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First Thoughts . . .

My father supported Leeds United - which meant that I didn't. He loved poetry and tried to interest me, but as a teenager my mind was too closed to appreciate it. He liked classical music; I listened to rock and roll, rhythm and blues, and prog rock . . . and Glenn Miller. (My mother's influence.)

To be honest, there weren't too many points of reference between the two of us, but we did agree on one thing: namely that *The Magnificent Seven* is probably the best film ever made. Actually, there's no 'probably' about it.

Most likely my son, who has an encyclopaedic knowledge of film (not to mention a First Class Honours degree in the subject) would disagree, although he would understand where we were coming from.

You might be wondering what has prompted this train of thought. When I sat down with a blank page in front of

January Deadline

Please Note: Due to the Christmas / New Year Holidays, the deadline for the January 2017 edition of the Gazette is **December 2nd.**

me, wondering what to write, the news came through that Robert Vaughan, the sole surviving member of The Seven, had died.

To some he was Napoleon Solo; to others, suave American conman Albert Stroller. But to me, first and foremost he was Lee, the veteran gunslinger suffering from a crisis of confidence. When he swiped at a group of flies crawling on the table, the Mexican peasants were amazed that he had caught three of them in one go. "There was a time," he said ruefully, "when I would have caught all of them."

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Gazette Deadlines

The deadlines for the next two months are:

January issue: December 2nd

February issue: January 10th

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

Apparently . . .

More people are killed by selfies than by a shark attack

COVER PICTURE

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Ilex aquifolium

Post Office News

A few things to bear in mind when packing Christmas gifts to post. Some restrictions apply to many common gifts including perfume, aerosols, alcoholic beverages and items with lithium batteries. We will ask you about the contents of your parcel so we can put on appropriate stickers to comply with national and international regulations governing the carriage of mail and so you get the correct Royal Mail service for your parcel. If you cannot tell us what is in the parcel, then we are not allowed to accept it for posting.

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Finally, thank you for using your local post office at Christmas and all year round.

Used Stamps Collection

I am still saving used stamps and just wanted to remind you all to save the stamps from all your Christmas post.

It is such a shame to throw away anything that can be used to raise money for charity. The RNIB made just over £25,000 in the last financial year from selling stamps.

I am also still saving barcodes from Yorkshire tea products. The friend I pass them on to says over the last year she has collected enough for one wheel chair and is a good way to half of a second one.

May I say a huge thank you to you all who save and also to the drop off points for collecting them. They are Reeth Post Office, Swaledale Woollens and Muker Stores.

Sue Thompson

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HM Forces mail - (BFPO)

Monday 12th December: Airmail to
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and International tracking
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Saturday 3rd December: Africa,
Middle East

Wednesday 7th December: Cyprus,
Asia, Far East (including Japan),
Eastern Europe

Thursday 8th December: Caribbean,
Central and South America

Saturday 10th December: Greece,
Australia, New Zealand

Wednesday 14th December: Czech
Republic, Germany, Italy, Poland

Thursday 15th December: Canada,
Finland, Sweden, USA

Friday 16th December: Austria,
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Norway, Portugal, Slovakia, Spain,
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Who do you share your birthday with?

- 1 Madame Tussaud, a museum
- 2 Britney Spears, pop icon, apparently
- 3 Samuel Crompton, invented a spinning mule
- 4 Ronnie Corbett, invented Sooty
- 5 George Armstrong Custer, had a last stand
- 6 Andrew Flintoff, pedal boat driver
- 7 Eli Wallach, bandit
- 8 Sammy Davis Jr., candy-making rat
- 9 Donny Osmond, sang about puppies
- 10 Ada Lovelace, Victorian computer programmer
- 11 Marco Pierre White, cook
- 12 Dionne Warwick, didn't know the way to San Jose
- 13 Mary Todd Lincoln, Abe's wife
- 14 Miranda Hart, a midwife
- 15 Gustave Eiffel, a towering man
- 16 Ludwig van Beethoven, don't make me laugh
- 17 Jacqueline Wilson, writes a bit
- 18 Steven Spielberg, something to do with films
- 19 Edith Piaf, a Little Sparrow
- 20 Billy Bragg, busker
- 21 Frank Zappa, 22nd greatest guitarist
- 22 Maurice and Robin Gibb, brothers
- 23 Zenobia, Queen of the Palmyra
- 24 Ignatius of Loyola, invented Jesuits
- 25 Isaac Newton, invented gravity
- 26 Mao Tse Tung, invented China
- 27 Marlene Dietrich, aspired to solitude
- 28 Maggie Smith, a dame
- 29 Ted Danson, bartender
- 30 Joe Root, bats a bit
- 31 John Denver, a country boy



Computer Corner

With Carol Haynes of Dales Computer Services

Cloud Computing

Many people have asked me over the last year "What is cloud computing?" and "Do I need it?"

At its simplest 'the cloud' is just another name for the internet. Cloud computing means that you can store your files (documents and photos) on internet based services instead of, or as well as, on the disk drive in computer. In some cases it also means you can produce and edit documents and photos directly on the internet. Let me give you some examples.

In the past if you wanted to write a document in a word processor you would have to sit in front of a computer, type and save the document and then either print it or send it by email to someone else. If you need to change the document then you would have to go back to the same computer and open it in your word processor to make the changes.

Now you can still do the same thing (and many do) but you can also store your document in the cloud. That means you can easily share it with other people and you can access and even edit it from any computer, phone, tablet etc. that is connected to the internet.

One example of an integrated system that allows you to do this is Microsoft Office 365. This is a subscription based service from Microsoft. Once registered you get a full copy of the most recent edition (and all updates) of Microsoft Office

(which includes Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Publisher, Outlook and Access) which can be installed on your normal computer. The home subscription allows a number of family members to install and use the programme. You also get a fixed amount of cloud based storage for your document and mobile apps for phones and tablets. You also get access to internet based versions of Office programmes that you can access anywhere, and on any device just by logging in with your account details.

Similar subscription services exist for other kinds of programmes such as photo editing (Adobe have a similar system to Microsoft for the full version of Photoshop and their professional Creative Suite.)

As well as storing your files in cloud storage by Microsoft or Adobe there are many companies trying to attract you to use their services. One of the most well-known is Dropbox which allows you to store files in a special folder on your computer or device and by the magic of the internet the files will automatically be copied to all your other devices where you have Dropbox installed. It is a great way to share files or folders of files with friends or work colleagues and they provide a free subscription with a limited amount of space.

One way people also use these cloud services is to copy all their important files to the cloud as a backup - then not only are they available everywhere you also have a backup in case your computer dies. Also phones etc. can use cloud services such as Dropbox to automatically send photos and videos, contact details etc. to a secure storage

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location so that if you lose your phone you don't lose all your important files.

So who needs cloud computing? It is certainly useful for work related storage so that you can share and update files easily with co-workers. It is also useful for families that want to share photos etc. with other family member wherever they might be. It is also useful for anyone with multiple devices who wants to be able to access or store their files and have access in one place to everything.

So what are the down sides? Firstly, cost: In the past you bought the programmes you need for your computer and used them until you decided you needed to buy a new version. Many companies are now moving to subscription models which can get very expensive. To be fair if

you are the sort of person who always upgraded to the latest versions of things then most of the subscriptions work out considerably cheaper but for most people the cost has increased.

Secondly, companies are charging for cloud storage which is a lot more expensive than buying an extra hard disk and has to be renewed every year.

Thirdly, security: Whilst all the services say they are secure and your files are safe, in reality popular services are going to inevitably be a target for cyber attack and data theft - all the big names in the business have had to deal with this at some point.

I hope that helps. Any questions, ideas for articles etc. please email me at:

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Commons Registration: The application to correct the wrongly registered piece of land at Rosegarth had been successful and the similar application at Crackpot was still in the system pending more documentary evidence.

Road conditions: The clerk had written to Highways regarding the slippage on the main road and Coun Blows had followed this up by email. Coun Barker said that the response, that the situation was being regularly monitored, was very disappointing in view of the amount of money which had spent on repairs in recent years. The council stressed the importance of the B6270 as the essential main supply route into the dale for businesses and residents. Coun Blows would follow this up with Highways.

Footbridge: The footbridge over the beck had been removed for the time being as walkers were still using it in spite of the closure notices and it had become very unsafe. There had been no progress in identifying the owner of the land at either end.

Emergency services: Couns Coates and Blows updated members on the ongoing discussions regarding accident and emergency provision for the area at one or more of the Teesside hospitals.

Public phones: Details had been received of a number of phone boxes which BT proposed to remove in the area. The call box in Grinton village was not included but there were no objections to the removal of the one at Crackpot Lane from which no calls had been made in the last year.

Mobile phone coverage: Nothing further had been heard regarding a pre-planning application for an additional mobile phone mast at the youth hostel which would give a wider choice of network providers. Coun Blows would follow this up.

Tree preservation orders: Three applications to remove or trim trees in the parish had been approved by the National Park.

National Park: On behalf of all the council Coun Coates thanked Coun Harold Brown for his sterling work over 20 years as parish council representative on the YDNP before standing down due to ill health.

Village green: The clerk would look into records of legal transactions regarding the village green arising from a query regarding easement for electricity cables near Mill House.

Safety barrier: Coun Blows was asked to look into progress with a safety barrier for Grinton Bank which had been raised with Highways some time previously.

Bus shelter: A builder would be asked to refix the loose coping stones on the roof of the shelter.

Grass verge: The clerk was asked to look into a means of protecting the newly repaired verge from further damage from cars.

Next meeting: The next meeting is at 7.15pm on Monday, January 9.

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Well done to all at Cambridge House.

[Editor's note: Do I qualify for a free breakfast now?]

Thank You

Sue Whitehead would like to thank everyone for their kind donations towards her Yorkshire Three Peaks Challenge earlier this year. £912.55 was raised for The Alzheimer's Society.

Thank You

Reeth and District Memorial Hall Committee would like to thank to all who supported the success of the Ceilidh (£330 raised) and the Table Top Sale. (£423) All proceeds go to the continuing refurbishment of the Hall.

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Message From The Swaledale Museum In Reeth

Don't forget - the Museum is now closed for the Season, it re-opens on 1st May 2017. However if you want to arrange a group visit, or an appointment in the archive, do contact us, as we can usually open for you, if not working offsite.

Most recently we have been able to assist a gentleman researching the Swaledale Beagles and assist research into the early history of Reeth Band. We are delighted to be working with Reeth School to whom we are loaning old toys from our Collection and Reeth Youth Club with a hands-on taster session exploring how to read objects this month.

Something new for 2017 - a possible exhibition on local lichens thanks to Sue and Les Knight who gave an inspiring talk on the subject in September.

We are also assembling works of art for our Fine Art Auction next year, so if you have any paintings or textile art you would like to donate, do let us know. We would like to thank Marjorie Daniels, Jocelyn Campbell, Carolyn Stevenson, Anne Hewitt and Jenna Hewitt for their beautiful and wonderful contributions of their own work, as well as those of you who have given us 'historic' pieces.

Thank you to all who attended the 'Stories in Silver' day at the Green Howards Museum in Richmond, where a lively group of us explored the various regimental trophies, their design, making and personalities with whom

they are associated. Lynda Powell Director of the Museum made us exceptionally welcome and drew out the lives of the men who commissioned and received these very personal pieces. It was a wonderful opportunity for collaboration between the Swaledale Museum and the Green Howards.

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.

Lastly and most importantly we wish you all a very happy Christmas and thank you for your support in 2016. See you in the New Year.

For more information contact:

museum.swaledale@btinternet.com
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Helen Bainbridge

Swale Singers Concert

Don't forget the second Autumn concert - Saturday 17th December, 7.00pm in Gunnerside Chapel.

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22/10/2016: (66) 14.30hrs While part of the team were covering the Scott Trial, we were called by the Police to rescue a D of E group member with a knee injury. Treated & evacuated by the team to the group leaders. Thanks to Clive & Amanda at Ravenseat for the use of the Quad bike

22/10/2016: (65) 08.30hrs The team provided rescue cover for the annual Scott Trial event. The usual bumps & scrapes dealt with.

22/10/2016: (64) 00.30hrs Team called out by the Police to search for a missing person in the Leeming Bar area. After an all night search the person is still missing.

21/10/2016: (63) 15.30hrs Team called out this afternoon to rescue a dog trapped on the small rock island below the Upper Waterfall at Aysgarth. Stood down en route when the dog made it back to safety.

Fundraising update

Thanks to the following for their ongoing support:

Thanks to Gerard Marsh who did a talk

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I always find this edition amusing & somewhat confusing; I'm sitting at home in the warm Autumn sunshine watching my caving kit drying out, yet at the same time I'm typing *Merry Christmas* to all our supporters.

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Coming up this month is our school Christmas production on Friday 9th December, starting at 6.00pm in St Mary's Church. We would be delighted

if you could join us to support the children and share what is always a magical event in the festive period.

Miss Helen Ring, Headteacher

Shortest Day Service

Gunnerside Chapel will be holding its traditional Shortest Day Carol Service on Wednesday 21st December at 7.00pm.

Everyone is welcome, and all are invited to stay for supper afterwards.

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Joan Clarkson wishes to thank all family and friends who made her 80th birthday such an enjoyable occasion.

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- Born down in a dead man's town, the first kick I took was when I hit the ground - **Born In The USA**
- I get up in the evening and I ain't got nothing to say - **Dancing In The Dark**
- The screen door slams - **Thunder Road**. (One of the best ever opening lines, incidentally)

The tiebreaker: To date, he has won 20 Grammy awards.

And the winner is: John, from Stratford on Avon who would like the £5 to be donated to Gunnerside Chapel.

This month, well it just has to be a Christmas theme, so all these songs have Christmas (or Xmas) in the title:

- Does your granny always tell you that the old songs are the best?
- When the kids start singing and the band begins to play
- Where the only water flowing is the bitter sting of tears
- The only things I see are loneliness and emptiness and an unlit Christmas tree
- And the peal of a bell and that Christmas tree smell
- Merry Christmas; Merry Christmas; but I think I'll miss this one this year.
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Saturday 3rd December at 7.30pm:
North Country Theatre - The Wish House - a comedy of rural superstition and urban myth - a story of fierce, insane, possessive love . . . (and dark goings-on down on the farm). Based on a short story by Rudyard Kipling. Tickets £10.

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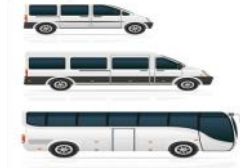
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Now Then

It's amazing what folks got up to when celebrating the Awd Roy Christmas Festival in Muker in the late 19th century, especially during the "Whisking Dance".

The full story was published in T Hiscock's Wensleydale and Swaledale Almanack in 1910, and has now been reproduced in the latest edition of *Now Then*, the annual magazine of the Friends of the Dales Countryside Museum.

This year's *Now Then* also includes an interview with Harold Brown of Grinton entitled "Hill farming since the 1940s" along with some fascinating photos taken by Lucie Hinson in the 1950s.

Tony Harrison's detailed article about caves in Wensleydale and Swaledale includes the Devis Hole Mine south of Grinton.

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Reeth Brass Band News

Sunday 18th December looks like a busy day for the band with three engagements, starting with a Christmas Concert at Richmond Station at 10.30am. The Arkengarthdale Church Christmas Carol Service starts at 6.30pm. The band will then travel down the valley for carols round the Christmas Tree on Reeth Green at 8.00pm.

The annual Christmas Concert will take place on Tuesday 20th December at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall, Reeth. Admission will be free, retiring donations at the door following the concert in aid of band funds. There will be light refreshments and mulled wine in the interval. This will be followed by the traditional raffle.

The Training Band, which now has seven youngsters of school age, will open the second half with a number of items they have been practicing hard to perfect. The Senior Band will continue the proceedings with a march written by Brian Hicks, our previous Director of Music. The march is entitled "Tubby's March" and is dedicated to the memory of our late President, David Allinson (affectionately known as Tubby). The concert will continue with more Christmas favourites and end by wishing everyone a musical Happy Christmas.

Seasonal festivities would not be complete without carols around Reeth on Christmas morning. **Irwin Blenkiron**



Reeth and Gunnerside Schools

In recent weeks pupils have been busy preparing for their Christmas Performances. We are really looking forward to sharing them with families, friends and the wider community and do hope that you will be able to join us.

Older, Key Stage 2 pupils are leading a carol service at Gunnerside Chapel on Wednesday 7th December at 6.00pm. In the following week, younger pupils in our Early Years and Key Stage 1 classes will take the lead in their play 'Hey Ewe!' Key Stage 2 children will also be involved, particularly with singing. The performances, held at Reeth Memorial Hall, will take place on Tuesday 13th December at 1:45pm and on Wednesday 14th December at 6.00pm. The Friends of the Schools will kindly provide mince pies and refreshments at all events.

Following the success of last year's Enterprise Project, an entrepreneurial challenge set by the Rotary Club of Wensleydale, pupils have been planning, developing ideas and making products for sale. Each school involved in the challenge has received a start up fund from the Rotary Club, the aim being to

use this to raise money for charity, with all proceeds this year going to the Yorkshire Air Ambulance. Pupils will be holding stalls at their performances and at the market in Reeth. We would all really appreciate your support.

On behalf of the staff and pupils of Reeth and Gunnerside Schools I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and look forward to seeing you over the next few weeks.

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	10.30 am	Low Row URC	
	11.00 am	St. Edmund's, Marske	<i>Family Communion</i>
	11.00 am	Holy Trinity Low Row	<i>Eucharist</i>
	11.00 am	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
	4.00 pm	<i>St. Andrew's Grinton Come & sing carols. Informal Carol Service - donations for Christian Aid's Christmas Appeal. You are invited to wear your Christmas jumper or hat for this service.</i>	
	6.30 pm	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
	7.00 pm	Christmas Event at Marrick Priory	
11th Dec.	9.30 am	St. Andrew's Grinton	<i>Eucharist</i>
	9.30 am	St Michael's Downholme	<i>Morning Prayer</i>
	10.30 am	Low Row URC	<i>Holy Communion</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>
	2.30 pm	Gunnerside Methodist	
	6.00 pm	St. Mary's Muker	<i>Crib Service PLEASE NOTE TIME</i>
6.30 pm	Reeth Evangelical Congregational		
13th Dec.	7.00 pm	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	<i>Carols by Candlelight</i>
16th Dec.	1.30 pm	St. Andrew's Grinton	<i>Joint Schools' Ecumenical Christingle Service</i>

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Church Services December 2016

18th Dec.	9.15 am	St. Mary's Muker	<i>Holy Communion BCP</i>
	10.30 am	Low Row URC	
	11.00 am	Holy Trinity Low Row	<i>Eucharist</i>
	11.00 am	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
	2.00 pm	Keld URC	<i>Carols</i>
	2.30 pm	St. Edmund's, Marske	<i>Lessons/Carols</i>
	3.00 pm	St. Michael's Downholme	<i>Lessons/Carols</i>
	6.30 pm	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	<i>Carol Service</i>
	6.30 am	St. Mary's Arkengarthdale	<i>Arken'dale Joint Carol Service</i>
8.00 pm	Reeth Green <i>Carols round the Tree with Reeth Brass Band</i>		
21st Dec.	7.00 pm	Gunnerside Methodist	<i>Shortest Day Service</i>
24th Dec.	4.30 pm	Hope House, Keld	<i>Carol Service</i>
	6.00 pm	Low Row URC	<i>Low Row Village Carol Service</i>
	10.00 pm	St. Mary's Arkengarthdale	<i>Holy Communion BCP</i>
	11.30 pm	St. Andrew's Grinton	<i>Eucharist</i>
	11.30 pm	St. Michael's Downholme	<i>Holy Communion</i>
25th Dec.	9.00 am	St. Mary's Muker	<i>Eucharist</i>
	9.30 am	Low Row URC	
	10.30 am	Holy Trinity Low Row	<i>Eucharist</i>
	11.00 am	St. Edmund's Marske	<i>Holy Communion</i>
	11.00 am	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	<i>Christmas Day Service</i>
	6.30 pm	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	<i>Christmas Day Service</i>
27th Dec	6.30 pm	St. Mary's Muker <i>Carol Service with Muker Silver Band</i>	

Reeth & District Children's Sports

Did your children enjoy the sports on the green this year?

The majority of the current sports committee now have older children/young adults however several parents have expressed an interest in running the children's sports next year.

A meeting has been arranged for **7.00pm on Tuesday 6th December** at the **Dales Bike Centre**, Fremington. If you are interested in being part of what is usually a very enjoyable day please come along.

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Come and Sing Carols, Sunday 4th December at St. Andrew's Church, Grinton on Sunday 4th December at 4.00pm. All are welcome to this informal Christmas event - wear your Christmas jumpers and hats. We will sing Christmas Carols, hear the Christmas story and enjoy juice, mulled wine and mince pies. Retiring donations may be given for the Christian Aid 'light the Way' Christmas appeal

Festive Decorating Session, Saturday 10th December: Come to St Andrew's at 10.30am and help up put up the Christmas tree and crib scene. Opportunities too to cut greenery from the churchyard for decorating inside the church or for you to take home. Children most especially welcome to come and help. Drinks and festive biccies of course.

And thanks . . .

Many thanks to all those who supported the Make Do and Mend event on 5th November. The event raised a total of £140 for the upkeep of St Andrew's, Grinton.

Thank you too to all who worked to make the first held 'service in the style of Taizé' on Nov 6th such a lovely evening. Look out for notices for the next Taizé service in Lent.

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Apple Day**

Wonder of wonders, Apple Day was dry and fine. In common with everyone else, it seems, we had a really bumper crop again this year. Some trees that haven't done much in the past were so heavily laden this year that some branches had to be propped up. We also had plenty of damsons and greengages which were very popular and sold well at the gate a couple of weeks previously.

In readiness for the apple juicing we had spent hours chopping apples and our support team, Derek, Pete and Graham, did a brilliant job as usual with the apple presses. John's apple display from the trees in his garden drew many admirers, intrigued by the many different varieties which are never grown commercially.

The apples sold well and will continue to be for sale at the gate while stocks last (there's a familiar phrase). We also had walnuts and pears for sale which proved popular. People very kindly made cakes, crumbles, jam etc which I could say sold like hot cakes except that they weren't. The children played games and ran races, had a treasure hunt and painted pictures.

And a big thank you to Richard Good for his delicious pumpkin soup which kept us all going.

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Notes From Your District Councillor

It only seems five minutes since last Christmas but here we are once again looking back on the last twelve months and looking forward to 2017.

All the usual activities have taken place, Reeth Show, Songs of Praise with Reeth Brass Band, The Scott Trial, Bonfire Night, to name but a few; and the one thing in common to these and many more events is that they wouldn't happen without people giving up their spare time to organise them.

This June we also had the Queens 90th Birthday Celebration on Reeth Green with people coming from all over the Two Dales to enjoy an afternoon of Maypole Dancing, Tug of War and games for the youngsters with the Band keeping us entertained.

We are very fortunate to have so many willing volunteers to help run our library and the National Park Desk in Hudson House as well as the Sports Pavilion and all the Halls and Institutes which provide venues for Lunch Clubs, Concerts, Whist Drives and so on. We have one of the best NHS surgeries in the country; garages to service our vehicles; pubs where can meet, play darts and quoits; cafes offering all sorts of delicious goodies; and shops providing just about everything we need. Apparently the only thing you can't get hold of this far North is Tofu - whatever that is. *[See below. Ed.]*

This December there will be shopping trips arranged by the Community Bus and Harkers Coaches; Carols round the Tree; and the ever popular New Year's Day Fireworks Display. There is so much going on that

you must forgive me if I have not mentioned your activity, I put it down to memory overload.

All in all not a bad place to live - is it?

With best wishes for a wonderful time this Christmas and a great 2017

Richard Beal
District Councillor
Reeth and Arkengarthdale Ward

Tofu

Tofu, also known as bean curd, is a food made by coagulating soy milk and then pressing the resulting curds into soft white blocks. It has no taste in particular but soaks up the flavours of the dish it is in, like a sponge. (It's a bit like eating one too.)

Apparently, it was first made in Han dynasty China some 2,000 years ago. Chinese legend ascribes its invention to prince Liu An who accidentally curdled some soya milk.

Tofu is a good source of protein and contains all eight essential amino acids. It is also an excellent source of iron and calcium and the minerals manganese, selenium and phosphorous. In addition, tofu is a good source of magnesium, copper, zinc and vitamin B1.

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3rd	10	Richard Good
4th	282	Margaret Porter

Volunteer wanted

Do you enjoy football and would like to get involved with your local club? Reeth and District Athletic Club need a secretary to deal with the admin of Reeth AFC. The secretary is point of contact for the local FA and league, takes meeting minutes, (approx. six meetings a year) and deals with any correspondence.

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The Children's Society in Tees Valley has a long history of providing children and family services in the Tees Valley area. They have a successful track record of working with the most hard-to-reach groups, enabling children, young people and their families to find solutions to barriers that they face. They currently support children, young people and their families across Middlesbrough,

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Stockton and Hartlepool. This is done through the Ohana Project which was set up to help improve the lives of young people who may be at risk of offending, or who may already be in trouble with the law. The Restorative Youth Support Service provides children and young people who have been in trouble with the law the opportunity to make amends to the people or organisations they have harmed. Young people are given a chance to say sorry and put things right. There are also projects in Leeds (LEAP which stands for Listening, Empowering, Advocacy and Participation) and Newcastle (SCARPA which seeks to protect young runways).

More information about The Children's Society's work is available on their website:

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If you would like to become a box holder please contact me on 01748 886790. **Pauline Oldershaw**

In The Spotlight

This month, it's the multi-award winning folk singer **Emily Smith**. She is appearing at the **Memorial Hall in Reeth on December 2nd** [See page 20] the day her new album, *Songs For Christmas*, is released. Emily has taken time out from her busy schedule to answer a few questions for us.

Tell us about yourself in 50 words or less:

I'm a singer/musician from Dumfriesshire, South West Scotland. Married to my musical partner Jamie McClennan and mother to two little people who are my world. I love walks in the countryside, gardening, singing and sleeping (the latter is hard to come by these days).

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

I used to play snare drum in my local pipe band, then I took up the accordion I seem to have a thing for heavy instruments.

What was the first job you ever had?

Working in a local hotel, I was a

hopeless waitress so I was transferred to the kitchen where I excelled at washing dishes. The banter was better than front of house by a mile.

Had you not become a musician, what was Plan B?

I was going to follow in my mother's footsteps and go to art college.

Did you go and see Bruce Springsteen at Glasgow last summer?

No, due to having a very young baby at the time, but I know folks who did go and heard it was brilliant.

Who do you rate as the top musician?

Um, that's a hard one. I'm a big fan of Darrell Scott, as an all round songwriter/live performer he's hard to beat.

Which is your favourite album?

I have so many, depends on the time of year/mood I'm in. Recently I've been loving Chris Stapleton's 'Traveller'.

Which musician, living or dead, would you most like to perform with?

Karen Carpenter, she had an amazing voice. Or Dolly Parton reckon she'd be good craic.

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

Robert Burns, I'd also like to be able to

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time travel to see what life was like when he was around.

Is the glass half full or half empty?

Half full for sure.

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

Littering, can't stand it.

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

A holiday home in New Zealand. And a plane to fly there anytime I wanted.

What would be your luxury on a desert island?

Homemade soup with a glass of Robinson's juice on the side. Can't live without it.

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

My children, then my laptop.

What's your favourite joke?

It's too rude to print here . . . very funny though. Or, just because I have

baby brain, this is a goody:

A woman gets on a bus with her baby.

The bus driver says: "Ugh, that's the ugliest baby I've ever seen!"

The woman walks to the rear of the bus and sits down, fuming. She says to a man next to her:

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The man says: "You go up there and tell him off. Go on, I'll hold your monkey for you."

[Thankfully, Emily will be singing at the Memorial Hall, not telling jokes.]

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Guy Fawkes gets a warm welcome

Even Guy Fawkes gets a helping hand in Arkengarthdale, thanks to the local youngsters. On Saturday night more than 150 people turned out to support their annual Bonfire Night, and spectacular firework display, organised, as always, by Arkengarthdale Sports Association.

The regular event, hosted by The CB Inn, is testament to the wonderful community spirit in the dale. A week before November 5, residents put out anything suitable for burning and it is collected by volunteers from the Sports Association, who build a huge fire in The CB Inn car park.

Meanwhile the youngsters get together and make a very life-like Guy,

who is even given his own seat in the CB for a few days until it's time to meet his fate.

The children from Arkengarthdale School also create special pictures each year to decorate the bar. These were judged on Saturday by local artist Jocelyn Campbell. The winners were Daisy Richardson, Sophie Tarran and Kirsty Tarran.

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There have been reports also of sheep thefts in the Dales so any possible suspect / suspicious vehicles or persons should be reported immediately. The telephone number to use in an emergency is 999 and 101 in a non-emergency.

In Langthwaite we have received reports of males selling items from large bags stating that they were with a scheme but failed to produce any ID cards to show that they were legitimate and the males also asked lots of personal questions.

Reports of poachers with a dog were sighted in the area of Marrick. A group of males were seen possibly causing damage to a Pay and Display machine in Muker late evening, thankfully no monies were removed.

Lastly on a different note anyone who comes across a stray or lost dog should report it to the Dog Warden at your District Council on **0845 2417253** (out of office hours) or get in touch with Street Scene on **01748 - 829100** or via email:

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Jill Myers

The family of Jill Myers would like to thank friends who attended her recent funeral. She loved these two dales and the people who live here.

Thank you so much for your donations; these have been shared between St. Mary's Church (£210) and Boobs and Brass (£210) - a breast cancer charity band who have now raised over £195,000.

Community Chest 2017

Such has been the success of the Community Chest that the management board has decided to continue it for another year. The process couldn't be simpler: just send us an e-mail explaining why you think your group is a deserving cause. Unfortunately, if you have received an award in 2016, you will not be considered in 2017 - but maybe in 2018.

Wensleydale Decorative And Fine Arts Society

The December lecture is on Tuesday 13th December at 2.00pm in the Middleham Key Centre and is titled: Faking It - A Desire to Deceive - the Allure of Jewels and Gems, from 1500.

In today's society we are used to wearing costume jewellery or buying stones that have been enhanced in some way to meet consumer demand. How did this begin and when was it considered an acceptable practice? From the uncovering of counterfeit rubies to the foiling of precious gemstones; from the production of 18th century elegant paste to the creation of cultured pearls this lecture

will explore the intriguing behaviour of gemstone dealers and jewellers across Europe since 1500 in their quest to deceive.

The lecture will be delivered by Susan Rumpfitt who is an independent jewellery consultant and specialist on the Antiques Road Show. Following a post graduate degree in decorative arts at Glasgow University she trained at Christie's moving to Phillips in Edinburgh as head of the Jewellery and Silver Department.

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Muker Sign: A response had been received from Highways detailing the specification of the sign. Cllrs were aggrieved at how long this process had taken and Councillors agreed to purchase and erect their own sign.

Parking Restrictions Muker: The Chairman read out a response from Highways regarding the yellow lines and parking signs within the Village.

Thwaite and Hoggarths Bridge: Cllr Blackie highlighted a shortage of skilled labour; he is pursuing this matter and trying to push for both bridges to be repaired at the same time.

Buttertubs Rut: Ongoing

Grass Cutting: Clerk has contacted Highways

Baby Changing Facilities Muker: Cllr Blows is looking into this matter with a view to using the Disabled Toilet, due to restricted room in the Ladies and Gents. A site visit will take place.

Finance: Invoice for Grit Bin replenishment in Thwaite: Cheque has been raised.

Winter Gritting: The Chairman read out an e-mail from Highways and a response from Rishi Sunak MP regarding the Buttertubs Pass. It was again noted that even though the roads up both Wensleydale and Swaledale may not need gritting the Buttertubs Pass due to its altitude will need gritting. Highways agreed to do this at the Richmondshire Area Committee meeting on the 21 September 2016 and it was minuted as such. Cllr Blackie requests that all residents monitor this situation i.e. that the Buttertubs Pass is gritted

when it needs to be, if it has not been gritted when it should be then he would like to be informed of this. Residents can contact him on e-mail: cllr.john.blackie@northyorks.gov.uk telephone no: 01969 667123. Cllrs unanimously agreed that in pursuing this matter the Parish Council is not in any way criticising the Gritter drivers. Discussion also took place on the use of the Hawes and Gunnerside Grit stores. The Council believe that the Hawes Grit store has now been filled.

Richmondshire District Council Budget Consultation: An e-mail had been received regarding the RDC Budget Consultation: anyone can complete the survey regarding the RDC Budget at richmondshire.gov.uk/survey/budget. The consultation closes on the 16 December 2016.

YDNP: An e-mail had been received

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from YDNP regarding the launch of two new Dales Young Ranger group. They are currently recruiting young people to get involved. To find out more please contact Rachael Alderson:

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Planning Application: A Planning Application had been received for Gill Head Satronisde: No Objections

YDNP: Election of Richmondshire Parish Representative: Cllr Blackie informed the meeting of the full list of candidates. The Council agreed to vote for Henry Allen Kirkbride.

Removal of Phone Boxes: The list of phone boxes to be removed that the Council had received was incomplete. Cllrs would object to the removal of any phone boxes, in particular whilst ever there is no mobile phone signal in Upper Swaledale. The Council would reconsider on a case by case basis.

Correspondence / AOB

A letter had been received from the Red Cross requesting a donation: Clerk to contact charity stating that The Parish Council does not make donations.

An e-mail had been received from the Police and Crime Commissioner who is currently conducting a survey: "Be safe Feel safe" the survey can be found at: telljulia.com

NHS Advocacy: The Chair read out an e-mail from Cloverleaf advocacy who offer a complaints advocacy service regarding the NHS for anyone living in North Yorkshire.

Battery for Defibrillator: It was agreed to purchase batteries as and when necessary. Cllr Blackie agreed to provide funding for this.

Next Meeting: Thursday 8 December 2016. 7.30pm

A Stringer



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FILMS

Fri 02 Dec - 5.00 pm & 7.30 pm - **The BFG** (PG) 1hr 57m.

Fri 09 Dec - 5.00 pm & 7.30 pm - **Absolutely Fabulous** (15) 1hr 31m.

Fri 16 Dec - 4.30 pm & 7.30 pm - **The Beatles: Eight Days a Week** (15) 2hr 17m.

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2 Dales Football

The Under 12s have had a torrid Phase 1 of the season playing only teams older and bigger. They will look to play teams more their own equals in Phase 3 but in the meantime look forward to Phase 2 playing indoor Futsal. Our players, despite a barrage of goals, rarely let their heads down whereas the other team in a similar position sadly folded. Great credit goes to our goalie, Ellen Atkinson, who has put in a magnificent performance while Dan Marshall in defence has also given a determined performance against formidable opposition.

Some of the younger players have been notable in standing up to the challenge and I would mention particularly Oliver Hird and Marko Jones while Ryan Hewitson-Wheeler shows much more confidence and determination. The strength of the opposition makes it difficult to give some younger players as much football as we would like. We are very pleased to welcome back former 2Dales player, Aleks Karadzic to help with coaching.

Meanwhile the Under 10s joint team with Spennithorne flourish with some good wins. We welcome Conrad Andrew to this squad. On 23 October they played Catterick Garrison Under 10s (an older team) away and Garrison started really well putting pressure in Spenni Dales from the kick off. Will's goalkeeping kept a clean sheet well into the half until good passing and aggressive play by Garrison forced a good goal and after several chances they got their second just before half time.

The second half was a different story with Spenni Dales making some good opportunities then Ryan Howard broke away and scored. From the kick off Josh Luchford won the ball passing to Oliver Scott and further good passing enabled Oliver to equalise. Alfred Atkin and Ben Alderson were in good form in defence and we were unlucky not to get the decider with Ryan hitting the post in the final minute. The following week we played the same team at Reeth. I don't have a report but Spenni Dales did not play so well, losing the game.

On November 6 we played the younger Garrison team on a muddy pitch on a cold windy day. After several chances, good play from Alfred, Josh and Oliver enabled Ryan to slot one in at close range. Garrison made one good break which Will saved. Oliver scored from a corner and again Alfred and Ben played well in defence. Josh, Oliver and Jack Dalton had a hard time in midfield in the mud but we took a 3-0 lead. Hunter Howard came on before Garrison were awarded a penalty which Will saved but failure to clear gave Garrison a well-deserved goal. Spenni Dales then scored again. Sadly with no coach and few players we have not been able to offer Under 8 football.

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As another year comes towards a close, 2016 seems to have dashed by in a blur. Lots of things have happened over the year: we have lost good friends (both staff and patients) and also gained many new ones. The practice is flourishing despite the climate of cuts and changes to the way the NHS provides GP care. This is in no small way due to the enthusiasm and support of our patients and staff, so I hope that we continue to serve you well in 2017.

Over the year, the practice has launched some ambitious projects to develop our patient care closer to home, with several other ideas in the pipeline. We have been shortlisted for

a major national award and received some very generous donations towards developing our asthma diagnostic service, which we hope to share with neighbouring practices next year.

April 1st next year will also mark my 10th year at the practice - Dr Bond must have had a sense of humour when he gave me that starting date.

I hope you all have a restful and relaxing festive season with family and friends and wish you all the best for 2017.

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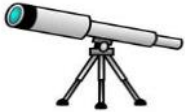


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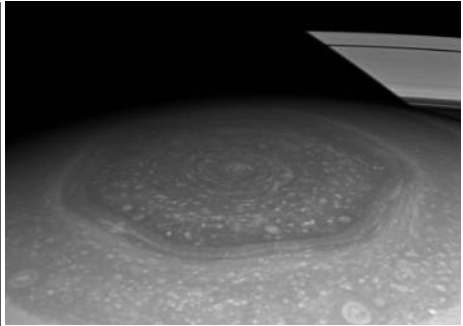
Hurrah! It is the festival of Saturnalia, running from the 17th to the 23rd of December, a time when everything is reversed, slaves could insult their masters, gambling was legal, gifts were given and social conformity was ignored. More about the Dark Sun later.

This month we have two meteor showers, as all of you know by now, unless you have not been reading this article, then I will tell you that there are two meteor showers this month. The first, the Geminids, occurs on the 13th and 14th with up to 120 meteors an hour, however, we have a full moon, another supermoon when the moon is at its closest approach to the earth, on the 14th which will illuminate the night sky and block out this display. For those who wish to brave the cold, look south after midnight.

Our second display of fiery rocks is on the 21st and 22nd of the month, coinciding with the winter solstice, which occurs at 10.44 am on the 21st. The Ursids only produce 10 meteors an hour, however with a diminishing moon they will be easier to see, radiating from a northerly direction.

Venus and Mars can be seen in the south western sky. They will set between 6.30 and 8.30 pm and as the nights are long this is a perfect time for observation, even with a pair of binoculars.

So, back to Saturn, the second largest of the planets in the solar system, orbiting 10 times further from the sun than the earth, taking 29 years



for one orbit of the sun. Saturn is famous for its rings of ice, it also has 62 moons. Recent discoveries have shown that the winds of Saturn create a hexagonal pattern at both of the planets poles. This has also been seen to change colour from a blueish colour to a golden hue though what causes this is unknown.

The Cassini probe in orbit around Saturn has also found geological activity on several of the moons in orbit around Saturn, with geysers of gas and vapour and seas of hydro carbons. Saturn can be described as a failed star with its own planetary system, a distant counter point to our own star, and worth celebrating.

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- 2nd The Emily Smith Christmas Show, Reeth Memorial Hall. 8.00pm
- 3rd North Country Theatre: The Wish House, Reeth Memorial Hall. 7.30pm
- 3rd Film in Gunnerside Village Hall: Dad's Army. £5 (children £3). 7.30pm. Doors & bar open 7.00
- 3rd Forest Church Christmas event Grinton Churchyard 2.00-4.00pm
- 9th Reeth Christmas Shopping Day. 10.00am - 5.00pm.
- 10th Drop in for coffee and carols, Reeth Evangelical Congregational Church. 10.00am - noon
- 12th Two Dales Gardening Club, Christmas Buffet, Sports Pavilion. 1.00pm
- 13th Carols by Candlelight, Reeth Evangelical Congregational Church. 7.00pm
- 16th Dominos & Whist, Low Row
- 16th "Christmas Music" and Mince Pies hosted by the Parish Choir Fremington Hall. £5.00 on the door. 2.30pm
- 17th Swale Singers concert, Gunnerside Chapel, 7.00pm
- 18th Carols round the tree on Reeth green with Reeth Brass Band. 8.00pm

January

- 1st Fireworks on Reeth Green. 7.00pm
- 6th T'Owd Roy Domino Drive, Muker Public Hall. 7:30pm
- 7th Film in Gunnerside Village Hall:

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- 9th Two Dales Gardening Club, Sports Pavilion, Home Composting. 2.00pm

February

- 10th Domino Drive, Arkengarthdale School, 7.30pm. £4 (children £2)
- 13th Two Dales Gardening Club, Sports Pavilion, *Growing and Showing Sweet Peas* with Andrew Fletcher. 2.0pm
- 24th Martin Carthy & John Kirkpatrick, Reeth Memorial Hall. 8.00pm

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