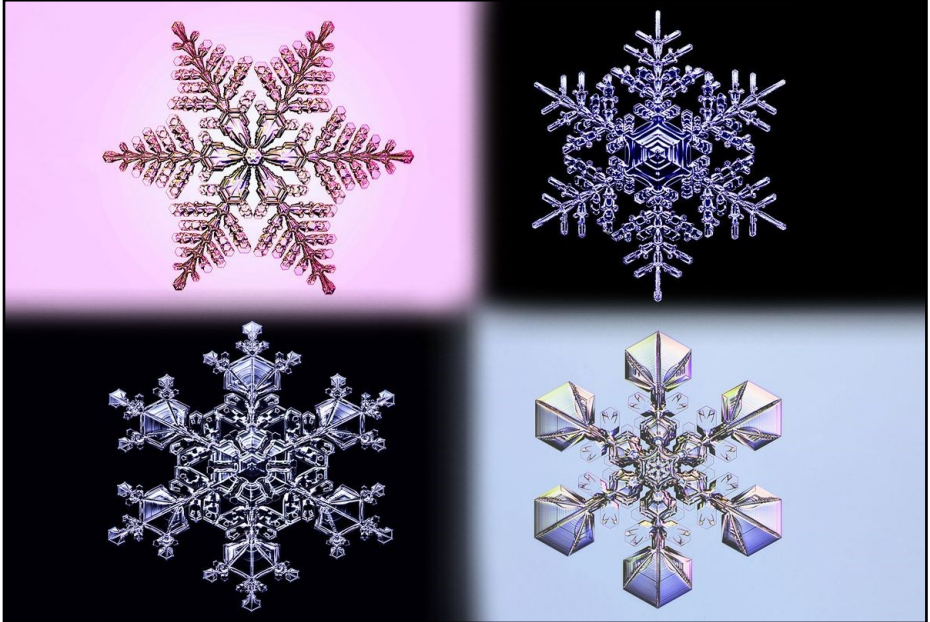


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PRICELESS

First Thoughts

Doesn't Christmas just bring out the best in everyone?

I have to admit the past 2 years, Christmas has been a most welcome distraction from the worldwide pandemic, and all the news that has been constantly thrown at us. Some of it good, but most of it bad.

Last year when most of the country sat in a lockdown, Christmas trees and lights were up just as November began. As we came out of that in December, most of us in North Yorkshire escaped the strictest of measures and were fortunate to be able to do things. Although that didn't last long.

As we began the year we were shut down once again, but what a year, vaccinations, boosters, invariably in a better place than we were the year prior.

And I think Christmas was such a joyous occasion to give the nation some happiness.

We saw the early shades (some people will scream 'humbug' too early...) of Christmas as trees, lights, decorations and carols began in November in many areas.

In fact, some of those well-prepared fanatics (guilty) had everything wrapped up before the middle of the month ready to give to Santa.

Across the region and the dales, carol services were held, children performed in nativities, grandparents got to see their loved ones, families and friends socialised and as December came in, people were more caring of one another.

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As we see in this month's issue, huge donations were raised for various charities, local festive events and what we get is a huge sense of community, support and care. I saw so many individuals and groups fundraise and run 'gift drives' for those children less fortunate.

Truly amazing how much we can help and do something to ensure families have an enjoyable Christmas.

The nature of charity within the dales is second to none, and the spirit of the festive season was felt far and wide. In a month that is fraught with financial pressure to indulge and party, it was so nice to see residents support one another for the good of the community.

I'm sure this will continue throughout the year, because whilst its Christmas only once a year, there's people that need our support on a daily basis.

Let us raise a figurative glass to 2022, and may it bring us all good tidings and all good things to come.

PS A special mention those with a passing resemblance to Santa Claus himself who volunteer each winter to bring joy to the hearts of many children around the region. A brilliant job!

Dan

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Friday 4th March - Peggy Seeger on her **First Farewell Tour** - Peggy, the undisputed queen of folk and political song will be joined by her son Calum MacColl. Tickets **£18** (£20 door).

Saturday 5th March - Follow Me Down - Songs From The West - Steve Knightley - multi-award-winning singer-songwriter/ musician and founder member of folk/ acoustic roots trailblazers, 'Show of Hands'. Tickets **£20** (£22 door).

Saturday 19th March - Kiki Dee & Carmelo Luggeri. Join them on *An Acoustic Journey*. Tickets £20 (£22 door) are selling fast!

Friday 8th April - Maddy Prior. Tickets **£19.50** (£21.50 door).

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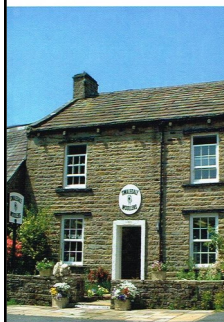
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WHOO HOOO, we are back meeting again at the Village Hall in Gunnerside! September saw us meet for the first time since lock down. With no speaker available, we chatted over coffee/tea and cake and caught up on news from our members. Good to see everyone again.

In October we welcomed the Yorkshire Storyteller - aka Rhoda Fraser - who gave us an insight into how she became a Storyteller. and brought with her the now famous Storyteller Coat!! Rhoda was brought up in Arkengarthdale so her tales of people in the Dales are legendary! We are looking forward to welcoming her again in 2023 to hear more of her humour.

In November we like to hold a Christmas Crafting evening, and we were looking forward to the expertise of Kathryn Guy with an evening of felting, but unfortunately the dreaded "Track and Trace" found her. So, after a worrying morning, we were delighted that our very own Jane Sammells was able to step in and help us to make a Christmas Wreath with pom

poms. Who knew how much fun it can be making pom poms!

Now we are looking forward to our Programme for 2022. We will meet up in February for our AGM, then every fourth Thursday of each month. The programme has lots to offer, with talks from local groups and national organisations, demonstrations, and our annual outing (when we are joined by our friends from the Muker Guild). We also hold a Quiz Evening in October. We are a friendly bunch, and we love to have fun. Watch for details in the Gazette and our posters.

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Through educational and skills-based activities, the **Yorkshire Dales**

National Park Authority aims to inspire **1,500** young people from in and around the National Park to explore and enhance their fantastic environment each year, provide **6,000** people from under-represented groups with activity days, and provide at least **7,000** volunteer days per year, with **15%** coming from under-represented groups.

This will deliver a cohesive programme of inspirational, participatory activities that will attract at least **4,000** people each year to find out more about the National Park's special qualities.

Neil Heseltine, Chair of the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority, said: "Connecting young people with nature through educational, skills-based or volunteer activity is how we foster a new generation who understand, love, explore, and advocate for the unique environment of the National Park. Whether it's school children spending a night under the stars, young

people from Bradford visiting a farm or a young volunteer using their voice and influence on how the Park is managed - all of these experiences can forge a lifetime connection with this special place. Recreation and Health is a priority work programme for us, and these exciting and ambitious plans will help people manage their health and wellbeing by making a connection to nature or by taking part in recreational activities in the National Park. Young people should be the inspiration and catalyst for growing our green economy. Our approach will hopefully support their journey through education and volunteering into employment."

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Friend of the Museum Marion Moverley has been busy reading 'old' newspapers over the festive break and has kindly sent us some intriguing local 'cuttings'.

If you know anything more about the cases, do let us know. A 'Great Walking Match at Reeth' was reported in the Darlington and Richmond Herald, on 21st December 1878:

On Monday evening a walking match of some importance was decided between the Buck Inn at Reeth and Wilson's House on the Arkendale Road, a distance of about three miles. The competitors were Ward Peacock, one of the crack runners of Swaledale, and Frank Gill, a well known sporting character'.

It was a nail-biting finish, as 'Gill held the lead until a couple of hundred yards from the goal when he was

passed by 'Wardey' who won by twenty yards. Time 25 minutes'.

Can anyone identify Wilson's House? How about we reinstate this walking competition?

Then there was the gruesome discovery reported in the Darlington and Richmond Herald on 3rd July 1880: 'About a fortnight ago a farmer named Alderson was digging turf at a place called Firs, situated at Swaledale Head, and when about two and a half feet deep, he found the skeleton of a full-grown female. Attached to the skull was a large quantity of hair. The skeleton was discovered about a mile from any dwelling house and a quarter of a mile from any road'.

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06/01/2022: Incident 03: And again.... Called by the police to rescue a stranded motorists trapped in snow and ice.

06/01/2022: Incident 02: Called by the Ambulance service to assist with the transportation of a casualty in a remote location after the ambulance got stuck on ice. Fire service also attended.

05/01/2022: Incident 01: Called by the police to assist a couple of motorists who had become stranded in snow and ice. Initial route was blocked by another stranded vehicle, fortunately north Yorkshire police vehicle was able to deal with that while we found another route to our

stranded motorists.

31/12/2021: Incident 48: just enough year left for a final rescue! An experienced hill walker slipped whilst descending Gunnerside Gill. She heard a crack from her lower leg and despite help from her fellow walkers she could not continue. The team responded, reaching the casualty within 25 mins. She was assessed and treated on the hill before being carried over a kilometre of rough terrain and the dark to a waiting ambulance in Gunnerside.

30/12/2021: Incident 47: Called by the police to rescue a well-equipped walker who had slipped and injured themselves. A quick response from the team and a swift evacuation the mile back to Gunnerside village.

29/12/2021: Incident 46: Called to search for a experienced missing walker on the Pennine Way, near Tan Hill. Fortunately, they turned up safe and well while the team was responding.

02/12/2021: Incident 45: Called to rescue 2 well equipped walkers who had strayed on to steep ground in Gunnerside Gill. Located quickly, secured and then walked to safety.

28/11/2021: Incident 44: Called to assist Upper Wharfedale Fell Rescue Association (UWFRA) with access to casualties in a remote location.

28/11/2021: Incident 43: Called to a medical emergency at Tan Hill Inn, fortunately Kirkby Stephen MRT where already responding to an incident nearby.



Incident 47

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Friends Of The Dales **Distinguished Naturalist Joins** **Environment Campaigning Charity**



The biologist, nature writer and campaigner, Dr Amy-Jane Beer has been honoured as the new voluntary and honorary President of Yorkshire Dales environmental campaigning charity, Friends of the Dales.

The membership charity, which started in 1981 by Dales Way creator Colin Speakman has been actively campaigning for more than 40 years, with successful past campaigns including lobbying for sustainable support for Dales farmers, affordable housing, transferring quarry stone haulage to railways and setting up the rural transport social enterprise, Dalesbus.

Bruce McLeod, Chair of Friends of the Dales said, "Having the distinguished environmental writer Dr Beer join our charity as President is an important step in helping us further

spread the word about our work to help protect and improve the Dales for the generations to come.

Some of the issues we are currently campaigning about go right to the heart of the concerns facing the whole planet, such as plastic pollution, loss of biodiversity and habitats and the destruction of our natural carbon sinks, such as our peatlands.

Amy-Jane's passion for the natural world is well known and we believe that her voice will enable us to engage a new demographic of environmentalist to our causes."

North Yorkshire based Amy-Jane, has not only authored more than 30 books about science and natural history including *Cool Nature* and *A Tree a Day*, but is a Country Diarist for The Guardian, columnist for British Wildlife and a regular contributor to BBC Wildlife and Countryfile magazines.

She said, "In Friends of the Dales I see an organisation that can make a genuine difference - they are vocal, energetic and creative, and willing to reach out and make connections in a common cause. This is the best of grassroots activism, and I'm delighted to be adding my voice to theirs.

The Yorkshire Dales are already feeling the impacts of the climate change and biodiversity crises. I feel on the positive side the landscape and its communities are also perfectly placed to lead the way in sustainable land management, nature recovery, responsible access and in revolutionising public understanding of farming and rural heritage and nature.

I can't wait to help celebrate the natural and human heritage of the Dales,
... see next page

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whilst also inspiring locals, visitors and those who've yet to experience the magic for themselves to bring about positive change.

Friends of the Dales, is currently campaigning for the eradication of plastic from all tree planting, to raise awareness through better cutting regimes of how the biodiversity of the region's roadside verges can be maximised and for the protection and restoration of the peatlands."

For further information or to get involved visit: www.friendsofthedales.org.uk.

Healough Christmas Lights

A big BIG thank you to everyone who donated.

We hope you enjoyed the display this year as much as we enjoyed preparing it. It seems to get bigger and better every year and there are already plans in place for next years expansion and improvements.

We were overwhelmed at the kindness and generosity shown this year whether it was passing walkers emptying their pockets to give all that they had with them or anonymous visitors to the 'Just Giving' site with their £100 donations. You are all amazing.

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All welcome Please watch the local press for occasional alterations to time/date & posters and, if coming from a distance please check with the Museum first.

Wednesday 15th June

Friends of Swaledale Museum AGM

Wednesday 22 June

Richard Lamb, *Barney Beck Revisited: Old Gang and Surrender Lead Smelting Mills including a rare Insight into the fascinating World of Slag Mineralogy*

Wednesday 29 June

Kimberley Starkie, North Yorkshire County Record Office, *Researching Swaledale and Arkengarthdale using the resources at the North Yorkshire County Record Office*

Wednesday 6 July

Dr Christine Hallas, *Poverty & Pragmatism in Wensleydale & Swaledale 1790-1914*

Wednesday 20 July

Helen Guy, The Keld Countryside and Heritage Centre, *The Legacy of the Kearton Brothers*

Wednesday 3 August

Dr David Johnson, *Lime kilns in Swaledale & Arkengarthdale: the where, the when and the what for?*

Wednesday 17 August

Prof. William van Vugt, Calvin University, Grand Rapids, *Portrait of an English Migration: North Yorkshire People in North America*

Wednesday 21 September

Will Swales, *Marshal-General Plantagenet Harrison: Richmondshire's fake prince of the royal blood*

Wednesday 28 September

Shaun Richardson, Ed Dennison Archaeological Services, *'Removed and Revealed: Some Effects of the July 2019 Flooding on Archaeology in Swaledale and Arkengarthdale'*.



Come and join us in 2022!

Fairtrade Fortnight

Running between 28 February and 6 March, **Fairtrade Fortnight** will be focusing on climate justice. Check out the Fairtrade website at: <https://tinyurl.com/muvhtp74>.

Government funding for environmental schemes.

The government published information on 6 January on **two environmental schemes** which along with the Sustainable Farming Incentive, are designed to "reward farmers and landowners for actions which benefit the environment, supporting sustainable food production alongside vital nature recovery and work towards net zero."

The Local Nature Recovery scheme

will pay farmers for small scale, locally-targeted actions such as creating wildlife habitat, planting trees or restoring peat and wetland areas. Further information can be found on the gov.uk website: <https://tinyurl.com/ycksp6dt>

The Landscape Recovery scheme

will support more radical changes to land-use change and habitat restoration such as establishing new nature reserves, restoring floodplains, or creating woodland and wetlands. Pilot projects will create 10,000 hectares of restored wildlife habitat sequestering carbon and restoring streams. More information available at: <https://tinyurl.com/2p83ttyv>

Litter pick

The group is planning a **litter pick** during February or March. If you are interested in helping out, keep an eye on our Facebook page or email us for details.

Queen's Green Canopy: plant a tree for the jubilee

Individuals and groups are being encouraged to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee by planting a tree before March or after October 2022.

Schools and community groups will be able to get free trees. The Queen's Green Canopy will dedicate a network of 70 ancient woodlands and identify 70 ancient trees. English Heritage are planting 70 trees in their sites with one tree planted by MP Rishi Sunak at Richmond Castle. You will be able to add your tree to an online map from October and create a virtual commemorative plaque: <https://queensgreencanopy.org/>

Richmondshire Solar farm application

Ritchie Bland Energy Limited and Harmony Energy Limited. have applied to build a **solar farm** near Skeeby. The applicants say the photovoltaic cells on the 69.5-hectare site would be enough to provide renewable energy to power more than 9,000 homes and would offset up to 17,200 tonnes of carbon dioxide emissions a year. The application and comments can be found on the Richmondshire District Council website at <https://tinyurl.com/2p8fyyf6>

Together for Trees project

The group has been busy planting hedgerows and trees as part of the Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust/Together for Trees initiative. There are 11 sites in Arkengarthdale and Swaledale with approximately 2,500 trees being planted. We will be planting

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into February/March so if you are interested in helping for a few hours, please contact us on our email.

Sustainable Swaledale Group AGM

We will hold our **AGM** on 3rd February at the Two Dales Bakery in Reeth at 7pm. If you would like to join us, please email for details.

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North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service

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Reeth Station

Training Update

Last month we joined crews from Collburn and Leyburn for a familiarisation session with the ALP (aerial ladder platform) based in Harrogate. This is a fantastic piece of kit allowing crews access up to 45m in the air helping us to tackle anything from chimney fires on tall buildings to rescues of persons at height. The Basket on the end of the ladder can carry up to 5 people or lift up to half a tonne, potentially handy for animal rescues eg: cows from slurry pits.



Fancy a challenge? Pop into the station on a Thursday evening 7pm to have a quick chat if you're interested in becoming an on call firefighter

When did you have your Chimney Swept?

There is generally a spike in reported chimney fires during March with an average of 105 over the last 5 years in this month, so by sharing a few tips hopefully we can try and lessen this.

Chimney fires occur due to a built up of soot and chemicals or obstructions such as bird and animal nests so should be swept:

- Once a year for smokeless fuel
- Twice a year for bituminous coal
- Quarterly for wood

Wood should be dry and stored a suitable distance from your log burner or fire

Smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms should be fitted and checked regularly

Signs and Symptoms

- Flames or sparks from the top of the chimney
- A loud cracking, popping or roaring noise
- A lot of dense smoke

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Editor Note: The article opposite was submitted by Isaac Dawson, a better man than me. Of course I would volunteer but I have this old war injury from when I fell off my Tr-iang Tricycle jumping over a cardboard box, age 5.

Otherwise I would be at the top of that ladder in a shot. Good on you Isaac. You can be 'December Guy' in the Reeth Fire Brigade calendar 2023.

Mike B

Dear Editor,

Yet again Reeth has put on another spectacular firework display to mark the New Year. Thank you all so much. Here is my favourite photo (below) of our trip to the Dales. The village green Christmas tree topped with a shower of New Year sparkles.

Happy New Year
Charles & Andrea Roberts



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	11.00 am	St. Edmund's, Marske	<i>Holy Communion</i>
	11.00 am	Holy Trinity Low Row	<i>Eucharist</i>
	11.00 am	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
	2.30 pm	Gunnarside Methodist	
	3.30 pm	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
13th Feb.	9.30 am	St. Andrew's Grinton	<i>Eucharist</i>
	9.30 am	St Michael's Downholme	<i>Morning Prayer</i>
	10.30 am	Low Row URC	
	11.00 am	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
	11.00 am	St. Edmund's, Marske	<i>Morning Prayer</i>
	11.15 am	St. Mary's Arkengarthdale	<i>Holy Communion BCP</i>
	3.30 pm	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
20th Feb.	9.15 pm	St. Mary's Muker	<i>Holy Communion BCP</i>
	11.00 am	Holy Trinity Low Row	<i>Eucharist</i>
	11.00 am	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
	11.00 am	St. Edmund's, Marske	<i>Holy Communion</i>
	2.30 pm	Gunnarside Methodist	<i>Holy Communion</i>
	3.30 pm	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
27th Feb.	9.30 am	St. Andrew's Grinton	<i>Eucharist</i>
	9.30 am	St Michael's Downholme	<i>Holy Communion</i>
	10.30 am	Low Row URC	
	11.00 am	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
	11.00 am	St. Edmund's, Marske	<i>Holy Communion</i>
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	3.30 pm	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	

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Thank you to all of those who came and joined in the fun at the 'Come and Sing Carols' at Grinton on December 5th.

We heard the story of one mum, Adut Mariu, who lives in Biet, a village in South Sudan.

She says, 'We were in desperate need...to look after my children, they had to drink the dirty river water. The water has many diseases. There is cows' dung, there is donkeys' dung... People also washed in there.' But today she can say, 'Now we get water from the hand pump. We don't send our children into the river anymore. The water from the hand pump is very good. It's disease free. We drink it with peace of mind.'

The good news is that the money we raised will help more mothers like Adut to experience that fresh sense of security and find hope for their tomorrows.

Our collection of **£250** can provide 40 families displaced by floods with a water hygiene kit, giving them clean drinking water and also can provide 5 families with jerrycans to collect clean drinking water.

Thank you so much for your support.
Pauline Oldershaw Secretary,
Upper Swaledale Christian Aid Group

Swaledale Night Sky

This February half-term sees the return of the annual Dark Skies Festival. A celebration of our wonderous night sky here in the Yorkshire Dales.

A full list of events can be found at <https://>

www.darks skiesnationalparks.org.uk/yorkshire- dales- events

In collaboration with the Dales Bike Centre and Reeth Informal Astronomy Group I am hosting an evening of stars and stargazing in Fremington on Monday 21st February, starting 18:00.

<https://www.yorkshiredales.org.uk/whats-on/canopy-under-the-stars/>
Tickets required.

Did you see the 'Christmas Comet' as mentioned in the December gazette? Comet Leonard was visible as an elongated fuzzy glow in the south eastern sky around 06:00 in early December. There will be others if not!

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New Funding Stream To Support Festivals

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Members of Full Council have agreed to set aside **£100,000** for the **Festivals Fund** which will have two strands - one to support larger scale events with up to **£7,000** per application, and a second to provide up to **£2,000** for smaller scale events.

They are using money previously set aside for the now cancelled 2022 Tour de Yorkshire after recognising there is not only a gap for a major community event - but also that next summer is a time to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee.

"These sort of events enhance the quality of life for our local residents, celebrating community spirit and all that is good about living in Richmondshire," said **Council Leader, Councillor Angie Dale**.

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Do you have any photographs of weddings, parties, meetings or other events, or perhaps posters advertising things that have gone on? Would you be happy to lend them to us for scanning, and then for them to form part of a public exhibition?

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somewhere in the beautiful dales! We are very open to locations and dates.

I previously lived in a caravan in rural Eastern Germany, and a cabin on an island in Canada so no stranger to the cold and Lukas is very hardy! We have no car right now but will be looking at something second hand once we settle in. We're dreaming of a simpler life outside of the city and hope to have our own place one day but for now we are very open to all opportunities, and would love to get to know some like minded folk. Thank you for reading,

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Lessons learnt as North Yorkshire care homes demonstrate courage and innovation in the face of COVID-19

A report published today shows how many care homes across North Yorkshire made innovative changes to keep their residents safe and well even when they faced acute and often devastating challenges at the height of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Healthwatch North Yorkshire based its report on interviews with five care home managers to find out the innovative ways that care homes responded to COVID-19. The report shows that many of these changes have had a long-term positive effect.

Care homes residents remain some of the most vulnerable to the virus and the report acknowledges that this was a "traumatic period." But it also highlights the ingenuity and dedication of care home managers and staff who pulled out all the stops to create a safe and welcoming environment for residents even at the height of the pandemic.

Homes provided visiting pods, repurposed buildings and developed communications for connecting residents and family in new ways - using IT equipment like tablets and iPads.

Staff found that some of these initiatives led to improvements in the wellbeing of residents, providing access and information at a time where face-to-face connection was reduced, or not available.

One care home manager told

Healthwatch how important technology was during the pandemic, and how it helped to connect loved ones to residents during end-of-life care.

These positive initiatives have resulted in long-term changes to practices. Care home managers frequently told Healthwatch that without COVID-19 they would not have made the changes they have and that they will keep the changes going forward.

For example, one care home manager described plans to renovate a visiting pod that had been introduced during the pandemic. They wanted to utilise the space and create a stimulating and enjoyable environment for residents, and which could also be a place for involving the wider community.

The pod had been decorated by local children with lots of vibrant, pictures and paintings. "It's always a focus on colour and anything to do with children, for people with dementia you are likely to get a response," said the manager.

As well as carrying initiatives forward into the COVID-19 recovery period and beyond, Healthwatch North Yorkshire hopes the themes identified in the report can be used as inspiring ideas for other care homes to reflect on, and to consider ways they can utilise the lessons learned in their own circumstances.

Ashley Green, Chief Executive Officer at Healthwatch North Yorkshire, said: "This project was important, as we wanted to give a voice to the people who have been at the forefront of health

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and social care services during the pandemic. It has been an exceptionally difficult year for those working in the care sector, and this report shows the bravery and dedication that staff have demonstrated to ensure the most vulnerable in our communities remain protected."

A working group, with representatives from North Yorkshire County Council and the care home sector, supported this work and were involved in each stage of the project.

Cllr Michael Harrison, North Yorkshire's Executive Member for Adult Social Care and Health Integration said: "We welcome this report which shows the enormous effort made by our dedicated care home staff and managers to create safe and welcoming spaces for residents and families during this very difficult and often traumatic period. We must never forget the enormous service they gave to protect their residents and to support families, and which they continue to give. Above all, this report shows that the innovation and creativity that went into finding solutions to keep residents safe, stimulated and connected during this time has had a beneficial and long-term impact."

Muker Parish Council

November 2021 – Minutes

Bench Millennium Cairn, Buttertubs

Unauthorised removal of a memorial bench, by persons unknown, and installation of a new bench, without permission.

The Council approved removal of a

replacement bench and gave permission for the original owners to install a new bench.

It was emphasised that permission must be sought from land owners and the Parish Council before memorial benches etc are installed.

Next Meeting: 7.30pm Thursday 27th January 2022 in Muker Village Institute.

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If you're a regular reader, you'll know that some time ago our editor, Mike, let it be known that he was wanting to stand down and a replacement was needed. He's done an amazing job over the years and even more amazingly has done it alongside having a full-time, proper paid job.

The months have rolled by, and there've been various conversations with several people. But we still have no new editor. Mike very nobly said that he wouldn't leave us in the lurch but carry on until a new one was found. However, we can't take advantage of his willingness for ever.

So you can guess what's coming next. **COULD YOU BE THE NEXT EDITOR OF THE REETH AND DISTRICT GAZETTE?**

There is no denying, it's a big commitment to collate all the articles and information that so many people submit, together with all the regular and one-off adverts, lay them out in print-ready format (Mike uses Publisher) and liaise with the printers to come up with the finished publication.

But think of the job satisfaction...seeing something you have created from scratch turned into a tangible, widely-read publication that can, literally, change lives.

The Gazette plays a huge role in the community; it improves people's social lives, helps clubs and societies to flourish, encourages a strong sense of community and enables businesses to prosper, as well as providing locals and visitors a good read and lots of information. Every month scores of copies are posted to people all over the world

who love the dale, can't live here, but want to keep in touch with what's going on.

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Monday 14 March - General booking opens.

Thursday 17th February - Annual General Meeting at 5pm, to be held via Zoom. For joining details please email enquiries@swalefest.org. ALL WELCOME.

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On the 9th, Keith Bartlem will give us some Tales of an Airline Pilot. He started his career flying Tornado F3's out of RAF Leeming. He then went to the commercial airline industry.

On the 16th, Tony Keates will talk on Watermills in the Dales, including the various types and purposes of watermills across the ages.

There will be no meeting on the final week of February.

Meetings are on Wednesday at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall, Church Street, Bellerby DL8 5QL.

Talks are followed by refreshments and a chance to chat. The cost will be £10 to join as a member for the 8 talks scheduled for this term, or £2 for a single visit. Any queries can be directed to **Steve Akrill on 07812 983283**

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However, for the first time since the second world war, in 2020 the bells fell silent. The Covid Lockdown halted ringing in the church towers. However, our teams of enthusiastic ringers were not deterred! The Wensleydale Ringers started getting together on-line to practise and learn, and this in turn created an excellent opportunity for those new to ringing to find out all about it and why so many have got the



ringing bug.

In 2021 the Wensleydale ringers held a course of short interactive on-

line presentations on the joy, techniques, and benefits of bell ringing. The course was enthusiastically participated in and resulted in 9 new recruits to ringing in the tower.

"I found the course both fun and interesting. Now I think I'm hooked!"

In Spring 2022 we are holding a second course. This time, as Covid restrictions permit, with hands-on training in our local towers interspersed with the on-line presentations.

We invite everyone to join us, from those who have simply wondered about how the bells are rung through to those interested in whether bell ringing is for them.

Bell ringing is a team activity that keeps your brain active and your body agile. Some do it for the community of friends, some do it to contribute to Church life, some to keep the glorious sound of bells alive, and some do it for the pure pleasure and feeling of well-being it brings.

"when I'm ringing I forget all the tensions and frustrations of the day."

In the North East Dales we have over 80 active ringers of different ages, male and female. Some of us attend church but others do not: there is no requirement to be a church-goer.

Whether your interest is theoretical, or whether you are wondering if bell ringing could be for you, we invite you to join the first of our on-line evening sessions and take it from there.

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Bell ringing does not require great strength and we have had children as young as 10 learning in Wensleydale. Many others learn in retirement.

The bell towers participating in this course are at the churches of Askrigg, Aysgarth, Grinton, Richmond, and Kirkby Malzeard and those living within reach of those churches are particularly welcome to participate in the course.

The times and dates of sessions will be arranged in agreement with participants. We intend our first session to be in late February.

If you are interested in finding out more about what the sessions entail and how to participate, please email David at wensleydaleringers@gmail.com with your name and contact details.

Alternatively, you can contact us via Facebook at Wensleydale Ringers

**Editors Note: Sounds like it could be fun, why not pop along? Dan W.
Come along and Ding your Dong. Mike B**

Leyburn u3a Group

The February meeting is on Friday 18th at 10.00am at the Arts & Community Centre, Leyburn.

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Film Review

WEST SIDE STORY (2021)

Some may say that only a master technician and artist (or indeed a fool) would contemplate re-making a classic like 'West Side Story' - first performed in 1957, the Broadway debut of lyricist Steven Sondheim, with music by the great Leonard Bernstein.

Performed around the world since *thousands* of times, and seen by millions of punters, *and* already filmed to great success in 1961 (winning 10 Oscars) by veteran director Robert Wise (who incidentally would direct 'The Sound of Music' a couple of years later).

I'm a big fan of the original film, and whilst appreciating its shortcomings, I was a little worried what Spielberg's current re-working would offer. I have to report that, in short, it is *in my opinion*, almost faultless. Some critiques have heavily criticised the 'updated' script (far less 'buddy-boys' and 'Daddio's), the new 'backstory' of Tony, and a 're-imagining' of the 'Doc' character amongst other finer points - but from the sweeping CG opening shots of a bulldozed New York West Side (ironically, the gang's 'turf' will become the Lincoln Centre for Performing Arts), Spielberg creates a totally believable late 50's setting (check out all of those gleaming autos) in which his young cast can act out this timeless tale (based of course on 'Romeo and Juliet').

Stage productions are not permitted to 'add males' to 'America' (Bernstein hated the original film version), but Spielberg wisely does so, and the resulting number, which colourfully takes

to the streets (not limited to a studio rooftop set this time) is a standout scene which references Jerome Robbins' original innovative choreography whilst adding plenty of 'new' moves.

Similarly, the pivotal 'Dance at the Gym' is superbly choreographed, featuring as it does the first meeting of Tony and Maria (presented in a touching and more naturalistic way this time). I was particularly impressed with 'Baby Driver' star Ansel Elgort, who sang and moved convincingly as Tony, and film newcomer Rachel Zegler who registered as the naïve Maria (Spielberg thought her the best Maria he had ever seen).

Long-time Spielberg DP Janusz Kaminski shoots the whole film like a 1950s movie - no shaky hand held scenes here - and little touches like the neon lights reflected in a puddle but looking like fireworks show a real master at work.

The afore-mentioned 'improved' script does indeed help the story flow more to modern ears and eyes, and the setting of the songs allows for a greater understanding - check out 'Something's coming' now sung to 'Doc' whilst clearing and closing up the store. Similarly, the rather twee 'I feel pretty' now has a slightly tongue in cheek feel without detracting from its wistful charm, and the dance for 'Cool' (moved back to its original place in the story) takes on a refreshing new twist.

Congratulations to all involved - I haven't enjoyed a couple of hours in the cinema as much for a long time (even wearing a mask for the duration!)

Review kindly provided by
John Hunter

Star bathing among new events during this February's Dark Skies Festival (18 February-6 March)

An astrophysicist turned Zen teacher is bringing his star bathing experience to this February's Dark Skies Festival, one of several new events enabling visitors to pause the button on everyday life and let the night sky soothe the soul.

Amid growing awareness of the well-being benefits associated with spending time outside under the night skies, this year's Festival (18 February-6 March), which runs across both International Dark Sky Reserves of the North York Moors and Yorkshire Dales National Parks, will see an expanded range of mindfulness sessions.

These will run alongside perennial Festival favourites such as stargazing safaris, nocturnal wildlife trails, dark sky runs, walks, cycle rides and canoeing evenings, astrophotography skills sessions and art exhibitions.

For the first-time Zen teacher Mark Westmoquette brings his star bathing approach to the Festival, drawing on his astronomy background and showing how people can use the night sky to live 'more in the moment'.

Visitors can join Mark at Nethergill Farm or the Dent Meditation Centre for a mindfulness stargazing evening in the beautiful Yorkshire Dales surroundings, or at High Dalby House in the North York Moors for a yoga and mind-body-spirit practice called qigong, held jointly with Adventures for the Soul, before going on a night nature walk in the wooded grounds.

Families with younger children can also enjoy the opportunity to slow down during a Mindfulness Walk organised by Whitby YHA when stargazing, nature at night and views across the cliff tops above the harbour will help reinvigorate all the senses.

Meanwhile to coincide with the new moon, visitors can join Wild Roots Foraging for an afternoon gathering foraged food in Easby Wood before walking uphill towards Captain Cook's Monument to enjoy panoramic twilight views. The group then returns to an open fire for foraged nibbles and mugwort hot chocolate in preparation for a starlit stroll through the forest.

Among other new events, visitors will be able to admire the work of dark skies photographer Pete Collins in an exhibition within the visitor centre of Ribbleshead Station before venturing across to the Station Inn to join an astronomer for a tour of the night sky, with the iconic Ribbleshead Viaduct acting as the backdrop.

Other stargazing safaris include evenings with dark skies hunter Richard Darn at Aysgarth Falls and Gill Garth Farm at Settle where visitors can gaze in awe at the star-lit canopy hovering above one of Yorkshire's highest peaks Pen-y-Ghent. Go Stargazing's Neill Sanders will also be leading a celestial tour of the beautiful sky above Wensleydale ice-cream parlour.

For the first time the woodland setting at Gilling Castle near Ampleforth will be used for a night photography skills workshop in the company of photographer John Arnison.

The Moors National Park Centre at Danby in the North York Moors will

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serve as a hub for many events including an evening with the Whitby & District Astronomical Society. The Inspired by... gallery at the Centre will also be hosting two exhibitions, starting with a preview event on the opening night of the Festival, where visitors can see how the fragility of the night sky is interpreted through the work of specially-commissioned artists, print-maker Helen Peyton and cosmic artist Louise Beer.

Families with younger children needn't miss out on the fun as there are daytime dark skies-themed workshops at Helmsley Arts Centre; a Van Gogh-inspired winter sky painting day at The Moors National Park Centre in Danby; an opportunity to learn more about nocturnal animals with the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust at the Dales Countryside Museum; and a chance to investigate the diet of owls at Sutton Bank. Kids can even get creative by making bat biscuits at the Fire Box Café near Hawes.

Following on from last year's lockdown virtual Festival success, families will also be able to log into 'In The Night Sky Live' sessions from the comfort of their home, courtesy of the Space Detectives run by Jo Richardson, who is just one of six UK Space Champions working on behalf of the European Space Education Office.

Helen Dalton, Tourism Officer for the Yorkshire Dales National Park comments: "As well as being fun and enlightening, many of the events at this year's Dark Skies Festival will focus even more on the need to appreciate the value of the night sky: that beyond its beauty it has a vital role in protecting not only our own health and wellbe-

ing but also that of the natural world."

For more programme information, including booking details go to www.darkskiesnationalparks.org.uk

Amanda

Notes to editors:

The Dark Skies Festival runs across four protected landscapes - North York Moors National Park, Yorkshire Dales National Park, Nidderdale Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB), and Howardian Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB).

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Dales Police Report December 2021

Incidents of note over the last month.

07/12/2021 - report that a number of wildlife traps have been damaged in the Healaugh area over a period of time. Up to 12 traps have been damaged at a cost of £420

07/12/2021 - Askrigg - a number of windows to a residential flat were damaged during a disturbance

19/12/2021 - Leyburn - a car was damaged overnight parked on Harmby Road, appears to have been 'keyed' down both sides.

17/12/2021 - report of a possible assault outside a public house in Askrigg, no complaints upon police arrival.

18/12/2021 - report of an assault after an altercation in Leyburn market place, no complaints made upon police arrival

22/12/2021 - Leyburn - Theft from Co-op, a female entered store and stole bottles of spirits and laundry items. The vehicle was in was stopped by police, she was interviewed and has been charged to attend court.

There was a total of 24 crimes recorded in the area during December. I do not report crimes whereby victims could potentially be identified for example, domestic violence or harassment.

3 crimes were recorded as Fraud whereby people have reported attempted telephone scams. A full breakdown by category is as follows:

13 - Violence

5 - Criminal Damage

3 - Fraud

3 - Burglary/Theft

Throughout December there were 12 road traffic collisions on our roads resulting in damage only, and a 1 resulting in injuries.

Sergeant 1790 Sharon Findlay will be moving to a new role from 1st February. We would like to thank her for her years of service to Richmond and The Dales and wish her well in her new role. We are being joined by **Sergeant 375 Lauren Wilkinson** who we welcome to our team as she moves from Northallerton community team to take up her new role as Richmond and The Dales Neighbourhood Sergeant.

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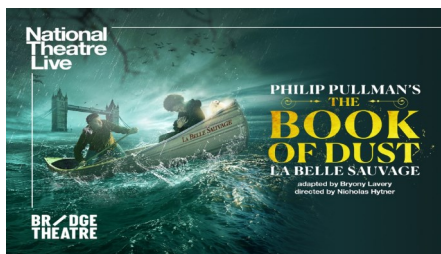
2022 is a special year for World Day of Prayer in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. This year, we have prepared the World Day of Prayer service. It has been both challenging and rewarding to write about the three countries that make up our area: our landscape, people and culture all shaped by our history.

We celebrate our diversity and the contribution made to our countries by the many groups and individuals who have made their home here. We use our Bible text "I know the plans I have for you" from Jeremiah to reflect on some of the issues facing us today: poverty, domestic abuse and disability, finding hope in difficult situations and encouragement in the help we can give to each other. World Day of Prayer is an international ecumenical organisation which enables people all over the world to share the ideas and concerns of the writing country. All this work will come to fruition on **Friday 4th March 2022** when services will take place beginning in Samoa and moving on through New Zealand and Australia, across Asia, Africa and Europe and finally the United States and South America before finishing in American Samoa.

We do hope you will join us on Friday 4th March at 2.30pm at Low Row URC. Everyone is welcome. If you would like a copy of the service booklet in advance or if you would like to help with the preparation for our service please contact Pauline on **01748 886790**. More information can be found on the WDP website: wwdp.org.uk. Pauline Oldershaw, Secretary, Christians Together in Swaledale.

Leyburn Arts & Community Centre

The volunteers at the Centre are looking forward to Spring!



The Community Shed project is progressing and we are all very excited about the possibilities and opportunities. The Community Shed has developed from a Man's Shed project, way back in 2019, pre-covid, which seems a very long time ago! The plan has now expanded to provide a flexible multi-use, multi-generational space which will benefit more people.... so, as they say - Watch This Space! In the meantime, we have something for everyone, our usual regular Friday cinema nights, plus a live broadcast of 'The Book of Dust.' We have Children's Theatre, 'The Sleep Pirates' and some other events too. One, of these, a Celebration Concert, is from the Musical Cultures sessions for young people which began in September.

Entitled Afro Beats with Cecil Jones, it is the culmination of what they have devised with Cecil, an accomplished Musician, Singer-Songwriter, solo Artist and Multi-Instrumentalist from Sierra Leone.

The celebration is free, but donations would be welcome if you enjoy the concert. See the website www.leyburnartscentre.com for full information or tel **01969 624510**.

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4th - Reeth Show AGM, Reeth Memorial Hall, 7.30pm.

11th - Arkengarthdale Sports Association Domino Drive and Supper, CB Inn, 7:30pm. £4 (children £2) Tea & supper as usual.

12th - Dolly Parton 7- The Rags to Rhinestones Story - Reeth Memorial Hall 8pm.

24th - TLC @Gunnerside in Gunnerside Village Hall AGM at 7.30pm.

19th - Dark Skies Festival, Star Party at Keld in the company of astronomer Richard Darn.

21st - Dark Skies Festival, canopy under the stars (astrophotography presentation and stargazing session), Dales Bike Centre, Reeth.

25th - Domino & Whist Drive, Reeth Memorial Hall at 7.30pm.

March

3rd - Other Roads - Reeth Memorial Hall 8pm

4th - Peggy Seeger & Calum MacColl - Reeth Memorial Hall 8pm

5th - Steve Knightley - Reeth Memorial Hall 8pm

19th - Kiki Dee & Carmelo Luggeri - Reeth Memorial Hall 8pm.



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