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First Thoughts . . .

What's wrong with putting your hands in your pockets?

As a child, I remember frequently being told to 'Take your hands out of your pockets.' (The fact that it was a frequent occurrence is an early indication perhaps of the rebel in me.) No reason was ever given - apart from my father once telling me to stop running with my hands in my pockets as I would fall. I ignored that instruction and promptly fell over. I blamed him of course. I suppose people would say 'hands in pockets' is rude or shows a lack of respect but, why is it?

And what is wrong with wearing jeans? Or trainers? They are certainly not cheap. (Ask Vanessa the Postie about trainers.) So why do various places have notices up saying jeans / trainers are not allowed? If you are going for a night out somewhere 'smart' it is expected that the man would wear trousers rather than jeans, but why? I accept that the modern trend for ripped jeans looks pretty awful and I can understand objection to those; but why not a smart pair of jeans?

As for ties - what a completely useless article of clothing. They don't

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keep you warm, serve no useful purpose at all (unless to blow your nose on) and dangle into your dinner. Another happy memory from school: Continually being told to fasten my top button and do my up tie. I could never comply with the first instruction as I used to cut the top button off all of my shirts so I wouldn't have to fasten it.

If you want to wear a tie, that's fine, but bear in mind that they can be a health hazard. Some time ago, the BMA advised doctors to remove their ties, in a bid to stop the spread of bugs such as MRSA. While according to a recent study, wearing a tie can reduce blood flow to the brain by 7.5% and raise the intraocular eye pressure, increasing your risk of glaucoma and cataracts. So, no ties for me this Christmas, thank you.

And on that subject: A Happy Christmas and Peaceful New Year to all our readers. But remember, as Greg Lake sang: 'We get the Christmas we deserve.'

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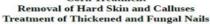
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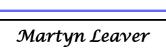
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Message From The Swaledale Museum

November has been a busy month - we have been catching up on research. So far we are investigating the Allen family, one of whom was born in the 1700s in Swaledale with connections in Grinton and Richmond, and the Littlefairs who ended up in Burnley in the nineteenth century. If you have any information on these families we would be delighted to hear from you.

As a result of the Rag Rug Triennial we also have some tantalising research leads associated with a large cotton bedcover that we have in store. The cover is spectacularly embroidered in coloured wool with stylised floral motifs. Of uncertain date, possibly begun in the early nineteenth century, but probably completed later, the pattern has foxed all the experts.

However one of the Triennial delegates has sent us notification of a book on Taatit rugs from the Shetlands, and the patterns look strikingly similar to those on the bedcover. Shetland's Taatit rugs are

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part of a Nordic tradition of pile bedcovers which extended from Finland to Ireland. The woollen bedcovers were made using natural dyes to create bold, colourful designs. Some of the designs incorporate symbols used in Nordic and Shetlandic folklore.

So now we have a new angle to our detective work. Do you have any ideas how Swaledale and the Shetlands were connected? Are there any family associations? Do get in touch if you have any thoughts.

We wish all our volunteers, Friends, well-wishers and the team on the Gazette, a very Happy Christmas and New Year with thanks for your much valued support over the last year.

Don't forget that we are now closed for the season, and will re-open in the Spring. You can of course still contact us, see the details below. PLEASE NOTE that our e-mail address is changing to:

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Yoga Perspectives

Welcome to a quarterly feature from the Gunnerside yoga groups. The aim is to provide those with an interest in holistic health with tips, reminders and yoga perspectives on the season.

With the shift from summer to autumn with cooler temperatures and stronger winds, you may have noticed a change in yourself. Maybe restless or dream strewn sleep, perhaps apprehension for the winter to come, a sense of loss that summer is over or just a greater stiffness in bones and joints.

In yoga sessions, movements keep joints mobile and chest opening postures help maintain positivity and a full inhalation. Even in your own front room you can remind yourself to release shoulders down and gently lift the chest to let the front body open.

Yoga advice acknowledges that with the change in season we might think

about altering our routines from cold and raw foods to more warming porridge, soups and stews. Our natural circadian rhythms means that your digestion is at its strongest in the middle of the day, so if at all possible make the most of that digestive capacity and eat your main meal between 12.00noon and 1.00pm.

Whilst the autumn colour is strong get out on your favourite walk, cycle, run or view point but take time to stop and admire as nature celebrates another cycle, remind yourself to celebrate the positive aspects of life over the past few months and smile back at the beauty before you.

Until next time, warm wishes from the traveling yogi.

'We cling to our own point of view as though everything depended on it. Yet our opinions have no permanence; like autumn and winter, they gradually pass away'

Chuana Tzu

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Let's Get Lyrical

So, were you a fully paid up member of the Slade Fab Club?

- I won't laugh at you when you boohoo-hoo - Coz I Luv You
- I don't want to drink my whiskey like you do, I don't need to spend my money but still do - Mama Weer All Crazee Now
- So you think I got an evil mind, well I'll tell you honey And I don't know why - Cum On Feel The Noize
- My friend Jack's got an ache in his back Oooooh oh yeah - My Friend Stan
- Does your granny always tell you that the old songs are the best? -Merry Xmas Everybody

And the winner of this month's rollover? It was a close run thing this month with Julia Thorogood (who laughingly tried to claim that this was her era) just edging out Peter Midgley on the tiebreak as her spelling was worse than his - and in terms of Slade song titles, poor spelling is a requisite.

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- So then I dropped it in the mailbox and sent it special D
- The old home town looks the same as I step down from the train
- An evil looking man called Two Ton Ted from Teddington
- No dark sarcasm in the classroom teachers leave them kids alone
- Mamaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaooooooh

For the tiebreaker: In total, how many weeks did these songs spend at the top of the charts as the Christmas Number One?

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What You Need To Know When Planning Your Retirement From Your Business

As a business owner, it is important that you make plans for your future retirement. Many business owners are great at building businesses but are not so great about handing them on. The process is not unlike guiding a business through a recession and making it ready for the upturn: careful planning is the key to success.

For any employee who is preparing for their future retirement, they can pay into an occupational pension scheme through their employer. But for a self-employed person who has full control over their financial affairs, it is even more important that they factor into their finances putting money aside for their retirement.

It is too easy to get caught up in the day-to-day running of the business and put retirement plans on the backburner. Thinking long-term for the future is vital, and for a business owner to retire comfortably, there are a few measures they must take in advance to prepare.

Financial planning

To have a comfortable retirement, you must have accomplished the most aspect of it: finances. important Financial planning is essential and is the most important part, but some business owners don't feel adequately prepared for this. As a business owner, sorting out vour own pension your responsibility. Decide when you want to retire and then calculate how much money you will need to put aside each

month into a high-interest savings account or a private pension scheme - think about how much you could realistically contribute.

Start planning early

Once you enter the world of full-time work, you should start saving for your retirement, and business owners are no exception. The sooner you start, the more prepared you will be and the more likely you will be to retire early.

Create a retirement plan

Consider an exit, succession and transfer strategy. What will you do with the business once you retire? Will you hand it down to another family member or a friend, or will you sell the business? You need to have some sort of a plan in place for your business for when you retire. Include personal goals - such as moving abroad, travelling the world or purchasing a holiday home -

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into your retirement plan, and prepare your finances for those personal goals. Some business owners start the planning process 15 years before they intend stepping down.

Set goals for yourself and work towards them

You need to be able to set long-term goals for your business. Think about how you will grow the business to increase its value. You need to be able to set financial goals for yourself to make sure you save up enough for a comfortable retirement.

Communicate your plans

You should also consider whether it's best to phase in your departure. You might gradually transfer some key responsibilities to your successor, or possibly reduce the days you work in the business.

It is vital to communicate the succession plan to members of the family involved in the business, and other management. This will help prevent misunderstandings and future conflict

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Phew, What A Scorcher Or Was It?

Ah! Winter is here and it's comforting to think back to the exceptional summer we've enjoyed in 2018. But how exceptional was it? Thanks to the website swaledaleyorkshire.com we have access to a daily temperature record from Low Row stretching back sixteen years. What can it tell us about the sizzling Swaledale summer that was 2018?

The hottest day of 2018 was 27th July at 27.4 degrees, but this doesn't make the top ten in the record. 1st July 2015 takes the prize at 29.5 degrees. It won't surprise you to find that Swaledale has never experienced a tropical night. The highest night-time minimum on record is 19.4 degrees way back in 2005.

What we have enjoyed in 2018 is a record number of hot days - with 35 days where the temperature topped 22 degrees. That said, 2006 had 21 superhot days of over 25 degrees, almost twice as many as 2018.

What if we look at the whole summer (June, July and August)? With an average top daily temperature of 20.8 degrees, 2018 has been well above

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And the hottest month? It's usually July and July 2018 wasn't bad but July 2006 was over a degree warmer.

Can we see any evidence in the record for or against global warming? Well, no, because Swaledale is not the globe, but taken as an average, the years 2002 to 2009 were four tenths of a degree warmer at Low Row than the years 2010 to 2017. Them were the days.

So was it an exceptional summer? Weathermen define summer as June, July and August, and for this period, 2018 was the sort of summer we have every five years or so. But if you started summer on May 1st and stopped it at the end of August then 2018 was the hottest summer on record - more than half a degree warmer than next placed 2006 and two degrees above average. It would be fair to say we had an exceptional May.

Rob Macdonald



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I just want to thank all the wonderful people here in Reeth and the two Dales that have made my time (and Paul's until he had to leave us) so special.

Thank you all so much and don't forget - Leyburn is not so far away.

Rosemary Hawksworth

Thank You (2)

The Gunnerside world famous soup and sweet made an amazing £332.00 profit on 3rd November, in aid of Gunnerside Village Hall.

We would like to thank all the people who donated delicious soups and puddings, of which we had a choice of seven soups and nine puddings and the good tombola prizes. What generous people we have in Gunnerside.

We would also like to thank our friends from Muker who also came along to support us and of course the visitors of which there were several.

Thank you again and we look forward to the next event next year.

Joan Rice

Thank You (3)

Reeth and District Community Transport wish to thank to all those who supported, in many ways, the November Table Top Sale.

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Gail Hall

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The C2C's popularity and success has spawned the creation of a mountain bike C2C route and similar unofficial long distance paths for road cyclists, horse riders and walkers in both the UK and further afield.

Despite our current MP's best efforts, the C2C remains an unofficial route, curated by its enthusiasts and loved by its users who follow its unsignposted meanders through three national parks. Along the way they experience the landscapes, history and communities that make this part of the UK so special. They take home with them memories and photographs and their passage through our villages and farms helps to support cafes, pubs, hotels, corner shops and B&Bs and in turn the communities around them.

In this tradition, the last 4 years has seen the development by a team of volunteers from around Europe of another free to access and unofficial tourism route - a route that stretches from Europe's northernmost point at North Cape in Norway to the doorstep of Africa at Tarifa in Spain. Along the way the Trans Euro Trail crosses 31 countries and covers over 40,000km. Using backroads and minor unsurfaced tracks, it allows independent and adventurous motorcycle backpackers to explore the variety and splendour of

our continent's landscapes, history, cuisines, cultures and architecture. It passes reindeer herds in Lapland and windmills in Holland, visits Cold War silos in the Baltic and Roman aqueducts in Spain. Passing chateaux in France, temples in Greece and castles in Wales, the Trans Euro Trail (TET) is run and maintained by volunteers passionate about their countries and devoted to creating a route that is sustainable and that encourages users to spend locally and be ambassadors of responsible motorcycle tourism.

You may have noticed that some businesses in the Dale and further afield now sport rather natty turquoise and white "TET - Trail Riders Welcome" stickers in their windows. Well, the Trans Euro Trail passes through Reeth! So you may meet a tourist on a Latvian registered motorcycle at the bar in the Buck or be behind a Spanish rider at the Reeth Garage petrol pump.

The Trans Euro Trail Community Interest Company recognises that rural communities are often marginalised economically and politically. Many of the volunteers that curate it are from just such areas. With adventure motorcycle tourists spending over €80 a day in shops, cafes and accommodation, if the TET can help add another income stream, however small, to these areas' local economies, then we increase the chances of the survival of these communities and their facilities. The stickers allow us to signpost TET riders local businesses and establishments are added to the GPS route that the riders use. The modern version of adding establishment's details to a paper guidebook or map.

Thank you to the local businesses already extending a warm Dales' welcome to these visitors.

As the TET is web based, it can and is updated frequently. As feedback from users and local communities comes in, we add new elements, remove old or unsustainable ones and update it with local facilities, sights and views. It is organic, always changing and evolving. It is agile and responsive with the aim of celebrating our continent and all its variety and richness.

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These types of scams are invariably aimed at the elderly who are maybe lonely and isolated and the scammers will form a relationship with these people, grooming them to be potential victims. At times victims can lose several thousands of pounds genuinely believing they are going to win a prize.

If you believe you or a family member are a victim of scam mail visit:

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	10.30 am	Low Row URC		
	11.00 am	St. Edmund's, Marske	Holy Communion	
	11.00 am	Holy Trinity Low Row	Eucharist	
	11.00 am	Reeth Evangelical Congregational		
	2.30 pm	Gunnerside Methodist		
	4.00 pm	St. Andrew's Grinton Come & sing carols. Informal Carol Service - donations for Christian Aid's Christmas Appeal. You are invited to wear your Christmas jumper or dress as a shepherd or angel for this service!		
	6.30 pm	Reeth Evangelical Congregational		
	7.00 pm	Christmas Event at Marrick Priory		
9 th Dec.	9.30 am	St. Andrew's Grinton	Eucharist	
	9.30 am	St Michael's Downholme	Morning Prayer	
	10.30 am	Low Row URC		
	11.00 am	Reeth Evangelical Congregational		
	11.00 am	St. Edmund's, Marske	Morning Prayer	
	11.15 am	St. Mary's Arkengarthdale	Holy Communion BCP	
	6.00 pm	St. Mary's Muker	Crib Service	
	6.30 pm	Reeth Evangelical Congregational		
16 th Dec.	9.15 am	St. Mary's Muker	Holy Communion BCP	
	10.30 am	Low Row URC		
	11.00 am	Holy Trinity Low Row	Eucharist	
	11.00 am	Reeth Evangelical Congregational		
	11.00 am	St. Edmund's, Marske	Holy Communion	
	2.00 pm	Keld URC	Carols	
	2.30 pm	Gunnerside Methodist		
	3.00 pm	St. Michael's Downholme	Lessons and Carols	
	6.30 pm	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	Carol Service	

Church Services December 2018

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18 th Dec.	7.00 pm	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	Carols by Candlelight
21 ^{s†} Dec.	7.00 pm	Gunnerside Methodist	Shortest Day Service
	1.30 pm	St. Andrew's Grinton Joint Schools' Ecumenical Christingle Service	
23 rd Dec.	9.30 am	St. Andrew's Grinton	Eucharist
	11.00 am	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
	11.15 am	St. Mary's Arkengarthdale	Holy Communion BCP
	2.30 pm	St. Edmund's, Marske	Carols & Crib service
	6.30 pm	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	Carol Service
	6.30 pm	St. Mary's Arkengarthdale	Joint Arken'dale Carol Service
	8.00 pm	Reeth Green Carols round the Tree with Reeth Brass Band	
24 th Dec.	4.30 pm	Hope House, Keld	Carol Service
	6.00 pm	Low Row URC	Low Row Village Carol Service
	10.00 pm	St. Mary's Arkengarthdale	Holy Communion BCP
	11.30 pm	St. Andrew's Grinton	Eucharist
	11.30 pm	St. Michael's Downholme	Holy Communion
	9.30 am	St. Mary's Muker	Eucharist
25 th	9.30 am	Low Row URC	
Dec.	10.30 am	Holy Trinity Low Row	Eucharist
	11.00 am	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	Christmas Day Service
	11.00 am	St. Edmund's Marske	Holy Communion
27 th Dec	6.30 pm	St. Mary's Muker	Carol Service with Muker Silver Band
	10.30 am	Fremington Village Hall	Parish Eucharist
30 th Dec	10.30 am	Low Row URC	
	11.00 am	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
	11.00 am	St. Edmund's Marske	Morning Prayer
	6.30 pm	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	



Incidents Oct 9th to Nov 9th

05/11/2018: (52) 20.00hrs: Both of our search dogs deployed to assist Calder Valley MRT with a search for a missing walker. Located safe by the Coastguard Helicopter having been out all night

03/11/2018: (51) 16.30hrs: Team called to rescue an injured fell runner above Muker. Treated by the team & Air Ambulance crew, then evacuated to the helicopter.

01/11/2018: (50) 15.30hrs: called to rescue an injured walker near Redmire waterfall following a fall. Treated by the team & Air Ambulance crew, then evacuated to the helicopter. **21/10/2018**: (49) 13.30hrs: called to rescue an injured walker near Leyburn Shawl. Treated by the team & ambulance crew then evacuated to the road.

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15/10/2018: (46) 15.30hrs: called to rescue an injured mountain biker on the newly opened Swale Trail route. Treated bv the ambulance crew, then evacuated to the road

13/10/2018: (45) 08.30hrs: Team provided safety cover for the Scott Motorcycle trial. The usual bumps dealt with.

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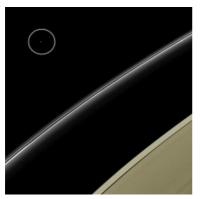
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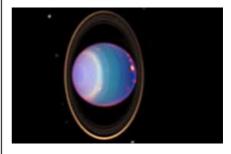
"Ahh! I knew you`d be surprised." Frank Zappa.

Uranus, the first of the ice giant planets, discovered by William Herschel on 13th March 1781. This planet is four times the size of Earth yet is so far away as to be invisible to the naked eye. Here is an image taken by the Cassini probe orbiting Saturn showing Uranus as a blue dot.



Uranus is cold, very cold, -197.2 centigrade as an average temperature, with an atmosphere of hydrogen and helium with a lot of ice formed from water, ammonia, methane and other trace elements. Even with this cold and being so far from the sun, there are weather phenomena in this planet's atmosphere: winds can reach 560 mph and storms can be as large as the Farth.

Uranus has a ring system, similar to that of Saturn, but smaller, as well as 29 moons. Most of these are small lumps of black rock a few miles across but 5 moons are visible through a large telescope. These are Miranda, Ariel, Umbriel, Titania and Oberon.

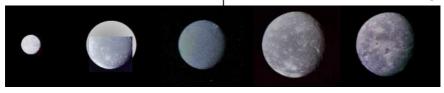


Uranus orbits on its side having East and West poles not North and South ones. This is the result of an encounter in the distant past with a large object that pulled the planet over as it passed, possibly the same object that devastated Mars and created the asteroid belt.

The NASA probe Voyager 2 visited Uranus in 1986 on its way to Neptune and future missions are planned, taking 12 years to get there, but well worth the wait as we may get to see the diamond rain that falls in the planet's atmosphere. Yes that's right diamond rain - compressed carbon atoms forming into crystals and falling towards the planets core.

Merry Christmas to all.

The Starman Reeth Informal Astronomy Group www.reethastro.org.uk



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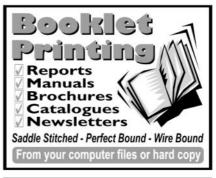
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Ruskin was the first to give critical support to Turner and, on the artist's death, catalogued over 19,000 works on paper that formed part of the Turner Beauest to the nation. Ruskin's view that art should convey 'truth to nature' was a major influence on the Pre-Raphaelites. His contention that the factory system undermined creativity of workers shaped the thinking of William Morris and the Arts and Crafts movement. In addition, he was instrumental in the development of adult education for working men and women and inspired the setting up of the National Trust.

Ruskin's standing waned after the First World War but re-emerged in the 1960s and he is now seen as having influenced current perspectives on environmentalism, sustainability, conservation and craft.

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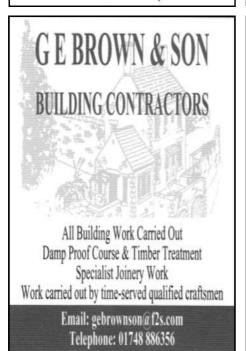


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TIGHR is the International Guild of Handhooking Rugmakers and my term as President of the UK Board comes to an end this year. The Conference takes place in the host country and I have been to several - but never one like this! All the previous Triennials I have attended have been held in formal conference centres in cities, so this was totally different to any others and it was a huge success - thanks to the people of Reeth and beyond.

Organising this event was a huge undertaking for me and I would like to thank everyone for the kindness they showed to our international visitors who travelled from around the world to attend the Triennial. Coming from Australia, America, Canada, Dubai and Japan as well as the UK, our delegates were thrilled that they were made to feel so welcome and right at home. They had no idea what to expect from their visit, with most of them never having been to this part of the world before. Some delegates had to obtain a passport for the first time especially to join us.

The welcome you extended to everyone made the Conference so very special. All of you who took time to talk to our visitors were so kind and some of you went much further, showing them round and taking them on walks, even giving them trips out and picking them up from the station and the airport. The kindness shown was incredible.

The Buck Hotel deserves a special Thank You for making their dining room available for our exclusive use and for coping with having the room completely

'redecorated' with hanging rugs of all types. St Andrew's church and Rev Caroline Hewlett also welcomed us with open arms, allowing us to hold the traditional Meet & Greet session there on Monday afternoon and hosting our exhibition - which was open to the public - for the next three days.

The welcome we received at Tan Hill on Friday evening was outstanding. The inn provided 100 red-hot roast dinners to a huge crowd who were almost blown in through the door - this was the night of the hurricane! We were met by roaring fires and hundreds of candles, giving our visitors a night they will never forget.

Bolton Castle was another highlight, and the caterers coped with 150 guests at a sit-down banquet with tables all beautifully decorated. Once again, our visitors were served with perfect Yorkshire fare and there were roaring fires throughout the castle with the Richmond minstrels providing wonderful medieval music. It was a magical evening.

Everywhere I go I hear rave reviews from the hostelries, tea rooms and pubs which helped to cater for our delegates, and I am thrilled to have been able to bring so many people to Reeth. Let's hope some of them come back as tourists.

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Wensleydale Society

December's talk is by Jennie White from White Rose Candles in Wensley, entitled 'A Life in the Light.' This is a quirky look at running a business in the Dales for over 40 years. It will be held on **Friday 7th December** at West Burton Village Hall at 7.30pm.

January's speaker on Friday
January 4th is Tony Keates on
'Wensleydale, an Industrial Landscape?
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2 Dales Football

The Under 9s played Leyburn away mid week.

Our managers were not too happy with the refereeing but getting qualified refs is almost impossible. The kids were excellent but inevitably lost. I was not present for the match away at Catterick Garrison but have the following report from Kevin Botting.

Starting line up was Alice Botting in goal, Monty Rowland-Hill and Dexter Nathan-Thomas defence. Cody in Pickard-Sparne Ackroyd, Coen midfield and Freddie Lundberg and Daniel Bradley up front. Dales started brightly but then Garrison's possession paid off and they took the lead. They quickly added a second with a cracking volley from their number 9. More goals followed but then Dales defended resiliently and a great save from Alice from a looping shot saved another. Oscar Kendall came on for Cody and Coleby Teague for Freddie. Garrison came out and carried on where they had left off. Freddie then had a shot tipped round the post before confusion in the Dales defence allowed another. Dales did well to keep the scoreline to single figures. In the following friendly it was a draw 3-3 with 2 goals from Coen including a penalty and 1 from Alice.

The Under 12s played Carlton Minniot on a fine sunny morning after frost. Carlton opened the scoring from an error by our keeper, Nicholas O'Keeffe who certainly made up for it with some excellent saves. After half time Carlton extended their lead before Eidur Pickard-Sparne made a good run getting past several defenders to score an excellent goal. Carlton then

got a long high, perhaps lucky, shot in the net. Dales pulled one back which was perhaps an own goal but I would credit it to Alfred Atkin. Jack Dalton and Lorcan O'Neill both played a very tight defence and the match was pretty even despite being without 2 key players. Lost 2-3.

We then travelled to Wetherby to play Clifford, Clifford had some early chances putting Dales under pressure but good work by Sam Draper, Jack Dalton and Ben Alderson kept us in the game. Good runs from Alfred on the Dales right gave some opportunities. Oliver Scott and Josh Luchford were working hard in midfield. Magnus Nathan-Thomas was putting their defence under pressure. Dales won a corner, taken by Josh and slotted home by Oliver to give a 0-1 lead. Lenny

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Blowes came on for Magnus. Josh beat | 2 players on the left, passed to Oliver who crossed for Alfred to fire home. In second half Clifford put Dales under pressure and brought it back to 1-2. They continued to create chances and only good defending and good saves by Nicholas kept Dales in the game with Clifford pushing for the equaliser. Lenny, in his first match, was tackling well. Josh had a shot tipped over the bar. Alfred took the corner and Josh slotted home to make it 1-3. Magnus came back on for Lenny and good work from Fidur and Alfred created another chance for Oliver to make it 1-4. A good team performance and solid defence.

With no scheduled matches over half term we tried to give our few Under 10s a match with those from the



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Under 12s who are Under 11 to give them more time on the ball and welcomed Hawes for the first time for many years. Unfortunately none of Hawes Under 11s could come so Dales had a distinct age advantage but that took nothing away from the enthusiasm and determination of the Hawes lads. A good pass from Coen enabled Magnus to open the scoring and Magnus scored again from a good run and a long kick. Will Tyrala put in a good performance in goal making some good saves. Coen got the third and by this time Dales were getting into gear and Eidur then scored an excellent goal from a long, high kick. Hawes made plenty of attacks on goal but Leo Frost saw most off but Will still had his work to do. Dexter made a brief run on alongside brother Magnus and nearly scored. Hawes fought back getting 1 in reply. Coen made a good finish following a rare keeper's fumble and Lenny scored on the third rebound. The referee played advantage allowing Hawes to score despite a Dales foul and then got another on the final whistle. A most enjoyable morning of football and all credit to Hawes Won 8-3

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Reeth Brass Band

November

By the time you read this the one hundredth anniversary of the end of the First World War will have passed. To mark the occasion the band was asked to play a commemorative concert in the Methodist Church in Richmond at 7.30pm on Saturday 10th November with the Ladies' Choir - "Musicality Singers" in support.

The Armistice Sunday parade on the 11th, from Reeth to Grinton, takes on a more poignant reminder this year of the sacrifice of our armed forces during conflict. The Service of Remembrance always follows the planned parade in St. Andrew's Church.

The only other engagement in November, to play at the St. Nicholas Fair in York on Saturday 24th, leads to the run up to Christmas playing. A band dinner was planned at the George Inn, Wormald Green on the way back to Reeth.

December

On Friday 7th the first of our Christmas Concerts will be held in St. Andrew's Church, Kirkby Malzeard at 7.30pm. This is the second consecutive year that the band has been asked to play at this location.

Carols Around The Christmas Tree with Reeth Band

Sunday 23rd December at 8.00pm

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Light refreshments afterwards by courtesy of the Parish Council in The Kings Arms

For a number of years the band has played a concert at Richmond Station. This year the performance will be at 10.00am on Sunday 16th.

The band's Annual Christmas Concert will be held, this year, on Saturday 22nd December at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall, Reeth.

St. Mary's Church, Arkengarthdale, Carol Service, will be held the following day, Sunday 23rd at 6.00pm. The band will then travel back into Swaledale to play carols on Reeth Green at 8.00pm.

This will be the last time the band will perform this year. Thank you for supporting the band over that time. I hope you have enjoyed our music as much as we have enjoyed playing it. We look forward to entertaining you again in the new year. A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all from Reeth Brass Band.

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The 2019 schedule is nearly ready with some fantastic new walks and events.

Merry Christmas

Helen.

PS.

Don't forget the Fabric of Place Exhibition which is taking up residency in Keld Resource Centre over the Christmas period - from 1st December to 13th January 2019.

Christmas In Gunnerside

This year's Shortest Day celebration of Christmas carols and readings will take place in the Methodist Chapel on Friday 21st December at 7.00pm.

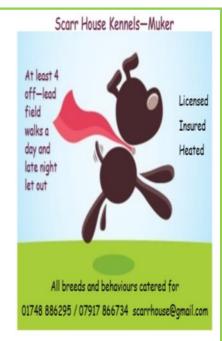
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Reeth Parish Council October 2018

Planning matters: The owners of three properties around the parish, the White House, Ivy Cottage and Neddy's Barn, attended the meeting to explain details of their proposals and to ask for the support of the council when these were presented to the planning authority.

Cycling event: The routes for the UCI Road World Cycling Championships 2019 had been announced. One race was scheduled to pass through the parish on Sunday, September 29. Further details would be available in due course. Road closure: Highways proposed to close the Moor Road through Grinton for repairs on Tuesday, November 27, between 9am and 3pm.

Parish forum meetings: Future meetings had been cancelled due to lack of support.

Low pump: Arrangements had been made to have the ivy removed from the structure.

Trees: The council had been informed that they needed to have a report relating to risks posed by all trees on parish land.

Street lights: Two lights on the Arkengarthdale road, one on Back Lane

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Highways: A post on the green had been damaged by the driver of a Dales Dairy tanker. The bill for repairs would be forwarded to the dairy.

Remembrance Sunday: Arrangements were now in place for the two services and the parade. Coun Cluderay reported that there had been a lot of positive feedback about the large poppies around the war memorial.

Healaugh: Coun Longstaff had sourced various options for a new board.

Speed control: Coun Meffen and the clerk would look into the possibility of having flashing 20mph warning signs near the school which operated in school hours only. **Tracy Little**

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On 13th October, the day of the Scott Trial, a grey Vauxhall Corsa parked near Marske was broken into and a wallet stolen from within.

Overnight on 22nd October a collie bitch and her 7 two week old pups were stolen from a farm building near Hawes. The mother is microchipped. These cases are always awful to hear about. Any information please to us at Leyburn Police Office.

On the afternoon of 28th October thieves entered Middleham Church and then broke into and stole cash from the secure donations box within. If you see anyone acting suspiciously around your local church please do not hesitate to call the police on 101 at the time.

Sometime in early October, 30 untagged Texel lambs were stolen from a field near Redmire. This type of crime is happening more and more across the wider area. If you see unusual activity around livestock please call the police.

Finally, as winter sets in, please take extra care on our roads. Before you set off on your journey, check your vehicle's lights and fluid levels, and be prepared with a mobile phone, shovel, drink and blanket.

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Muker Parish Council November 2018

Buttertubs: Reflective Strips: Highways had stated that the missing reflective strips and cats eyes did not meet their criteria for repair. The meeting felt that due to the extreme conditions on the Buttertubs particularly in the winter months, this should warrant a special case. Cllr Metcalfe stated that if the strips and cats eyes were not eligible for repair why have them in the first place. Cllr Reynoldson said that he had also noticed that there were a number of strips missing off the posts. Clerks to contact Highways again.

Debris: Buttertubs: Highways had responded to say that the debris is on their schedule of works and will be removed.

Raised Area Muker: This matter has now been resolved.

Pothole Muker: The pothole has been repaired.

Cattle grids Ivelet and Buttertubs: Highways had responded stating that the Ivelet Cattle grids had been placed on their schedule of works in August and were awaiting completion. Cllr Metcalfe said that he understood that the Gunnerside Pasture Committee had raised this issue back in the Spring. The cattle grid on the Buttertubs has been added to the Highways schedule of works.

Grass cutting B6720: Highways stated that a Flailing Order had been created. Cllrs said that some work had been completed in the last week.

Muker Toilet Lights: Cllr Blows stated that RDC as part of the district wide toilet upgrades, have suggested that

the lights be repositioned to reduce the glare. Cllr Metcalfe queried why they were keeping the same lights has he felt they should be either replaced or reduced to one. He suggested that the Council write to RDC stating that this should be dealt with as part of the upgrade.

Finance: Grit Bin Thwaite: An order to pay was completed and a cheque was raised for £90.

Signage Nateby: Cllr Calvert raised the issue of articulated lorries coming from Nateby and getting stuck on Hoggarths Bridge. Having spoken with the drivers of some of the lorries they said that there had been no warning at Nateby regarding the suitability of the road for HGV's. Quite often they have been diverted off the A66 due to closure and their SatNav directs them to the B6270. Over the years a number of lorries have either got stuck or caused damage to the bridges in Upper Swaledale. Cllr Metcalfe said that a sign would be cheaper than the continued repairs to bridges. Clerks to contact Highways to request a sign at Nateby. The Council are aware that Highways may have to contact their colleagues in Cumbria.

Parish Precept: The defibrillators will require new electronic pads and there is also the possibility of an election in May, which will incur costs. The Parish Council agreed to request an increase of the precept to £1900.00.

Planning Applications: Kisdon Muker: has been approved conditionally. Park Lodge Farm: An application had been received from Northern Powergrid to remove an overhead conductor and the associated pole and install a pole mounted transformer. No Objections.

Kearton Thwaite, has been refused by YDNP Planning.

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Warm and Well Project: An e-mail had been received regarding the Warm and Well Project run by the Citizens Advice: Mid-North Yorkshire: advising people how to reduce their energy costs. Further information can be found at www.warmandwell.org.uk: Clerk to place posters on notice boards.

Good Life Project: Information had been received regarding the Good Life Project which is an initiative run by the Upper Dales Community Partnership. The aim is to make the Upper Dales the best place to grow old in England by identifying services and facilities which people living in the dales consider important to them. There are a number of Drop-in Cafes scheduled one of which is in Muker Village Hall: 13 November: 10.30am -4.00pm. People are invited to call in and find out what the initiative is about and to complete a short survey.

Friary Hospital: A statement from the CCG in response to recent articles in the press was read out by the Chairman, it stated that no decision had been made regarding the future of the Friary Hospital. Cllr Blows said that whilst welcoming the planned new Catterick facilities at Garrison. District Councillors still had concerns about the possible closure. Particularly if the new facility at the Garrison did not fully replace all the services that the Friary currently provides, this then clearly would be an issue for the Upper Dales.

Next Meeting: Thursday 13 December 2018. 7.30pm. A Stringer

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1st Swale Singers Christmas concert St Andrew's, Aysgarth. 7.30pm

TLC@Gunnerside - Christmas 5th meal at the King's Head. For details contact Joan Rice on 01748 886811

6th GreenMatthews - A Christmas Carol, Reeth Memorial Hall. 8,00pm

15th Coffee & Carols 10.00am to noon Reeth Evangelical Congregational Church

Classic 15th A Christmas. Reeth Memorial Hall, 8,00pm

18th Carols by Candlelight, 7.00pm, Reeth Evangelical Congregational Church

January

New Year fireworks & BBQ, 1st Reeth green, 7.00pm

4th T'Owd Roy Domino Drive, Muker Public Hall, 7,30pm

18th Martin Carthy & John Kirkpatrick. Reeth Memorial Hall, 8,00pm

19th Coffee Morning, 10.00am to noon Reeth Evangelical Congregational Church

February

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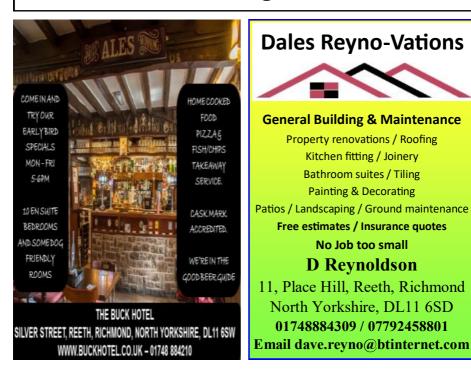
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