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## Last Thoughts

It's my last Gazette. I can be indulged and write my final piece. My first Gazette was what I know as the 'Flood Edition'. It might even be used as an historic piece in years to come. Nothing to do with me it was the content submitted by you.



Then the next notable edition was the 'Pandemic Edition'. The front cover representing the wonderful and still unrewarded NHS (see opposite column). Now, although we are not out of the Pandemic, most of us are gradually managing to go back to more normal lives. Except of course for the frightening price increases everywhere.. NO idea how new couples will be able to start out, in fact anybody just starting out into their own world, hoping to get their own place. I worry for single

mums, people surviving on state pensions etc. Never seen such increases. All of this though is nothing compared to what Ukraine has suffered and it's their fight and bravery that so far has averted WW3. In my mind what they have done has saved us all. We should be thanking them. **Can you believe what I have just written about in those sentences ?** Matters we would have never expected to happen. It was my thoughts so 'that is what I wrote' (almost Shakespeare). **BYE !**

**Mike B**

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- 14th May** Every Barn Tells a Story Guided Walk
- 21st May** Moorland Bird Safari -only 3 places left!
- 21st May** Creative Writing Workshop
- 29th May** Story of Swaledale Cheese

For more information, to view our full 2022 events schedule and to book tickets visit Eventbrite or Keld Resource Centre's Facebook page.

**Helen**

**Richmondshire District Council Area Partnership Fund**

The Gazette is very grateful to the above fund for their generous financial support which will, we hope, enable us to break even in 2022. Advertising revenue covers most of our costs but the last two years have been challenging, to say the least, and this support is much appreciated.

We are also grateful to Hudson House for a grant from their Community Fund towards our large print editions which mainly go into care homes.

**Andrew**

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**TLC Talk**

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Many people in Swaledale will know Ema Suraci-Neve as an Italian teacher; others might know her for the authentic home-made pizzas that she delivered during lockdown. But probably fewer of us know that she is an expert maker of miniatures and dioramas.

If you don't know what a diorama is, it's a miniature 3D model. With infinite care and patience - and attention to detail - Ema produces little "rooms", for example, a library with bookshelves filled with tiny books, beautifully bound with pages that turn.

If you'd like to know how she does it, and see some of the materials that she uses, together with examples of her work and photographs of these little works of art that she has sold, come along to her talk at TLC on **Thursday 26 May at 7.30 at Gunnerside Village Hall**. Visitors £2 or £5 for annual membership. Contact Sue Barron 88937.

Elizabeth

**Thank You**

Hannah Gray would like to thank all her friends and family for their kind words, presents and cards.

Received for her 90th Birthday.

Thank You Very Much  
Hannah

**Muker Parish Council**

The recently installed waste recycle bin outside the toilets in Muker was considered unsafe by The Parish Councillors as people had to stand in the road to deposit waste. RDC have agreed to relocate the recycle bin opposite the Village Store.

Mick

**The Station Singers  
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**Summer Workshop Wednesday  
18th May 10.30-13.00  
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**We look forward to seeing you  
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Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2022

1pm – 5pm

Bring your own picnic / refreshments

Live music & entertainment

Children's fancy dress, sports & games

Adult 50s themed fancy dress

Jubilee pudding competition

Strawberries and cream

Everyone is welcome!

*Further details to follow*

*Venue will be the Memorial Hall*

*if poor weather*

## **“WENSLEYDALE TOURNAMENT OF SONG” 2022**

To everyone who helped to bring about this year's Tournament. We had a packed four days of entrants who were, as always, professional and entertaining, and we had some very talented newcomers, as well as many old favourites. Our thanks go out to all those in the audience, whose support made it all worth while, and to the volunteers who kept things running smoothly, and who kept us topped up with tea and coffee. Next year we will be back to full strength with a two week programme of classes, and we look forward to seeing you all there."

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Women and men in Zimbabwe are hungry to provide a more hopeful future. Mums often skip meals to share with their children what little food they have. One of these mums is Jessica Mwedzi. Drought makes every day a struggle for survival. Jessica (see photo on opposite page) is hungry. Hungry for a good meal. Hungry to earn a decent living. Hungry to provide a more hopeful future for her family.

Your gift could help Jessica grow drought-resistant crops. You could help her set up a water tap on her farm and learn how to grow food in the harsh climate. She'll turn her dry, dusty land into a garden of hope.

This Christian Aid Week (15-21 May), please:

- **Give** generously to help women grow crops that survive in the drought.
- **Act** and raise your voice for justice. Join our Loss and Damage campaign.
- **Pray** that families will stay strong during tough times of drought.

This year we are collecting donations in two ways. We will have an e-envelope (the link will be available on the Parish website and Newsletter) and we will also deliver envelopes in some of the villages. These envelopes will come with a request to leave the envelope at a local location.

If you would prefer to have your envelope collected please ring Pauline on 01748 886790. Envelopes may also be left at the Vicarage, Langhorne Drive, Reeth. So please give generously this year in the annual House to House Collection which will be taking place from Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May. Please consider signing the Gift Aid declaration which is attached to the red envelope. This is at **no cost to you** but allows Christian Aid to receive a total of 25p in addition to every £1 you contribute. You have to pay an amount of UK Income Tax or Capital Gains Tax that at least equals the tax that Christian Aid reclaims on your donations. If this is the case, please sign the form, tear off the slip and insert it into the envelope with your donation.

We will also have a cake stall on Reeth Market on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May so please do support this by either bringing or buying.....or both! We look forward to receiving your support. Very many thanks in anticipation.

**Together, we can turn hunger into hope. Join us at [caweek.org](http://caweek.org).**

**Pauline Oldershaw  
Secretary**

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**Jessica Mwedzi carries maize grain to make porridge to feed her family.**

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## **Sustainable Swaledale Swifts, swallows and House Martins project update**

Our Swift, Swallows and House martin project, which aims to help these declining birds, started to take shape this month. With only a few weeks before the birds return for the summer, we needed to work fast to choose and create some hubs in the two dales where boxes and nesting cups could be put up prior to their return, to provide them with additional places to breed. One reason for the decline of all these species is lack of suitable nest sites- nooks and crannies in cavity walls in buildings, suitable empty barns and window alcoves

Many people responded to a post in a couple of Arkengarthdale Facebook pages saying they would like to have nesting areas on/in their buildings. As there seemed to be a cluster of interest from Langthwaite, we made the whole village our first hub. Jocelyn Campbell, an Arkengarthdale potter made some earthenware Swallow's nesting cups and these have been installed in a couple of barns in the village and one at Arkletown. We have also identified suitable sites for Swifts and House Martins in the village and elsewhere in the dales and hope to get more boxes up before the birds return.

Going forward we will continue to make nesting boxes and cups and expand out from our hubs in Arkengarthdale and Swaledale. Over the summer we plan to arrange nest

box building sessions that anyone interested can come along to and help out. We will be inviting people to let us know if they would like some so we can install them next winter while the birds are away. We also hope to work with local builders who are happy to install Swift nesting bricks into any suitable buildings they are working on, subject to consent.

We also plan to monitor and record sightings of the birds, so we know whether we are being successful with what we are doing and to assist with national recording of the birds. Don't forget you can help by submitting your own sightings on the Sustainable Swaledale website project pages found at <http://www.sustainableswaledale.org/swifts-swallows-martins-project/>

We hope to set up cameras in a couple of nesting boxes so that we can have live 24 hour observation of the birds, for interested people to watch.

We would be very happy for people to join our team and there are a range of jobs to get involved with - we need to identify and survey additional sites, build boxes, put them up, monitor them, and assist generally with developing the project. It is really early days and there is plenty to do. Please get in touch if you would like to be involved.

We thank those who have already shown an interest in the project and allowed us to put up boxes, and the Yorkshire Dales National Park for their support and initial supply of timber, and we look forward to creating a stronghold for these special birds across Swaledale and Arkengarthdale.

**Alison**



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**4 Incident this edition**

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**Incident 11: 06/03/2022:** Called to rescue an injured walker near the waterfall above Hawes. Hawes Fire also called and fortunately the injuries were minor enough for the casualty to be walked out. Richmond fire water team and air ambulance also attended.

**Incident 10: 26/03/2022:** by the police to assist with a search for a missing vulnerable person, last seen at Aysgarth Falls visitor centre. Police, police helicopter, 2 search dogs and search teams deployed. While searching the missing person was located safe by the police 3 miles from the last known point. Our first warm incident of the year!

**Incident 09 23/03/2022:** Called to

rescue an injured mountain biker on Wether Fell above Hawes. Treated on scene by the team and evacuated to the road ambulance by stretcher

**Incident 08: 20/03/2022:** Called to assist Upper Wharfedale Fell Rescue Association (UWFRA) with the evaluation of an injured walker near our southern border. Stood down while responding.



During early March a number of team travelled to The Water rescue training centre at Glasgow for some water rescue skills training. See photo opposite page.

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Hill just above Reeth and had come across a stone cross (see photo) on the ground which points north and wondered if we had any information on it. We searched our files but could find nothing.

March saw 66 children from Pannal School in the Museum, returning to the school's pre-Easter annual visit. As ever they are a delightful and curious lot, and were enthusiastic in their engagement with the geology, industrial, farming and social history of the Dale. Sadly due to Covid-19 we had to once again postpone a Friends of the Swaledale Museum Committee Meeting, but we look forward to resuming our in person meetings later this year. We would like to thank Chris Browne for guiding us through the technology that will enable us to move our programme of lectures from the Museum to Reeth Memorial Hall, starting in June. We are

We are lucky to have access to a wide network of knowledgeable people, including Will Swales (who will be giving us a lecture on Plantagenet Harrison in September, see our lecture programme) who copied the question to his own network, including members of Swaledale and Arkengarthdale Archaeology Group (SWAAG). Mike Walton responded noting that 'Looking at it on Google satellite maps ... it is actually aligned a few degrees west of north. I'm wondering if when it was originally built it was aligned to magnetic north using a compass. I remember from my schooldays that magnetic north varies around the country and changes with time. I therefore wonder if one could calculate a possible age for the cross by comparing its alignment with the current direction of magnetic north and knowing how it varied round here in the past'. Les Knight sent him a link to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) website which shows a map with lines indicating the direction of magnetic north over the past 300+ years. Using his old adjustable set square Mike managed to roughly measure on his screen the angle of the cross relative to true north as seen on the Google satellite view. The angle, he found, was between 11 and 12 degrees west. Then using the NOAA webpage he adjusted the date until magnetic north for this area was around 11 to 12 degrees west. (see next page)



also busy finalising the displays for our grand re-opening ready for the extended Jubilee Bank Holiday.

This month we feature a 'Mystery Marker on Calver', celebrating the sleuthing powers of members of our community. In mid-March Malcolm Hewitson contacted the Museum with an enquiry. He had been on top of Calver



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The date came out at around 1944 to 1945. (The previous time that magnetic north was at a similar angle to due north was around 1715 to 1718.) Therefore if his presumption that the cross was aligned to magnetic north when it was laid out is right, then he guesses that it is some sort of war memorial - either to mark the end of the Second World War, or perhaps to remember a crashed aircraft, though Mike notes that a Google search (see next page) did not reveal any record of a plane crashing on Calver Hill. Mike wonders that if there was a crash perhaps someone remembers it. Is there anyone out there who can help us?

We are hugely impressed with Mike's powers of deduction, and the inter-linked expertise of SWAAG. Tracy Little, Friends of the Swaledale Museum Secretary, reminds us that during the Second World War the American air force, and probably the RAF, practiced up here, aiming at the White House which was then an uninhabited ruin. Were there other markers up here to do with navigational exercises? She also asked Will Swales if we have any idea where the name Calver comes from? She has seen suggestions that it was a corruption of Calvary, which of course leads to crosses. Will responded with a no, and a detailed and convincing alternative explanation. He says that no place-name expert has attempted to explain the name of our Calver Hill, and he is not aware of any early records of the name that might give clues in the spelling, although no doubt there will be some records somewhere. Fortunately there are other Calver place-names around the country, and one in particular has good evidence that seems to be

a match for our Calver Hill. It is in the Hope Valley in the Peak District - the village of Calver, which sits below Calver Peak. You can compare the two hills if you open two web browser windows and set them side-by-side on your screen, then search in Bing Maps, Reeth in one window, and Calver, Derbyshire in the other. Change the view from Road to Ordnance Survey, then adjust the image. To view the shapes and positions in the landscape of the two hills. You will see that they are very similar. As the Derbyshire Calver is a settlement name, there are good early records of the name (in Eilert Ekwall, *The Concise Dictionary of English Place-Names*): 1086 Domesday Book - Calvoure, 1199 - Calvore, 1239 - Calfover. From this, the elements of Calver (in A H Smith, *The English Place-Name Elements*) are deduced to be: OE (specifically northern OE, or Anglian) *calf* 'a calf' OE *ufer/ofere* 'a slope/hill/ridge'. As he has mentioned in his talks, the great landscape and place-name researchers Margaret Gelling and Ann Cole conducted extensive fieldwork studies into all the different types of hill names and the different shapes they represent. They concluded emphatically (*The Landscape of Place-Names*, p. 199) that *ufer/ofere* - refers to: 'a flat-topped ridge with a convex shoulder'. They said the term was employed 'with remarkable consistency' throughout England. In the case of Calver Hill, the ridge was probably originally a woodland cattle pasture, which would explain the present name of the convex shoulder of Calver Hill - Riddings Ridge. Riddings means 'cleared land'. Turning to the photograph we posted of (see over page)

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Reeth Football Team in March Barbara Buckingham has written in to tell us that her father, Frank Wesley Place (Secretary for Reeth Athletics Club) is in the picture with his brothers Reg and Stanley, as well as his half-brother John Hillary and cousin Jim Kendall. Another team member is Willy Pedley, brother of Ted, Frank, Elsie and Robin, who lived in Grinton. Clearly a formidable team! Thank you to all who have helped us identify who most of the members were. No responses yet to our posting of a picture of the Arkleside Hotel.

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Helen

ERRATA: Helen Bainbridge offers her profuse apologies to Liz and Chris Atkin of Grinton. In the April issue of the Gazette she incorrectly noted that it was Liz and Chris Austin that identified Liz Atkin's Grandad Tim Scratcherd in the photograph in question. Liz and Chris Atkin very kindly further note

that his wife Doris was a Garbutt and 3 generations ran the Black Bull. We have a photo of her sitting on a pony outside the Black Bull with her father and grandfather standing with her. Our eldest son Andy has been the landlord of the Bridge Inn, Grinton for some years now so it could be suggested that he returned to his family roots. As great supporters of the Museum we are mortified by this mistake.

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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 15 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 Swale-  
dale 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  
Kearnton 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:  
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**Dales Police  
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**Incidents of note over the last month;**

1 reported thefts from Co-op in Leyburn on 8<sup>th</sup> March an unknown male took 2 bottles of Jack Daniels

1 report of theft of cooking oil from a public house in Wensley.

There was a total of 30 crimes recorded in the area during March. I do not report crimes whereby victims could potentially be identified for example, domestic violence or harassment, although they are included in the totals below.

5 crimes were recorded as Fraud whereby people have reported telephone scams. These include eBay and Amazon scams.

A full breakdown by category is as follows:

- 1 - Violence
- 2 - Criminal Damage
- 5 - Fraud
- 2 - Burglary
- 4 - Theft
- 2 - Drugs possession
- 4 - others

Throughout March there were 10 road traffic collisions reported on our roads. 9 resulting in damage only, and 1 resulting in injuries.

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**Editor Note: I could not resist this. The combination of Dinosaurs and Science. Brill. Great for kids and adults alike.**

Text from BBC Site: 'David Attenborough brings to life, in unprecedented detail, the last days of the dinosaurs. Palaeontologist Robert DePalma has made an incredible discovery in a pre-historic graveyard: fossilised creatures, astonishingly well preserved, that could help change our understanding of the last days of the dinosaurs. Evidence from his site records the day when an asteroid bigger than Mount Everest devastated our planet and caused the extinction of the dinosaurs. Based on brand new evidence, witness

the catastrophic events of that day play out minute by minute.

Photo from: [www.sciencenews.org/](http://www.sciencenews.org/)



article/new-fossils-north-dakota-dinosaur-killing-asteroid-impact.

**ROCK HUNT** Palaeontologists Robert DePalma (left) and Jan Smits (right) examine a 1.3-meter-thick, fossil-bearing rock layer at Tanis. **Mike B**

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### **Moor Peat; More Carbon Storage, More Wildlife...**

Yorkshire Dales environmental campaigning charity, Friends of the Dales launches it's new Peatlands Campaign, #MoorPeat this month. Covering 42% of the National Park and of national and international importance for it's fauna, flora and carbon - stored in the form of peat, our peatlands are heavily degraded. This campaign aims to support 'sister' organisations such as Yorkshire Peat Partnership in it's restoration work as well as working to raise awareness of the issues which continue to adversely affect the peatlands. As part of this campaign the charity has organised two events which will enable you to learn more about peat and the wildlife it sustains, as well as offering a unique opportunity to get out into the moorland to see the degradation first hand - and most importantly, the restoration work being undertaken.

### **Peat and Poetry Event 21 May**

Incorporating a walk of 5-6 miles with an optional three mile extension, you will be guided across the peatlands above Ilkley by Peak District moorland ranger, Jody Vallance. You will gain insight into the effect of peatland erosion on wildlife, carbon and water storage, along with how the national park is working to remediate the area. The walk will also include recitals of two of

Poet Laureate, Simon Armitage's famous Stanza Stones and include a visit to the Poetry Postbox. We will be encouraging participants to bring along their own peatland poem to post in the box - a selection of which will be published in the Yorkshire Dales Review. The Peat and Poetry event is free for all to join and starts at Ilkley at 10am on 21 May with the extended version finishing at 4.30pm. No dogs except RAD.

### **Digital Talk - Give Peat a Chance 2022**

Jenny Sharman from Yorkshire Peat Partnership returns on 18 May at 7.30pm to tell the story of the restoration of three moors that are close to her heart. What might have caused them to degrade and decline? What were the likely consequences of this to the wildlife, the carbon store, local flood risk and water quality? What has been done to rewet, replant and restore them? Through these examples, the enormous undertaking to restore all of Yorkshire's upland peatlands by March 2035 will be brought to life.

Email [victoria.benn@friendsofthedales.org.uk](mailto:victoria.benn@friendsofthedales.org.uk) to book your place/s.

**Victoria**



**Bruce McLeod, Chair of Friends of the Dales Planting sphagnum.**



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Plans have been drawn up and are being approved (we hope) by the Church of England's own planning authority and the National Park.

This will mean we can have a flushing toilet, a mini kitchen complete with sink and running water, and a more manageable climb up to the church door. Massive advantages for everyone and all things that we expect and take for granted in 2022.

As part of the planning approval process, the trees in the churchyard have come under scrutiny and it looks as though two will have to go. "Tufty-top" (a Scots pine) has been deemed unsafe as it has a decided eastwards lean, it's roots are unstable, it's possibly rotting from the inside out and is too big for it's location.

The Lawson cypress (also on the left going up to church) has come to the end of it's lifespan and is damaging two walls as it has outgrown it's site. So we will be planting multiple new trees which will more than make up for the loss of these two old war horses.

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	10.00 am	St Joseph & Francis Xav. Richmond	<i>Mass</i>
	10.30 am	Low Row URC	<i>Joint Village Smarber Service</i>
	11.00 am	St. Edmund's, Marske	<i>Holy Communion</i>
	11.00 am	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
	2.00 pm	Keld URC	
	6.30 pm	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
	6.30 pm	Gunnerside Methodist	<i>Holy Communion</i>
<b>8<sup>th</sup> May.</b>	9.30 am	St. Andrew's Grinton	<i>Eucharist</i>
	9.30 am	St Michael's Downholme	<i>Morning Prayer</i>
	10.00 am	St Joseph & Francis Xav. Richmond	<i>Mass</i>
	10.30 am	Low Row URC	
	11.00 am	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
	11.00 am	St. Edmund's, Marske	<i>Morning Prayer</i>
	11.15 am	St. Mary's Arkengarthdale	<i>Holy Communion BCP</i>
6.30 pm	Reeth Evangelical Congregational		
<b>15<sup>th</sup> May.</b>	9.15 am	St. Mary's Muker	<i>Holy Communion BCP</i>
	10.00 am	St Joseph & Francis Xav. Richmond	<i>Mass</i>
	10.30 am	Low Row URC	
	11.00 am	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
	11.00 am	Holy Trinity Low Row	<i>Eucharist</i>
	11.00 am	St. Edmund's, Marske	<i>Holy Communion</i>
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<b>22<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	9.30 pm	St Michael's Downholme	<i>Holy Communion</i>
	9.30 am	St. Andrew's Grinton	<i>Eucharist</i>
	10.00 am	St Joseph & Francis Xav. Richmond	<i>Mass</i>
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<b>29<sup>th</sup> May</b>	10.00 am	St Joseph & Francis Xav. Richmond	<i>Mass</i>
	10.30 am	Low Row URC	
	10.30 am	St. Mary's Muker	<i>United Parish Eucharist</i>
	11.00 am	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
	11.00 am	St. Edmund's, Marske	<i>Morning Prayer</i>
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	6.30 pm	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	

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2. Which Gordon Ramsay TV show won the BAFTA for Best Feature at the 2005 British Academy Television Awards?
3. Who plays Tony's therapist in the Sopranos?
4. How many wisdom teeth do humans have?
5. How many Nolan sisters were there? (Bonus points for names)
6. 'The lighter way to enjoy chocolate' was an advertising slogan for which Mars product?
7. What do you call a group of flamingos?
8. How many weeks are there in a year?
9. What was Elton John's first number one song?
10. Who wrote the Famous Five book series?
11. What does 'c'est la vie' mean in English?
12. Who is third in line to the throne in England?
13. Who played Trigger in Only Fools and Horses?
14. When did the smoking ban come into force in the UK?
15. When is the Queen's official birthday?
16. In what film does Tom Cruise play business student Brian Flanagan?
17. Who was British Prime Minister before Theresa May?
18. What is Kylie Jenner's make-up company called?
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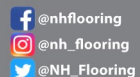
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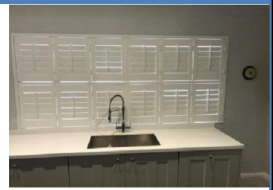
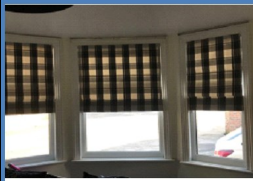
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### **Leyburn Arts & Community Centre Platinum Jubilee Festival of Performing Arts**

Leyburn Arts & Community Centre invite the Community to join in their Platinum Jubilee Festival of Performing Arts to be held over the weekend prior to the main national celebrations. Free events and bacon butties and afternoon tea available to mark the occasion and celebrate the Queen's Jubilee.

Beginning on Friday 27th May with a special screening of The Queen, starring Helen Mirren in one of her most famous roles. Saturday's events include dancing, ukulele, LADS (Leyburn Amateur Dramatics Society) performing one of their popular mini dramas, all supported by Blueboxt young talented musicians and in the afternoon a concert by Leyburn Band. Sunday 29th May also includes the Community Pop Choir, the Platinum Tree planting and the awarding of prizes to the winners of the young people's Art Competition. Full details and a programme will be available on the website and a special flyer. This a subsidised weekend of free activities supported by Richmondshire District Council, Leyburn Town Council and Leyburn Arts & Community Centre.

Amongst the other events for the month organised by Leyburn Arts & Community Centre include a Dance Celidh, on Wednesday 18th May, at 7pm entitled Six Feet, Three Shoes which is described as a perfect fusion of fun, rhythm, emotion and magic.

Please note this is being held at Wensleydale Rugby Club. Tel 01969 624510 to book, tickets £8 adults, £4 for young people.

Also another Live Cinema Event on Sunday May 8th at 4pm, tickets £12, Northern Ballet perform the ballet Merlin, a sweeping epic adventure of heartbreak, hope and magic. Filmed Live at Leeds Grand Theatre. Sunday, May 8th at 4pm. tickets £12.

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**Swaledale Mountain  
Rescue Fund Raising  
'Sheep at Thea's Cottage'**

**Dear Editor,** I am a part-time resident and home owner in Satron (nr Gunnerside). I recently commissioned a drawing from a good friend and acclaimed artist Peter Roy Wiles (Roy). The drawing is called "Sheep at Thea's Cottage" and I would like to offer Reeth District Gazette readers the opportunity to acquire a copy in return for a donation to Swaledale Mountain Rescue. Interested parties can donate directly to SMR's Justgiving page and copy me in with details of their donation and I will personally fund print copies and postage. I include the artist's biography and details of how readers can help the Swaledale Mountain Rescue by purchasing prints ( see opposite page).

**Jeremy Fish**

**Prints of 'Sheep at Thea's Cottage' are available in return for a £40 donation to Swaledale Mountain Rescue at [https://](https://www.justgiving.com/smrt)**

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### About the Artist Peter Roy Wiles

Peter Roy Wiles (Roy) PhD Reading, PGCE Oxford, MIBiol. (entomology), HND Applied sciences. Roy is a retired University lecturer with a long academic career teaching ecological subjects, supervising research and designing University degree programmes.

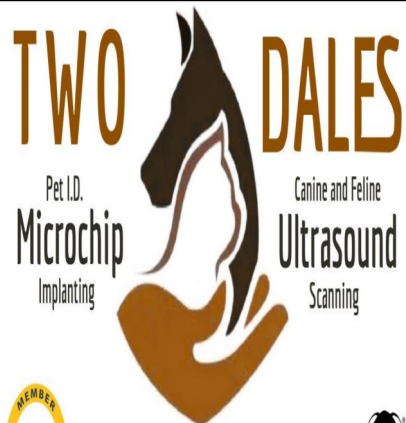
Roy trained as an entomologist and later specialised as a freshwater ecologist and acarologist. He described over 120 new species in some 50 academic papers. He is widely travelled from New Guinea to Thailand, South Africa, Central America to Ecuador in search of watermites with expeditions and more latterly with students. He has been at the forefront of teaching through fieldwork and pioneered tropical ecology field courses to rainforests and coral reefs.

Roy, now enjoys working in rainforests with new generations of students and academics on Opwall expeditions and field programmes (Opwall.com). When he retired, he took up drawing and his work has been exhibited in the Botanic Garden of Wales and at Fife zoo. He has also recently completed two books on butterflies for Operation Wallacea.

His most recent project was to draw Thea's cottage for Jeremy and Anne Fish. Roy passed by on a wet and grey day and his drawing reflects winter in Swaledale. He was soaked to the skin climbing over a gate and into a soggy field behind the cottage to get this view.

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## Swaledale Festival – 28 May to 11 June 2022

This year's Festival features 50 music, arts and walking events in celebration of the organisation's 50th anniversary. With not long to go until the fields dance with buttercups and the merriment begins, you may be wondering where to start, so we've picked out some gems that are sure to entertain and inspire.

The Festival's Young Artists Platform, which showcases tomorrow's stars, sees **Bammental School Symphony Orchestra** travelling from Germany with their inspirational conductor to perform a combination of orchestral classics, tangos and Irish folk tunes on Tuesday 31 May.

Also taking their place on the YAP stage are maestros **Richard Uttley, Callum Smart, and Ben Goldscheider** on Thursday 2 June. Pianist Uttley played in the Festival in the early days of what is now a stellar career. He is joined by two more fast-rising stars - the superb violinist (and Instagram king!) Smart, and the gifted French horn player and BBC Young Musician finalist Goldscheider.

Another bright young concert not to be missed will be given by the **Magnard Ensemble**, a talented woodwind group with great chemistry. They will perform a mouthwatering programme of Byrd, Mozart and Stephen Dodgson on Tuesday 7 June.

This year's programme includes some Festival favourites who have produced some truly memorable shows in past years. **Aurora Percussion Duo** return to share their beautifully choreographed music on a myriad of instruments from maracas to marimbas on Monday 6 June, and the world-renowned vocal ensemble **VOCES8** will lead a relaxed singing workshop for all abilities on Friday 3 June.



Friends since they were neighbours in the sixties, **guitarist Dave Kelly and keyboardist Bob Hall** have had illustrious careers in the British blues scene and have won many awards for their artistry. These living legends, who cut their teeth with the likes of Howlin' Wolf, Buddy Guy, John Lee Hooker and Muddy Waters will be jamming with bassist **Hilary Blythe** on Monday 6



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There are some great duos in the line-up this year. **Violinist Michael Foyle and cellist Thomas Carroll** - two exceptional players who are in great demand around the world - will perform duets by Ravel, Martinu and Kodaly on Sunday 29 May. And the amazing folk harmonica wizard **Will Pound** will spar with the superb young guitarist **Jenn Butterworth** on



Monday 30 May. The wonderful young Australian **soprano Lotte Betts-Dean** will sing with her father, the violist and famous composer **Brett Dean**. Their performance on Saturday 11 June will include the world premiere of a piece which Brett Dean has composed especially for the Festival's 50th.

All this, plus exhibitions, walks, talks, film, poetry, a Family Fun Day in Reeth and a whole lot more. Tickets for under 25s are available for just £3. For information and bookings please visit [www.swalefest.org](http://www.swalefest.org). **Emily**



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Muker Public Hall was opened in 1922 to great local enthusiasm and celebrations went on all afternoon and into the early hours of the next day. They included a Silver Band procession, speeches, teas, sports and games, a concert and then a dance with a Waltzing competition. Our plans to mark the centenary are not quite so ambitious but we shall do the hall proud, I'm sure.

We are grateful to the Swaledale Festival for their initiative and support in helping to organise this. We are planning something of a Swaledale Fringe event on 29th May when we shall enjoy a concert by Istante Collective Folk, world renowned instrumentalists who will play local tunes, hymns and folk songs from around the world, followed by afternoon tea and then a barn dance in the hall. Istante Collective Folk includes Jo Lawrence whose musical roots are in the Dale. Jo is related to most residents of Muker and her grandparents attended the original opening of the Hall, so we really have come full circle.

On the refurbishment front we are thrilled with our upgraded kitchen which now boasts a larder fridge, new cooker, stainless steel workbenches and a commercial dishwasher. We have further plans for Wi-Fi, replacement windows and better lighting, all this adding to the excellent multi-media facilities including an overhead projec-

tor and drop down screen with PA, which makes Muker Hall an ideal place for professional development activities or social occasions.

Jo and the other musicians are also performing in the Swaledale Festival as Hire Wire Baroque on 28<sup>th</sup> May and as part of the Baroque Orchestra for the 50th Anniversary Gala Concert: Handel's Messiah on 30<sup>th</sup> May, details [www.swalefest.org](http://www.swalefest.org)

**Enquiries about booking Muker Hall can be sent to [mukerorg@gmail.com](mailto:mukerorg@gmail.com)**  
**Jackie Pope**

## Melbecks Civil Emergency Plan Public Meeting

There is to be a Public Meeting held commencing at 7.30pm on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2022 at the Low Row Institute, Low Row, to present details of the Melbecks PC Civil Emergency Plan and of how and when the Plan will be activated. Present will be members of NYCC's Resilience Emergency Team, District and Parish Councillors, MIRT (Major Incident Response Team), and Emergency Volunteers.

Practical details of the plan in operation will be presented and residents will have the opportunity to ask any questions they may have and find out what part they themselves have to interact within the plan.

This meeting is open to all, so if your parish is thinking of creating a Civil Emergency Plan and you would like information on how to go about it you will be most welcome. We look forward to seeing many of you there!

**Regards Cllr Richard Lewis**

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| 2. Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares                                  | 17. David Cameron                                   |
| 3. Lorraine Bracco  | 18. Kylie Cosmetics                                 |
| 4. Four   | 19. London  |
| 5. Five: Linda, Coleen, Maureen, Denise, Anne and Bernie        | 20. Mercury (Pluto is no longer an official planet) |
| 6. Maltesers  |   |
| 7. Flamboyance  |   |
| 8. 52   |   |
| 9. Elton John and Kiki Dee's Don't Go Breaking My Heart in 1976 |   |
| 10. Enid Blyton   |   |
| 11. It's life'  |   |
| 12. Prince George of Cambridge                                  |   |
| 13. Roger Lloyd Pack  |   |
| 14. July, 1 2007  |   |
| 15. The second Saturday of June                                 |   |

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**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June - Tony McManus** (described by John Renbourn as "the best Celtic guitarist in the world") joins Julia Toasperm from Berlin (fiddle, guitar, vocals). Tickets **£14** (£16 door).

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July - Darren Page - the Voice of Roy Orbison.** One set of Rock 'n Roll favourites and one set of 'The Big O'. Tickets **£13** (£15 door).

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July - Michael Messer's Mitra** are British blues innovator and slide guitarist, Michael Messer, Hindustani slide guitar maestro from India, Manish Pingle, and London-based tabla master, Gurdain Singh Rayatt. Tickets **£17** (£19 door).

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## First Bird of Prey Evidence Report Published By Yorkshire Dales Bird of Prey Partnership 23 March 2022

A new report has been released with information on the status of bird of prey populations and confirmed persecution incidents in the Yorkshire Dales National Park and Nidderdale Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

It's the first report of it's kind to be published by the Yorkshire Dales Bird of Prey Partnership, a group with a shared commitment to bird of prey conservation, and reveals one of the most successful hen harrier breeding seasons in the Yorkshire Dales since they first returned to breed in the 1960s. Seven nesting attempts fledged 26 hen harrier young, representing 43% of the recorded fledged hen harrier chicks across the north of England in 2020. The group, comprising the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority, Nidderdale Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, The Moorland Association, Natural England, National Gamekeepers Organisation, Northern England Raptor Forum, and Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB), aims to produce this record of bird of prey species active in the Dales annually. Unfortunately, the Covid-19 lockdown meant some monitoring programmes weren't possible in 2020, but many of the regularly occurring species - such as buzzard - were seen, with some encouraging sightings of goshawk and osprey observed during the year.

However, despite the best efforts of partners and a number of landowners to engage in bird of prey conservation, ten confirmed persecution incidents were recorded in the Yorkshire Dales National Park and Nidderdale Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Killing birds of prey is illegal, and the group condemns raptor persecution in the strongest possible terms. Anyone with concerns about a possible wildlife crime should call 101, and anyone witnessing a suspected wildlife crime should call 999 and ask for the Police. Publication of the report was delayed to ensure the accuracy and completeness of bird of prey persecution data collated by the RSPB and audited by the Police's National Wildlife Crime Unit (NWCU).

This 2020 report will provide a baseline against which progress will be monitored over coming years, and it is hoped a 2021 report will be published later in the year. In the meantime, the group recognises more work needs to be done to address the challenges faced by bird of prey populations in the Yorkshire Dales and in the continued efforts to stamp out raptor persecution.

The Bird of Prey Evidence Report 2020 for the Yorkshire Dales National Park and Nidderdale Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty can be viewed online here. Background on the origins, purpose and membership of the partnership are detailed in the statement below.

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## Yorkshire Dales National Park Tees-Swale Project Update

As part of the Tees-Swale: Naturally Connected programme, a Heritage Lottery-funded collaboration between the YDNP & N. Pennines AONB, there's been lots of activity going on around Swaledale and Arkengarthdale. The Two Dales are covered by Christa Nelson, who focuses on Farming and Nature initiatives, and myself working on Community Engagement, especially with young people. As we move into Spring and Summer, there's a lot to get involved in within the local area. Keep up to date on what's coming up via: Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/teesswale>) and the Yorkshire Dales NP and N. Pennines AONB social media channels. May sees us hosting the Swaledale Farming Film and Photo Festival. Highlights being an evening film screening at Reeth Memorial Hall on **Wed 11<sup>th</sup> May** and again the following evening of **Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> May** at Muker Public Hall. This free event will showcase largely local farming films from past and present. Also there will be a month-long Farming Photo exhibition about farming history of the Dales, with Hudson House in Reeth playing host for the 1st fortnight of May followed by Muker Literary Institute for the 2nd half of the month. For more info and to get your free tickets, visit:

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## Melbecks Community Emergency Plan

It seems that floods, storms, power cuts etc are no longer 'once every decade or so' anymore, but are becoming almost yearly events. To that end Melbecks Parish Council has spent the last year in setting up a Community Emergency Plan in order to get much needed help and assistance to our parishioners in times of Emergency or natural disaster.

The plan is now lodged with the NYLRF (North Yorkshire Local Resilience Forum) and also NYCC (North Yorkshire County Council) and after much adjustment and scrutiny the plan has been approved and has now 'gone live'.

To this end, the Low Row Institute and Gunnerside Village Hall are now officially registered as Emergency/Rest/Help/Shelters and will be opened immediately upon any activation of the plan. Volunteers are in place to help assist with door knocking to check on vulnerable people or vulnerable establishments, transporting people to the Emergency centres and any other task that the Emergency Team Controller deems suitable for the Volunteers. (It must be stressed that Volunteers will not be placed in any dangerous or life-threatening situations.)

We are now able to activate the CEP ourselves, and begin to organise ourselves locally prior to any outside involvement of the council or Emergency/Blue light services. This pre-empts long periods of waiting in case the Emergency services are delayed and cannot arrive promptly.

The rest centres will provide hot drinks and somewhere warm and safe

until back up services arrive. These back up services may include the Police/Fire/Ambulance services, Mountain Rescue, Social Services, Richmond District Council, Welfare and support organisations. Melbecks Parish Councillors will also be at hand to help liaise with parishioners and the Emergency Services. MIRT (Major Incident Response Teams) will also be alerted and will supply help as and when required.

If necessary, the Emergency Rest Centres (ERC's) will be equipped with food and bedding to cover a 36hr period. If the Emergency continues beyond this time, people will be taken to hotels, Bed & Breakfast, or similar for the duration of the Emergency, this cost being picked up by the State.

As Parishioners, you do not have to do anything in order to 'get on the plan', you are already on it! We still have work to do; The ERC's will need Emergency Power back up in case of power loss and to this end we are seeking quotes to install generator transfer switches in the ERC's and also to raise funds for the purchase of 2 standby portable generators.

There is a public meeting to be held on the 9th June 2022 at 7.30pm in the Low Row Institute in order to present the plan to the parish. This meeting is open to all, and if you or your parish needs any help in setting up your own Community Emergency Plan then come along and we would be delighted to help or give assistance in any way we can.

If you would like to help or volunteer in any way we would be delighted to have you on board and I can be contacted at the email address below.

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## Create a pollinator patch (and save on mowing!)

Are you busy, stressed, too much to do, and too little time? Why not save some precious minutes this summer by leaving the lawnmower in the shed and creating a pollinator patch. This is an area of grassland that you abandon to nature, allowing the native wildflowers to grow, the bees to buzz, and the swallows to swoop.

Our native pollinators - honey bees, bumblebees, hoverflies, moths, ladybirds, and butterflies - are having a tough time of it. Widespread use of agro-chemicals and loss of their natural habitat has resulted a third of all our wild bees and hoverfly species declining over the last 3 decades. Yet we also know that they are crucial for pollinating our food crops and are a vital part of the food chain.

Additionally, the distances between patches of wildflowers grow ever larger as meadows are grazed, verges are mown, and lawns are kept beautifully tidy, but sterile. Our insects need to have a network of linked foraging grounds to enable them to thrive.

A pollinator patch in your garden will be rich with beautiful native wildflowers, including yellow rattle and red clover. It will be abuzz with pollinating insects such as butterflies and bees, which in turn will attract bats, songbirds, swifts, swallows and house martins diving in to feed. Small mammals, frogs and toads will shelter among the stems, attracting owls and other native predators.

Our aim for 2022 is to encourage residents of Swaledale and Arkengarthdale to create as many pollinator patches as they can up and down the dales, providing a network of mini-ecosystems that help support our insect-life. If you create a pollinator patch this year,

### So, what can you do?

- Set aside a patch of your garden, field, or a verge as a pollinator patch. It can be as small or as large as you like (i.e. a metre or two across, up to multiple acres).
- Don't treat it with any chemicals or fertilisers - our wildflowers thrive in poorer soils.
- Don't mow it, or graze it! If it gets too unruly, you can always strim round the edges.
- If you want to collect a hay crop then that's fine, but don't cut it until early August. This gives plenty of time for the early-season pollinators to benefit, and allows the flower seeds to ripen and drop before you remove the seed-heads.

please send us a photo, and a rough location - we'd love to create a map of these safe-havens for insect life up and down the dales.

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8 April 2021

## Eligible Residents in North Yorkshire and York encouraged to take up their spring booster vaccination offer

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- Spring boosters for people aged 75 years old and over, plus people aged 12 years old and over with a weakened immune system.
- 1st and 2nd doses for people aged 5 years old and over.
- Boosters for people aged 16 years old and over, plus at-risk children aged 12 to 15 years old.
- Additional primary doses for people with a severely weakened immune system aged 12 years old and over.
- Care home residents and housebound are included in the spring booster vaccination programme.

Everyone who is eligible will be contacted by the NHS and offered a top up six months after their first booster over the spring and early summer.

NHS North Yorkshire CCG Clinical Chair, Dr Charles Parker, said: "I would encourage anyone who's eligible to get their spring booster jab when they are offered it to give themselves and their families the best possible protection against coronavirus. "I would also encourage anyone who has not received their first, second or third doses to also come forward and it's never too late. You can access these jabs a local walk in vaccination clinics which continue to be available across North Yorkshire and York. "People will be contacted by the NHS when they become eligible for a vaccination and we are encouraging people to wait until they receive this notification rather than contact their GP practice."

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**Editor Note:**

I recommended the book and now even better this has been released on Audio Book. Read by excellent narrator Laura Dennington. Lovely voice that keeps you company on a long car journey. Highly recommended.

If I was asked what does it remind you of, then the writing style and era reminds me of a cross between R.F.Delderfield's 'To Serve Them all my Days' and Jeffrey Archer's 'The Clifton Chronicles'. The story is a fast start straight into the scene of a Sé-ance in an old country mansion. That immediately reminded me of the film 'Blithe Spirit' starring Rex Harrison and Margaret Rutherford. You can sample the book at Audible.co.uk.

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**21st May - Film in Gunnerside Village Hall: Ordinary Love**, starring Liam Neeson and Lesley Manville. 7.30 pm, doors and bar open at 7 pm. **£5** (children **£3**).

**26 May TLC @Gunnerside - 7.30** Gunnerside Village Hall - talk by Ema Suraci-Neve on creating miniatures and dioramas.

**28 May - Handel's Messiah 7.30** - Ripon Cathedral - Swale Singers and Richmondshire Choral Society with professional soloists and orchestra. Tickets from [www.swalefest.org](http://www.swalefest.org)

### June

**9th June - Platinum Jubilee Celebration** - Reeth Green 1pm.

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June - Harp & a Monkey** - Martin Purdy (vocals, glockenspiel, accordion, harmonica and keyboards), Simon Jones (harp, guitar, viola) and Andy Smith (banjo, guitar, melodica and programming). Expect songs of bare-knuckle boxers, evolutionary moths and wife auctions. Tickets **£14** (£16 door).

**23 June - TLC @Gunnerside 7.30** - Gunnerside Village Hall - talk by a speaker from the Great North Air Ambulance about the work of this essential service.

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June** - Tony McManus (described by John Renbourn as "the best Celtic guitarist in the world") joins Julia Toaspern from Berlin (fiddle, gui-

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### July

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July - Darren Page - the Voice of Roy Orbison**. One set of Rock 'n Roll favourites and one set of 'The Big O'. Tickets **£13** (£15 door).

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July - Michael Messer's Mitra** are British blues innovator and slide guitarist, Michael Messer, Hindustani slide guitar maestro from India, Manish Pingle, and London-based tabla master, Gurdain Singh Rayatt. Tickets **£17** (£19 door).

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> July - Reeth Makers Market 10am - 4pm**

## Leyburn u3a Groups May Meeting

The next meeting of Leyburn u3a is it's AGM to be held on Friday 21st May, 10.00am for 10.30 start at the Arts & Community Centre, Leyburn.

Meetings are usually held the third Friday of every month. Future Meetings: June 17<sup>th</sup> - The Nidderdale Moorland Group, July 15<sup>th</sup> William Wilberforce - A talk by his ancestor Mary Wilberforce.

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