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## First Thoughts . .

Tuesday 30th July 2019. Up to 113mm of rainfall in 3 hours

*"The Environment Agency said the intensity of rain was a UK record".*

Tuesday 30th July— 2pm+, I was working at home in Reeth stuck to the phone on yet another boring 2hr call, when I started to notice that heavy rain was battering our windows. That rain was replaced by the louder impact of hailstones.

The noise was so loud I had to leave the call and it was clear something extraordinary was occurring. So like many others, I found myself rushing round the house checking my windows and skylights for leaks. As it turned out we were very lucky and only our downstairs carpets were ruined.

Lucky because this was absolutely nothing compared to the dreadful events happening in Reeth and only a short walk away, down the hill in Fremington and Grinton. At that moment homes, businesses and farms were being deluged by a torrent of flood water. An unprecedented flood that within a short space of time brought danger, distress and loss.

The Arkle Beck had completely overflowed its banks. It had become a river. Its size, speed and power was frightening (see Cover Picture).

Early next morning already the recovery efforts had begun. As I walked down to Fremington, I witnessed the start of the clear-up. There was such a buzz of activity and community spirit and it was so uplifting to see how the community had come together to help. The Army, farmers,

emergency services, highway services, local businesses and local volunteers were there comforting and helping those people and animals in distress.

Over the next few days as I talked to residents, the messages and thoughts were all for those most affected. For the majority of us the impact had been short-lived and inconsequential whereas for those who had been hit hardest, their problems will persist for a long time.

Since that Tuesday I have received an increasing number of positive messages and news items. These included people organising events to collect recovery funds, thank-you messages to those who helped, news of local businesses offering free food and accommodation to volunteers, the young farmers who flocked to rebuild walls and donations from cyclists from around the world who were going to attend the cancelled Ard Rock event etc. The list goes on.

This Gazette is a bumper size due to the flood event items. It has been tricky fitting all items in and some pages are very full of content. I felt this month is an exceptional gazette therefore I endeavoured to fit all in I could.

Finally, I feel so very lucky to be living in these dales, not just because of the natural beauty but especially because of the wonderful people. wonderful as proven by the items in this Gazette.

**Mike B**



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Reeth Arkle Beck 30/07/19 5pm

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## Trevor Harker

The family of Trevor Harker wish to express their sincere thanks, to all relatives, friends and neighbours for their kindness and support received during their recent tragic loss of Trevor. Thankyou also to all who came to the funeral service and for the many cards, letters, flowers and generous donations to Myeloma research and Marie Curie Cancer Care. **As a family we have been overwhelmed!**

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## **“Thank You” From Councillor Richard Good**

This Gazette contains reports & pictures of the horrendous flooding that affected so many on 30 July. I want to say *thank you to so many*.

Thank you to the fire brigade and police, with fire crews coming as far away as Malton. They all did an amazing job. The Swaledale Mountain Rescue Team worked all night and continued to assist for days to come.

The people of Swaledale and Arkengarthdale helped neighbours and friends who were so badly affected, offering beds and meals etc on the Tuesday night. The next day there was a swift response by ladies setting up in Reeth Memorial Hall that next day to provide hot drinks and food.

The Major Incident Response Team staff and volunteers from N. Yorks and Richmondshire Councils visited all houses and businesses to see what help they needed. A massive thank you to all those who donated food, cleaning material; individuals and well-known supermarkets all played their part. The number of volunteers who came to help that first weekend was amazing. We were also supported by the professional Rubicon UK, volunteers. Their experience of working in flood disasters was invaluable. The wonderful work of the Young Farmers Clubs is reported elsewhere. A team from Richmond Pride Came to help and I must say a very special thank you to a group of Muslims from Batley representing their organisation “One Nation” helping in so many ways, including supplying wonderful food.

For the first day the Police oversaw the initial Emergency response and since then the “Recovery Phase” is being led by N. Yorks Council, Richmond District Council, Yorkshire Dales Nat Park, Environment Agency, Yorkshire Water and more.

The RDC supplied the sandbags and

skips and paid for meals via the Buck Hotel and the CB Inn for those affected. The Council had staff working through both the first weekend and the second weekend. The Grinton & Ellerton Abbey Parish Council organised a public meeting in Grinton Church which was attended by the Senior Officers from RDC, NYCC, Yorks Water, YD National Park and the Environment Agency.

Arkengarthdale Councillors organised the clearing of the bridge at Whaw, then working with the National Park and 60 volunteers cleared the track at the side of Arkle beck.

The team from the Ard Rock bike event, that had to be cancelled, did an amazing job in the clear-up and raising a large amount of money.

MP Rishi Sunak and Government Ministers visited and the community looks forward to financial support. Several appeals have been set up.

*Thanks to all who have helped in anyway. As your District Councillor, if I can help, please call on 01748884353 or e-mail on: l:cllr.r.good@richmondshire.gov.uk.*

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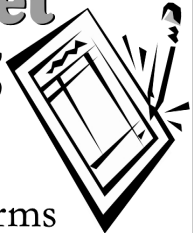


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## Young Farmers Help After Flood

Sunday 4th August

More than 100 Young Farmers travelled from across the county to Reeth to help with clear up efforts following flash floods in Yorkshire. Reeth, Wensleydale Young Farmers and other farming associations, formed a human chain to start rebuilding stone walls washed away by the force of flood water. A priority was to ensure that the annual Reeth Show would not be cancelled, by rebuilding the area that is to host the event.

Georgina Fort, chairman of the Yorkshire Federation of YFCS, spoke of her pride at their efforts to help flood victims "We were all so busy working, there was no time to get emotional but when we stopped for a moment and looked out at what had been achieved, it was a very special moment"

Georgia Hird, secretary of Reeth YFC, said: "The mums from Reeth YFC put on a picnic lunch for the volunteers and the local fish and chip van kindly served us tea".

The YFs then visited various other affected places - inc livestock producers in Fremington and Arkengarthdale.

YFs elsewhere have also swung into action, with Newport Pagnell YFC in Buckinghamshire donating hay and straw to the community.

Thanks to **Farmers Weekly** for providing this information. <https://www.fwi.co.uk>.

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## **Freemasons give £25,000 to victims of Flood Two Ridings Community Foundation Appeal**

**Friday 9 August 2019**

Victims of the recent flash flooding that hit hundreds of dales homes including are being helped by a grant of £25,000 from Yorkshire freemasons.

The grant includes £5,000 each from freemasons in Yorkshire West Riding and Yorkshire North and East Ridings, as well as £15,000 from the Masonic Charitable Foundation, the freemasons' national charity.

The money is being given to the Two Ridings Community Foundation, which has launched an appeal to help householders and local businesses. Local freemasons' lodges are also raising funds for the Swaledale Mountain Rescue Team as well as a small local charity in the village of Reeth.

The grant will help the vulnerable, elderly people and families to get back on their feet by replacing items such as carpets, basic furniture, white goods or by assisting with repairs.

This support is especially needed by those who were not able to afford insurance or for those who had flood cover refused by insurance companies. It will also provide assistance to local businesses in the area facing hardship as a result of the floods. This could include replacing tools, equipment or to tide people over due to loss of earnings, while businesses recover.

The Masonic Charitable Foundation is funded by freemasons, their

families and friends, from across England and Wales. Jan Garrill, Chief Executive of Two Ridings Community Foundation said: "We're hugely grateful to Yorkshire freemasons for their generous grant, which will allow us to help the hundreds of local people who have suffered serious losses, It can take years to fully recover from a major flood and so immediate help can make a massive difference."

Jeff Gillyon from Yorkshire freemasons said: "I'm very pleased we've been able to help local dales people who have suffered in the floods. Damage and disruption from a major flood can be a terrible blow for anyone. Especially for elderly people, the very young or those with disabilities. I'm delighted that the freemasons are able to do their part in helping our community recover."

**Jan G**

### **For those who want to donate**

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## Marrick Priory Quiz & Curry Night.

The Friends of Marrick Priory would like to announce that they will be holding their Annual Quiz and Curry Night on Friday the 11<sup>th</sup> October at the Memorial Hall in Reeth.

Come along and enjoy good food and pit your wits against our Quiz Master Derek Pollard, who has kindly agreed to travel up from Lincolnshire yet again. Tickets, incl. curries with vegetarian options, will be £10. Available at Reeth PO from the 1st September. Teams of 6-8 encouraged or come prepared to make up a team.

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With the unique Arkengarthdale landscape providing a stunning backdrop for the event, crowds flocked to see the exhibition which tracked the schools extraordinary history. To add to this, visitors enjoyed delicious strawberry teas on the playing field, where there was a great atmosphere, as everyone caught up with old friends.

The rich heritage of the school was celebrated with visitors from across the country, reaching out to those who were evacuated to the school during the war. It was wonderful to welcome such a large alumni which included Clarice Grimshaw (nee Hird) who, at 88, was the oldest ex-student at the event. Clarice was joined by Bill Martin, his sister Eileen, and Norman Patterson who were evacuated from Gateshead and London.

It was an extra-special day for Clark Stones, the oldest ex-student resident in Arkengarthdale, as the celebration coincided with his 85th birthday. Clark was delighted to attend the event and together with his sons Robert and Philip, and grandchildren Jack and Olivia, represented three generations of his family educated at the school. Clark said: "It is a great honour to have been a student at this School which has served the dale so well for 360 years. As a pupil, I remember the surge of children and

staff as the evacuees joined, many of whom returned to live here in later years. Throughout the school's history one thing is constant and that is the marvellous support from staff, children, families and friends. This has ensured our students have always received an excellent education and the very best start in life, going on to great things." As well as the Stones family, there were other families present who had attended the school for many generations. This incl. the Atkinsons from Faggergill, with three generations of ex-students.

Charles Cody, Chair of governors, concluded: "The event was a fitting tribute to a school which holds a special place in the hearts of so many. The afternoon could not have been better and was made possible by an incredible team of volunteers who stepped forward to offer their help and support. It is perhaps this wonderful community spirit that will leave a lasting legacy. It certainly made the day even more special and demonstrates, despite the closure of the school, the underlying and enduring strength of our community."

Photo featuring **Clark Stones** (2nd from right) the oldest resident ex-student of the School. Also featured (left to right) Clark's son Philip Stones, grandchildren Jack and Olivia Stones





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The Museum closes for the season at the end of September. Our last day of opening, until the Spring, is Monday 30th September.

This month is packed with events. Come and see us at Muker Show on 4th September where we will be gathering your memories.

Our next fund-raising stall on Reeth Market (weather permitting) is on Friday 6th September. We have some wonderful things for sale, a chance to acquire some early Christmas gifts perhaps?

Our talks are very popular, so do book ahead to secure a seat. All at 7.30 pm in the Museum.

**Wednesday 11th September:** Will Swales, *'Insights into the study of place-names in Swaledale and Arkengarthdale'*

**Wednesday 18th September:** Tracy Little and Helen Bainbridge, *'How to Date Local Photographs. Some Tactics, Techniques & Tips'*

**Wednesday 21st September:** *Grand Map, Print & Picture Auction*

**Wednesday 25th September:** Linda Bray, *'In the footsteps of Thomas Armstrong'*

We would like to thank all of you who gave talks, and came to them, helped with running the Museum and raising funds, our stalwart Friends of the Museum, and the Committee who keeps it going, and all of you who visited and brought their friends and visitors. Without you we would not be looking forward to our sixteenth year in 2020.

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**Helen Bainbridge**

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Those of you who have had 'flu will know it is a miserable experience. For some people in the groups above it can even be life-threatening.

I can't recommend the 'flu vaccine enough to you, and wholeheartedly recommend it to those of you who are eligible. I will be joining you with my annual jab.

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## Muker Parish Council June 2019

### Matters Arising:

**Silver Hill:** A site meeting is still to be arranged.

**Retaining Wall Gunnerside:** No response received from Highways.

**Road - Scar House Bridge:** Highways responded to say the area had been inspected. It did not meet the criteria for repair. Cllr Metcalfe queried why this repair was urgently required. Clerk to contact Highways to re-iterate the urgency and ask them to readdress..

**Blocked Drain Thwaite:** Highways had responded, that there was an order with a contractor to empty and jet the gullies.

**Finance:** An Order to pay and a cheque was raised for £290.34 to Cardiac Science to pay for the defibrillator Battery for Thwaite and the electronic pads for Thwaite and Muker. The Financial Risk assessment was reviewed, and all were agreed. The Risk Assessment was signed by the Chairman and Treasurer. The Certificate of Exemption and the Annual Governance Statement were signed after the Chairman had shared the details. All approved the signing. The chairman also shared the Annual Accounts and again all were in agreement and signed. The Notice of Public Rights and Publication of Annual Governance & Accountability Return were set for Friday 28 June - Monday 29 July 2019.

### Highways:

**Muker Parking:** The Owner of the Village Store & Teashop Alison Stringer had brought to the attention of Cllr Metcalfe the problem of parking on a small area of the Beckside and the potential risk to road safety this was causing. There is insufficient room to park a car within the lines and therefore these cars are stuck out into the road. Passing traffic ends up in the middle of the road facing a blind bend and in the path of oncoming traffic. It

was decided that the Parish Council should contact Highways to propose that roadside bollards be placed to prevent cars parking in this area.

**Ivelet:** Cllr Metcalfe noted that it looked like all of the preparatory work had been carried out on the road to Ivelet, but the small hump in the road had not been reinstated. Clerk to contact Highways to ensure this is done before the road surface is laid.

**Richmondshire D.C:** UCI World Championship Grant - A grant fund for Community Groups and Parish Councils has been introduced for the World Championships in September. The deadline for applications had been Monday 18 June so the Chairman and Clerk had submitted an application for bunting to decorate the villages.

### Planning Applications:

**Crow Trees:** Approved conditionally and work has started on the mast.

**Usha Gap:** Applying for the change of use of a field barn to a camping barn has been approved conditionally.

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**YDNP Signs:** Muker - Cllr Metcalfe commented on the unsuitability of some of the signs that had been erected by the National Park in Muker. In particular the one next to the public hall, which is too big and not even straight. He suggested that the signs should be less obtrusive and possibly placed on a wall or on the side of the public hall. It had also been pointed out to him that there used to be a sign opposite Corner Cottage directing visitors to the hay meadows. At the moment visitors are directed into the village and then when they get to the top of the car way there is nothing to direct them towards the back of the village. Clerk to contact Michael Briggs.

**YLCA:** Parish Members - YDNP - Information had been received from the candidates for the election of the Richmondshire Parish Representative to the YDNP. This had been circulated to all members of the Parish Council prior to the meeting. The Parish Council unanimously proposed Mr Allen Kirkbride. Clerk to forward Ballot Paper to YLCA.

### **Correspondence/AOB:**

**VE Day 8 May 2020:** Information had been received from Bruno Peake, Pageantmaster regarding the May Day Bank Holiday in 2020 being moved to Friday 8 May to celebrate and commemorate the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VE Day. There are a great number of activities being planned for the celebrations including "The Nations Toast to the Heroes" and Churches and Cathedrals "Ringing out for Peace", with street parties etc. The Parish Council felt that the event should be commemorated and requests that anyone interested in participating / organising events should contact the Clerks or their Councillors to register their interest.

**NYP: Dales Crime Report** -the monthly crime bulletin issued by North Yorkshire Police had been received for June. Clerk to place on notice board.

**Herriot Hospice Walk:** A poster

advertising the Herriot Hospice Walk at Jervaulx on the 14 July had been received Clerk to place on Notice Board.

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**Friday 27th Sept, 8.00pm: Gaelforce.** Four-piece Celtic Rock somewhere between Jethro Tull and Fairport Convention on fiddle, electric guitars, bass, drums, keyboards and vocals, playing rocked-up Trad Irish songs and tunes along with their own compositions. Tickets £12 (£14 door).

**Friday 18th Oct 7.30pm: Fell-Foss Theatre present Crusoe's Island** - one man's story of shipwreck, solitude and salvation as told by himself. Adapted for the stage by Mark Cronfield - former North Country Theatre stalwart. Tickets £10 (door £12)

**Fri 25th & Sat 26th Oct, 8.00pm - Tams & Coope.** John is "one of the ultimate British songwriters" (Mojo). Performing with the Albion Band, Home Service, the National Theatre and the Sharpe TV series (Rifleman Hagman). With Barry Coope (keyboards, vocals), they are a superb duo. Tickets £15 (£17 door). Please note each concert will have a different programme.

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As Christians, we are called to put our faith into action by loving our neighbours and caring for the Earth, our common home. Millions of people have been displaced across India, Bangladesh and Nepal due to torrential rains that have caused floods and landslides. More than 100 lives have been lost, and survivors' homes and livelihoods have been destroyed. Besides shelter, the biggest challenge is access to safe drinking water. There is a high risk that diseases will spread due to poor sanitation.

Christian Aid is working with local partners in India, Nepal and Bangladesh to help people whose homes and livelihoods have been lost. Teams are on the ground now, assessing people's needs. Christian Aid will provide safe drinking water, food, tarpaulin for shelters, hygiene materials, mosquito nets, and food for livestock.

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**Friday 27th Evening:** The Festival begins with a concert of works for violin and piano, incl. sonatas by Elgar, Howells and Bliss, given by violinist Rupert Marshall-Luck and pianist Duncan Honeybourne.

**Saturday 28th Morning:** Duncan returns for a concert featuring works by Ireland, Dyson, Armstrong Gibbs and Bax's 2nd Piano Sonata and the world première performance of two piano pieces by Edgar Bainton. That afternoon, soprano Bethany Seymour and harpsichordist Peter Seymour will perform Restoration songs by composers incl. Blow, Purcell and Handel. In the evening, Peter Seymour will direct the Yorkshire Bach Choir in a programme of music by Purcell and Blow.

**Sunday 28th Afternoon:** At last year's EMF, we welcomed students from the Royal Northern College of Music. Their recital was such a success that we are inviting another group of outstanding singers from the conservatoire. Their concert will include Finzi's song-cycle *Earth and Air and Rain*, as well as songs by Ivor Gurney, Peter Warlock and John Ireland.

The Festival will conclude with a concert presented by the tenor James Geer and pianist Ronald Woodley, joined by pianist Andrew West in a programme of songs by Gustav Holst and Joseph Holbrooke, as well as lively music for solo piano by William Walton and Constant Lambert.

**Full details** can be found on our at: [www.englishmusicfestival.org.uk/2019-autumn-festival/programme.php](http://www.englishmusicfestival.org.uk/2019-autumn-festival/programme.php) - OR look for the programme leaflets and booking forms in local shops, pubs and restaurants.

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**‘A Swaledale Shepherd ‘  
and the Thwaite flood.**

This account was written in the 1940s or 50s by my father Edmund Cooper.

For 20 years George had worked a 300 acre hill farm which his father had held before him. His children had married, and so he and his wife decided to retire to a cottage in the village. Life of course became busier still, as it often does when experienced men give up a job they do well.

For the summer months George was appointed shepherd for the 4 mile stretch of moor and common land known as Muker side. A dozen or so farmers had their sheep 'heufed' on this part of the Dale. Each separate flock kept to its own area, but sometimes odd animals strayed and it was the shepherd's job to drive them back to their own stretch of moorland. He also had to attend to those which got into difficulties. Shakeholes, potholes and Peat bogs abounded and occasionally sheep became trapped and would starve to death or drown if not discovered early. There were illnesses which had to be reported to the owners. George would also be involved with the clipping and sheep dipping.

When in his seventies George put in a 5 day week. Followed by his dog he tramped 6 to 8 miles a day over rough, rock covered slopes,

gullies, across heather and peat hags. One day I gladly accepted his suggestion that I go with him to the 2,000 feet summit of Lovely Seat. Although 10 years his junior I struggled to gain his approval. We sat down for "puffs" at our pipes. Below us lay the tiny hamlet of Thwaite. George was reminded of the flood which, over 50 years ago, caused great damage to the houses. If the watershed on Shunnor Fell had not divided the deluge into both Wensleydale and Swaledale, either Hardraw or Thwaite would have been obliterated. He was in Thwaite at the time, having taken a horse to the blacksmith. Suddenly he saw a "breast of water" 6 feet high, coming down Thwaite beck. Returning to the smithy he found it surrounded by swirling water. It took him 1 or 2 hours to get to his horse which had been standing patiently as the waters receded. A muddy tide mark showed that the water had reached halfway up his sides.

As we continued over the moor we separated a few sheep who had roamed over from Wensleydale, we found a lamb born as late as June. George said that an enterprising 'tup' must have got in with some of last year's 'hoggs' and this was the result. Year-old 'glimmer' yews are considered too young for breeding, he said, but if accidents do happen, as in this case, they make good mothers.

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- Well, since my baby left me - **Heartbreak Hotel**, Elvis, January 27th 1956
- Gonna tell Aunt Mary 'bout Uncle John - **Long Tall Sally**, Little Richard, March 1956
- You shake my nerves and you rattle my brain - **Great Balls Of Fire**, Jerry Lee Lewis, November 11th 1957
- All of my love, all of my kissin' - **Oh, Boy**, Buddy Holly, December 22, 1957
- Deep down in Louisiana close to New Orleans - **Johnny B. Goode**, Chuck Berry - March 31st 1958

And the winner is: The Skinnerman. I thought I told you lot not to let him win it. (I bet he won't challenge the dates now.)

This month, it's about time we had a bit of Bruce. These are the first lines of the title tracks from which Springsteen albums?

- Can't see nothin' in front of me
- In the day we sweat it out on the streets
- Born down in a dead man's town
- Fat man sitting on a little stool
- I come from down in the valley
- I was raised out of steel here in the swamps of Jersey

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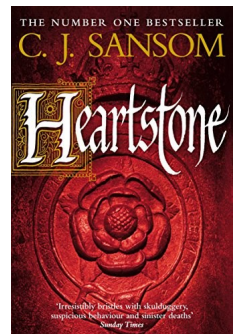
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**Monthly Meeting Fri 20th Sep from 10am.** This is to be held at Leyburn Arts & Community Centre. Speaker is Andy Fox on Frauds & Scams, 10.30 prompt. Free to members, small fee for non-members or visitors. Committee available for information about the interest groups.

### National Theatre Live

Fleabag starring Phoebe Waller-Bridge on Thursday 12th Sep and One Man, Two Guvnors starring James Corden on Thursday 26th Sep, 7pm. Tickets £12, to book ring 01969 624510, Or call in at Leyburn Arts & Community Centre.

### Music at Leyburn Arts & Community Centre

Greg Harper on Saturday 7th Sep and The Tenmours on Saturday 21st Sep, both at 7.30pm. Please tel 01969 624510 to book.

**Leyburn Arts & Social Society**

The Autumn session begins on Tuesday 24th Sep at 7.15pm in the Oak Room at Thornborough Hall, Leyburn. For more information about the group please ring Anne on 01969 624635.

### Men's Shed

Would you be interested in joining or finding about more? A group are investigating whether a Men's Shed would be used in Leyburn and District. Please tel Kay on 01969 624510 if you would like to receive more information.

**Jeannie**

<https://u3asites.org.uk/leyburn/welcome>

## TWO DALES W I

### September 6th Activities

Members of Two Dales W I will be manning a fund-raising stall at Reeth Market on Friday 6th September.

Come along to enjoy home baking and learn more about your local W I.

**September 10th**—7.30pm meeting of TWO DALES W I at Hudson House, Reeth Green. The speaker will be local resident, Steve Wroe. His subject gives an insight into his experiences of "Living and working in the Antarctic."

### October 8th Meeting - Tai Chi

The Octo meeting of TWO DALES W I will be held on Tuesday 8th October at 7.30 pm at Hudson House, Reeth Green. Alexander Percival will introduce us to Tai Chi. Come along in comfy shoes and be prepared for a new experience. Friends and visitors are always welcome. For further information:

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## Flood Fund Raising Events

Two proposed fund raising events to support those who have lost homes and livelihoods in the recent floods are an auction of promises (date and venue to be confirmed but likely to be held locally in late September or early October - keep an eye on the local press) and a star prize raffle to be drawn at the end of October. All money raised will be distributed through the Two Ridings Community Foundation to those affected in Arkengarthdale and Swaledale.

To make both of these events happen the team need your help. Could you offer an amazing star prize for the raffle? Or an experience money can't usually buy for the auction? Perhaps a short break, or a meal for two, or...the only limit is your imagination!

Please spread the word and ask people to contact the fundraising team on [swalearkfloodfund@gmail.com](mailto:swalearkfloodfund@gmail.com) You can also follow them on Facebook - look for the Arkengarthdale and Swaledale Flood Relief Fundraiser page. Donations may also be made in person at Hudson House.

Details of these and several other fundraisers are on the Memorial Hall website <http://www.reethmemorialhall.co.uk/> under Flood News, along with links to other ways to help including a GoFundMe page for card donations.

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## Resource Centre Events

### Sunday 8th September

**Crackpot Hall, Swinnergill & Arngill**  
Approx 5.5 miles 10.30am - 3.30pm  
Cost: £4.50 Guided local history walk covering the mining sites of Crackpot Hall and Swinnergill before taking the hillside track down past the Arngill mine to Rampsholme bridge and returning to Keld. Please bring a packed lunch. Dogs welcome but must be kept on leads at all times. Rating: Moderate to Difficult as steep eroded hill side path in places. **BOOKING ADVISED**

### Saturday 14th September

**Inspired By Keld: The Story Of Selina Cooper** (A Heritage Open Day Event) 2.00pm. A public talk on how this Lancashire mill girl found something in her Keld experience which changed her life and contributed to her history as a suffragist. **FREE EVENT BUT DONATIONS WELCOME.** After the talk cream teas will be served in the Upper Room with all proceeds to Keld Resource Centre project work.

### Sunday 29th September

**Old Gang Lead Mine & Pinseat Circular** Approx 6 miles 10.30am - 3.00pm Cost: £4.50 A guided walk through the rich mining landscape of the Old Gang and Merryfield mining grounds, returning via the Little Pinseat route. Walk starts from the parking area near Surrender smelt mill ruins above Low Row (Grid ref: SD989998). Please bring packed lunch. Dogs welcome but must be kept on leads at all times. Rating: Moderate **BOOKING ADVISED**

### Sunday 27th October

**The Legacy Of The Kearton Brothers** 2.00pm Cost: £4.50 Talk and exhibition on the life and legacy of Richard and Cherry Kearton. From their childhoods in Thwaite, where they developed their interest in the natural world, to

becoming celebrated pioneers of wildlife photography. Afternoon tea will be served in the Upper Room with all proceeds supporting Keld Resource Centre's project work. **BOOKING ESSENTIAL.** Please ensure you bring suitable footwear, waterproof clothing & adequate food & water for all outdoor events. Unless otherwise stated all walks begin from outside the Keld Resource Centre, DL11 6LJ

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## SWALEDALE

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**Incidents July 9<sup>th</sup> to Aug 9<sup>st</sup>**

**08/08/2019 (29)** Team called via the Police to search for a group of overdue walkers on Great Shunner Fell. Team leader travelled to Keld to meet the reporting person. While there the group turned up safe & well.

**30/07/2019 (25,26,27,28) The Floods day.** Multiple rescues & welfare checks in & around Reeth following flash flooding.

Initially called by the Police following reports of 14 people stranded in rising flood water between Grinton & Redmire, 1 team member made it through to wait with these trapped persons (the bridge had now collapsed) they were all escorted to safety later in the evening when water levels dropped to a safe level.

While responding to the initial call we were diverted to reports of a person & a cat trapped on an 'island' with rising flood water. Our water rescue technicians deployed our rescue boat to recover the trapped person & cat to safety.

Part of the team were then deployed to Harkerside to check on the safety of a number of elderly residents.

The team responded to reports of a number of donkeys trapped by the rising water. Our water technicians attended & made sure they were in a place of safety.

Our last call was to recover 5 trapped vehicles full of people who were trapped near Ellerton Abbey.



Between these rescues we worked closely with the Fire Service to undertake welfare checks, often in chest deep water in the Fremington & Grinton area. The first call was at 16.25 & the team returned to base just after midnight.

Over the next 3 days we supported the clear up operation & undertook a number of welfare checks on remote residents.

**25/07/2019 (24)** Called by the Police as part of a joint response with North Yorkshire Fire. We were called to rescue an injured person below the waterfall at Richmond. Fire, Police, Ambulance & Helimed all attended. Treated on scene & then evacuated across the river on our rescue sled. A special thanks to Barries Ices & Cafe for providing free water to the rescue services.

**24/07/2019 (23)** Called by North Yorkshire Police (initially to Upper Wharfedale Fell Rescue Association then passed to us) to rescue a lamb & a goat from a pot hole in Arkengarthdale, a small team went & recovered both safely.

**Editor Note: It took persuasion to ask** the team to provide additional detail about their rescues on the day of the floods. That's typical of the excellent humble attitude of these volunteer rescuers. As always the community admire these volunteers and are very grateful for their services.

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1st Sept	9.15 am	St. Mary's Muker	Eucharist
	10.30 am	Low Row URC	
	11.00 am	St. Edmund's, Marske	Family Eucharist
	11.00 am	Holy Trinity Low Row	Eucharist
	11.00 am	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
	6.00 pm	St. Andrew's Grinton	Iona Evening Prayer
	6.30 pm	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
8th Sept	9.30 am	St. Andrew's Grinton	Eucharist
	9.30 am	St Michael's Downholme	Morning Prayer
	10.30 am	Low Row URC	Holy Communion
	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
	2.00 pm	Keld URC	Holy Communion
	6.00 pm	St. Mary's Muker	Iona Evening Prayer
	6.30 pm	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
15th Sept	9.15 pm	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

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

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## Church Services September 2019

15th Sept	6.30 pm	St. Mary's Arkengarthdale	Tona Evening Pray-
	6.30 pm	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
	6.30 pm	Gunnerside Methodist	Holy Communion
22nd Sept	9.30 am	St. Andrew's Grinton	Eucharist
	9.30 am	St Michael's Downholme	
	10.30 am	Low Row URC	
	11.00 am	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
	11.00 am	St. Edmund's, Marske	
	11.15 am	St. Mary's Arkengarthdale	Harvest Festival Service
	2.00 pm	Keld URC	
	6.30 pm	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
	6.30 pm	Holy Trinity Low Row	Harvest Festival Service followed by supper
	29th Sept	10.30 am	St. Mary's Arkengarthdale
11.00 am		St. Edmund's, Marske	Morning Prayer
2.00 pm		Keld URC	Harvest Festival
2.30 pm		Reeth Evangelical Congregational	Time differs from usual 11am.
6.30 pm		Reeth Evangelical	
6.30 pm		Gunnerside Methodist	

<p>The Methodist Minister for the two Dales is                      Rev. Les Nevin,                      who can be contacted on  <b>01748 823149</b> or by email:                      les.nevin@icloud.com</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Rev David Levell minister of                      Reeth Evangelical Congregational Church                      can be contacted on  <b>07582 575815</b> or by email through the                      church website at <a href="http://www.reethecc.co.uk">www.reethecc.co.uk</a></p>
<p>The Reverend Caroline Hewlett,                      Vicar of the Parish of Swaledale with                      Arkengarthdale,                      can be contacted on  <b>01748 884706</b> or by e-mail at                      carolinejhewlett@btinternet.com</p>	<p>The United Reformed Church ministers are                      Revd Stephen Collinson and Revd Hilary                      Collinson. They can be contacted on  <b>01748 821586</b> or                      revscollinson@outlook.com                      revhjcollinson100@outlook.com</p>

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## SUSAN RUMFITT

Talk by Antiques Roadshow Expert

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October**

Come and enjoy and afternoon talk by Susan Rumfitt, a jewellery expert who often appears on the Antiques Roadshow, followed by afternoon tea. Some of the ladies from Swaledale Townswomen's Guild have already heard her speak at an event in Seaham and were so impressed they decided to try to get her to come to the dales. The event has been planned for the 2<sup>nd</sup> October in Low Row Institute starting at 2.00 pm, tickets £10. This talk is open to all. The tickets will sell quickly so don't be disappointed book yours early.

**Swaledale TG:** Should any ladies be interested in joining Swaledale TG we usually meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month. We are fairly flexible and enjoy going out and about rather than having speakers. This year we have been for lunch at The Station as well as afternoon tea at Swinton Park. Three times a year we also meet with other members from the north east for lunch at Bishop Auckland Methodist Church.

Any further information and tickets for Susan Rumfitt can be obtained from **Sue Alderson** Tel no. 01748 886292 email [susana@swaledale.org](mailto:susana@swaledale.org)

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## Floods

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## Swaledale Community Spirit

The Marske Choir and the local community on Reeth green to raise funds  
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Arkengarthdale residents joined by walkers and bikers from across the north of England Sat 10 Aug for a clean-up of Langthwaite bridleway. Photo by Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority





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## UCI 29 September is ON! Dales Bike Centre update

Dales Bike Centre, with support from Reeth Parish Council and Richmond District Council, are to have a large outdoor screen on the Friday 27th, Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th September to watch the UCI World Championships cycle racing live.

Viewing the outdoor screen is FREE and open to anyone - that's residents and visitors alike. Positioned in the field behind Dales Bike Centre will provide plenty of space to relax in the sun and watch the action unfold.

On race day we expect the route to go up Grinton Moor and over the temporary bridge, the atmosphere up there we reckon will be akin to the 2014 Grand Depart as the best road cyclists in the world battle it out.

Best start working out your perfect vantage point! Once the race has passed, you'll have time to head back down to the Bike Centre to watch the finish on the big screen.

Here at Dales Bike Centre we're planning to make it a weekend of celebrating the UCI World Championships. As well as the cycling on the big screen there's plans for a Friday film night, Saturday ride to Masham to watch the Women's race and then live music on Saturday night. As well as a camping area there will be catering stalls and refreshments throughout the weekend.

### Diary Dates:

**Thursday 26th:** Men's Junior Road Race, Richmond to Harrogate

**Fridays 27th:** Men's Under 23 and

Women's Junior Road Race, Doncaster to Harrogate

**Saturday 28th:** Women's Elite Road Race, Bradford to Harrogate

**Sunday 29th:** Men's Elite Road Race, Leeds to Harrogate, riders are expected to be hitting Grinton Moor climb around 11:50am

After the flooding it will be great for everyone to get behind the Road Race. Convince as many people as possible to make a long weekend visit to Swaledale staying, eating and drinking across the 2 Dales. We will soon post a program of events on website: <https://www.dalesbikecentre.co.uk/>

## Good News



### Two Dales Community Company

**Hudson House** is pleased to announce that a grant of £800 has been awarded towards the cost of making and erecting bikes and other items to celebrate the UCI Road Race.

A big thank you to those businesses that responded to our letter and have offered financial or practical assistance.

Following the UCI Roadshow in the Buck Hotel, we are planning to erect a piece of "Land Art" on Reeth Green which will attract attention of the TV cameras as the race passes through the village. There will also be cut out bikes for businesses to put up on their premises.

Young people of local areas are very keen to help with the design and art.

## Team Rubicon

Our team arrived in Swaledale and Arkengarthdale on Friday the 2nd of August. We were immediately struck by the hospitality and kindness of the local community despite the devastating circumstances. We have met with people who have lost so much and yet were able to donate their time, food, equipment and clothes to others.

Everyone mucked in to clear houses, check on their neighbours, move debris and deliver welfare packages to those cut off or in need. It has been humbling to see a community that has been hit by such force come together to aid one another. And for our team it has been incredible to have been accepted and become, momentarily, part of this stoic, hardy and caring community family. A big thank you from all at Team Rubicon UK. And well wishes to all of you in this beautiful dale.

**Alex Eslick**

**Mike B note** : The Rubicon volunteers were provided with free accommodation & food by the Reeth Kings Arms and Reeth Laurels B&B. The volunteers were keen to stress how well they were cared for by both. Team Rubicon identifies itself as a veteran service organization that uses disaster. response to help reintegrate veterans back into civilian life

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## Sustainable Swaledale Update

Firstly, a big 'thank you' to the children at Reeth and Gunnerside Primary for their hard work to design and make our fantastic new website 'banner' and logo (see page header). Thanks also to the staff for organising this for us.

### Swale Litter Picking - Saturday 21 September

The recent floods have added lots of extra rubbish to the river banks, so we're keen to get started with our first communal litter-pick: to clear litter along paths, banks, hedges and even the trees. We'll be getting together in small groups to pick-up along the footpaths and common land beside the Swale, between Gunnerside and Reeth. Anyone can join in - choose a section and what time to start, pick up the litter, and then meet up at Hudson House garden (Reeth) for tea and cakes at 4 pm.

A map will show the route sections, and you can add your name to a section to help people get together to 'chat and pick'. We'll have the map at Reeth and Muker show, and then at Hudson House, so you can see who is going and add your name, start time etc. You can choose as long or short a distance as you like, and start at any time. We'll try and add this to our web page too (IT capabilities permitting!). We will organise a skip or trailer close to Hudson House to put your filled rubbish bags in.

The British Mountaineering Council has kindly donated some special rubbish bags, and you can collect these from our stand at Reeth/Muker show, or at

Hudson House from Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> September. Bring or borrow a 'grabber' if you have one, and don't forget some good gardening or other protective gloves. **Please don't pick up anything that looks dangerous** (photos/details would help us get a team to pick it later).

**Climate Emergency:** We've been liaising with Richmondshire Council, asking them to join over 100 other UK councils in declaring a climate emergency and then developing policies to actively support carbon reduction. We're delighted that on 23 July the council voted unanimously to declare a 'Climate Emergency' that requires urgent action; with a range of objectives including "making the Council's own activities net-zero carbon by 2030".

**Muker show:** We're at Muker show, so please come and say hello. We hope to have a quiz (with prizes!) on recycling and would love to know what questions and challenges you have on any sustainability topics.

**Monthly meetings:** Our core group is meeting on the 1st Thursday of each month, and the next meeting is Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September. We plan to meet in the evening at the Punch Bowl, Low Row, but please email us to double-check the place and time:

[info@sustainableswaledale.org](mailto:info@sustainableswaledale.org)

For more information go to [www.sustainableswaledale.org](http://www.sustainableswaledale.org), or find us on Facebook at "Sustainable Swaledale" - we'd love to hear your ideas, tips & questions. You can stay in touch by signing up to our newsletters at [www.sustainableswaledale.org](http://www.sustainableswaledale.org)

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## Swale Singers News

You may have seen - or heard - the Swale Singers on 18 August as we sang our way down the dale to celebrate our 30th anniversary. We are now looking forward to our 4th decade of music together.

**Sunday 1st September** our weekly practices start again at Reeth Memorial Hall from 3 to 5pm. Come along and have a sing, see if you like it (and us - we're very friendly) and decide whether you'd like to join us regularly. You don't need to be an experienced singer, or able to read music.

Our upcoming events are:

**Saturday 9 Nov,** Come & Sing Day 9.30 to 4.30 at Reeth Memorial Hall. Working on choruses from Mozart's Great Mass in C Minor. We'll all be starting from scratch, so you don't need any previous knowledge of the music. If you prefer not to sing, we love an audience, so come along with friends at 3.30pm to listen & applaud.

**Saturday 30 Nov:** Our almost-Christmas concert in Reeth Memorial Hall 7.30pm. Festive food and drink will accompany **Bach's Magnificat** and seasonal works. For any info: **Contact Jackie Pope** on 07885 498676 or swalesingers@swaledale.org

## Reeth Brass Band

Only two engagements were undertaken in July and these proved difficult with the numbers of members available for both.

**Sunday 7th July:** We honoured our commitment to the Reeth Sports Day with only 9 players, 2 borrowed players,

from Harrogate Band and Barnard Castle Band, saved the day. Thanks to Keri and Joe.

**Sunday 21st July:** the weather was warm although it was overcast. Playing on Reeth Green bandstand that day was a pleasurable experience. With the number of members available nearly doubling, from the previous engagement, no euphoniums or baritones meant that a trombone player had to switch instruments to a baritone. Thanks Richard you saved that performance.

**Sunday 4th August:** The Reeth Green engagement went ahead and despite the floods and road closures, a decent band turned out for an hour. The band played to a very appreciative audience who contributed over £100 towards the flood relief fund. To raise funds, concerts are being planned. Please watch our Facebook page for the details.

**Wednesday 4th September:** The band and Reeth and Gunnerside School's initiative to teach pupils to play brass instruments, restarts at Gunnerside. Two volunteers from Reeth Band will be joined by two volunteers from Muker Silver Band. Thank you for their enthusiasm and commitment. A generous donation from our Patron Lord Zetland, has placed this project on sound financial basis. This will be used to buy equipment specific to new starters. Anyone who would also like to make a donation please contact us via our website

[www.reethbrassband.co.uk](http://www.reethbrassband.co.uk)

For those interested in playing a brass instrument, or who can play, they will be welcomed at our Tuesday night 7pm practices in Reeth Memorial hall. Upcoming events arranged so far:

**Sept Sun 8<sup>th</sup>** Reeth Green bandstand 2pm  
**Sept Sat 21<sup>st</sup>** Eggleston Show 1pm

**Oct Sun 6<sup>th</sup>** Masham Sheep Fair 1.30pm

## “Giant metal pipes used to repair bridge

The traditional dales masonry bridge over Cogden Beck, near Grinton, was left completely destroyed after torrential water carrying boulders and other debris brought down the bridge. This road which links the communities of Grinton and Leyburn also forms part of the **UCI Road World Championship route**, which arrives in the county in September. North Yorkshire County Council's engineers and contractors have been working round the clock ever since the devastating floods, to reconnect the dales communities.

On Tuesday, August 13, two steel tubes were delivered from Cleveland Steel and were rolled into Cogden Beck. They will divert the waterway so a temporary bridge and road can be built. If all goes well, the temporary crossing will also allow the road world championships to continue along its planned route. North Yorkshire County Council intends to rebuild the traditional Dales masonry bridge next year. **Emily Flanagan N. Yorkshire Dales County Council**

**Pictured, on 13-08-19** the steel tubes are placed in Cogden Beck so work on replacing Cogden Bridge South can



## Story Song of the Month

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## Gigantism in Swaledale

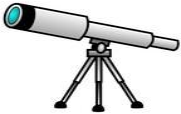
Whilst preparing one of this year's Swaledale festival walks up Cringley Hill, an unusual set of markings were found on one of the erratics (rocks). What they are is still contentious. So far there are two ideas. First, they are just an unusual set of sedimentary depositional marks, or second they could be the fossilised remains of a 'Meganeura' dragonfly dating from back 300 million years ago from the carboniferous period. The late carboniferous was a period of gigantism and dragonflies with 3-foot wingspan are known to have existed - is this one in the photo taken? **John Russell**



## Go Listen Again

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## Astronomy In The Two Dales

Is our Sun capable of emitting super flares, otherwise known as great solar flashes or micro nova?

A recent study published in The Astrophysical Journal 3/5/2019, investigated stars of the same type as our Sun and found out of 64 stars that give off superflares, 43 of them were single stars. The younger the star, the more often they emitted flares, older stars like our Sun emitted flares every 23000 years.

What evidence do we have that our Sun has in the past ejected its surface across the solar system? We would have to look for the following: signs of melted rock and sand on any solid planet, the rapid evaporation of liquid on a planet's surface and a frost line in the solar system. A frost line is a ring

of debris that rings a star, where water vapour and other elements ejected by a star have cooled down and formed ice. In our solar system we have the Kuiper belt, a ring of debris mainly composed of water, methane and ammonia, that extends beyond the orbit of the planet Neptune out into deep space. So, we have a frost line, how about signs of melted rock?

In Scotland there are the vitrified forts, stone walled hill forts where part of the rock has been melted, this kind of heat damage has been found elsewhere in northern and western Europe. Stone melts at 2072 degree Centigrade.

Have you ever heard of Libyan desert glass? The desert of Libya and Egypt is covered with pieces of melted sand that has formed into glass, we also have something called glass spherules, which are small glass beads formed from melted sand. Spherules form at 3000 degree Centigrade or higher. These spherules can be formed by volcanos and meteor impacts; however, the volcanic and impact types have gas bubbles inside them.

The heat formed spherules we see on Earth and the Moon both have the same chemical composition and do not contain gas bubbles, so whatever caused the sand to melt on the Earth and the Moon had to come from the same source. Glass spherules have also been found on Mars.

Finally, has the Earth, or any other planet, ever had a large amount of liquid evaporated from its surface? At the beginning of the last ice age sea, levels dropped 394 feet, how much heat would that take? There is only one source that is capable of raising the temperature on Earth to such a level, so such a volume of water would vaporise. Mars used to have seas and an atmosphere, but these are long gone, something boiled them away. So, is it time to bring the tomato plants in? Well, the more we discover, the more questions we have.

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Starman,  
Reeth Informal Astronomy Group,  
Reethas  
tro.org.uk.

## Bellerby Study Group Sept & Oct 2019

In **Highlighting the legacy of ancient Greece** on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September Stuart Lennie will talk about their democratic government, architecture, culture and sporting prowess, and so bestowing on us the sporting ideals exemplified by the Olympic Games.

On Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October, historian and archaeologist Erik Matthews will give further thoughts on **The Development of Hornby Castle**.

On Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October, Paul Clark will tell of **The fascinating pastime of studying stars and planets**, taking advantage of the wonderfully dark skies of the Dales.

On Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October for all lovers of gardening Andrew Fletcher, Chairman of Wensleydale Camera Club, will give **An audio-visual presentation of garden flowers**.

Talking about **Unlocking the Secrets of the lost lives of the Dunbar 1650 soldiers** found in the mass graves in Durham, Professor Christopher Gerrard of the Department of Archaeology in Durham University will be with us on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October.

Bellerby Study Group arranges talks in the winter and walks in the summer. **Meetings are at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall, Church Street,**

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## Reeth Parish Council

### Power cables

John Tilley of Northern Power Grid attended the meeting to explain a proposed scheme for undergrounding wires along part of the Arkengarthdale road. Consultations would take place with landowners concerned before any final decision was taken.

### UCI World Cycling Championships

Councillor Good reported that Hudson House had put in a grant application for a land art installation on the green which would involve local young people. The council agreed to support a bid by the Dales Bike Centre for a big screen to show coverage of the races and other entertainment during the event.

### Village green

Following a request for clarification from one of the businesses next to the green it was confirmed that any business could, with permission, place up to two advertising boards on the green as long as they were taken in at night.

### VE Day 2020

A letter regarding the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE Day would be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

### Noticeboard

Councillor Longstaff updated members on progress with sourcing a suitable board and circulated specifications. It was agreed to place an order as long as it was possible to have one with toughened glass.

### Remembrance services

Arrangements were discussed for the Remembrance parade on November 10 and the service at the War Memorial on November 11.

### Contact details

It was agreed that only the names of council members would be published on the notice board along with contact details only of the clerk.

### Highways matters

Councillor's Frankland and Longstaff reported on the meeting they had held

with representatives from the Highways department to discuss various outstanding issues around the parish. The Local Councils Association would be consulted on the standing of pieces of common land which came under no-one's responsibility. A hedge obstructing the footpath at Fremington would be reported to Highways to deal with. A request had also been received for the grass verge at Fremington to be cut as it was obscuring the view of the road. Councillor Frankland reported that, in the meantime, this had actually been cut.

### County Councillor

The council would send a card of condolence to the family of the late County Councillor John Blackie.

### District Council

Councillor Good reported on two recent resolutions taken by Richmondshire District Council who had voted to recognise a climate emergency and also approved a proposal to pay the council tax of anyone leaving council or foster care.

Tracy Little

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## Flood Fund Raising

Two proposed fund raising events to support those who have lost homes and livelihoods in the recent floods are an auction of promises (date and venue to be confirmed but likely to be held locally in late September or early October - keep an eye on the local press) and a star prize raffle to be drawn at the end of October. All money raised will be distributed through the Two Ridings Community Foundation to those affected in Arkengarthdale and Swaledale.

To make both of these events happen the team need your help. Could you offer an amazing star prize for the raffle? Or an experience money can't usually buy for the auction? Perhaps a short break, or a meal for two, or...the only limit is your imagination!

Please spread the word and ask people to contact the fundraising team on [swalearkfloodfund@gmail.com](mailto:swalearkfloodfund@gmail.com) or phone Jo on 01748-886009. You can also follow them on Facebook - look for the Arkengarthdale and Swaledale Flood Relief Fundraiser page.


Details of these and several other fundraisers are on the Memorial Hall website <http://www.reethmemorialhall.co.uk/> under Flood News, along with links to other ways to help including a **GoFund Me** page for card donations.

## Thursday Ladies Club Gunnerside

The Thursday Ladies Club meets at 7.30pm on forth Thursday every month in Gunnerside Village Hall. September's meeting (26th) is a talk by Hannah Russell, author and owner of Little Alf,

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The Reeth Evangelical Congregational Church kindly made their premises available for the event.

Those attending enjoyed talks on meteors and their detection. They were able to examine samples of meteorites including a fragment of a Mars meteorite.

The sky cleared long enough to go outside and observe Jupiter, Saturn and the Moon. Unfortunately some cloud later in the evening combined with the nearly full moon, prevented the planned visual meteor count from going ahead. We were however able to watch in real-time as meteors were being picked up by a radio telescope.

The Astronomy group meets once a month in Reeth. New members are welcome. Anyone interested can find out more on the group's website [www.reethastro.org.uk](http://www.reethastro.org.uk)

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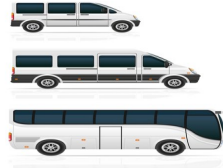
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### 2 Dales Football

The good news is that we suffered little lasting damage in the floods, apart from the MUGA which is seriously affected by mud again and will cost a lot to bring it back to a playable state. The pavilion, being raised off the ground is fine and the field should quickly recover. Our thoughts, however, are with all those who have been seriously affected.

Many thanks are due to our coach, Ian Rowland-Hill who has been organising some emergency food supplies to those who have lost everything. This has certainly been much appreciated by the residents here in Arkengarthdale.

The new season starts early September. We expect to field, and

have affiliated to the League and the FA, Under 13's, Under 10/11's (dual year band) and Under 9's. the latter two jointly with Hawes. It should be an interesting and enjoyable season.

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## Police Report

The flooding has affected many homes and businesses in Leyburn, Bellerby, Reeth, Swaledale and Arkengarthdale, with Reeth, Langthwaite, Whaw, Grinton and Fremington being the worst affected. The extent of support, generosity and community spirit I have seen has not been a surprise, as I know just how strong and resilient the communities and residents of Swaledale and Arkengarthdale are when they come together.

For anyone who needs help or advice, we are working with and have all contact details for Richmondshire District Council and other partner agencies that can offer support and assistance. Please contact us - we are here to help in any way we can.

In light of some concern about increased opportunistic crime, we have been increasing our patrols in the evenings and at night in order to provide what reassurance we can at what has been, and continues to be, a devastating and distressing time. We know that there have been many reports of suspect flat-bed/van type vehicles paying particular interest to the skips and would ask that you continue to phone these details in. **Other incidents of note in the area include:**

**3<sup>rd</sup> August:** there has been an attempted break-in of a shipping container at Gunnerside, luckily they were not able to gain entry. Overnight on 3<sup>rd</sup> August, a green Yamaha quad bike was stolen on the moor above Langthwaite.

**4<sup>th</sup> August:** someone has damaged a car door lock. This car was parked between Feetham and Gunnerside. They were not able to gain entry.

Doorstep sellers have been seen around again telling the 'ex-offender' story - thank you to those that have phoned in, please continue to do so..

**PCSO Lucy Osborn**  
**Dales Neighbourhood Police Team**

## Melbecks Parish Council July 2019

**30 mph signs in Low Row** 30mph repeater signs have now been installed in Low Row.

**Peat Gate cattle grid & Brocca Bank** have been added to Highways programme of work.

**Damaged manhole cover in Gunnerside** has been notified to Highways.

**Review of Polling stations and districts** The clerk will respond to the consultation to confirm that Parish Council is happy with existing arrangements.

**YDNPA Vacancy for Secretary of State (Parish) Member** Allen Kirkbride has been elected as YDNPA Parish member.

**Planning: 2, Lilac Cottages, Low Row.** Installation of air source heat pump, no comments or objections were raised.

**Hazel Brow, Low Row** this application has been withdrawn.

**District Councillor John Blackie** The council noted the recent sad loss of District Councillor John Blackie and extended their sympathies to his family. **Date of next meeting** will be at Low Row Institute on Wednesday October 2<sup>nd</sup> 2019 at 7.30pm.

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## Volunteers Clear Flood Debris From Bridleway

Arkengarthdale residents including Parish Councillors and farmers were joined by keen walkers and mountain bikers from across the north of England on Saturday (10 Aug) for a post-flooding clean-up of Langthwaite bridleway.

Flash flooding on the 30<sup>th</sup> of July swept away the aggregate surface of the bridleway and created a gully into which walling stone and other debris was deposited.

After a midweek call for volunteers, promoted online by Dales Bike Centre in Fremington as well as Richmondshire Today, National Park Authority rangers ended up being joined by more than 60 helpers.

In the space of five hours, the team cleared an estimated 150 tonnes of stone from a 750 metre section of the bridleway. Any walling stone was placed by the bridleway for re-use, while rubbish such as concrete and tarmac slabs and baling wrap was taken away.

The National Park Authority's Area Manager (North), Matt Neale, said: "I would like to thank all the people that came out. They were just superb. The work rate was amazing. Everyone wanted to help and get the job done. There will be future events that will be publicised in the same way - so keep an eye out on social media for requests for help."

The Authority's Member Champion for Recreation Management, Nick Cotton, said: "Experienced rangers have said they've never before seen a volunteer effort like it. People came from across the north of England, from Kendal to Hull to Bishop Auckland, to help. There were walking and mountain bike enthusiasts, as well as residents. It was an unusual and unique gathering of people who came together for a common cause. The Langthwaite bridleway is not yet accessible along its

full length, as there are at least three landslips between Langthwaite and Fremington, but there is a parallel public footpath that remains open for walkers.

Mr Cotton added: "Rangers are still receiving reports of damaged rights of way in Arkengarthdale and Swaledale, so are busy cataloguing and prioritising the repair work needed. It could be some time before everything is fully back to normal. Fortunately a large number of routes were unaffected by the floods, so there are plenty of opportunities to enjoy the two dales both on foot and by bike."

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## Arkengarthdale Parish Council July 2019

### **School buildings and playing field:**

The Council agreed to accept the transfer of the covenant of the school playing field from NYCC to retain it for public use after the school had closed. A letter from David Williams proposed that the Council consider holding a public meeting to identify what support there is from the community to work with Arkengarthdale Church to retain the school building as a community resource. The Council agreed to call a public meeting after the school closes on 31 August.

**NYCC Highways site visit:** 24th June scheduled visit by NYCC Highways Dept, to consider the road to Kitley Cottage from Seal Houses as well as various road repairs and drain-related issues, was cancelled by Highways. We waiting to hear from Highways, for a new date, that would also be convenient for Cllr. John Blackie to attend.

**Phone mast at Seal Houses:** The Council took into consideration the objections of a lattice pole and had no objections to a monopole mast, providing EE would install the extended area services on the same mast as the emergency services network. EE had been approached about this, but a response had not been forthcoming. This was being followed up.

**Future Parish Council meeting venue:** The Council accepted the offer from St. Mary's District Church Council, Arkengarthdale, of the use of the church vestry for Council meetings.

**Waste enclosure in Langthwaite car park:** A response from the RDC Waste and Street Scene Manager in June

stated that quotes were being sought for the expansion and repair of the site. It was expected that works would be completed in the "next month or so".

### **Parking at Waterfall View,**

**Langthwaite:** A resident has requested stronger, clearer signage at the entrance to Storthwaite Lane by Waterfall View, to ensure that cars did not block the access. The resident is to be contacted to form a statement to be considered at the next meeting of the council.

**Land at the Old Butcher's Shop:** A request had been received for the verge near the bridge into Langthwaite, outside the Old Butcher's Shop, to be kept tidy and grass cut. The ownership of this land would be looked into, as it was not thought to belong to the Council.

**Planning applications:** Conditional approval had been given for application R/01/147A, The Old Butcher's Shop, Langthwaite; Planning consultation for R/01/137A, Arkle Barn, Langthwaite for conversion and extension of the barn for local occupancy.

**Annual Governance & Accountability Return:** Now approved and signed, and is available on the Council website: [www.arkengarthdale.org.uk](http://www.arkengarthdale.org.uk). David Williams was thanked for undertaking the internal audit.

**Fraudulent 'charity' collections:** A request from RDC to raise awareness about fraudulent charity textile collections was noted. Information had been placed on the notice board in Langthwaite and would also be placed on the Council's website.

**Date of next meeting -** Monday 2 September 2019

**Susan Dray**





## **Massed Band Concert in the Dale at St Andrew's Church, Grinton**

On Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September the brass bands of Leyburn, Muker and Reeth are coming together, on this one-off occasion, to perform a Massed Band Concert in the 'Cathedral of the Dales' – St Andrew's Church, Grinton.

Everyone is giving their services freely, so ***all*** monies raised at this joint concert will be for the flood victims of the storm which hit the area on 30<sup>th</sup> July.

The concert will start at 7.30pm and there will be refreshments served during the interval. There will also be a raffle. All we ask is that people come along and make a donation on the night and buy raffle tickets. Why not bring your family and friends, support your local community, listen to some 'Yorkshire Brass', and hear the magnificent sound of three combined bands in a wonderful venue? It's going to be a fantastic evening, bringing all our community together – and all in aid of a good cause! **If you require any more information, please call Glenn – 07831 245130 or Gail – 07740 443646.**



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- 1st Swale Singers' rehearsals start, Reeth Memorial Hall. 3.00pm.  
 4th Bat Count 7.35pm at ST Andrews Grinton.  
 6th Friday Singing Group, Reeth Congregational Church hall. 2.00-3.30pm.  
 8th Reeth Brass Band, Reeth Green bandstand 2pm.  
 9th Grinton & Ellerton Parish Council, Grinton Parish Hall. 7.15pm  
 12th Duncan Chisholm, Reeth Memorial Hall. 8.00pm  
 13th Parish Cake Stall, Reeth Green  
 21st Coffee Morning, Reeth Evang. Cong. Church. 10.00am to noon.  
 21st Reeth Brass Band, Eggleston Show 1pm.  
 23rd Reeth Parish Council, Reeth Memorial Hall. 7.00pm.  
 25th Upper Dales Family History Group 2pm, Harmby Village Hall.  
 26th TLC @Gunnerside, talk by Hannah Russell on her life with a miniature Shetland pony, Gunnerside Village Hall. 7.30pm  
 27th Gaelforce, Reeth Memorial Hall. 8.00pm  
 28th Film in Gunnerside Village Hall: *Stan and Ollie*, starring Steve Coogan and John C Reilly. 7.30pm, doors and bar open at 7.00pm. £5 (children £3).  
 30th Community Transport AGM, 6pm Hudson House.

## October

- 2nd Bat Count 6.25pm at ST Andrews Grinton.  
 2nd Melbecks Parish Council at Low Row Institute 7.30pm

- 6th Reeth Brass Band, Masham Sheep Fair 1.30pm.  
 8th Arkengarthdale Sports Association EGM, 8pm at the CB Inn. All welcome.  
 12th Film in Gunnerside Village Hall: *The Keeper, the story of Bert Trautmann*, starring David Kross and Freya Mavor. 7.30pm, doors and bar open at 7.00pm. £5 (children £3).  
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 18th Fell-Foss Theatre present *Crusoe's Island*, Reeth Memorial Hall. 7.30pm.  
 21st Reeth Parish Council 7pm Reeth Memorial Hall.  
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