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## First Thoughts . . .

In my days as a sixth former at Hull's finest educational establishment, (It was well better than Hymers College.) as well as studying *Sounds, Melody Maker* and the *NME, Pontoon and Three Card Brag*, we also occasionally studied 19th Century British Political History and discovered there were a lot of Questions in them there days.

There was the Irish Question which was a term used to describe Irish nationalism and the calls for Irish independence. A Prime Minister of the time, Benjamin Disraeli, defined it as 'a starving population, an absentee aristocracy, and an alien Church; and in addition the weakest executive in the world.' In later years it became The Irish Problem; or simple, The Troubles.

The there was the Eastern Question which referred to the decline

of the Ottoman Empire - 'The Sick Man of Europe' - which threatened the fragile balance of power in Europe.

And of course one mustn't forget The Schleswig-Holstein Question of which Lord Palmerston (another PM) is reported to have said: "Only three people have ever really understood the Schleswig-Holstein business: the Prince Consort, who is dead; a German professor, who has gone mad; and I, who have forgotten all about it."

As students, we never really got to grips with these Questions, and I got to thinking: In 100 years time, will students of 21st Century British History be struggling to get to grips with The Brexit Question? Will they be astounded by the ineptitude of the politicians? And will they wonder what 'Brexit means Brexit' actually means?

As Bon Jovi sang: *The more things change, the more they stay the same .*

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**May issue:** **April 10th**

**June issue:** **May 10th**

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## **Born in April? what else happened on that disastrous day?**

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2	1962	First official Panda crossing is opened in London.
3	1973	The first portable cell phone call is made in New York City
4	1964	Beatles' "Can't Buy Me Love" single goes to No.1
5	2063	Earth's 1st contact with the extra-terrestrial Vulcan species
6	1980	Post It Notes introduced
7	1827	English chemist John Walker invents wooden matches
8	1986	Clint Eastwood elected mayor of Carmel, California. Makes his day.
9	1963	Winston Churchill becomes 1st honorary US citizen
10	1970	Paul McCartney officially announces the split of The Beatles
11	1961	Bob Dylan makes his 1st appearance at Folk City, Greenwich Village
12	1606	England adopts the Union Flag
13	1964	New Zealander Colin Boshier shears a record 565 sheep in 1 day
14	1865	US President Abraham Lincoln is shot by John Wilkes Booth
15	1738	Bottle opener invented
16	1746	Battle of Culloden, the last battle on British soil
17	1956	Premium Savings Bonds introduced in Great Britain
18	1809	First run of 2,000 guineas horse race at Newmarket, England
19	1770	British explorer Captain James Cook first sights Australia
20	1611	First known performance of Shakespeare's Macbeth
21	1956	Elvis Presley's 1st hit record, "Heartbreak Hotel", becomes No.1
22	1969	1st human eye transplant performed
23	1867	Queen Victoria & Napoleon III turn down plans for a channel tunnel
24	1969	Paul McCartney says there is no truth to rumours he is dead
25	1792	Nicolas Pelletier first victim of Madame Guillotine in France,
26	1514	Copernicus makes his 1st observations of Saturn
27	1124	David I becomes King of Scots
28	1967	Muhammad Ali refuses conscription & stripped of boxing title
29	1930	Telephone connection Britain-Australia goes into service
30	1661	Tsjeng Tsj'eng-Kung begins siege of Zeelandia

## Message From The Swaledale Museum In Reeth

**STOP PRESS!** The Museum re-opens for the Season on Friday 20th April. We will be open everyday from 10.00am to 5.00pm. However as those who live on Reeth Green may have noticed, we are usually open much earlier - as soon as our sign appears on the Green, we are open. If you want to book a group visit or come at times other than advertised, just contact us.

We have changed the layout; Come and see what we have done and let us know what you think. One of our first visitors booked in is a collector from London, who is returning Dr Spiers's fountain pen to Reeth. He was sold it decades ago, and contacted us over the winter to see if we would like to add it to the collection. It will join the venerable doctor's visiting card case and buttonhole holder. It is one of many objects in the Museum that have 'come home', some having travelled the world.

The Friends of the Museum AGM will be at 6.30pm on Wednesday 2nd May.

We have started taking bookings for our talks, all at 7.30pm in the Museum.

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Our first is on 9th May 'A Little Country in Itself: Hartley and Ingilby's Swaledale'. As it is given by your very own curator, she has taken the liberty of developing the theme whilst writing the paper - and it focuses on how people have written about Swaledale and Arkengarthdale, and whether it is fact or fiction.

On 23rd May Duncan Bythell will talk about 'Keld in Swaledale 1870-1970 - The Decline of an Upland Community'. He tells me this is definitely his very last lecture - so it will be a very special event. Do come and join us, but best to contact us first, to secure a seat.

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



## Computer Corner

With Carol Haynes of Dales Computer Services

### Windows 10 Updates Woes

A number of people have complained that their computers are constantly updating and are generally running slowly.

In February, Microsoft issued an update for Windows 10 that seems to be causing a few problems. The issue seems to be that it gets stuck in a loop and continually downloads and tries to install itself over and over. The update is a large file so it tends to suck up your internet usage and is quite frustrating. It is happening one of my computers so I sympathise.

MS seem to be aware of the problem but have yet to figure out and issue a fix.

To see if you are affected, click Start > Settings (the little cog wheel) and then scroll down the page and click on Updates & Security. If you see "2018-02 Cumulative update for Windows 10 Version 1709" and it says "restart required" then you are probably affected.

Sadly there is no way to tell Windows 10 to ignore an update but a TEMPORARY solution to the download and fail cycle is to tell Windows you are on a metered connection. This is to prevent people accidentally using up all their allowance on a limited connection. To turn on metered connection click on Start > Settings (little cog) and then on "Network and Internet". You will see a link that says: "Change Connection Properties" Click on it and scroll down

until you see "Metered Connection" and turn it on.

From now on you will get warnings you are on a metered connection - you can ignore them.

Note this is a stop gap only. You should not leave this setting switched on all the time or you will receive no more updates which is a bad idea but at least it stops the same faulty update trying to install repeatedly. You can turn it off and see if updates are working again every few days and once things are working properly leave metered connection switched off again.

I hope this is useful - if you have any questions or suggestions for articles as always please drop me a line at:

[carol.haynes@dalescomputerservices.com](mailto:carol.haynes@dalescomputerservices.com)

### Wensleydale Concert Series – April Piano Recital

On Saturday 24th April at 7.30pm we are really pleased to be welcoming the wonderfully gifted pianist Yasmin Rowe to St. Andrew's Church, Aysgarth. Yasmin is flying all the way from Melbourne, Australia to play for us. It would be lovely to have a full church and a warm Wensleydale welcome.

Her programme will include works by Bach, Bartok, Beethoven and Schumann and I am sure it will be a memorable evening. Full details and tickets are at [www.wensleydaleconcertseries.co.uk](http://www.wensleydaleconcertseries.co.uk)

If you would like to hear Yasmin via YouTube there are a number of videos on under the listen tab on the concert page on the website. **Carol Haynes**

## Councillor Richard Beal Memorial Fund Update

With many thanks to the considerable number, from within and beyond Reeth, who generously donated to the above fund. Our proposal reflected family wishes and was to provide a tangible memorial for Richard. Within the community, he was a diligent and respected councillor, friend and neighbour. The memorial would be a small, slow growing and attractive apple tree, with a circular recycled seat, sited near the memorial area of the Green.

Despite initial support from the Parish Council Richard served, our proposal became protracted and subsequently futile with a negative outcome. Apparently, the aforementioned tree was deemed unprecedented and inappropriate, although the bench was permitted.

However, the Orchard Committee has readily agreed to plant the tree within their beautiful garden, in memory of Richard. We sincerely thank them.

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The Meadow Link Project organised through Tanya St Pierre invited four of us to meet other groups of people who were growing wild flower meadows, and consequently present each group with a permanent plaque and a pack of suggestions for future managing of each of our meadows.

The venue was at a beautiful barn conversion called Broadrake at Chapel Le Dale, Ingleton. Each group had to tell everyone about their particular meadow, how it all started, how it is managed and where they are up to now. We each told how the Meadow links project advised and helped us over the previous two years.

Gill, Yvonne and myself told our story of the Orchard garden with pictures and notes. Frank, who cuts the meadow grass in the summer months with his special machine, drove us all there.

It was really interesting to hear about the other groups and to hear more about Tanya and her team.

We were then treated to a wonderful buffet lunch made by the owners of the bunk barn. The journey home over Buttertubs Pass with beautiful views of Swaledale finished our day off nicely.

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'EXTEND Exercise' is a chair based exercise class that enables people whose mobility is not as good as they'd like it to be, to still enjoy the benefits of exercise.

The class helps to improve flexibility, co-ordination and strength through exercises that focus on different parts of the body and all choreographed to an upbeat and varied selection of music.

The teacher, Gayle Pearson trained as an EXTEND exercise tutor while working for AGE UK as a 'Falls Prevention and Mobility Advisor'. She has a wealth of experience in helping people to improve their mobility, and since qualifying as an EXTEND exercise teacher she has been providing a class in Richmond for the last year.

Gayle says "We have a wide range of people coming to the Richmond class, some who are already active and want to keep fit, others who may be recovering from a fall or injury to those who have health conditions or a

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disability that deters them from doing exercise. The beauty of EXTEND exercise is that it gives all those people an opportunity to exercise at a pace that suits them."

She has decided to provide the classes in other local communities, starting in Reeth and is so keen to for people to see how they can benefit from the exercise class that she is offering people their first class for free.

For more information on EXTEND exercise go to <http://www.extend.org.uk> To find out more about the class call Gayle on **07748 255775** or email [Gayle@handy.co.uk](mailto:Gayle@handy.co.uk) or just drop into the class on Tuesdays at 2.00pm at Reeth Memorial Hall. First class for free then £4 per class.

(NB No class on Tuesday April 17th or Tuesday May 8th)

## The Youth of Today!

Cast your mind back to the days of the Beast from the East:

Dear Editor,

I'd just like to draw your attention to the very good snow clearing all round Quaker Close, the bungalows on Langhorne Drive and the Doctor's surgery that Ben, Ralph, Oliver and Callum did over the last couple of days. Dexter and Magnus were also out clearing around all our houses and the path down to Anvil Square.

From what I believe they did it off their own backs because they felt they should and not because they were told.

Maybe the youth of today are OK and understand the meaning of community.

**Adam, Copper Kettle**



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## Let's Get Lyrical

Last month it was a Fats Domino walking special and the answers are:

- You made me cry, when you said goodbye, **Ain't That A Shame**
- I found my thrill on **Blueberry Hill**
- **I'm Walkin'** yes indeed and I'm talkin' about you and me, I'm hopin' that you'll come back to me
- This time I'm **Walking To New Orleans**
- I Want to **Walk You Home**, please let me . . .

The tiebreaker: By my reckoning, Fats released 50 albums.

Just two correct entries this month: That Man Thorogood and The Skinner Man, which proves they are the only two who are old enough to remember his early hits. So, it went to

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a tiebreak and The Skinner Man was spot on with his guess.

This month, it's David Bowie because . . . well, because I don't think I've done a Bowie one before. The following lyrics are the first lines from which songs recorded by David Bowie?

- Ground Control to Major Tom
- It's a god-awful small affair to the girl with the mousy hair
- Didn't know what time it was the lights were low, I leaned back on my radio
- Let me put my arms around your head, gee it's hot, let's go to bed
- With your long blonde hair and your eyes of blue the only thing I ever got from you

As for the tie-breaker: How many singles did David Bowie release?

The usual rules apply with no internet use allowed. However, there is no rule to say you cannot listen to a David Bowie Greatest Hits album. Answers can be left at the Post Office; or sent to [editor@reethgazette.co.uk](mailto:editor@reethgazette.co.uk).

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We have a collection of resources from local charities and services to support carers, such as a sitting service, where a volunteer sits in the house for a few hours, allowing the carer time to go out, reassured in the knowledge that someone is keeping an eye on things while they are away.

There is now a brand new online directory just for North Yorkshire which has been launched by North Yorkshire County Council. It's called 'North Yorkshire Connect' and you can take a look here:

<https://northyorkshireconnect.org.uk/>  
The online directory includes local support service information, local groups and charities and many others.

As it has just recently launched, there are a number of groups that we're aware of which are missing. You may also be aware of many more or may

even be members of some not listed.

Please therefore join or encourage others to add information by registering online by contacting North Yorkshire Connect at

[customertheme@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:customertheme@northyorks.gov.uk)

We have also put this information and links on our website:

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This month's recipient is the **Reeth Brass Training Band**. Irwin Blenkinsop reveals all.

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New blood was what was required, so we proceeded to recruit some younger members. The response was immediate as two of our senior players had children of primary school age who they were tutoring to play brass instruments. It wasn't long before we had half a dozen youngsters.

Although there have been a number who have joined and left, continued recruitment has ensured we still have half a dozen who are regular players. Four of these are now making a positive contribution to the senior band. The photograph below shows all six performing for the first time, without senior band help, at our Christmas concert last December.

We are very proud of the fact that two members of the group have



recently passed their grade five music examination. Four youngsters, who are now at secondary school, form the majority of the Richmond School brass section. During this Summer the school band will be touring Germany. A joint concert in Richmond School is being planned for the Spring to raise funds for this tour. Watch out for posters for this event and please come along to support them.

It costs in excess of £200 per month to maintain the senior band; expenses involved in running the Training Band are borne from band funds. Instruments, music, uniform and tuition are provided free of charge. There are still instruments available for anyone who would like to learn to play. Simply come along, any Tuesday practice night at 7.00pm, to Reeth Memorial Hall,. There is no age limit.

If you'd like your group to benefit, email the editor@reethgazette.co.uk with a little bit about what it does. The management board of the Gazette will select one group each month to receive a donation. If yours is selected, you'll be asked to write an article of 300-400 words to appear in the Gazette, about your organisation, so that you can tell the wider community how your organisation contributes to the life of the two dales.

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**02/03/2018:** (10): Team asked to support Teesdale & Penrith MRTs with an ongoing recovery of a stranded snow bound vehicle following 2 days of being stranded. Coastguard helicopter also tasked in blizzard conditions with 100mph winds. Casualty recovered while we were planning.

**14/02/2018:** (09): Team called by the Police following reports of a number of vehicles & drivers stranded on Buttertubs Pass. Two Team members were already out skiing & checking a venue for some winter training. A quick check to make sure everyone was well & then a blast with the snow plough soon sorted the problem. The rest of the team remained on standby should we be needed.

A massive thank you to everyone who attended or supported our 50th Dinner in March. The evening raised just over £5,000

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**Middleham and the Dales  
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To celebrate the 50th anniversary of the publication of "*Life and Tradition in the Yorkshire Dales*" by Marie Hartley and Joan Ingilby our April meeting - on Tuesday 17th April - will be a guided tour of the Dales Countryside Museum, Hawes.

Marie Hartley built up a large collection of artefacts, photographs and woodcut illustrations of life in the Yorkshire Dales in the early to mid 20th century, so that records of what life and work was like for ordinary dales folk would not be lost. This collection later became the basis of the Dales Countryside Museum, although the material in the museum has much increased in recent years.

Museum staff, volunteers and Friends of the Museum will explain its origins and links with Marie Hartley. We will divide into groups to look at the various collections and get the chance to look at the reserve collections which are not normally on public display.

The meeting will start at 2.00pm and finish around 4/4.30pm. There will be no charge to group members but visitors will have to pay the normal museum entry fee of £3.00. Free tea/coffee will also be supplied.

If you wish to join, contact Geoff Keeble, by email on:

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Old and new members and visitors are welcome; annual membership is £10.00.

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## Dales Archaeology Day

The Historic Environment Team at the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority is holding their annual Dales Archaeology Day on the **14th of April from 10.00am till 4.00pm** at Richmond Methodist Church (DL10 7AZ).

The following speakers will be giving talks on a variety of projects that have recently taken place in the Yorkshire Dales:

- BC to AD: Iron Age and Romano-British Farmers in Nidderdale: Jim Brightman (Solstice Heritage)
- Recent dendrochronology and vernacular buildings in Craven: Alison Armstrong
- Coal Mining at Tanhill: Shaun Richardson (Ed Dennison Archaeological Services)
- Thorns, Ribbleshead: Anatomy of a deserted settlement: David Johnson
- Early Neolithic enclosures in the North: Alastair Oswald
- The 'We Dig Community' project Bainbridge: Rebecca Cadbury-Simmons

You can book your ticket online by debit/credit card via a secure website <https://retail.yorkshiredales.org.uk/collections/events/products/archaeology-day-school-2018>

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## Theme Park For Dogs

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The idea is the brainchild of Janet Sunter, owner of the kennels, who explains: "A number of dog owners have commented that there isn't really anywhere around here where they can let their dogs run free because of the sheep in the fields, so I thought 'Why not use our field to set up an area for dogs? Really, I'm just trying to provide a safe, clean, dog-friendly area in the Dale where dogs could socialize with other friendly dogs and be able to run until their heart's content."

Dog theme parks - which are theme parks specifically for dogs as opposed to theme parks where they are quite happy for owners to take in their dogs - are big in Japan and the USA; and are a growing commodity in China where pet dogs are more and more popular. But this will be the first such park to be established in the UK.

So what attractions can we expect to see at the park? "Well, my plan is to divide the field into five different areas," says Janet. "A jungle park with two large pools for swimming or just cooling off; big boulders for the dogs to climb around on; and plenty of trees if they just want to laze in the shade. A miniature city with its own community centre where the dogs can hang around. A play area with plenty of features to keep the dogs entertained such as a caterpillar tunnel, a hide and seek structure, a cosy cottage and plenty of

picnic tables. A tiny tot park for the puppies who may not be ready for socialising with older dogs. And finally, an agility area with several obstacles that can be used as training and stimulation aids such as giant tunnels, climbing platforms, weaving poles, and tyre jumps."

A spokesperson for the planning department commented: "This is a really innovative idea and if successful will put Grinton at the heart of the dog community. We are keen to support projects of this nature which create new employment opportunities in the area as well as bringing new income into the dales."

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**Come and have a brew:** We have refreshments after every 2nd and 4th Sundays at 10.30 - 11.15am at St Andrew's (after our morning service at 9.30am) so if you are passing by, please feel free to come and join us - you will be very welcome.

**Woolly Day in St Andrew's:** Saturday 5th May 10.00am-3.00pm. We are having 'woolly activities' - demonstrations, the opportunity to 'have a go', items for sale and refreshments available - and hope that you will join us. No entry charge,

donations to church welcome, drop in any time. For more information call Rev Caroline Hewlett on 01748 884706

**Lambing Service:** A celebration of Sheep - our Swaledale Harvest on Sunday 6th May at 3.00pm. This special 'lambing shed' service will be held at Cogden Hall Farm to celebrate Swaledale's true Harvest - a crop of Lambs. Reeth Band members will play and all are welcome to this service with farmhouse refreshments to follow. Farmers and their families are especially welcome at this informal service to thank you for your work all year round and if you have a lambing time/farming photo that you can email to Susan then this will be included in the service as part of the background running PowerPoint photo montage. For further information, please contact Susan on 01748 884366 or susan.allison@btinternet.com

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It is well known that all unmarked mute swans in open water belong to the Queen. Less well known is the fact that she also owns all red squirrels in Tasmania; crested penguins in the Falklands; and the Native Dogs in Belize.

The longest game of chess lasted for 36 hours and 42 minutes. It ended when one of the players swatted a fly which had landed on the board, and he accidentally knocking over most of the chess pieces in the process. The players could not agree on where the pieces had been, so it was declared to be a draw.

The most frequently played song on the International Space Station is Bruce Springsteen's *Thunder Road*. Second is Led Zeppelin's *Stairway to Heaven* and third is David Bowie's *Life On Mars*.

In New Zealand, a farmer paid over \$25,000 dollars for a sheep for breeding purposes. He didn't tell his wife, who thought he had bought it for meat, and she butchered it.

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## Reeth Brass Band

The band's first concert this year will take place in St. Andrew's Church, Grinton on Sunday 15th April at 3.00pm. Entrance will be free, with retiring donations to raise funds for the Swaledale Mountain Rescue Teams 50th Anniversary.

In their half centenary year, the team have given themselves a target of raising £50,000. The band hopes to raise as much as possible to assist them towards this target. Please come along and give generously to support this event.

Most people who live in the dale know and love the ancient folk song entitled "Swaledale" with brass band arrangement by Norman Guy of Muker Silver Band. This is played with pride by both Muker Silver and Reeth Brass Bands.

### First verse

I'll sing of a place to my heart very dear,  
A place where I always would dwell.  
And if you would kindly lend me your ear,  
A few of its beauties I'll tell.

### Chorus

Beautiful dale, home of the Swale,  
How well do I love thee, how well do I love thee  
Beautiful dale, home of the Swale,  
Beautiful, beautiful dale.

There is, however, another ancient folk song, about the dale, which is heard infrequently. The tune and words appear to be disappearing, to be lost in the annals of history. What better time to revive this with a brass band arrangement of the tune by the bands President, Brian Hicks. The original

ancient words refer only to the ten miles stretch of the upper dale. They do not cover the ten miles of the lower dale from Richmond to Reeth. Three new verses have been written to rectify this discrepancy, these will be revealed during the concert. The chorus remains the same as follows.

### Chorus

Beautiful Swaledale, land of rest.  
Beautiful Swaledale, I love thee the best.  
The land it is set is in a cultivate style,  
The extension of Swaledale is twenty long mile.

As well as the "World Premiere" of this brass band arrangement, a number of pieces of music, featured in the band's last CD recording, will be included in the concert. They are Spanish Gipsy Dance, Lord of the Dance and You Raise Me Up. Copies of the CD are still available and can be obtained from any band member for £5 each.

The band will be playing at the following events up to the end of June:

- St. Andrew's Church, Grinton is holding another Lambing Service at Cogden Hall at 3.00pm on Sunday 6th May.
- Our Swaledale Festival Concert will be take place, once again, in St. Mary's Church, Arkengarthdale at 7.30pm on Tuesday 5th June.
- A concert to raise funds for Mothers Union charities has been arranged for Sunday 30th June in St. Mary's Church, Richmond at 3.00pm. Following the concert tea will be served in the church.

Irwin Blenkiron

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**Church Services April 2018**

1 <sup>st</sup> April  Easter Sunday	9.15 am	St. Mary's Muker	<i>Eucharist</i>
	9.30 am	St. Andrew's Grinton	<i>Eucharist</i>
	10.30 am	Low Row URC	<i>Holy Communion</i>
	11.00 am	St. Edmund's, Marske	<i>Holy Communion</i>
	11.00 am	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
	11.00 am	Holy Trinity Low Row	<i>Eucharist</i>
	11.15 am	St. Mary's Arkengarthdale	<i>Holy Communion BCP</i>
	2.00 pm	Keld URC	<i>Holy Communion</i>
	6.30 pm	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
	6.30 pm	Gunnerside Methodist	
8 <sup>th</sup> April	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	
	11.00 am	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
	11.00 am	St. Edmund's, Marske	<i>Morning Prayer</i>
	11.15 am	St. Mary's Arkengarthdale	<i>Holy Communion BCP</i>
	6.00 pm	St. Mary's Muker	<i>Iona Evening Prayer</i>
	6.30 pm	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	

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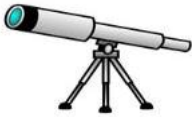
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**Church Services April 2018**

15 <sup>th</sup> April	9.15 am	St. Mary's Muker	<i>Eucharist</i>
	10.30 am	Low Row URC	
	11.00 am	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
	11.00 am	Holy Trinity Low Row	<i>Eucharist</i>
	11.00 am	St. Edmund's, Marske	<i>Holy Communion</i>
	2.00 pm	Keld URC	
	3.00 pm	St. Andrew's Grinton	<i>Reeth Band Concert</i>
	6.30 pm	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
	6.30 pm	Gunnerside Methodist	
	6.30 pm	St. Mary's Arkengarthdale	<i>Iona Evening Prayer</i>
22 <sup>nd</sup> April	9.30 am	St Michael's Downholme	<i>Holy Communion</i>
	9.30 am	St. Andrew's Grinton	<i>Eucharist</i>
	10.30 am	Low Row URC	
	11.00 am	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
	11.00 am	St. Edmund's, Marske	<i>Holy Communion</i>
	11.15 am	St. Mary's Arkengarthdale	<i>Service of the Word with Baptism</i>
	8.00 am	Holy Trinity Low Row	<i>Compline</i>
	6.00 pm	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
29 <sup>th</sup> April	10.30 am	Low Row URC	
	10.30 am	Holy Trinity Low Row <i>United Parish Eucharist - preacher will be Peter Edwards from <b>Christian Solidarity Worldwide</b>, a Christian Human Rights Organisation. There will be a retiring collection for their work</i>	
	11.00 am	St. Edmund's, Marske	<i>Holy Communion</i>
	11.00 am	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
	2.00 pm	Keld URC	
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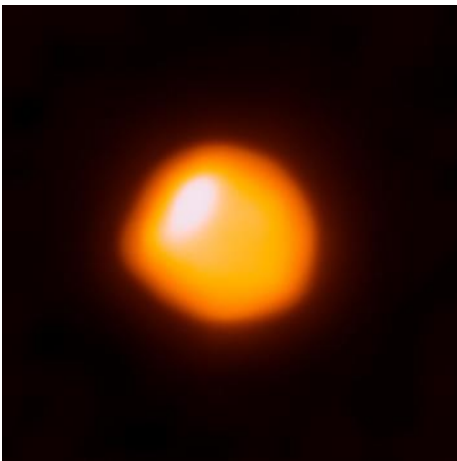


## Astronomy In The Two Dales

Betelgeuse our nearest giant star neighbour about 1500 times the size of our Sun and about 600 light years away from us. Our boffins describe Betelgeuse as a Red supergiant star approximately 8 million years old and nearing the end of its life when it will explode and change our view of the night sky for ever more.

The present theory on stars and their evolution states that stars are similar to nuclear reactors and as they burn through the available fuel, turning hydrogen into helium in a process known as nuclear fusion, they expand and eventually explode scattering dust, gas and rare elements such as gold and platinum through space, leaving a nebula which eventually condenses to form new stars or planets.

However a recent picture of Betelgeuse has shown a strange white patch on the surface of this star as well as a distortion in the shape and the question arises is Betelgeuse about to



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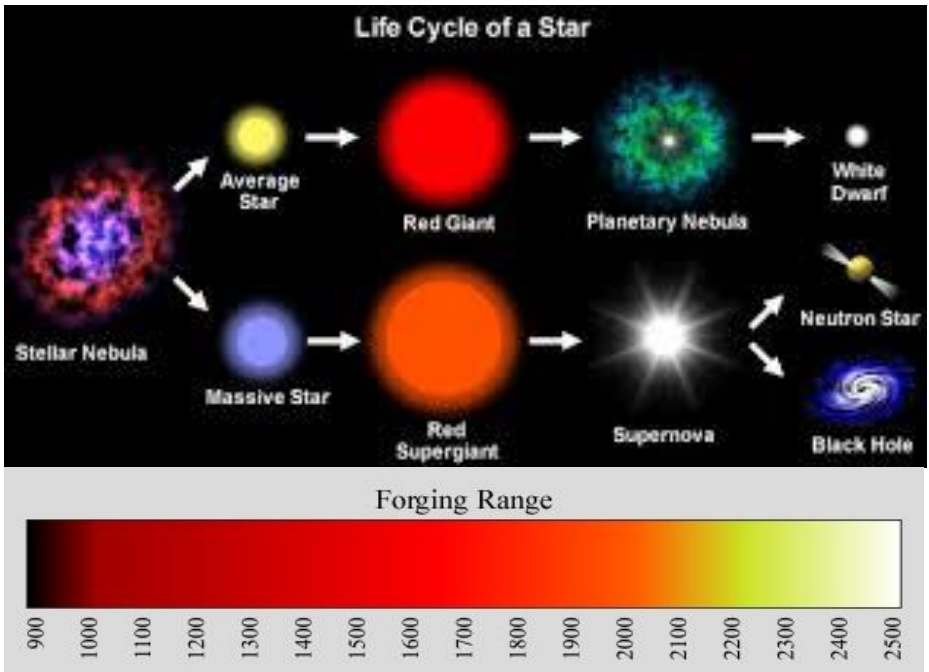
change into a different type of star instead of exploding?

Anyone who has taken a blowtorch to a piece of metal will know how the metal changes colour as it heats up eventually reaching such a temperature that the metal loses its stability and melts or burns. If we compare these charts it could be said that the life cycle of a star is in fact backwards and red supergiant stars change into average stars and then explode. If this is the case, Betelgeuse will shrink as it has been seen to do over the last 15 years and then change into a hotter brighter star.

So are you into gambling? What odds would you give for Betelgeuse changing colour and not exploding? Have the boffins got it right or do blacksmiths and metal workers have it all wrong or is this just a rambling attempt to fill up the last bit of space in this article? *[NB: It is the Editor's privilege to waffle; contributors have to be concise and to the point.]*

All will be revealed and IF the impossible happens and science is proven wrong just remember you read it here first.

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- Monday 14th May - Durham

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Finally, on the 15th May at 4.00pm, the Two Dales Friendship Club are having a special Spring Afternoon Tea at the Quaker Close Flats. There will be a royal theme to celebrate the marriage of Harry to Meghan and there will be dainty sandwiches, glorious cakes and a royal raffle. Free local transport will be provided by your community bus.

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**Friday 27th April, 7.30pm: Badapple Theatre - Amy Johnson** (the first woman to fly solo from the UK to Australia). Join Betty and Mabel, the two jovial WAF girls who follow **Hull born** aviatrix Amy's Johnson's final mysterious wartime journey and celebrate her pioneering career. Tickets £10 (£12 on the door)

**Saturday 28th April, 8.00pm: Andy Irvine** is one of the great Irish singers. Musician (bouzouki, mandola and harmonica), singer, songwriter is 'often copied, never equalled' (Irish Times). See [www.andyirvine.com](http://www.andyirvine.com) Tickets £14 (£16 on door)

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**Saturday 21st April:** Waterfalls Of The Swale Guided Walk. Approx 2 miles 13.00pm -15.00 pm Cost £3.50. Led by Griff Fellows (author of The Waterfalls of England) the walk visits seven of the finest waterfalls in the Keld area. Dogs welcome but must be kept on leads at all times. Accompanied children welcome. **Booking essential.** Rating: Easy to Moderate. Some steep hillside tracks.

**Monday 7th May:** Birds Of Upper Swaledale Guided Walk. Approx 2 miles 13.00pm - 15.00pm. Cost £3.50. Led by knowledgeable volunteer Rev David Peel observing birds in their woodland and river habitat. Please bring your own binoculars. Sorry no dogs, or children under 8 years old. Rating: Easy to Moderate. **Booking essential.**

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**Grinton and Ellerton PC  
March 2018**

**Council Members:** Coun Coates read out a letter from the chairman Coun Harold Brown tendering his resignation due to ill health. She said that the whole community owed a great debt of gratitude to Coun Brown for his council work over the last 42 years.

**Commons Registration:** The amended registration of the piece of land at Rosegarth had been successfully completed. However the amendment to the registration of ground at Crackpot had been delayed again by a further objection from Open Spaces whose representative had declined an invitation to meet on site. It had been suggested that some of the land which had originally been village green had been taken into the road when it was widened and this could have led to the confusion. Coun Coates was following this up and waiting for more information from the landowner.

**Street Lights:** Both street lights which had been reported several months previously were still out of order. The clerk would report them again.

**Dog waste bins:** The clerk had looked into the possibility of a bin but reported that the district council had a total embargo on new bins while they assessed their capability to empty the existing ones. They had suggested that any problems with fouling should be reported to the dog warden.

**National Park:** The next National Park Forum meeting would be at West Burton village hall on April 23.

**Upper Dales Locality Fund:** Information had been received from Coun Blackie regarding money for local

projects available from the Upper Dales Locality Fund.

**Highways:** The plastic boards which had been left on site for two years after drainage work would be reported.

**River bank:** A local resident was concerned about two trees which had self seeded on the river bank to the east of the bridge and would potentially cause damage to the bank if they fell. He had been in touch with a tree surgeon to look at possible solutions but could not proceed until ownership of the piece of land was clear. The council confirmed that they did not own the land and it was not village green.

**Next meeting:** 7.15pm on Monday, May 7, in the parish hall.

Tracy Little

**Upper Dales Family  
History Group**

Meetings of the Upper Dales Family History Group continue on Wednesday, April 25, at 2.00pm in Harmby village hall, when the speakers are Janet Ratcliffe and Sue Thorne on 'Cakes and Creativity, Life in a Rural Rectory'. Non-members are very welcome at £2.

A collection of hand written magazines discovered in the attics of Thirsk Museum, whose main contributors were the daughters of the late 19th century Rector of Sessay, The Rev George Dupuis, provides the basis for this talk about the lives of the family as seen through the pages of their magazines and mirrored in the local press. For more information contact 07432677783 or email: [tracy@swaledale.org](mailto:tracy@swaledale.org)

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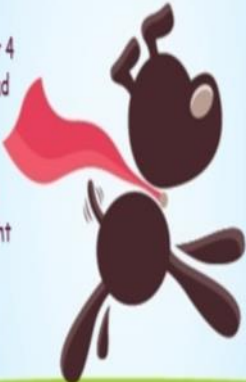


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## Winter Olympics in Swaledale?

The Yorkshire Dales National Park committee has agreed to support an audacious bid to bring the 2026 Winter Olympics to North Yorkshire - and there is a chance that some of the events may be staged in Swaledale.

"This is great news," commented Ian Dawson, marathon skier and chairman of the recently-formed Swaledale Downhill Skiing and Ice Hockey Club. "This winter we have launched the Harkerside Downhill Run; and our first game of ice hockey has been played down by the Swale. We will be doing all we can to help with this bid."

The spokesperson for the bid committee said that an event such as this, in a normally quiet time of year, will be a massive boon for those who depend on the tourist industry and who struggle during the winter months. "Pubs, tearooms, accommodation providers will all benefit from the extra trade the event will bring into the Dales," she said. "And not just in the year of the Winter Olympics, but in the months leading up to it as well as in the years after. As with the cycling, we are looking to create a lasting legacy



Members of the Swaledale Ice Hockey Club

which will mean the Dales will be a venue for people to come to all year round."

But does Ian Dawson seriously think the bid has any chance of success? "If I was being honest, I would have to say 'No'. But how many people thought the idea of the Tour de France coming to Yorkshire was a ridiculous one? If nothing else, the bid will raise the profile of winter sports in Swaledale - and more members means more funds to buy equipment such as a mobile ski lift to help people get to the top of Harkerside. But who knows, we may even be able to get a permanent Poma tow as they have at Yad Moss near Middleton in Teesdale. It really is an exciting time to be involved in winter sports in Swaledale."



Ian Dawson and John Ross, shortly after finishing the inaugural Harkerside Run

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If North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC) believe that your home or your money have been given away deliberately to avoid paying care fees, then they have the power to recover any money that they are owed. This may mean that if the property has been put into a trust, NYCC may ask for the care fees to be paid by the trustees.

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needs assessment to consider what help can be provided to help you stay in your own home.

A needs assessment is a discussion between you (or the person you look after if you are a carer) and a trained person, either from NYCC or another organisation that they work with. You will talk about the care and support needs you have and how these affect your wellbeing. This will include identifying any physical needs, such as whether you need help to wash or dress, get in and out of bed or keep your home safe to live in. The assessment will also look at your mental and emotional needs and ask what is important to you in how you live your life, such as being able to carry on working or volunteering, or being able to meet your friends.

A needs assessment won't ask about your finances.

To discuss an assessment with the Local Authority, contact:  
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## Paying for Care

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homes to help pay for care home costs. If you are eligible, NYCC will help to pay your care home bills on your behalf. You can delay repaying them until you choose to sell your home, or until after your death.

You might choose to rent out your home and use the income to reduce the amount you asked to defer.

Your home and your money still belong to you if you have a Deferred Payment Agreement, so you can make gifts to your children. But a Deferred Payment Agreement for care costs will always need to be repaid - either by the sale of your home after your death, by someone else, or by something like the pay-out from a life assurance policy.

Carers and families can help people to make decisions about their care and how to pay for it. If NYCC are concerned that the person applying for

the Deferred Payment Agreement does not have the capacity to understand, or won't have capacity to understand in the near future, then another person may need to represent them. Only a person that is properly authorised, like someone with legal power of attorney, can represent someone in applying for a Deferred Payment Agreement.

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## Melbecks Parish Council February 2018

**Highways:** Highways Officer has met councillors to discuss the drainage problems at Peat Gate, West End Cottage, Gunnerside, and having 'Children Playing' signs in Gunnerside.

It was confirmed that the gully at West End Cottage will have a jet sent through it to clear the blockage. Children playing signs - the highways officer advised that it would not be possible to put up such signs in the village, due to the road layout, as cars were unlikely to be exceeding 20 mph in the village itself. The clerk will ask for this to be confirmed in writing and to see if there is anything else that can be done.

Councillors also commented that

recent gritting had only been carried out on hills and that this was not acceptable. Clerk to report this, as well as street lights out at Bridge Corner, Gunnerside and Toledo, Low Row.

**Planning:** Planning application: Dial House Gunnerside - no comments or objections raised. Planning decisions for Rowleth Gardens, Strands, Wardell Hall, Low Row and Spensley House, Gunnerside - all approved conditionally.

**YDNPA:** Spring 2018 Parish Forum will take place at West Burton Village Hall on Monday 23rd April 2018.

**Council tax on second homes:** The discussion regarding increasing council tax on second homes will be considered by Richmondshire District Council at the end of February. RDC Cllr Blows and RDC Cllr Yvonne Peacock have met with second home owners and residents from DHOAG (Dales Home Owners Action Group) to address their concerns. Councillors agreed unanimously that they are opposed to the proposal of increasing council tax on second homes and asked for these views to be taken forward to the meeting.

**Defibrillator:** A request to fund replacement parts linked to the defibrillator at Low Row Institute was received, however it appears that there may be funding available from the Yorkshire Ambulance Service (YAS) to replace these. The council advised to contact YAS initially to see what may be available and to consider other funding options - to be reviewed at the next meeting.

**Next meeting:** Annual Parish Meeting followed by the Parish Council meeting at Low Row Institute on Thursday March 29th at 7.30pm. **Nikki Adams**

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**Reeth Parish Council  
February 2018**

**Second Home Council Tax Proposals:**

Paul Stokes, representing the Dales Homeowners Action Group attended the meeting to present figures obtained through Freedom of Information Requests regarding the number of properties which would be involved in any increase on council tax on second homes in the national park and to express concerns about the possible effects of this on home and business owners in the area. Councillors voted unanimously to oppose the proposal, which was to be debated at the next district council meeting, on the grounds that they felt job opportunities and facilities were more important in attracting younger people to remain in the dales and that a large increase in council tax would be more likely to create more holiday lets than family homes.

**Highways:** The district council had replied that they were not able to deal with the overgrown hedge outside an unoccupied house on Langhorne Drive and suggested that Highways should be asked to cut it back. A resident had expressed concerns that parking near the top of Hill Close was obstructing the view of motorists turning onto the main road. An extension to the drain would be installed at Raw Bank to help prevent flooding and icing on the road.

**Street Lights:** Lights at High Fremington, opposite the old police house and on Langhorne Drive and Quaker Close were off and would be reported.

**Planning:** A planning application for Ivy Cottage, Healaugh, was circulated.

**Memorial Seat:** The group organising a memorial seat and tree in memory of the late Coun Richard Beal had asked the council to reconsider their decision on this. It was still felt however that although there were no objections to the bench, the green was not the best place for the proposed crab apple tree with a circular bench around it, for a number of reasons including the eventual spread of the roots which could damage the plinth and problems with fallen fruit, as well as the dangers of setting a precedent. It was noted that the council did not actually own the green but were agents and custodians of it. The group would be asked to look for alternative sites around the village.

**Northallerton Court House:** The clerk reported proposals to close the court house in Northallerton with the consequent loss of local services.

**Village Green:** It was noted that damage to the grass and to curb stones had been caused by large vehicles which had not been able to drive on the road round the green due to parked cars. In addition, one of the posts in Anvil Square had been knocked down.

**Website:** The chairman reported that the parish council website <http://www.reethparish.uk/> was now being developed.

**District Council:** Coun Scott reported that at a recent meeting the district council had voted to put up council tax by 2.9% to avoid drawing on their reserves in the coming year.

**Fund Raiser:** Permission was granted for a fund raising event on Saturday, August 18, on the village green for Guide Dogs for the Blind.

**Tracy Little**

## The Stang Road

Once more, thank you to all who've contributed to what is now quite a considerable file of incidents and information regarding this troublesome road. I hope that by the time you read this, the Stang road has its summer hat on and is impressing travellers with its scenic delights.

In January I wrote to the Highway Asset Manager, Brian Kitching, at Durham County Council arguing on behalf of Hope & Scargill parishes (the C166 on the Durham side is their patch) that even according to their own criteria for deciding these things, the Stang road should be in priority one for winter treatment rather than priority two. I got no response. I then emailed him a copy before a meeting they had in February where they were discussing

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the said road and still received no response.

I then emailed George Richardson, the councillor for Barnard Castle East and he passed on an email from me asking them to respond. Still no reply. So much for the respect in which our civil servants hold their publicly elected masters.

I have now written again to Brian Kitching informing him in a 'letter before action' that it is our intention to call for a judicial review into their classification of the C166 road on the grounds of irrationality. I will let you know in next month's Gazette how we're getting on.

Hope & Scargill parish is tiny and receives no precept therefore any free advice on this matter will be gratefully received. Please send to:

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## Wensleydale Society

The speaker on Friday 6th April at West Burton Village Hall, is Dennis Brickles on 'The Railway Navvies: the men who built the Ribbleshead Viaduct.'

The meeting will begin at 7.30pm with the society's AGM. The meeting is free for members (membership £5 per year and is due on the night) and there is a small charge for visitors. Transport from certain villages is available, please tel 01969 622287 for information.

The Society also has a monthly walks programme, details of which can be obtained on the night. Two Summer Outings are also available to members and non-members. The first is on Thursday 24th May and is a visit to Salts Mill and Saltaire. A coach will leave Leyburn at 9.30am and return at approximately 4.00pm. Cost is £15 per person. Please ring 01969 624246 to book.

## Leyburn & District U3A

The monthly meeting and talk is on Friday 20th April at 10.30am at Leyburn Arts & Community Centre. The speaker is Pat Osborne on 'Evita: the life and times of Eva Peron.'

Committee members will be there from 10.00am to give information about activities on offer, and to also take subscriptions for 2018/19 which are now due. New members welcome.

Please note the AGM will be held on 17th May in the Methodist Hall at 10.30am.

## LASS - Leyburn Arts & Social Society

April's meeting begins promptly at 7.15pm on Tuesday 24th with a talk by Tony Rossiter on Yorkshire's Famous Authors and will be followed by a fun literary quiz and refreshments.

This is an Open Meeting and visitors are welcome. For information about the Society, please telephone Brian on 01969 623257. Meetings are held in the Oak Room at Thornborough Hall.

## Singing for Pleasure

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## Votes for Women! Art, Suffragettes and Female Politicians

To mark the centenary of women first getting the vote, Caroline Shenton's lecture for The Arts Society Wensleydale, on April 10th at 2.00pm in the Key Centre, Middleham, explores the suffragettes' stories through portrayals in art and their own artistic productions. She then discusses the depiction of female politicians today and the controversies surrounding these issues.

Caroline is an archivist, historian and author. A Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries and of the Royal Historical Society, Caroline has appeared on BBC Radio 4, BBC Four, the Discovery Channel, and BBC Parliament. She is a Spectator book reviewer and has presented at the Hay and Cheltenham festivals. Her first popular history book, *The Day Parliament Burned Down*, won the Political Book of the Year Award in 2013.

In the 50th year of The Arts Society, we hope to attract new members who will receive a warm welcome. Entry for visitors is £8.00, refunded if they join. Contact Ros Higson on **01765 635244** or visit [wensleydale@theartsociety.org](mailto:wensleydale@theartsociety.org) for details.

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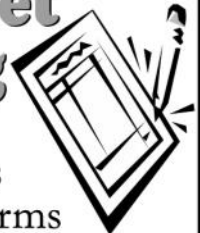


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James would have been pleased at the turnout for him but miffed that he missed out on the celebration of his life at The Bridge.

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- 13th Calan, Reeth Memorial Hall.  
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- 15th Reeth Brass Band concert in aid  
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Church, Grinton. 3.00pm.
- 21st Film in Gunnerside Village Hall:  
*Murder on the Orient Express*.  
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- 23rd Reeth Parish Council, Reeth  
Memorial Hall. 7.00pm
- 25th Upper Dales Family Hist. Group,  
Harmby Village Hall. 2.00pm
- 26th TLC@Gunnerside at the Village  
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the history of food.
- 27th Badapple Theatre - Amy  
Johnson, Reeth Memorial Hall  
7.30pm
- 28th Andy Irvine, Reeth Memorial  
Hall 8.00pm
- 28th Coffee Morning, Reeth  
Evang. Cong. Church. 10.00am

## May

- 7th Grinton & Ellerton parish council,  
Grinton parish hall. 7.15pm
- 10th Christian Aid Service,  
Gunnerside Methodist Church at  
7.30pm.
- 18th Cake Stall on Reeth Green for  
Christian Aid Week

- 19th Ritchie, Parrish, Ritchie, Reeth  
Memorial Hall. 8.00pm
- 19th Film in Gunnerside Village Hall:  
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## June

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