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First Thoughts . . .

November: from the Roman word 'novem' meaning nine because in the ancient Roman calendar it was the ninth month. It's not a popular month though: The 19th Century English poet, Thomas Hood described it so:

*No warmth, no cheerfulness,
no healthful ease,
No comfortable feel in any
member.
No shade, no shine, no
butterflies, no bees,
No fruits, no flowers, no
leaves, no birds:
November!*

Louisa May Alcott was more succinct: 'November is the most disagreeable month of the year'; while Guns N Roses, thought it hard to 'hold a candle in the cold November rain.' As for Shakespeare, he didn't even deign to mention it in any of his plays or sonnets.

Research isn't too kind on November either: Apparently, more domestic burglaries take place in November than any other month; and it is the least popular month for women to want to have babies in - not surprising as serial killers are more likely to be born in November than any other month.

Still, if you were born in mid-November, you know what your parents were doing on Valentine's Day. MAC

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Gazette Deadlines

The deadlines for the next two months are:

December issue: November 10th

January issue: December 1st

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

Research Shows . . .

. . . that if you start a comment with 'Research shows . . .' people are far more likely to believe you.

COVER PICTURE

**A big house somewhere
snapped by Vanessa,
The Swaledale Calendar girl.**

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Post Office News

The round pound is dead, almost, but not quite.

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Christmas stamps go on sale from November 7th. The set of 12 Christmas 2017 stamps embraces two distinct themes, with eight featuring depictions of the Madonna & Child and four including the two winning designs from the children's Christmas stamp design competition, which attracted over 200,000 entries in response to the question 'What does the Christmas season mean to you?' 'Santa' designed by Ted Lewis-Clark, aged 10, from Frome, Somerset, will be the 1st Class Christmas Stamp and 'Snow Family' by Arwen Wilson, aged 9, from Dudley, West Midlands, will feature on the 2nd Class Christmas stamp.

Last posting dates? See Page 20.

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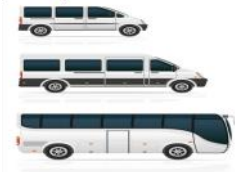
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- 2 Burt Lancaster, a bomber
- 3 Lulu, her heart went boom bang a bang
- 4 Loretta Swit, Hotlips
- 5 Ike Turner, landscape artist
- 6 James Naismith, doctor, invented basketball
- 7 David de Gea, stops shots, sometimes
- 8 Vlad the Impaler, Aka Dracula
- 9 Lou Ferrigno, a hulk of a man
- 10 Tim Rice, wrote a lyric or two
- 11 Tom Dumoulin, OK cyclist
- 12 Auguste Rodin, a thinker
- 13 Jesus Garcia, Mexican national hero
- 14 Bernard Hinault, another cyclist
- 15 William Herschel, discovered Uranus
- 16 Paul Scholes, half-hearted footballer
- 17 Yolanda King, MLK's eldest
- 18 Peter Schmeichel, big hands
- 19 Charles I, lost his head
- 20 Joe Walsh, an Eagle
- 21 Voltaire, cultivated his own garden
- 22 Billie Jean King, OK tennis player
- 23 John Wallis, invented: ∞
- 24 Scott Joplin, King of Ragtime
- 25 Bruno Tonioli, choreographer for The Rolling Stones
- 26 Willis Carrier, invented air conditioning
- 27 John Alderton, grew up in Hull
- 28 Lots of insignificant people who think they are important
- 29 CS Lewis, invented Narnia
- 30 Winston Churchill, an insurance company

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A busy few weeks with 5 incidents.

30/09/2017: (62) 15.30hrs: Team called by the Ambulance service to rescue 2 casualties near Tan Hill. Fire & Rescue, Helimed, land Ambulance & MRT all attended. Both casualties flown by Helimed from the hill.

23/09/2017: (61) 09.00hrs: Safety cover for the DT 40km race with the usual bumps & scrapes dealt with.

16/09/2017: (60) 14.00hrs: Second call of the weekend, this time called by the Yorkshire Ambulance service to rescue a walker from the top of Fremington Edge. Treated on scene by paramedics and team medics, evacuated by team vehicle to the road.

23/09/2017: (59) 21.00hrs: Called by Police after a family reported themselves lost in woodland. Team located and led to safety a woman and three young children benighted in Hackfall woods. Everyone a little cold but otherwise fit and well.

09/09/2017: (58) 15.30hrs: Team called by the Ambulance service to rescue an injured walker at Hardraw force waterfall; stood down as first team members arrived on scene.

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Opening Hours

We have noticed some confusion recently about the practice opening hours. To clarify, if you need any medical attention, the doctor is on duty from 8.00am to 6.00pm, Monday to Friday. At times, the building may be closed if the doctor is out on visits, but if you call the practice, we will be able to help or arrange for the doctor to call you back to give advice or arrange to see you. Non-urgent queries can also be emailed to the practice (contact.egp@nhs.net).

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Finally, many thanks to all who have completed the 'Friends and Family' survey: the feedback has been very positive and helpful. As the survey is anonymous, if you have any specific points or concerns to raise, we would really appreciate you speaking to a member of staff to help us understand, address and resolve the issues directly with you.

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- Did you ever see a man with no heart - **I'm Alive**
- If I could make a wish, I think I'd pass - **The Air That I Breathe**
- White chalk, written on red brick, our love, told in a heart - **Jennifer Eccles**

The tiebreaker: How many UK Number Ones did The Hollies have? They had loads of hits, but only two reached No.1 in the charts: numbers 2 and 3 above.

So, to return to the question above, the answer is '*Absolutely rubbish*' because none of you got the answers right. Perhaps you need to get in touch with Colin Bailey. (See below.)

As for this month, well once again, it's a double effort this month. John from Stratford reckoned due tribute should be made to the legendary, late

Glen Campbell and I have slightly changed his choices to make it really easy for you - *he types laughingly*. Anyway, these are the first lines of which songs:

- By the time I get to she'll be rising
- I am a for the county
-, oh,
- It's knowing that your door is always open and your path is free to walk
- I've been walkin' these streets so long singin' the same old song

And the tiebreaker is: For a few months in 1964/65, Glen was a temporary member of which famous American group? (Hint: It wasn't The E Street Band - they hadn't been invented.)

Answers etched onto an old pound coin can be left at the PO; or sent to **editor@reethgazette.co.uk**. The usual rules apply; with £15.00 going to the charity of the winner's choice, because it's a double rollover this month.

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Considering weather conditions that afternoon, it was wonderful to see such a large appreciative audience. Donations collected amounted to over £1,000 with gift aid contributions added. The band and choir would, once again, like to thank all those who attended for their generosity in supporting this joint venture.

The band has a vacancy for an experienced cornet player. Anyone interested should come along to the Memorial Hall, Reeth before band

practice, held on Tuesday night at 7.45pm, or contact the band via their website www.reethbrassband.co.uk

November

12th Remembrance Sunday, Parade/Service 1.30pm Reeth 3.00pm Grinton.

18th St. Nicholas Fayre, York, 11am.

December

3rd Christmas Market, Richmond. (time to be confirmed)

8th Christmas Concert, Kirkby Malzeard, 7.30pm.

10th Wensleydale Railway, Leeming Station. (time to be confirmed)

17th Christmas Concert, Richmond Station, 10.00am

Carol Service, St. Mary's Church, Arkengarthdale, 6.00pm
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Music in the Dales via Facebook

When I was about 12 years old I had a handful of cello lessons with a visiting teacher organised by my school. I really enjoyed it, but I had a bad experience playing in a concert before I was ready which put me off and I stopped playing.

I always regretted stopping but never saw a way as an adult of starting again. Wind the clock on some 43 years and a neighbour lent me her cello to see if I could remember anything! I couldn't remember much at all but I got the bug, found a teacher, bought a cello and at that point my life turned upside down.

Not only did I get obsessed with playing the cello every moment I could, I rapidly joined an amateur orchestra and most surprisingly discovered that there are a lot of musicians on Facebook. I started making friends and soon realised that not only was I getting to know amateur cello nuts like myself but I was even chatting to professional musicians and performers. Gradually friendships developed - particularly with cellists.

In 2015 I invited a cellist friend, Corinne Morris, to come and visit and offered to organise a concert for her while she was here. There was a good turnout on that Wednesday evening in May when Corinne, with pianist Nico de Villiers, gave a dramatic and moving performance. People who heard it were surprised at the quality: this "friend of

Carol's" gave a performance that would have been well received in any concert hall in London. The question people asked was "When is the next concert?"

It had never been my intention to organise more concerts, but so was born Wensleydale Concert Series. More concerts appeared sporadically in 2015 but through 2016 and 2017 concerts were organised regularly and we have just completed our second season. Almost all of the musicians that have played for us have been contacts I have made through Facebook and they were very generous accepting lower than normal fees to help us get started.

During 2017 things needed to get a little more organised and we established the concert series as a registered charity, which was very exciting. We have also started looking for sponsorship and funding from Arts bodies to help give the series a firm financial basis and to keep it going for many years to come.

Already we have 2019 planned and it is an exciting year ahead. For the first time we are inviting musicians from overseas to come and play, and not all of them are personal friends (well not yet). Highlights include: March - a Sunday afternoon concert with Eboracum Baroque (a group playing on period instruments); April - a piano recital with a pianist visiting from Australia; May - a truly amazing cellist is coming from Washington DC (USA) to give a solo cello recital and a cello workshop; June - a string quartet visiting from Sweden and joined by Nico de Villiers who played in our very first concert to play piano quintets; July - a clarinet and piano recital; August - a violin and piano recital;

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September - a Sunday afternoon concert with a String Trio.

There will be a final concert in October which is still to be arranged (all concerts are on Saturday evenings at Aysgarth church, except the two Sunday afternoons which will be at Carperby village hall). Full details will be available on the website shortly at www.wensleydaleconcertseries.co.uk.

To get regular news and updates visit the website and click "Newsletter" and sign up for our regular emails, and/or join us on Facebook and/or Twitter (links on the website).

To see a small sample from 3 concerts, including from that very first concert visit this address (which takes you to YouTube): <http://tinyurl.com/wcseries>

This was an unexpected change of direction in my life and I am very

grateful for the support and encouragement of friends and locals and practical help so generously given.

On top of that my cello obsession continues ... I now travel regularly to London for lessons with Corinne who gave our first concert.

My next column will be another music column in December for Christmas - back to computers in January.

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Upper Dales Family History Group

The new season of talks began in September with David Scrimgeour on 'Early Asylum Life'. He had begun his research into the West Riding Pauper Lunatic Asylum, later known as the Stanley Royd Hospital, Wakefield by looking into primary sources for the history of the building itself and had then discovered that the original case notes for the patents were preserved at the West Yorkshire Archive Service.

David explained that the Pauper Lunatic Asylum was for those who could not afford private treatment or care at home and that because mental illness was so little understood at the time patients were frequently admitted with conditions which would be treated very differently today such as depression, disabilities or symptoms of the menopause. Some had been 'disappointed in love'. Some were simply elderly and confused and had no-one else to care for them, some recovered and went home after a short time, whereas others, as became obvious from the case notes, needed long term care for their own safety and that of others.

Treatments were very varied and, from a modern point of view, could seem quite harsh although the idea was always to build the patient up physically with a good diet and much better nutrition than they would have had at home; always with a view to helping them recover and leave the asylum. Therapies included bleeding, purging, blistering and aperients, as well as hot and cold baths and showers, head shaving to cool the brain, electric shocks and a delightful piece of apparatus known as 'the swing' which rotated patients at high speed until they were sick.

Reasons for discharge were as varied as for admission. Some patients were discharged and readmitted many times as their condition varied, some inherited money and were no longer classed as paupers and quite a number discharged themselves informally via the obviously inadequate courtyard wall.

David illustrated his talk with a wide variety of examples from his book 'Proper People' which has 150 case studies of individuals admitted between 1818 and 1869, and explained how to find information about ancestors in Wakefield and other asylums. Many records are on the



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The original records for the asylum can be seen at the West Yorkshire Archives in Wakefield and more information about David's book is on his own website:

<http://www.davidscrimgeour.co.uk/p/proper-people.html>

This month's meeting is on Wednesday, November 22, at 2.00pm in Harmby village hall near Leyburn, when the speaker is Dr David Severs on 'Wensleydale Clockmakers and their clocks'. David began to research historic clock making in the dales after discovering the craft in his own family tree and has recently been involved in an exhibition of more than 60 grandfather clocks, wall and table clocks, watches and barometers at Tennants Garden Rooms in Leyburn.

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2 Dales Football

These reports may be shorter this season with much reduced junior football at Reeth.

Our joint Under 11s team with Spennithorne only has 7 players playing 7x7 but nevertheless, have won all their 3 matches so far this season.

On 17th September they played Richmond Town at Spenni and took a 3-0 lead by the 11th minute. Town came charging back at the end of the first half to equalise. Dales then took control of the match resulting in a 9-5 win but it was played in the right spirit and Town never let up. Scorers were Jack Dalton 2, Oliver Scott, Alfred Atkin 2, Harry Hammond 2, Josh Luchford and own goal, while Town scored 2 more. New signing Nicholas O'Keefe played very well in goal.

I wasn't present for a mid week match at Leyburn but in an excellent game, Leyburn took the lead. Dales equalised. Leyburn went ahead again only for Dales to equalise. Dales then scored from a penalty and Alfred made a run from his own half for a 2-4 win. Scorers were Oliver 3, Alfred 1. Leyburn had 5 subs and we had none so our lads were very tired at the end. It is good to see Leyburn back in the League.

We could only muster 5 players against Catterick Village but they agreed in advance to loan 2 and they both played really well for us. Village opened the scoring but Alfred came straight back to equalise. Alfred was then awarded a goal (it was just over

the line) and then got his hat trick. Village came back to equalise at half time. Josh then stepped up a gear scoring 4 in succession the second of which was put up by Alfred but Josh watched his opportunity carefully. Oliver had played in goal in the first half as Nicholas was unwell but then came out to score 2. We credited the final goal to Adam from Village although there was a slight deflection by the opposition. 3-10 win and great sportsmanship shown by Village and their 2 players and we fully agreed the scoreline didn't do them justice.

We are gradually building up an Under 8s squad and they entered their first monthly tournament. From a shaky start, they improved as the morning went on and their final game against Hawes was very close and we just lost by 1 goal. Your first match at football is the most important and the squad that day was Cody Ackroyd, Freddie Lundberg, Oscar Kendall, Will Bowe, Dexter Nathan-Thomas, Daniel Bradley, Alice Botting and Monty Rowland-Hill. I am sure we will hear a lot more of them in the future

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	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	
	4.30 pm	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	<i>Note time change</i>
	6.00 pm	St. Andrew's Grinton	<i>Evening Prayer</i>
12 th Nov.	9.00 am	St. Andrew's Grinton	<i>Eucharist</i>
	9.30 am	St Michael's Downholme	<i>Remembrance Service</i>
	10.50 am	St. Mary's Arkengarthdale	<i>Remembrance Service and laying of Wreath</i>
	10.50 am	St. Mary's Muker	<i>Low Row & Muker Remembrance Service</i>
	11.00 am	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
		St. Edmund's, Marske	<i>Remembrance Service</i>
	2.00 pm	Keld War Memorial	
	2.30 pm	St. Andrew's Grinton (Parade gathers at Reeth 2.00pm)	<i>Remembrance Service</i>
	2.30 pm	Gunnarside Methodist	
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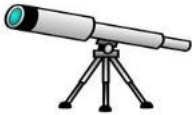
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	11.00 am	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
	11.00 am	St. Edmund's, Marske	<i>Holy Communion</i>
	6.30 pm	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
26th Nov.	9.30 am	St. Andrew's Grinton	<i>Eucharist</i>
	9.30 am	St Michael's Downholme	<i>Holy Communion</i>
	10.30 am	Low Row URC	<i>Holy Communion</i>
	11.00 am	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
	11.00 am	St. Edmund's, Marske	<i>Holy Communion</i>
	11.15 am	<i>St. Mary's Arkengarthdale Crib Service - All families and children are especially welcome, please bring your Mary & and Joseph crib figures to join those in church for a blessing to start the preparations for Christmas</i>	
	2.00 pm	Keld URC	<i>Holy Communion</i>
	2.30 pm	Gunnarside Methodist	<i>Holy Communion</i>
	6.30 pm	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
30th Nov.	7.30 pm	<i>Gunnarside Methodist Christians Together in Swaledale Advent Service</i>	
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Astronomy In The Two Dales

When I look up at the night sky I see a familiar skyscape with starry old friends who leave then return with the changing of the seasons, just like the landscape of Calver Hill, Fremington Edge and the northern Pennines when coming home to the 2 Dales from Leyburn.

Newcomers and infrequent visitors to the Dales can be guided on their journey with maps* - diagrammatic interpretations of the living landscape. Nightscapes have also been described in abstract ways through the centuries, usually with elaborate supporting mythologies such as Nordic, Maori, Greek and Egyptian. Current Western star lore* comprises mainly of Greco-Roman fanciful/fantastic representations alongside contemporary descriptions of the brighter star patterns (asterisms): Orion - the hunter - has the prominent three stars of his belt; Ursa Major - the Great Bear - contains the Plough or Big Dipper.

Autumn is the season for Pegasus, the winged horse - a mythical beast that I do not readily visualise in the night sky. However the main asterism, the Square of Pegasus, is easily recognised. The chart opposite shows the night sky to the south at 20:00 around the middle of November. The four bright stars 2/3rds the way up the sky comprise the Square. At other times of the night/year, as Pegasus rises or sets, it sits diamond-like on one of its corners.

From a dark location on a moonless

clear night try to find the Andromeda Galaxy - you will be seeing light from about 2.5 million years ago. Let your eyes adapt to the dark, find the Square of Pegasus and follow the stars at 10 o'clock from the upper left (north east) corner - see opposite. Let your eyes wander around that area of sky and you may occasionally glimpse a faint, fuzzy elliptical patch (about the size of your thumb width held at arm's length) - Andromeda. A steady pair of binoculars will make this haze more obvious, assuming that you can find it.

The Milky Way and Andromeda are the two largest galaxies of a local group of 50+ gravitationally bound galaxies occupying a space of about 10 million light years. You may wish to get in extra supplies as we are expected to collide/merge with Andromeda in about 4 billion years.

The Leonid meteor shower occurs during mid/late November, the best night being Friday 17th from 23:00 through until dawn.

Keep warm and keep looking up.

*use of GPS appears to be making map and star chart reading skills redundant.

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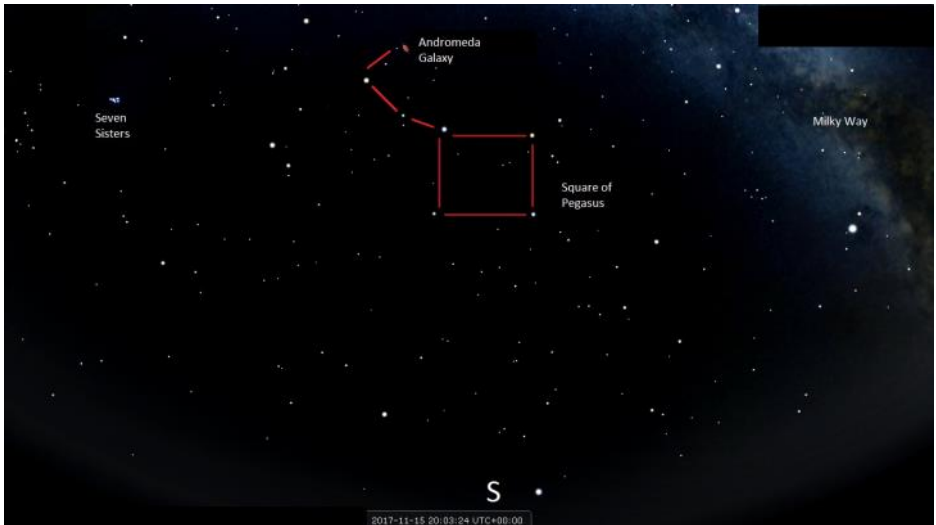
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The Society also has a regular walks programme. Information about this can be obtained at the meetings.

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Leyburn Arts & Social Society, an informal social group meets on the 4th Tuesday of the month in the Oak Room at Thornborough Hall at 7.15pm. A film will be shown on Tuesday 28th November. For more information and details of membership, please telephone Brian on 01969 623257.

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Leyburn & District U3A

The regular monthly talks programme is held on the third Friday of the month. Non-members are welcome for a small charge and committee members are available to answer questions and provide information about all the interest groups currently running.

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**Reeth Parish Council
September 2017**

Playground: Mr Whitehead attended the meeting to discuss issues raised by the recent RoSPA report. Overall it was in line with other years. Some of the necessary work had already been in hand at the time of the inspection and had now been completed. Other damage to woodwork may have been caused by grass strimming and inevitable wear and tear over the years. Damage to the slide over recent days had been caused by attempts to light a fire on the steps.

Village green: Two green agreements were still outstanding and signs were still being left out overnight on the grass. Further action would be taken if required.

Dog bins: A bin had now been installed by the cattle grid on the Arkengarthdale road but further bins were required on Mill Hill and at High Fremington where walkers were leaving bags of waste in domestic bins.

Local police: Sergeant Sharon Findlay attended the meeting to introduce herself and update councillors on recent policing matters. Along with the local PCSO she planned to look into problems of damage in the shelter and playground and to consider ways of encouraging road safety awareness amongst younger children in the village.

Parish forum: Coun Mitchell reported on the recent forum which had discussed amongst other things the provision of affordable housing and the results of a survey on matters of most importance to residents and visitors in the park. Full details are on the YDNP website under the 'Living and working' section.

Memorial benches: Permission was granted for a memorial seat currently at the Youth Hostel to be repositioned at Reeth Bridge. The group organising a memorial tree and bench for the late councillor Richard Beal had reported that plans were progressing and it was hoped that this would be in place later in the year.

Old Mortuary: Councillors had been informed that repairs were needed to the old workhouse mortuary on Back Lane. There was some uncertainty as to who was responsible for the building.

Best Kept Village Competition: Healaugh was placed 4th in its category.

Street Lights: Two lights were still out of order; one on Silver Street and one at High Fremington.

Remembrance Sunday: The clerk would meet volunteers to discuss arrangements for the parade and service.

Road repairs: Coun Longstaff had made temporary repairs to a hole in the road outside the Burgoyne which was classed as village green and therefore not the responsibility of Highways. Coun Meffen would get photographs of the potholes which needed filling at Fremington and these would be reported.

District Council: Coun Scott reported on the results of the ward boundary review which would come into effect in 2019.

Christmas Tree: Couns Frankland and Longstaff would choose a tree for the green.

Mobile skip: The mobile skip service would be on the green on Saturday, October 28, to remove bulky rubbish ahead of the bonfire. **Tracy Little**

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Apple Picking

Our annual apple picking day was a great success. (This is not to be confused with Apple Day itself which was on October 27th.)

By 2.00pm on 31st September, the orchard was humming with happy apple pickers. Heather and Nicci climbed high up the Newton Wonder and threw us down lovely ripe unblemished apples. Three local boys, Kieran, Nick and George were coaxed off their bicycles and, helped by Tony, did a wonderful job of picking all the Bramley apples. Great team work boys.

Those of us who are not so good at heights enjoyed twisting the stems of the Cordon apples and laying each lovely apple in the correctly labelled box. This year, Josie told us of the Australian

method of apple picking, which involves a rope. One end is tied to the end of the branch and the other to a stoutish stick. The stick is then used to shake the branch or thrown high into the tree to knock down those apples that are tantalisingly out of reach.

Our lovely apple picking tools were also used. I don't think I will tire of using the extendable handle to reach high into the tree, using the little knife blade to cut the stem and then bringing it down to see how many apples are in the bag.

By the end of the afternoon the shed was full of stacked boxes, each with air flow between them. Ready for baking, juicing and eating. I love that delicious smell of stored apples: it reminds me of my Grandma's unheated front room where she used to lay apples out under the bed.
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Don't forget the Museum is now closed for the winter. We are busy behind the scenes answering your research enquiries. Our latest task is to find out more about the Raws of Low Row, Grinton and Muker.

Tracy Little is busy finalising our Autumn Friends of the Museum Newsletter which is packed as ever with articles, reports and more.

Thanks to all of you who have responded about ideas for a guidebook to the Museum and the Dales - which is one of our major projects for 2018, thanks to the support of the Upper Dales Family History Group. We are also finalising our Friends lecture series - which will include papers by Duncan Bythell and Christine Hallas. Watch our website for developments.

For more information and booking contact Helen Bainbridge at The Swaledale Museum, The Green, Reeth, DL11 6TX by email at museum.swaledale@btinternet.com or by telephone 01748 884118 or 07969823232. Visit our website www.swaledalemuseum.org to find out more about what we do. Why not become a Friend of the Museum and get in FREE, with reduced admission price to our talks. **Helen Bainbridge**

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**Muker Parish Council
September 2017**

WW1 Beacons: There had been no response as of yet to the posters regarding the WW1 Beacons, if any member of the parish would like to see the Parish taking part in the commemorations then they are requested to contact the Clerks.

Defibrillator Tan Hill: Clerks had completed the grant form for the Area Partnership Fund.

Water on Road Muker: Nothing to report

Silver Hill: A site meeting is to be held with Cllr Blackie, Cllr Whitehead and Richard Marr of NYCC Highways.

Missing Sign Crackpot: the sign had not yet been replaced.

Bench Muker: To be included in the meeting regarding Silver Hill.

Streetlights Keld: RDC have placed a hood on the Streetlight no2. Clerks to contact RDC regarding light sensors in the toilets.

BT Box Keld: Iain Burgess of NYCC had been in touch and was to arrange a site meeting with Cllr Whitehead.

Telephone Box: Thwaite: Cllr Blackie had highlighted the problem to BT and it was on a list to be fixed.

Rubbish Bin: Guide Posts: Clerks had reported the issue to Highways: Clerks to contact Highways again.

Annual Return: The Annual Return had been received from PKF Littlejohn and would now be displayed for Public perusal.

Parish Precept: The Parish Council agreed to request an increase of the precept to £1800.00 Proposed by: Cllr Metcalfe, Seconded by Cllr Calvert

Highways: Cllr Calvert raised an issue

regarding the road approaching Hoggarth's Bridge. Wagons have had to pull over to let other vehicles across the bridge which has caused the tarmac on the road edge to give way and it needs reinstating. Clerks to contact Highways.

Cllr Metcalfe raised the issue of inadequate grass cutting of road side verges. There are lots of small bushes which have not been cut, the whole way along the dale and in his opinion the work has been poorly carried out. Clerks to contact Highways.

Car park machine: Muker: Gary Hudson of RDC had attended the machine due to a fault, which has now been rectified.

Premises Licence had been received for a B&B at Greenses Farm: no objections

Defibrillator: Surveys had been received and completed regarding the purchase and use of the defibrillators in Thwaite and Muker.

YDNPA: A letter had been received regarding the felling of trees at Guildy Hall Muker: YDNP had no objection, nor did the Parish Council.

Correspondence/AOB:

A Letter had been received from the Upper Dales Fireworks Committee. Clerk to contact stating that The Parish Council will not make a donation but are happy to publicise the event.

Cllr Blackie informed the meeting of a recent issue regarding contractors mistakenly placing signs detailing road closures on the B6270 which were on the wrong road. Highways had apologised for the mistake.

Cllr Blackie also informed the meeting of the intention by RDC to reduce the cleaning schedule of the

toilets in Muker and Keld to four times a week, this at a time when the Council are also implementing a 20p charge for the public to use the toilets. The Parish Council were concerned regarding this reduction. Cllr Blackie asked that the Clerks monitor any complaints received regarding the toilets. Alison Stringer raised the issue of there being no sanitary bins in the ladies cubicles, which often led to the toilets being untidy. Clerks to contact RDC.

Cllr Blackie stated that a Community Land Trust Officer had been recruited to set up and register a Community Land Trust in Hawes and the Upper Dales. The Trust will assist land owners with the aid of loans and grants to build affordable housing on land designated for this purpose in perpetuity. These houses will be rented to local people. The Land Trust and Parish Councils in these areas will have a say in who will be able to rent these properties.

Cllr Blackie stated that he had had a great deal of support from eleven councils and individual residents regarding his proposal for the local Boundary Review.

Next Meeting: Thursday 2 November 2017, 7.30pm. **A Stringer**

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Parade starting from the village green
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for a Service of Remembrance at
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For further information contact:

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If you are able and willing to help in anyway please contact any of the following:

Richard Good 884353

Joan Graveson 886470

Chris Watts 886202

Items can be dropped off at Hudson House, Reeth w/c 4th December 2017 or at The Vicarage Grinton.

If you are able to wrap the Christmas gifts and mark them i.e. suitable for young girl or boy, or general, it would be greatly appreciated. If not don't worry, we have lots of willing helpers.

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As former Recoveries Director for the Art Loss Register, the international database for stolen cultural property, he has a fund of fascinating, entertaining, and sometimes disturbing stories.

Malcolm's first-hand experience of the criminal art underworld, their origins, methods and corrupt dealings in the trade has proved invaluable to many audiences as diverse as police conferences to auction house staff, New Scotland Yard, Interpol and the FBI.

The society is keen to attract new members who will receive a warm welcome. Visitors pay £8 a lecture, refunded if they join.

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Apologies were received from Councillor Stones and County Councillor John Blackie. The Chairman welcomed District Councillor Ian Scott to the meeting, which was also attended by local resident Mrs Pamela Whickham from the Old Chapel at Whaw.

Mrs Whickham had discovered by accident that there was a dispute over land on her property which was bought in good faith at the time and not noticed by her solicitor at the time. However it now transpires that the land is officially registered as village green. Fortunately Councillor Scott was able to advise her on the best course of action to see the matter resolved.

Proposed development of the car park land: Councillors Stubbs, Watkins and Scott had attended a meeting at RDC where a draft proposal for the houses was discussed. This proposal did not meet our criteria for the housing as it included the sale of at least two of the properties and would greatly reduce the number of car parking spaces available. It was agreed at a subsequent meeting with County Councillor Blackie that we would pursue our ideal goal of 4 homes for affordable rent in perpetuity, with maximum public parking spaces, with the Upper Dales Community Land Trust.

The damaged wall in Arkle Town has now been repaired.

Councillor Watkins reported that the police have undertaken speed checks and agreed that there is a problem. Action will be taken.

Progress report on road problems in the dale: Councillor Watkins had

again contacted Highways about problems on Stang Lane, and the roads from Whaw to Faggergill and Langthwaite to Booze. However these same issues were also reported to District Councillor Blackie at the subsequent meeting to discuss the housing project, and he is to take these up with the Highways Manager direct.

Planning: the application for alterations to the old workshop in Langthwaite R/01/6D has been approved.

Local matters: In view of the many overgrown areas in the dale that need attention it has been decided to increase the hours for grass cutting and to ask for additional precept money to cover the increase in cost.

Councillor Lundberg reported a badly overgrown and inaccessible stile on the path to Sleigh Gill, as well as the fact that the handgate on the bridge at Arkle Town is missing.

Complaints have been received about the cars parking on the pavement opposite the Rigg. This will be discussed with the owner of the Rigg. Similarly, there is an issue with a badly parked car obstructing the access to the Storthwaite track, and the car owner will be spoken to.

Next meeting: 6th November.

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15th November: Popular speaker Eric Londesbrough returns with *Canadian Adventure*, a cross continent tour from east to west.

22nd November: *In the Footsteps of Eleanor of Aquitaine* is the subject of Margaret Merrall and Jan Bell's talk. Eleanor, the most powerful woman of her age, married two kings and was mother to two more.

This is the last lecture of our Autumn season. Our Spring term will begin in January 2018.

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Diary Dates

November

- 5th Fireworks on Reeth Green. 7.00pm
- 5th Arkengarthdale Sports Association Bonfire and Fireworks Display at the CB Inn from 6:15pm. Hot food available e.g. burgers, hot dogs, soup
- 11th Film in Gunnerside Village Hall: *A United Kingdom*. 7.30pm, doors and bar open at 7.00. £5 (children £3).
- 12th Remembrance Day Parade and Service, St Andrews, Grinton.
- 15th Melbecks Society's Annual Charity Coffee Morning Low Row Institute 10.00am to 12noon. Proceeds to Reeth Medical Centre's Nitric Oxide Monitor Fund. Entrance £2.00
- 17th The Quo Experience, Reeth Memorial Hall. 8.00pm
- 18th Coffee Morning, Reeth Evangelical Congregational Church. 10.00am
- 23rd TLC@Gunnerside. Making an indoor Christmas wreath with Kathryn Guy

December

- 1st Tom McConville & Tony Wilson, Reeth Memorial Hall 8.00pm
- 2nd North Country Theatre, Nightmares in Norfolk, Reeth Memorial Hall 7.30pm
- 2nd Film in Gunnerside Village Hall: *Sully*. 7.30pm, doors and bar open at 7.00. £5 (children £3).

3rd Christmas at Marrick. Entertainment by candle light, carols and supper. Tickets from Reeth Post Office.

January

- 13th. Film in Gunnerside Village Hall: *Their Finest*. 7.30 pm, doors and bar open at 7.00. £5 (children £3).
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