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### First Thoughts . . .

I was going to start off this month with the first line of a medieval English round from the mid-13th century: *Sumer is icumen in* - because summer is almost here. But then I found out that its meaning is not as it sounds (*Summer is coming in*) but, *Summer has arrived*. So that's no good.

Unless of course you are a meteorologist (which sounds like you should study a meteor, right?) in which case summer has indeed begun for you, seeing as how under meteorological definitions, all seasons are arbitrarily set to start at the beginning of a calendar month - 1st June for Summer.

Unless of course you are visiting from Ireland where according to the Irish Calendar, summer begins on 1st May and ends on 1st August, rather than the meteorological definition of 1st June.

For the astronomers amongst you, you'll have to wait until 21st June for the summer solstice. Except that reckoning by hours of daylight alone, the summer solstice marks the midpoint, not the beginning, of the season therefore this date is also known as *midsummer*. In which case, summer must have started sometime early in May.

Unless of course you are following the Christian calendar which designated 24th June, the feast day of the early Christian martyr St John the Baptist, as Midsummer's Day.

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The deadlines for the next two months are:

**July issue: June 10th**

**August issue: July 8th**

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Dr. Seuss

## COVER PICTURE

Taken by  
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## Wildlife Reports

As many of you will know - I hope - I am your local National Park Ranger and I'm based in Reeth in Hudson House. My door is always open and is frequently used by a lot of you. I am very lucky to be based in Reeth rather than one of our two main offices as it means people are more inclined to call in with concerns, comments and general enquiries or just a chat sometimes.

I am writing this as I want to encourage you; the public of the Two Dales, to tell me about any interesting wildlife you may have seen that you think is unusual or needs noting. By this I mean any unusual flowers or plants, any rarer mammals; particularly any Red Squirrels or Otters, interesting butterflies such as Green Hairstreaks or birds; especially Birds of Prey.

I often hear about sightings second or third hand which can be frustrating. For instance someone has told me they

had heard someone had photographed a Red Squirrel in Reeth. It would be great to confirm this; I am currently monitoring a site near Keld for this species but if I knew they were as far down the dale as Reeth we could target our monitoring more effectively perhaps.

If you see anything that you think is of note then please contact me with as much detail as you have such as the date and location of your sighting. A good photograph would be a bonus. If necessary I can then pass it on to my Wildlife colleagues or just keep an eye and an ear out for further reports.

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I look forward to your reports.

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

- 1 Morgan Freeman, redeemed his shanks
- 2 Keith Allen, Lily's dad
- 3 Tony Curtis, liked it hot
- 4 Bradley Walsh, chases criminals
- 5 Anastasia Nikolaevna, did she survive?
- 6 Steve Vai, OK guitarist
- 7 Tom Jones, unusual singer
- 8 Joan Rivers, to cross
- 9 Johnny Depp, a pirate
- 10 Judy Garland, a Dot of an actress
- 11 Gene Wilder, a better Willy than J Depp
- 12 Lizzie O'Brien, historical romanticist
- 13 Charles the Bald, King of France
- 14 Donald Trump, excellent President (Fake news, that.)
- 15 Mel Giedroyc, one of Mel and Sue (Not sure which one)
- 16 Jurgen Klopp, itty clip
- 17 Igor Stravinsky, set fire to a bird
- 18 Delia Smith, baked the cake on *Let It Bleed* album cover
- 19 Helen George, dancing midwife
- 20 Scipio Africanus, fought in the Second Punic War
- 21 William, a prince
- 22 Kris Kristofferson, a rubber duck
- 23 Alan Turing, did sums
- 24 Jack Dempsey, Manassa Mauler
- 25 George Michael, a careless whisperer
- 26 "Big Bill" Broonzy, inspirational blues singer/guitarist
- 27 Catherine Cookson, wrote a book or two
- 28 John Wesley, invented Methodism
- 29 Christos Papakyriakopoulos, dunno
- 30 Michael Phelps, won a medal or two



## 2 Dales Football

The Under 12s played Ripon Reds at Reeth. Dales were

the first to strike with Luke Dent putting the ball in the back of the net for the first of his hat trick. Dales then put pressure on Ripon causing them to make mistakes. Great passing and moving off the ball gave a lot of possession to Dales who took a 3-0 lead into half time.

Ripon then tried to attack but Dales maintained their discipline and mid field dealt with everything. Ben Parlour picked up the ball in the middle of the field and drove forward to unleash a shot that flew into the back of the net for a great goal. 5-1 win with goals from Luke 3, Ben and Dan Webster.

They then played top of the League Bedale Tornados on a fine sunny morning. Dales put pressure on from the start and Joe Alderson gave Dales the lead in the 15th minute. An attack down the right side saw Luke pick up

the ball and a low hard pass across the goal was knocked in for an own goal. Dales dominated the second half starting to pass well as a team to run out 8-1 convincing winners. Scorers were Joe 3, Dan Webster 3, Luke 1 and an OG. Defender Finley Clark was man of the match.

The Under 10s played an end of season one day cup event at Bedale. With 11 players for 7x7 we played our more experienced players against Catterick Village who are top of the League with a strong team. Spennithorne/2Dales (SD) held them to 1 goal at half time but Village stepped up the pace putting in another 4 in the second half.

That put us out of the Cup and we then played for third place against Catterick Garrison Under 9s. These are a younger but strong team (SD is a mixture of Under 9s and 10s) and we gave precedence to those who had not played in the first game. This gave a very close and exciting match with Garrison very narrowly winning 1-0.

**We still really need a coach to try and resurrect an Under 8 team** and keep the football tradition alive in Reeth. there must be someone prepared to give something back to football.

We are selling 300 Club tickets for 2017/18. At £10 for a year the top prize is £300 with half the proceeds going to pay for upkeep of the pavilion. Please support this. Tickets are also available from the adult footballers, YFC, Red Lion Langthwaite and others

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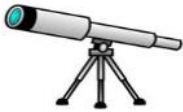
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## Astronomy In The Two Dales

How can you do astronomy in Swaledale in mid-summer? It's not easy. You can stay up really late and do some observing in the wee small hours. Or you can buy a very expensive solar telescope to study the sun safely during the day (you must **NEVER** look at the sun through a normal telescope). But if neither of these options seem attractive there are a couple of alternatives.

The first is to use a stick and a wall. At our latitude the difference in the sun's height in the sky between summer and winter is very large. So it is interesting to mark the top of the shadow the stick casts when the sun is at its zenith on the summer solstice, and then mark the equivalent position three months later at the Autumn Equinox and six months later at the winter solstice.

Place the stick in the ground so it casts its shadow on the wall at about 1.00 pm on the 21st of June (Not 12.00 noon - because our clocks are currently one hour forward). Ideally you should measure the height of the stick above the ground as well as its exact position (so you can make sure you do the experiment the same in the winter). You also need to make sure the stick is vertical. The mark needs to be semi-permanent - a good strong chalk mark on a wall will do provided you refresh it from time to time.

The other thing you can do at this time of year is to look out for the strange "noctilucent" clouds which sometimes appear in the night sky

around mid-summer. They are usually white or electric blue, lit up by the sun which at this point is well below the horizon. Scientists know very little about them for certain, other than that they form incredibly high (about 50 miles up) and are made up of very tiny ice crystals. They were first recorded after the explosion of Krakatoa, and seem to have become more frequent in modern times, possibly because of human activity.

Noctilucent clouds are visible about 90 minutes after sunset or before sunrise. (Clouds lit up by the sun much closer to sunset or sunrise may well be ordinary cirrus clouds). I have included a picture on the next page of a particularly bright display of Noctilucent clouds over Uppsala in Sweden, taken by a photographer known as Goforbit. They are usually more subtle than this - but do look out for them, as they can be outstandingly beautiful.

Anyway, this is Starboy's last outing - Starman is back next month after three months improving his starship. And if he gets tied up again, whether by DIY or a super-villain, we have Galaxian waiting in the wings.

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## Reeth Gazette Community Chest

This month's recipient is the **Low Row and Feetham Literary Institute**. Julia Thorogood, the outgoing secretary to the Institute Management Committee, explains what it's all about:

The Institute is a registered charity (No. 1114074) which manages the Hall in Low Row. Our "area of benefit" is defined as Low Row and Feetham including Whitaside, Crackpot Side, Smarber, Blades and Kearton.

Officially the objects of the charity are: "The provision and maintenance of a village hall for use by the inhabitants of the area of benefit without distinction of political, religious or other opinions, including use for: (a) meetings, lectures and classes, and (b) other forms of recreation and leisure-time occupation, with the object of improving the conditions of life for the inhabitants".

In practice, the Institute acts as a focal point for the community and provides facilities for community events like the Domino & Whist Drives, the Townswomen's Guild, the Lunch Club and the Badminton Club. We also provide the venue for other local

events such as the annual School Leaver's presentations for Reeth & Gunnerside Schools, Plays and Pantomimes, etc.

The main hall is now in need of some TLC, particularly the paintwork, and the trustees are looking to raise funds to cover the necessary re-decoration work. The Gazette's Community Chest donation would be used to part-fund these redecoration works.



If you'd like your group to benefit, email the [editor@reethgazette.co.uk](mailto: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 your organisation, so that you can tell the wider community how your organisation contributes to the life of the two dales.

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## Computer Corner

With Carol Haynes of Dales Computer Services

### The Full Circle

This article is a bit of a detour from usual topics and may be a little too geeky for some people, but please bear with me.

One of my personal frustrations in recent years has been the move towards very expensive, but essentially disposable, devices which have (to my mind anyway) fairly limited functionality. Of course I am talking about smart phones and tablets (all varieties including Apple, Microsoft, Samsung and many others). They are fine for quick replies to emails, checking your Facebook and Twitter and watching the odd video or listening to music, but are frustrating and slow if you want to do anything serious or work that involves lots of typing.

With the rise of the phone/tablet came the decline of CD sales and paper book sales as people moved to MP3 music and Kindle books; and as a result desktop and laptop sales dropped off.

In recent months things have started to change and come full circle - the sales of CDs increased again and outstripped digital downloads and electronic books started to see falling sales as physical book sales improved again.

Laptop and desktop computer sales seem to be on the rise again too (though the desktops seem to be more of the 'all in one' type rather than the traditional tower).

There has also been a huge

resurgence in 'hobby' computers with the birth of things called 'single board computers'.

It is becoming obvious too that people are getting frustrated with the stranglehold of businesses such as Apple and Microsoft on computers - and in particular I had quite a bit of feedback on my article on the death of Windows Vista and the upcoming end to Windows 7 in 2020. There is a fair amount of resentment that laptops, in particular, that work fine have to be chucked out and replaced as Windows Vista is now officially unsupported.

Well, you could consider keeping that aging laptop going by dumping Windows altogether. The open source operating system Linux has been around for many years and is a development from Unix which predates Apple and Microsoft - indeed Apple's MacOS is based on BSD (really a variant on Linux).

The reason many people don't want to swap to Linux is familiarity and the perceived 'geekiness' of Linux. However, things have moved on and some versions of Linux not only come ready to install easily but also packed with all the free software most people would ever need. The biggest seller of Linux is that it is completely free.

The biggest difficulty of Linux is choosing which version will suit you best - there are literally hundreds. Linux Mint is specifically written to be a relatively easy transition from Windows and Mac (it should work on an old Mac laptop so long as it is new enough to have an Intel chip).

The best part about most of these Linux solutions is that you can try them out and make sure they work before

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you commit yourself to the idea without affecting your current computer setup.

You can find out more about Linux Mint here: [www.linuxmint.com](http://www.linuxmint.com). You can order a CD from the downloads page or download an ISO file and make your own CD (instructions for that are on the download page in the User Guide). Once you have the CD pop it in the drive on your laptop or desktop and restart your computer. If your computer is configured to start from a CD or DVD it should start straight into Linux Mint\* and you end up on a desktop that you can explore and play with without affecting your files or programmes. Because it is running from CD it will be quite slow – but testable.

If you decide you like it, make sure you back up all of your important files before you use the install icon, as installation will wipe out Windows and all your files.

\*If not read the Linux Mint guide for an explanation on what you need to do to start from a CD – this varies from computer to computer.

Next month I will write a little about other alternatives – tiny cheap single board computers for adventurous souls or keen DIYers.

As usual you can call me (and leave a message) on **01969 663798** or, preferably, drop me a line at:  
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**Carol Haynes**

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**01/05/2017:** (22) Mon: 18.00hrs: The teams search dog & handler called out to assist Holme Valley Mountain Rescue team with a missing person search.

**30/04/2017:** (21) 09.30hrs: The team provided safety cover for the Nutcracker Mountain Bike event. The usual bumps & scrapes dealt with.

**29/04/2017:** (20) 15.30hrs: Team called by CRO & Cumbria Police following the report of 2 injured persons in a crashed Gyrocopter on the summit of Great Knoutberry Hill. This is our border with CRO so both teams attended. Helimed 58 from Penrith joined in too & the casualties were flown from the hill.

**23/04/2017:** (19) Sun: 1930hrs: The teams search dog & handler called out to assist Calder Valley search & Rescue team. The misper turned up safe the following morning.

**23/04/2017:** (18): Sun: 04.30hrs: Team called by Upper Wharfedale Fell Rescue to assist with a trapped caver. CRO also attended, as we were en route the caver was freed so we went back to bed.

**17/04/2017:** (17) Holiday Mon: 13.30hrs: Team called by the Ambulance service to rescue an injured walker at Aysgarth Falls. First team members assessed the casualty followed by the Ambulance Paramedics & Helimed 99. The team alongside the ambulance service treated & then evacuated the casualty to the aircraft.

**14/04/2017:** (16) Team called by the Police to rescue a 1 day old lamb from a 30ft Pothole in Arkengarthdale. Team members' abseiled into the pot & hauled the lamb to safety.

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**Sat 1st July:** Flowers of Upper Swaledale Ramble 11:00am - 15:00 pm  
Cost: £5.50. Approx 7 miles. (3.5 if returning by bus.) Flower identification walk in association with Yoredale Natural History Society. Identify up to 100 wild flowers along the path of the famous Muker hay meadows. Return to Keld via Hartlakes route or bus. Please bring a packed lunch. **BOOKING ESSENTIAL** Rating: Easy.

**Sat 15th July:** To the Source of the Swale Guided Walk 11:00 am - 13:00pm.  
Cost: £3.50. Approx 2.5 miles. A gentle stroll led by David Pemberton through meadows to discover the source of the Swale at the confluence of Birkdale and

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**Stop Press**

Due to huge demand we have added an additional guided leading walk to our events calendar:

**Sunday 6th August:** Beldi Hill & Swinnergill Lead Mines Guided Walk 10.30 am - 4.30pm. Led by Helen Guy, the walk covers both the Beldi Hill and Swinnergill mining sites. Following the walk, afternoon tea will be served in the Upper Room of the Resource Centre where there will be an opportunity to view our lead mining exhibition. Booking Essential. Sorry no dogs as accessing Gunnerside Estate private land. Rating: Moderate to Difficult. Cost: £5.50. Please bring a packed lunch.

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## Message From The Swaledale Museum In Reeth

Don't forget we are now open every day from 10.00am to 5.00pm.

Friends of the Museum will have received our Spring Newsletter packed with information, articles and our events programme which is now underway. Thank you Tracy, our publicity officer and membership secretary, for creating another excellent edition.

All are warmly welcome to our talks, held at 7.30pm in the Museum. On Wednesday 7th June Keith Sweetmore, Engagement Officer North from the National Archives will explore the '*Train that Never Came: the Richmond to Reeth Railway*', drawing together for the first time evidence from various scattered sources to reveal a fascinating and untold story. This lecture was inspired by the donation of the engineer's drawings for the 'Swaledale Light Railway' drawn up in 1911 to the Museum Archive.

On Wednesday 21st June Richard Lamb will talk on '*The Anatomy of a Smelt Mill - with a special study of Grinton*'. Richard has spent decades surveying local sites and brings us the very latest research and thoughts on

the subject. His tours of the Marrick Smelt Mills on Saturday 22nd July are already booking up quickly.

Don't forget - for all events advance booking will help secure a seat. You can see the full programme events on our website.

An exhibition of Anne Hewitt's wonderful textiles graces our upper gallery. Her work is inspired by aspects of the local landscape, and is for sale. Complex black and white work derives from an exploration of the patterns on Swaledale sheep; while delicate shades of pink and green echo spring blossom. Her scarves are works of art that can be worn, we assure you, they are irresistible.

In our workshop window we have a display created by Sue and Les Knight on local lichens. Many of you came to their lecture last year, and they inspired such interest that we invited them to create a small exhibition. Come and see for yourself.

For more information and booking contact Helen Bainbridge at The Swaledale Museum, The Green, Reeth, DL11 6TX by e-mail at [museum.swaledale@btinternet.com](mailto:museum.swaledale@btinternet.com) or by telephone 01748 884118. Visit our website [www.swaledalemuseum.org](http://www.swaledalemuseum.org) to find out more about what we do. Why not become a Friend of the Museum and get in FREE?

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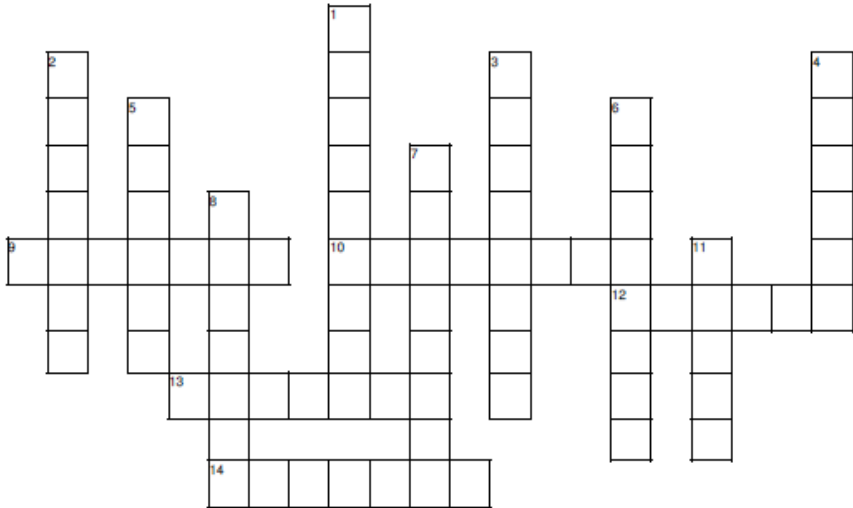
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**Swaledale Museum Crossword 4**  
**It's All In The Name!**



**Across**

- 9. Saved chapel by footwork
- 10. World famous nature photographers
- 12. Historian of Muker
- 13. Pioneer of epidemiology
- 14. Captain who recorded local dialect

**Down**

- 1. Surname of famous fictional lead miner
- 2. Local Nonconformity owes much to him
- 3. Developed the chert quarries
- 4. Derbyshire lead mining family who came to Swaledale
- 5. Grinton man who was key to Comprehensive educational system
- 6. Lady novelist
- 7. Local cartographer
- 8. The flying man of Arkengarthdale
- 11. Famous lady potter who won European awards

**What Do You Think?**

Have you been enjoying these  
crosswords?

Shall I continue with them?

Let me or the editor know.

**Helen**

**Swaledale Museum Crossword 3: Answers**

**Across:** 2. Barkerite; 3. Garlic; 4. Juniper; 8. May Sinclair; 9. Gangue,  
10. Sheath.

**Down:** 1. Red Lion; 2. Bouseteams; 5. Percivals; 6. Marrick; 7. Ice house.

## Let's Get Lyrical

Well, how did the 90s suit you? Here are the answers:

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- She came from Greece, she had a thirst for knowledge: **Pulp - Common People**
- It's been seven hours and fifteen days since u took your love away: **Sinead O'Connor - Nothing Compares 2 U**
- Streets like a jungle so call the police following the herd down to Greece: **Blur - Park Life**
- I was bruised and battered, I couldn't tell what I felt, I was unrecognizable to myself: **Bruce Springsteen - Streets Of Philadelphia**

And the tie breaker: Between 1990 and 1999, 26 singles sold more than 1 million copies in the United Kingdom.

The winner this month is: A. P. Athy (I know how Helen at the Museum feels with her crosswords.)

Anyway, upward and onward. As I write this, I am listening to *Americana*, the newly-released album from the recently knighted Sir Ray Davies, the main man of The Kinks, who have appeared at The Buck on a number of occasions in their Kast Off version. A good excuse, methinks to have a Kinks kontest. The following are the opening lines from which Kinks classics?

- I'm not content to be with you in the daytime
- There's a crack up in the ceiling
- I met her in a club down in old Soho
- The tax man's taken all my dough

- Dirty old river, must you keep rolling, flowing into the night?

For the tiebreaker: How many UK Top 40 hits have the Kinks had?

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**Booking now:** Wensleydale Railway's Vintage Afternoon Tea in York for members, shareholders, friends and supporters on Friday June 30 (2.15pm; £15 per person). Pre-booking essential. Why not meet your York-based friends or relations at this event (10 mins walk from the station). Enquiries to Ruth Annison (01969 650349).

## **Reeth Orchard Garden Maintenance with Phoenix House**

On a beautiful spring morning, punctual at 10.00am, Roger (Team Leader) arrived with seven 'blokes' from Phoenix House in Catterick Garrison ready to help with our heavy garden work. After the introductions the men were divided into work groups.

Firstly the compost area needed attention. Divided into three bays reflecting the various stages of decomposition, the contents were redistributed to leave Bay 3 full of beautiful, crumbly, dark compost and Bay 1 empty to allow for the start of a new compost cycle.

A second group helped with the splitting of perennial herbaceous plants. These large plants were split into four pieces, one piece returned to the bed and the remaining three potted up. After six weeks and established root growth, these plants will be ready for sale at the Garden gate.

Using scarifying equipment to remove moss in the lawn was another onerous task. Moss may look light and fluffy but a three quarter full dumpy bag is a considerable weight. No problem, of course, for the 'blokes' All lawns were edged, wild branches cut back, cherry tree suckers were dealt with, as was the dead ivy on the walls.

This was a brilliant work event and we are very grateful for the support that Phoenix House gives us. A donation is made to help support this amazing charity. Thanks also to Fiona of Overton House for the delicious scones devoured with relish at our coffee

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**Yvonne Howard**

## **Thank You**

Winnie Coates would like to thank her friends and family for all the cards, gifts and flowers which made her 90th birthday so enjoyable.

## **The 2 Dales Action for Refugees**

A group of twenty four refugees and two volunteers arrived by coach from Middlesbrough on Saturday 6th May. Following light refreshments, packed lunches were collected and forty three walkers set off from the Literary Institute in Low Row.

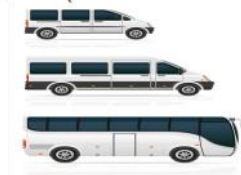
The walk was led by Michael and Kat from the Yorkshire Dales National Park. The weather was kind and everyone seemed to enjoy the day. We returned to a much needed tea which had been prepared for us.

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The Exhibition runs daily until Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June, 11.00am to 5.00pm (Sundays 2.00 - 5.00pm). Admission is free and children are welcome.

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The clerk, Ian Scott, was congratulated on his recent election as district councillor in place of the late Richard Beal. He had been advised by the district council that there would be no conflict of interests with him also continuing as parish clerk.

**Green agreements:** The clerk had drafted new agreements setting out more specifically the conditions for businesses placing sign boards and furniture on the green and cobbles.

**Best Kept Village:** Reeth, Healaugh and Fremington would be entered individually in the 2017 Best Kept Village competition.

**TV series:** The chairman would look into an invitation from a TV production company to apply to be part of a programme 'Village of the year 2017' with the possibility of a cash prize to be spent on a community project.

**Playground:** RDC's report on the playground equipment had been passed on to William Whitehead for action.

**Parish forum:** Notice was received of the next parish forum to be held at Sycamore Hall, Bainbridge on April 26.

**Area Committee:** RDC were inviting nominations for parish co-opted members for the Richmondshire Area Committee.

**Street lights:** The light at Fremington was still out of order but Highways had now ordered a new unit for it.

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**Healaugh defibrillator:** A resident of Healaugh was willing to have the defibrillator mounted on the wall of her house. The clerk would meet her to discuss this and would draw up an agreement to formalise the arrangement.

**Village green:** Coun Frankland was thanked for his work repairing a seat which had been broken on the green and also for reseeding the bonfire site.

**Picnic bench:** Councillors had no objections to a request from the family of the late Coun Allinson to replace the picnic bench which he had restored and placed by the bridge but which was now in need of repair.

**Tracy Little**

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## **Katie Blyth**

Tracey Coulson would like to thank everyone for their kindness, care and support shown to her and their family since Katie's sudden and unexpected death in February. This has been a great comfort at this very sad time.

Tracey would also like to thank the generosity shown in giving, at Katie's funeral, £350 to Beating Bowel Cancer (in memory of Katie's son George) and £350 to the Bells Fund, Grinton Church.



## **Jack Alderson**

Patrick and Julie, David and Sheila, Peter and Liz, Raymond and Pamela, and all the family would like to thank relatives, friends and neighbours for their many cards and letters, kind expressions of sympathy and fond memories shared, during the sad loss of their very dear Dad. God Bless.

Also, for the extremely generous donations given in his memory: £2,476.60 was raised and will be split equally between St. Andrew's Church, Reeth Band and Reeth Medical Centre.

Our appreciation to Rev. Les Nevin for a wonderful Service and lovely account of Dad's character and life. Many thanks to Reeth Band, organist Maureen Stones and the Buck Hotel. Also to Dr. Mike Brookes and staff for the care shown to Dad over the years.

Finally, most particular thanks to Simon for all his tender care and attention.

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## Church Services June 2017

<b>4<sup>th</sup> June</b>	9.15 am	St. Mary's Muker	<i>Eucharist</i>
	10.30 am	Low Row URC	<i>Holy Communion</i>
	11.00 am	St. Edmund's, Marske	<i>Holy Communion</i>
	11.00 am	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
	11.00 am	Holy Trinity Low Row	<i>Eucharist</i>
	2.00 pm	Keld URC	<i>Holy Communion</i>
	5.00 pm	St. Mary's Arkengarthdale <i>Swaledale Festival Service.</i>	<i>Evensong with Rectory Chorale</i>
	6.30 pm	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
<b>10<sup>th</sup> June</b>	6.00 pm	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	<i>Church Festival Service followed by supper</i>
<b>11<sup>th</sup> June</b>	9.30 am	St. Andrew's Grinton	<i>Eucharist</i>
	9.30 am	St Michael's Downholme	<i>Morning Prayer</i>
	11.00 am	Holy Trinity Low Row	<i>Eucharist Joint Village Service</i>
	11.00 am	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
	11.00 am	St. Edmund's, Marske	<i>Morning Prayer</i>
	11.15 am	St. Mary's Arkengarthdale	<i>Holy Communion BCP</i>
	6.00 pm	St. Mary's Muker	<i>Iona Evening Prayer</i>
	6.30 pm	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
	6.30 pm	Gunnarside Methodist	

### Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)

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For further information contact Judith Calow on **01748 884320** or [www.dalesquakers.org.uk](http://www.dalesquakers.org.uk)

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## Church Services June 2017

<b>18<sup>th</sup> June.</b>	9.15 am	St. Mary's Muker	<i>Holy Communion BCP</i>
	10.30 am	Low Row URC	
	11.00 am	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
	11.00 am	Holy Trinity Low Row	<i>Eucharist</i>
	11.00 am	St. Edmund's, Marske	<i>Holy Communion</i>
	2.00 pm	Keld URC	
	6.30 pm	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
	6.30 pm	St. Mary's Arkengarthdale	<i>Iona Evening Prayer</i>
<b>25<sup>th</sup> June.</b>	8.00 am	Holy Trinity Low Row	<i>Holy Communion BCP</i>
	9.30 am	St Michael's Downholme	<i>Holy Communion</i>
	9.30 am	St. Andrew's Grinton	<i>Eucharist</i>
	10.30 am	Low Row URC	
	11.00 am	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
	11.00 am	St. Edmund's, Marske	<i>Holy Communion</i>
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	6.30 pm	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
	6.30 pm	Gunnarside Methodist	

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<p>The Reverend Caroline Hewlett,                      Vicar of the Parish of Swaledale with                      Arkengarthdale,                      can be contacted on  <b>01748 884706</b> or by e-mail at  <a href="mailto:carolinejhewlett@btinternet.com">carolinejhewlett@btinternet.com</a></p>	<p>Roman Catholic Services                      For information contact                      Father O'Neil on  <b>01748 822175</b>  <a href="http://www.stjosephsfx.co.uk">www.stjosephsfx.co.uk</a></p>
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## Crime in the Two Dales

With the fields full of ewes and lambs, we have received several reports of dogs attacking sheep. It goes without saying that this is not only very distressing to both the farmer and his sheep but also a crime and yet it could be easily avoided simply by putting a dog on a lead.

Under the Dogs (Protection of Livestock) Act 1953 the owner and anyone else under whose control the dog is at the time, will be guilty of an offence if it worries livestock on agricultural land. If you allow a dog to worry livestock you can be prosecuted and fined and ordered to pay compensation. A landowner is permitted to shoot your dog if it can be proved that the action was necessary to protect livestock and that it was reported to the police within 48 hours.

Last month we have also received several reports of various thefts. Overnight 8-10 coping (top) stones were removed from a drystone wall in Downholme and a nearby neighbour also had a similar theft. Whilst in Hurst, 15 -17kg gas bottle and 3 tractor batteries were stolen.

On a different note, we are aware that people are still being targeted via their telephone, emails or texts by Scammers/Fraudsters. Two to note are those claiming that they are from BT or HM Revenue and Customs. (HMRC)

One other report was that of the caller saying that they were from Durham Constabulary working with school children and then asking for

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According to Action Fraud, the national fraud and cyber-crime reporting centre, people have also been asked to pay bogus debts and taxes using online music store i-Tunes' gift cards.

If you receive a telephone call and you think you have been called by a fraudster the best course of action is to simply hang up. You can report a misleading website, email or phone number to Action Fraud ([www.actionfraud.police.uk/](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk/) report\_fraud) and search on GOV.UK ([www.gov.uk/search](http://www.gov.uk/search)) to find official government services and phone numbers - for example if you want to apply for a driving licence etc.

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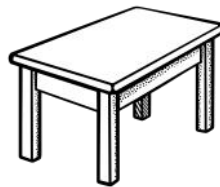
**Thursday 24th August: Damien O'Kane.** Damien takes Irish music and song and turns it into 'Folk Pop that is Irish music for the 21st Century' (The Telegraph). Tickets £12 (£14 door)

### Latest news:

The Johnny Cash Revisited Christmas Show is coming to Reeth on 15th December. Details to follow.

Tickets available from **Reeth PO** or phone **John Little (01748 884759)** or visit: **www.reethmemorialhall.co.uk**.

Tickets half price for under 16s.



## Table Top Ta

Special thanks to all who supported, in numerous ways, the Table Top Sale on 22nd April in the Memorial Hall. Together, we raised a great total of £480.80 towards the continuing Hall refurbishment fund.

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Also, if, as we suspect, it was you who left the large blocks of polystyrene in the same bins, please note that the bins are for paper and cardboard only. Leaving polystyrene is not permitted and is classed as fly-tipping.

**From:** The many who use the bins responsibly and are concerned that the facility may be taken away because of the selfish actions of an irresponsible few.

**Fremington Village Hall  
Notice Of AGM**

The Management Committee of Fremington Village Trust (aka Fremington Sunday School) will be holding its Annual General Meeting in the Village Hall on

**Wednesday 21 June 2017 at 2.00pm.**

This is a public meeting and all hall users, residents, and anyone who has an interest in the use or running of the Village Hall, or would like to have, is very welcome to attend. Light refreshments will be served.

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## **Farmer And Ranger Create Shelter On Swaledale Moor**

An isolated garage on Whitaside Moor - which symbolises the coming of the motor car to the Dales - has been converted into a shelter for walkers and mountain bikers.

The garage was built in the 1940s by the Sunter family of Robson House Farm for Joseph Sunter's first car, a Standard 12. It had to be put by the roadside, as there was then no track down the fell to his farm. The Sunter family would complete the last leg of their journey home in a tractor, once the car was safely locked away.

When a farm track was laid, the garage became redundant and fell into disrepair. It was then that Norman Sunter, Joseph's grandson, had a chance conversation with his Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority (YDNPA) area ranger, Michael Briggs.

Mr Sunter said: "Over the years we've seen hundreds of people sheltering behind the garage. Instead of standing behind it, I thought they might as well shelter in it. I was wondering whether to just take the garage doors off and leave it open, but Michael said he would like to do it up. And they've done a very good job."

Showing the resourcefulness typical of the YDNPA's ranger service, Michael Briggs assembled a group of volunteers to carry out the renovations and raised funds for the work.

Three businesses chipped in: the Dales Bike Centre at Grinton; the Dales Trail Series, a running event across Swaledale and Wensleydale; and 'Ard

Rock Enduro, a mountain bike festival held each August in Swaledale. In total, the materials for the project cost less than £900.

Rangers and Dales Volunteers cleared the garage of rubbish and accumulated soil; removed the old doors; rebuilt some sections of the walls; added a new roof and lintel; installed some benches and laid a stone aggregate floor. Mr Sunter helped by disposing of a lot of the rubbish and debris.

Michael Briggs said the shelter could not be in a better place: "It is right at the end of a bridleway that connects Swaledale to Wensleydale at Castle Bolton, via Apedale. It also links well to other bridleways spreading in all directions to Low Row and Gunnerside.

"What is so satisfying is that this was an idea from a farmer, who was making a generous offer. It was great to be able to take it up and bring the project to fruition. It cost the Authority nothing but time and it was something a bit novel for our Dales Volunteers to get involved with."



Joseph Sunter with wife and daughter on a day trip to the Lakes in his Standard 12

## Upper Dales Family History Group

The April speaker was Mary Randles from Garstang in Lancashire who spoke about her research into her own family in 'Albert's story'. Albert was the eldest child of Mary's grandmother, and had been born illegitimately in 1926 while his mother was in service. The family knew nothing of his parentage so Mary began to research her grandmother's life, believing she was Lancashire born and bred, only to discover that she had originated in Houghton-le-Spring in County Durham.

Mary had used a number of sources to follow up Albert's tragically short life, beginning with his National Service records which had confirmed his date of birth and named his mother and step father as next of kin. Following up a family story that she had gone into service at Newmillerdam near Wakefield and from there had gone to St Michael's on Wyre in Lancashire Mary had used electoral records to trace her grandmother and the families she had worked for. In St Michael's on Wyre she had taken a job as a housekeeper for a widower, but had then married him. He treated Albert as his own son and together they had four more children.

Albert had been called up for National Service and joined the Corps of Police, serving in Palestine, where he was killed in 1947. Mary had obtained details of his death from his casualty card and used the services of the War Graves Photographic Project to get a photograph of the grave. She had also arranged for her mother to receive the Elizabeth Cross, an award for the next

of kin of those who died in conflict after the second world war.

However, Mary did not give up trying to find details of her grandmother at the time of Albert's birth. She eventually got a certificate which was for an Albert Bayles with the correct date of birth and correct mother's name, and a father named as John Bayles who was found to be a shepherd in a remote cottage at Dallowgill. Investigating further, she found a baptism entry at St Peter's Dallowgill for Albert as being the son of John Bayles, but she never found any entry to suggest that he was ever married to her grandmother.

Mary still had many unanswered questions about her grandmother's life but the way in which she had tackled the search was a fascinating and useful lesson in researching someone who had lived in the twentieth century, which is often more challenging than looking further back.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday, June 28, at 7.30pm in Fremington Sunday School when Anthony Atkinson will be speaking on '*Mary Eleanor Bowes - The Greatest Heiress of the North.*' Heiress of Gibside and the Queen's great, great, great, great grandmother, it is a tale of love, pathos, debauchery, abuse, greed, kidnapping and adultery; ultimately her tale is one of triumph in the face of overwhelming betrayal.

Non-members are very welcome at £2. For further details:

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## LASS

Leyburn Arts & Social Society meet for their regular film screening in the Oak Room at Thornborough Hall on **Tuesday 27th June** at 7.15pm.

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## Wensleydale Society

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**Friday 15th September:** Eric Matthews, '1,000 years in the pleasure ground.' Recent work at Hornby Castle.

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SWAAG have been awarded a grant from the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority's Sustainable Development Fund to undertake a large dig this July. The dig will focus on opening up a large area across the site, as well as offering an opportunity to explore below the layer at which the site was abandoned to investigate the origins and development of the site.

Project manager Philip Bastow explained: "Thanks to David Clarke and his family who own the Hagg, SWAAG has explored different areas and revealed evidence of possible roundhouses, enclosures and walls. The finds suggest that the site was Romano-British and abandoned towards the end of the 4th century AD. However, we have no evidence as to when the site was established or how it was developed and indeed we are not even sure what it was for. I am confident that this is a major site and of great significance for Swaledale."

He added: "This is very much a community project and we would like as much support as possible from local volunteers with an interest in archaeology. We can provide all the training, we just want their enthusiasm."

The dig will be held from Wednesday 5th July to Wednesday

19th July. Anyone interested in taking part should contact SWAAG at [info@SWAAG.org](mailto:info@SWAAG.org), There are no charges for participation and all equipment and training will be provided.

There will be an opportunity to learn more about the site, the opportunities for participation in the dig and to talk to members of SWAAG, on Saturday 24th June between 2.00pm and 4.00pm in the Reeth Memorial Hall.

If you do not wish to dig but would like to visit the site please join our guided walk. It will leave from the Reeth bus shelter at 10.00am on Sat 15th July and is a round trip of some 4miles. For details, please contact:

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For more information on any aspects of the SWAAG and the dig please visit our website at:

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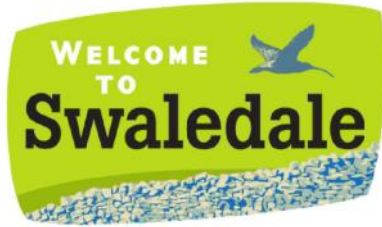
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The preview evening will see two local artistic presenters share their talents with us following our theme. Caroline Brannigan, a highly experienced interviewer and memoir writer and Lucy Hutton-Smith, Floral designer, NAFAS area demonstrator and workshop tutor, eclectic crafts, weddings and events florist.

For younger visitors (16 and under) there will be the opportunity to take part in a Children's Quiz which will test their knowledge of the church and the flower arrangements. All answers will be found in St. Mary's Church where entry forms will be available and there will be three book token prizes of £20, £15 and £10 to be won.

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## Dales Young Rangers

The Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority has set up a new "Young Rangers" group, open to all 11 to 16 year olds. Young Rangers offers exciting opportunities to work alongside National Park Authority Rangers and other organisations and land owners. Members discover new places and gain valuable conservation and land management experience and skills, while having fun outside with friends.

The North Young Rangers group (there are also groups in the West and South of the Park) meets once a month. If you are interested or wish to take part in any of the upcoming Spring 2017 programme, please contact Rachael Alderson on 01969 652366 or [rachael.alderson@yorkshiredales.org.uk](mailto:rachael.alderson@yorkshiredales.org.uk) to book a place:

**Saturday 10th June:** Drystone walling Dick Laidler from our Dales Volunteers North walling team will teach you all about drystone walling and how to do it. Brush up on what skills you already have or have a go for the first time, its suitable for all abilities.

Meet: 10.00am Aysgarth Falls National Park Centre. Finish: 1.30pm at Aysgarth National Park Centre.

**Saturday 22nd July:** We are digging up Bainbridge - again. We go back to Bainbridge to help dig some more and hopefully see what has been found. Another chance to have a go and see what happens after an artefact has been unearthed.

Meet: 10.00am at Yorkshire Dales National Park Office in Bainbridge. Finish: 1.30pm at Yorkshire Dales National Park Office in Bainbridge.

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Meet: 9.30am Aysgarth Falls National Park Centre. Finish: 2.00pm at Aysgarth National Park Centre.

The North Young Ranger group is funded through the Green Futures programme, which aims to develop environmental opportunities for young people across the region. and is led by Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust. More information is also available on the Dales Young Rangers Facebook page:

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During the Easter holidays a very special exchange took place amongst students in Reeth.

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Specialist teachers from across the UK came to Reeth Memorial Hall to lead workshops, including Silks and Hoops, West Coast Swing, Special Effects Make-Up, Maypole Dancing and Singing. The week ended with a farewell ceilidh for all participating students and their host families.

This is the fifth dance exchange to have taken place, and the students are now looking forward to Easter 2018 when Janet Seymour will accompany ten British students to stay with host families near Frankfurt for another week of dance and friendship.

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Carolyn Stevenson

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- 7th Swaledale Museum talk: 'The Train That Never Came - attempts to bring the railway to Swaledale.' 7.30pm
- 16th The Dreamers, Reeth Memorial Hall. 8.00pm
- 17th Coffee Morning, Reeth Evangelical Congregational Church. 10.00am
- 21st Swaledale Museum talk: 'Anatomy of Yorkshire's Lead Smelting Mills including the special case of Grinton Mill.' 7.30pm
- 22nd TLC@Gunnerside Village Hall, talk by Jane Sammells on the dress of a Tudor Housewife.
- 28th Upper Dales Family History Group, Fremington Sunday School. Mary Eleanor Bowes 'The Greatest Heiress of the North' 7.30pm
- 30th Parish Churches Open Day and Walks. 10.00am to 4.00pm

## July

- 1st Parish churches open day and walks. 1.00am - 4.00pm
- 9th Bellerby Open Gardens
- 15th Ange Hardy & Lukas Drinkwater, Reeth Memorial Hall. 8.00pm
- 27th TLC@Gunnerside Beetle Drive And Supper.

## August

- 24th Damien O'Kane, Reeth Memorial Hall. 8.00pm

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