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for the Two Dales.*

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First Thoughts . . .

April 1st. You know what that means don't you? Exactly two months to go before Bruce Springsteen's *The River Tour* flows into Hampden Park, Glasgow. In case you are wondering, yes, we will be there. I don't expect Bruce will have time to give an interview for *The Gazette*, but you never know.

Neither do I expect that he will play a musical tribute to Johnny 'Fingers' Malone, as he did for both David Bowie and Glen Frey when they passed away. Indeed, amongst all the media attention given to musicians who have gone to that great gig in the sky recently, scant attention has been given to the passing away of Johnny Malone. By his name, you might think Johnny was a gangster, but in fact he was one of the most sought after session pianists of the 60s and 70s - and he hails from Arkengarthdale. You can read more about him on page 21.

Anyway, let's get political. Which way are you going to vote on June 23rd? The question is simple: "Should the United Kingdom remain a member of the European Union or leave the European Union?" And it requires a simple yes or no answer. But actually deciding on the best answer is anything but simple. In the coming weeks, no doubt we will be bombarded with facts - or should that be *political opinions masquerading as facts?* - as spokespeople from both sides will try to persuade us on the best course of action.

So, does anyone out there have the answer? Stupid question really because probably half of you will say 'Yes' and

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the other half will say 'No' and we still won't have a clue. But, let us have your thoughts on the question - preferably keeping them brief - and we'll see if we can get a balance of opinions.

Here's a thought though: If you live with someone and they are intending to vote 'No' while your intention is to vote 'Yes', is there any point in you going out to vote as your votes will just cancel each other out?

Just throwing a pebble into the pond.

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If . . .

it's not fair to be punished for something you haven't done, why was I told off for not doing my homework?

Gazette Deadlines

The deadlines for the next two months are:

May issue: April 10th

June issue: May 10th

PLEASE NOTE: We cannot guarantee that items submitted close to the deadline date will be included.

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Letter To The Editor

Grumpy

More and more things seem to bring out my inner Victor Meldrew:

- People who insist on calling hens "chickens" or who say "two times" instead of twice.
- Cyclists.
- Walkers who cannot follow footpaths and wander about on farmland as though they have some god given right.

And when did shoelaces become twice as long as they need to be and made of the slippiest material that will not stay fastened?

But worst of all, the Reeth Gazette spelling my surname incorrectly.

Martin SuNDERland

[It could have been worse: He might have been called Newcastle.]

PS

On a more serious note, I was very saddened to find that the Poppy Appeal notice on the Reeth Notice board had been vandalised by what appears to be a stanley knife or similar. Why this particular notice was singled out I have no idea but I know that this is not the first time that similar damage has been caused to items on the notice board, which indicates that the culprit is a local resident and, perhaps more worryingly, that someone is wandering

around Reeth carrying an offensive weapon.

Sounds like a job for the police - it's not the first time this has happened. Hands up if you think they will do anything about it.

The Phantom Dambuster

Quite often when I walk down to the Swing Bridge, I find that someone has diverted a small trickle of water from its natural course into a field, so that it runs down the footpath towards the river.

This has the effect of making the footpath very muddy after heavy rainfall. Worse still, in a cold spell the water freezes and the footpath becomes very treacherous indeed.

Whenever I find that the water has been diverted down the path, I dam it up so that it reverts to its natural course; and I have spoken to other walkers who do likewise. But before long, I find that The Phantom Dambuster has been at work and that the footpath is wet and muddy once more.

It is a mystery to me, and others, as to why this person is compelled to make sure the water runs down the footpath, but whoever you are, please stop this anti-social behaviour. Use your time more purposefully and join the National Park Volunteers.

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As a visitor and walker to your area for many years I would like to point out that many areas would be deserted were it not for the many tourists and walkers who arrive every year and so every effort should be made to welcome and provide for us

The damage done to farmland is far greater by the farmers themselves than by the walkers. Fields and lanes are churned up by tractors leaving mud and manure on the roads which they rarely think to clean up; they may not leave litter but they do leave many eyesores strewn about the countryside.

A Walker

Swaledale Cub Scout Steven Allison came away with second place and a trophy from the North Yorkshire Cross Country Championships at Thirsk recently.

The lack of early morning gritting by the highway authority of the roads in the Dale, particularly the hills during the past winter was brought to the attention of Arkengarthdale Parish Council. This has caused problems for early morning school buses and people going out of the Dale.

Residents in Langthwaite are hoping to receive backing for a plan to create a new footpath on the High Green for the safety of children attending the local school. Because waiting for the

NYCC Highways to provide for the path in its budgets would take too long the local Parish Council has decided to contribute towards the work, as they do not wish to wait for someone to be injured before action is taken.

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We have 7 teams in the league and they all would be happy to welcome new recruits. The teams play at The Buck & Black Bull in Reeth, The Punch Bowl in Low Row, The Red Lion & CB Inns in Langthwaite. If you ask in the pub they will be put in touch with the team's captain.

If you would like to try it out:

The CB practise every Sunday evening after 6.00pm from mid April. (Contact John Watkins 884156)

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- 2 Casanova, energetic person
- 3 Nigel Farage, never mind
- 4 Muddy Waters, legendary Bluesman
- 5 Gregory Peck, truck driver
- 6 Stan Cullimore, a Housemartin from Hull
- 7 Russell Crowe, a water diviner
- 8 Julian Lennon, John's boy
- 9 Hugh Hefner, rabbit fancier
- 10 Roberto Carlos, footballer with bendy balls
- 11 Septimius Severus, Roman, holidayed in Britain
- 12 David Cassidy, a partridge
- 13 Guy Fawkes, a guy
- 14 Ritchie Blackmore, a purple rainbow
- 15 Emma Watson, potty actress
- 16 Dusty Springfield, liked sons of preachers
- 17 Marguerite Bourgeoys, invented nuns
- 18 Lucretia Borgia, murderous daughter of a pope
- 19 Dudley Moore, not only
- 20 Trust me, you really do not want to know
- 21 Charlotte Bronte, wrote a book
- 22 George Cole, dodgy dealer
- 23 Roy Orbison, a big letter of the alphabet
- 24 Jean Paul Gaultier, made dresses
- 25 Guglielmo Marconi, invented pasta
- 26 Ma Rainey, Mother of the Blues
- 27 Samuel Morse, . . . - - . . . - - .
- 28 Penélope Cruz, phew.
- 29 Willie Nelson, his dad was an Admiral
- 30 Kirsten Dunst, likes spiders and playing tennis

Reeth Gazette Community Chest

This month's recipient is **Swaledale Mountain Rescue Team**. Here's what they have to say:

Swaledale Mountain Rescue Team is a registered charity (formed in 1968) providing mountain and cave rescue services within Swaledale and Wensleydale.

The group is made up of a team of highly trained volunteers who are available to be called out for a variety of land based search and rescue operations, any time day or night. The team also has a qualified search dog and two more under training, and we have a team of Swift and Flood Water technicians who are capable of doing in-water rescues.

We have just over 40 full team members and up to 10 probationer members at any one time. The time commitment to be a team member is high - we train on the last Sunday of every month as well as spending most Wednesday evenings on training and equipment maintenance. Team members also provide safety cover at a number of outdoor events in our area throughout the year. We do this to support the continuing success of these activities and also to raise money for team funds. This is additional to the time we spend responding to call outs. We generally get called to between 30 -40 incidents per year.

It costs us around £30,000 a year to cover our operational costs. We receive no statutory funding so have to raise the money to cover these costs from our own fundraising efforts and from donations. We also have special appeals to raise money to replace large items of equipment. We are extremely grateful for the support we receive from many individuals and businesses across our area.

Jill Armstrong

[See Page 10 for their monthly report.]



If you'd like your group to benefit, just email the editor@reethgazette.co.uk with a little bit about what it does. The management board of the Gazette will select one group each month to receive a donation. If yours is selected, you'll be asked to write an article of 300-400 words to appear in the Gazette, about how your organisation contributes to the life of the two dales.

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Fundraising news:

After 5 years of service our trusty waterproofs have finally started to leak. We are starting our campaign to raise £20,000 to replace 40 sets of jackets and trousers. '£20,000?' I hear you ask. Yes, £500 per team member: £200 for sallopettes and £300 for a jacket, this



includes reflective stripes, team badge etc. So a mammoth task for the team.

To kick it off, a huge thanks to the Farmers Arms, Muker for raising £322.89 at the last pub quiz. Only £19,677.11 to go.

If you would like to help please contact Jill 01748 886807; email secretary@swaledalemrt.org.uk; or visit our Facebook page.

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.

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.

DON'T FORGET IF YOU NEED MOUNTAIN OR CAVE RESCUE, call the POLICE on 999. They will call us & an ambulance (if required).

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If you are interested in being part of this show, then please attend a meeting at the **Buck Inn at 7.30pm on Monday April 11th.**

Also if you have any requests for repeated sketches then please ring **880110 or 880162.**

Jenny Curtis

Wensleydale Concert Series

We are proud to welcome the Northern Camerata (a Durham based string orchestra) to play a charity fundraising concert. It will be an evening of beautiful English strings music at Aysgarth Church on Saturday 14th May at 7.30pm. Also included in the programme are two works for cello and orchestra performed by cellist Corinne Morris who gave such a memorable recital last May. It is good to welcome her back to Wensleydale. Full details and tickets are available at: www.wensleydaleconcertseries.co.uk

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Geoffrey Hope's new face mask is now in situ next to the donation box bringing a smile to our faces as we leave the garden. Michael Kutz's sculpture, commissioned for the Tour de France, has attracted much visitor interest during the winter months.

We look forward to a further visit of the Phoenix House (Help For Heroes) group on the morning of the 19th April. These volunteers are based in Catterick and will assist in the splitting of established perennials and undertake other heavy tasks. The working party take a welcome break for coffee and scones baked by Fiona of Overton House Cafe.

Have you seen our recruitment posters displayed around the villages? Designed by Pat Walton, we hope they

will inspire you to join our group on Saturday mornings from 10.30am.

Garden Tip

Apply Slug Drench to Hostas as soon as the crown tips appear. We found this treatment very effective last season.

Date for the Diary

John Beckett (Northern Fruit Group) has kindly offered to lead an Apple Pruning Workshop on Saturday 2nd April. Meet at the Orchard at 10.30am. Coffee and biscuits will be served. We look forward to seeing you there.

Yvonne Howard

Swaledale's Butterflies Need You

Are you interested in butterfly conservation and wildlife in Swaledale? The Yorkshire Wildlife Trust are looking to recruit and train a small team of local volunteers to carry out butterfly surveys on their nature reserve near Muker: Yellands Meadow.

Training is being offered with the aim of starting to survey the reserve weekly throughout the summer. If you think you would enjoy an easy stroll through a beautiful meadow on a pleasant summer's day counting these amazing creatures then please get in touch with Tove Hubbard or Laura Watson:

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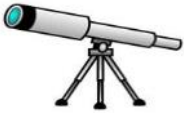
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Astronomy in the Two Dales

This month we see the return of the meteor shower to our hopefully clear skies. The Lyrids peak on the nights of the 22nd and 23rd of April, however our view will be spoiled by the moon, which is at its new on the 7th and full on the 22nd, so only the brightest meteors will be visible. We can hope for some large ones, though nothing like the one that exploded over the North Atlantic in February, if you do not mind.

The planetary display in the early morning has finally dissipated: we are left with Mars and Saturn visible before dawn in the southern sky, while Jupiter can be seen in the south eastern sky before sunset.

On the subject of planets, the hunt for Planet 9 goes on, with a French team analysing the data from the Cassini probe orbiting Saturn in an attempt to find any possible disturbance in the probes orbit or any effect on Saturn itself, and they have presented their results which show where Planet 9 is not and also where it could be. If they are right, this elusive

object is in the vicinity of the constellation of Pisces and therefore "visible" from the northern hemisphere. I say "visible" as this thing is as bright as a lump of coal in a lead mine.

Finally, Disgruntled of Reeth, the only way for us to improve the weather of late is to increase the "offerings" to HE who has no name. What form this may take is up to you, however tourist season approaches and I am sure a few will not be missed.

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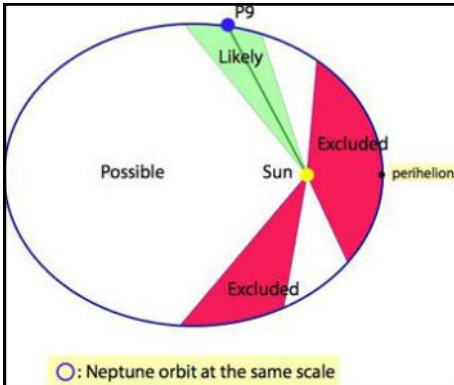
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Fri 15 Apr - 5.00 pm & 7.30 pm - **The Dressmaker** (12A) 1hr 58m.

Fri 22 Apr - 5.00 pm & 7.30 pm - **A Walk in the Woods** (15) 1hr 44m.

Fri 29 Apr - 5.00 pm & 7.30 pm - **Brooklyn** (12A) 1hr 51m.

Films to Look Forward to: Star Wars, In the Heart of the Sea, The Revenant, The Danish Girl, Room, Dad's Army, Trumbo, Spotlight, Eddie the Eagle.

E V E N T S

Sat 02 Apr at 2.00 pm **Frozen Singalong** PG, 1 hr 42m. Adult £5, Child £2.50.

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Tickets at £5 each can be obtained from Reeth Post Office, Band and Choir members or on the door. Light refreshments will be served in the interval.

Proceeds from the concert will be shared between the Church, Band and Choir. Please come along and support these worthy causes.

Further Band performances in May and June are listed below.

- 15th May - Ripon Races 1.00pm.
- 7th June - Swaledale Festival Concert, St. Mary's Church, Richmond 7.30pm.
- 11th June - Eggleston Gala 1.00pm.
- 12th June - Queen's 90th Birthday Celebrations, Reeth - to be confirmed.
- 18th June - Women's Institute Charity Concert and Tea, St. Mary's Church, Richmond 3.00pm.

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So far, the number of referrals to the district nursing team has fallen by two-thirds in the three months, which has enabled the district nursing team to provide new services both at the practice and in the community. For example, three of our patients have now had antibiotics into a drip at home, saving over 14 weeks' worth of hospital bed stays. This has benefitted the Friarage over winter as well as allowing us to use the financial savings to work on other community health projects. All in all a win-win.

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Let's Get Lyrical

It's a rollover!

No-one got all of the answers right to last month's challenge, so the £5.00 donation to a charity of the winner's choice is rolled over to this month. The prize fund now stands at a whopping £10.00.

Last month's answers are:

1. Mull of Kintyre - Wings
2. Candle in the Wind - Elton John
3. Bohemian Rhapsody - Queen
4. You're the One That I Want - John Travolta & Olivia Newton-John
5. Do They Know It's Christmas? - Band Aid

They are the top five best-selling singles of all time in the UK. In order of approximate sales it's:

1. Candle in the Wind - 4,920,000
2. Do They Know? - 3,780,000
3. Bohemian Rhapsody - 2,440,000
4. Mull of Kintyre - 2,080,000
5. You're the One - 2,050,000

For this month, these lyrics are the first lines from some of the top-selling singles of the Sixties, so none of them are by Bruce Springsteen as he hadn't been invented - well, not quite. By way of a tie-breaker, put them in chronological order. And remember: internet use is not allowed.

1. I think I'm gonna be sad I think it's today
2. I live in an apartment on the 99th floor of my block
3. I know you've deceived me now here's a surprise
4. Dirty old river must you keep rolling flowing into the night
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Johnny 'Fingers' Malone

Born in Arkle Town in 1935, Johnny was the only child of Martha Malone who never revealed the identity of his father. Like the influential American jazz pianist Hampton Barnett, Johnny was born with six fingers on each hand; but it wasn't until he started school that he became aware of his polydactylism. 'Show us your fingers Malone,' was a frequent taunt in the playground.

Shy by nature, Johnny found refuge in music and from a very early age was playing the old piano which had been left in the living room of their tiny cottage by a previous tenant. His mother, now in her late 90s, was a piano player herself and remembers that she only had to play a tune once and Johnny was able to play it from memory, note-perfect.

Johnny's amazing ability won him a scholarship to London's Royal College of Music to study the piano and Martha decided to move down to London with Johnny so that she could look after him.

Sadly, Johnny never felt inclined to return to Arkengarthdale: 'Growing up in the dales as a fatherless freak gave me nothing but unhappy memories,' Johnny once commented. 'I was glad to get away and never wanted to return.'

In London, Johnny flourished and graduated from the RCM with flying colours. Although his training was as a classical pianist, it was the raucous new music coming in from America that grabbed Johnny: rock and roll.

He started off playing in the pubs and clubs of London, earning a modest

living, but it was with the explosion of pop music in the Sixties that Johnny's career took off. Johnny had never enjoyed playing live but in the recording studio he was instantly at home. It wasn't long before his reputation as a session musician meant that his services were in constant demand.

Unfortunately for the researcher, Johnny was rarely given a credit on a recording: he came in and played his bit - job done and onto the next session. Interviewed shortly before his death, Johnny said that he had no idea how many of the hits of the 60s and 70s he had played on, although he would often hear a song on the radio and recognise his own piano playing. But he is in no doubt which is his favourite: 'Music by John Miles,' he said. 'I was proud of the piano part I played on that and the lyrics sum up my life perfectly: *To live without my music, would be impossible to do. In this world of troubles, my music pulls me through.*'

Johnny's long time partner, Frankie Shapiro, thinks it scandalous that Johnny never received the recognition he deserved and has started a campaign to have Johnny inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame. Two of the biggest names in British music have already given their support: Sir Elton John and Sir Paul McCartney; so Alan is hopeful that it is only a matter of time before Johnny is inducted. 'After all,' said Alan, 'Jann Wenner is in there and who has heard of him?'

And if Johnny is inducted, then surely there should be a blue plaque on the cottage he was born in - if anyone knows which one it is.

RIP Johnny. A true unsung legend.

**Reeth Memorial Hall
Events**

Friday 1st April: Johnny Cash Revisited with Rick McKay & Starkville City. An unmissable journey spanning 5 decades of music from the 'Man in Black.' 'I would recommend this show to anyone from die hard old Johnny Cash fans to newcomers who want to hear the real deal' (Dave Roe, bassist - Johnny Cash & the Tennessee Three.) See www.johnnycashrevisited.com - Tickets £12 (door £14).

Saturday 9th April: Hannah James - Jig Doll. This beautiful new show explores the life of the travelling player: sometimes exotic, sometimes frightening, it's a world where home changes daily, and the only touchstones are the skills you carry with you, and the people you meet on the way. 'Hannah James is a wonderfully talented young singer, clog dancer and accordion player. She is set for great things.' (Maddy Prior) - see <http://jigdoll.co.uk/> - Tickets £10 (door £12)

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February

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| 1st | 85 | Hilda Urwin |
| 2nd | 71 | Kath Monks |
| 3rd | 56 | Keith Webster |
| 4th | 234 | Chris Hardwick |

March

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| 1st | 147 | Paul Longden |
| 2nd | 128 | Richard Keyse |
| 3rd | 108 | Gordon Walker |
| 4th | 235 | Chris Hardwick |

Thank you to everyone who supports the 300 Club. All profits raised go towards running costs of the Community Sports Club.

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"I knew he was joking," Paul told *The Gazette*, "but he started me thinking. After all, the fields do seem to be underwater more often than not. So one evening, I started to google rice growing."

Paul found out that he would have to do little to prepare the soil itself other than ploughing and harrowing; but cultivated rice is extremely sensitive to water shortages and most rice farmers aim to maintain flooded conditions in their field. Because of prolonged flooding in rice fields, farmers are able to conserve soil organic matter and also receive free input of nitrogen from biological sources, which means they need little

or no nitrogen fertilizer to retain yields. The problem for Paul was how to maintain a flooded field.

"Actually, the solution was far simpler than I thought it might be," explains Paul. "A friend of mine, who is an engineer, suggested that all I needed to do was dig channels from the river into the field and then use sluice gates to control the flow of water into and out of the field and built me a working model to show how this could be done." The method means that Paul will be able to maintain a flooded field, even after the flood waters have dropped down; but also it will enable him to drain any excess water before removing the rice for harvesting.

Clearly both the National Parks and the Water Authority had to be consulted on these plans but Paul received a lot of help from BRA, the British Ricegrowers Association. "I can't emphasise just how much support I have had from BRA," says Paul. "They have helped me with a business plan; in putting together a planning application; in sourcing funding for the project; and with where I can hire the machinery to harvest the crop." All that Paul is waiting for now is final planning permission from the National Parks, but he has been told that everything has been okayed and that it is just a matter of rubber stamping the papers.

So, a tongue-in-cheek comment has led to what is one of the more unusual farming diversifications the dale has seen; but if it is successful for Paul, it could lead to others following suit. So what advice does Paul have for those who might want to grow rice? "Just google BRA," says Paul. "You will find all the advice you need."

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The school opened a new before and after-school care facility in the New

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Future plans include further developing focused visits between our two link schools for joint activities, such as Forest School (in our 'third classroom' in the great outdoors), team teaching of classes across both schools and sporting events. In order to promote these shared experiences, we hope to purchase a minibus so that pupils can readily access both sites.

Finally, a reminder that after Easter we will be holding more of our popular 'Tales in the Tepee' events, so keep a look out on our website for dates:

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Helen Ring, Headteacher

Defibrillator Training Course

There is going to be a defibrillator training course in Gunnerside Village Hall on **Saturday 9th April** starting at 10.00am. This course is open to anyone who would like to brush up on their knowledge or learn about defibrillator use and maybe save someone's life.

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The World According To Giddy

I am a miniature wire haired dachshund. My mum says I am a right little madam but she loves me really. I am 2 years old and I have just had a birthday party at the Bridge for my 2 and 4 footed friends. I got some lovely presents and Mum got a cake that was suitable for everyone to eat. I had a super time and was so exhausted by the time I got home that I collapsed in front of the fire and Mum had to carry me up to bed.

I get up at 5.00am, which I don't really like as I get chucked outside along with 23 year old Skitty. She is a cat and gets star treatment. It is all about us pets in our household. Sometimes I think Dad gets jealous. My other friends are Rolo and Thunder, both cats but I keep them in their place.

I had a wonderful day today as I chased a turkey; although Mum said it was a pheasant. I didn't catch it but I did catch a rabbit. I chased it around all over the place. When Rolo and Thunder came out to see what was going on, they pinched the beggar and disappeared off. How rude was that?

The cats have a cat flap and guess what? I can get through it. Trouble is when Mum goes out, she has to lock it as I try to go out after her. I don't like being left behind on my own.

Some people say I am spoilt but I only get pampered and treated the way any little person of the Royal persuasion should be treated.

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	11.00 am	St. Edmund's, Marske	<i>Holy Communion & Baptism</i>
	11.00 am	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
	11.00 am	Holy Trinity Low Row	<i>Eucharist</i>
	6.00 pm	St. Andrew's Grinton	<i>Evening Prayer</i>
	6.30 pm	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
10th April	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	
	10.30 am	Reeth Methodist	<i>Family Service</i>
	11.00 am	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
	11.00 am	St. Edmund's, Marske	<i>Morning Prayer</i>
	11.15 am	St. Mary's Arkengarthdale	<i>Holy Communion BCP</i>
	6.00 pm	St. Mary's Muker	<i>Evening Prayer</i>
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Church Services April 2016

17th April	9.15 am	St. Mary's Muker	<i>Eucharist</i>
	10.30 am	Low Row URC	
	10.30 am	Reeth Methodist	
	11.00 am	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
	11.00 am	Holy Trinity Low Row	<i>Eucharist</i>
	11.00 am	St. Edmund's, Marske	<i>Holy Communion</i>
	2.00 pm	Keld URC	
	6.30 pm	St. Mary's Arkengarthdale	<i>Evening Prayer BCP</i>
	6.30 pm	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
24th April.	8.00 am	Holy Trinity Low Row	<i>Holy Communion BCP</i>
	9.30 am	St Michael's Downholme	<i>Holy Communion</i>
	9.30 am	St. Andrew's Grinton	<i>Eucharist</i>
	10.30 am	Low Row URC	
	10.30 am	Reeth Methodist	
	11.00 am	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
	11.00 am	St. Edmund's, Marske	<i>Holy Communion</i>
	11.15 am	St. Mary's Arkengarthdale	<i>Holy Communion BCP</i>
	6.30 pm	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
	6.30 pm	Gunnarside Methodist	

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Reeth and Gunnerside Schools News

Over the last few months pupils have been involved in an exciting entrepreneurial opportunity. As part of the Wensleydale Cluster of Schools, we were invited by the Rotary Club to take part in a competition to raise money for charity. Each school in the cluster was provided with a start up fund, with pupils given full control over the nature of the project. After much discussion, the children decided to design, make and sell Christmas Kits that were sold at the Christmas performances. Every item was sold and initial feedback was very positive.

In February, members of the School Council attended a presentation event along with other pupils from Bainbridge, Askrigg, West Burton, Hawes and Middleham Schools. Judges reported that the presentations were of a high standard and that deciding on a winner was a tough task. Our pupils were delighted with the decision that their project is the winner this year.

Together, the schools involved have raised £877.86 that will be donated to Friends of Mettupalayam Trust, a rural development project in South India. Thank you to everyone who supported the children's work.

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2Dales Action for Refugees Group

In the run up to Christmas residents of Swaledale and Arkengarthdale responded enthusiastically to an appeal by the newly formed 2Dales Action for Refugees Group to provide essential items for families resettled in the Tees valley.

The same group are now hoping to mobilise local support to organise a range of activities and new experiences to small groups of refugees, welcoming them to the dales in the summer months as a break from their current circumstances. In addition, the Mary Thompson Fund which provides financial support for refugees will hold its annual sponsored walk in Swaledale in July.

The organisers were delighted with the large turn out for a meeting in Reeth in February to hear speakers from the Stockton based Tees Valley of Sanctuary Group who work with refugees and asylum seekers in the Middlesbrough area.

Pete Widlinski who has worked with various refugee services since 1994 gave a helpful breakdown of some of the terminology involved and dealt with some of the common misapprehensions surrounding refugees and asylum seekers in the UK, particularly to do with the right to work and financial support.

Pete explained the thinking behind the Cities of Sanctuary scheme to create a culture of welcome for those fleeing in fear of their lives, working with many groups to help them integrate into local society as well as providing support and assistance in

navigating the asylum application procedure.

Adding a personal note, Susan Mansary, a journalist who had fled Sierra Leone after angering politicians by her campaign against FGM, spoke about her own very moving experiences and the tremendous support which she had received from charities and local groups in Stockton to work through the appeals process and begin a new life in the safety of Teesside.

Volunteer worker Simon Tate rounded off the meeting stressing the importance of empathy with those who had been forced to leave their homes and outlining some of his own experiences with helping them.

Anyone interested in helping in any way in the future to make refugees and asylum seekers welcome on short term activities in the area can contact the 2Dales Action for Refugees Group through Joan Graveson on 01748-886470 or email: giovanj@swaledale.org

Tracy Little

Annual Exhibition

The Annual Exhibition by members of Yoredale Art Club will be held in the Methodist Hall, Leyburn from **29th April to 2nd May**. 10.00am to 5.00pm daily; 12.00noon to 5.00pm on Sunday. There will be special Preview Evening on Thursday 28th April with light refreshments to which all are welcome. Free admission on all days.

Yoredale Art Club meet on Tuesday afternoons at Bellerby Village Hall 1.30pm to 4.00pm. Visitors and new members always welcome. For further details tel. **01748 824514**.

Judy Farrar



Computer Corner

With Carol Haynes of Dales Computer Services

iPad / iPhone Users Beware

I have had a number of people contact me over the last couple of months having managed to lock themselves out of their iPads. I thought it might be worth letting you know what happened and what is required to deal with this.

The problem arises if you have a pin code on your device and you either forget it or someone changes it without you knowing. (Yes it has happened.)

If you enter the wrong pin code a number of times initially you are told your device is disabled for a short time and then you can try again. If you continue to get it wrong the device simply displays a message saying it is disabled and you can no longer do anything.

For most people this is a reasonable security response - especially for business users who want to keep their data private but increasingly I am asked, 'Should I buy a tablet instead of a computer?' and this is where the problem lies.

If you lock yourself out of an Apple device the only way to get the device working again is to use a computer and use iTunes to recover the device. If you don't have a computer you will need to use a friend or colleagues computer but it must have the latest version of iTunes installed.

This is the procedure to get your device working again:

1. Plug the charging cable into your device - but leave the other end

loose for the moment

2. Press and hold the on/off switch and the Home button until the screen goes blank but keep hold of the home switch until an iTunes icon and a cable appear on the screen
3. Plug the other end of your cable into a computer USB socket - if iTunes is installed it should load automatically. If not start iTunes manually.
4. iTunes should say the device in recovery mode - use the wizard to recover your device.

Note this will wipe everything off the device and put it back to factory settings and you need to set it up again as a new device. If you have an iCloud backup you can restore your data from iCloud otherwise everything is lost.

Depending on your internet connection this procedure can take quite a long time.

A better solution to this is to keep a note of your pin code somewhere safe and don't let people play with your device unsupervised.

This problem doesn't really affect Android phone and tablet users as most devices can be restored to factory settings by pressing a combination of buttons on the device.

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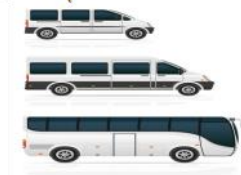
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The Swaledale Big Dig

Over the last three years our Heritage Lottery Funded project has dug fifty test pits across Fremington, Grinton and Reeth. We have made some exciting discoveries and learnt a lot about our local heritage.

Professor Carezza Lewis and Alan Mills will talk about what we have found and what it tells us about the development of our local villages on **Friday 15th April 2016, 7.30pm** in the Memorial Hall, Reeth. On the following day, Saturday 16th April, we will hold our final event; an Open Day, 10.00am - 4.00pm, again in the Memorial Hall, where displays will explain what we have done, what we have found and what it tells us. Members of SWAAG and our archaeologists will be on hand to explain further and answer questions.

Later in April or early May we will distribute a free booklet outlining the history of the area to every household in Fremington, Grinton and Reeth and make free copies widely available.

In addition to digging the test-pits to explore the development of the villages we have also been investigating the Grinton-Fremington Dyke system. These massive earthworks stretching across the dale are one of the more intriguing features of the landscape in our area. Even today, the origin of these structures remains uncertain with opinion divided between prehistoric and early medieval dates.

Last September as part of the Swaledale Big Dig we were privileged to be granted Scheduled Monument Consent (SMC) by Historic England, to

investigate a small part of the Dyke on Harkerside, which had become eroded. Buried within the bank structure we found several pieces of charcoal, five of which have been radiocarbon dated to the Bronze Age between 1300 BC and 1800 BC.

We need to be careful when interpreting these results. We cannot assume the Dykes were constructed in the Bronze Age because where we found the charcoal wasn't what archaeologists would describe as a "secure context". The charcoal could perhaps have remained in the environment for hundreds or even thousands of years before being incorporated in the bank during its construction at a later date.

Partly because of these relatively consistent radiocarbon dates, Historic England have granted us an amendment to our SMC and we hope to go back in March to see if we can uncover dateable material from a more secure context.

We might be able to say more at the April event above.

Alan Mills

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Message From The Swaledale Museum In Reeth

We are busy creating museum trails for children - so far we have produced:

- *Learning about Lead* - looking at its amazing properties and what it is used for. Did you know that many lipsticks contain lead?
- *Working Lead: Tools and Techniques* features our great set of flat sheet working tools made from beech wood.
- *In Search of Swaledale Sheep*, explores their key characteristics and the story of what Swaledale wool has been, and is still, used for.
- *Facts from Fragments* brings life to a welter of broken shards from local dumps.
- *Dressing up the Past (From Corsets to Clogs)* recreates what people wore in the Dale in the late 19th and early 20th century.
- *The Earliest People of the Dale* is based on our collection of flint and chert tools on loan to us from Tim Laurie.

We will produce a folded double-sided information A4 sheet plus pull out quiz for each subject. These will cost us 15p each, but we would like to make them free. Any individuals or local businesses who would like to donate £45 to produce 300 packs per subject - do get in touch. We would be delighted to include an acknowledgment of your generosity and your logo!

Thank you Mr Frank Banfield for donating a DVD of the life of Cherry Kearton. This 12 minute silent film is a

real treasure, and we will programme a special showing to celebrate its acquisition.

Some wonderful, intriguing and unusual questions for our 18th May quiz have been flooding in, so don't forget to come. We guarantee that you will discover something interesting. Prizes will be awarded.

The **revised Opening Times** for the Museum are:

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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.

Friends of the Museum annual membership (single £10, joint £15, family £20) gives unlimited free entry to the Museum, discount on talks, and our twice-yearly Newsletter.

For more information contact Helen Bainbridge:

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Watch out for new events on our website: www.swaledalemuseum.org

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I am working on organising a trip from Swaledale and Arkengarthdale, possibly in October Half Term.

A typical itinerary would be: Fly from Leeds/Bradford and arrive early afternoon, followed by a trip around the beautiful old town of Krakow; then a day at Auschwitz; then the next day a visit to the world famous salt mines - www.wieliczka-saltmine.com, then home.

I would recommend 4 days and then the scenes from Schindler's List, Schindler's factory (which is now a WW2 museum) and other important sites can be visited.

It is possible that a trip to Warsaw could be arranged too. Price TBC, but we paid under £400 for the last trip in November 2015 for 4 days, all-inclusive (flights, accommodation, meals and entry tickets).

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After a short business meeting, our speaker will be Geoffrey Hope from Reeth, on John Goodricke (a deaf, Dutch Yorkshire lad) – his life and legacy. Geoffrey will also tell us about The Goodricke Appeal, his York-based charity that helps deaf children in North Yorkshire.
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The original place of worship for these early Dissenters, who were not allowed by law to 'gather together' within five miles of an Anglican Church (the Five Mile Act) was provided by Philip, Lord Wharton, he of Bible fame. His family were Dissenting sympathisers and Philip gave the use of a shooting lodge up on the hillside above Low Row for the weekly worship.

It is in the remains of this building, with its magnificent views over the dale, that the annual service will be held at 6.30pm on Friday, April 29th. For those needing guidance up the hillside please meet at the car park on the main road at 600pm. The celebration concludes down in the present church with light refreshments. All are welcome.

This Commemoration Service has been held since the early 1930s and was then at the August Bank Holiday weekend. In the late 1980s, the then Minister, the Rev. Peter Poulter, suggested a change of date and the May Bank Holiday was chosen.

The celebrations continue on the Sunday in the current United Reformed Church building on the main road with a service at 10.30am conducted by the minister of the church, the Rev. Stephen Collinson and will be enhanced by the singing of the Parish Choir.

At the recent Church Meeting, it

was agreed that the fellowship would embark on a six-month challenge to raise money for mosquito nets for children in Kenya and the collection at that service will be for that cause. We look forward to welcoming old and new friends to these unique services.

Daphne Clarke

Wensleydale Decorative And Fine Arts Society

Our next lecture, *From Couch to Canvas: Artists and their Models* is on Tuesday **April 12th at 2.00pm** at the Middleham Key Centre.

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The lecture will be delivered by John Iddon. He studied at Cambridge University and is a lecturer and guide at Tate Britain and Tate Modern.

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 contact:

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Sat 2nd July: Flowers of Upper Swaledale Ramble 10:30 - 14:00 approx. Cost: £5.00

Sat 9th July: To the Source of The Swale Guided Walk 11:00 - 13:00 Cost: £3

Thursday 28th July: Kisdon Classic Circular Guided Walk. 11:00 This is a National Parks Event. Please contact Hudson House, Reeth. Tel: 01748 884485 for full details.

Sun 31st July: Lead Mines of Beldi Hill Guided Walk 11:00 - 15:30. Cost: £5.00.

Sun 21st August: Meet the Yorkshire Shepherdess & Guided Walk 13:30. Cost £8 including cream tea and lift from Keld to Ravneseat Farm.

Sun 28th August: Swinner Gill in the Footsteps of Ella Pontefract 11:00 - 15:30. Cost: £5.00

Saturday 10th September: A History of Lead Mining in Keld & Upper Swaledale. Time: 14:00 Venue: Keld Chapel. Free entry - donations to the Keld project & Keld Chapel appreciated.

Sat 12th November: Celebration Ceilidh at Keld Public Hall at 7.30 p.m. Dancing to live Ceilidh Band, Cobbler's Jig. Adult price: £15; concessions:

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**Upper Dales Family
History Group**

Instead of a speaker at the February meeting, members brought along their own research problems to share and documents to illustrate how they had overcome brick walls. Exhibits included a wide variety of certificates illustrating all kinds of problems and possibilities: death certificates which led to a search for a coroner's inquest; birth certificates which were much delayed until the parents had married; one birth not registered until the 'child' was fifty; marriage certificates with no father's name, and so on.

There was also a splendid Victorian family group photograph, newspaper reports of an accident and much sharing of family trees and identifying places on censuses.

The afternoon ended with a great deal of hilarity caused by a quiz on the old names of diseases found on death certificates.

The next meeting is at 2pm on Wednesday, April 27, at Harmby Village Hall when Jennifer Stacey will be speaking on 'A Family Foundling', the story of a foundling from the Thomas Coram Foundling Hospital in London who was sent up to Ackworth in Yorkshire.

For further details of all events & the worldwide email discussion group:

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Youth Club: Richie Bastow, Youth Development Worker for Richmondshire and Hambleton, attended the meeting to report back following his drop-in session for young people during the half term holiday. He had been contacted by one possible adult volunteer and the teenagers attending the drop-in had filled in a questionnaire on their interests. He now had a good idea of what sort of events would suit them best but more volunteers would be needed to make the group viable. The county Youth Service could help to get things going financially but there would be other ongoing running costs for which a contribution from the council would be welcome. Councillors will discuss this at a future meeting.

Carers Centre: Fiona Kaley gave a presentation on the work of the Hambleton and Richmondshire Carers Centre based in Northallerton and explained the support it could give, either in person or by phone or email, to carers of all ages who were looking after someone who was ill disabled or elderly. Full details of the centre are on their website www.hrcarers.org.uk or they can be contacted by phone on 01609 780872.

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Historic buildings: A letter from the Richmond Buildings Preservation Trust invited councillors to identify local buildings of historic importance which might benefit from a restoration project.

Playground: A new gatepost had been fixed in place and repairs to equipment were in hand.

Village green: Several issues arose concerning parking on the green and damage to the grass. One particular area had been badly damaged by a parked vehicle and the company concerned would be contacted by the clerk. In Anvil Square manoeuvring vehicles had knocked down the edging posts and broken steps leading to the Orchard. The clerk had obtained quotes for grasscreting an area near the Burgoyne but there was some doubt as to whether this would resolve all the problems regarding parking and access for emergency services. After discussion it was agreed to look into the possibility of marking certain areas of the green with a low post and chain fence to see if this would improve the situation.

Street lights: Two lights in Fremington and one at the bottom of Reeth were out of order. A lamp in the Mews had been cut down because the pole was rotten but a replacement would be requested as it had made the path very dark.

Queen's birthday: Coun Beal had put an article in the Gazette asking for suggestions for an informal village event on Sunday, June 12.

Defibrillator: This was now installed at Hudson House and a preliminary training session had been arranged.

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2 Dales Football

Our Under 12s' final preliminary round Futsal match was a single encounter against the unbeaten Catterick Garrison team. The previous week we had just scraped through to finals day which was as well because this week we played well below our capabilities with the inevitable heavy loss.

Finals day was February 28th and Neil opted for an unchanged team of Joseph Scott, Joe Alderson, Ellen Atkinson, Ryan Atkinson, Daniel Webster, Dan Marshall and Finley Clark. Playing 5-a-side we are sorry not everyone can get a game.

The first match was against Colburn who had decisively beaten us in the preliminary round but Dales rallied to the challenge and played much better. Joseph opened the scoring with a powerful shot but Colburn replied with 2 more to take the lead. Colburn are an older and physically stronger team but it was Daniel Webster who got the equaliser. 2-2 draw.

We then played Bedale Hawks who opened the scoring but Joseph equalised late on for another draw. 1-1.

The final group match was against Garrison - effectively their second

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team. Garrison conceded an own goal then Joseph put 4 into the net. The second of these was a result of great teamwork and the next from his trademark long hard shot from well out. Garrison did not let their heads down and pulled 2 back including an excellent goal in the top of the net. A 5-2 win was enough to get us through to the semis when we played Thirsk Falcons. This was a very close game but it was Thirsk who got the only goal. We lost 1-0 but an excellent morning exceeding everyone's expectations.

I stayed on for the final which I thought a rather scrappy game below the standard of the semi. Garrison narrowly beat Thirsk.

We are delighted to have been awarded Charter Standard for this coming year.

We are now planning for next season and warmly welcome new players and anyone who can help to keep football alive in the Dales. We are positioning ourselves to field an Under 10 team as well as Under 12s and have 2 coaches interested which is great. Our joint venture with Spennithorne this season has proved successful in keeping players together and fielding teams between us and we hope this continues with the Under 10s and 12s at Reeth

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March 2016**

Defibrillator: Coun Blows had looked into the possibility of funding from the British Heart Foundation but had informed the clerk that this source was currently closed.

Commons Registration: The application to correct a mistake made on the original plans in 1965 was currently being processed.

Equipment: The grant for Transparency Funding had been used to buy a laptop and printer for council business.

Queen's 90th birthday: Coun Alderson would organise the fixing of the bunting around the village in time for the queen's birthday celebrations.

Air Ambulance: A letter of thanks for the recent council donation was received from the Great Northern Air Ambulance organisation.

Highways: The cracks in Grinton bridge had been reported to Highways. An engineer had subsequently inspected the damage and reported that there were no major structural defects. The repairs would be put into the programme of works to be carried out in the near future. The problem on Harkerside lane had been repaired and potholes had been reported online.

Parking: Councillors and residents discussed problems caused by parking

on the grass verge opposite properties on the moor road and the possible effect this might have on a current planning application. In the short term allowing vehicles to park at the side of one of the cottages would relieve the situation but a longer term solution, possibly using grasscrete, would be required.

Road closure: Coun Blackie was looking into a road closure notice which had been served without consultation and would involve closing Gunnerside bridge for four weeks from Monday, April 11.

Parish hall: The hall would be used as a polling station on May 5 for the election of a Police and Crime Commissioner, and on June 23 for the EU referendum.

Petition: Members supported a petition for parish councils to be allowed a right to appeal against planning approvals.

Historic buildings: A letter from the Richmond Buildings Preservation Trust invited councillors to identify local buildings of historic importance which might benefit from a restoration project.

Footpaths: The hand rail on the footpath from the river was loose and would be reported to the area ranger.

Council records: The local archaeology group had scanned and photographed all the council records which would now be put online for future use.

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**Muker Parish Council
February 2016**

Muker Sign: A further e-mail had been sent to NYCC Highways regarding ordering the sign, the Council felt that it was rude that not even an acknowledgement had been received from Highways. Clerk to pursue this matter again.

Grit Bins: The grit bins were in place and waiting to be filled.

Parking Holiday Cottage Muker: Cllr Metcalfe and Clerk Nick Turner had met with the owner of the holiday cottage. The matter was discussed at the meeting and the owner's letter was read out. It was agreed that the Council would request that Highways extend the yellow lines by several metres to facilitate easier turning of tractors and other larger vehicles and also access for emergency vehicles. The owners would place a sign informing the public of the need for access at all times outside their property. The Council recognised the difficulties surrounding parking in the village and recognised the owners' efforts to resolve the issue. Clerks to contact Highways and forward all relevant information to them.

Land Slippage, Scarr House: A meeting still had not taken place with the Highways Representative regarding the land slippage.

Highways: A letter had been received from Highways regarding a road closure on the B6270 between Gunnerside and Muker in April due to BT working on the installation of Superfast Broadband. Cllr Blackie had reported to the Chair that a meeting

was taking place on the 29th February to discuss the road closure in more detail and he would further inform the council after that date. Cllr Blows suggested that whilst these discussions were taking place it would be useful to ascertain the type of broadband service Keld is to receive and to pre-empt any issues regarding road closures. Cllr Blows to contact Ian Marr BT Head of Implementation and report back to the next meeting.

Ivelet Bridge: Cllr Metcalfe raised concerns regarding the lack of signage at the junction from the B6270 warning of the fragile bridge, at present there is a warning sign at the bottom of the hill next to the bridge, but large vehicles cannot turn round at this point. Clerk to write to Highways requesting a sign be placed at the top of the hill warning of the weight and width restrictions.

YDNPA: A planning application for the installation of air source heat pumps and wall had been received for Greenses Farm, Angram. No objections received.

Correspondence/AOB

Sites of Architectural / Historical Interest:

A letter had been received from the Richmond Buildings Preservation Trust regarding their interest in setting up a project to restore a building of historical or architectural interest in the area. Clerk to reply to them stating that there are no buildings within the Parish that fit their specification.

Buttertubs Pass: Cllr Metcalfe raised concerns regarding the lack of gritting on the Buttertubs Pass in recent months, one example being Tuesday

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9th February. It was raised that whilst the lower roads may not require gritting the higher routes do. Access is required over the Buttertubs Pass for doctors' appointments etc. Clerk to contact Highways.

Road between Calverts Houses and Rampsholme: Cllr Metcalfe informed the meeting that the road had dropped and required attention. Clerk to contact Highways.

Mobile Infrastructure Project (MIP): Cllr Whitehead brought to the attention of the meeting an article which he had read regarding the MIP which was introduced by the Government to improve mobile 'hot spots' particularly in rural areas being cancelled. The Parish Council were very concerned about the cancellation of the scheme. Clerk to contact Rishi Sunak MP
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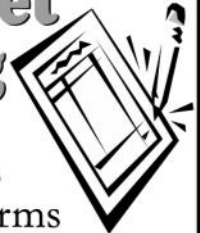


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- 29th An Evening With Anita Harris,
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May

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- 12th Christian Aid Service, St Mary's
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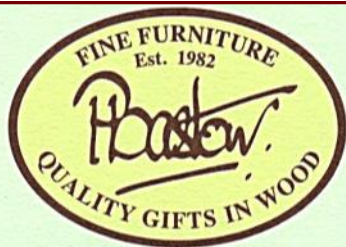
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