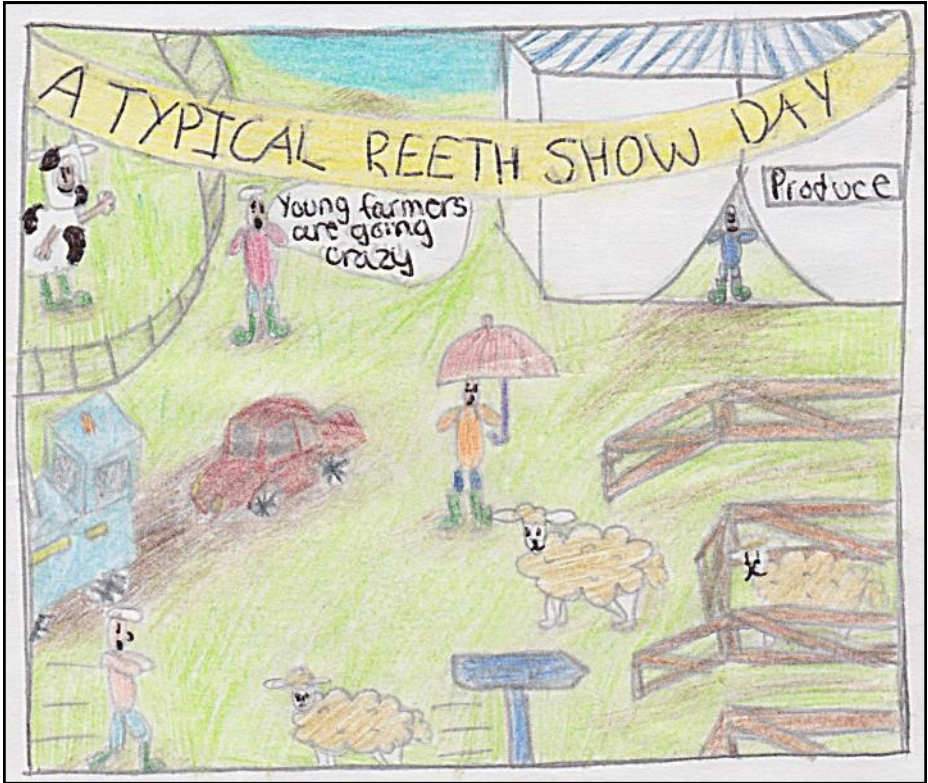


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First Thoughts . . .

"Look after the pennies, and the pounds will look after themselves," my mother used to say. I suppose another way of putting it is that lots of little things added together make one big thing.

"What's that got to do with the price of tea in China?" you may be wondering. Well, a number of people have mentioned to me that I should write something about the recycling unit which at times, quite frankly, is a disgrace.

One person might think it is all right to just throw a box into the bin without collapsing it; but if the next person follows suit, and the person after that, then very soon the bin is full of empty, un-collapsed cardboard boxes.

So what happens then? Well, the next person coming to dispose of their

rubbish sees that the bin is full, so just dumps their cardboard next to the bin; and everyone else follows suit.

Similarly, the bin for plastic bottles can very quickly fill up with empty two litre milk bottles, caps firmly on and full of air, thereby taking up the space of 3 or 4 bottles which have been squashed flat.

And don't even get me started on those who just dump their rubbish with a complete disregard to what should go where.

Now, I know it is the responsibility of the District Council to empty the bins and perhaps they could do this more frequently; but they are not responsible for creating the mess.

Are our lives so busy that we do not have the time to do the little things that build into a big thing - like saving our planet?

Just a thought.

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The deadlines for the next two months are:

November issue: October 10th

December issue: November 10th

PLEASE NOTE: We cannot guarantee that items submitted after the deadline will be included.

"Dad, I'm hungry."

"Hi Hungry. I'm Dad."

A man walked into a bar . . .

"Ouch!"

COVER PICTURE

By

**Mary Stones,
Marrick**

Letters To The Editor

Parking

I am interested in the dilemma that you analyse in [*"First thoughts..." August 2015*]: How do we balance our welcome for tourists with our wish for a less crowded village.

My own interest would additionally be to argue for fewer car-miles altogether, protecting our environment, our roads and the peace and safety of our communities. Councillor Blackie reports (p 46 of the same issue under Muker Parish Council June 2015) that take up of the new Swaledale route of the Little White Bus service has been good. I would agree that current use is better than in late Spring but as one of the volunteer drivers I can say that there are still many times when the bus travels empty even in high summer.

These two issues are intimately connected. If we can establish excellent local public transport services (reliable, accessible and affordable) car use will reduce and car parking will be manageable. Until we have such a service which is comprehensive, local residents and tourists will continue to rely on their cars.

So, should we consider establishing a car park out of the centre of Reeth (and perhaps other villages) connected to the centre by a low-cost connecting bus service during high visitor season? Could this be integrated into the services currently provided by the Little White and Yellow buses? Would it work if we left the decision about where to park to the discretion of the visitors - and residents, for that matter? What would be the incentives? Should we combine this with disincentives to parking in the village centre, such as higher and enforced parking charges, which would only be acceptable if the alternative is available?

Like you I am interested to hear how the community will divide on this issue which touches not only on the success of the local economy, but also on civil liberty and responsibility as well as our enjoyment and stewardship of the beautiful environment in which we live.

Andrew Harvey

Sand Martins

To the writer of *I Wonder*, no, you are not alone. I have seen the hardcore dumped at the bank of the Swale, exactly where sand martins were nesting. For the culprit to have chosen that precise spot seems wilfully malevolent as well as illegal. I found the destruction of the nests distressing and the disregard for the environment appalling.

Somebody must know who did this and if nobody speaks out, it will happen again. I do hope the police and Park Ranger have made progress with their enquiries.

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Sand Martins Again

I am writing in response to the letter in the September Reeth and District Gazette about fly-tipping on the Harkerside bank of the River Swale near the Swing Bridge in Reeth. This enormous pile of rubble, stone and plaster, casually and thoughtlessly dumped, has blocked the nesting holes of our annual visitors, the sand martins and threatened pollution to the waters of the river.

You may be interested to know that in July I wrote to the National Park authority and Michael Briggs, the Area Ranger for Swaledale and Arkengarthdale, responded to let me know that he was handling this issue alongside the local Wildlife Crime Officer for North Yorkshire police, and the Environment Agency. Mr Briggs' e-mail stated that, 'the blocking of sand martins' nests during the breeding season is of particular concern to the police and could result in serious action'.

I remember hearing a man on a radio wildlife programme who had been involved in a breeding study ringing sand martins. He had held the same bird in his hand in Swaledale and Africa. Please write to the National Park Authority, if you too are appalled that someone should damage one of their nesting sites here in Swaledale.

Jennifer Davies

Sand Martins Update

After investigation and gathering of evidence The Environment Agency and the local NYP Wildlife Officer, Julian Sutcliffe, have both spoken with the offender and issued their respective warnings. No charges have been

brought on this occasion but instructions to remove the dumped material have been given once the remaining sand martins have migrated - so any time now hopefully.

As the local Ranger I am based, full time, in Hudson House, Reeth and am always happy to speak directly with residents and visitors about concerns such as this. Although I am an avid Gazette reader it would be more effective to hear your "wonderings" first hand and discuss them in person rather than exchanges via the letters page. My door is always open - if I'm not out!

**Michael Briggs, Area Ranger
Swaledale & Arkengarthdale**

Twenty Years Ago Extracts from the October 1995 Gazette

A representative from Royal Mail has visited the Clerk to the PC and discussed the issue of a Post Bus. Having regard to the current delivery/collection schedules for Royal Mail and the geography of the two Dales, such a scheme is currently impractical. The Parish Council have been assured that the current service as operated by United is not being withdrawn.

Some of you budding film actors will now be involved as film extras for a new film being shot on location around Swaledale and Arkengarthdale. The film will be called *Jude the Obscure* and is set in the 1870s based on a Thomas Hardy Novel.

We are pleased to confirm that Mrs Eleanor Robson is not the oldest resident in Reeth.



'Flu Clinics

For those who are unable to attend the clinic on the 8th October, we are running catch

up sessions, so please contact the practice for further details. Just to clarify, eligibility is defined by those people over the age of 65; those who are registered as a carer, or those who suffer from the following conditions:

- Chronic Respiratory Disease (COPD, asthma, etc)
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- Chronic Kidney Disease
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know it is a miserable experience. For some people in the groups above it can even be life-threatening. I can't recommend the 'flu vaccine enough to you, and wholeheartedly recommend it to those of you who are eligible. I will be joining you with my annual jab. Pregnant women and some young children are also eligible for a 'flu vaccination, but the practice will contact you directly to arrange vaccination.

Patient Transport Project

We have recently had our new patient transport project approved by Hambleton, Richmondshire and Whitby Clinical Commissioning Group.

The project is a joint initiative between Reeth Medical Centre, the District Nursing Team and Reeth and District Community Transport to provide free door to door transport for patients who would have otherwise needed a home visit for nursing care or check-ups. The idea is to be able to provide high quality care using the facilities at the medical centre and also reduce social isolation and provide a service which allows people to visit the doctor and perhaps the Post Office or luncheon club on the way home. The service also helps us to make the most efficient use of the nursing and medical resources, as a great deal of time is spent in driving around the Dales and not in hands-on clinical work.

The project has initially been approved for two years and further details on how to access the service will be published soon.

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- Fri 2 Oct** **Film: The Water Diviner** An Australian man travels to Turkey after the Battle of Gallipoli to try and locate his three missing sons. Russell Crowe's directorial debut. 5.00 & 7.30
- Sat 3 Oct** **'Singing for Pleasure' - Carole & Malcolm Brown, accompanied by Martin Dack** make a welcome return. They have a large repertoire from Handel to Andrew Lloyd-Webber. Tickets £5. 7.30 pm
- Tue 6 Oct** **Table Top Book Sale** First Tuesday every month. Tables £5 each. From 1.30 pm to 4 pm.
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- Fri 16 Oct** **Film: Danny Collins** An ageing rock star decides to change his life when he discovers a 40-year-old letter written to him by John Lennon. Starring Al Pacino, Christopher Plummer, Annette Bening and Jennifer Garner. 5.00 & 7.30
- Fri 23 Oct** **Film: A Royal Night Out** It's V-E Day, 1945, people are celebrating the end of the War and London overflows with celebration and excess. Two teenage princesses, Margaret and the future Queen, Elizabeth, join the party and are able to mingle with the teeming crowds, incognito. 5.00 & 7.30
- Sat 24 Oct** **The Moonbeams - Folk Group** The Moonbeams make music rooted deep in the countryside that evokes the beauty of the landscape and lifestyle of the people. Tickets £10. 7.30 pm
- Fri 30 Oct** **Film: Mr Holmes** A retired and aged Sherlock Holmes looks back on his life and grapples with an unsolved case involving a beautiful woman. Starring Ian McKellen, Laura Linney, Frances de la Tour and Milo Parker. 5.00 & 7.30
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Muker Parish Council August 2015

The Councillors welcomed the new Clerks, Allison Stringer and Nick Turner, and hoped they would have a long and enjoyable association with the Parish Council.

Matters Arising: The Parish Council were happy with how the works at Ivelet Bridge were progressing. Usha Gap Bridge was also ongoing.

An e-mail had been received from NYCC regarding the works at Ravenseat to Cumbria Boundary stating that the Contractor was due to return and complete the works. The meeting felt that the works were as good as they could be.

Cllr Whitehead read out the response from Highways regarding the Parish Councils concerns over poor grass cutting. The e-mail stated the current policy regarding grass cutting and detailed the cut backs due to financial constraints.

RDC had agreed to arrange for a sign to direct visitors to the public toilets from the Car Park and also to arrange a visit to agree a location for the Dog Waste Bin. This matter is still ongoing.

The Council are still awaiting estimated costs from NYCC for a replacement Muker sign so that a grant form can be completed. Clerk to write to Cllr Blackie to ask the Council to provide costs.

Finance: An order to pay the outgoing Clerk was approved.

Richmondshire DC: The Chairman read out an e-mail regarding the North Yorkshire Police and Crime

Commissioner Community Fund which is open to applications from local organisations, groups or individuals within North Yorkshire to help fund a community safety project or scheme.

NYCC: Usha Gap Bridge Parapet works are progressing as expected.

An e-mail had been received from NYCC regarding a consultation survey asking for the opinions of Parish Councils regarding the NYCC Local Transport Plan. Cllrs completed the Stakeholder Proforma - Clerk to complete details and return to NYCC.

YDNPA: Planning Application for works on Usha Gap Bridge had been accepted and a Planning Application had been granted to extend the date of the Scott Trial to 2020.

The Chairman read out an e-mail from the YDNP regarding the new Yorkshire Dales Local Plan 2015-2030, which is to replace the existing YDLP 2006

An e-mail had been received from YDNP detailing the National Park Parish Forum meetings to be held by the National Park to improve liaison and joint working between National Parks and Parish Councils at which representatives of Parish Councils can attend.

YLCA: An e-mail was read out by The Chairman regarding Rural Action Yorkshire - Good Neighbours Scheme. Yorkshire is one of 6 pilots where volunteers can sign up to be Good Neighbours and can help out with things such as gardening, odd jobs and transport particularly for the elderly. The council felt that whilst this was suitable for more urban areas and larger villages this was something which was already being done by the

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communities within the Parish.

AOB: The meeting were happy with the progress of the new water pipeline works.

An e-mail had been received from North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue regarding a consultation process for proposed changes to the way Fire and Rescue Service organises some of its resources for response to fires and other emergencies. The Authority is holding a number of drop- in events that the public can attend of which details are on their website: www.northyorkshirefire.go.uk. The consultation period concludes on the 16 October 2015.

The issue of the gutter on the Public Toilets in Muker needing cleaning was raised. The Clerk to contact RDC.

The street light on the Muker Village Institute was reported as not working, Clerk to contact District Council.

The meeting thanked Pat Coates for all the work she has done as Parish Clerk.

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- 3 Chubby Checker, Twisty bloke
- 4 Buster Keaton, quiet legend
- 5 Kate Winslett, co-starred with Adele
- 6 Niall Quinn, a rarity: a decent Sunderland player
- 7 Desmond Tutu, chess piece
- 8 Paul Hogan, wimpy Aussie
- 9 John Lennon, Legend
- 10 Chris Tarrant, final answer
- 11 Bobby Charlton, Jack's brother
- 12 Hugh Jackman, could have been in Neighbours
- 13 Paul Simon, wrote songs for Art to sing
- 14 Roger Moore, The Saint
- 15 Friedrich Nietzsche, inspired Jim Morrison
- 16 Oscar Wilde, Genius
- 17 Ziggy Marley, Bob's son
- 18 Chuck Berry, greatest living rock & roller
- 19 Michael Gambon, Dumbledore
- 20 Dannii Minogue, Shakespearean actress
- 21 Alfred Nobel, gave away prizes
- 22 Franz Liszt, drank with Brahms
- 23 Pele, miles better than Messi
- 24 J.P. Richardson, The Big Bopper
- 25 Pablo Picasso, invented cubes
- 26 Hilary Clinton, next President of USA?
- 27 Theodore Roosevelt, invented the teddy bear
- 28 Matt Smith, the best Doctor?
- 29 You don't want to know
- 30 Henry Winkler, The Fonz
- 31 You don't want to know either

Reeth Garage Competition

The correct answers to the competition we ran at Reeth and Muker Shows are: Original purchase price: £776.25. Exact date of purchase: 28-07-1979. Country it came from: France. Reeth Garage established: August 1935.

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Message From The Swaledale Museum In Reeth

Our last talk of the season - *The Work of the Swaledale and Arkengarthdale Local History Group: Teachers, Taxes & Tithes* - is on **Wednesday 7th October** at 7.30 pm in the Museum. Sue Nicholson will report on her research into local schools; Alan Mills will talk about Medieval taxes; and Judith Mills will give us an update on the new tithe project. Do contact us in advance to guarantee a seat.

The Museum will close for the season on 8th October, although we will be continuing research assistance and the development of projects and events for 2016. We will be re-opening on 16th May. The Friends of the AGM will be on 18th May, accompanied by yet another challenging quiz on local subjects. Book these dates in your diary now.

Thanks to Jenny Davies and Karen McLeod, our collection of 'Souvenirs of Swaledale' is growing. We now have a jug from Thwaite, a beaker from Keld, a mug from Grinton, a cup and a dish from Gunnerside and 5 pieces connected with Muker. Does this mean that Muker was in vanguard of the souvenir trade, and that everyone treasures Reeth souvenirs so much that they have not 'gone public'?

We would like to thank all of you who have supported the Museum in so many different ways this year as without you we could not possibly continue. I would particularly like to thank the Friends of the Museum committee; all our excellent speakers

this year; all those who donated books and items for the collection and the fund-raising shop; all of you who have joined the Friends; all of you who have visited us this year; and last but not least, the editor of the Gazette for correcting all my spelling, punctuation and grammatical mistakes in the monthly bulletins.

Watch out for our news bulletins in the Gazette. If you want to sign up for our more detailed e-newsletters that come out every 3-6 weeks with latest developments do let me know, and we will put you on the circulation list.

Why not become a Friend of the Museum (or encourage a friend to become a Friend!): annual membership: single £10, joint £15, family £20. Membership gives you unlimited free entry to the Museum, discount on talks with preferential booking, and our twice-yearly Newsletter.

For more information contact Helen Bainbridge:

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Application forms required by individuals or any other group so qualified should be obtained from the Secretary to the said fund, **Mr. Michael B. McGarry, Solicitor, 21 Galgate, Barnard Castle, Co. Durham, DL12 8EQ.**

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Our speaker will be Vicki Mitchell, who will be telling us how she combines traditional embroidery with textile art. Visitors are most welcome - stitching from 10 am onwards.

Please ring **01609 748811** for more details.

Sally Bright

Make Do and Mend

There will be a Make Do and Mend session at Fremington Village Hall on **Saturday 24th Oct** from 10 until 4pm. Light refreshments will be served.

Please do come and drop off your mending or ironing - or perhaps stay to enjoy a cuppa whilst waiting for your jobs to be done! The work will be done on a donation basis and proceeds will go to the upkeep of St Andrew's, Grinton.

Please contact Susan Allison, **01748 884366**, or susan.allison@talk21.com for further information.

Bric a Brac Thanks

Many thanks to all those who supported the Bric a Brac event on Friday 21st August. The event raised a net total of £205.72 for the upkeep of St Andrew's, Grinton.

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Marske In Swaledale WI Report

President Hazel Smith, welcomed eleven members to the August meeting. Reports were received on the quiz (we came fifth out of six teams but were short of a team member); the walk led by Elizabeth on Grinton Moor and the outing to Saltaire which had been very much enjoyed.

Our exhibit for Reeth Show is ready and we hope there will be others competing in this class. It was decided to continue with our fund-raising coffee morning in Richmond next year and to make a donation to Reeth Community Transport.

We were invited to Carperby for their centenary celebration on 16th September and for the High Dales meeting on 29th September. The Christmas lunch will be at the Burgoyne Hotel, Reeth on 15th December.

The evening's speakers were Sheila Pearson of Transition Richmond Yorkshire (TRY) and Steve Biggs of Just the Job. Both gave inspiring talks on their work with the local community to improve the natural environment and to employ those with learning difficulties. Supper was served.

The competition - an arrangement in a jam jar - was won by Margaret and the raffle was won by Hilda. The date of the next meeting is 22nd September at 7.00pm in Marrick Institute when members will be bringing/demonstrating crafts and/or bringing their favourite cake. Visitors are always welcome - just turn up on the night

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Swaledale Mountain & Cave Rescue Team

There were 5 incidents in total for the team last month:

08/09/2015 (37) 11.30hrs: The team were called by the Ambulance Service to rescue a mountain biker above Woodhall, Wensleydale. A joint effort by MRT & Ambulance crew; treated & evacuated from the hill. Thanks to the other bikers who stopped to help.

05/09/2015 (36) 09.00hrs: The team provided safety cover for the Nutcracker bike event; a few minor injuries dealt with alongside a fractured collar bone.

03/09/2015 (35) 14.00hrs: The team were called by the Ambulance Service to rescue a walker with a knee injury in the Masham area. The team treated alongside the Ambulance crew & then took the walker to the road for onward transport to hospital.

23/08/2015 (35) 09.00hrs: The team provided safety cover for the Nutcracker bike event; a few minor injuries dealt with.

12/08/2015 (34) 14.17hrs: The team were called by the Police to Rescue a 12 year old walker who had sustained an ankle injury near Aysgarth Lower Falls. Team members located the casualty; treated & evacuated to the visitor centre.

Fund raising news:

The Team attended a rather damp Reeth Show. A great turn out & chance to chat about our work.

The team attended Muker Show & enjoyed a very sunny day! We raised £977 on the day so a huge thanks to all who donated.

Thanks to the following for fundraising:

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Please also be alert to the ongoing issue of sheep thefts in north England/ Scotland. Several hundred sheep were stolen from Dumfries and Galloway area. In Swaledale at Fremington Edge, 39 Texel ewes and 39 Beltex cross Texel lambs were stolen. Please don't hesitate to report any suspicious vehicles immediately using the 101 number.

We have had further reports of dogs attacking sheep. Worrying Livestock is an offence. Under the Dogs (Protection of Livestock) Act 1953 the owner, and anyone else under whose control the dog is at the time, will be guilty of an offence if it worries livestock which means attacking or chasing any farm animal on agricultural land. A landowner is permitted to shoot your dog if it can be proved that the action was necessary to protect livestock and that it was reported to the police within 48 hours.

Across the area there have also been several break-ins to property, if you are a victim of burglary or away from home for a period of time you can apply to have equipment installed in your house for the period that you are

away. Either contact myself using the 101 or fill in the Richmondshire Safer Homes form online at northyorkshire.police.uk.

We have an increasing number of cyclists on the roads and not all are easy to see due to the lack of visibility clothing worn and no or inadequate lights and despite the narrow roads some cyclists have a tendency to ride two or even three side by side. Advice and information is given where possible to encourage cyclists not to put themselves at risk but unfortunately there are those that still do, so drivers have to pay particular attention when travelling around the Dales.

Many thanks again, to all the people who reported suspicious persons and vehicles and other incidents. Your time is appreciated.

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News From The Bellerby Study Group

The Bellerby Study Group's autumn term continues on **Wednesday 7 October** with 'Caves of the Northern Dales' by Tony Harrison, which he will illustrate with plans and photographs. Tony has climbed and explored around the world since his teenage years, on several mountaineering and wildlife expeditions to the Arctic, Karakoram, Patagonia, Canada and many parts of Europe. He has caved extensively for 35 years, largely in the Pennines, but also on 8 expeditions to remote parts of China.

On **Wednesday 14 October** we will be taken on a 'Magical Mystery Tour of Old Richmond', conducted by Mike Wood. With a presentation of magic lantern slides, old photographic glass plates and old photographs and postcards, Mike will reveal the Richmond of times long past. He is a Master Fell monger, a local history enthusiast and an avid collector of old photographic images.

'Eight Hundred Years of Justice' on **Wednesday 21 October** is a history of the magistracy. Eric Londesborough will give a factual but humorous look at

the history of Justices of the Peace. Eric is a retired senior magistrate, retired schoolmaster and an official of the Vintage Motorcycle Club Ltd.

Bellerby Study Group meetings start at 7.30 pm and are held in the Memorial Hall, Church Street, Bellerby. Talks are followed by tea and cakes. Fees are £10 per term for members; visitors and guests are always welcome at £2 each per meeting.

For more information contact Douglas Dempster **01969 622040**.

Wensleydale Decorative And Fine Arts Society: Ravens to Totem Poles

The woodcarving artistic traditions of the north west coast First Nations in Canada will be explored including the arts of the Haida, Tlingit, Tsimshian, Coast Salish and Kwakwaka'wakw.

Jasleen Kandari is a textile and art historian of Asian art who spent two years as curator at the Museum of Anthropology at the University of British Columbia.

Wensleydale Decorative and Fine Arts Society lecture is on **Tuesday October 13th 2015** at 2.00pm at the Middleham Key Centre.

We welcome non- members to this lecture and to any future lectures of interest. Lectures are held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month from October to June at the Middleham Key Centre. The cost is £8 per lecture. It would be helpful to inform the Membership Secretary beforehand if possible, on **01765 635244** or by e-mail:

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Melbecks Parish Council August 2015

The Chair welcomed new District Councillor Richard Blows to the meeting.

Highways: There has been no reply regarding the wall/road where the inspection has previously taken place. The Clerk will write to Highways again to find out more information. It was also agreed to request that the cones be put back in place to prevent vehicles from parking there, or pulling over for other vehicles.

The Council has been advised that the cattle grid at Peat Gate would be cleared in the next 4 weeks (from 20/7/15) however it appears not to have been done yet. In addition, repairs to the wall at Lodge Green are due to be carried out in April 2016, and as a road closure will be required the winter months were being avoided.

Also the cattle grid in Gunnerside on the road heading towards Gunnerside Lodge, has been damaged and is in a dangerous state. Highways have already been contacted and they have painted the damaged cattle grid to highlight the danger to walkers/cars, however the Clerk was requested to write to Highways to find out when it will be repaired.

Cllr Blows had been contacted by a resident concerning the road to Blades and that in winter the blocked drains caused hazardous freezing water on the road. The Council noted that this has been discussed previously and would monitor over this winter. The Clerk will raise the following issues: the road/wall outside Gunnerside on B6270

heading towards Low Row; the beckside wall near Gunnerside Bridge; cattle grids at Peat Gate and Gunnerside.

Dog Waste bin: The Clerk advised that the dog waste bins would be delivered to RDC in the beginning of August, and will be installed as soon as possible after that, as long as the location is suitable. Cllr Blows offered to contact Sally Dixon at RDC to find out more regarding when this will be taking place.

Vacancy: As no requests were received for an election to be held to fill the casual vacancy, the Council agreed to invite Mr Andrew Silver to join the Parish Council as a co-opted member. The Clerk will write to Mr Silver

Richmondshire District Council: Cllr Blows offered his assistance in any matters and informed the Council that likely changes to waste collection will put more emphasis on recycling additional materials such as plastics and cardboard. More information will be available in the autumn.

Proposed Signing and Lighting work, B6270, Gunnerside: The Council noted that a resident of Gunnerside has raised concerns about damage to their house, which was being caused by vehicles passing too close. Highways have proposed installing an additional warning sign, 'Road narrows on left' to

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be sited above the existing 'Pedestrians in Road Ahead' warning sign. In addition an 'Edge of Carriageway white line' is proposed to be laid on the southern side of the road adjacent to the first row of properties. The Clerk was requested to write to Highways to confirm that the Council is in favour of this work going ahead and has no objections.

Planning application: Scott Trial, Arkengarthdale, Gunnerside and Reeth Moors: Granted. Gunnarsgill Hall, Gunnerside: Granted. Birds Nest, Blades, Low Row: The Council raised no objections or comments. Punch Bowl Inn, Low Row: The Council raised no objections or comments. Brockma Gill East, Morley Gate, Low Row: The Council raised no objections or comments.

Yorkshire Dales Local Plan: The Council was advised that the Yorkshire Dales Local Plan 2015-2030 is available to inspect at Reeth Community Office or at www.yorkshiredales.org.uk/local-plan and that representations about the plan can be made up to 14th September 2015.

North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority: The Council noted that a consultation is taking place over the summer, about proposals for changes to the way the Fire and Rescue Service organises some of its resources for responses to fires and other emergencies. Cllr Blows advised that he

will be attending a meeting with the Fire Authority in September to clarify details. It appears that there will be no change to services in Richmondshire, however concerns will be raised as to how changes to other areas may affect services in this area

Pipeline works: The point was raised that following the works to upgrade the water pipeline, this work has left a great deal of pipework underground on the site of the bonfire, which means that the bonfire will not be able to take place on that site. It was felt that local people had not made fully aware of the implications of this work. Unfortunately now that the work is complete there is nothing that can be done about this, and the bonfire will either not go ahead or have to be relocated

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	10.30 am	Reeth Methodist	<i>Harvest Festival</i>
	11.00 am	St. Edmund's, Marske	<i>Harvest Festival</i>
	11.00 am	Holy Trinity Low Row	<i>Eucharist</i>
	11.00 am	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	<i>Harvest Festival</i>
	6.00 pm	St. Andrew's Grinton	<i>Evening Prayer BCP</i>
	6.30 pm	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	<i>Harvest Festival</i>
	6.30 pm	Gunnerside Methodist	<i>Harvest Festival</i>
11 th Oct.	9.30 am	St. Andrew's Grinton	<i>Eucharist</i>
	9.30 am	St Michael's Downholme	<i>Morning Prayer</i>
	10.30 am	Low Row URC	<i>Harvest Festival</i>
	10.30 am	Reeth Methodist	
	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>
	2.00 pm	Keld URC	
	6.30 pm	St. Mary's Muker	<i>Harvest Festival with Muker Silver Band</i>
	6.30 pm	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	

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	10.30 am	Reeth Methodist	
	11.00 am	Holy Trinity Low Row	<i>Eucharist</i>
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	6.30 pm	St. Mary's Arkengarthdale	<i>Evening Prayer BCP</i>
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25 th Oct.	8.00 am	Holy Trinity Low Row	<i>Holy Communion BCP</i>
	9.30 am	St. Andrew's Grinton	<i>Eucharist</i>
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We failed to recruit a coach for the Under 10s (We are still looking.) but our neighbours, Spennithorne, found themselves with insufficient numbers so we are fielding a joint team with roughly equal number from each club. They will play under Spennithorne but some home matches will be played at Reeth. We are also actively promoting Under 8s football with Simon Ackroyd and warmly welcome boys and girls aged 5+ for this enthusiastic squad.

It was very sad to lose our cricket team but it does mean that we start the season with the field in better condition than I have ever seen it. Many thanks go to William Whitehead, Trevor Brown, Steven Porter and others for all their work over the summer.

Our League ran into problems last season and it has to be admitted that one reason was that too much was left

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to one club. We have had a lot of support from the County FA and now have a new constitution and every club will have an equal voice on the League Management Committee. The County Chairman, Len Scott, has taken over as Chairman and I am supporting him as vice chair. There will inevitably be teething problems but we look forward to a good and harmonious season. The re-branded League is sponsored by Cecil M Yuill Ltd to whom we are very grateful. The League is still looking for a Futsal sponsor. We play indoor Futsal around Christmas but it is an expensive operation.

Finally, I would like to pay tribute to our outgoing Chairman, Steve Adams who did so much for the League.

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This month the sky contains a veritable feast of observation, including two meteor showers, another supermoon, a rare three planet conjunction and a comet becoming visible to the naked eye.

The first instalment of our astronomical buffet commences on the 1st, with a comet, C/2013 US10 Catalina, not the most inspiring name, which will gradually brighten until it reaches its closest approach to the sun in November. The comet can be found in the constellation of Virgo and will be visible before sunrise in the east and after sunset in the west, remember **DO NOT LOOK DIRECTLY AT THE SUN**.

On the 8th we have the Draconids meteor shower, this particular sight is best viewed in the early evening, though the moon may block out all but the brightest meteors, which will radiate from the constellation Draco, a circumpolar constellation that never sets and can only be seen from the northern hemisphere.



The moon is new on the 13th and full on the 27th with the final of the three supermoons occurring for this year.

The Orionid meteor shower peaks on the 21st and 22nd of October, producing approximately 20 meteors an hour from the direction of the constellation Orion. As the moon sets just after midnight on these dates any meteors will show up well in the darkened sky. Orion rises in the East just after midnight.

On the 28th we have a rare planetary conjunction of Mars, Venus and Jupiter all within a finger width of each other, rising in the early morning sky in an easterly direction.



So there you have it, a gourmet selection to satisfy your observing taste buds. Still hungry? Well, wait for December when we have the banquet of all meteor showers on one of the darkest nights of the year.

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Did You Know?

February 1865 is the only month in recorded history not to have a full moon.

Thank You

James and Jennifer Kendall would like to thank everyone for cards and kind wishes on the occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary; also to all who enquired, visited and helped, etc. during James' recent illness.

Many thanks also for the generous donations of £942.00 to Herriot Hospice Homecare; which, along with Gift Aid, came to the grand total of £1177.50. We, and Herriot Hospice Homecare, appreciate your support.

Fremington Village Hall

The Management Committee of Fremington Village Hall wish to acknowledge with grateful thanks a grant from Richmondshire District Council's Communities Opportunity Fund 2014-15 which has enabled us to make improvements to the facilities at the Hall, particularly in the kitchen and toilet areas. The Hall also has a smart new carpet.

Particular thanks are due to Samantha Coultish, RDC's Business and Community Support Officer, and District Councillor Richard Beal, for their help and support with the project.

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I have been inundated with questions about the 'free' upgrade to Windows 10. The most common being: "Should I?" and the second most common being: "How do I go back to Windows 7?" "Should I?"

Almost certainly yes BUT wait for a few months to do so. There is little to gain upgrading Windows 7 except to extend the life of your computer and the time you will receive updates, probably less of a question for Windows 8 or 8.1 users as Windows 10 is closely related.

"How do I go back to Windows 7?"

Well that rather depends. If you upgraded to Windows 10 less than 30 days ago simple Click START - go to SETTINGS then click on UPDATE & SECURITY and select RECOVERY. Use the Go back option. Once it is reverted to the old version remember to cancel your Windows 10 upgrade - right click on the upgrade icon at the bottom right of your screen, and select Check on the

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Status of your upgrade. When the window opens click on the hamburger icon at the top left and then cancel your upgrade. If you don't do this your computer will be upgraded to Windows 10 again.

If you upgraded more than 30 days ago the option to revert won't be there. The only option you have is to use a full backup of your system to restore it or reinstall from clean again.

"Why should I leave it for a while?"

I have come across numerous computers that have not upgraded properly and left them in a messed up state and also quite a few computers that are having problems with connecting to the internet - mostly wireless problems. In both cases it is wise to let Microsoft fix the problems and bugs in the upgrade process.

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“And how long should I wait?”

Microsoft started rolling out this upgrade in July and they say the free upgrade is going to be available for a year. So, as long as you do it before next July you should get it free. Personally I would leave it to April or May next year.

“What should I do before I upgrade?”

BACKUP YOUR SYSTEM - THINGS CAN GO WRONG. Both Windows 7 and Windows 8/8.1 have tools to back up your system completely. You will need to buy an external hard disk (a USB hard disk) The size will depend on how big your computer's hard disk is and how many files are on it. For most people 1Tb (or 1000Gb) is fine and a drive should cost around £45-£50.

Once you have the drive plug it into a USB socket. Click on **START**. In windows 7 type backup; in Windows 8/8.1 type **FILE HISTORY**). You should see “Backup and Restore” or “File History” appear - click on it. In the window that opens there is an option on the left to create a system image. Follow the instructions - choose your new hard disk as the place to back up and make sure you tick all the parts of

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your system to back up if some are unticked. Start the backup and make a cup of tea! In Windows 7 you also have the option to make a system repair disk - for which you need a blank CD.

Once you have a full backup you should be safe to upgrade to Windows 10 and have a method to get back if you need too.

If you have any questions drop me an email at:

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At 6.30pm on the same day is the Harvest Supper when the speaker is our minister Rev David Levell. Everyone is very welcome to drop in for refreshments in the morning or come to the supper and there is no charge for either event. It would help with catering if you could let us know if you would like to come to the supper either by ringing **01748-884759** or email: tracy@swaledale.org

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The new Wensleydale Concert Series started in September with a piano recital by the Polish pianist Alicja Fiderkeiwicz. There are number of other concerts coming up over the next few months (approximately bi monthly) the next one being at the end of November, a song recital by the Melicus Duo. For further details, visit: www.wensleydaleconcertseries.co.uk

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Hall furniture: The surplus tables and benches from the hall had now been sold and removed from the building.

Parish hall: The rent for the hall had been updated to £10 per hour or £25 for a half day. The clerk would try to establish ownership of items which needed to be removed from the premises.

Highways matters: District Coun Blows had followed up several points arising from the previous meeting, passing them on to Highways through Coun John Blackie. The faded white lines at the junction had been inspected and the repainting had been added to the schedule of works to be carried out soon.

There had been a further complaint about the state of the footpath over the bridge and the one from the village to the cemetery. A combination of uneven surfaces, narrow paths, overhanging trees and weed growth was making the paths dangerous, particularly for elderly pedestrians or those with pushchairs. These concerns will be passed on to Highways and to the householder concerned.

Footpaths: The slippery stepping stones had been reported to the National Park ranger by Coun Brown but there had been no response to date.

Winter maintenance: As part of the effort to make savings throughout the authority, North Yorkshire County Council had assessed the usefulness of grit supplies across the area and

planned to remove those which were not seen as high priority unless the town or parish council concerned was prepared to pay for their continued upkeep. Councillors asked for clarification of which local bins or piles were likely to be affected as there were discrepancies between the written description and the marked plan which had been supplied. It was understood that Coun John Blackie was challenging the policy.

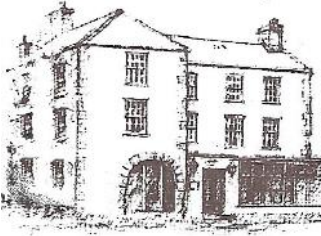
Local Plan: Coun Brown reported that the Yorkshire Dales Local Plan for 2015 - 2030 had been ratified and would be made public very shortly.

Fire and Rescue service: Councillors and the general public were encouraged to look at the review of services on www.northyorkshire.gov.uk and to make their views known on proposed changes to the fire and rescue services across the wider region which could have a knock-on effect on emergency cover in the dales.

Commons registration: Coun Coates had looked into situation regarding the two pieces of land in the parish which had been wrongly registered when the scheme was first established in 1965. For the first time since the original plans were drawn up it was now possible to make amendments but deregistration of the land concerned would be very expensive even though it was to correct a historic mistake. The clerk would contact the owners of the land to explain the situation and the council would send letters of support for deregistration if required.

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We hope you'll agree that this is an interesting and innovative way of showing our appreciation for all that the local community does for the Gazette. Without you all, we wouldn't exist and if we can help to enrich the life of the two dales by supporting some of the wonderful groups and charities that exist here, that has to be good.

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On **Saturday, November 7**, from 1pm to 3.30pm, we will be running a drop-in family history Computer Club in Hudson House, Reeth, suitable for everyone from complete beginners to more experienced researchers who would like to pick up some fresh ideas. If you have a wifi enabled laptop bring it along or use one of desk top computers. Stay as long as you like - no need to book. Group members are on hand to help you get started: £3 for the first two hours, then £1 per hour.

Non-members are very welcome at all events. For further details, phone **0743 2677783**; or e-mail: moverley.yorkshire@outlook.com.

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Reeth Community Orchard Group

As mentioned in last year's report, the striking sculpture named 'Re:Cycling' certainly did attract attention and many enthusiastic and favourable comments. Our Orchard notelets featuring two images of the huge shiny sculpture of Allium seed heads are selling well.

Back in 2014 the Museum Tea Party was a great success again, and we had lots of local help with Apple Picking Day which is really appreciated. Apple Day in October lacked 'customers' for our apple pressing service but we made a respectable profit from apple sales.

In March '15 the Winter Pruning Workshop attracted 6 working visitors, some travelling from as far as Osmotherley. All showed great enthusiasm and admiration for the Orchard.

By April, the fallen wall had been repaired leaving gaps in the planting so we went to Breezy Knees to plant hunt. We only managed 2 suitable plants: a double white Campanula and a green and white Scrophularia auriculata to lighten that end of the Woodland Border. We found a lovely yellow Philadelphus aurea elsewhere.

At the end of April, Phoenix House 'Blokes' helped us for a morning, cutting ivy, lifting and splitting tough perennials and scarifying the lawn in double quick time. On 29th May the Plant Sale went well making a good profit.

Unfortunately our 'Friends' support has fallen to 4 paying households and so we have decided that this will be our

final Newsletter. Also we have sadly lost two very good friends and working members in Gordan Westerdale and Alan Millen.

On a brighter note, Sarah led the local cubs in their Community Help Project to clean the benches and plant sunflowers. We welcomed Jane Davies to the AGM and were delighted with her offer of help when she can. Two more local ladies have joined the workforce recently so things are looking up.

Apple Day 2015

Apple Day will be held in the Orchard on Friday 30th October from 10.00am. There will be lots of eating and baking apples for sale, apple identification, children's activities and apple pressing.

You may bring your own apples to press, help press ours or buy ready pressed juice. If pressing your own, it is better to first freeze chopped apples (walnut size; retain the skin and core but cut out bruising) and take out the day before. This gives maximum juice easily. It is pure and delicious. A mix of eating and baking apples is best. Bring containers to take home. The juice will keep in the fridge for a few days and can be frozen. **Gill Hayes**



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Grinton Bell Appeal

After only six months, the total raised so far to add two extra bells into the tower at St Andrew's Church Grinton and for essential maintenance has reached £17,000 out of a total required of £25,000. The District Church Council and the bellringers would like to extend thanks to all those who have donated so far.

The project involves adding two bells into the existing frame of eight which was installed in 1926, but at that time only six bells were installed. Two bells will be used from St Mary's Richmond, one of the bells can be retuned to fit the Grinton peal and one will be recast.

Of course the Grinton project is intertwined with the appeal at St Mary's in Richmond to raise money to replace all the bells, but we understand that they are also well on the way to reach their target. We are hopeful that the new bells will be installed during 2016.

Anyone wishing to make a donation can leave it in the church in one of the special envelopes or can send it to John Wilkinson, Topside House, Marrick, DL11 7LQ. Cheques should be made payable to Grinton Church Council.

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The Children's Society

Nearly 25,000 teenagers in England were identified as being most at risk of abuse or neglect last year. These young people who suffer exploitation and face a future with little or no prospects are often labelled as difficult or troublesome.

For over five years, Jenny's step mum abused her in an awful way. Lit cigarettes and bleach were thrown in her face and she was beaten so hard that she ended up in hospital. Feeling unwanted and depressed, Jenny started to cut herself and take drugs and alcohol to numb the pain. But the pain didn't go away and Jenny became suicidal.

The Children's Society were able to reach out to Jenny and help change her life for the better. They gave her emergency accommodation and put her in regular contact with Juliet, someone Jenny describes as 'the best counsellor ever.'

"My friends see a difference in me since I started coming to the Children's Society. They're good people and it's like a family here. This is my family." Jenny, 16.

The Society relies heavily on voluntary contributions for its work. One way money is collected is by a volunteer becoming a Children's Society Box Holder. Each year house boxes

raise over £2million - that is enough to cover at least four projects' running costs for an entire year.

It is now time for the annual opening of our boxes so there will be a tea party at the Vicarage, Reeth on **Wednesday 14th October from 2.00 pm - 4.30 pm** when the money will be counted. If it's not possible for you to come that afternoon you may leave your box at the Vicarage in advance or contact Pauline Oldershaw on 886790 for other arrangements to be made. If you are not a box holder, but would like to join us for a cup of tea, you are very welcome.

£50 raised that afternoon would provide basic provisions including warm clothes, toiletries and a blanket for five homeless young people. Further details of the Society's work may be found on www.childrenssociety.org.uk/ or contact Pauline Oldershaw (886790) if you would like to become a box holder.

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But what a lot of people maybe don't realise is that it's a 52 week a year operation (though we probably don't do too much over Christmas week). You can count on one hand the number of people who are paid for working on the Festival. But there is a "behind the scenes" team of volunteers doing stuff that goes on all year round.

These volunteers have a specific remit, such as looking after the finances, organising the volunteers, handling marketing and publicity,

manning the box office, organising stewards, looking after the Friends of the Festival, and arranging education and outreach to take Festival activities to schools and to people who can't get to events.

We'd love to have more "year round" volunteers who can play a part in organising and planning, fund-raising, seeking sponsors, organising volunteers and a plethora of other essential jobs.

What would you get out of it? Interesting activities, a bit of brain stimulation, the company of like-minded individuals, a lot of fun and above all the warm glow of satisfaction that comes from seeing the results of your efforts very clearly each year and knowing you are helping an event which brings pleasure to many, both locals and visitors, and income to the dales.

If you'd like to find out more about being involved in the Festival, do get in touch with me and we can discuss how we can tap into your talents.

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- 17th Martin Carthy & Dave Swarbrick, Reeth Memorial Hall. 8.00pm
- 24th Film in Gunnerside Village Hall, *Hundred Foot Journey*. 7.30pm
- 30th Apple Day. Community Orchard.
- 30th Vin Garbutt Reeth Memorial Hall. 8.00pm
- 30th Dominos & Whist, Low Row
- 31st Table Top Sale, Reeth Memorial Hall. 10.00am

November

- 6th Domino & Whist Drive, Muker Public Hall. 7.30pm
- 6th Ceilidh with Lorna Kitchin, Reeth Memorial Hall. 8.00pm
- 21st Film in Gunnerside Village Hall, *A Little Chaos*. 7.30pm
- 21st Tams & Coope, Reeth Memorial Hall. 8.00pm
- 28th Swale Singers concert, St Mary's Church, Arkengarthdale.

December

- 4th North Country Theatre, *The Gift of Stones*, Reeth Memorial Hall. 7.30pm
- 5th North Country Theatre, *The Gift of Stones*, Reeth Memorial Hall. 7.30pm
- 11th Dominos & Whist, Low Row
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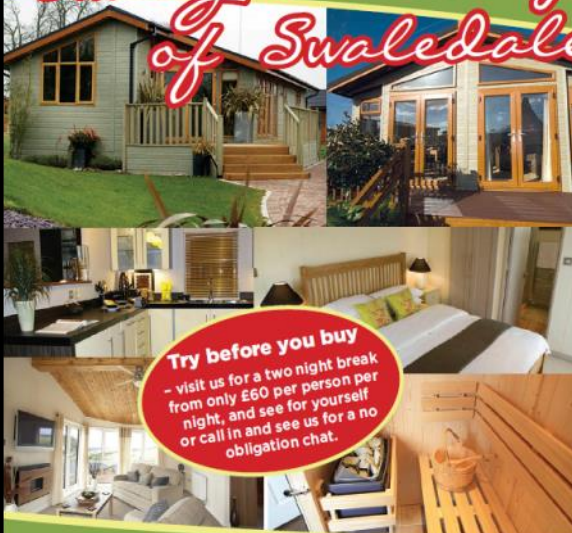
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