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for the Two Dales.*

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## First Thoughts

This month's brain 'thunk' is a bit scientific. So for those of you who are not interested in science or technology skip this article.

For those of you still with me, consider this question, 'What is the future of Data'? Straight away this propagates other question. Where would should you start? What is data? What produces data? Where is it stored? How is this storage affecting the climate? How much is collected daily by the world? What data is being collected about all of us, by who and by what device? How does data directly affect your life? How much data do you think you produce daily just by existing? Multiply that amount by every one of us.

My work have asked me to write a Data Strategy paper. Never have I dedicated such time to thinking about data. To start my research I purchased several books by the brightest minds. Reading about Artificial Intelligence, Internet of Things, Machine Learning, Blockchain and DataScience. From these I stumbled on a most interesting concept. That is we that we all have a 'Data Exhaust'. Just by existing and living in society we are leaving behind us that intangible form, that is data. Our data being deposited directly onto computer disks. Often every hour of our day. Without realising we are filling up disks (& back-up tapes) all over the world, just by being. Anybody who thinks they can avoid this should think again. That is unless you live like Yorkshire's Hannah Hauxwell did.

Examples of the data exhaust contents are too numerous to count. Just driving your car deposits data.

The car is collecting data, that data later collected by your garage mechanic. Traffic cameras record your movements and street CCTV. You stop at a cash machine, your family takes a digital photo of you grimacing as you collect your cash. You receive a text from your sister, more and more of your exhaust data is created and deposited. This never stops. Now lets go down another rabbit hole of thoughts. Where is your data exhaust output being stored? Well the majority ends up in that 'Cloud' thingy. A Term that confuses many. Its simple, being a bunch of computers all interconnected. Named the Cloud because it's a nebulous concept. Your daily data deposit is typically held by several different computers in different locations and not just UK based. It does not matter where, they are just conduit elements for data sharing. Its common that your data cannot be traced to one specific computer. It will be duplicated across many. This concept is named Cloud, as like a cloud it has a non specific form with no centre and its not really a thing. These computers are housed in 100's of Data Centres (DC) across the World. Enormous buildings that constantly have to expand to cater for the never ending input of data. DC's need a large amount of cooling. This means DC's are often placed in colder areas. Even in the beautiful Antarctic. All because we have 'Data Exhausts' Where was I? No idea, sorry. That's the data question for you.

Mike B Editor



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**Great TV**

Love On The Spectrum



Think the 'Un-dateables', but much less tabloid-y and more uplifting.

I just started this... a reality documentary series about 7 young people on the autism spectrum who would like to find a partner.

Each episode you learn about each person, such as the charming Michael who is adamant that finding a wife is his lifelong dream, and how they have been nurtured into the scary world of adult-life, let alone love-life!

They each meet a specialist who reminds the viewers that the autism spectrum is so varied that no single person has the same reactions to things.

The show is uplifting, inclusive and encourages viewers to understand a disability that is still a taboo subject for some. It celebrates difference in such a positive way.

**Tawny**

**Muker Educational Trust**

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Application forms required by individuals or any other group so qualified, may be obtained from the Secretary to the Trust, Mr Michael B McGarry, McGarry & Co Solicitors, Market Place, Hawes, DL8 3QS or email [carol@mbmcgarry.co.uk](mailto:carol@mbmcgarry.co.uk).

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Dear Editor.

I have just picked up the Gazette from the Post Office and seen your request Ordinary, cheap vinegar works a treat on annual weeds.

You can also get a much larger quantity (from Amazon, unfortunately) of a highly concentrated vinegar which you can then dilute.

[https://www.amazon.co.uk/Ersolin-Descaler-Vinegar-Cleaner-Technical/dp/B07HJ2CMLC/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?keywords=60%25+acetic+acid&qid=1568225563&s=gateway&sr=8-1](https://www.amazon.co.uk/Ersolin-Descaler-Vinegar-Cleaner-Technical/dp/B07HJ2CMLC/ref=sr_1_1?keywords=60%25+acetic+acid&qid=1568225563&s=gateway&sr=8-1)

The friend who recommended this wrote: "I use it 1 part of concentrate to 8 or 9 parts water and apply it with a cheap sprayer from Wilko."

For perennial weeds such as bindweed, we are currently trying it out (in Stroud) with several successive applications at a higher concentration. It certainly weakens it seriously on the surface and we hope it will severely reduce its ability to grow fast and furiously! Worth a try?

Kind regards, Caroline

Dear Editor.

I noticed that you were asking for any gardening tips in the magazine. I have tried this for the first time this summer, due to Covid we couldn't get the usual weed killer. We were told many years ago that salt or rock salt would keep the weeds from your cobbles so after 7 years of treating our cobbles 3 times a year with weed killer I weeded the cobbles by hand in April then sprinkled rock salt and then luckily it rained Quite hard and washed it all in. We have only had the odd weed since and

will be treating again with rock salt come October. We were told that if you do this a few times the soil In between the cobbles becomes sterile and weeds are unable to grow. It might be early days but I think it has worked. Kind. Regards, Mo

**Editor Note :** Thank you Caroline and Mo. How about this idea then for the Gazette 'Wanted regular Gardening Tips Contributor, must be thick skinned'. No articles like Bob Flowerdew would write about weeing on compost heaps please.

Any takers, just email me:

Reeth.Editor@gmail.com.

Mike B

Dear Editor.

Picked up a copy of the Gazette when we were staying at the Charles Bathurst. Just wanted to say that it's a first class publication. It must take a lot of work by you and the rest of the team to produce such a good issue - packed full of info and advertising but still feeling like a personal record of life in your Dales. Good luck and keep well. Regards Bill

**Editor Note :** Bill I need this sort of email to keep me going. Thanks.

Mike B

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Occasionally I have lazy too-easy-throw-away-social-media comments directed at me. Readers asking me why I publish such items as Book and TV recommendations, when the Gazette should be local news only?

Well, for those dissenters you can stop this problem yourself, it's in your control. It's a case of 'Put Up or Shut Up'. That's what Managers have taught me in my life. When I expressed my frustration with projects, they made me lead them. Incidentally I never failed. I am not meaning to be rude. It's just a useful term. Submit what you would like to see published. Then your problem is fixed. Of course it is not possible for there to be a lot of local news every month. Therefore I will always have page white spaces to populate. I decided to describe what I have to solve for every Gazette.

### Printing Restrictions

Every Gazette has restrictions around the number of pages. Imposed by the printing presses we use. Examine the Gazette in your hand. It consists of A4 sheets, printed both sides, stapled down the middle and folded. Four x A5 pages per sheet. Each Gazette's total number of pages has to be exactly divisible by 4 and there is a printing maximum of 60 pages per Gazette.

**It's a big puzzle** to solve.

Let us take a look at the August Gazette puzzle. See the screenshot on page 9 opposite. This is that edition right at the start. All the adverts are surrounding the publication's front page. First task is to work through all of the regular submissions. These

consisting of many articles supplied in different fonts and file formats. Including different size photos. Photos I have to manipulate, often reducing in size, improving focus etc.. Then the task is to find white space that each article/photo can be placed. Then the adverts have to be placed in suitable positions. All different shapes and sizes of course. Surprisingly 3 days hard work minimum.

### Aesthetics

Now there is the look and flow. Basic standards I try to keep:

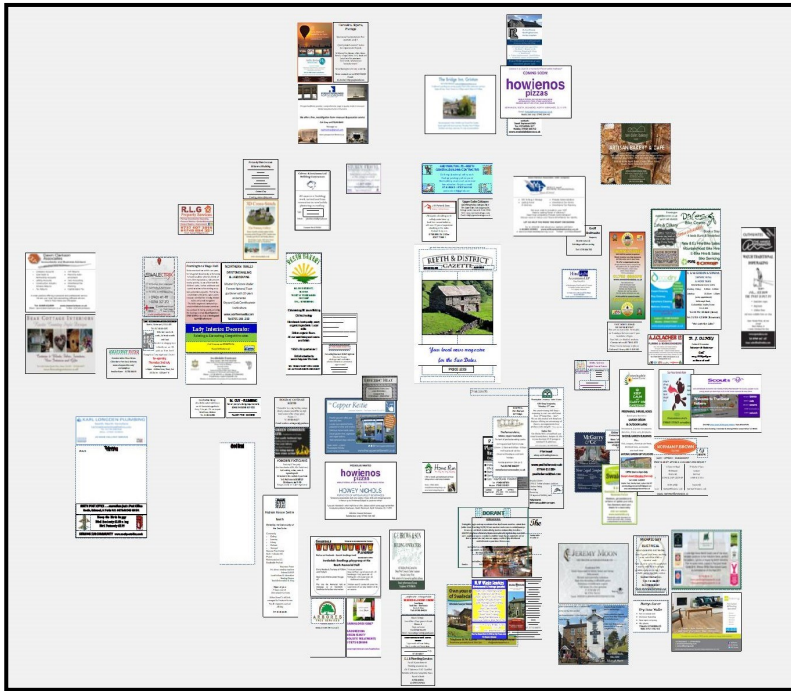
(1) No opposing two A5 pages full with adverts (2) Avoid any white space, wasting funds (3) Avoid adverts of similar business type next to each other (4) Colours suitable for print (5) standard fonts and line spacing (6) Accessibility considerations e.g. easier to read for readers with eye conditions.

Today I had run through all your submissions and placed all the adverts and articles. At that point I had a total of 62 pages. Not divisible by 4. I had to either delete 2 x A5 page or add 2 x A5 pages. Those 62 pages had three and a quarter A5 pages of white space. Deleting or adding pages is more complicated that it sounds as many articles are longer than one page. Resulting in the white spaces of many different sizes in different areas of the Gazette. This is where I have to be inventive and add the items that are not local news. Although the fun of the Gazette for me is to be inventive, be different, share ideas and recommendations. Hopefully it works for you, most of the time. If not well you better gripe on social media.

**Mike B**



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### Artwork to Celebrate Dales Schools and Youth The NASH and Dales Countryside Museum

We are busy making a giant community photo mosaic celebrating youth and schools in the Upper Dales! Do you live in the Upper Dales? Did you go to school here? We'd love to see your pictures about what youth in the Dales means to you. Photos can be vintage or modern and feature landscape and buildings as well as people, and artwork and drawings are great too.

The mosaic will be created by digital artist Helen Marshall of **The People's Picture**, whose most recent work was 'Rainbows for the NHS'. It will consist of 1,000+ pictures of school life in the Dales that will come together to create a whole new image. Hundreds of photos for the mosaic have already been submitted, but we hope that you - the Dales community - will bring forward many more. We would love you to take part!

Members of the public can participate by uploading their images to the project directly at [thepeoplespicture.com/storyofschools/](http://thepeoplespicture.com/storyofschools/) until 15<sup>th</sup> November. You can also drop-in your photos and images at Dales Countryside Museum, Hawes, on the following dates between 11:00 and 14:45:

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October**  
**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October**  
**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November**  
**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November**

The front cover of this Gazette is a typical example of what we would really like to receive please.

The Museum has social distancing regulations in place. Please come prepared with a mask and a member of our team will take your details and a photograph of your image.

The artwork is part of '**The Story of Schools in the Upper Dales**' - an oral history and research project funded by The National Lottery Heritage Fund and the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority's Sustainable Development Fund. It will be displayed in a multimedia exhibition at Dales Countryside Museum opening on 30 January 2021, including the big reveal of the mosaic alongside a short film, display boards, audio recordings and artefacts.

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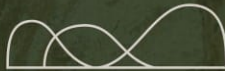
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We have been holding a series of afternoon teas in the hope of combatting and promoting good mental health, in order for us to do this at safe distancing and whatever the weather may throw at us, we have our Vicar, Caroline to thank.

Caroline has generously allowed us to use the Vicarage for all the events, by throwing open the doors to her home and garden by allowing us to literally make ourselves at home.

As I write the guidelines have just changed regarding numbers at events, but we will start them again as soon as it is safe to do so.

At times like this community spirit has never been needed so much and on behalf of all the residents who have already benefitted from these get togethers, a very warm thankyou to Caroline for being there for us all, who is also one of the Tesco shopping buddies during the week.

We still offer our weekly services of shopping, prescriptions deliveries, befriending and much more, so if you need us, please call **01748 880021**.

Stay safe and sane.

**Gail and the team at Hudson House**

## The Two Dales Action for Refugees Winter Appeal 2020

All the events that had been planned for this year, like most other things, have had to be cancelled. Despite this we had still hoped to organise a Winter Appeal but the practicalities of this have meant that this too has had to be cancelled. Despite this setback we have been in touch with MAP (Methodist Asylum Project) who are based in Middlesbrough. Ailsa Adamson, the project manager, has outlined the pressing need for the following:

- men's and women's underwear
- men's and women's socks
- the resources to purchase mobile phone top ups to enable service users to be contacted and to stay in touch
- basic toiletries e.g. toothbrushes, toothpaste, shower gel, sanitary products
- basic store cupboard items e.g. rice, pasta, oil etc

If anyone feels they would like to support the work of MAP at this time and over the winter, donations of money can be sent directly their bank account. The details are:

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On average we respond to between 50 to 60 calls each year.

**4 Incidents this edition**

The teams focus during the Covid-19 outbreak has been to maintain an operational Mountain & Cave Rescue Service, we've held meetings on-line & limited equipment checks to reduced members of the team. Fortunately we are well stocked with the essential PPE to protect the team when deployed.

**08/09/2020: Incident 30:** While re stocking the vehicles from the 3 day search we were called by the Ambulance Service to rescue an injured walker in the Arkengarthdale area, as we arrived the walker had made it to the ambulance for treatment.

**6,7 & 8 /09/2020: Incident 27, 28, 29:** A 3 day search of the vast area between Tan Hill & Gunnerside looking for a missing walker. 100 rescue team members, search dogs & Police from 6 teams covered 100's of miles of moorland. The missing walker was located safe & well after 3 days of searching having survived 3 nights out. A special thanks to Gunnerside Estate for the use of their off road vehicles & to Tan Hill for keeping us fed & watered.

The map opposite shows the vast

search area covered during the 3 day search. The coloured lines are the GPS tracks of team members' radios, the shaded areas are the search areas.

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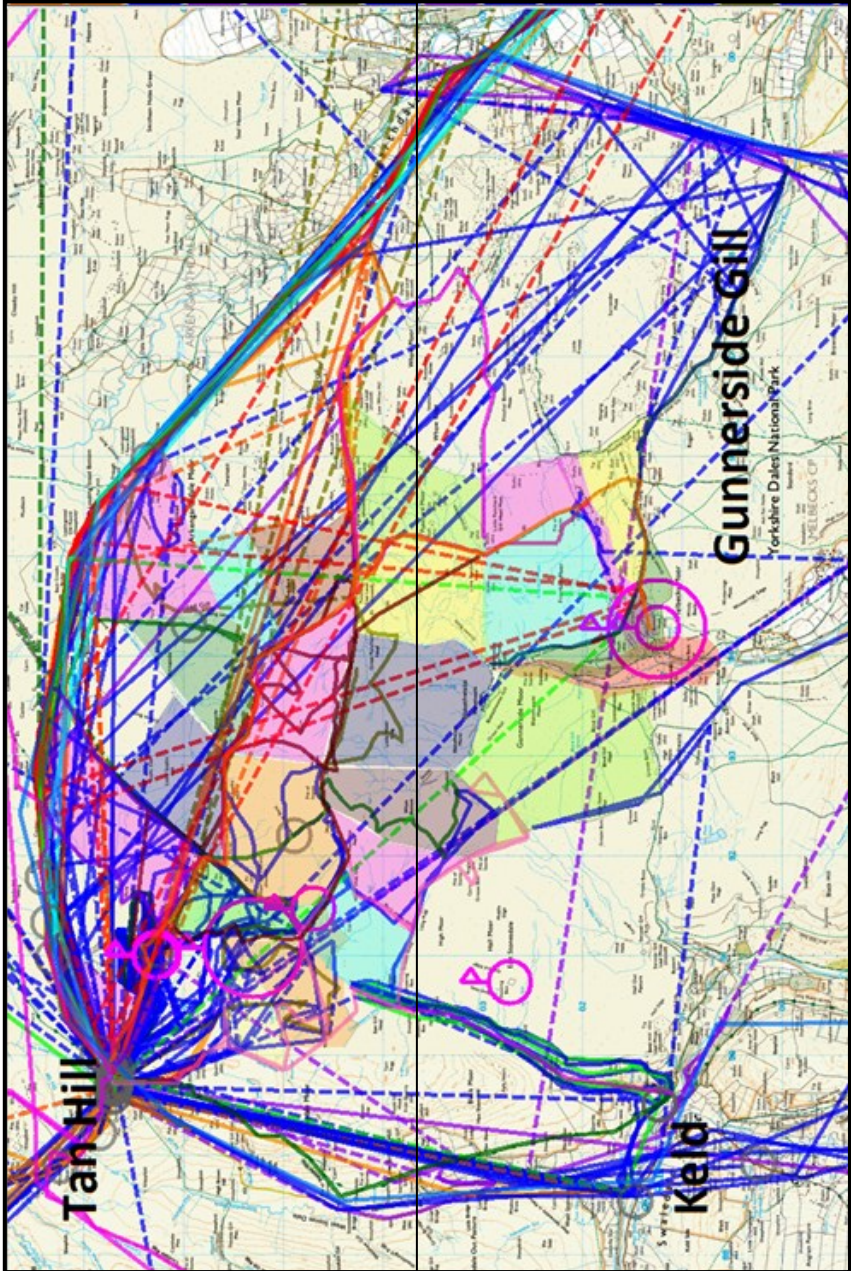
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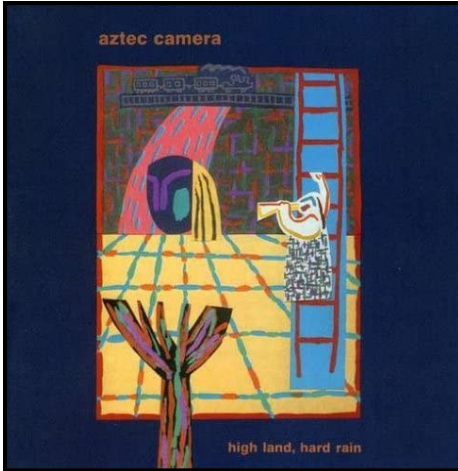
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## Success

Congratulations to Alana and Taryn Hodgson who have achieved top grades in their recent A-levels and GCSEs.



Alana, former headgirl at Richmond School and Sixth Form College, attained A\*s in Biology, Chemistry, Further Maths and Maths and will read Medicine at Sheffield University. Taryn achieved a full complement of ten top Grade 9s in her GCSEs and is now studying A-levels in Biology, Chemistry, Biology and Maths at Richmond Sixth Form College



Well done to twins Amy and Ryan Atkinson for whom GCSE results day marked the end of twelve years of being together at school. They have now gone their separate ways.



With some fabulous results, Amy is staying at Richmond Sixth Form College to study A-levels in Biology, Health and Social Care and History. Ryan has already successfully started an apprenticeship in plant machinery, repairing heavy machining equipment, such as excavators and quarry machinery, at Clennal Plant Repairs in Ravensworth, which he secured during lockdown. He will attend Askham Bryan College one week each month.

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**Editor Note** : SWOTS ! Brain boxes. No seriously well done. I was terrible as you can see by my English Language skills.  
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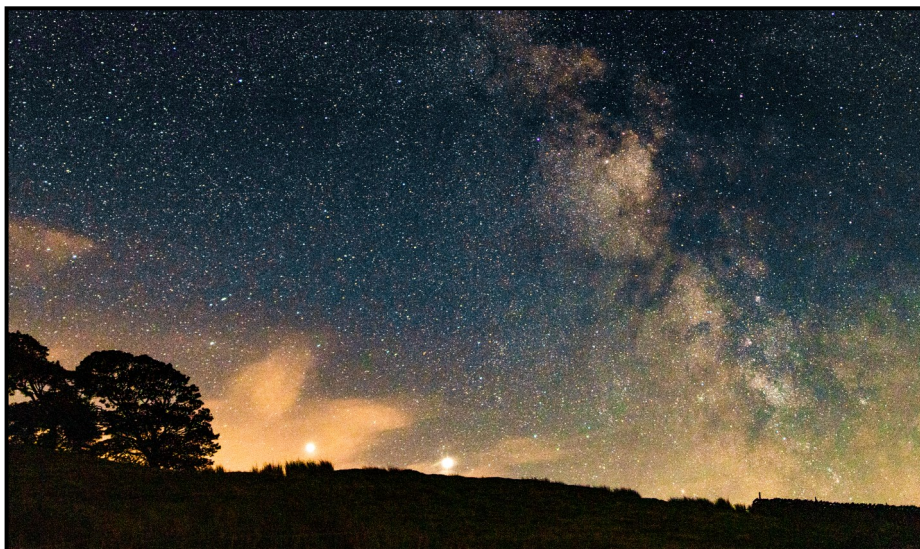
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## Swaledale Night Sky

'What is the bright star that I can see in the evening/morning..?'

This must be the most frequent question I get asked when people find out I've an interest in astronomy. Over the next 3 months these are the visible planets that are often mistaken for 'bright stars'.

**Venus** is easily visible early in the mornings from 5 a.m. onwards through October and November. Very bright to the east. A phase e.g. crescent shape may be



The picture opposite/below shows Saturn, Jupiter and the Milky Way over Whitaside.

visible through binoculars.

**Mercury**, a very elusive faint planet, joins Venus during the second week in November. Positioned down at 7 o'clock from Venus it can be seen from about 6 a.m. onwards.

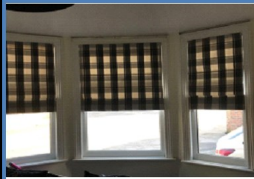
**Mars** is visible through most of the night over the next 3 months. High in the South East, South and South West around 10 p.m. - 11 p.m. Orangy red in colour. A small telescope may show dark markings and polar ice caps.

**Jupiter**, visible through October just after dark, low down to the south. Very bright and setting early in the evening to the south west. A pair of steadily held binoculars may show up to four Galilean moons lined up either side. A dark cloud band can often be seen across the planet.

**Saturn** is also visible low down to the south after dark. Near Jupiter, it is the fainter bright star a little to the east at 10 o'clock position. Saturn is a wonderful sight through a decent telescope. Any questions?

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## Further help for Dales communities devastated by flooding

Two Ridings Community Foundation announced 10<sup>th</sup> September 2020, the launch of financial support for individual households in Swaledale, Wensleydale & Arkengarthdale that were flooded in July 2019 who want to improve their home's resilience to future flooding. To apply visit <https://www.tworidingscf.org.uk/fund/swaledaleandwensleydale/>

Funding would be available for items like flood gates, flood doors, non-return valves on drains, pumps, air brick covers, drainage channels and walls and other barriers. Funding for measures will be subject to financial assessment of household income.

Funding came via the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government who, in summer 2020 announced match funding of the £250,000 raised locally for communities in Swaledale, Arkengarthdale and Wensleydale affected by these flooding incidents.

This was following the presentation of the case for match funding from Two Ridings, Richmondshire District Council, North Yorkshire County Council, York and North Yorkshire LEP and the NFU.

In July 2019 flash flooding caused major devastation across parts of Swaledale, Arkengarthdale and Wensleydale.

In response and thanks to generous donations from across the UK, Two Ridings Community Foundation opened the Swaledale & Wensleydale Recovery Fund to provide assistance to people affected by this flooding. Over £250,000 was raised.

## News from the Bellerby Study Group

Sorry to say that the decision has been made that there will not be any meetings of the Bellerby Study Group this term. However we hope to return in the new year.

Chris

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## Newly discovered mass extinction event triggered the dawn of the dinosaurs

By Michael J. Benton Professor of Vertebrate Palaeontology  
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Extract from excellent article that can be found at: <https://theconversation.com/newly-discovered-mass-extinction-event-triggered-the-dawn-of-the-dinosaurs-146248>

Huge volcanic eruptions 233 million years ago pumped carbon dioxide, methane and water vapour into the atmosphere. This series of violent explosions, on what we now know as the west coast of Canada, led to massive global warming. Our new research has revealed that this was a planet-changing mass extinction event that killed off many of the dominant tetrapods and heralded the dawn of the dinosaurs.

The best known mass extinction happened at the end of the Cretaceous period, 66 million years ago. This is when dinosaurs, pterosaurs, marine reptiles and ammonites all died out. This event was caused primarily by the impact of a giant asteroid that blacked out the light of the sun and caused darkness and freezing, followed by other massive perturbations of the oceans and atmosphere.

**Editor Note:** A fascinating subject and an excellent article.

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### Message from the Museum in Reeth

As I write this message we are not sure whether we will be open in October or not, so keep an eye out for our blue 'A' boards on the Green, give us a ring or e-mail, or check our website for the latest information. We are now busy drawing together a spectacular programme of talks for next season, which we hope will make up for the disappointment of having to cancel all this year's events.

Further to our continuing investigation of fluorite and barytes recovery in the Dale, Alan Peart has been in touch in response to our article on the subject in the Gazette. He and his father Telford Peart worked the old spoil heaps for fluorspar on the top of Arkengarthdale (directly over the top from the Charles Bathurst property and the CB Hotel, off the Langthwaite to Low Row minor road) between 1968 and 1971, during the spring and summer months. They were sending out between 20 and 30 ton of fluorspar a week to the Redcar and Sheffield steel works from Arkengarthdale. Alan says that they 'had a tractor and trailer and Bristol tracked loading shovel working there along with a log washer, dammed water for supplying the washer, settling pool, standing engine and cabin. Until a few years ago the old metal log washer, the remains of the hut and the railway sleepers that held the washer axle along with the dam and settling pool could be clearly seen'. Mr. Peart and Mr. Houston are meeting up in the Museum to exchange memories and add to our knowledge of the subject.

Now for last month's mystery photograph. A few months ago Tracy Little asked the Upper Dales Family History Group about the picture and she was contacted by Bob Ellis the expert in traditional dance tunes of the Yorkshire Dales, whose book '**There Was None of this Lazy Dancing**', was published in April this year. Bob initially wondered if this might have been a mislabelled photograph of Leyburn Quadrille Band who were known to have been active in the area but subsequent research by both Bob and Tracy has uncovered the story of the Reeth Quadrille Band, identified all the players and found the great great grandson of the band leader. The first probable mention of the band to have been found dates to 1858, when some of the members were reported playing at a ball in the Black Bull in West Witton. To find out more, you will have to join the Friends of the Museum, and read our Autumn Newsletter!

We are currently working on a new addition to our People of the Dale panels, this one features the Place family. Have you ever wondered why Place Hill has this name? Now you can find out more. John Place, who produced his wonderful book on his grandfather Reginald Place Headmaster of Reeth School (copies available from the Museum) has drawn all the material together for us. We are just finalising the design with Scenic View Gallery.

Now for this month's photograph. We have in our archive papers relating to  
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Reeth Women's Institute, starting with records of the Monthly Meetings from 1920 and an Account Book covering 1965 to 1973. However we would love to know more about the history of this society.

Does anyone know when the event in the photograph took place, where and why? Do you recognise anyone? Do let us know!

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If you can't access the internet and this information then please phone the anchor hub at Hudson House. Phone 01748 880 021 manned Monday to Friday 10 am to 3 pm (except bank holidays). Messages can be left at any time. Thank you to all who have volunteered and are providing this much needed support throughout the two dales.

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Maddie saw one of The Children's Society's leaflets and got in touch with her local service. Project worker Alison helped Maddie off the streets and gave her specialist counselling for her trauma. With Alison's support, Maddie rediscovered her confidence and hope for the future. She went back to school and is now a social worker who helps children experiencing the same issues she went through. Thanks to supporters like you, The Children's Society was there for Maddie when she needed help.

It is now time for the annual opening of our boxes. We will do this at the Vicarage, Langhorne Drive, Reeth on **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October from 2.00 pm - 4.30 pm** when the money will be counted.

We appreciate that many of you have

not been using cash over the last six months so may not have any money in your box. If you would like to make a donation, you could put it in an envelope with your name on it and leave it at the Vicarage. If it is not possible for you to come with your box or donation that afternoon, please contact Pauline Oldershaw on **01748 886790** for other arrangements to be made. Thank you so much for your support.

Further details of the Society's work may be found on:

[www.childrenssociety.org.uk/](http://www.childrenssociety.org.uk/) .

### Podcast

#### The Bomb

This was advertised as a follow up to



the excellent '13 Seconds to The Moon' BBC podcast. Another well presented podcast. The podcast site is here: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p08llv8n/episodes/downloads>.

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## MUKER PARISH COUNCIL August 2020

**Election of Officers** - Chairman -Cllr Whitehead, Vice Chair - Cllr Calvert, Treasurer - Cllr Calvert

**Matters Arising** - The Village sign is now in place at West Stonesdale.

**Road Hump Ivelet** - Noted that work had been carried out by Highways, however Cllr Metcalfe felt that it fell short of what was required. Cllr Peacock had sent an update to the meeting stating that she was meeting with a Highways Officer to look at a way forward.

Cllr Peacock stated that Highways had still not been able to contact the Land Owner at Crowtrees. Also that the majority of work had been completed regarding the water on the road at Shivery Hill, Stainmoor Road and Level Hill, with the area from Ravenseat to the Boundary being added to a programme of works. The Cats Eyes on the Buttertubs Pass only last a short time. Engineers are looking at an alternative solution.

The Streetlight Poles at Muker had been removed.

**Fire Muker** - The N. Yorkshire Fire Brigade had responded to the concerns raised by the Parish Council and had agreed that during the Winter weather an appliance from both Hawes and Reeth would be dispatched.

**Village Sign Keld** -A quote had been received from Highways, Clerk to respond.

**Finance** - An Order to pay and a cheque had been raised prior to the meeting for the Annual YLCA Subscription. The Financial Risk assessment was reviewed and all were in agreement.

The Risk Assessment was signed by the Chairman and Treasurer.

The Certificate of Exemption, The Annual Governance Statement and the Annual Accounts were read out by the Chairman, all were in agreement and they were all signed.

The Notice of Public Rights and Publication of Annual Governance & Accountability Return were set for Fri 28 Aug- Tue 29 September 2020

**Highways** - A resident had raised the issue of a number of Pot Holes within the Village at Muker, Highways had been informed and it has been added to a programme of works.

A resident had brought to the attention of the Council problems with the road to Rampsholme near Calvert Houses - Highways had inspected the area and have added it to a Programme of Works. Cllr Calvert said there were two areas where the road was bad.

A number of highways issues were raised including Pot Holes on the road from Thwaite Hill to Skeugh Head. Pot Holes on the Scarr Top on the Satron to Askrigg road and a drain had given way in West Stonesdale. Clerk to contact Highways.

Cllr Calvert also raised the issue of the grit bins on Silver Hill. They are in the wrong position and vehicles knock them when turning the corner therefore shunting the grit bins against the wall.

Clerk to contact Highways. Cllr Whitehead raised the issue of resident parking in Keld has become a problem due to the unprecedented volume of visitors to the village. Tourists are visiting the waterfalls and parking has become difficult, in that

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## REETH AND DISTRICT GAZETTE LTD

if a resident leaves for even a short space of time they come back to find that there is nowhere to park anywhere near their home. Clerk to contact Highways.

Cllr Calvert commented that he did not like to criticise Highways staff, however work had been carried out on Birkdale Common approximately four weeks ago. The area had been left in such a mess, with chippings and sods of earth that he had taken two trailers full of rubbish away from the area to tidy it up. Clerk to contact Highways.

**Richmondshire D.C Unitary Governance** - The Chairman read out an e-mail which had been received from the Leader of RDC regarding North Yorkshire County Councils intention to set up a Super Council. The Parish Council were in agreement that such a large Council was not in the Parishes' best interests.

Cllr Calvert stated that decisions were already being taken further away from local people. Cllr Whitehead could not see that there would be any savings made by such an exercise. Cllr Metcalfe said that it was just too large a geographical area, with Scarborough being approx 100 miles away. Cllr Whitehead felt that a better option would be for two Councils one East and one West.

Clerk to write to Cllr Peacock stating that the Parish Council had concerns regarding the proposals particularly as the Parish is on the very extremity of North Yorkshire and therefore feels that the Parish could easily be overlooked and forgotten about.

**NYCC** - The May mobile skip service was cancelled due to COVID 19, the service has now been resumed. Unfor-

tunately there is no intention of it visiting Muker at this time.

### **YDNPA - Planning Application**

1. Usha Gap Bridge - Approved Conditionally.
2. High Frith - Refused.
3. Hope House - Listed Building consent for maintenance to external pointing. Parish Council had no objections
4. Muker Literary Institute - Railing for Disabled Access - Parish Council supported this application.

**YDNPA - Pre-Planning** - EE Stone Barn Gunnerside and Airwave Base Station Hoggarths, two pre planning applications had been received prior to the meeting. The Parish Council had no objections to either

### **YDNPA - Planning**

Happy that Chapel House Muker Window had been repaired and replaced to specification.

**YDNP Annual Report** - 2019-2024 Plan - The report had been circulated prior to the meeting.

**YDNP Consultation** - 2023-2040 - The Plan had been circulated prior to the meeting. A questionnaire regarding community sustainability, carbon futures and farm development was completed.

### **AOB**

Cllr Metcalfe brought to the attention of the meeting the dome structures which have been erected at Tan Hill Pub and questioned whether these would require planning permission. Cllr Metcalfe also questioned the number of motor homes and tents being pitched on what he understood to be common land. Clerk to contact YDNP Planning to see if this is within their jurisdiction.

**Alison**

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Covid-19 has led to an initial significant reduction in participation in football and other activities and we are not immune.

## 2 Dales Football

Football is presently suffering from a shambolic lack of support from the FA. We are obliged to use their computer systems the main one of which cannot cope and they are not fit for purpose. Consequently, fixtures are having to be done manually and there are many other issues.

By the time this is published, the League will have started. We are running teams, mainly jointly with other clubs, at Under 7's, Under 10's, Under 12's and Under 13/14's.

We train on Wednesday evenings and when the dark nights come, we have the advantage of a floodlit MUGA.

We would very much welcome new players to keep dales football alive.

**David Williams** 01748 884650  
davidwilliams@yuillgroup.com

A great deal of work and dedication of volunteers, however, has resulted in an increase in the number of teams by about a third over this time last year.

We have expressed in the strongest terms, our frustration at the lack of support by the FA and this they have not disputed!

The County FA have most of their staff on furlough following funding cuts by the FA but those at work have been doing their very best. Unfortunately, the Directors at North Riding County FA decided in January that all leagues must use the FA discredited WGS system for player registration and this must be backed up by registering a parent in each case. I told them in April that WGS would not be able to cope and, with furlough, their staff would find it difficult to support. The Directors and particularly, the Chairman now accept I was right.

**David Williams - Chairman Hambleton & Richmondshire Junior Football League**  
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As the football report is very short, I thought I would submit a report for the league in which we play. This is the Hambleton & Richmondshire Junior Football League and was the first league in the county to be awarded Charter Standard status and that status has recently been renewed.

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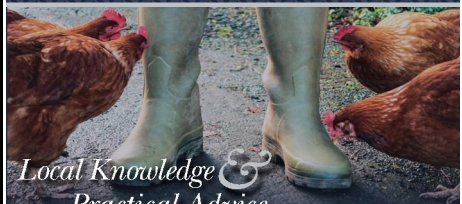
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## Reeth Fireworks & Bonfire

It is with regret that the Fireworks Committee has to announce that it will be unable to hold the Reeth Firework Display & Bonfire on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2020 or the Firework Display on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021. This decision has been made having given careful consideration to health and safety issues surrounding Covid-19.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Malcolm & Wendy Gardner for their sterling work with the Fireworks Committee since its inception at the Millennium. Malcolm has ably chaired the committee throughout this time. Both the November 5<sup>th</sup> and January 1<sup>st</sup> firework displays are now key dates in the Swaledale calendar and attract visitors from far and wide. We give Malcolm & Wendy our warmest best wishes as they leave the Dale in order to move nearer to their family. You will be difficult to replace!

**John Little**

**Editor Note:** The only positive thing to say is cats and dogs will be thrilled.

**Dear Editor,**

It quite surprised me to see the photo of Reeth Green in the August Gazette, of Reeth Green covered in cars and people. Then I read your 'First Thoughts' saying how wonderful it is!

I think most locals prefer to see the grass! One man told me your editorial "distressed" him. Yes, I know

businesses (including mine) want customers but we did enjoy the quiet days of early lockdown.

I suppose the biggest problem remains the car parking. A subterranean multi storey car park under the green might cost too much and demolish our home and yours but maybe Reeth car park, one of them at least, could be used for limited use.

**Editor Note:** I would be surprised if anybody really believes I prefer seeing cars stacked up over our beautiful Reeth Green. Especially regular readers of my 'First Thoughts' and responses.

**Mike B**

## Reeth & Write New Location

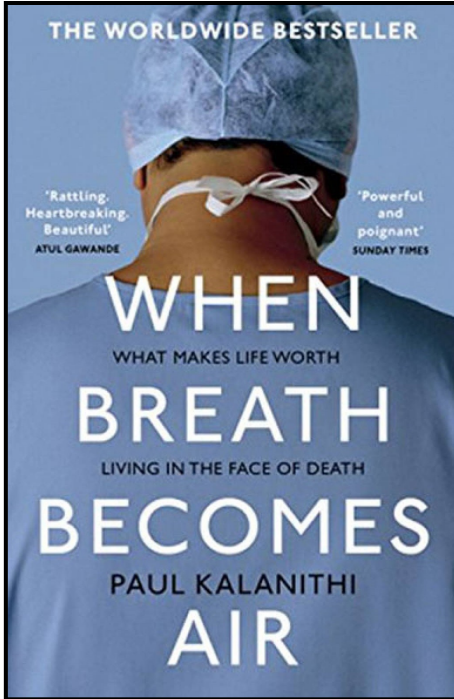
Reeth and Write, Community creative writing group, are relocating to The Barn (to the right of Hudson House, down the driveway).

Keep an eye on the Facebook group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/3262920907128654/> for confirmation on our opening exhibition on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2020. Come and meet us, see what we do and how YOU can help develop this new community group for Reeth, bring your ideas and enthusiasm.

**Editor Note:** My wife Anne recognised a need for a central hub in Reeth to get locals together. The Barn has meeting rooms and internet access. Email any ideas to Anne at [reethandwrite@yahoo.com](mailto:reethandwrite@yahoo.com)

**Mike B**

**Great Read**



My Uncle Ben died of cancer last month and was only diagnosed with Cancer in March. He was one of those 'Iron Man' type guys. Very fit and full of life. He died at 72 and according to his daughter he was still cycling hard in February.

I always find these times difficult because I believe the ones left behind are thinking about themselves more. I was very sorry for my Aunt Linda and their children BUT I started to think what would I do if I was suddenly diagnosed. I realised again that I do not appreciate life enough and wanted to understand what the sort of thoughts were for those unfortunate ones who receive such a diagnosis. I wanted to learn because selfishly I

wanted to appreciate not being in that position. Very selfish thinking but human. So I decided to find a book written on this subject matter. That is when I came across 'When Breath Becomes Air' by Paul Kalanithi who died at the too early age of 37.

This book brought me to tears at the end. That is very rare for me. It was the love for his wife and children that brought me to that state.

Quotes below are from the Random House Audiobooks notes:

*'Paul was on the verge of completing a decade's training as a neurosurgeon when he was diagnosed with inoperable lung cancer. One day he was a doctor treating the dying, the next he was a patient struggling to live.*

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I am not sure I will be wise enough to daily appreciate what I have and how lucky I am. If you want to feel like that I highly recommend this book. Paul was a lovely giving man. Read it for Paul, his family and for any others who may have suffered or are suffering.

**Mike B**







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**Charity Quiz Night  
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Ian and John were planning another Charity Quiz Night on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> November in Reeth Memorial Hall. The decision has been taken to postpone the quiz until a future date. Details will be published in the Gazette.

**Ian and John**

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## Dales Police Report September 2020

**The following incident of note occurred in this area this month -**

**On 6<sup>th</sup> September** an 80 year old male hiker was reported missing in the Gunnerside area. Although he was well equipped, his disappearance caused great concern, and police and Swaledale Mountain Rescue were mobilised in a search. They were to be joined by other rescue groups including one from the RAF. The police helicopter was mobilised and local gamekeepers and farmers joined the search. Two days later the hiker was located near Keld, having fallen and become disorientated on the moors. He was checked over and found to be ok to go home. A huge thank you to all the volunteers who dropped everything to join the search. Thanks also to the Tan Hill pub for their generous provision of food, drink and facilities

### **The North Yorkshire Local Resilience Forum update on Covid-19:**

A united effort is needed across North Yorkshire with everyone pulling together to steer the county away from the escalating number of Covid-19 cases, if we are to avoid the sort of lock downs we are seeing elsewhere. Residents are being warned that the evidence is clear, following weekends the county is seeing big and worrying rises in positive tests. Only by sticking consistently to the simple, straightforward measures of social distancing, good hand hygiene, and wearing face coverings will we avoid further increases in the number of positive tests. The warning comes as the Government announces it's 'rule of

six' which limits outdoor meetings in England to a maximum of six people, observing social distancing guidance. For the sake of our parents, grandparents, the many vulnerable people trying to resume some level of freedom in this new norm, for the sake of our economy and businesses, please stick to the guidance and follow the simple precautions that we know work the best. Most recent cases in the county appear to be among younger people, those under 30. If you have a young person living at home with you, talk to them about the risks, not just to themselves but to others.

The HANDS, FACE, SPACE guidance includes -

-Wash your hands regularly for 20 seconds

-Keep a safe 2 metre distance, meet outside where possible, avoid crowded places, do not meet up with anyone outside your home if you have Covid-19 symptoms

-You must wear a face covering on public transport, in shops and indoor public spaces

-If you have Covid-19 symptoms, book a test immediately and self isolate at home : visit [www.northyorks.gov.uk/testandtrace](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/testandtrace) or call 119

On a more positive note we have heard of some great raptor sightings this month across the Northern Dales, including a sea eagle, a golden eagle, hen harriers and red kites. Welcome home!

**For up to date information go to [Gov.uk/coronavirus](http://Gov.uk/coronavirus)**

**Julian Sutcliffe PC558  
Northern Dales Neighbourhood  
Police Team**



## Sustainable Swaledale

Sustainable Swaledale members have been busy over the last few months.

### Environment and climate change

**Litter pick:** Richmondshire District Council (RDC) asked members to help promote the Keep Britain Tidy's Great British September Clean campaign.

With support from RDC volunteers will hopefully have picked up litter in the two dales on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September.

### The Richmondshire Coalition of Climate and Environment interested parties:

*, including the Sustainable Swaledale Group, have sent a letter to Richmondshire District Council querying progress against their climate emergency commitments. A reply has been received and is being followed up by the groups.*

### Food and recipes. The Incredible

**Edible vegetable beds:** set up at Reeth Surgery have been full of herbs, courgettes and salad leaves through August and September. Many herbs will die back until Spring but do help yourself to those herbs and vegetables such as turnips that are still around.

**Green tomatoes:** are plentiful in October so if you are looking for ideas for using up green tomatoes, then check out our recipes for green tomato chutney or green tomato mincemeat. There also other seasonal recipes on our

website: [www.sustainableswaledale.org/recipes/](http://www.sustainableswaledale.org/recipes/).

### Planning and planting Local plan consultation:

The Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority asked the group for comments as part of the second round of consultation on the Yorkshire Dales National Park Local Plan 2023-2040. This will set out the policies guiding development in the Park. Future consultations will cover where development should go and new housing sites.

**Tree planting:** The group hopes to secure funding from The Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust, Together for Trees and the People's Postcode Lottery for planting a small copse of native broadleaf woodland within Swaledale with the aim of supporting local wildlife. If we are successful, we will plan a tree planting task early next year.

### Find out more:

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

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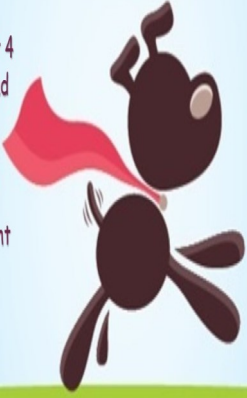
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## **Reeth, Fremington & Healaugh Parish Council August 24**

### **Playground**

With the lifting of Covid-19 restrictions two play equipment companies had been able to meet councillors at the playground - their quotes and advice were discussed. As the urgent issues from the last RDC inspection had been dealt with, they would be asked to re-inspect the equipment as soon as possible so that the playground could be reopened.

The playground had been set up in the 1990s by a group of parents who organised local fund raising to pay for it. Later the parish council had been asked to take over its maintenance which was now becoming more expensive as the equipment aged. Ideas were discussed about encouraging the families who presently use it to get involved in fundraising to support it.

### **Flood works**

Coun Terry had inspected the beck since the last meeting and reported that there was nothing obvious in need of attention at the moment. Further funding was available from the Two Ridings Community Foundation if required - the clerk would get details of any conditions attached to this.

### **Village green and parish land**

A quote was still awaited for repainting the white line on High Row.

The situation regarding the dumping of grass cuttings and ragwort onto the banks of the beck would continue to be monitored. As the green bin season ends in November, the provision of one for parish land grass clip-

pings would be postponed until next year.

The clerk would contact various businesses and residents regarding cones placed on High Row, tables incorrectly placed on the cobbles, notice boards being left out overnight and a skip which was blocking a footpath.

A blue metal tractor weight had been deposited several weeks ago on by the cattle grid on the Arkengarthdale road. This was considered to be fly tipping. The clerk will write to the person whose tractor had been seen carrying it, asking them to remove it as soon as possible.

A request to pitch a burger van on the cobbles on Saturdays was considered and turned down as it was felt this would take trade away from local businesses who are trying to recover from the lockdown period.

A letter would be sent to the Sustainable Swaledale group clarifying the specific small patches of green which would remain uncut until flowers have seeded and to reiterate that spraying of verges is not carried out by the Parish Council's contractors.

### **Memorial benches**

A lady wishing to place a bench in memory of her mother would be invited to meet councillors to discuss a suitable position. A resident had offered to replace the bench at Fremington damaged in last year's floods.

### **Remembrance Day**

Due to Covid-19 restrictions this year's parade and service at St Andrew's will be cancelled and the remembrance service will be held on the green instead.



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### Highway matters

Due to Covid precautions, Highways have declined to attend a site meeting and have requested that the pothole and drainage issues should be reported to them via email or their online portal. The clerk will report a faulty catch on the gate beside the Arkengarthdale road cattle grid.

The Upper Dales Mobile Skip Service will be available on Reeth green from 9am to 1pm on Saturday, October 24, for refuse including large bulky items, electrical goods such as refrigerators and freezers, and recycling materials including plastic and cardboard.

Tracy

Coun Peacock reported that she was liaising with Highways regarding the lane that runs from the Post Office down to the Laurels becoming unsafe as it is frequently being used as a short cut by delivery vehicles. She will report any developments at the next meeting. She also reported that work would be starting soon on two of the bridges destroyed by the flood last July. The Grinton to Leyburn road is expected to be closed for 16 weeks, whilst the work on the B6270 near Cogden Hall will only require night-time closures. Coun Frankland questioned when Highways would do something about the dangerous state of the road between Grinton and Richmond. Coun Peacock would look into this.

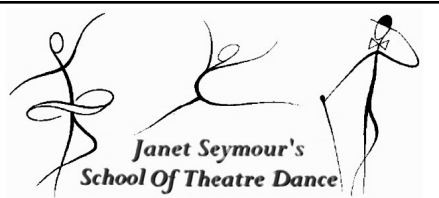
### District Report

Coun Good reported that the main issue currently concerning RDC was the proposed re-organisation of local government and the requirement for the county and district councils to produce a plan replacing two levels of local government with a single level.

### Telephone boxes

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- Nothing to kill or die for and no religion, too - **Imagine, John Lennon**
- Letters I've written never meaning to send - **Nights In White Satin, The Moody Blues**
- It's a little bit funny, this feelin' inside - **Your Song, Elton John**
- I really love your peaches wanna shake your tree - **The Joker, Steve Miller Band**

And the winner is: **Margaret Porter** who, since being disqualified, has upped her game and diligently searched through back copies of The Gazette to find that the first single I bought was Fire Brigade by The Move. She is definitely on a roll - see if you can stop her.

This month the lyrics come from songs recorded by some of the finest female singers ever. Title and artist for the following:

- There's no love song finer, but how strange the change from major to minor
- I got my arms, got my hands got my fingers, got my legs
- What you want, baby, I got it. What

you need, do you know I got it?

- Our lips shouldn't touch . . . I like it too much
- When they gathered 'round and started talkin' that's when Billy would take me walkin'

For the tiebreaker, put these singers in chronological order of their birth.

The usual rules apply with no internet use allowed - unless it is to listen to my show from 10.00am - 1.00pm every Tuesday on Bishop FM. (It won't help but you can have a go at guessing the year in the 'Mystery Hour') £5.00 will be donated to a charity of the winner's choosing. Answers can be left at the Post Office or sent via e-mail to:

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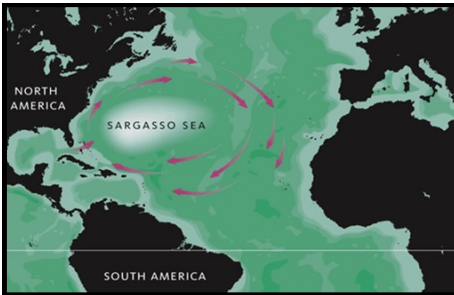
## Ask the Family

Answer the trivia questions without referring to the internet or books.  
Answers page 59

Q	Category	Question
1	History	Who invented the modern car tyre ?
2	Geography	Which is bigger the state of Florida or England?
3	General	What is a figure with eight equal sides called ?
4	Science	What is poliosis ?
5	Literature	What author wrote 'The Day of the Triffids' ?
6	General	What does DNR order at a hospital stand for?
7	Geography	In what European country is the Po River ?
8	Sport	What game awards the Stanley Cup?
9	Literature	What classic novel's subtitle is ' There and Back Again' ?
10	Arts	What mythological character did Zeus punish by having him hold up the heavens on his shoulder ?
11	Arts	From what language did English borrow the word 'ombudsman'?
12	Geography	Most of Transylvania is now part of what modern-day country?
13	Science	During which time period did the Stegosaurus walk the earth?
14	Geography	What object marks the ceremonial location of the South Pole?
15	Sport	What country won the Men's World Cup in 2010 ?
16	History	Of which country did F.W de Klerk become president in 1989?
17	History	What was 'Ironclad'?
18	Geography	What is the capital of Norway?
19	Music	What song by Don McLean talks about the day Buddy Holly died ?
20	Literature	How many years was Robinson Crusoe shipwrecked on his island before being rescued ? Was it (1) 15 (2) 35 or (3) 28 years ?

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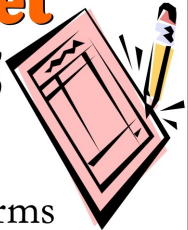


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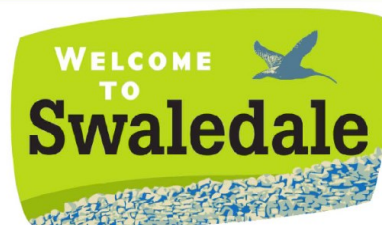
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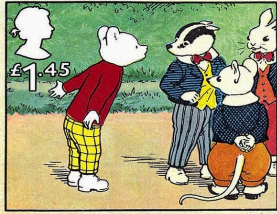
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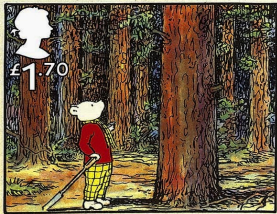
"There's something puzzling all of you," Says Rupert. "So please tell me too."



Then Algy looks a trifle glum, "I'm going home," he tells his chum.



The bath is rocked from side to side, And Pompey quite enjoys his ride.



Though Rupert searches all around, There's not one spruce tree to be found.



Then with a terrifying roar, The water bursts in through the door.



"My cuckoo's back again - hooray! He didn't really go away!"

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