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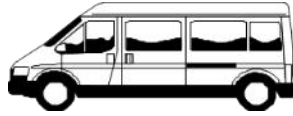
**A confession:** When I was about seven years old and living in Marlborough Ave in Hull, we lived next door to a man we called Mr. H. He was a keen gardener who had a garden much larger than ours. It was extremely well looked after with flower beds, vegetable patches and apple trees. On occasion, we would ask him if we could have a look around his garden. Proud of his work, he was always glad to let us wander around.

Mr H's garden backed onto a tenfoot (If you come from Hull you will know what I mean.) and what he didn't know was that one of us was in the tenfoot on the other side of his garden fence, which to a seven-year-old seemed extremely high. Unbeknown to Mr H, we would pick some apples off his tree and throw them over the fence to our accomplice. We would tell Mr H how wonderful we thought his garden was, which pleased him no end, before running round to the tenfoot to enjoy the fruits of our misdemeanours - which always tasted a bit sour.

I daresay that the Statute of Limitations on chudding, as we called it, has expired; and in any case, as a seven year old I was below the age of criminal liability - although we did know that it was wrong. What I can't understand all these years later is why we did it. Mr H was a very generous man and every Autumn he would leave a wheel barrow full of apples in his gateway with a notice inviting people to 'help themselves.' Why could we not just wait until the apples were ready for eating?

Anyone else got a childhood confession?

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## Gazette Deadlines

The deadlines for the next two months are:

**June issue:** May 8th

**July issue:** June 10th

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## COVER PICTURE

"Swaledale Festival"

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## Computer Corner

With Carol Haynes of Dales Computer Services

### Routers, hubs and other annoyances

A common call I receive for help goes like this: "I got a new router . . . and now my printer doesn't work!" or " . . . and I can't get on the internet." (By the way, BT call routers Hubs and some ISPs talk about access points. For most people these generally mean the same thing - though technically they are different.)

Why does this happen? Well, when you plug in a new router you effectively set up an entirely new wireless setup in your house. All of your devices know how to connect to the old one but if you

are using wireless you will need to tell the wireless devices how to connect to the new router. If you have older devices you will have to do this manually.

On computers this is usually via an icon on the desktop. (Top right corner on Macs, bottom right corner on Windows - though in both cases the icon may be hidden.) For android phones and tablets, iPhones and iPads you will need to find the WiFi section in the devices settings and may well have to type in the wireless password that matches your new router. This is usually printed on a label on the router along with the name or SSID of the wireless network.

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which is used to change settings in the router.

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On newer devices a simpler method is now common. (This goes for Windows computers, android devices and most new printers - I haven't seen a simple way to do this on Apple devices.) Basically when you go to connect there is an option to use WPS - which stands for Wi-Fi Protected Setup. If you use this option all you need to do is press the WPS button on your new router; usually you need to hold it for about 10 seconds and then release it and a light should start flashing. At this point, any device you tell to connect should work out the password and settings automatically.

Again on printers, just find wireless setup and choose WPS method. On computers try to connect and they should say 'enter the password' or 'press the WPS button'. On android devices go to Wireless settings but

don't tap on your network; instead tap the menu button at the bottom of the screen and you should see the option to connect using WPS.

I hope that is helpful. If you need help you can contact me as below.

As I mentioned last month don't forget to come and meet and hear my Facebook cellist friend Corinne Morris at Aysgarth Church on Wed 13<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm. Tickets will be available at the door. She is a truly remarkable international musician playing Beethoven and Debussy (and more).

If you would like to ask any questions, or have suggestions for future articles, please drop me a line at:

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### **They Knew Their Stuff**

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Thomas Watson, chairman of IBM, 1943.

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## Spring term ends on a high at Arkengarthdale



It's been another busy, and rewarding, term at Arkengarthdale School and we were delighted to end it on a real high with the news that Anna Brown, our KS2 teacher was a finalist in the Northern Echo School Awards.

Nominated for the 'Inspirational Teacher' category, Anna was one of three teachers short listed for this prestigious award. It was an incredible achievement for Anna to be in the final three, especially as Arkengarthdale was not only the sole rural primary school to be a finalist for any of the twelve awards, but was also one of only two schools across the whole of North Yorkshire to be recognised at the Awards.

The Awards were open to schools from Co Durham, Teesside and North Yorkshire so the competition was very strong. I am extremely proud of Anna and will ensure her framed certificate is given pride of place in school.

Anna was nominated by the governors for all her inspirational work on the World War 1 centenary celebrations and projects in the 2014 Autumn term, which culminated in the powerful and poignant display of poppies outside school. This project

subsequently led to over £700 being raised for the Help For Heroes Phoenix House Recovery Centre in Catterick.

The children have also been high achievers this term with an immense amount of hard work and dedication, seeing great results in sport and music. Twelve children took part in the district cross country championships, held at Catterick Racecourse, with Ellen Atkinson coming in 23rd out of 120 runners. There have been football tournaments at Leyburn and Richmond where the children have performed exceptionally well against larger schools from Richmond and Leyburn.

On 19<sup>th</sup> March the school choir attended the Wensleydale Tournament of Song and were placed 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> in their classes. With many school choirs taking part they did exceptionally well.

Nearer to home the children have shown immense energy and enthusiasm for their project on the National Parks. On 18<sup>th</sup> March the KS2 class spent the day with the National Park Ranger. This involved interviewing visitors in Reeth about what they think of the area and the children will be analysing and reporting on the results next term. After completing the interviews the children walked back from Reeth to Arkengarthdale and even though the heavens opened, and their last hour of walking was in a downpour, nothing could dampen their spirits.

So, there's a taster of the activities that have taken place in the Spring term. Watch out for lots more news in the summer.

**Mark Allison**  
Head Teacher

**A Massive Thank You  
From  
Swaledale Seedlings**

Last month Swaledale Seedlings put out a plea for all your unwanted clothes, shoes, hats etc for their Bag2School collection which helps raise essential funds to keep our playgroup running.

The team advertised widely, put bags through doors and basically nagged everyone until they started to avoid us in the streets.

Well, I am pleased to announce that we collected a staggering 168 bags which has raised £356.00.

Thank you so much to everyone who kindly donated - we are completely overwhelmed by the generosity and support we received and the Committee are already looking into purchasing some fabulous outdoor play equipment for the warmer months.

Thank you...thank you...thank you.

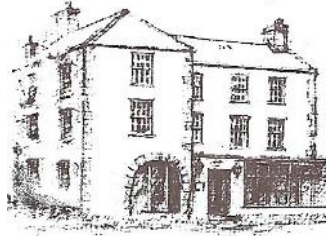
**Andrea Busby, Playgroup Leader**

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This month, it's the world's longest serving publican: Red Lion Rowena.

**Tell us about yourself in 50 words or less:**

I lived in West Yorkshire. My father was a publican and mother had a smallholding. I had two sisters—Christina and Marguerita. After school I went to college and got my RHS. My parents bought the Red Lion in 1964 and we all moved here. I married Ramsay in 1966. I grew 10,000 roses until 1979 when I took over the license at the Red Lion.

**Tell us something about yourself that not a lot of people know:**

I played the clarinet in an orchestra in Huddersfield for quite a few years.

**What was the first job you ever had?**

Rose hybridiser.

**What do you like/dislike about living/working in The Dales?**

I love it—the people and the scenery.

**If you won the Lottery jackpot, what's the first thing you would buy?**

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**Which is your favourite film /book?**

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**What is your favourite meal?**

Shepherd's Pie.

**How do you like to spend your spare time?**

Gardening; listening to classical music.

**Who would you most like to go for a drink with?**

William Hague.

**Is the glass half full or half empty?**

Half full.

**What would be your luxury on a desert island?**

Elgar's Cello Concerto played by Jacquelin Dupre, provided I had a tape recorder or CD player.

**If you could ban one thing in the country, what would it be?**

Plastic bottles.

**Your house is on fire. You can save one item. What would it be?**

A photograph of my husband Ramsay who died a few years ago,

**What's your favourite joke?**

How does someone from Wales eat cheese?

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**Editor's Note:** Rowena actually borrowed this joke from someone else. None of her favourite jokes are printable.

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**Bats:** Our monthly Bat Watches led by Brigitte from North Yorkshire Bat Group began in April (details below). Brigitte will be bringing the 'bat detector' each evening to identify the different species of bats by their different sounds.

**Bees:** We have had several reports of honey bees near the church and have seen plenty of bees on the flowers in the churchyard. The bees are bringing in pollen, a good sign of an active queen. We did our first inspection on Easter Monday and were pleased to see lots of brood which will be developing into new bees in the next few weeks. They have eaten all the honey we left them for the winter, so we left them some more food to see them through the days when they won't be able to fly. All the signs are that we have a very healthy colony and can look forward to another good crop of honey this year.

**Coordinator:** Would you like to support the Conservation Project without getting your hands dirty? We need someone to help coordinate news and activities - enthusiasm is more important than experience. If you'd like to know more, please call Catherine on 884780.

**Labyrinth:** We are hoping to organise a labyrinth for the churchyard during the Swaledale festival - please contact Kevin Pellatt (01748 886963 kevpellatt@yahoo.com) if you'd like to help with building or maintaining it.

### Future Events

**Wednesday 6 May - Bat Watch,** with North Yorkshire Bat Group, meet up at

about 8:40pm. We suggest you wear warm clothes and bring a torch, and a clipboard & pen would be useful. We aim to count the bats leaving the roost in the church. Ideally, we'll position people around the church to see where bats are emerging from. A bat detector will help identify the different species.

**Saturday 9 May - maintenance session** 10:30-12:00 at the church. Secateurs and scythes to tackle new growth of those pesky brambles!

**Sunday 10 May - Across in the Wood** (Grinton Forest Church) meet at 2pm, St Andrew's Church. The theme is Bread and Wine

**Wednesday 3 June - Bat Watch,** with North Yorkshire Bat Group, meet up at about 8:40pm. Details as above.

**Join in -** find out about future events and news: <https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/gcpforum> or search Google Groups for **Grinton Conservation Project**. Info also on the parish website, Environmental page: [www.swaledalearkengarthdaleparish.org.uk](http://www.swaledalearkengarthdaleparish.org.uk)

**Catherine Weetman**

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## Thanks

The Reeth Memorial Hall Committee would like to express their sincere thanks to the **Yoredale Ukulele Strummers** for organising the recent very successful 'Ukulele Day' to raise funds for the our restoration programme.

It was a splendid day from start to finish with larger than expected audiences and it was lovely to see the inclusion of young children from Arkengarthdale and Reeth demonstrating their ukulele and singing skills. We have in the way of thanks to the two schools bought them another ukulele each.

The day contributed over £900 to our funds, so thank you all very much for your support.

We would also like to extend our thanks to all those who supported the **Table Top Sale** on 11th April. Between us, we raised a superb £384.83 towards the repair and refurbishment project.

Richard Beale

## Up For The Cup

Congratulations to Reeth AFC on reaching the final of the Dales Cup: our first final for approximately 15 years.

If you would like to come along and support the lads, the game is on Saturday 9th May at 2.00pm at Spennithorne pitch behind Harmby village hall.

**Editor's Note:** I think 'approximately 15 years' means: No-one can actually remember when they last reached a final :-)

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### Upper Dales Family History Group

In March we welcomed back Jane Sammells and Rebecca Atkinson who invited us to 'Take tea with a Georgian lady'. Jane started off in her shift and explained about the various layers of clothing as she was dressed by Rebecca who also makes all the costumes.

After being laced into a corset to achieve the fashionable flat fronted silhouette Jane put on her pockets: two deep bags on a cord which tied around the waist for carrying around small personal items and keeping money out of sight. These were followed by the 'bib and tucker'; cotton 'infill' pieces arranged around the neck to change the appearance of a dress. Over all this went the dress itself which was pinned in place to adjust it to fit.

Printed cotton muslin for clothing opened up a whole new world of fashion possibilities but was considerably cooler than wool. Cue the invention around this period of unmentionable undergarments for ladies!

To leave the house, the fashionable lady wore a spencer, a very short, tight jacket made of stiff frieze. An

elaborate bonnet, gloves and a small lace shawl completed the outfit, along with a dainty parasol and even daintier reticule for loose change.

The talk finished with details about the meal itself and samples of seed cake along with small cups of caudle tea, a mixture of green tea, white wine, cinnamon, sugar and egg yolk

Meetings this month are a family history Computer Club at Hudson House in Reeth from 1pm to 4pm on Saturday, May 9, and a talk at Fremington Sunday School at 2pm on Wednesday May 27 when Dave Carlisle will speak on "A Gruesome Discovery" - the Swaledale connections of a body found in a lead mine. Contact 01748 850423 for details or see the website [www.upperdalesfhg.org.uk](http://www.upperdalesfhg.org.uk)

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**Who do you share your birthday with?**

- 1 Jamie Dornan, shady character
- 2 Brian Lara, scored a few runs
- 3 James Brown, Godfather of Soul
- 4 Audrey Hepburn, an icon (Quite fit too)
- 5 Karl Marx, invented Communism
- 6 Sigmund Freud, invented egos
- 7 Eva Peron, made Argentina cry
- 8 David Attenborough, naturalist?
- 9 Billy Joel, The Pianoman
- 10 Fred Astaire, could dance a bit
- 11 Eric Burdon, an Animal
- 12 Florence Nightingale, a lamp
- 13 Joe Louis, The Brown Bomber
- 14 Eric Morecambe, comic genius
- 15 Andy Murray, mother isn't a dancer
- 16 Henry Fonda, an Angry Man
- 17 Edward Jenner, the father of immunology
- 18 Rick Wakeman, grumpy pianoman
- 19 Ferdinand Magellan, first circumnavigator
- 20 Simon, of Simon Stories fame
- 21 Mark Cavendish, Manx Missile
- 22 George Best, The Best
- 23 George Osborne, nicks your money
- 24 Queen Victoria, a pub
- 25 Ian McKellen, Gandalf
- 26 Marion Morrison, aka John Wayne, legend
- 27 Christopher Lee, Saruman
- 28 Fleming, Ian Fleming
- 29 John F Kennedy, where were you?
- 30 Tom Morello, E Street Band member
- 31 Clint Eastwood, go on, make his day



## **Keld Countryside & Heritage Centre Events**

### **KELD RESOURCE CENTRE**

**Birds of Upper  
Swaledale Guided  
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May Time: 10.00 -  
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full day with experienced volunteer Rev  
David Peel observing birds in their  
moorland, woodland & riverside habitat.  
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### **Future Events**

**Meadows & Moorland Guided Farm  
Walk** Sunday 14th June. 11.00 - 13.30.

**Swinner Gill Circular Guided Walk**  
Sat. 20th June 2015. 11.30 - 15.00.

**Flowers of Swaledale Ramble:**  
Saturday 4th July 2015. 10.00 - 14.00

**Kisdon Classic Circular Guided Walk**  
**\*\* National Parks Event\*\*** Saturday  
12th July. 11.00 -16.00

**Meet the Yorkshire Shepherdess  
Guided Walk** Sunday 23rd August.  
13.30.

**Kisdon Circular Guided Walk** Saturday  
29th August 2015 11.30 - 15.30  
**Keld During WWI** Saturday 12th  
September 2015. Time: 14.00 Venue:  
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Unless otherwise stated all events  
commence at The Keld Countryside &  
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## Crime in The Two Dales

Firstly, with regard to Police availability, I would like to confirm that North Yorkshire Police can be contacted 24/7 by dialling 101 for a non-emergency or wanting to report an incident and dialling 999 in the event of an emergency. Telephones are provided on the outside of Police Stations and there is also one located on the building at Hudson House Reeth.

Leyburn has had the help of front office volunteers for many years but should anyone require to speak to an officer arrangements can be made to ensure members of the public are provided with this service. I will pass information on to the relevant office staff who deal specifically with NY Police website and ensure that it is updated!

On a different note, last month we received two separate reports in Muker of heating oil being stolen one of which was 400 litres in total and the other incident was 500 litres.

Theft of heating oil and diesel oil have been a problem for many years and this type of crime increases whenever the price of crude oil rises. OFTEC or the "Oil Firing Technical Association for the Petroleum Industry" offers advice and guidance for those who use and store oil at their premises. They can be reached at [www.oftec.org](http://www.oftec.org) or by calling 0845 6585 080. They also produce an *Easy Guide to Domestic Oil Storage* which is a very straightforward and useful document. If you require further information

**Who are the Yarn Bombers of Reeth?**

contact myself or any Police officer, Tank or Oil supply Company.

Finally, other reports we received were of three possible suspect males seen loading stones from a dry stone wall into a van in the area of Fremington; while in Marske two young males were reported making attempts to sell some kind of tools. Please continue to report any possible suspect persons or vehicles in your area. It is far better to do so, that way they can be at least checked and officers can be deployed in areas where they are needed. **PCSO 5550 Taylor-Page**

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**Swaledale Mountain & Cave Rescue Team**

There were 5 incidents for the team last month:

**07/04/2015 (13) 17.10hrs:** The Ambulance Service required assistance to evacuate an injured person from the riverside path near Richmond Falls.

**06/04/2015 (12) 15.00hrs:** The Team were called by the Ambulance Service to rescue an injured walker near the river path at Middleham. The team treated & evacuated to the road Ambulance. Almost the same location as incident 10.

**04/04/2015 (11) 10.00hrs:** The rescue cover for the Dales Trails 20km event at Fremington. The usual number of bumps & scrapes dealt with.

**28/03/2015 (10) 15.00hrs:** The Team were called by the Ambulance Service to rescue an injured walker near the river path at Middleham. The team treated & evacuated to the road Ambulance.

**10/03/2015 (09) 23.30hrs:** The Team Leaders were notified by the Police of an overdue caving party. As the team were en route to the incident the party surfaced safe & well.

**Fund raising news:**

Thanks to the following for supporting us: Yore Mill Craft Shop/Mill Race Tearoom £27.93.

Colburn New Store £7.77.

The Barbers Shop, Leyburn £9.79.

This month we have a full set of Bolton Arms! Leyburn £38.26, Redmire

£74.38 & Downholme £20.82. Anymore Bolton Arms Pubs out there in Swaledale or Wensleydale?

Thanks to The Farmers Arms, Muker for hosting the quiz in February, £179.50 raised

We now have some Swaledale MRT business supporter window stickers and have started distributing these. If you'd like one and we haven't got to you yet then please contact Jill Armstrong, our fund-raising officer on 01748 886807.

All money raised is used to pay for insurance, maintenance and running of our three emergency vehicles, operating and up keep of our base, and the replacement of rescue and medical equipment.

The meadow flowers are out in the Dales; help protect them by keeping to footpaths across farmland & the meadows.

Thanks for the continued support of all our readers.

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## Muker Luncheon Club Celebrates 20<sup>th</sup> Birthday

Muker Luncheon Club gathered on the 23<sup>rd</sup> April (St. George's Day) to celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> year of service to the upper dale community. It was an enjoyable day, with many friends, another excellent meal and a birthday cake.

Muker Luncheon Club first met for a trial meeting on the 27<sup>th</sup> April 1995 in Muker Public Hall. The price of the lunch was £2.50. Meals were supplied by The Farmers Arms, carried up to the Hall in insulated boxes to the newly modernised kitchen and served by voluntary helpers. The meal choices were similar to today and fifteen folk attended the first luncheon. Over 6,100 meals have since been served with 49 people taking a meal at one Mid-summer Madness gathering. The club have been favoured with excellent meals provided by a number of local suppliers and we thank them all for their support.

Muker Public Hall is a warm inviting venue with ideal modern kitchen facilities greatly appreciated over the years by all our food suppliers and voluntary helpers. Present numbers attending average 26 and we all enjoy a three course meal with a welcome cup of tea/coffee before and after each tasty meal taken among friends. The meal price today is £8.00.

My personal thanks go to all volunteer helpers who have carried boxes, set up tables and chairs, served meals, washed up, sided up; those who kindly offered folk lifts, washed table cloths and tea towels, served as

Committee members, baked cakes, or helped raise funds; and not forgetting the many folk who have kindly entertained at Christmas parties or served our clubs in any way. I give a big thank you for all your terrific support and I trust that with your continued help the Luncheon Clubs will continue to thrive and serve the community for many years to come.

The Luncheon Clubs were formed following comments made in replies to the Two Dales Appraisal of 1993/94: "More needs to be done for the youth and the elderly". To meet the public wishes Langthwaite club was formed in June 1994 soon followed by Muker in April 1995, Low Row in November 1995. In August 1998 the Swaledale and Arkengarthdale Luncheon Clubs Association was formed bringing all the clubs together under a governing constitution with elected representatives from each club. The late Mr. George Birks was our founder chairman.

Finally in May 1999 Reeth Club started following a Millennium grant made by Help the Aged. This club was known as the Silver Surfers club as people attending were taught the use of e-mail etc.

New members are most welcome at all four association clubs. Meal choice is the three courses with a vegetarian option, menus change each month and differ for each club. Where possible transport may be arranged. For further details of all clubs please telephone **Julia or Alan Thorogood on 886524** or see local notice boards.

We look forward to seeing you. Bring a friend.

**Mike Beckwith**

## Don't Forget to Vote

**May 7th** is polling day - not just to elect Members of Parliament, but also to elect members to Richmondshire District Council. In addition, if there is a contested Parish election in your area, it will take place at the same time.

There will be a contested election to elect members to the Parish Council in the Reeth, Fremington and Healaugh Parish (the first in 20 years); but at time of going to press it was not known if any other parishes in the Gazette area would have a contested election.

### GAZETTE DEADLINE

The deadline for next month is the day after Polling Day: **May 8th**

## A Musical and Poetry Cocktail

A Concert to raise funds for The Wensleydale School new library book appeal.

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## Art Exhibition

There will be an exhibition of work by local artists in the gallery at East Windy Hall, Arkengarthdale Road, Reeth.

It will include paintings by Carolyn Stevenson, Alan Lyman and Joy Bentley; patchwork by Jenny Davies; and pottery by John Calver. It will also feature a collection of prints and paintings by the late Mary Farnell.

Coinciding with the Swaledale Festival, the exhibition will run from **Saturday 23 May to Sunday 7 June** and will be open Monday to Saturday from 11am to 5pm and on Sundays from 2pm to 5pm.

Arkengarthdale Sports Association

## Annual Sports

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**Saturday 6th June 2015**

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## The Swaledale Big Dig

The Swaledale Big Dig is back for the second season, exploring the history of Reeth, Fremington and Grinton.

Over the winter nineteen brave souls spent several days surveying at the potential medieval settlement in the fields at Fremington. We completed both a geophysical survey and a topographic survey of the key areas of interest. Several pieces of medieval pot were recovered from the molehills, supporting our belief that this was the site of a medieval settlement. We hope to dig there later in the year.

In early February a small number of us braved the elements and went looking for the putative Roman road thought to run over The Stang in Arkengarthdale on its way from the Roman fort at Bainbridge in Wensleydale to Barnard Castle in Teesdale, and/or the Roman Forts at Bowes and Greta Bridge. The existing road over The Stang does indeed seem to overlay an earlier road with what is believed to be the Roman road clearly visible in the snow to the south-east of Shaw Farm. For more information visit the SWAAG website [www.swaag.org](http://www.swaag.org)

and view database record number 848.

Our free courses continued over the winter with both the 'Interpreting Geophysics' and 'Finds Identification' courses well attended.

The test-pit digging season gets underway fully in May when we will be completing our work in Reeth over the weekend of 16th/17th May. This will be followed by test-pits in Fremington on 20th/21st June and Grinton over the weekend of 18th/19th July. We will also have a pit on Reeth Green during the Swaledale Festival on Friday 29th May.

We would like to thank or sponsor, the Heritage Lottery Fund, for their support, the local parish councils and all those who have kindly volunteered their gardens or land or helped in whatever way.

For further information visit the Big Dig page at [www.swaag.org](http://www.swaag.org). If you would like to join in then contact Alan or Judith Mills; [alan@swaag.org](mailto:alan@swaag.org) or ring **01748 884938** **Alan Mills**

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So please give generously in the annual House to House Collection which will be taking place from Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May.

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Drop in coffee morning at Reeth Methodist Church School Room - **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May**

Cake Stall on Reeth Green - **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May**

We look forward to seeing you and receiving your support. Donations of cakes and produce are especially welcome. Please telephone Pauline or Susan if you would like a lift to the service or if you need cakes/produce collecting: Pauline **886790** or Susan **884366**.

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		Reeth Methodist	
	11.00 am	St. Edmund's, Marske	<i>Family Service</i>
		Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
	6.00 pm	St. Andrew's Grinton	<i>Evening Prayer BCP</i>
	6.30 pm	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
		Gunnerside Methodist	
7 <sup>th</sup> May	7.30 pm	Gunnerside Methodist	<i>Christian Aid Service</i>
10 <sup>th</sup> May	9.30 am	St. Andrew's Grinton	<i>Eucharist</i>
		St Michael's Downholme	<i>Holy Communion</i>
	10.30 am	Low Row URC	
		Reeth Methodist	<i>Holy Communion</i>
	11.00 am	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
		St. Edmund's, Marske	<i>Morning Service</i>
	11.15 am	St. Mary's Arkengarthdale	<i>Holy Communion BCP</i>
	2.00 pm	Keld URC	
	6.00 pm	St. Mary's Muker	<i>Evening Prayer</i>
	6.30 pm	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	

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## Church Services May 2015

<b>17<sup>th</sup> May</b>	9.15 am	St. Mary's Muker	<i>Holy Communion BCP</i>
	10.30 am	Low Row URC	
		Reeth Methodist	<i>Family Service</i>
	11.00 am	Reeth Evangelical Cong.	
		Holy Trinity Low Row <span style="float: right;"><i>Eucharist.</i></span> <i>Welcome to the Salto vocale choir from Heidelberg to take part in worship today</i>	
		St. Edmund's, Marske	<i>Eucharist</i>
	2.00 pm	Keld URC	<i>With Baptism</i>
	6.30 pm	St Mary's Arkengarthdale	<i>Evening Prayer BCP</i>
		Reeth Evangelical Cong.	
	Gunnarside Methodist	<i>Holy Communion</i>	
<b>24<sup>th</sup> May</b>	8.00 am	Holy Trinity Low Row	<i>Holy Communion BCP</i>
	9.30 pm	St Michael's Downholme	<i>Holy Communion</i>
		St. Andrew's Grinton	<i>Eucharist</i>
	11.00 am	Reeth Evangelical Cong.	
		St. Edmund's, Marske	<i>Eucharist</i>
		Keld URC	<i>Swaledale Festival Service</i>
	11.15 am	St. Mary's Arkengarthdale	<i>Holy Communion BCP</i>
	6.30 pm	Reeth Evangelical Cong.	
<b>31<sup>st</sup> May</b>	10.30 am	Holy Trinity Low Row <span style="float: right;"><i>United Parish Eucharist &amp; Trinity Sunday celebration.</i></span> <i>Lawrence Moore, Director of the URC Windermere Centre will be preaching</i>	
		Reeth Methodist	
	11.00 am	Reeth Evangelical Cong.	
		St. Edmund's, Marske	<i>Eucharist</i>
	2.00 pm	Keld URC	
	6.30 pm	Reeth Evangelical Cong.	
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"But Mum . . ." Simon pleaded.

"Simon!" shouted Mum turning round. "I have told you . . . Oh my goodness, what have you done?"

"Finally," thought Simon.

"Just look at that mess you are making on the floor! Get out of here."

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**Reeth Parish Council  
March 23**

**Parish Meeting:** The clerk had received the money from the Bonfire Hill charity.

**Goal posts:** Further discussion on this was deferred until more information on costs was available and all councillors were present.

**Highways:** The hole near the Post Office where water had been leaking had now been fully repaired and the surface reinstated.

**Street lights:** A number of street lights were still out in various parts of the village and would be reported again to Highways.

**Astronomy event:** The local astronomy group wanted to set up telescopes in a roped off area of the green for a two night event during the Swaledale Festival. This was agreed as long as the group's insurance was adequate to cover the equipment.

**Fremington Village Hall:** The application by the hall's management committee for grant funding had been successful and the project would be going ahead.

**Fun Fair:** Barrie's Fun Fair had requested permission to set up on the green again for the August Bank Holiday weekend and Reeth Show.

**Village Green:** Part of the green had been damaged by parking and was unlikely to grow back without intervention. The Fireworks Committee were planning to reseed the site of the bonfire and Coun Gardner suggested that they could also seed the damaged area if local residents were asked not to park there for long enough for work

to be carried out and new growth to become established.

The contract for grass cutting had been advertised and was awarded to the only respondent. The parish council would continue to cut some areas on behalf of NYCC.

The green warden would inspect the setts and make a list of which needed to be replaced.

**War Memorial:** The clerk had been in touch with the stone carvers and arranged a visit to inspect the memorial with a view to cleaning it and adding the extra names. He was awaiting their report.

**Elections:** Nomination packs were distributed to all councillors wishing to stand again in the 2015 elections.

**Healough:** Permission was given for the owners of Applegarth to place a skip on the top green and to install a new waste water pipe out of the front of the property as long as the area was reinstated afterwards.

**Grant applications:** It was agreed to apply to the Communities Opportunity Fund for a grant to cover part of the extra grasscrete required for the top green at Healough and also to reinstate the missing cobbles by Metcalfe's Farm in Anvil Square.

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**Matters Arising:** An email was read out by Cllr Whitehead in response to the subject of repainting the yellow lines in Muker and the Winter Gritting policy. The Highways responded that the yellow lines 'could not yet be programmed' and that they were on the list for 2015/16.

On the subject of the lack of grit dispersed, Highways reported that 'when the gritter turns round to return to the depot it may not be spreading (depending on the actions requested), gritters are often used to patrol the area - checking the conditions and reporting back to management'.

Crow Trees to Askrigg road was also discussed. The Parish Council is very concerned about the length of time the road has been closed and the placement of soil removed from the gutters. The clerk is to write to Highways

**Finance:** Orders to pay the clerk and Muker Institute were approved.

**Highways:** Parish Councillors are very concerned about the poor state of Ivelet Bridge. The new pointed mortar is crumbly and some of the coping stones have dropped into the river and

been washed away. The clerk is to write to the Highways and arrange a site visit.

**Richmondshire DC:** Parish Council Elections - nomination forms had been received and were circulated.

Councillor Blackie discussed the Pilot Scheme currently in place for longer opening hours at Hawes Surgery. Central Dales patients can now book an evening appointment at Hawes Surgery on Wednesday evenings 6.00-8.00p.m.

Councillor Blackie also reported to the meeting of the District Council's plan to provide local housing to rent by local families. These homes would not be for purchase. The project would be run by the Mercury Housing Company.

**NYCC:** Little White Bus is to continue running the Richmond to Keld service. The summer timetable will start on the 13th April 2015. The bus service from Reeth to Keld will be twice a day, and an extra service from Reeth to Muker to be added during midday. The current contract covers the next four years.

**YDNPA:** The Planning Application has been approved for Keld Lodge Hotel Ltd.

The Chairman read out a letter from YDNPA on the subject of forming a National Park Parish Forum. All Councillors were in favour of the proposals.

**YLCA:** Emails had been received from Maltby Town Council requesting information on filming in meetings and Sitlington Parish Council surveying parishes that are responsible for burials in cemeteries. The clerk would reply.

**Correspondence/AOB:** Yorkshire Water - An email had been received from the Communications Advisor from





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Yorkshire water on the subject of the new water pipe line from Reeth to Angram. The council asked the clerk to write back asking to keep the Parish Council informed on road closure details. Also the council would like assurances that there would not be any future hose pipe bans, as there had never been one in place as the water source was located close to the top of Muker Parish and after the new pipeline is in place the water will go from the top of Muker Parish down the dales and further, to then be pumped back up to the top of Muker Parish.

Keld Resource Centre had contacted the Parish Council asking for a letter of support for an application to the Prince's Countryside Trust. Councillor Gardener added that the Communities Opportunity Fund would also help support the Centre as much as possible.

**Mrs P Coates**

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In the UK in any one year, 1 in 4 adults experience at least one mental disorder. Depression and anxiety affects 50% of the adult population at some point in their lives.

Suicide is the single biggest cause of death in men under the age of 50. 12 men per day commit suicide. The failure over 30 years to even dent the number of men killing themselves is a scandal. In 2013 6233 people committed

suicide. This compares with 1713 road fatalities in the same period.

Around a quarter of all drugs prescribed by the NHS are mental health related. The latest estimated cost to the UK economy of poor mental health is £105.2 billion; however it only receives 13% of the budget. Mental ill health is the largest cause of disability in the UK contributing approximately 22.8% of the total burden compared to 15.9% for cancer and 16.2% for cardiovascular diseases.

There is no quick fix to the state of the mental health and wellbeing of our communities; however, reduction in discrimination, stigmatisation and realisation that mental health problems are real would be a start. Similarly with the allocation of appropriate resources, there can be significant improvements in all aspects of mental health. We can all help in our own little way. One of them is listening: "Pull yourself together," or "What have you got to be depressed about?" are most certainly not the way forward.

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Then later in the month, beginning on the 20<sup>th</sup> May and continuing until the 9<sup>th</sup> June, the gallery hosts an exhibition that forms part of the Swaledale Festival. The exhibition is entitled "A Walk in Swaledale" and features landscapes of the Dale in colourful acrylics by the gifted artist from Marrick, Jill Eagle. During this exhibition the Gallery will be open from 10.0 a.m. till 4.00 p.m.

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The band will be taking its usual Monday slot at the Leyburn Festival of Food and Drink (4th) playing at intervals throughout the day, with the first performance at 10.00am. The band ventures to Ripon Races on the 17th May before playing in the Swaledale Festival. This year's concert will be given at St Mary's Church, Richmond on 26th May at 7.30 pm. The band returns to Ripon to play in the Spa gardens on the 31st May from 2.00 to 4.00pm.

**John Wilkinson**

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## Message From The Swaledale Museum In Reeth

**STOP PRESS:** The Museum re-opens on 23rd May for the season. We hope that you will notice our new sign which will be up from 13th May. We have gilded the Edwardian lamp, which now glitters as a beacon - welcoming everyone to share the light we cast upon the past. It looks good against both blue skies and grey. It has become our 'logo' and you will see this on our new posters, leaflets and events listings. Our new graphics are inspired by this year's exhibition (which closes in early August so make sure you catch it) on local posters. Their distinctive lettering using a range of typefaces catches the eye and evokes the past.

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Do take a look at our new website that Graham at Scenicview Gallery has created for us. The old one had accrued many additions and as a result lacked clarity and freshness. We have many new additions and we hope it is easier to use. Huge thanks to Graham for working on this for us.

For the Swaledale Festival we have a small display from their archive which the Museum holds. This year we have selected a run of past leaflets which reveal the changing graphic fashions, from 1982 to the present. This compliments the main exhibition on local posters, another type of engaging ephemera that contributes to the material culture of Swaledale and Arkengarthdale.

This year's exhibition is: Text Message: Posters from Swaledale and Arkengarthdale. The collection of 40 plus posters in the Swaledale Museum have largely been acquired since 2004, when 10 were rescued from being burnt during a house renovation in Reeth. Dating from the 1940s and 1950s, they relate to the life of the local Methodist chapels. This core collection stimulated further donations, and wider questions about them, as examples of printing technology and the local print trade, as samples of advertising, and as sources of local social, cultural and political history. The posters are rich in information and a vibrant reminder of how active life was in the Dales before the common ownership of private transport and access to other forms of entertainment.

The exhibition explores local printers, like Jabez Raisbeck and John Spence; the technology of printing, and the people, places and events

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advertised. We are deeply grateful to a wide range of people who have assisted research, from descendants of individuals featured to specialists in the history of print. We have included not only posters but also other types of local printed ephemera in the show- and we would love to see any posters up to the 1970s which you might have at home! We would like to photograph them to add to our knowledge about this lively form of local material culture. You can buy copies of most of the posters on display, and a selection of cards made from them, either in the Museum shop or via our website.

While researching the Museum's exhibition we consulted the renowned John Johnson Collection of Printed Ephemera, one of the largest and most important collections of printed ephemera in the world. Sadly we found

little material relating to Swaledale and Arkengarthdale. In discussion with the Librarian of the Collection we discussed the possibility of collecting local material to add to this internationally important resource. We are delighted to be able to invite you to bring in current printed ephemera (in small quantities!) that relate to the Dale which will be sorted into the John Johnson's pre-existing modern ephemera categories. The Librarian is particularly interested in printed ephemera relating to the election on May 7th this year. You may want to look at the John Johnson website which can be found at: <http://www.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/johnson>

If you would like to deposit anything, then bring to the Museum which is open from 23rd May Mondays to Saturdays 10.00am to 5pm.

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The highlight of the month was a trip of 25 from the Club to the Riverside to watch England Under 21s defeat Germany. A great experience for all and thanks to Paul Terry for getting us through the horrendous traffic.

The Under 10s were not at their best away against Catterick Garrison Tigers losing 6-0. The next week we played a strong Bedale Under 10's team in the cup. We lost 5-0 but played much better than last week. After Futsal the League was divided into Premiership and Championship and we made the Premiership but it means we struggle against some teams. Dan Guy never stopped trying up front while Bailey Dunne was brilliant in defence seeming to stop everything that came his way.

The Under 14s played Catterick Garrison Under 13's at home. Kory Spink opened the scoring from a penalty and then Ben Metcalfe made it 2 and Scott Alderson made a neat finish for 3-0 at half time. Thomas Walker and Ben Webster dealt competently with any attacks while Luke Dinsdale had little to do in goal.

After the interval Garrison came back before Tommy Marsh hammered one into the top of the net. Kory scored again then Thomas made a good run up the whole field passing to Jack Cloughton to score. Ben Metcalfe and Scott scored again while Garrison's heads went down briefly. Kory got his hat trick and in the last few minutes Garrison did everything to score and were rewarded with a rebound from a penalty. Even their goalie went up the

field in a good humoured close but that only enabled Kory to secure an easy goal. A 10-1 win did not do justice to Garrison but Dales were in top form.

We then travelled to Northallerton to play Hambleton Reds in the Cup. Dales started slowly and Reds have improved significantly. Scott opened the scoring and then made a good run up on his own for his second. Our defence had their work cut out and Luke made some good saves but Scott put up a third for Jack to put away competently. I had to leave at half time but Scott got his hat trick and Kory scored while conceding one. Won 5-1.

An e-mail from their manager afterwards read: "A great match, played in great spirit, a credit to junior football." That is how it should be. I was not present when they played the stronger Hambleton Blues for a 2-2 draw. Ben Metcalfe and Scott were the scorers.

**Next season** our Under 10s and Under 14s move up to the Under 12s and Under 16s respectively. The Under 14s have some strong players waiting to join them. We would like to continue with Under 10s but need more players (over 8 on 1<sup>st</sup> September) and **urgently need a coach for this group**. It is quite a commitment but very rewarding for someone wanting to put something back into the game. **David Williams**

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- It allows us to apply for grants to trusts and foundations that can only give money to registered charities.

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The other good news on the yellow bus front is that Gail has succeeded in getting money from a government fund so that we can have a new big yellow bus. As regular users will know, the present big bus is getting a bit rattley and bangy, so a brand new bus will be wonderful, for both drivers and passengers.

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## Richmond & Leyburn Embroiderers' Guild

The next meeting of the Richmond & Leyburn Branch of the Embroiderers' Guild is on Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> May at 1.30 pm at Harmby Village Hall. Ellie Langley, a felt maker from Weardale, will be presenting a talk entitled 'Fleece with Altitude'. Visitors are most welcome. Please ring 01609 748811 for more details.

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**Review of local bus services:** The Council noted receipt of new bus service to start on Monday April 13th, to be provided by Little White Bus. Cllr Gardner advised that the contract with Little White Bus was for the next four years.

**Commons Registration (England) Regulations 2014:** The Council noted that the transitional period has been extended to December 2018.

**Changes to Highway grass cutting:** The Council noted receipt of information regarding changes to the urban grass cutting regime. This will not affect the Melbecks area.

**Richmondshire Funding and Grants news:** The Council noted grants received including £1580 for new oil

tank and £3420 for Gunnerside Village Hall stage lights and cinema equipment from Richmondshire Communities Opportunity Fund.

**Gritters for parishes:** The Council noted that hand held gritters were available.

**Possible installation of a new light, Gunnerside:** The Council were informed there is currently no budget for extra lighting. However several of the lanterns are due to be changed in the near future which will prove a wider spread of light. The Clerk will advise the resident of this.

**Parish Council elections:** 7th May 2015. The Clerk received nomination papers from the Cllrs and will arrange for these to be returned.

**Gunnerside flash flooding Community emergency plans:** The Council noted receipt of this letter regarding emergency plans for flash flooding.

**Planning:** The Roof, Gunnerside: Granted, with conditions. Birk Park, Healaugh: The Council raised no objections or comments. School House, Gunnerside: The Council raised no objections or comments. Gunnarsgill Hall, Gunnerside: The Council raised no objections or comments. Low Barn, Low Row: The Council raised no objections or comments.

**Tree works in Melbecks PC:** The Council noted that to facilitate the installation of a new water supply pipe there will be the following works within Swaledale & Arkengarthdale Conservation Area: the removal of 4 Willows, 7 Alders, 8 Hawthorn and 1 Ash tree. Also to crown raise 1 Sycamore on land adjacent to the River Swale. The Council raised no objections or comments.

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**Honesty boxes in Gunnerside:** The Clerk advised that the resident had been informed of permission received from Gunnerside Estate to allow the installation of honesty boxes.

**Road/wall at Gunnerside:** The Council noted that cones have been placed around the around the unstable wall outside Gunnerside.

**Clerk's salary & expenses:** The Clerk's salary and expenses were agreed.

**Highways:** The Clerk was requested to contact Highways regarding the becks side wall on B6270 near Gunnerside Bridge. There have been problems for 5 years and now another hole has appeared.

**Reeth 3 day trial 2015:** A reply slip was signed for Melbecks Moor for this event; the Clerk will arrange for it to be returned.

**Dangerous tree:** The Council was notified of a bough from a tree opposite the United Reformed Church which is creaking and felt to be potentially dangerous. The Clerk was requested to write to Highways to see what could be done.

**Grit bin at Moor Croft, Gunnerside:** The Council noted a query from a resident regarding the grit bin, which has been damaged recently. The resident has already contacted NYCC who have confirmed they will replace the bin, and it was suggested a better site for a new one would be on the opposite side of the road. The Council agreed that this would be a better position and Cllr Crapper agreed to let the resident know that the Parish Council was happy with the new site.

**Date and time of next meeting:**  
Thursday May 14th 2015 at 7.30pm.

**Nikki Adams, Clerk to PC**

## Reeth & District Community Sports Club 300 Club Draw Results

### March

1st	£50	135	Andrew Fenwick
2nd	£20	125	Richard Gale
3rd	£10	170	Allan Dinwoodie
4th	£10	273	Phil Parr

### April

1st	£50	140	Sarah Alderson
2nd	£20	300	Daryl Coates
3rd	£10	182	Harold Brown
4th	£10	174	Derrick Lawson

A big thank you to all who support the 300 club. All profits go towards the running of the sports club.

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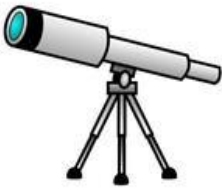
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Our website [www.reethastro.org.uk](http://www.reethastro.org.uk) will have the latest weather forecast and confirmation whether the event is going ahead each night. The main event starts at 10.00pm and is free to attend though there will be a bucket for donations. (Any proceeds over and above our costs will be split between the Festival and other local causes.). If

it is fine we should be set up by around 8.30pm if you want to see the telescopes in daylight -and we hope to have at least one equipped with a solar filter allowing early-birds a quick view of our nearest star before it sets. You can come and go as you please but remember to wrap up warm and wear sensible shoes as the event is on grass.

This is the time of year when we have the changing of the guard, in star terms that is. The winter stars are setting before midnight and the summer stars are now prominent.

Vega, in the East is the fifth brightest star in the sky and part of the constellation Lyra (the harp), which is associated with the harps of Kings Arthur and David.



Arcturus is a red giant star in the constellation of Bootes (the herdsman), and is the fourth brightest star in the sky. There are up to 29 stars in this

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Sunrise	05:31	05:06	04:45	Sets	04:40	16:15	02:45
Sunset	20:40	21:04	21:26	<b>Phase</b>			
Twilight ends	21:22	21:50	22:17	Full	4th	New	18th

constellation that are visible with the naked eye. Join us on the green in Reeth and we will see how many can be seen through one of our telescopes.



Finally, there is a minor meteor shower in early May called the Eta Aquarids. The shower peaks around May 6th or May 7th and appears to radiate from the direction of the constellation Aquarius. These meteors are believed to be caused by dust left in the orbit of Halley's comet. But you will need to be up early -the best time to view this meteor shower is around 2am, looking in an Easterly direction.

**Stay Safe:** Never look directly at the sun, and never look in its direction when using binoculars or telescopes. If going out after dark, wrap up warm and make sure someone knows where you are.

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- 1st The Tom McConville Band, Reeth Memorial Hall 8.00
- 2nd Colin Bailey and Friends in Concert. Dales Festival of Food & Drink event. 7.30
- 3rd Old Hams Hung out to Dry! Dales Festival of Food & Drink event. 7.30pm
- 4th Gunnerside Village Hall. Bank Holiday Soup and Sweet event. 12.00 to 14.00.
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- 9th Dales Cup Final, Spennithorne Reeth AFC v Unicorn FC. 2.00pm
- 9th Family History Computer Club, Hudson House 1.00pm to 4.00pm
- 15th Christian Aid Cake Stall, Reeth Green
- 26th Townswomen's Guild meeting , Low Row Institute. 7.00pm
- 27th "A Gruesome Discovery" Talk by Dave Carlisle, Fremington Sunday School. 2.00pm

## June

- 3rd The Railsplitters, St Andrew's Church, Grinton. 7.30pm
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