Jesse Lane. See the stunning artwork on the opposite page.

Emma Hodgson, a Year 12 student at Richmond Sixth Form College, was delighted to discover that Jesse Lane, a world-renowned Coloured Pencil artist, had commented and liked a piece of her artwork on Instagram. Emma has been studying Lane's portraits which have won many national and international honours, including the world's top award for coloured pencil work. His drawings have been featured in numerous prominent art magazines and publications.

Mrs James, Emma's Art teacher, said: "Students were offered a range of Artists' work to focus their practical work on this half term and Emma decided to study Jesse Lane's work. Emma is an incredibly committed student who is flourishing at A-level. Her amazing technical prowess is clearly demonstrated by her study of Lane's work. Her ability to manipulate materials and create a work of such precision is a testament to her talent and hard work. I am so pleased that Lane himself has recognised her ability and given a lovely boost to her confidence on social media."

Emma said: "I have an art account on Instagram **@ehodgson\_art** where I post some drawings every now and then. I posted my study of a Jesse

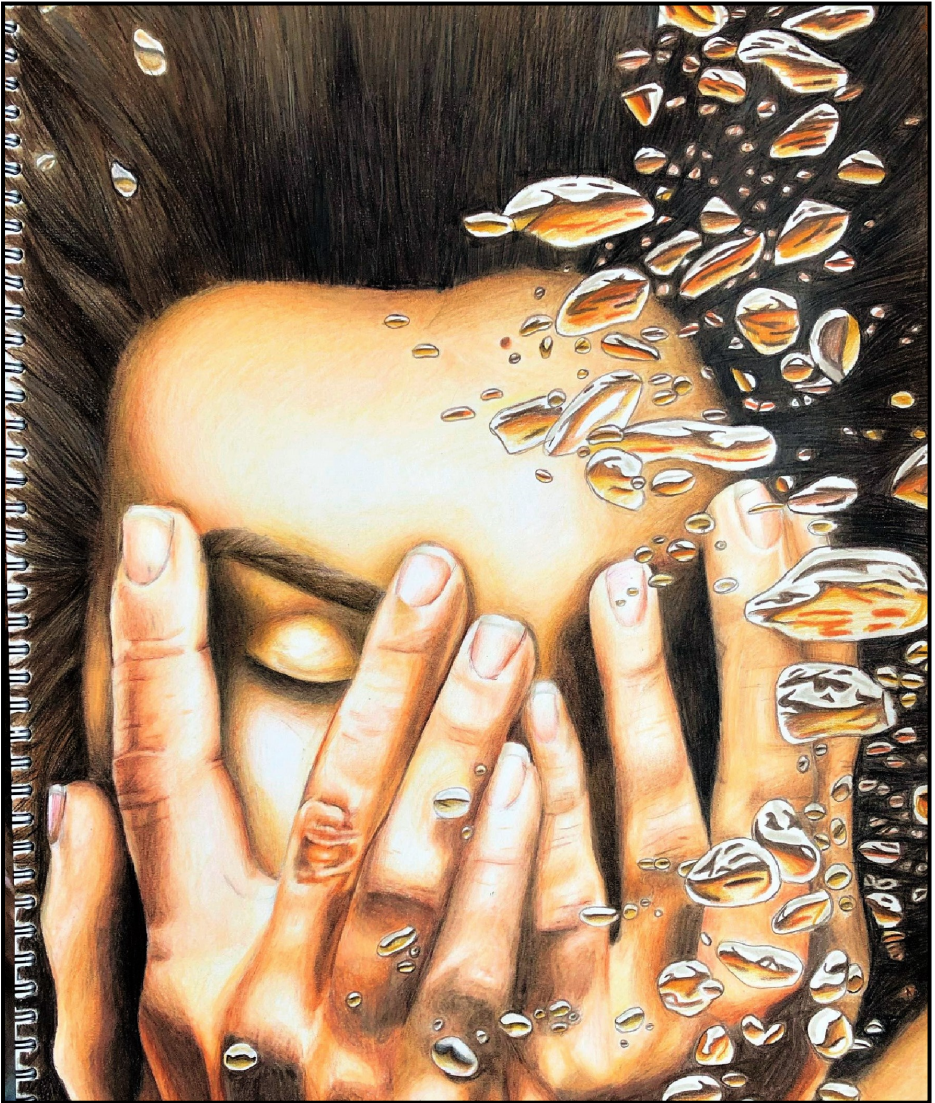


Lane work, which is part of my artist page, and he liked and commented on it! I have found that Art has really helped me during lockdown, it's given me a focus and time to enhance my style. I am definitely going to continue doing art as a hobby, after my A-levels, and add to my art portfolio as I love creating drawings and find it really enjoyable to see the final product."

Jesse Lane is a signature member of the Coloured Pencil Society of America and a member of the Portrait Society of America and the International Guild of Realism.

You can find out more about his work at [www.jesselanart.com/theartist](http://www.jesselanart.com/theartist) I do hope this may be of interest to readers.

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## **Yorkshire Dales National Park Rapid Response to 'Climate Emergency' Bainbridge 1 March 2021**

Engineers are installing solar panels, air source heat pumps and LED lighting in Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority buildings, while electric vehicle charging points have gone in at all ten of the Authority's public car parks.

The renewable energy installations will result in a 40% reduction in the annual amount of carbon dioxide emitted from running the Authority's properties.

Aysgarth Falls National Park Centre (NPC), Malham NPC and the Dales Countryside Museum in Hawes have had solar panels installed in the past few weeks. Solar panels will soon also go on the roof at the Colvend offices in Grassington, while additional panels have been put on the roof of the Authority's other offices, Yoredale in Bainbridge. Air source heat pumps will be installed at Malham and Aysgarth Falls NPCs next week. Each property where work is being done is expected to generate electricity for the National Grid outside of business hours or during long sunny spells. Lighting has been changed to LED in all Authority buildings. The work is being part funded by a grant from the Public Sector Decarbonisation scheme.

Separately, seven new electric vehicle chargers have been installed in the Authority's car parks this year, to add to the three installed last year. Help from Craven District Council and a grant from the On-street Residential Chargepoint Scheme made the installations possible. Each unit is a Podpoint 7kw dual charger, dispensing energy

costing 25 pence per kilowatt hour (kWh). Charging a car for one hour at one of the new points adds about 30 miles of range.

Member Champion for Sustainable Development, Carl Lis, said: "The climate and nature emergency demands the sort of rapid response that we are making. By March last year, the National Park Authority had reduced its own carbon dioxide emissions by 64% compared with 2005. The latest work will reduce our emissions further. But we know we still have a long way to go.

"We want to eliminate carbon dioxide emissions from our operations, as well as embed sustainability in everything we do and use, from the materials we use for fixing paths or planting trees to the jackets we wear while out working. We can take encouragement from the progress being made but we must not let up."

The first three electric vehicle chargers in National Park Authority car parks, installed last year, have saved nearly 4,000 tonnes of carbon dioxide being emitted. Mr Lis added: "We looked at the benefits from the first three EV charge points and decided to put in a further seven of them. We know that our charging points cost people a bit more than a typical charging point at home. The idea, though, is for drivers to top up at these points, rather than rely on them to fully charge. We hope the charging points will give electric vehicle users confidence to visit the National Park and be sure that they can (Continued on next page)



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'fill up' if necessary. We plan to review regularly the usage of the existing chargers and may install more at specific sites as demand increases." The Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority started a programme of actively reducing its carbon emissions in 2006. By March 2019, it had reduced emissions by 64% compared with 2005.

The Authority's Carbon Reduction Plan - approved at a full Authority meeting in April 2020 - sets it on a course to reduce carbon dioxide emissions from operations by at least 95% by 2030 compared with the 2005 baseline.

**Andrew Fag**  
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## Starling Murmurations

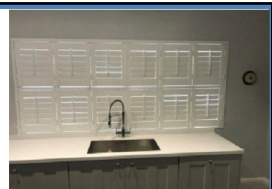
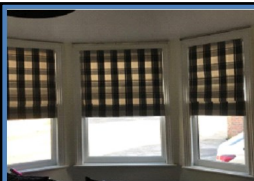
### RSPB assisted notes.

'A mass aerial stunt - thousands of birds all swooping and diving in unison.'

### Treehugger.com assisted notes:

'National Academy of Sciences in 2012, published research showing that each bird is actually reacting to the birds nearest to it. The movement is the result of a series of short-range reactions. One bird affects its seven closest neighbours, and each of those neighbours' movements affect their closest seven neighbours etc. This is how a flock is able to look like a twisting, morphing cloud with some parts moving in one direction at one speed and other parts moving at another direction and at another speed.'

**Mike B**



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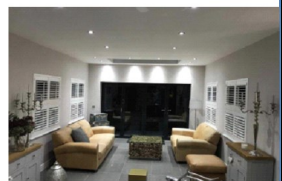
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WORLD OF JAMES



**News Release  
February 2021**

**New Appointment to the Main  
Board of the  
World of James Herriot Ltd**

The board of Directors of the World of James Herriot Ltd is delighted to announce the appointment of John Galtery onto their main board as part of ongoing success of the award-winning attraction in Thirsk. He joins the board following the recent appointment of Kate Pawlett, centre manager as a director.

Managing Director Ian Ashton says: "John has been involved as PR and marketing consultant to the World of James Herriot since 2012 when we first took over from Hambleton District Council to form the private limited operating company, the World of James Herriot Ltd. We are delighted to have John join us in recognition of the hard work, loyalty, and extensive knowledge he provides in the business, and we welcome him to the Board".

Since 2012 WoJH has been run by a team of Herriot enthusiasts with a vision to continually develop it to attract more visitors. John's appointment follows him becoming chairman of the Herriot Country Tourism Group, the partnership of tourist attractions, B&B's, hotels, self-catering, restaurants, pubs and holiday cottages that work with the World of James Herriot

to attract visitors to the area.

The Board includes the vet and author's son, daughter and a small number of local businessmen and women and John's appointment as marketing director is part of the continuing investment in people in the business.

"People from all over the world enjoy so much the interpretation and information about Alf Wight (James Herriot) and his former home and surgery and it is an absolute pleasure to be able to promote such an iconic and well-loved brand as James Herriot. I am delighted to be joining the board to help to steer its future strategy especially with the new "All Creatures Great and Small" on Channel 5 which is now bringing a whole new generation into play for the attraction and the area." added John.

Both the World of James Herriot and the Herriot Country Tourism Group play an important part in the visitor economy in the area and the Group is working with Hambleton District Council to develop initiatives that will help visitors and local people to experience and enjoy Herriot Country through working partnerships with Herriot Country Tourism Group members. The Group also works with Richmondshire, Rydale and Harrogate Districts with James Herriot's All Creatures Great and Small locations, attractions, accommodation, food, drink and other related tourism businesses.



Pictured: John Gallery with Ian Ashton, managing director at the statue of Alf Wight OBE (James Herriot) at the World of James Herriot

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## Mountain Cave & Rescue Team

Incidents - Feb 9th to March 9th

**On average we respond to between 50 to 60 calls each year. 2 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.

As you would imagine it has been a quiet month for the team, online training has taken place & team members have made the most of the snow to keep themselves fit & skilled as best they can.

**13/02/2021: Incident 05:** Called to assist the Ambulance service with a medical emergency at a remote house, snow made access impossible for the ambulance service by vehicle. Community First Responder made it on foot. The team vehicles attended thanks to the local farmer and his snow plough & treated the casualty on scene.

**10/02/2021: Incident 04:** Called by the Ambulance service to assist with the recovery of a casualty suffering a medical emergency at a Snowbound house. Treated by the Ambulance crew and evacuated by team vehicle.

**Incident 5:** Drifting snow making access difficult (see Photo on opposite page).

**Fundraising update for our new Incident Control Vehicle.**

At the time of writing (March 9<sup>th</sup>) we've raised £72,050, still a little way to go but a massive thanks to everyone who has donated so far, we are now applying for grants to achieve our goal. We are ever

hopeful that we'll reach our target of £80,000 by next edition!

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

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**Incident 5: Drifting snow making access difficult.**

### Spring 'Springs' Into Action

Now that we have gone through this pretty harsh winter, many of the things we love about spring are here with lambs, snow drops and daffodils popping up around Swaledale. However, one thing is missing, three certain species of birds, that migrate from miles away for our cooler climate.

From mid-April to May we can expect to start to see and hear Swifts, Swallows and House Martins. Happily nesting above the eaves of the pubs, churches, rundown buildings or in the crevasses of your very own house!

These birds are amazing, migrating from as far away as South Africa (6000 miles) to the UK! Each of these birds have their own unique features and interesting facts.

The Swift is a light black to dark brown bird with a white beard on their throat. It has a short but wide beak, making catching insects an easy task for these magnificent creatures. It has the largest wingspan out of all three birds, measuring at 38-40cm (15-16 inches). These are also geometrical being closely compared to a scythe. This bird has a fork like tail just like the other two birds. Swifts are so adapted to catching insects, that they barely ever touch the ground to perch or even walk. They sleep on the wing throughout their life, swooping in parties of other Swifts and chasing one another in a spectacular air performance. Their fledglings, unlike other birds, practice flapping their wings before flight. They even do push ups to prepare themselves! Not only do they have a unique exercise routine, they are

also exceptionally reliable couples. It is well documented that Swifts mate for life (Pair-Bonding) meeting in Spring in Europe (late April - mid May) and then both travelling back to Africa around mid to late summer (mid July - early August).

Now Swallows. These small creatures have a red throat with a blue back and white front. They have a pointer fork shaped tail compared to the swift's bigger fork, looking similar to a meat fork. Their agile tail feathers give them the manoeuvrability to catch insects on the wing, which is on another skill level to Swifts and House Martins. Unlike Swifts, Swallows make their nest out of dry dirt and spit to make it more difficult for predators to see. The nests can last up to 15 years and not only made of spit and mud but also made of bits collected by the female swallows (predominately). They love to nest in old barns and under eaves, giving them their appropriate full name the Barn Swallow. Swallows arrive by late March to mid May, leaving again for Southern Africa from September to October. This journey takes an exceedingly long time, with Swallows traveling 200 miles a day to reach their winter home.

House martins, are the third of these migratory birds. Known for their dark blue capped heads which fade into a dull black on its wings and a white on its underbelly. Like Swallows, house martins make their nests out of mud and spit, but unlike Swallows, they much prefer to nest on buildings. These birds are colonial, with some birds brooding on their own while others breeding in large colonies of more than 30 nests. (continued next page)

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Nests may not be occupied for a while, as house martins do not generally breed as soon as they arrive. Whereas Swallows and Swifts do. However, this does not disturb their breeding process, as more than two to three chicks can hatch first brood. Then a second brood of chicks can arrive, which is very impressive in such a short period of time. House Martins are therefore well known for staying longer than Swifts and Swallows, because of the second brood, leaving our shores between September and October. You can see that each of these three species have unique and beautiful aspects of their lives and are so lucky to have such an amazing sights to behold. Where I live in Reeth I can walk a few minutes and there I can sit by the Swing bridge or on the village green and for several months they will be ever present.

**However**, these birds do need our help. Populations of all these species have significantly reduced in numbers in a relatively short time of 25 years. They are all now amber (warning) listed. The many factors involved in their decline include Climate change, with birds struggling to cross the ever expanding Saharan Desert. Also increasing temperatures make this area a death trap for all creatures not only the migrating birds. Furthermore, the fact that we erect new buildings (including the conversion of old Barns) everywhere makes it more difficult for these birds to find suitable nesting sites. People are also improving their roofs which once were perfect nesting areas.

This makes it very hard for swifts, Swallows and House Martins to build their nests in towns cities but also

more increasingly the countryside.

Uses of pesticides do not help either, poisoning these birds in all sorts of areas. However, this can all be balanced. Although some of these problems are to be addressed by local councils and government, YOU can make a difference.

Whether it be making or purchasing Swift, Barn Swallow or even House Martin nest boxes to place up the side of your house. This will help these creatures in many ways. Another way you can help is by surveying your village using the RSPB Swift mapper. Searching for a flock of screaming Swifts maybe or searching for their nests, it may not seem like much, but this data collection helps the RSPB and will be used to help protect them from harm.

If you are having a new roof done or some brick working, putting swift bricks up or asking the builders to put a colony of nest boxes could really help improve the populations of these magnificent birds. You can also encourage them to nest naturally or feed in your garden by incorporating changes into your garden. All three of these species love insects, so the more you encourage insects with insect hotels or ponds, the more Swallows, Swifts and House Martins you happily see swooping above your house. As you can imagine this also will make you feel better and healthier. We know it just does. So, this Spring and Summer, do not forget about these beautiful birds, help them in whatever way you want to. If you would like more information about these creature's, how to help them and where to buy nest boxes just research on the RSPB website or contact me.

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**Dear Editor (Mike B)**

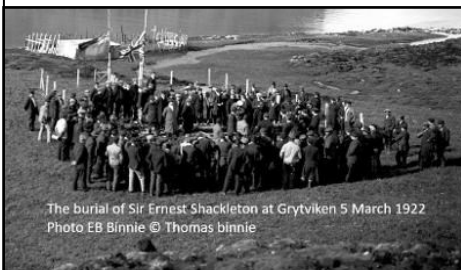
I was interested to read your piece in the current Reeth Gazette about Shackleton. I lived and worked in the Antarctic for the British Antarctic Survey for a continuous period spanning 1973 to 1975 when we still used huskies as our main form of transport.

On my way to the Antarctic, I stopped off at South Georgia for about 6 weeks before heading further south. The base at South Georgia is just on the other side of the bay from the abandoned whaling station at Grytviken where Shackleton is buried. It was also where the Falklands 'unpleasantness' first kicked off, with the arrival of Argentinian 'scrap merchants' there.

Out of interest, I've attached a few photos that I took when I was there. The first is Shackleton's grave in the whalers graveyard at Grytviken,

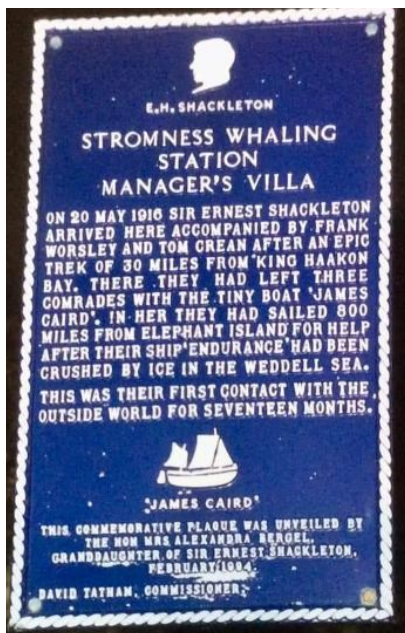


Second is an old photo that I found showing his funeral at Grytviken.



The burial of Sir Ernest Shackleton at Grytviken 5 March 1922  
Photo EB Binne © Thomas binne

Third is the plaque at Stromness whaling station which is where he found help.



As an aside, we didn't have TV, mobile phone's or SATNAVs and our clothing was the same type that Shackleton used. No man-made materials just lots of layers of natural (wool, etc) materials

I hope that these may be of interest.

**Steve Wroe  
Low Row**



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### Great Album The New Abnormal The Strokes



I wanted something to listen to that was something totally new. I had heard of The Strokes of course.

So once I saw what I thought was a brilliant album cover and saw the words 'from New York' I thought 'go for it'.

It took only 2 plays and I have played this a lot now. The vinyl pack is very solid and even comes as standard with a plastic cover.

If you google them you may find 'American rock group often credited with having spearheaded a revival of 1960s-style garage rock in the early 21st century'. Just listen to the first three tracks: 'The Adults are Talking', 'Selfless' and 'Brooklyn to Chorus' to get a feel for them.

I am going to get more Strokes albums.  
**Mike B**

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Dear Editor (Mike),

I am a disabled autistic woman and I am trying to move house to nearby to either Kirkby or Reeth or Hawes, or anywhere in between and I am finding it really hard to find a really remote house. I am from near Kirkby and I moved away to South Lakes but I want to move back home. I need a really remote place due to my disability. It's really hard to find one.

A couple of different people suggested to me I try to ask around and see if anybody has a house they might think to sell that is maybe empty or derelict.

So I am asking all Gazette readers if they know of any properties or who I can contact. Any advice and/or ideas very welcome.

**Eleanor**

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