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for the two dales*

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Good Friday Walk 29 March 2024



welcome. To protect stock and also for the safety of the walkers **DOGS MUST BE KEPT ON LEADS AT ALL TIMES.**

A Hike - A Pilgrimage - A Witness - The Stations of the Cross

All are invited to take part, for all or some of the route - children with an accompanying adult and dogs (on leads at all times) are most welcome. please bring a packed lunch, hot drinks will be provided at the lunch stop.

8.00am Cars leave from Grinton Church. There will not be a bus, but we encourage car sharing and lifts. If you need a lift, please contact Rev Caroline Hewlett, 01748 884706.

8.55am Assemble at Keld URC for safety information

9.00am Short Service at Keld URC; leave 9.10 am

10.30am Service at St. Mary's Muker, leave 11 am

12.30pm Gunnerside Methodist Church - lunch stop

1.10pm Short Service at Gunnerside Methodist Church

1.25pm Assemble and off

3.30pm Low Whita Bridge

5.00pm Arrive at Grinton - refreshments available
5.30pm Service in St. Andrew's Church

Post service - transport back up the dale, as far as Keld, as required, to collect cars

Total mileage - 12.5 miles(ish)

Strong footwear and waterproof clothing required. Dogs are

The organisers will lead the walk; however participants are responsible for their own safety. The precise route is subject to change dependent on conditions on the day. If the weather is really bad the services will take place as advertised, but there will be no organised walk.

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Emergencies, Storms, Holiday Lets and Vulnerable People

In relation to recent storms, it has been good to see people using the Sandbag stores BEFORE the storms hit. It is safer, sensible and a lot easier than waiting until torrents of water are cascading everywhere around you! The bags are free and you don't need permission to use them, as long as the use is for emergency situations or preparedness. At a recent meeting, the subject of Holiday Home (HH) occupiers was raised. At the time of writing, the Emergency Volunteer group has absolutely no way of knowing if HH are occupied, and will therefore only visit the properties of residents that we know have people in them. This reduces the risk factor to our volunteers. However, visitors to our dales will have no idea of what happens, or what to do in the event of power cuts or emergencies and this is of great concern to us. As a rule of thumb, the emergency group will not deploy in the hours of darkness unless there is a specific threat or dire situation developing, as people are generally safer in their own homes. If power is lost at night, and is still off in the morning, then the generators at the Low Row Institute and the Gunnerside Village Hall will be started circa 08:00am to provide, heat, lighting, hot drinks and internet facilities for anyone that needs them. This is particularly good information to have at hand in the event that telephone communications are lost as well. For Storms/flooding situations, the

decision to activate the emergency group will always depend on local knowledge, the immediate weather conditions and relevant agency alerts at the time. It's good for EVERYONE to know all this, but it would be great if HH owners could advise their visitors that these arrangements are in place for an emergency, especially if any of their visitors may require assistance. For daytime power outages, the decision to deploy the volunteer group and/or start the generators will depend on the time of year, local knowledge, weather conditions and information provided by the utility companies & NYCC. For vulnerable residents, we will always try to utilise volunteers that reside where you live to check you are ok, so that you will recognise them and have confidence that no 'scam' is involved. (Sad but necessary these days.) Please also remember, that a **situation** can make you a 'Vulnerable' person, regardless of your age, health, ability or inability, so if you get a knock from our volunteers during times of emergency, please don't be affronted by it, we are there to help. Many thanks,

Melbecks Emergency Volunteer Group
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Lent Meetings 2024

Everyone is welcome to join in one or more of these events

Meetings at 7pm
Pilgrimage - a CTBI Lent study -
<https://lentpilgrimage.org.uk/>

Tuesday 20 February
Fremington Village Hall
Led by Rev Caroline Hewlett
Pilgrimage 1

Tuesday 27 February
Gunnarside Methodist Chapel
Led by Rev Julia Reid
Pilgrimage 2

Tuesday 5 March
Low Row URC
Led by Liz Whitworth
Pilgrimage 3

Tuesday 12 March
St Mary's, Muker
Led by Rev Linzi Blundell
Pilgrimage 4

Tuesday 19 March
St. Mary's, Arkengarthdale
Led by Mike Evershed
Pilgrimage 5

Tuesday 26 March (Worship for Holy Week) - Fremington Village Hall
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Pilgrimage 6/7

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Keld Resource Centre

Events for March



10th March - Lichens of Upper Swaledale 1-4pm Approx 1 mile

Led by Sue & Les Knight includes introductory session in the visitor centre and local walk to identify and study specimens. Meet outside Keld Resource Centre. Rating: Easy

Limited to 10 places available.

Charge £7.50 pp

17th March - Mosses of Upper Swaledale 1-4pm: Approx 1 mile

Led by Sue & Les Knight includes introductory session in the visitor centre and local walk to identify and study specimens. Meet outside Keld Resource Centre. Rating: Easy

Limited to 10 places available.

Charge: £7.50 pp

24th Mar - Public Rights of Way: Development and Status 4-6pm

Ron Allan (North Yorkshire Council) will explore the history of the development of the, Public Rights of Way in the Upper Dale, and the challenges of managing the biggest path network in the country. Venue: Keld Resource Centre

Charge £10.00 pp

31st Mar - Pasta Making Workshop 1-4pm: Keld Resource Centre

Chris Giles will show you how to make a pasta dough from scratch, then how to shape and fill the pasta, without the need of any specialised equipment. There will be a pasta tasting session at the end of the workshop.

Charge: £30.00 pp incs all ingredients

Full details and tickets available via

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Booking essential due to limited places for some events



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We're now planning our fourth season of community based, volunteer-led tree planting in Swaledale and Arkengarthdale. We're inviting land owners with small or medium sized plots where some trees or hedging would bring variety and interest to a possibly under-used patch of land to come forward and find out if they can join the more than thirty sites where we have planted so far.

Together for Trees takes care of all the costs, all the paperwork and all the effort of creating your very own woody haven.

There are so many good reasons for planting trees, some of which are not widely known. Did you know for example, that planting trees helps with food production?

According to the farming industry, the increase in drought, heat-stress and storm damage over recent decades results in the loss of enough food worldwide to feed everyone in Europe. And because we buy food from around the world, and the prices of many staples are set globally, that affects everyone in our two dales.

Planting the right trees in the right place is one of the most effective ways of helping to reverse these changes. Even the smallest of steps makes a difference.

Which is good to know, even if you're more interested in the wildlife, bird-song, flood prevention, firewood or

shelter that trees and hedges can give you.

Although we are volunteers, everything we do is fully funded (so no cost to you), fully insured, and fully supported by qualified woodland management professionals. And we keep up-to-date with everything from species selection to the use of tree guards.



If you'd like to know more, please email t4t@muddhouse.uk or phone Rob on 886 381, some time in March.

We'd then arrange a visit, create a plan for you to consider, and if you choose to go ahead we'll arrange planting some time over the coming winter. We also follow up every one of our sites over the early summer to see how they are doing.

For this coming season, we'll be planting some of the first trees from our own tree nursery, grown from local seed collected from ancient Swaledale woodland, so you may be helping to preserve locally adapted varieties with a long Dales' tradition.

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Concert performance at 4pm open to the public.

Donations in aid of choir funds.

Contact: Jackie Pope 07885 498676

Did Someone Say BIG BREAKFAST??

Well, it's back! This time Ellie is raising funds to compete with her cheer team in America...

Who remembers Matty's Big Breakfasts back in 2016 and 2017? This time it's Ellie's turn to host a Big Breakfast on Saturday March 30th 2024 at Reeth Memorial Hall.

Ellie has been lucky enough to earn a place on a Cheer Team that is competing at Summit 2024, one of the most prestigious cheer competitions for this level of cheerleading. It will be held at ESPN in Orlando, Florida. Ellie is hoping to help raise funds towards the cost of travel and expenses involved in competing at Summit 2024.

Full details below, and it would be great to see you all there!

Elsie Whitehead

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Sustainable Swaledale

English hedgerows in need of repair

UK Centre for Ecology & Hydrology has mapped 390k km of UK hedgerows. Hedgerows provide **biodiversity corridors** and carbon sinks, but many have been **poorly maintained**, leaving gaps or trees. We have been learning how to **lay hedges** so we can restore them.

<http://tinyurl.com/fxvtc77k>



Hedge laid by Sustainable Swaledale and volunteers in January along the Swale Trail

The Big Plastic Count 2024

Fancy **recording your plastic waste** for a week? This scheme will use the data in negotiations for a Global Plastics Treaty to reduce production.

Get involved on the 11-17th March:

<http://tinyurl.com/3r2jcmhf>

Veg Patch

The Reeth Surgery Community **veg beds are beginning to wake up**. The thyme and garlic chives are getting greener, so head on down for this week's culinary endeavours.

Chelsea Flower Show

A '**microbiome garden**' will be displayed at the Chelsea Flower Show this year. It is planted with flowers to **enhance gut health** as our microbiome is influenced by microbes we encounter daily, including from flowers and trees.

<http://tinyurl.com/3xy2z72y>

The hidden habitats of peat bogs

Blanket bogs hold a secret: below the wind-dried, sun-scorched carpets of moss, sedge and shrub, lies a varied, complex habitat: a **cold, wet** (and a little rotten) **climate** provides a safe haven for many **soft-bodied organisms**.

Read: <http://tinyurl.com/4pmjy4sn>

Whilst we're on the topic of peat

'**Water for Peat**' grants have been added to the **Environmental Improvement Plan**, to award over £7 million across 35 projects in sustainable farming and water management for peat.

<http://tinyurl.com/ysech5na>

Is straw the future of insulation?

What does Lithuanian straw have to do with Todmorden, West Yorkshire?

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<http://tinyurl.com/4sekpzym>

Will we be seeing heatwaves given names this summer?

A group of MPs believe that **naming UK heatwaves** will make their **progress easier to follow**, as with the winter

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storms we name. With heatwaves such as the one in 2022 causing 4,500 heat-related deaths in the UK, they might be talking sense.

<http://tinyurl.com/3pcura8u>

Olivia

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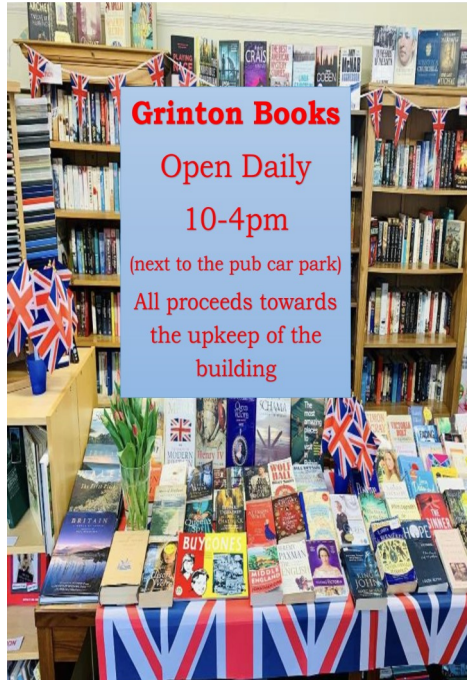
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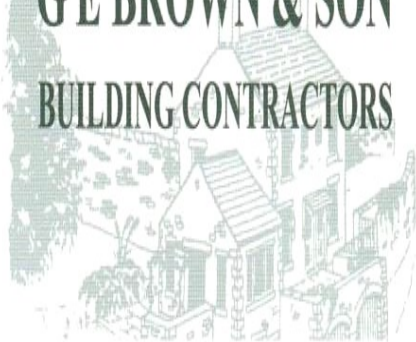
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The Hall is a registered charity run by a small and dedicated volunteer committee. You can book the Hall by phoning or texting the bookings secretary **Alison Tupman** on **07967 839494** or by email at fremingtonvillagehall@outlook.com

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Saturday 9th March - Urban Folk Quartet - For over a decade UFQ have ignited audiences with their contemporary take on folk music, rooted in Celtic tune forms & traditional song, influenced by Afrobeat, Indian classical, funk & rock. Tickets £17 (£19 door).

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Please see website for further details of all concerts booked. There are some links to videos by some of the performers on there. If you are a Facebook user it would be helpful if you are able to like our page.

Tickets for concerts are available from Reeth PO or phone Glen Steward (01748 884989) or visit www.reethmemorialhall.co.uk - tickets $\frac{1}{2}$ price u16s. All concerts 8pm unless otherwise stated.

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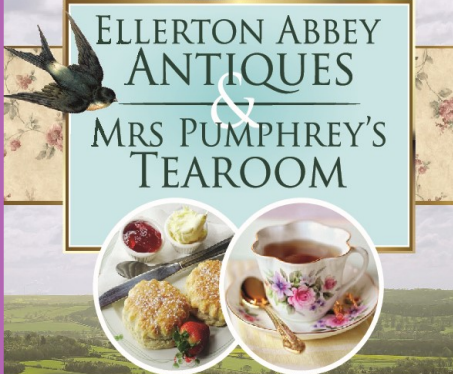
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The Arkengarthdale Jubilee Club is hosting the following events to which you are warmly invited:

March 20th 2024

From the Dales to the Palace with Colin Alderson.

Colin who was born and bred in Arkengarthdale, will tell us and show us slides about his experiences of cooking for the Royal Family at Buckingham Palace and other Royal residences.

2.00 p.m. The Arkengarthdale Hub, St Mary's Church, Arkengarthdale. Refreshments available. Tickets £5 (all proceeds for The Hub) Everyone welcome.

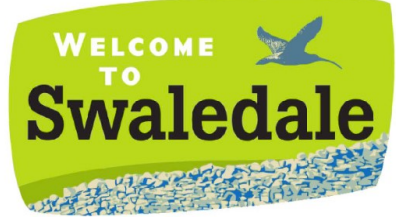
April 17th 2024

History of the Swaledale Sheep Breed

Helen Guy will tell us about the history of the iconic Swaledale Sheep and describes the typical farming year of a dales hill farmer, including past farming traditions and the impact of the 2002 foot and mouth outbreak that threatened to wipe the breed out.

11.00 a.m The Keld Resource Centre, Keld. Tickets £5 (all proceeds for The Keld Resource Centre). Everyone welcome.

Alison Piet



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Booking for Swaledale Festival 2024 opens on 11 March

Swaledale Festival, the award-winning annual celebration of music, arts and walking across Swaledale, Wensleydale and Arkengarthdale, returns on **25 May** for a fabulous fortnight.

There will be fifty-five world-class events in the area's chapels, churches, halls and outstanding outdoor spaces, and five free art exhibitions.

This year there is a focus on participation. An upbeat singing workshop for all abilities will be led by the UK-based Ugandan vocal duo **The Ganda Boys**, renowned for their thrilling African-fusion music. Stevie Wonder is a fan! Glorious Teesside folk trio, **The Young'uns**, loved for their rousing harmonies and witty banter, will lead a vocal workshop in Leyburn. Full-time forager and wild food expert **Jim Parums** will take walkers on a foraging expedition in and around Hudswell Woods near Richmond, and Dales artist **Katharine Holmes** will teach an outdoor 'ink and stick' drawing session in Swaledale. Other opportunities to participate include a **dry-stone walling workshop** and a creative walk with poet **Mary-Jane Holmes** (who returns by popular demand!).

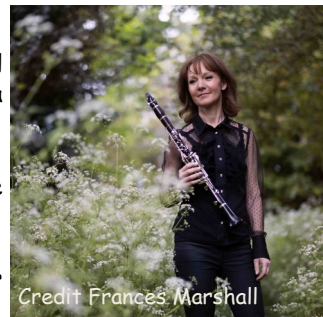
If comedy is your bag, US-star comedian **Rich Hall** will perform his

one-man show *Shot from Cannons* at Tennants in Leyburn. Expect rants, knife-edge observations and musical interludes - as well as laughs!

Virtuoso jazz guitarist **Martin Taylor MBE** will dazzle the audience with a solo performance. **London Tango Quintet** will perform a foot-tapping and energising feast of Argentinian music. Folk will feature in the form of the uber-talented **Carrivick Sisters** and traditional Irish supergroup **The Jeremiahs**, amongst others.

The Festival attracts a host of big classical names to Dales' stages. Britain's most famous clarinettist and former BBC young musician of the year

Emma Johnson (right) will perform a musical response to the climate emergency with her thirteen-



strong Orchestra for the Environment. **Julian Lloyd-Webber** will narrate the fascinating story behind Bach's iconic *Cello Suites*, with performances of the Suites by his wife and fellow cellist, **Jiaxin**. There will be a performance by **Graffiti Classics**, the wickedly funny comedy string quartet. The heroine of the 2023 Festival violinist **Mathilde Milwidsky** will return with her trio to perform Mozart, Beethoven and Ravel, and there will be performances by the internationally renowned **Brodsky and Villiers**

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Quartets.



Villiers Quartet credit Charles Gervais

We can also look forward to flagship evening performances from **The Young'uns**, **The Ganda Boys** and **AKA Trio**, featuring superstar virtuosos from three continents - Antonio Forcione (guitars), Seckou Keita (kora) and Adriano Adewale (percussion).

Not everyone is lucky enough to experience the thrill of live, professional music. For this reason, Swaledale Festival takes a selection of performances into schools and care homes each year free of charge. In 2024, musicians will perform in four care homes and four schools in the local area, enabling pupils and residents to experience concerts first-hand. The Festival is also taking eleven world-class musicians into a prison for the first time, to inspire and improve the lives of prisoners and staff. Look out for the **Wandering Minstrels** logo in the brochure and on the website that shows which artists are taking part in this important strand of the Festival's community and education work.

Artistic Director Malcolm Creese says: "There will, of course, be a feast of top-drawer performers of classical, folk, jazz and world music, as well as a good selection of films, talks and guided walks. Following requests from our audience for more hands-on events, we're delighted to be offering plenty of opportunities for creative participation this year, so whether you're a music or arts lover, a walker, or you fancy trying something new, there is plenty to enjoy!"

Booking opens on 11 March, with a Friends Priority Period running for two weeks from 26 February.

For more information, and tickets, please visit: www.swalefest.org

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3rd March	9.15 am	St. Mary's Muker	<i>Eucharist</i>
	10.30 am	St. Joseph & Francis Zavier Richmond	<i>Mass</i>
	10.30 am	Low Row URC	<i>Songs of Praise</i>
	11.00 am	St. Edmund's, Marske	<i>Holy Communion</i>
	10.30 am	Holy Trinity Low Row	<i>Church is closed so joining with worship at Low Row URC</i>
	11.00 am	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
	2.30 pm	Gunnarside Methodist	
	3.30 pm	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
10th March	9.30 am	St. Andrew's Grinton	<i>Eucharist at Fremington V. Hall</i>
Mother- ing	9.30 am	St Michael's Downholme	<i>Morning Prayer</i>
Sunday	10.30 am	St. Joseph & Francis Zavier 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>
	3.30 pm	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
17th March	9.15 pm	St. Mary's Muker	<i>Holy Communion BCP</i>
	10.30 am	Low Row URC	
	10.30 am	St. Joseph & Francis Zavier Richmond	<i>Mass</i>
	11.00 am	Holy Trinity Low Row	<i>Eucharist</i>
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Church Opening Times and Services in March

24th March	9.30 am	St. Andrew's Grinton	<i>Eucharist at Fremington V Hall</i>
Psalm	10.30 am	St. Joseph & Francis Xavier Richmond	<i>Mass</i>
Sunday	10.30 am	Low Row URC	
	11.00 am	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
	11.00 am	St. Edmund's, Marske	<i>Holy Communion</i>
	11.15 am	St. Mary's Arkengarthdale	<i>Holy Communion BCP</i>
	3.30 pm	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
26th March	7.00 pm	Fremington Village Hall	<i>Christians together in Swaledale Worship for Holy Week</i>
28th March	7.00 pm	Holy Trinity Low Row	<i>Eucharist and Watch</i>
29th March	9.00 am	Keld URC	<i>Start of Good Friday Walk</i>
	11.00 am	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
31st March	9.15 am	St. Mary's Muker	<i>Eucharist</i>
Easter	9.30 am	St. Andrew's Grinton	<i>Eucharist (in church)</i>
Sunday	9.30 am	St Michael's Downholme	<i>Holy Communion</i>
	10.30 am	Low Row URC	
	10.30 am	St. Joseph & Francis Xavier Richmond	<i>Mass</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>
	11.15 am	St. Mary's Arkengarthdale	<i>Holy Communion BCP</i>
	6.30 pm	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
	6.30 pm	Gunnerside Methodist	

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Muker Parish Council Minutes of Parish Meeting Held December 2023

Present: Cllr Porter. Cllr Reynoldson, Cllr Rukin and Cllr Calvert Chair presiding.

Clerk: Mr Michael Cleminson.

Also, present Mr J. Wainwright NYC, Mr C. Stanley Chair for Muker Public Hall and Mr R. Miles for the Farmers Arms Community buy out.

Apologies: Cllr Metcalf and Cllr Peacock.

Matters Arising

Emergency Planning. Mr Jason Wainwright The Emergency Planning Officer for North Yorkshire Council (NYC) presented to Muker Parish Council details of how emergency planning works for communities. He referred to the Melbeck Council Emergency Plan, which could be used as a template or tailored to suit the needs of the Parish. Muker Village Hall is already being progressed towards a Community Satellite Hub. Mr Wainwright stated that Northern Powergrid, following Storm Arwen, had allocated money for councils to seek a grant for equipping a Community Satellite Hub. Grants of up to £20,000 per year are available. Although the bidding process has closed for this year, the Parish Council should consider seeking grants for 2 generators, one for Keld Village Hall and one for Muker, and he would assist with any applications. A brief discussion took place about the installation, security and management of generators. Mr Stanley thought

that Muker Village Hall was capable of accommodating a generator, and likewise Keld was also considered suitable. Because of BT moving to digital lines making telephone calls impossible during a power cut, Muker has already been allocated a satellite phone. Mr Stanley said that the satellite phone may be better suited to Keld which supports a larger, wider community.

The Councillors decided that this was not a matter for the Parish Council to progress, but a matter for the Committees of Muker and Keld Village Hall's to submit grant applications to equip both village halls as Community Hubs in the event of emergencies and to seek the necessary equipment to fulfil and equip the premises. The Councillors did not feel that the comprehensive Melbeck Emergency Plan was suitable for Muker Parish as the community is closely knit and everyone knows each other, and, as in the past, in such events, the community have worked together to deal with an emergency. It did feel that industrial type generators should be installed at both village halls to provide heat, light, drinks and communications as required. Mr Stanley will progress matters for Muker Village Hall. The Clerk is to contact the committee for Keld Village Hall to ensure that liaison takes place between the two village halls, utilising the skills and knowledge of Mr Wainwright (NYC) to progress and submit the grant applications.

Community Buy Out - Farmers Arms Muker: Mr Richard Miles outlined the latest situation. Two meetings have taken place at Keld and Muker Village Halls. A total of 148 people expressed

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an interest in buying a share or making a donation. Around 40% of these were second-home owners and non-residents in the Parish. A Community Benefits Society would be created. At this time the group is currently seeking £2000 to progress the matter. Cllr Peacock indicated that some funding may be available from the Locality Fund, which would probably be match funded, advising that a bank account would be required and that the Parish Council may permit the interim use of its bank account. The Councillors decided that the buyout should create its own bank account, as the Parish Council account is only for income and expenditure for the Parish Council. A number of groups including a Community Benefit Society and Steering Committee will be formed to progress the buyout of The Farmers Arms. There will be a further public meeting to explain current and future progress.

Defibrillators - the Clerk stated that the defibrillator at Tan Hill had been repaired and the loan returned. A new battery had been purchased for the defibrillator at Muker and new batteries will soon be required for Thwaite and Keld. New pads will be required for all 4 defibrillators in the next 3 months.

Keld War Memorial - there is a reminder that The War Memorial is the responsibility of the Parish Council, and is currently maintained by local people and at some point, a request for financial support may be made.

Finance:

Setting of the Precept for 2024-2025. The Clerk outlined that the

expenditure for the current year will exceed the Precept set for last year and the projection for the following year suggests it will be exceeded. The majority of annual commitments for the Parish Council have all increased. It was decided to raise the Precept to £2200. Orders to pay were raised for replenishing of salt bins and heaps, a new battery for Muker's defibrillator, a total cost of £426.

Highways:

Scarr House Bridge & Retaining Wall repairs, these works should be completed before Christmas 2023, and Usha Gap repairs to the erosion have now been completed.

Arkengarthdale Parish have contacted Muker Parish about their experiences during the recent cold spell. Notably, the **detrimental changes to NYC's Winter Highways Maintenance Policy**. They have experienced dangerous road conditions preventing the delivery of services, all caused by the reduction in gritting and maintenance of the roads, outlining that they had reported these matters to NYC and copied in Mr Rishi Sunak MP. Muker Parish has had gritting removed from Silver Hill to West Stonesdale. Cllr Rukin reported that the road was treacherous at times, but had been gritted for 3 days at the start of the cold spell, and then stopped! The Clerk had spoken to Cllr Peacock who said she was aware of all the issues in the area and she was having difficulty convincing Highways to reinstate gritting in a number of areas, including Silver Hill. The policy for Priority Routes 3, i.e. Silver Hill, Cllr Rukin said the temperature in West Stonesdale was below zero in excess of three days, so should have been

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gritted. Also, the school bus driver was unaware that gritting had been stopped, and at times the road was impassable. Cllr Rukin reported that some vehicles had left the road and caused damage to a wall. Residents have been gritting the road themselves, where possible. The Councillors decided that in line with Arkengarthdale Parish Council, the Clerk should submit a complaint to NYC identifying the problems in the Parish, and to seek reinstatement of the gritting on Silver Hill. Mr Rishi Sunak MP to be copied in.

On a positive note, Cllr Calvert reported that the 2 potholes at Smithy Holme had been repaired today.

Cllr Reynoldson reported that trees were growing into the bank and wall above Thwaite Chapel and if not attended to it will create a similar situation to the Usha Gap erosion. The Clerk to report this to Highways.

NYC: nothing to report

YDNPA:

Planning Ref R/06/180A/LB - Listed Building consent to retain the works undertaken in respect of cladding of the single storey outshot using Yorkshire stone masonry and artificial roof slates at Rash Grange, Muker. The Councillors viewed the photographs of the application and considered it was in keeping with the local area and supported the application. Clerk to notify Planning Dept.

YLCA: nothing to report

Correspondence/AOB: nothing to report

Date and Time of Next Meeting:
7.30pm Tuesday 23rd January 2024 at Muker Village Hall.

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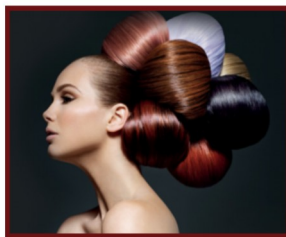
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Here are the latest FREE online events from environmental campaigning charity, Friends of the Dales:

New - Friends 4 Friends

If you've ever wanted to know more about Friends of the Dales and its environmental campaigning work - now is your chance to find out! It is hosting a **social event** for non-members and supporters wanting to learn more on Wednesday 6 March. Existing members are welcome too as long as they bring a 'non member' friend with them!

Taking place at Gargrave Village Hall on **Wednesday 6 March (11am - 3pm)** there will be welcome refreshments, a short presentation, light complimentary lunch (donations welcome) followed by a guided, leisurely three mile circular walk.

There is absolutely no obligation to subscribe as a member at the event - it just offers an opportunity for anyone with a passion and interest in building a sustainable future for the Yorkshire Dales to get to know the charity better!

To book your place email: victoria.benn@friendsofthedales.org.uk

Online Talk: Connecting Young People to the Yorkshire Dales

Wednesday 20 March, 4.30pm

Meet one of Friends of the Dales Creative Campaigners - its group of passionate environmentalists aged 20-

30. In this online talk Ruth Garrett will share the issues close to her heart as well as providing insight into the challenges faced by young people wanting to connect with or live in a National Park. In addition to supporting the charity's work, Ruth runs her own film production company, Kittiwake Productions and is an Ambassador for Campaign for National Parks (CNP). Ruth also created a short documentary on sustainable farming featuring former Friends of the Dales trustee, farmer Anthony Bradley, made possible with a CNP New Perspectives Bursary in 2022.

To book visit:
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Best reads of 2023 - more reviews

Delyth Rennie writes:

One of my 'best reads' in 2023 was 'The End of the World is Flat' by Simon Edge. It is, I think, best described as satire: Francis Wheen says "A bracingly sharp satire on the sleep of reason and the tyranny of twaddle"; while Julie Bindel "laughed so hard" she nearly fell in her cauldron apparently!

I didn't quite laugh myself into a cauldron, but certainly found it extremely entertaining and recommend it to anyone who enjoys a bit of satire and is willing to question prevailing ideologies.

Rob Macdonald writes:

Fire Weather: A True Story from a Hotter World by John Vaillant. In May 2016 in Alberta Canada, a forest fire did something it wasn't meant to do. It swept through a city, forcing an emergency evacuation of 88,000 people and destroying 2,400 homes and buildings. 'Fire Weather' tells this story, alongside the history of the city in question, Fort McMurray, centre of the Canadian tar sands oil industry. Two things make this book stand out. The first is the quality of John Vaillant's writing, which combines a seasoned journalist's quality of research and grasp of unfolding events with a novelist's story-telling instinct. The second is the shock of being brought face-to-face with a type of fire that neither forest nor city is designed to cope with, one that never used to happen: so massive and intense

it creates its own weather system. 'Fire Weather' is my environmental book of the year. So good I read it twice.

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Dales Police Crime Bulletin



Monthly Police Report Jan 5th - Feb 7th 2024

We do not report crimes whereby victims could be identified, for example Domestic Violence or harassment although they are included in the totals below.

Crimes of note; 7th Jan thieves entered the changing room at Cawkhill Park during a Rugby match stealing several mobile phones and purses. Transactions were also carried out on the stolen bankcards. Overnight 26th Jan, 2 Quad bikes were stolen from the Carpley Green area, one fitted with a tracker was later recovered in the Bradford area. Overnight 4th Feb, Burglary at Yorebridge House an amount of cash was taken. Overnight 5th Feb, a Quad bike and a generator were stolen from the Wensley area.

- 21 - Suspicious Circumstances.
- 8 - Violence/stalking/harassment.
- 9 - Road related offences (manner of driving/vehicles without tax or insurance and possible OPL).
- 12 - Road Traffic Collisions (minor).
- 2 - RTC (serious).
- 1 - Criminal Damage.
- 9 - Concern for Safety.
- 16 - Abandoned Calls (misdialled / pocket dial).
- 2 - Wildlife / Poaching.
- 13 - Highway Disruption (Floods/ Trees/Animals).
- 7 - Theft.
- 3 - Anti Social Behaviour nuisance.
- 3 - Burglary.
- 1 - Fraud (online/phone)

In total 146 calls were received reporting either the above or making general enquiries.

If you wish to receive information and updates of events/incidents, sign up to North Yorkshire Community messenger either by visiting, <https://www.northyorkshirecommunitymessaging.co.uk> or contact me, Donald.watson@northyorkshire.police.uk, providing your First name, Last name, House Number/Name, Postcode, Mobile number and email address and I will sign you up.

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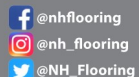


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Step into Spring with a Host of Events at Arkengarthdale Community Hub



As we head into spring, there are lots of events coming up at Arkengarthdale Community Hub with something for everyone. Please take a look at the programme below and book the dates in your diary!

Thursday, 14th March at 7:30pm - **SWALEDALE MOUNTAIN RESCUE** -



Join members of the Swaledale Mountain Rescue team and go behind the scenes

to find out more about the group's vital work. The team of volunteers operates 24/7, 365 days a year, to provide search and rescue in an area that hosts the Pennine Way and Coast-To-Coast Walk. Tickets are £5, including refreshments, and are available on the door.

Wednesday, 20th March at 2:pm - **FROM THE DALES TO THE PALACE, WITH COLIN ALDERSON** - Colin, who was born and bred in Arkengarthdale, will tell us and show us slides about his experiences of cooking for the Royal Family at Buckingham Palace and other Royal residences. Refreshments available. Tickets £5 on the door. This

talk is organised by The Jubilee Club who have kindly opened the event to everyone to enjoy.

Saturday, 23rd March at 10am - **SWALE SINGERS COME AND SING** - The Swale Singers are holding a Come and Sing Day, from 10am to 5pm, when they will be working on Stainer's Crucifixion. It will be a whole-day event in St Mary's, Arkengarthdale, with a performance open to the public in the afternoon. The cost will be £20 to include tea/coffee and hire of the score. Registration on the day from 10am, 10:30 start. Come and sing, or come along to the performance in the week running up to Easter.

Saturday, 6th April at 7:30pm - **BRASS AND PEARLS IN CONCERT WITH SPECIAL GUESTS THE HUB POP-UP CHOIR** - This promises to be a truly memorable evening by our local musicians and vocalists. Enjoy a fabulous selection of music with Reeth Brass Band, The Pearls and special guests The Hub Pop-Up Choir. Their diverse and exciting programme will span the decades, including pieces from the 1960s to 2023, as well as some magnificent music from the movies! Tickets are £5, to include refreshments, available from Reeth Post Office and The Red Lion in Langthwaite. There will also be a raffle at the concert.

Monday, 15th April at 7:00pm - **A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A RANGER** - Michael Briggs, Yorkshire Dales National Park Ranger will talk about his work as a ranger, delivering projects that conserve or enhance Arkengarthdale and Swaledale. Tickets are £5, including refreshments, and are available on the door.

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Thursday, 9th May at 7:30pm - **NO COUNTRY FOR OLD MEN** - An evening with Wilf Bishop describing his trek to Everest Base Camp by the Tree Passes Route. Enjoy his photos of the Nepal Khumbu Valley and his description of his wonderful journey. Wilf's talk is in support of Classrooms in the Clouds: the Nepal educational charity providing schools and teachers in remote mountain communities. Tickets are £5, including refreshments, and are available on the door.

The church will also be hosting the following Swaledale Festival events - for further information and to book tickets please visit www.swalefest.org/Whats-On/Programme

Wednesday, 29th May at 4pm - **JAMES GILCHRIST AND MARK EDEN** - Dowland, Schubert and Dodgson from top tenor and guitarist

Friday, 31st May at 7:30pm - **SWALE SINGERS** - The choir sings Puccini, Elgar, Brahms and Faure

Sunday, 2nd June at 4pm - **NATRIO** - Trumpet Heaven - Back, Debussy, Britten and Ellington

Tuesday, 4th June at 7:30pm - **REETH BRASS BAND** - Evocative brass band sounds from our wonderful local band.

Thank you to everyone who has supported the Hub since it opened just under a year ago. We look forward to seeing you again soon and also to welcoming new supporters to our events.
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BLUEBOXT - MARCH UPDATE

Workshops and regular activities

Get Musical Junior Jam Band - We will be running eight jam band sessions on Friday evenings in Leyburn from 4.30pm to 6.00pm. The FREE sessions for Children aged 6 to 11 years old will be led by Bee Darcey and Jennifer Siggers. Experience doesn't matter - come along, have fun, make new friends and play music together. Children who play an instrument are encouraged to bring them along. There will be instruments available to try as well. We are delighted to be working with AMP (formerly NYMAZ), a development charity connecting young people with sound opportunities across the region, supported by funding from Youth Music and Arts Council England.

Easter Activity Afternoon - If you are looking for a fun-filled afternoon of activities during the Easter Holidays, then look no further. We are inviting Primary School aged Children to take part in an afternoon of themed crafts and games activities on Tuesday 27th March from 1.00pm till 4.00pm at Thornborough Hall, Leyburn. Registration costs £15 per child which includes healthy snacks and Easter Egg Hunt. See website for full details.

Play, Record, Perform - Our Youth Voice Steering group arranged their Christmas social in January with a trip

to Teeside Park for Bowling and pizza. For some participants, it was their first-time bowling and everyone had a great afternoon - so much so that we forgot to take any photos! As well as attending their regular rehearsal sessions, the next social event is a trip to Darlington Hippodrome to see a performance of *Guitar Heroes* during February half-term. Sessions for young people aged 11 to 19 years old take place on Sundays 2.00pm to 5.00pm at Thoraby Village Hall. See website for full details.

We are also welcoming new members to join...

Wensleydale Community Gospel Choir - Mondays 7.00pm to 8.30pm (16yrs and over).

Leyburn Jazz Collective - Tuesdays 7.00pm to 9.30pm (16yrs and over).

Fund-raising Events

Coffee Morning

Our first Coffee Morning at Leyburn Methodist Church Hall will be on Friday 12th April from 10am. We look forward to welcoming you for a cuppa and a chat.

Spring Lunch

Join us in the Oak Room at Thornborough Hall for our Annual Spring Lunch on Sunday 21st April from 12.30pm. Enjoy a two course Lunch (main and dessert), welcome drink and entertainment. Tickets £15 - early booking is advisable.

Remembering D-Day - 80 years on

Join us for afternoon tea and a nostalgic wartime sing-a-long with guest vocalist Rebekah Austin on

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Sunday 9th June at 2.30pm in Leyburn Methodist Church Hall. Tickets £15 - early booking is advisable.

In other news...

Music competitions

We have our biggest number of entrants taking part in The Wensleydale Tournament of Song in March. This includes the Wensleydale Community Gospel Choir which will be the first time we have entered an adult class. We wish everyone taking part the best of luck! Next month, we will also be able to report on our progress in the District heat of the Rotary Club's National Young Musician competition.

Instrument exchange

We never quite know when the next donation of musical instruments or request for support will happen. Just before Christmas, Simon Eastwood got in touch from the Colburn Community Trust offering the gift of an electronic drum kit. This coincided with a request from a family of a young person who needed a short-term loan of instruments and recording equipment over the Christmas break so they could record parts for their GCSE music compositions. Jump forward to January, and the day we collected the equipment, the drum kit was delivered to another family who had children taking lessons but no means to practise at home. Our team is happy to offer advice and support. If you have musical instruments you would like to donate, please contact us. We are also interested to hear from anyone who can give their time to help service and repair instruments.

It's Show Time!

The end of January saw the team support two pantomime groups. Hawes Amateur Operatic Society presented their annual family pantomime at the Market Hall to enthusiastic audiences of all ages. The BlueBoxt team had a great time providing the sound and lighting for the Society's production of *Mother Goose*. The technical team was led by Tony Wilcock with support from Fred Norman (16yrs) and Will Newson (18yrs). The live band was provided by Mick Yare (Guitar), John Keeler (Bass) and Colin Bailey (Drums). We also supported Ben Jobling with sound and lighting equipment for the HEADS community production of *Oliver with a Twist* which took place at Hunton Village Hall. We have some exciting theatre opportunities in the planning - all will be revealed next month.

New Faces

We have some new faces joining the BlueBoxt team. Firstly, a welcome return to Jennifer Saggars as Event Coordinator working on fundraising and performance events. Secondly, welcome to Tony, Bee, Brendon and Will who join us as Freelance Creatives as part of our Raising Creative Aspirations project for 18 to 25 yr olds backed by Youth Music, a national charity, thanks to the players of the People's Postcode Lottery. We held our first team meeting in January and look forward to sharing their achievements over the coming months.

To find out more or register your interest please contact Colin Bailey on 07711 211169 or admin@blueboxt.org or visit www.blueboxt.org

Groundbreaking Scheme for Affordable Homes in Hudswell

Work has officially started on a pioneering scheme to create much-needed affordable homes for the local community in Hudswell.

The first turf of the Hudswell Community Charity project, which will see three modular homes erected on farmland in the village, was cut at the beginning of February.

The properties add to the three almshouses and three affordable homes the charity has already built to rent to people with a local connection. One of the new homes may be used as an older person's shared ownership home following a number of enquiries from local people.

A funding package for the £685,000 scheme was drawn up using rent from the current six homes as well as a grant from the former Richmondshire District Council and a mortgage

through the Charity Bank.

The highly sustainable, insulated modular homes are made by Norscot to withstand the harshest weather, using solar panels for electricity generation and mechanical heat ventilation systems. Local suppliers and tradesmen will erect and fit them out, bringing in additional income for the local economy.

Executive member for housing, Cllr Simon Myers, said: "Hudswell is a small village of just 250 people and yet it is leading the way in community-led regeneration schemes to keep local people living and working locally. Affordable housing is often a barrier for them to stay in the village communities they have grown up in and Hudswell is doing what it can to put that right.

"These new homes will be delivered very quickly and will also provide work for local people."

Hudswell Community Charity aims to help maintain the village as a sustainable, mixed community, with a



Artist's impression of the modular home

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growing number of young families, bucking the trend in the Yorkshire Dales where villages are often dominated by holiday and second homes and an increasingly elderly population.

Charity secretary Martin Booth said: "We are building these three new homes because we want to be able to meet the demand for housing from young families and people with special needs, who cannot afford to live here, but who have a strong local connection.

"They will be highly adaptable eco-homes, that have low energy costs as they will have high levels of insulation, solar panels, green roofs and infrared heating systems. They will be 'smart eco homes' that are suitable for residents with complex needs.

"A recent report showed that in North Yorkshire there is a significant shortage of affordable homes in large parts of the county and an acute housing shortage within the National Parks. The outcome is that rural and remote areas of the county are ageing, and the younger generation is missing out.

"Our housing provision and other activities contribute towards preventing Hudswell from following this trend and the provision of these new homes will greatly contribute towards this ambition."

The Charity Bank's, regional manager, Jeremy Ince, added: "This will be the second loan we have made to the Hudswell Community Charity to help fund the provision of new affordable housing in the village. We are really proud to support such a worthwhile project providing much needed homes

for the local community."

To be eligible for the new properties, residents need to have a local connection to Hudswell - they need to have lived in the parish for at least three years or have a close family member such as a parent or sibling who has lived in the parish for at least three years.

For someone that wants to return to the parish, they must have previously lived in the local area for at least five out of the last 10 years and be in permanent employment or taking up a permanent post with a business based in the parish.

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Melbecks Parish Council - February 2024

Highways: The pothole at the bottom of the Church steps in Low Row has not been repaired, to be reported again as well as potholes at Hill Top, Kearton. There have been issues with flooding on the B6270 between Wood End and Trough House during the recent wet and windy weather and drains and gutters need clearing. The road to Peat Gate also needs work, as the drains on this road are not working. A meeting will be arranged with the Highways Officer to look at what needs to be done.

YDNPA: Full planning permission for conversion and extension of existing barn to form a two bedroomed residential dwelling for local occupancy/holiday let, with associated access, parking and package sewage treatment plant at Barn west of Intake Bottom, Low Row, Richmond, North Yorkshire - R/05/256,

Householder planning permission for erection of single storey extensions to form entrance hall and link, conversion of garage to form additional ancillary accommodation at The Long House, Low Row, Richmond, DL11 6NE - R/05/36: There were no comments or objections regarding these applications. Notification of appeal: Full planning permission for removal of timber outbuilding and erection of building to provide staff accommodation for the site manager and visitor reception area at Hazel Brow Farm Visitor Centre, Low Row, Richmond, DL11 6NE. No further comments were raised.

Trees in Swaledale and

Arkengarthdale Conservation: notification was received to fell one sycamore located at Hazel Garth, Low Row, various works to trees located at Barney Top, Low Row: (remove large low limb of plum tree in front garden, crown lift oak tree to 3m above ground level, light crown thin of horse chestnut, restoration pruning of two apple trees) and notification to reduce one ash to 4m habitat pole at Hazel Brow Farm, Low Row. There were no comments raised.

Yorkshire Dales National Park Management Plan: The council was informed of this first consultation **Inadequate winter maintenance policy** The council noted receipt of this letter from Arkengarthdale Parish Council and a letter will be written in support. NYC Councillor Yvonne Peacock will clarify the situation regarding school bus routes on priority 3 roads

Gathering data about Swaledale and Arkengarthdale communications and power- replies from residents were returned to Reeth Parish Council.

Reeth Gazette £100 will be donated to support the Reeth Gazette

Police report, 4th November 2023-5th January 2024 - PCSO, Don Watson provided an update on what has been happening over the last two months

Dog waste bins, Low Row A dog waste bin will be installed in Low Row, exact location to be confirmed

Next meeting Thursday 21st March 2024 at Low Row Institute

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March

Fri 1st Mar - World Day of Prayer, Gunnerside Methodist Church, 2pm

Fri 1st Mar - Reeth Show Domino and Whist Drive, Reeth Memorial Hall, 7pm

Fri 8th Mar - Keld Domino and Whist Drive, Keld Hall, 7.30

Sat 9th Mar - Urban Folk Quartet - Reeth Memorial Hall 8pm

Mon 11th Mar - Hall Committee Annual General Meeting - Reeth Memorial Hall 7.30pm

Thurs 14th Mar - 7:30pm - Swaledale Mountain Rescue Talk, at the Hub in St Mary's Church, Arkengarthdale - Tickets £5, including refreshments, available on the door.

Sat 16th Mar - 10am—noon, Coffee Morning Reeth Evangelical Congregational Church

Sat 16th Mar - 9am-1pm, mobile skip on Reeth Green

Wed 20th Mar - 2pm, Colin Alderson talks about from the dales to the palace, at the Hub in St Mary's Church, Arkengarthdale- Tickets £5 on the door.

Fri 22nd Mar - Kiki Dee & Carmelo Luggeri - Reeth Memorial Hall 7.30pm

Sat 23rd Mar - Come and Sing Stainer's Crucifixion with the Swale Singers, St Mary's Arkengarthdale , registration from 10am.

Fri 29th Mar - Good Friday Walk, starts 8.55am, Keld URC

April

Fri 5th Apr - The Often Herd - Reeth Memorial Hall 8pm

Sat 6th Apr - Reeth Brass Band and the Pearls at Arkengarthdale Hub, 7.30pm

Mon 15th Apr - Michael Briggs talk on being a Ranger, Arkengarthdale Hub 7pm

Fri 19th Apr - Leveret - Reeth Memorial Hall 8pm

May

Thurs 9th May - 7:30pm An evening with Wilf Bishop describing his trek to Everest Base Camp, at the Hub in St Mary's Church.

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