

# REETH & DISTRICT GAZETTE

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*Your local news magazine  
for the Two Dales.*

**PRICELESS**

## First Thoughts . . .

When you get to the Reeth Parish Council report (Page 46 if you can't wait.) you will read that the zip wire in the playground is once again in need of repair - at some cost. Shoddy workmanship, eh? Well, no. The problem is caused by misuse of the equipment.

Despite the fact that there is a notice on the gate to the playground stating that the equipment is to be used by under 14s only, this does not stop some adults having a go. Well, why should the youngsters have all the fun?

But such adults are not solely to blame. Two young teenagers on the wire at the same time can be a lot heavier than a single adult. Great fun perhaps, but it puts too much strain on the wire.

It will be a shame if the zip wire has to be taken away because it has become too expensive to keep repairing it.

Just one example of how the actions of a selfish few can impact on the enjoyment of the responsible many. What else could we add to the list? Owners not clearing up after their dog? Fly-tipping at the recycling centre? Inconsiderate parking?

It's very easy to blame someone else for these problems - especially the Parish/District/County Councils as they *should do something about it*. But isn't that just a symptom of society today: people willing / wanting to blame someone else, rather than taking responsibility for their own actions? Perhaps if people thought more about the consequences of their actions, thought more about putting others

The advertisement is a vertical rectangular poster with a white background and a green-to-orange gradient. At the top left is a circular logo for 'THE DALES CHIMNEY SWEEP' with a chimney icon. To its right is a 'HETAS APPROVED' logo. Below these is the text 'YOUR LOCAL TRADITIONAL CHIMNEY SWEEP' in large, bold, yellow letters. Underneath, it says 'NACS & HETAS qualified & registered'. The main body of text includes: 'We set ourselves very high standards and take every care in your home', 'We offer a comprehensive service', and a list of services: 'All types of chimneys swept to relevant BS Std.', 'Bird guards & cowls, etc. supplied & fitted', 'Advice freely given, problems solved', 'Carbon monoxide detectors', and 'Chimney pots replaced'. A large yellow phone number '01765 688078' and the website 'www.sweepinthedales.co.uk' are prominently displayed. Below this, it lists 'Stove Refurbishment', 'Stove servicing and repair', 'Solid fuel stove installations', 'Stainless steel flexible linings', and 'Stainless steel rigid flue systems', with a note that 'Only high quality components are used'. At the bottom, it says 'HETAS qualified & registered installer' and 'STOVE INSTALLATION' in large yellow letters. At the very bottom are two logos: 'HETAS' on the left and 'THE DALES SOLID FUEL INSTALLATION SERVICE' on the right, with a small circular logo on the far right.

first rather than their own self-interests, then we wouldn't have these problems. After all, isn't that what being part of a community is about?

Let us have your thoughts and comments.

**MAC**

By the way, have you noticed how the nights are drawing in?

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## Gazette Deadlines

The deadlines for the next two months are:

**August issue: July 8th**

**September issue: August 10th**

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

## Did You Know?

There are only four words in the English language which end in 'dous'  
I'll let you work them out.

## COVER PICTURE

**Ivelet Bridge**

Taken by Richard Walls

<http://theoldschoolmuker.co.uk>

## Ard Rock 2017

The Ard Rock Bike Festival will take place on **4th - 6th August 2017** and is based next to the Dales Bike Centre and fields below Reeth.

Riders and their families travel from all over the country to enjoy the event and we are very proud that the increase in tourism provides a significant boost to local businesses.

We thank you for your continued support as without this all of the positive benefits that the event brings would not be possible. Last year Ard Rock donated to the Reeth Doctors' Surgery and The Yorkshire Air Ambulance as a thank you to the local community.

Thank you in advance For your kind co-operation and support.

**Joe Rafferty**

## Warning from North Yorks Trading Standards

Following a presentation to Trading Standards from the national Energy

The 2 Dales Lunch Clubs  
will be holding their annual  
**Cake & Produce Stall  
at Reeth Market  
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Advice regarding the national roll out of Smart meters for domestic consumers, please be aware that these are free of charge and will be installed by your energy provider during a pre arranged appointment.

Please be wary of any 'traders' offering to install for a fee and **ALWAYS** ask to see identification of anyone entering your home. Reputable traders will always carry and show identification

## To: The Mystery Spy

I refer to the article in last month's Gazette addressed to *The Gentleman From Gunnerside*.

Due to the article not naming anyone but just using the term *Gentleman from Gunnerside*, you at least narrowed it down to half the population; but sadly some of the gossips have already started to pick out someone. That someone is apparently myself Mr D. McWhinney of Gunnerside.

I use the recycling bins, usually just for tins and bottles but have sometimes put cardboard boxes in. Most I have crushed but may inadvertently put a small one in uncrushed. Sadly the article has let the gossips have a field day and in so doing led to an innocent person being blamed.  
**From:** One of many gentlemen from Gunnerside, **David McWhinney**

**Editor's Note:** The 'Mystery Spy' can confirm that the culprit was definitely not Mr McWhinney.

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

- 1 Carl Fogarty, moped rider
- 2 Imelda Marcos, Vanessa's got more shoes than her
- 3 Samuel de Champlain, invented Canada
- 4 Bill Withers, away
- 5 A. E. Douglass, invented dendrochronology
- 6 Janet Leigh, allergic to showers
- 7 Jon Pertwee, 3rd Doctor
- 8 John D. Rockefeller, rich bloke
- 9 Jim Kerr, a Simple Mind
- 10 Virginia Wade, in the water
- 11 EB White, invented Stuart Little and made a web for Charlotte
- 12 Jake Wood, dancing Eastender
- 13 Francis Drake, English bowler
- 14 Jay Forrester, invented random-access magnetic core memory
- 15 Ewostatewos, Ethiopian monk
- 16 Gareth Bale, played Batman
- 17 Angela Merkel, May's mate
- 18 Richard Branson, not as rich as that rocker fella
- 19 Benedict Cumberbatch, a strange doctor
- 20 Carlos Santana, great guitarist
- 21 Robin Williams, ex-Take That
- 22 George, 3rd in line
- 23 Graham Gooch, scored a run or two
- 24 Amelia Earhart, not as good as Amy Johnson from Hull
- 25 Sergey Vasilyevich Lebedev, invented synthetic rubber
- 26 Roger Taylor, drums for the Queen
- 27 Ludovico Sforza, ordered The Last Supper
- 28 'arry Kane, not that good really
- 29 Benito Mussolini, a stonemason
- 30 Kate Bush, reached great heights
- 31 Ted Cassidy, Lurch



## Astronomy In The Two Dales

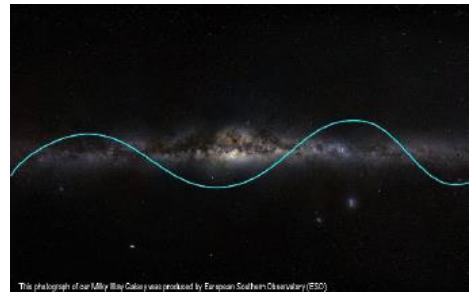
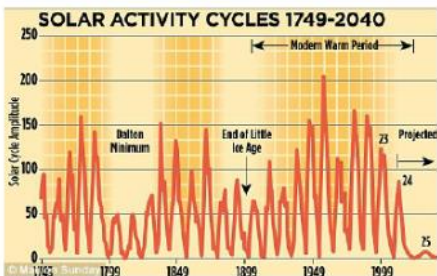
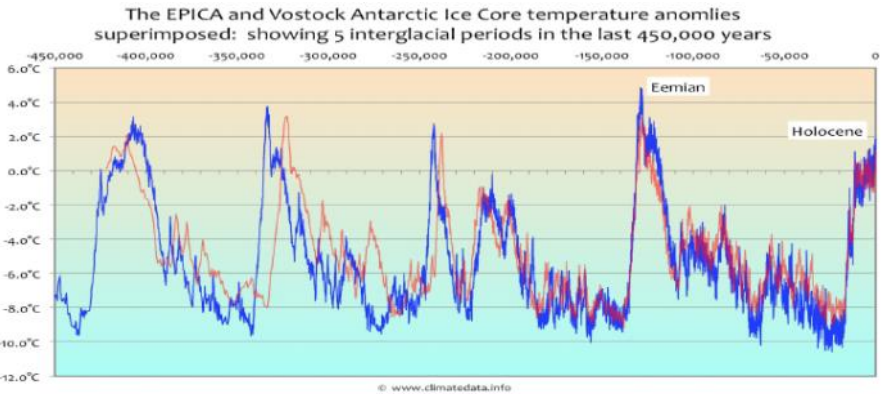
I am back from out of space. I had a beard but a vacuum sucked it off my face. Thanks to Starboy for manning the controls whilst I investigated the latest developments in space vegetables. However, upon my return I discovered that the USA had pulled out of the Paris climate change agreement and people were losing their minds. So, I thought I would address the issue of astronomical causes of climate changes here on Earth.

As the chart below shows, our planet goes through a cycle of warming and cooling, each cycle lasting approximately 125,000 years. The main driving force behind this is our star, the Sun.

The chart below that on the left demonstrates the relationship between solar activity and average Earth Temperatures; the image on the right is an illustration of the path our solar system takes as it orbits our galaxy, the Milky Way.

Our solar system passes through the dense clouds of dust and radiation in the plane of our galaxy, which influence not only our Sun but all the planets in our solar system.

On top of this NASA released a report detailing the influence of Supernova, exploding stars, on our Earth. The ice core records show layers of carbon 14 and beryllium and an increase in nitrates in the Antarctic ice sheet caused by a massive increase of Gamma radiation. This raised the average temperature of the Earth between 3 and 4 degrees centigrade.





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These events have occurred on average every 12,500 years with the last event being 22,000 years ago, and with the predicted supernova in the constellation Cygnus occurring in 2022, this may be the next one.

So, why are we told that carbon dioxide causes a rise in temperature? Beside the political and financial arguments, it is a matter of psychology. No one likes to think they are not in charge of their own destiny; to realise that we are not in control is unacceptable to most, so we must be told that we can change what is going on.

**The Starman  
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*So, is Donald Trump right then?  
Or is it the fault of all the cyclists?*

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The excess funds that went to the EU, and the subsidies for Scotland and Northern Ireland, are ploughed back into the NHS and education;  
Falling London house prices as the banksters fled sped countrywide, solving the housing-cost crisis; The cost of living fell as we were freed of EU import tariffs;  
Free of EU protectionism and bureaucracy, trade with the world's biggest economies (15 out of the 20) who play by WTO rules has exploded; Our GDP has overtaken Germany and Japan;  
Our Free Trade Agreement with Chad quickly made it the largest economy in

Africa, shooting past Nigeria and South Africa, and providing a place for African economic migrants to prosper; The banks crept back as they discovered that "free trade" in Frankfurt and Paris wasn't quite the same as in London;  
After playing hardball at BREXIT and therefore getting nothing from us, The EU was forced by member states to allow them to strike individual deals with Britain. Spain decided it liked our tourists so went ahead and welcomed them. Germany did a deal, of course. It is just as easy for us to cross borders as it was before 1973 (except of course for Scotland and Ireland who built walls to keep their people in); And immigrants from everywhere continue to be welcome to meet skills shortages.  
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In addition, it is exactly 50 years since Mary Clarke became a Local Preacher, and we shall be marking that milestone, too.

#### Sunday 2nd July:

6.00pm - Community Hymn Singing led by Andy Souter

6.30pm - Rev David Wood leads the

Midsummer Service. Duncan Bythell and the Gunnerside Choir will assist with the music.

Midsummer Supper is after the service, and all are welcome.

### TLC@Gunnerside

The Thursday Ladies Club is having a beetle drive at Gunnerside Village Hall on Thursday 27th July with supper thrown in all for £2.00. Never underestimate the power of a beetle drive to entertain, excite and frustrate you.

We have a month off in August and on Thursday 28 September Rosie Frankland will be doing a demonstration of sugar craft. Win the raffle and you can take home a cake decorated by Rosie. Visitors and new members very welcome. Please contact Joan Rice for more details: **886811**.

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The emails include an attachment - a '.dot' file usually titled with the recipient's name. This attachment is thought to contain the Banking Trojan Ursniff/Gozi, hidden within an image in the document. The Ursniff Banking Trojan attempts to obtain sensitive data from victims, such as banking credentials and passwords. The data is subsequently used by criminals for monetary gain.

### Protection / Prevention Advice

Having up-to-date virus protection is essential; however it will not always prevent your device(s) from becoming infected. Please consider the following actions:

- Don't click on links or open any attachments you receive in unsolicited emails or SMS messages:

Remember that fraudsters can 'spoo' an email address to make it look like one used by someone you trust. If you are unsure, check the email header to identify the true source of communication (You can find out how by searching the internet for relevant advice for your email provider).

- Do not enable macros in downloads. Enabling macros will allow Trojan/malware to be installed onto your device.
- Always install software updates as soon as they become available. Whether you are updating the operating system or an application, the update will often include fixes for critical security vulnerabilities.
- Create regular backups of your important files to an external hard drive, memory stick or online storage provider. It is important that the device you back up to is not connected to your computer as any malware infection could spread to that as well.
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Thank you again to everyone and we look forward to our next event.

**Joan Rice**

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**26/05/2017:** (30) 17.30hrs: Team called by North Yorkshire Police following reports of 4 persons in distress at Wain Wath waterfall. A multi-agency response with Reeth & Hawes Fire crews, Yorkshire Ambulance & Great North Air Ambulance. On arrival 2 casualties needed immediate medical treatment (including CPR & the use of the Keld Defib) both were evacuated to hospital. Sadly one casualty was pronounced dead on arrival at hospital. A special thanks to the people of Keld for their assistance on scene.

**25/05/2017:** (29) 09.30hrs: Team called out to assist the ambulance service rescue an injured person in woodland near Catterick Village. Evacuated by the team to the waiting ambulance.

**24/05/2017:** (28) 11.30hrs: Team called out this morning to rescue a collapsed walker on the riverside path near Swinithwaite. Treated on scene & evacuated by the team to the waiting land ambulance.

**13-14/05/2017:** (25, 26 & 27) 09.30hrs: The team provided safety cover for the Nutcracker Mountain Bike event. The usual bumps & scrapes but also 3 serious injuries dealt with.

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### **Thank You**

John Humphreys and his family would like to thank all the friends from Swaledale and Wensleydale who came to support them at his wife Liz's funeral on 8th May. The collection raised £690, shared between Holy Trinity Church, Low Row and the PSP Association which supports sufferers from and research into the neurological disease Progressive Supranuclear Palsy, for which there is currently neither treatment nor cure.

John would also like to thank Rev. Caroline Hewlett and Simon Barningham for all their help and encouragement at a difficult time; and Dr Mike Brookes and the team at Reeth Medical Centre for all their care over the last few years.

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## Message From The Swaledale Museum In Reeth

We are delighted to report that Anne Hewitt's selling exhibition *Land and Thread* is doing so well that it is now completely different from the one that opened in May, as many works have been sold. Come and see what is new, as fresh pieces are made and the combination of wonderful colours, textures and patterns shift. Thanks to Scenicview we have very smart new panels for our workshop window exhibition on local lichens created by Les and Sue Knight. The Knights will be hosting two lichen 'drop ins' on Wednesday 5th July and Saturday 5th August between 2.00pm to 4.00pm in the Museum. You will be able see and handle specimens, look at them under a microscope and chat about their habitats.

On Monday 24th July we are launching John Place's new book on his grandfather *The Life of Mr Reginald Place of Reeth* which incorporates a history of Reeth over the last 100 years. He will give a short talk, followed by Barbara Buckingham who will remember her uncle and John will sign copies of the book. The usual event charges apply, and booking ahead would be helpful.

Our regular talks programme continues on Wednesday 12th July with Ruth Rising who will talk on her project 'Grounds for Appeal: The North Riding Military Tribunal Papers 1916 -1918' with special reference to local cases. The North Yorkshire County Record Office received a grant from the

Heritage Lottery Fund to make the North Riding Military Tribunal Papers 1916 - 1918 widely available. Currently 38 volunteers are listing, conserving and digitizing some 6000 appeal cases of men who wished to defer their military service or who conscientiously objected to it. In 1921 the Board of Health issued instructions that all tribunal records be destroyed. By an oversight the North Riding Tribunal papers have survived. The case papers tell stories of serious hardship and loss of family members as well as glimpses into the state of health of individuals in the North Riding of Yorkshire during the First World War. The War Office issued brochures showing that women could substitute for agricultural workers on farms as well as jobs in other businesses and industries. However some of the appellants in the case papers are certain that women could not possibly substitute for their employee. Such concerns were generally dismissed by the tribunals.

Richard Lamb is leading a tour of the 'Smelt Mills at Marrick' on 22nd July, as a follow up to his June talk. The Marrick mills are important for a number of reasons. The Low Mill is reputedly on the site of Yorkshire's first smelting mill from 1574 and of course both have survived remarkably well. This tour is a rare opportunity to examine, interpret and appreciate the remaining structures and their function within the landscape including the three dams, the two peat houses, the various ancillary buildings, the flue and the two mills with their complete furnace arches. There will be three tours of approximately 2 hours at 10.30, 13.30 and 15.30 Booking is

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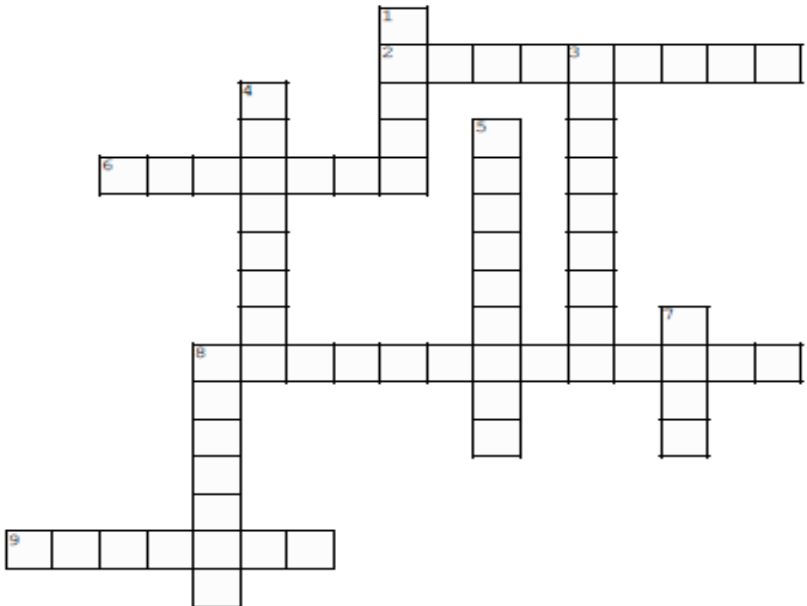
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Helen Bainbridge

### Swaledale Museum Crossword 5 Let's Rock! All answers are in the Museum.



#### Across

2. Local rock used in fertiliser
6. Other name for 'Heavy Spar'.
8. Time when local rocks laid down
9. Technique Romans used to move surface rocks and debris

#### Down

1. Horizontal deposits of lead

3. Swaledale houses made of this
4. Devil's Toe Nails found in Whitby
5. Name of copper ore found in Swaledale
7. Mined at Tan Hill
8. Proper name for local fossils called St Cuthbert's Beads

### Swaledale Museum Crossword 4: Answers

- Across:** 9. Stilman 10. Keartons 12. Cooper 13. Pickles 14. Harland  
**Down:** 1. Brunskill 2. Wharton 3. Wagstaff 4. Barker 5. Pedley 6. Prescott 7, Clarkson 8. Sopwith 11. Young

## Let's Get Lyrical

Did you enjoy getting kinky then? Here are the answers:

- I'm not content to be with you in the daytime - **All Day And All Of The Night**
- There's a crack up in the ceiling - **Dead End Street**
- I met her in a club down in old Soho - **Lola**
- The tax man's taken all my dough - **Sunny Afternoon**
- Dirty old river, must you keep rolling, flowing into the night? - **Waterloo Sunset**

The Kinks had 21 UK Top 40 hits.

And we have a winner - from a record number of entries (There must be a lot of Kinky people out there.) and the tie breaker came into play. John from Stratford was close with a guess of 16; but **Old Man Thorogood** was closest with a guess of 20, so he is the winner of the rollover.

Unfortunately I had to disqualify David Skinner as the bank would not accept the £5 note he sent in.

This month, as it is nearly

summertime, allegedly, all these songs have summer in the title. What are those titles?

- He said, "You can't use the car 'cause you didn't work a lick"
- Back of my neck getting dirt and gritty
- Have a drink, have a drive go out and see what you can find
- Oh, your daddy's rich and your ma is good-lookin'
- We're going where the sun shines brightly, we're going where the sea is blue

For the tie-break: According to the Billboard Charts in the USA, the most popular song with a summer theme was recorded by which group?

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Phase one of our plan to conquer the international world of art from our base in Muker was to de-clutter and better present the work of the talented artists and artisans we inherited: Peter Bolton, Sue Nichol, John Sibson and of course Peter Brook, to name a few, each with a loyal following who return to Swaledale year after year.

Phase two, to boldly seek out new artists and makers, is now underway, expanding the range of styles, media and products on show (Jill Ray's digital landscapes and Jules Jules Jewellery proved instant hits) with perhaps the most exciting discovery being the clutch of artistic talent right here on our doorstep. And the coming months will see the introduction of more

artists and makers, changes to the café garden, and the start of a programme of exhibitions and events, designed to bring the world of art to Muker and upper Swaledale.

So please feel free to call in, say hello, and become part of the adventure.

Richard Walls

## Reeth Artyfacts

Many thanks to all those who came along and supported Reeth Artyfacts' *Last Tango in Reeth / Gunnerside*. It was wonderful to see such full audiences at all three performances and to receive such complimentary feedback. Thanks go to Julie and Roy at The Buck Hotel, Reeth, and to all those who made us welcome at Gunnerside Village Hall.

£444 was raised for Gunnerside Chapel and £200 for The Friarage Hospital's MRI Scanner Appeal.

The sequel - *Last Panto in Reeth / Gunnerside* - will be performed later in the year.

Harriet Manning

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## 2 Dales Football

I hope anyone with any interest in football, whether

locals or visitors, reads this article and particularly the second half.

On 7 May our Under 12s played Bedale Hawks away on a fine evening. I don't have a full report for this match but 2Dales only had the bare 9 players so everyone got a full game. Dan Webster opened the scoring from Finlay Andrews before Ryan-Hewitson-Wheeler made a good finish and then another to take a 3-0 lead into half time. Fin then scored himself followed by another from Dan Webster. Pete then mixed the team up to make a better game and Dan Marshall came up from defence to score a penalty. Ryan is showing great football development while Faith Andrews put in an excellent performance for her first full match.

For their final league game and probably their final game altogether, 2Dales went to Thirsk looking for their 5th straight win in a row. The match kicked off with Dales going on the attack immediately and winning a corner. Joe Alderson should have found the back of the net from that corner with his head but it just went over the top. Thirsk were catching Dales on the break with the long ball but Ellen Atkinson in goal was mopping everything up. Dales then took the lead with Joe 1-0. Thirsk then hit back with a rare mistake from our keeper, the only one she made in the whole game 1-1. After this it was all one way traffic with Joe and Ben Parlour running the show

midfield. 2Dales determination and grit shone through the whole match; some neat passing and good runs were impressive to see. A solid performance by the whole team saw 2Dales run out convincing winners 7-1. Scorers were Joe, Fin Andrews 2, Dan Webster 1 and Luke Dent 1.

This was their last game together as a team as there is no Under 13 football next season. It is a great shame as they have come on so much in developing their footballing skills. It has been a pleasure to be their coach and we will miss them dearly. I wish each and every one of them the best wherever they go and play football.

As Pete indicates in his match report above, it is with the utmost sadness that we have to disband our Under 12 team leaving little football at Reeth. This is not because we do not have enough players and we certainly have most supportive coaches and superb facilities. Our League is not able to sustain post 11 football and other leagues are not an option.

Our League are in discussions with the Harrogate & District League with a view to developing football across much of North Yorkshire and which we hope may bear fruit in 2018/19. These discussions could lead to the significant

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widening of football development across the county and in which we could participate. It is, however of extreme concern that the County FA will not give any help with these discussions notwithstanding that they agree with our proposals. This is because the County FAs build wall round their fiefdoms higher than Donald Trump could ever dream of and refuse to get involved in any matter with another county despite the Harrogate League already operating to a large extent in the North Riding County area. How stupid can you get? The FA gets a great deal of criticism for the lack of football development. Is anyone surprised?

We will continue next season with our joint Under 11 team with Spennithorne.

We also intend to re-start some Under 8 football on Sunday mornings with Simon Ackroyd if, **and only if**, there is sufficient demand. We warmly welcome more players to keep the football tradition in the Dales alive. Please contact me for more information for all primary school age children. Please contact me for all such children or, in the case of Under 8s (on the 1st September), Simon Ackroyd on 886295.

I would mention that we play mixed football and girls as well as boys are very welcome. I also have very strong feelings about the lamentable lack of opportunities for girls' football and that is likely to feature in next month's report.

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## The Train That Never Came

From around 1840 until 1920 about a dozen different schemes were proposed for bringing rail to Swaledale. Some of these were hare-brained, idle speculation but three plans can be singled out as serious, with substantial local support and heavyweight political backing resulting in an Act of Parliament being passed to allow development.

So explained Keith Sweetmore at a meticulously researched and highly engaging talk to a packed audience at Swaledale Museum on Wednesday 7th June. For these eighty years (a time of huge change in the dale with the waning of lead mining and resulting depopulation) rail provided an ever-present promise of delivery from economic decline.

Rail reached Richmond in 1846 and Leyburn ten years later. By 1878 the Wensleydale railway connected Leyburn to Hawes Junction (Garsdale) and continued to place Swaledalers within walking distance of the national rail network until the 1960s. However, the movement of goods (and especially lead, chert, coal, milk and wood (yes, wood.) by rail would require Swaledale to have its own track.

The first serious project was proposed in 1869 to connect Reeth to Richmond with a line terminating near Reeth Bridge. It was backed by Sir George Denys and other local lead mine owners. To minimise costs, the plan proposed diverting the Swale to avoid

the tedium of building two bridges. The project (though not the part involving river diversion) received parliamentary approval but the funding (between £35K and £55K) never materialised.

The next serious plan surfaced in 1882. Far more ambitious in scope, it proposed a connection between Richmond and Hawes Junction via Reeth and Hawes, supported by a financial justification so obvious it hardly needed explaining. To avoid overwhelming his audience with maps, Keith had created a photo montage of the intended route so that the audience could visualise its traverse. From Reeth the track kept north of the Swale as it passed up dale (Is that my kitchen it's going through?), crossing to the south bank near Scabba Wath, then gradually gaining altitude beyond Satron as it rose to a system of short tunnels at Buttertubs before descending to Hawes. Keith's photos did a wonderful job of bringing the plans to life (although where was Jenny Agutter, Keith?), as did the documentation supporting the project.

In order to raise funds, shares were sold door-to-door at over five hundred households in the dale. We know this because Keith has the record of each household's response. No mere set of accounts, this record details the reasons given by those 1880s householders for buying (or more often not buying) shares in the project. I'm sure one of them said 'OK - but don't tell the wife' but I'd have to check. This priceless social record will hopefully be available at the museum before long. The financial justification may have been obvious, but not obvious enough to raise what must have been an



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astronomical sum for such an ambitious project. Like its predecessor, it never got beyond plans.

Alas, the same is true for the third project Keith described. The Swaledale Light Railway (1912) was intended to follow much the same route as the 1869 project but with a terminal in Fremington rather than Reeth, just outside the Dales Bike Centre. Keith brought the beautiful and detailed large scale maps for this venture to the meeting for all to see. Backed by chert miner James William Close, this project held the promise of government funding. However, when what was thought to be a government grant turned out to be a loan, the local council smelt a rat. They may not have been alone as one nameless Whitehall civil servant recorded that 'this line is pretty obviously more trouble than it's

worth'.

Which is probably the destiny of all plans to bring a railway to the dale with the fastest rising spate river in England. The Swaledale Light Railway project was briefly resurrected after WW1, but by then peak rail was already history.

And so too ends my summary of Keith's brilliant talk. I have not been able to do justice to the amazing insight into Swaledale history that Keith's research has exposed. I should add too, that any errors in the above account are of the author's making - blame my notetaking.

Keith will repeat the talk at NY Country Records Office in Northallerton on 29th Sep at 12:30. ([www.northyorks.gov.uk/article/26333/Record-office---events](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/article/26333/Record-office---events))

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2 <sup>nd</sup> July	9.15 am	St. Mary's Muker	<i>Eucharist</i>
	10.30 am	Low Row URC	
	11.00 am	St. Edmund's, Marske	<i>Holy Communion</i>
	11.00 am	Holy Trinity Low Row	<i>Eucharist</i>
	11.00 am	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
	2.00 pm	Keld URC	
	6.00 pm	St. Andrew's Grinton	<i>Iona Evening Prayer</i>
	6.30 pm	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
	6.30 pm	Gunnerside Methodist	<i>Midsummer Service</i>
9 <sup>th</sup> July	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>
	2.00 pm	Keld URC	<i>Holy Communion</i>
	6.00 pm	St. Mary's Muker	<i>Iona Evening Prayer</i>
	6.30 pm	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
	6.30 pm	Gunnerside Methodist	

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	6.30 pm	St. Mary's Arkengarthdale	<i>Iona Evening Prayer</i>
23 <sup>rd</sup> July	8.00 am	Holy Trinity Low Row	<i>Holy Communion BCP</i>
	9.30 am	St. Andrew's Grinton	<i>Eucharist</i>
	9.30 am	St Michael's Downholme	<i>Holy Communion</i>
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	6.30 pm	Gunnerside Methodist	<i>Holy Communion</i>
	6.30 pm	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
30 <sup>th</sup> July	10.30 am	St. Andrew's Grinton <i>United Parish Eucharist. Preacher is Revd David Wood, retired Methodist minister.</i>	
	10.30 am	Low Row URC	
	11.00 am	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
	11.00 am	St. Edmund's, Marske	<i>Holy Communion</i>
	2.00 pm	Keld URC	
	6.30 pm	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	

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This year we remember the anniversary of the Battle of Passchendale in July 1917. The British

Legion is to issue a commemorative lapel badge which will be available from the Post Office.

If you can help or require further information, please contact me.

**Martin Sunderland  
01748 884671**

**Drummer Wanted**

Muker Silver Band has had the advantage of two young drummers, sharing the busy schedule of concerts. Simon Calvert began drumming aged nine, and Robert Moore wasn't much older. Now after many years of good service, both of them have moved on, leaving a gap in the drum corner.

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**Thursday 24th August: The Damien O'Kane Trio.** Damien was nominated for the BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards 2016 for 'Best Album.' He is an accomplished singer, guitarist and banjo player and is joined by master guitarist Steven Byrnes and exhilarating electric guitarist Steven Iveson. They turn traditional Irish music and song into 'Folk-Pop that is Irish music for the 21st Century' (The Telegraph). Tickets £12 (£14 door)

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**Friday 22nd September:** Lucy Ward is an award winning singer-songwriter from Derby on her 3rd visit to Reeth. She plays guitar, ukulele and concertina but considers her voice to be her first instrument. Awards include BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards triple-finalist and Horizon Award for best newcomer. Tickets £12 (£14 door)

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Tickets half price for under 16s.

**Latest news:** We are sad to announce the death of Vin Garbutt (due to perform in the Hall in November). Our thoughts and prayers are with Pat and family.

The Johnny Cash Revisited Christmas Show has now been cancelled.

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## **A Strawberry Tea At Marrick Priory Outdoor Education Centre**

Many of you may know of Marrick Priory and some may not. Many of you will know that it is an outdoor education centre, and again, some may not.

In order that you may know a little more about the Centre, the Friends of Marrick Priory invite you to our **Strawberry Tea from 3.00pm to 5.30pm on Sunday 30 July**. It is an easy walk from Grinton or you could park your car in Grinton field and a mini bus will make a collection to bring you to us.

Obviously we have strawberries and cake but we also have some Morris Dancers and an opportunity to try some

of the marvellous equipment we have.

The Friends of Marrick Priory are a small group who work to raise awareness of the centre and also raise money for the bursary fund and the small extras the children may enjoy whilst spending a week with us during term time. We often have events - look out for them on the calendar at the back of the Gazette. We should love to welcome you.

### **Forthcoming Events**

**Friday 28 July:** A Cake Stall on The Green in Reeth - Do come and say hello.

**Friday 13 October:** A Quiz and Curry Evening in the Memorial Hall, starting at 7.00pm Tickets from Reeth Post Office.

**Sunday 3 December:** Christmas at Marrick. Entertainment by candle light, carols and a delicious supper. Tickets from Reeth Post Office.

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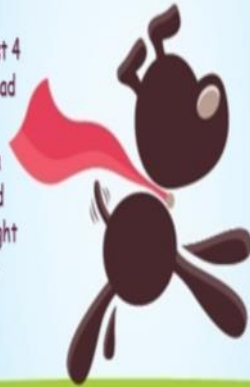
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## Reeth Brass Band

The recent Band Annual General Meeting appointed Brian Hicks as their new President.

Brian was initially a player, then Musical Director until December 2014, when he was forced, due to ill health, to retire. Brian's is probably the most accomplished musician to be involved with the band in its history, which we now know dates back to before 1865.

He was born in Liskeard, Cornwall and enlisted as a Band Boy in the Royal Engineers Staff Band, Chatham. He was eventually recommended to study in the 3 year Student Bandmaster's Course at the Royal Military School of Music, Kneller Hall. On completion he was awarded the Silver Medal by the Worshipful Company of Musicians, London as the top student.

Brian served as Bandmaster of the Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment), completing tours of the UK, Germany and Sharja in the Persian Gulf. Further appointments followed as Brigade Bandmaster of the Parachute Regiment, then Director of Music for The Parachute Regiment and Airborne Forces. His next posting was to the Royal Artillery Mounted Band in Germany, culminating finally with the prestigious appointment as Director of Music of The Scots Guards Band in London, taking part in all aspects of Royal duties.

After leaving the service he travelled to Oman to help form the new School of Music for the Sultan's Royal Oman Police. He finally retired to his native Cornwall continuing in music, conducting choirs for many years as well as playing principal horn in the

Plymouth Symphony Orchestra. On his move to Richmond, to be near family, he has played horn with the Richmondshire Symphony Orchestra before joining Reeth Brass Band as a baritone player then Musical Director.

Brian is a Licentiate of the Royal Academy of Music, an associate of the Royal College of Music and an Honours Fellow of the Victoria College of Music in London. The band is fortunate to have such an accomplished musician in our midst and we wish him many happy years as our new President.

### Engagements in July include:

**Sun 2nd July:** The Bay Horse, Heighington Concert. (Time tbc.)

**Sat 8th July:** Reeth Sports 1.00pm

**Sun 9th:** Spa Gardens, Ripon 2-4.00pm

**22nd July:** Mothers Union Concert, St. Mary's Church, Richmond. 3.00pm

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**Defibrillator Tan Hill:** Tan Hill have placed a collection box in the pub. Cllr Blows had sent an e-mail regarding the grant, which could possibly be obtained for purchasing the defibrillator. The grant will not be available until at least the end of May.

**Water on Road, Muker:** Highways online reporting system states that the request had been fulfilled.

**Pot Holes, Ivelet:** Highways have been contacted and the service request is still open.

**Finance:** The Chairman read the Annual Governance Statement; the Clerk presented the Financial Report for the year ending March 2017; the Chairman read the Financial Risk Assessment. All were in favour.

**Highways:** Silver Hill - Cllr Whitehead raised the issue of caravans, motor homes etc not being able to get up Silver Hill and having to be towed out. The tight bend has been causing problems for a long time, with four mobile homes needing assistance in April alone. The Grit bins are often being knocked as vehicles reverse to try and get around the corner and in turn the grit bins have knocked the wall down. Clerk to contact Cllr Blows and Cllr Blackie requesting their support and a letter to be sent to Highways.

**Missing Sign** - Cllr Porter raised the issue of a missing sign for Crackpot and Summerbridge at the top of Gunnerside Bridge. Clerk to contact Highways.

**YDNPA:** Planning Application R/06/245A for the conversion of a barn into a two bedroom holiday let -

Millbridge Farm - Low Oxnop; and Planning Application R/06/219A for the erection of a detached garage at Brystone - West Stonesdale, had both been received. The Council had no objections to either.

**CTC Path:** Cllr Whitehead read out an e-mail from Michael Briggs Park Ranger regarding repair and reinstatement works to areas of the CTC path which have been eroded east of Swinner Gill. The Parish Council supported the work.

**YLCA:** Better Broadband Subsidy Scheme - the Chairman read out an e-mail which had been received regarding the Government Scheme. If someone can't get a broadband speed of at least 2Mb per second they could qualify for a subsidised connection worth up to £350. People should contact [basicbroadbandchecker.culture.gov.uk](http://basicbroadbandchecker.culture.gov.uk) to see if they are eligible.

**Bench Muker** - Cllr Metcalfe raised the issue of a bench in Muker Village adjacent to the Highway, Clerk to contact Highways.

**Streetlight Keld** - A letter had been received from a resident in Keld with the support of a number of other residents regarding the street lights in Keld. There are three street lights in close proximity to one another, the street light on the Institute RDC2 is deemed to be too bright. The issue of the lights in the public toilets being on all night was also raised, which the residents feel leads to light pollution but also cannot be cost effective regarding energy saving. Clerk to write to RDC requesting that Light RDC2 have a hood; and also whether they can explore placing motion sensors in the public toilets, so that they only come on when in use.

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The House -to-House Collection to date for each area is as follows:

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Gunnerside & Satron	150.51
Healaugh & Whitaside	149.02
Low Row	317.37
Marske	254.38
Muker & Thwaite	159.18
Reeth & Fremington	411.76
West Stonesdale & Keld,	211.55
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## Update On Wild Flower Meadow In The Orchard

The meadow looked a picture in the middle of May: vetch was still there but in smaller quantities; the yellow rattle was coming through; wood cranesbill and oxeye daisies in bud; the dandelions (loved by the bees) were probably the more dominant at this stage but I pulled the clocks off to avoid them spreading too much.

The middle of May saw a visit from Tanya St Pierre, the Hay Meadow Project Officer for the Millennium Trust For The Yorkshire Dales. She was very encouraged when she saw the large quantities of yellow rattle, clover, wood cranesbill (what a beautiful colour) and buttercups all flowering. The vetch was flowering but mainly near the trees (where in years gone by fertiliser has been used around them, but not anymore ).Tanya suggested we take the flower heads off the vetch as much as possible before it seeded, allowing the other flowers to continue to flourish.

Eyebright along with Yellow Rattle is another semi parasitic plant that we planted last year, but will not come through until June time. Both will have contributed to the Vetch being less vigorous.

The plan is to cut the meadow when the Yellow Rattle has seeded ie when the loose dry seeds inside the plant begin to rattle. Weather allowing this should be well into July.

The Orchard is a beautiful, peaceful place to visit, especially at this time of the year - you may even find some plants for sale for your own garden.

**Janice Wilkinson**

## Upper Dales Family History Group

May's speaker was Dr Joan Heggie of Teesside University who came to talk about the project she is working on called Women and Property in the North Riding of Yorkshire in the 18th and 19th centuries. The aim is to build up a picture of women's involvement in owning property and land, then investigate what property they owned, comparing a period in the 18th century with a period in the 19th century after the Married Women's Property Act. Using the deeds as a starting point the project's aim is to then go on and reconstruct the lives of the women represented.

Using the Register of Deeds at the North Yorkshire County Records Office in Northallerton Joan had been able to analyse the deeds in great depth and extract data to show the representation of women and their status - spinsters, wives, daughters, widows etc.

In the early part of the study over half the women were married and about a third were widowed. But in later transactions widows were the largest portion and married women's involvement dropped. Some of the deeds also named women and their relationships which is of great use to family historians.

One case involved Jane Severs, a widow. The deed gave her whole family history, including details of her brother, parents, and grandparents. Men were not required to give this level of information when registering a property, but women were, in order to

prove that they had legitimately inherited the property and had the right to pass it on. Some deeds also give the former names of the parties where an heir had changed their surname in order to inherit a property.

Sadly later deeds at the end of the 19th century no longer always listed family relationships as civil registration had made it easier to prove identity, but did often still contain useful extra information such as occupations. The deeds transcribed so far are on a searchable database at <http://www.registerofdeeds.org.uk/about>

Meetings recommence on Wednesday, September 27, at 2.00pm in Harmby village hall near Leyburn, when the speaker is social historian David Scrimgeour on *Early Asylum Life*, a look at the lives of some of those who passed through the doors of the West Riding Pauper Lunatic Asylum in Wakefield during the first 50 years of its existence. Non-members are very welcome at £2.

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## Reeth Parish Council and Annual General Meeting May 2017

**Appointments:** Coun Cluderay was elected as chair for the coming year, with Coun Kendal as vice chair; Couns Frankland and Longstaff as green wardens; Coun Cluderay as Memorial Hall representative; and Coun Bearpark as market representative. Ian Scott was re-appointed as clerk.

The vacant posts had been advertised but no-one had requested an election or put themselves forward for nomination. It was therefore agreed that the clerk should approach those who had previously expressed an interest with a view to co-opting them onto the council.

**Accounts:** The accounts and annual return were circulated and accepted.

**County Council:** Notice was received of an NYCC scheme which would require utility companies to obtain a permit from the county council before carrying out work which involved digging up roads.

**Cycle events:** The Ard Rock event would be based at the Bike Centre at Fremington from August 4 to 6.

**National Park:** Notice was received of the YDNP's proposed Management Plan along with an invitation to be part of the forum to discuss it.

**Tree removal:** Approval had been given for the removal of a sycamore tree at High Fremington.

**Street lights:** The light at Fremington had now been mended.

**Market report:** Although the number of market stalls was very low at the present time, this was a reflection of

what was happening elsewhere, not just in Reeth.

**Playground:** A quote had been received from Playdale for repairs. The biggest single item was the zip wire which required frequent attention due to misuse of the equipment. Councillors agreed to pay for the repair this time but to consider other options in the future.

**District Council:** Richmondshire District Council had approved the proposed reduction in the number of councillors and would be applying to the boundary commission to have this put into practice.

**Highways:** Coun Frankland reported that the flags near the bottom of the village and on Silver Street had still not been repaired.

**Security Marking:** The clerk had contacted the local police with regard to holding a security marking session in Reeth but had heard nothing back. He would follow this up.

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**Melbecks Annual Parish  
Council Meeting  
May 2017**

**Election of Chair:** Cllr Alderson was elected unanimously as Chair with Cllr Crapper elected unanimously as Vice-Chair.

**Trees in Gunnerside Ghyll:** Cllr McCartney has been in touch with a contractor, who carried out some work in the past and it was agreed for him to arrange to have a look and give a quotation for some work. Cllr McCartney will contact YDNPA to confirm which trees can be removed or cut back.

**Dog waste bin:** The Clerk has contacted RDC regarding the dog waste bin which was ordered last year and which has not yet been installed. Cllr Blows will contact RDC regarding this issue.

**Financial Risk Assessment:** The financial risk assessment was approved. Audit- Annual governance statement: This was approved unanimously by councillors.

**Accounting statement:** this was approved unanimously by councillors.

**Highways:** the clerk was asked to report the following issues to

Highways: drain at West End cottage; Gunnerside, street light at Peat Gate; street light outside Corner Cottage, Gunnerside; drain at the top of Peat Gate. It was confirmed that the replacement of the pole at Toledo has not yet been completed.

**Reduction in number of councillors:** The Council noted that RDC has approved the proposed reduction in the number of councillors from 34 to 24, from 2019. This will go to consultation with the boundary commission in June 2017, with a final decision in 2018. The ward size may increase, although it was confirmed that parishes will not be divided.

**Cycle events:** The Council noted that there would be two non-competitive cycle events taking place on Saturday June 10th 2017, and on Saturday July 1st 2017.

**Reeth 3- Day Trial:** This will be taking place on the 21st, 22nd and 23rd of July 2017.

**Notice boards:** The notice boards have arrived and these will be installed shortly.

**Date of the next meeting:** Low Row Institute on Thursday July 6th at 7.30pm

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**Arkengarthdale PC  
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Councillor Stubbs was again voted in as Chairman, with Councillor Lundberg remaining as Vice Chairman

County Councillor Blackie brought the council up to date on progress with the plan to build four affordable homes in the dale. The intention is to form an Upper Dales Community Land Trust, under the auspices of the Upper Wensleydale Community Partnership (UWCP), whose objective would be to develop sites in the upper dales to provide affordable houses for rent in perpetuity, and beyond the reach of the recent right to buy legislation. Councillor Blackie has approached Richmondshire District Council for a grant towards the funding of a part time worker at the UWCP, whose role would be to undertake the tasks necessary to form the Upper Dales Community Land Trust, whilst also bringing forward the architectural plans for the development, drafting the planning applications to the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority, and seeking the funding from various available sources to actually build the houses. The initial projects would be the one at Langthwaite and another at Hawes.

Councillor Blackie made clear that any affordable housing for rent scheme in Arkengarthdale that came forward via the Upper Dales CLT would be delivered as a full working partnership between the Trust and the Parish Council, this including deciding who would be offered the tenancy of the houses initially and as they become available for re-allocation. However the

Parish Council would not be required to provide any funding towards the scheme.

The Councillors voted unanimously to support in principle the proposals as put to it by Councillor Blackie.

There are several road repairs pending in the dale and Councillor Blackie is to take a Highway Engineer round to highlight them. Councillors pointed out problems with the roads to Booze and Whaw, the road from Whaw to Faggergill and the deep holes at the edges of Stang Lane.

Speeding motorists through the dale are causing concern and the police will be contacted to determine the best course of action

Planning applications have been approved for a low-level extension at Town End, Whaw; a barn conversion at Bouldershaw Lane; and new windows at Plantation and Watson's Cottage, Stang Lane.

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27th TLC@Gunnerside Beetle Drive And Supper. 7.30pm  
30th Strawberry Tea, Marrick Priory. 3.00pm to 5.30pm  
31st Marrick Priory Cake Stall, Reeth Village Green.

## August

- 4th Lunch Clubs Fundraising Cake & Produce Stall, Reeth Market.  
4th - 6th Ard Rock Bike Festival.  
24th The Damien O'Kane Trio, Reeth Memorial Hall. 8.00pm

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