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First Thoughts . . .

Do you remember doing food chains at school? Take one part of the chain away and everything else is affected. It would be too simplistic to compare the economy of the Dales to a food chain: perhaps a food web is more appropriate. Take one part of the web away and everything else starts to unravel.

Love them or hate them, visitors are a part of that web. Take them away and many businesses in the Dales would disappear. Not just the accommodation providers, but the shops, pubs and eating places for example that rely on the boost they give to trade during the summer to get them through the winter.

Likewise, young people are a part of that web. If they see no future in the Dales - or maybe even no present - they will leave. All that will remain is an ageing population and they certainly have a limited time span.

And what about the farmers? I was speaking to one recently who was very concerned about the future. Farmers may have a reputation for pessimism. but he was genuinely depressed about the future of farming in our two dales. Without the subsidies they receive, realistically how many hill farmers could survive? You may think that farming is such an integral part of the area that it could never disappear, but I suspect they may have thought that about lead mining in days gone by.

Whilst not pessimistic by nature, I do find it difficult to envisage a sustainable future for the Dales and see instead a gradual downward spiral as the web slowly unravels.

I daresay this may not happen in my lifetime, but there is an Ancient Greek proverb which states that "A society grows great when old men plant trees whose shade they know they shall never sit in."

I just wonder: Are we planting those trees? MAC



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'I should never have switched from Scotch to Martinis.' Humphrey Bogart

Gazette Deadlines

The deadlines for the next two months are:

June issue: May 10th July issue: June 10th

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

COVER PICTURE

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Letter To The Editor

Cows

Under the heading 'Did You Know' in the February edition of the Reeth Gazette, you talk about honey being produced without destroying any kind of life. You then go onto discuss milk production, implying that the only living thing to get hurt during this process is grass.

Cows produce milk for their calves, not for the human race. Calves are taken away from their mothers, some immediately after birth, some after 24 hours, so that humans can have their milk. Until recently most bull calves were shot at birth. Some of them are now raised to produce veal. The dairy industry is based on suffering.

So now you know.

J. Reynolds, Marrick

Anyone, farmer or otherwise, care to comment on this view? One thought though: If we didn't keep cows for their milk, how long would it be before they became an endangered species? Like shire horses, which are no longer needed in transport and farming.

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At their last meeting members of the Upper Swaledale and Arkengarthdale Business Association were introduced to the mysteries of the "Internet." Barry Peters from Yorkshirenet was able to give a practical and live demonstration on the uses of the Internet thanks to the facilities offered by the Buck Hotel. Members were able to see details of Swaledale already on the system and available to users worldwide. It is certainly a marketing and communication consideration for the future

Reeth Brass Band are very busy practising for a tape which is to be recorded later this month.

The Swaledale Festival is with us once again. The title 'Swaledale' seems an inappropriate one with so many events out of the Dale and with the lack of any event to promote and support local talent. Fortunately other Festivals and Tournaments appear to fill that void. Nevertheless the Festival is great and worthy of support.

News From The Post Office

Most of you are aware that no-fee cash withdrawals can be made at the post office using a debit card but this has to be a debit card drawing on a personal account and not a business one. However, things are starting to change.

Barclays business customers can now make cash withdrawals using their business debit card, as well as making balance enquiries. A small step, but maybe the other leading banks will start to follow suit.

The Price of Milk

Last month, Tesco reduced the price paid for milk to its aligned pool of dairy farmers down to 28.69 pence per litre.

Outlets in Reeth, who buy their milk directly from the farmer - Kirkbride & Son of Askrigg who supply farm assured free range milk - pay more than two and a half times this amount to their supplier.

Furthermore, their farm, Town Head, is a real one, unlike Boswell, Nightingale, Redmere and Willow Farms - the names on a new range of 'farm brands' Tesco has introduced to describe its new own-label fresh foods range. They are all fictional farms.

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"Oh no, those are the wrong shape. They have to be round so that the dog can roll them about."

Customer of the Month Runner Up

"Can you tell me how to get into the museum. I've tried the big gate but it seems to be locked. Is there another way in?"

"No, that is the way in but the Museum is closed and doesn't open until May 1st."

"Oh yes, I did read that sign."



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Who do you share your birthday with?

- 1 Duke of Wellington, invented boots
- 2 David Beckham, has lots of caps and tattoos
- 3 Bing Crosby, liked snow
- 4 Rory McIlroy, ruins good walks
- 5 Michael Palin, a Python
- 6 George Clooney, looks like me, apparently
- 7 Pyotr Tchaikovsky, cracked nuts
- 8 Robert Johnson, King of the Delta Blues
- 9 Paul Heaton, a Beautiful Housemartin from the South
- 10 Bono, a dog biscuit
- 11 Irving Berlin, wrote a song or two
- 12 Tony Hancock, a blood donor
- 13 Stevie Wonder, what it's all about
- 14 George Lucas, made rubbish films
- 15 Mike Oldfield, invented bell ringing
- 16 Pierce Brosnan, something to do with razors
- 17 Dennis Potter, played snooker
- 18 Nobby Stiles, toothless footballer
- 19 Pete Townshend, Who?
- 20 Joe Cocker, Sheffield's finest
- 21 Aurelia Cotta, Julius Caesar's mum
- 22 Arthur Conan Doyle, invented Sherlock Holmes
- 23 Dennis Compton played cricket for Arsenal
- 24 Bob Dylan, a rabbit in The Magic Roundabout
- 25 Paul Weller, a jam, with style
- 26 Peter Cushing, created monsters
- 27 Paul Gascoigne, a daft brush
- 28 Kylie, a next door neighbour
- 29 Bob Hope, springs eternal
- 30 Bob Willis, fairly swift bowler
- 31 John Bonham, played Animal in the Muppets

Reeth Gazette Community Chest

This month's recipients are **The Swale Singers**. Here's what they have to say:

Gunnerside resident Shelagh Thomlinson founded the Swale Singers in 1989. The beginning was a modest, friendly affair: half a dozen local folk met on Sunday afternoons to enjoy singing folk songs and madrigals, music in one hand, tea cup in the other, to Duncan Bythell's accompaniment on her grand piano. Word spread, and more joined in. A recent 'census' showed members living in the whole length of the valley from West Stonesdale to Ellerton (the one east of the A1), a significant number from Wensleydale, a 'token' Arkengarthdaler, Chairman who lives in Ripon.

Concerts began to be given, and the music became more ambitious. In 1994 the choir was invited to take part in the Swaledale Festival, and is proud that it has done so each year since. On these and other occasions excellent soloists from outside the choir's regular membership have sung with us. Major works by the likes of Handel, Haydn, Mozart and Bach, and by modern composers including Tavener, Rutter, Chilcott and Randall Thompson, have been performed. The 'backing' varies between an orchestra, through organ and piano down to a single note just to get us going! - when we have sung gentle, unaccompanied pieces.

Typically we give three concerts a year, and often for charity. Future plans for the choir include a 'return leg' next year with the Pentland

Singers, with whom we sang last year in St Mary's Cathedral in Edinburgh.

Hugh Bowman, from Askrigg, is only the third Musical Director of the choir. Duncan Bythell and then Richard Brickstock led the choir for its first 23 years. Hugh is also one of the Richmondshire Orchestra's conductors, and has many talented contacts he can call on to form a small orchestra to accompany us when the music requires one.

The choir welcomes enthusiastic singers, and we are still friendly. It rehearses in Low Row on Sunday afternoons, broadly February to May, and September to early December. Auditions are not held. Anyone interested is invited to contact the Secretary, Andrew Horn:

01748 886457
andrew.horn127@btinternet.com)
or visit the website
www.swalesingers.com

Do come to our next concert - Sat. 28th May, St Mary's (Arkengarthdale) church, for music by Handel and Rossini. Bookings through the Swaledale Festival team in Hudson House. We look forward to seeing you.

Andrew Horn

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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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Hill Inn though.

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time to evacuate our team from Tan

There were 6 incidents for the team last month:

05/04/2016 (11) 16.20hrs: The team were called by the Ambulance Service to rescue an injured walker at Mill Gill Force, Askrigg. Team & Ambulance Service evacuated the casualty to the road.

02/04/2016 (10) 11.00hrs: The team provided rescue & medical cover for the Dales Trail Fell Race (DT20). The usual bumps & scrapes.

13/03/2016 (09) 11.20hrs: The team were called by the Ambulance Service to rescue an injured motor cross rider high up on the Cam High Road. Treated on scene by team & Paramedics then evacuated down to Hawes.

09/03/2016 (08) 18.00hrs: The team were called by the Police to search for 3 missing walkers on Buckden Pike, A joint effort with Upper Wharfedale MRT had just started when the missing walkers turned up safe.

08/03/2016 (07) 03.00hrs: The team's search dog & handler were called to assist Scarborough MRT. The missing person was located by the Police while the search was starting.

04/03/2016 (06) 20.00hrs: The team were called by the Police to rescue 2 stranded motorists who had left the road en route to Tan Hill. A joint from ourselves Kirkby Stephen MRT made sure they arrived safely at Tan Hill. It took some more

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 & trousers.

- Thanks to the Kings Arms at Gunnerside for raising £300 at the last pub quiz.
- Also thanks to the Buck Hotel, Reeth for raising £146 at the raffle.
- A great effort & huge thanks to all who attended & supported the coffee morning at Kearton Country Hotel at Thwaite, £.190.42 raised

Total raised so far:£6,446 - just over a quarter of the target.

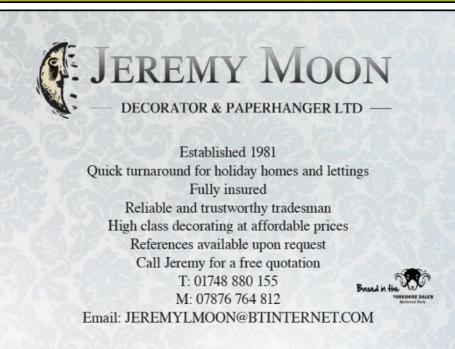
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Astronomy in the Two Dales

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Waltzing in on the 9th, Mercury transits across the face of the sun. THIS CAN ONLY BE SEEN WITH SPECIALIST EQUIPMENT. DO NOT LOOK AT THE SUN. This event can be seen in the UK and will not occur again until 2019 and then again in 2039.

The full moon fox trots in on the 21st of May, and this is a blue moon, being the fourth full moon of the quarter. This is followed by Mars making its closest approach to Earth on the 22nd which is the best time to observe the red planet.

There has been much shoe shuffling in astronomy news, a Japanese orbital telescope, Hitomi, exploded and now several pieces of wreckage are hurtling around the planet. Beware of falling fireballs

It is now believed that the small moons and rings around Saturn are younger than the Dinosaurs, having formed around 100,000,000 years ago. The larger moons are believed to be the same age as the planet itself.

We are being constantly told of threats to our existence and now there is another. Is it man made global warming? No, that is an excuse to tax people for breathing. So it's atomic

war, right? Wrong again: the war heads oxidise over time so we have to buy new bombs every few years. The simple answer is, it is the Sun.

Yes the sun is trying to kill us. Astronomers have observed stars smaller than our sun sending out super flares that are 10 - 100 times more powerful than anything we have seen in recent years. The last time a super flare hit the earth, it was 1859 and the flare melted telegraph wires and set fire to trees and grass. The aurora caused by the flare were seen as far south as Hawaii and the following was the Cincinnati reported in Commercial:

Later, these strange fires overran the entire heavens - now separating into streamers, gathered at the zenith, and forming a glorious canopy - then spreading evenly like a vapour, shedding on all things a soft radiance; again, across the sky waves of light would flit, like the almost undistinguishable ripple produced by the faintest breeze upon the quiet surface of an inland lake; a pale green would now cover half the firmament from the east, while rich crimson met it from the west - then the ruddy light would concentrate itself at the zenith, while beneath it fell in folds of beauty the mild purple and green. To the east and to the west lay huge fields of luminous clouds, tinted with a bright rosy flush, wholly unlike that produced by the rising sun and if possible even more beautiful.

That must have been some light show.

The Starman Reeth Informal Astronomy Group www.reethastro.org



Leyburn Arts & Community Centre - Events Calendar -Richmond Road, Leyburn DL8 5LD - Film Tickets: Adults £6 - Concessions £5

FILMS

Friday 06 May - 4.30 pm & 7.30 pm - Star Wars (12A) 2hrs 15m.

Friday 13 May - 5.00 pm & 7.30 pm - Carol (15) 1hr 58m.

Friday 20 May - 5.00 pm & 7.30 pm - Room (15) 1hr 58m.

Friday 27 May - 4.30 pm & 7.30 pm - Spotlight (15) 2hr 8m.

Films to Look Forward to Later this Year In the Heart of the Sea, The Revenant, The Danish Girl, Dad's Army, Trumbo and Eddie the Eagle.

EVENTS

Tuesday 3 May - 1.30 pm to 4.00 pm Table Top & Book Sale

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Until Thursday 5 May Art Exhibition by West Burton Art Group

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So what is new to tempt you in? From the 16th May you can see Roger Preston's atmospheric photographs of the local lead mines in our upper gallery. We have a small new display installed by the Big Dig Project, the highlight of which, for me, is a part of a Roman pot,

as well as other intriguing finds excavated from local test pits. We have re-organised the space and have a new case showing papers relating to the liquidation of the Hurst Mines in 1891. Our little shop is also bursting with new stock. On 30th May Jenni Balfour Simmons will be running a Spin-In in the Museum, so do come and join us. Watching wool being spun always seems like a bit of magic. Of course there is lots more to engage, intrigue and excite.

Thanks to all of you who have helped create our children's' work sheets for the Museum. We test ran them on the children of Pannal school before Easter. They were tremendously successful, with both pupils, teachers and volunteers. Our greatest thanks however are due to the generous sponsors who came forward to cover

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can make them free. The worksheets enable us to provide more information and further research details aspects of the collection. There are still some themes which have not been sponsored, so do please get in touch if you would like to donate £45 to cover printina.

2016 marks the 180th anniversary of the building of the Reeth Wesleyan Methodist Day School, home since 1974 to the Swaledale Museum. We would like to collate as much information as possible about the building and its use time. Do you have any photographs, news cuttings, memories or anecdotes connected with it? We would love to hear from you. We would like to organise a special celebratory display, and need to enhance our existing collection of material which includes posters from the pantomimes performed in the hall from the later 1940s, photographs of the Army Reconnaissance Training Corp billeted in Reeth during the Second World War, and objects left under the floorboards

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the costs of production, meaning we from this time such as cigarette packets and tins of boot polish, as well as some Reeth Wesleyan Methodist chinaware. Can you add to this? Please get in touch, we need your help.

We have had lots of bookings for our talks but there are still plenty of places left. If you want to reserve a seat do give us a call to guarantee a seat. They are all held in the Museum and start at 7.30pm.

Wednesday 18th May: 2nd 'So You Think You Know Your Swaledale and Arkengarthdale?' Quiz preceded by Friends of Museum AGM at 6.45pm.

Wednesday 1st June: LEAD MINING - DOUBLE LAUNCH: launching Roger Preston's photographic exhibition of the local lead mines and David Joy's new book Men of Lead Miners of the Yorkshire Dales.

Wednesday 15th June: Will Swales, 'Swaledale Hill Farms 1700 to the Present'

Wednesday 29th June: Shaun Richardson 'Swaledale and the Cold War: Surveying the Royal Observation Corps Bunker at Grinton'.

If you want to sign up for our more detailed e-newsletters that come out with every 3-6 weeks 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:

museum.swaledale@btinternet.com or on **01748 884118**.

Helen Bainbridge

Let's Get Lyrical

Alan Thorogood is the winner of last month's lyrical quiz - all the songs came from the era of his mis-spent youth, he says. Slightly after, I would have said. Anyway, £10.00 will be donated to the charity of his choice.

Special mention though for David Goff from The Fat Sheep for managing to get a Springsteen reference into his answers - correctly identifying one of Bruce's favourite songs.

The answers are:

- I think I'm gonna be sad: The Beatles - Ticket to Ride
- 2. I live in an apartment: Rolling Stones - Get Off Of My Cloud
- 3. I know you've deceived me: The Who I Can See For Miles
- 4. Dirty old river: The Kinks Waterloo Sunset
- In this dirty old part of the city: The Animals - We Gotta Get Out of this Place

The correct order, which Alan also got spot on, is: 1, 5, 2, 4, 3.

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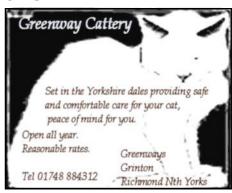
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For this month, these songs all have MAY in the title and/or lyrics of the song. ('Cos it's the month of May - clever eh?)

- I know I keep you amused but I feel I'm being used
- why can't you be true? You've started back doing the things you used to do
- Baby, I'm a man, baby I'm a lonely man who's in the middle of something that he doesn't really understand
- May God bless and keep you always, may your wishes all come true
- 5. Oh please won't you, please won't you bear it in mind: Love is a lesson to learn in our time.

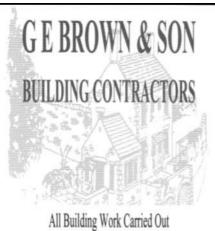
Actually, I reckon it is quite difficult this month and will be surprised if anyone gets all five correct. But just in case, the tie-break question is:

Which one of the lyrics have I slightly mis-quoted?

And just because it is a tricky one doesn't mean you are allowed to use the internet. That would make it far too easy.

Finally, if you think you could do better and would like to set the lyrics for next month, just let me know.

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Tickets are now on sale for 2016/2017 available from Junior and Senior Football Club members.

Steven Porter

In The Spotlight

This month, it's . . . well, no-one.

It seems residents of Swaledale & Arkengarthdale are a shy bunch and are reluctant to tell people about themselves. Funny that, especially when they are so keen to find out about other people's business:-)

And it is so simple: all you have to do is answer some very easy questions. You can attempt to be humorous if you wish, but it is not a requisite.

So, if you would like to bare your soul to the people of the two dales and beyond (The Gazette is on line so can be read by people all over the world - but don't let that put you off.) then just drop me a line at editor@reethgazette.co.uk and I will send you the list of questions. MAC

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Friday 17th June: An Evening With The Dreamers - (formerly Freddie & the Dreamers) - Alan Mosca and Bryan Byng (who have been in the 2 bands for over 37 years) are joined by Steven and Colin Temple - playing all the favourite Dreamers' songs from the 60s plus The Beatles and Everly Brothers. See http://

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We are also very pleased to welcome back solo cellist Corinne Morris who started off our concert series last May in a 'pilot concert'. Anyone who was at that concert is unlikely to forget her stunning playing. This time she will be playing a cello concerto by Georg Matthias Monn, a contemporary of Haydn, made famous by Jacqueline du Pre; and some "Pieces en Concert" by Couperin.

The orchestra will be here all day and we need to feed them between the afternoon rehearsal and the concert with afternoon tea. Any offers of food or help would be really appreciated.

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Swaledale Festival: Music, Arts and Walking in the Yorkshire Dales

Yes, it's Festival time again: Saturday 28 May to 11 June, so if you haven't booked your tickets yet, better get your skates on. Tickets are on sale at www.swalefest.org; from the box office in Hudson House; or ring 01748 880019

There's lots of local talent strutting their stuff this year, with the **Swale Singers** performing on the opening evening at St Mary's Arkengarthdale.

Another talented local musician, Muker-born trombonist Phil Guy, along with four fellow Royal Northern College of Music students, perform as the **Aether Quintet** at St Mary's, Muker on the afternoon of Sunday 29 May.

If you hurry, you may still be able to get tickets for 29 May when the local theatre group, **A Play in the Dale**, present The Funeral, written and directed by the inimitable Pete Roe.

At the Burgoyne Hotel on Thursday 2 June, there's an informal **Poetry Open Mic** session when budding, aspiring or indeed already published local poets have the opportunity to read their own works.

And of course the bands will be blasting out across the dale. Leyburn Band is on Friday 3 June at St Matthew's, Leyburn. Muker Silver Band takes its turn on Monday 6 June; followed by Reeth Brass Band on Tuesday 7 June.

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displaying his award-winning photographs there; Muker Literary Institute is hosting an exhibition by Muker artists and East Windy Hall will be showing paintings, prints, pottery and textiles by local artists.

You'll find full details of other events on our website, including Irish singer Christine Tobin performing Brazilian songs, Mr. Miller's Edwardian Recording Studio demonstrating early sound recording techniques and producing a wax cylinder with live musicians Patricia Hammond and Matt Redman

Then there's Mimika Theatre in a wordless theatre presentation with soundtrack fantastic puppets, and visual effects. Plus the Quartet. Adam Summerhaves (virtuoso violinist) and his Orchestra in The Magic of Vienna, 21st Century Baroque, Dame Emma Kirkby (with two local world-class musicians). Niamh Ní Charra Band and Florin Ensemble.

And, of course, the traditional quoits challenge on Reeth Green, plus an organ recital by Durham Cathedral organist **James Lancelot** and a chance to get up close to big church bells and have a go at ringing the OneBell Wombel.

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Elizabeth Bedford

Many Thanks (1)

Tom and Hannah Guy would like to thank all their family and friends for the kind wishes on the occasion of their Diamond Wedding anniversary.

Many Thanks (2)

Denis and Elizabeth Alderson wish to thank everyone for the lovely cards, gifts and good wishes received on their recent Golden Wedding anniversary.

Many Thanks (3)

Norman and Mary Guy and members of RNCM Trombone Choir would like to thank everyone who supported the Coffee Morning at Armsleigh. A magnificent £500.00 was raised for their project.

Family Records

Is there anyone who has old family letters, diaries or day books who would be willing to let me see them? I am particularly looking for reference to health and illness in the two upper Dales. If so, please contact me on 01748 884698.

Jocelyn Campbell

Marske in Swaledale WI Programme Change

The Marske in Swaledale WI event for the meeting on 28th June has been cancelled and replaced by: Mr. C. Moss on 'The History of Bagpipes'.

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Please come along to learn how you may be able to save a life.

Diane Coleman

Swale Singers Concert: Thank You To All Who **Were There**

Sung in memory of Paul Hawksworth, a Bass in the choir, the Swale Singers' concert in St Andrew's Church. Grinton, on 19th March, through the generosity of the audience, raised £967. which is shared between Yorkshire Cancer Research and the church. Fauré's popular 'Requiem' was followed by two unaccompanied pieces by the American, Randall Thompson, and Britain's John Tavener, and the programme concluded with a chorus from Rossini's 'Stabat Mater', giving a taste of the choir's Swaledale Festival concert programme in two months' time when the full work will be performed.

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	11.00 am	St. Edmund's, Marske	Holy Communion
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	9.30 am	St. Andrew's Grinton	Eucharist
		St Michael's Downholme	Morning Prayer
	10.30 am	Low Row URC	
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	2.00 pm	Keld URC	
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	6.30 pm	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
		Gunnerside Methodist	
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	9.15 am	St. Mary's Muker	Eucharist
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29 th May	The preacher will be the Very Revd. John Dobson, Dean of Ripon Cathedral - followed by a parish lunch at Fremington Sunday School.				
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For further information contact Judith Calow on **01748 884320** or www.dalesquakers.org.uk

Crime in the 2 Dales

Members of the Dales Police Team have recently been involved in a number of operations targeting particular Dales issues.

Operation Checkpoint targets travelling criminals by placing police and watch groups on the routes into the dales with a view to stopping and searching vehicles. It has resulted in a number of arrests such as for going equipped to steal and drug possession.

Operation Byway is joint patrols with National park rangers stopping and checking off road users on green lanes.

Operation Baacode involves stop checks of vehicles conveying livestock around the Dales following recent reports of sheep thefts.

We have also recently taken to twitter, so please follow us @DalesPolice.

Last month suspect vehicles were seen in and around Keld and Thwaite and Marske. A house was burgled in Hudswell and jewellery, a tablet and wallet and other personal possessions were taken. In Muker diesel was stolen from a vehicle. There was an attempted theft of a safe in a church in Swaledale.

Males were going door to door in Ellerton Abbey trying to sell pressure washers and generators. Males were also reported further across Swaledale trying to sell chainsaws and generators, their details were passed to Trading Standards to check if legitimate.

Also in Hudswell a male was trying to sell tarmac. Fish sellers were reported in Langthwaite. In Reeth Mountain bikes were stolen: two from one property a 5 Mountain Bike in orange and a Trek 6300 in Silver/Red; and a further Trek bike from another property.

Please don't hesitate to contact North Yorkshire Police by dialling 101 if you have any information in relation to these incidents

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St Andrew's Grinton are holding their annual Car Boot sale on Bank Holiday Monday 30th May on Parks Field, Grinton by kind permission of the Brown family. Gates open at 8.00am. Car boots are £8; larger vans/trailers £10 and for buyers admittance to field is by donation. No trade stands will be allowed onto the field.

Donations for the church cake stall held on the field would be welcome - please contact Pat on 01969 622651.

For general enquiries, please ring Susan on **01748 884366**. Thank you all in advance for your support.

Table Top Sale Results

The recent Table Top Sale in Reeth Memorial Hall raised £345.00 which will go towards the ongoing refurbishment. The committee wish to thank all those who contributed by donating items or by attending the event.





With Carol Haynes of Dales Computer Services

"Computer Held to Ransom" Scam Warning

Recently it was announced that there is a new 'computer held to ransom' scam doing the rounds that is a particularly vicious one. I have mentioned this type of problem before, but if you missed it you usually get attacked by visiting a website that has been designed to get you to inadvertently click on a link that downloads and runs a virus on your computer.

Once the infection lands on your computer it encrypts all of your data files so you lose access to pictures, word and excel files and, depending on what you use, all of your emails. To get them back you have to pay a large amount of money to some anonymous hacker within a certain time limit (and even then there is no guarantee that they will unlock your files for you).

The new infection uses a vulnerability in Adobe Flash Player - which is on almost every computer. It is often used to display videos and animations on websites and other 'rich' content and visual effects.

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Flash installed and whenever you are offered an update to Adobe Flash you should allow the update immediately - they are often to fix security problems. To update Flash it depends on which version of Windows you use and also which browser you use:

Google Chrome includes Flash and updates it automatically - just make sure you have the latest version of Google Chrome. Click the three line icon at the right-hand end of the bar at the top of Chrome, go to Help and About Chrome. It will tell you which version you have and offer to update if there is a new version. If there is an update let it do it.

With Mozilla Firefox you need to download and install the latest version of Flash. It should automatically offer you updates, but if it hasn't or you missed it you need to download and install this manually. If you already have the latest version it will do no harm to download and install it again.

Internet Explorer on Windows 7 is the same as for Firefox: you need to download and update. From Windows 8 onwards Internet Explorer has Flash installed with a special version and updates should come through Windows Update. Make sure your computer is up to date.

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Antivirus programmes and other antimalware

The truth is that most antivirus programmes seem to be pretty ineffective against recent malicious software. I come across a lot of computers where users conscientiously pay for expensive all-singing, dancing antivirus packages, but they don't pick up a lot of this stuff. In my humble opinion they are no longer worth paying for every year. When your subscription runs out uninstall the package. Windows 8 onwards come with a reasonable antivirus built in for free called Windows Defender. Once you uninstall the paid-for programme it should switch and on work automatically. For Windows 7 users you can download it and install from:

http://windows.microsoft.com/en-gb/ windows/security-essentials-download

For Windows XP and Vista users it is really time to move on.

One highly effective product I recommend everyone to buy Antimalware Malwarebytes (see www.malwarebytes.org). The paid-for version of this product constantly scans your internet connection while you are online and blocks malicious webpages before you see them. This works very well alongside antivirus programmes.

They have a new programme now called Anti Exploit which is worth considering https:// see www.malwarebytes.org/antiexploit/ for details.

That's it for this month. If you have any questions or suggestions for article please drop me a line at:

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Youth Club Update

A Youth Drop-In session has recently been held in Reeth Memorial Hall to encourage young people from the surrounding area to share their views regarding whether there is a need to set a youth club/project up. The young people also got involved in some fun team challenges and problem solving games which were enjoyed by all.

A report from this session was produced and fed back to the parish council who were happy that young people were keen and would give the club its full backing. To move forward a local community member, Yolanda Richards has committed to be involved in the running of the new club and we have submitted a start-up grant to North Yorkshire Youth for £500. This grant will cover the essentials such as room hire for 6 months, club insurance and some start up equipment.

To ensure the club is run safely and can be sustained, more adult leaders are needed to help run the new club. If you are interest then please contact me on 07584 263 978 or email Richie@nyy.org.uk

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Dance Exchange

Students ranging from the age of 12 to 17 years from Janet Seymour's School of Theatre Dance have just returned from their 4th Easter Dance Week and German Exchange in Frankfurt. They were accompanied by assistant teacher and former student, Charlotte Porter and Janet Seymour.

Ten members of the Leyburn and Reeth branches of the dance school travelled from Manchester Airport for an exciting week of dance and activities. The German students have visited here twice and this is the second trip to Germany. They enjoyed four days of dance, including Hip Hop, Jazz, Video Clip, Yoga and Salsa as well as a 360 Jump trampoline activity, bowling and a shopping day in the city.

The students stayed with host families for the week and have been making new friends and learning the language. We are looking forward to welcoming our new friends back here next Easter.

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Ken undertakes a walk every week in order to raise funds for special projects including the campaign to raise £1m of funds to extend the line from Redmire to Aysgarth.

He makes a walk to local beauty spots and nature trails and has walked 33.5 miles in the first month of his challenge.

His latest walk took in Hardwick Hall and its lakeside scenery and this walk brings his total to date to £675.

General manager, Nigel Park commented: "Ken's commitment to the Wensleydale Railway is second-to-none and he is one of the army of ambassadors for the Wensleydale Railway who commit themselves each week to support us. It is especially good and typical of Ken to turn his passion for walking into a fund raiser and which will help in our efforts to extend the line to Aysgarth".

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Muker Parish Council March 2016

Muker Sign: There had not been any feedback from Highways regarding the sign. It was agreed that if no progress had been made by the time of the next meeting then the Parish Council would go ahead and purchase and erect a sign. Parking: Holiday Cottage Muker: Cllr Metcalfe, Cllr Whitehead and the Owner of Holiday Cottage had met with a Highways Representative earlier in the day to discuss the issue of parking vellow lines. Hiahways explained that to extend the yellow lines even by a few feet would require the adherence to statutory requirements which were both time consuming and expensive. It would be more appropriate at this time to paint a white line in front of the building, which would hopefully deter people from parking and would be more cost effective. However if this did not work the matter could be revisited

The repainting of the yellow lines along the green and other areas within the Village along with signage was agreed at the meeting and would hopefully take place in late April early May.

Ivelet Bridge: Signage. The Clerk had written to Highways but no response had yet been received.

Buttertubs Gritting: Highways Customer Service had explained that that the Buttertubs Pass was a Priority Two road and therefore if there was not a requirement to grit the Priority One roads in the area, then a Priority Two road would also not be gritted at that time. The Parish Council thought

that this was unacceptable as Buttertubs is at altitude and often requires gritting when other lower roads do not. It was agreed that a request be made to NYCC to upgrade the Buttertubs to Priority One and to also contact Rishi Sunak MP, Cllr Blackie NYCC and Cllr Blows RDC for their support in this matter.

Land Slippage: Calverts Houses. Highways had commented that the problems with the road were being monitored.

Mobile Infrastructure Project: The Clerk had contacted Rishi Sunak MP regarding the cancellation of the MIP and was awaiting a response.

Finance: Orders to pay were raised for: YLCA Membership, Literary Institute and Muker Public Hall for meetings and Parish Clerks Salary.

Richmondshire DC: A letter had been



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Clerk to contact Cllr Blows to clarify the content.

NYCC: Information had been received regarding changes to Household Waste Sites mainly changes to their opening times and also new charges for the disposal of tyres. Clerk to display posters on notice boards.

YDNPA: Planning Application, Greenses planning application changes to the garage had been received The Council had no objections. YLCA: Petition to give local councils right to appeal planning regulations. It was agreed that the Parish Council would sign the petition along with individual councillors.

Sector Led Body for Audit: a third correspondence had been received from YLCA. The Council agreed to opt into the scheme.

Local Government Act 1972 Section 137 Expenditure Limit. The limit is now £7.42 per elector.

Correspondence/AOB:

Richmond Rotary Club. A letter had been received asking villages whether they would like to enter a best kept village competition. Clerk to place letter on notice boards.

Cllr Reynoldson asked whether a date had been set for repairs to be made to Thwaite Bridge. At present no date had been given by Highways.

Cllr Reynoldson raised the issue of a Telegraph Pole which has been erected in Thwaite. He was concerned not only about the location of the Telegraph Pole, which had been badly positioned but also the loose cables lying in and around areas in Thwaite, which was a safety issue. Previously cables have always been placed

received regarding the Parish Precept, lunderground, why had this not been the case for this installation. Reynoldson to write on behalf of the residents of Thwaite. Parish Council to write to the Pole Objection Team regarding this matter.

> Cllr Metcalfe raised an regarding chairs, tables and signs once again being placed in the road outside a business in Muker. The Parish Council previously written requesting them to remove the tables and chairs and keep signage to a minimum. Whilst the business had removed the tables and chairs following the letter they have now placed them back in front of the building. The Parish Council were concerned that people are sitting in the road and passers-by are being forced into the road. Clerk to contact Highways and RDC regarding this matter.

> Cllr Metcalfe brought to the Councils attention issues regarding the recycling area in Muker in particular the grass cuttings and rottina vegetation. Clerk to contact RDC.

> Cllr Porter raised regarding the Crowtrees road following recent repairs and the volume of water running down the side of the road which in places is more than a foot deep. Clerk to contact Highways.

> The condition of the notice board at Thwaite was discussed, in particular after wet weather. Cllr Reynoldson to check its current condition and report back to the next meeting.

> Date and Time of Next Meeting: Thursday 12 May 2016, 7,30pm

> > A Stringer

Don't forget: The Gazette is online. www.2dales.org.uk



Keld Countryside & Heritage Centre Events 2016

Saturday 7th May: Birds of Upper Swaledale Guided Walk 10:00 - 12:30 and 13:30 - 16:00

BOOKING ESSENTIAL. Sorry no dogs or children under 8 year old. Full day £5, half day £3, children free.

Sat 25th June: Waterfalls of Swale Guided Walk 13:30 - 16:00 approx Cost: £3.00

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 Ravenseat 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.

For full details of all events visit:

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Wensleydale Decorative And Fine Arts Society

The next Wensleydale Decorative and Fine Arts Society lecture is on Tuesday May 10th at 2.00pm in the Middleham Key Centre when Barry Venning will give a talk on **JMW Turner at Farnley Hall**

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Farnley Hall became a refuge from the pressures of Turner's professional life and he recorded the pleasures of those summer holidays in a series of informal watercolours that give a unique insight into a little known aspect of his life and career.

Barry Venning is a British Art historian with a particular interest in JMW Turner on whom he has published widely. He is an Associate Lecturer with the Open University.

We welcome non- members to this lecture and to any future lectures of interest. Lectures are held on the 2^{nd} Tuesday of the month from October to June at the Middleham Key Centre. The cost is £8 per lecture.

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The next week we travelled to Bedale to play their Under 12s. Dales had the upper hand in the first half. Joseph Scott opened the scoring with a good hard shot and then got his second from a third rebound. Joseph finally got his hat trick with a hard shot into the top of the net. After half time Dales relaxed and let Bedale right back into the game with 2 goals. Daniel Webster then extended the lead with a neat finish and Ryan Atkinson final scored after several misses. Daniel Marshall played intelligent defence and Finley Clark is playing with more confidence while Izzy Lundberg came close to scoring. 5-3 win.

We had a week off at Easter and I went to watch the Under 16s Futsal final between Thirsk and Spennithorne. Several of our last year's players have joined Spenni as part of the cooperation between the two clubs as we had no coach for them so I was pleased to see Kory Spink playing but Spenni very narrowly lost to Thirsk in extra time.

We then played Catterick Garrison Under 11s at Reeth. Garrison proved a well drilled team who dominated possession and dominated the challenges while Dales were rather lacklustre. Dales were 0-3 down at half time despite some excellent saves by

Ellen Atkinson. Simon Ackroyd was kindly standing in for Neil Alderson who was ill and made some changes at half time. Callum Bellwood went into defence and timed his tackles to perfection but generally Dales were not playing as a team and gave too much away and were lucky to lose by only 0-3.

We are now selling 300 Club tickets for the Sports Company which provide vital funding for the running of the pavilion so we hope parents and supporters will subscribe to this at £10 for the year.

We are now planning for next year and hope to have 3 new coaches taking the FA Level 1 coaching course enabling us to field Under 10s as well. We will of course continue to support our local Hambleton & Richmondshire League

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How often have you thought to yourself: 'I wonder which album has the longest title?" Well, wonder no more. It is the thirteenth studio album from Chumbawamba. Released in 2008 and weighing in with 158 words. it was snappily titled:

The Boy Bands Have Won, and All the Copyists and the Tribute Bands and the TV Talent Show Producers Have Won, If We Allow Our Culture to Be Shaped by Mimicry, Whether from Lack of Ideas or from Exaggerated Respect. You Should Never Try to Freeze Culture. What You Can Do Is Recycle That Culture. Take Your Older Brother's Hand-Me-Down Jacket and Re-Style It, Re-Fashion It to the Point Where It Becomes Your Own. But Don't Just Regurgitate Creative History, or Hold Art and Music and Literature as Fixed, Untouchable and Kept Under Glass. The People Who Try to 'Guard' Any Particular Form of Music Are, Like the Copyists and Manufactured Bands, Doing It the Worst Disservice, Because the Only Thing That You Can Do to Music That Will Damage It Is Not Change It, Not Make It Your Own. Because Then It Dies, Then It's Over, Then It's Done, and the Boy Bands Have Won

It is more commonly known as 'The Boy Bands Have Won.'

Reeth Parish Council March 2016

Annual Parish Meeting: The Memorial Hall accounts were presented and the council accounts will be ready for the next meeting.

It was agreed to look into registering the ownership of the hall with the Land Registry in conjunction with Grinton parish council.

Councillors had been saddened during the past year by the death of James Kendall, a long serving member of the council.

Village green: Coun Frankland would organise reseeding of the bonfire patch as soon as the weather was appropriate as this was felt to be a better solution than annual re-turfing. Council Information: In the absence of any firm auidelines from the district council regarding online information about the council a page would be added to the Memorial Hall website. The minutes were available on the www.2dales.org.uk website once approved and reports of the meetings were sent to the local press.

Youth Club: The council agreed to support a potential youth club with a one off payment towards set up costs.

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Play equipment: Minor repairs and maintenance to the playground equipment would be carried out when the weather improved.

Street lights: A new pole had been installed in the Mews although the light had not yet been fitted.

Coun Frankland reported that the short lights alongside the Quaker Close footpath had been replaced but left loose in a very dangerous condition and could easily be knocked over exposing the wires. Coun Beal would follow this up with the district council.

Parking: Matters were in hand to erect lengths of post and chain fencing alongside the parts of the green where most damage was caused by vehicles parking or driving over the grass. New honesty box signs were also being prepared.

Queen's birthday: Coun Beal reported that a number of suggestions were coming together for a village event on Sunday, June 12.



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Roadside verges: Coun Beal would pursue the request to Highways for repairs to the area of verge on Silver Street at the foot of the path to Quaker Close. It was noted that a curb was required to prevent the gravel surface from being constantly washed downhill by heavy rain.

Residents on the Arkengarthdale Road had asked if the verge could be cut further up the road as there was no pavement. The possibility of installing a dog waste bin there would also be looked into.

Market: Coun Bearpark would speak to the market manager about rubbish being left on the cobbles by some stallholders.

Yorkshire flag: Coun Kendall offered to buy a Yorkshire flag to be flown from the pole on appropriate occasions. Footpaths: A number of broken flagstones around the village would be reported to Highways as well as the damaged curb stones on School Hill.

Shelter: Coun Cluderay reported a letter of complaint about vandalism of posters in the shelter which had been slashed with a sharp blade. This had been reported to the police in the past but no action had been taken.

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Middleham and the Dales Local History Group:

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On Tuesday 17 May at 2.00pm in the Middleham Key Centre, Phil Abramson will give a talk on Life as a Ministry of Defence Archaeologist, focusing on and around Catterick Garrison

A member of the Ministry of Defence (MOD) Historic Environment Team. Phil will aive a whirlwind PowerPoint tour of the various archaeological sites, ancient monuments and historic buildings which are on the range from MOD Estate. These prehistoric sites many thousands of years old to monuments erected during the cold war and built after the speaker was born.

The second part of the talk will be based on a recent book, 'From Farms to Arms' about the history of Catterick Garrison and Training Area, co-edited by Phil as part of the WWI Centenary Commemoration.

Members of the audience are invited to bring along their photos, documents, and maps which could add to our understanding of the military presence in the area.

Phil Abramson is based at the Defence Infrastructure Organisation Northern Area Office at Piave Lines in Catterick Garrison. He has worked as an Archaeology Advisor in the Ministry of Defence for 12 years and, as a Subject Matter Expert, it is his role to provide advice on Cultural Heritage to his MOD customers.

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Now that spring has sprung and the sound of oyster catchers, curlews and so on fill the dales with music, it's time for me to update everyone on matters important to us all.

As ever, parking, dog waste and speeding crop up again and again. In Reeth, the Parish Council plans to put low level chain fencing where it is felt that the Green needs protecting, let's hope this solves some of the problems with damage to the grass. Sometimes the Green is the only space left to park on but do please try to avoid driving over the grass unnecessarily.

Following a request from a local resident it is hoped to place a dog waste bin near to the cattle grid on the Arkengarthdale road.

That stretch of road doesn't have a footpath so it is hoped that the grass cutting will make it easier for walkers to keep off the road and stay safe.

Please make sure that you stay within the speed limits while driving around our beautiful area especially in the villages.

It was hoped to create better parking facilities opposite Fremington Village Hall and opposite Place Hill in Reeth but sadly North Yorkshire Highways have refused to allow the work stating there are safety issues. This decision will be challenged in due course.

The recent Mobile Skip Service caused a certain amount of confusion to say the least. The next three events are: July 16th, October 29th and March 18th 2017, so put these dates in

On a happier note, two local young people have been fundraising for trips to foreign countries to work in local communities. Syd Dawson had fundraising event on Reeth Green in atrocious weather to help with her trip to India this year and Matty Short had a Big Breakfast to help with his trip to Peru in 2017. Well done and good luck to them both. When I was a lad at Prince Henry's Grammar School in Otley we climbed Ingleborough and that was as far as we got. How times have changed.

There are plans to start a Youth Club in Reeth in the near future. Hopefully it will provide a place for the young people in the Two Dales to socialise.

The Queen's birthday will celebrated in Reeth on June 12th. Everyone is invited to turn up with a picnic and enjoy the band playing and games for all to join in.

And finally (as they used to say on News at Ten) National Park volunteers have created steps on the path from Arkle Beck by Reeth Bridge making the route far easier for walkers to negotiate.

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Diary Dates Market Place

May

- 1st Swaledale Museum re-opens after a winter of hibernation.
- 2nd Soup and Sweet, Gunnerside Village Hall. 12 .00 - 2.00pm
- 7th Birds of Upper Swaledale Guided Walk, Keld Resource Centre 10:00 - 12:30 and 13:30 - 16:00
- 12th Christian Aid Service, St Mary's Church, Muker. 7.30pm
- 13th Gilbert & Sullivan's HMS Pinafore and Trial by Jury, Gunnerside Village Hall. 7,30pm
- 20th Cake Stall, Reeth Green,
- 20th Coffee Morning 10.00am 12 noon in Reeth Methodist Church Schoolroom for Christian Aid Week
- 27th Josienne Clarke & Ben Walker, Reeth Memorial Hall. 8.00pm
- 28th Coffee Morning, Low Row & Feetham Literary Institute. 10.00am 12.00 noon
- 30th Car Boot Sale, Parks Field, Grinton 8.00am
- 30th Soup and Sweet, Gunnerside Village Hall. 12 .00 2.00pm

June

17th An Evening With The Dreamers, Reeth Memorial Hall. 8.00pm

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Jonathan (hatched c. 1832) is a Seychelles giant tortoise who lives on the island of Saint Helena in the South Atlantic Ocean. In December 2015 he was reported to be alive and well. Apparently he is blind from cataracts, has lost his sense of smell, and so cannot detect food, but he has retained excellent hearing.

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