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First Thoughts Lights

This year I cannot wait until I see Christmas Lights everywhere.. Normally I am not impatient and just accept Christmas as it arrives. My rigid boring discipline and patience means I do not play Christmas Music or eat Mince Pies until the 1st of December. But this year 'WE NEED LIGHTS': 2020 events make me yearn for Christmas. That means I am in for a disappointment. The years have taught me the more you look forward to the 25th December, the more that you can expect it to be one big Brussel Sprout of a day.

I want to see lights when I get up early at 5am to take my Sam to his bus stop in Northallerton. I want to see Reeth lit up. I want Classic FM to play Christmas Music more and more each day.

What I do not want is gluttony and calm-your-full-stomachs-with-pills

advert. Come to think of it I do not want everybody filling their shopping baskets with every bit of food just in case they need it or that Mrs Brown not-at-all-funny-Christmas-Special or repeats of Fools & Horses Christmas Day specials.

Christmas you see can turn into a lot of 'wants' and that pressure of us all hoping we have a perfect break. We hope the Christmas Tree we get is a good shape, we hope that presents we give will be well received. I also feel selfish that I should be out there helping the homeless. I do think of them on cold nights so why don't I do anything ? If there is something I want for Christmas it is **simplicity**. I could say I wish peace and happiness to all but when I think of it, all I wish, is for everyone to consider that 'Less is more'

Mike B Editor



Every Year Brill Book Raymond Briggs
Father Christmas

Cover Picture.

'Christmas Town' is the title of this beautiful 1000 piece jigsaw puzzle published by Falcon de luxe. Painted by the artist Daniela Pirola. The Merry Christmas lettering and more Christmas clipart in this Gazette were downloaded from free clipart site at <https://www.clipart.email/>



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Happy Christmas



Ken Guy of Muker wishes all his friends and neighbours a Happy Christmas and Best Wishes for the New Year

Christmas story: the year my mum helped Father Christmas: Spoiler alert

I must have been four or five and woke up on Christmas morning to find that Father Christmas had left me a lovely little sewing basket. It was beautifully covered by great coincidence with some fabric which was identical to a dress which my mother had made for me that summer.

I remember asking how this could be and my mum with great promptness responded that Father Christmas had asked her to supply him with some material that I particularly liked. I wasn't entirely convinced by the explanation and it was the first time that I entertained doubts about the existence of a certain gentleman.

I still use the sewing basket some 50 years later and seeing it, remember that Christmas Day.

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Best TV



The Queen's Gambit is a fictional story that follows the life of an orphan chess prodigy, Beth Harmon (Anya Taylor-Joy), during her quest to become the world's greatest chess player while struggling with emotional issues and drug and alcohol dependency. The story begins in the mid-1950s and proceeds into the 1960s.

This is directed by the talented writer Scott Frank. He also wrote the screenplay: *Get Shorty*, *Out of Sight*, *Minority Report*, *The Interpreter*, *Marley & Me*, *The Wolverine*, *A Walk Among the Tombstones* (which he also directed) and *Logan*. So this TV series is in the hands of a very skilled chap. The photography is excellent and Anya Taylor-Joy's gracefulness shines through. Netflix and highly recommended.

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Dear Editor,

I notice a letter in the Gazette which refers to the Hird family from Arkengarthdale. I wonder if the writer is aware of a book compiled by Cathy Lawday about the Hird family. Cathy herself is a descendent of the Hirds.

cathy@lawdaymacandrew.co.uk

Jocelyn Campbell.



Right now in Britain there are children and young people who feel scared, unloved and unable to cope. The Children's Society works with these young people and fights for hope by deeply understanding the needs of young people and by supporting them through their most serious life challenges. The Society works with young people who have suffered years of abuse, who have run away from home or are struggling with mental health issues. They look out for young carers and those who are at risk of being groomed by gangs. They help refugees who have no one else to turn to in this country.

Very many thanks to the 25 box holders and donors in Swaledale and Arkengarthdale who have contributed **£555** for the Children's Society. Thank you all for your generosity. Last year over 100,000 Box Holders in Britain raised £1.4 million, which has helped the project workers be there to give vulnerable children the one-to-one support they so urgently need.

Molly's Story

'Juggling caring and school was stress-

ful - you had to make sure you got everything done at home before you could do homework. From the age of 10 I've been looking after my mum, my nan, my dad and my stepdad. My nan is registered blind, my dad had a head injury and lost his memory and then my stepdad had an aortic valve replacement four years ago that went wrong. It was stressful and hard work, but it became something I had to live with'. Since joining the Young Carer programme, Molly has become more focussed on her dreams. She regularly speaks out for Young carers' rights.

More information about The Children's Society's work is available on website www.childrenssociety.org.uk. And Christmas cards can be ordered on line at www.charitycardshop.com/thechildrenssociety/category/1 or ring **0300 3030 555**

If you would like to become a box holder, please contact Pauline Oldershaw on **01748 886790**.

Dear Editor,

I took this photo in winter 2018 and I wondered if it might come in handy for the next wintry edition Gazette. The view is from Skelgate Lane.



Thanks. Adele.



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Christmas Greetings from Christians Together in Swaledale You can 'Bring Light into the Darkness'.

How wonderful it would be if each household in Swaledale and Arkengarthdale decorated a Christmas window celebrating the Nativity, to 'Bring Light into the Darkness' as we remember the star that was over the manger at Bethlehem.

We hope that all our churches will have some lights outside their buildings. The railings at St Andrews, Grinton will be decorated with bright stars. There will also be some waterproof tags tied to the railings at St Andrews and at Gunnerside Methodist Church, on which you can write a Christmas message.

We send our very best wishes to you all for a happy and peaceful Christmas.

Pauline

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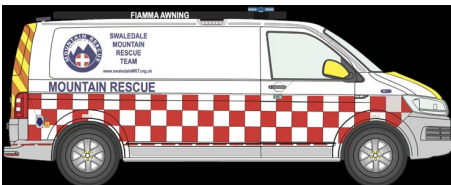
Mountain & Cave Rescue Team

Incidents - Oct 9th to Nov 9th
On average we respond to between 50 to 60 calls each year. 8 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.

31/10/2020: Incident 39: Called by the Ambulance service to rescue an injured horse rider in the Forrcett area. Treated on scene by team medics and ambulance service, then evacuated to the ambulance by the team.

Incident vehicle fundraising update. At the time of writing (Nov 9th) we've raised £9750 & still a long way to go but a massive thanks to everyone who has donated. This is what we are fundraising for.



Thanks to all our team members, supporters & YOU for the ongoing support.

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Talking Pictures

Just when you may have thought that every last story/film/animation had been wrung from Dickens 'Christmas Carol', check out 'The Man who invented Christmas', wherein we supposedly discover just how the classic tale came to be written. It is of course complete tosh, but nevertheless, most enjoyable tosh! Whilst obvious budgetary restrictions only allow us a glimpse of Victorian London from time to time, this small scale film coaxes us in to the world of the young Dickens, who, two years after his success with 'Oliver Twist' is now experiencing relatively 'hard times' (for him) -with two 'flops' and writer's block to boot. His main problem lies in what to do with 'Scrooge' in his new book. Initially (as outlandish as this may seem to us now) Tiny Tim was to die, and only when his maidservant Tara (winsomely played by Anna Murphy) suggests he should live does Charles begin to see an improved conclusion. The film's really clever trick is to have the book's characters come to life and interact with the author, notably Scrooge himself, played by veteran Christopher Plummer. Dan Stevens (Downton Abbey) acquits himself very ably in the title role and his, at times, rather modern mannerisms do no harm at all in conveying the story (particularly to younger viewers). With his character entourage 'in tow', Charles eventually relives a very dark period in his childhood when financial problems forced him to be put to work in a grim blacking factory, and eventually all pieces of the puzzle fit perfectly to produce the masterpiece we are familiar with today. A well-known and reliable cast of British thespians fill out the cast (Jonathan Pryce, Bill Paterson, Miriam Margolyes) and a nice role for comedian Miles Jupp as Charles' literary nemesis Thakeray. No Dickens-based production could surely survive without a role for Simon Callow, and sure enough he has a lovely cameo here as John Leech, the original illustrator for the book. Hardly a timeless classic, but sure to be seen regularly for many Christmases to come!

John Hunter



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Vintage TV Related Vehicles

Dear Editor, this is an article that I wrote to a journalist who had written articles in relation to this subject matter. I thought that Gazette readers of a certain age (Editor Note: that includes me, 1964 born) may enjoy this and it will bring back memories. This is the article in full, edit as you wish (Editor note: John, this is your full article):

Dear Charles, I have enjoyed reading your articles in both the D&S and Echo - pleased that the photo of the models proved useful (interesting to note that 'both' Straker models pictured had the same wear and tear!)

Further to my last email, I thought you may be interested in some other 'vintage' TV related vehicles. Obviously the whole 'man-cave old toy car' scenario may have touched a nerve!

Linked to the attached pictures, I was interested when checking to note that many of the 'TV related' toys were actually produced by Corgi - not Dinky - an example being the '**Daktari**' Land Rover. Corgi had produced several previous Land Rover models in various liveries (and would continue to do so), but due to the popularity of the African-set TV show, released this acidic green and black 'camouflaged' version complete with a tiger on the bonnet and tiny figures of the show's stars - including featured animals Judy the chimp and 'Clarence the cross eyed lion' - complete with miniature spectacles if you look closely. As was often the case, this model was re-released in later 'gift

sets' with added animals and maybe another associated vehicle such as a horse box.

Also by Corgi is the **Oldsmobile Super 88 'Thrushbuster'** from '**The man from Uncle**' TV series. Not to be outdone by the gimmicks (..sorry, 'working features') promoted by rivals 'Dinky', this vehicle features the novel device of the (rather unrealistic) rear periscope on the roof which when depressed sends both Solo and Kuryakin popping out of their window with a 'gunshot' like click. The windscreen also has three bullet holes! (Ask any serious collector if he has the little plastic ring issued with the toy). Returning to Dinky, and further Gerry Anderson puppet shows (or 'Supermarionation' as



Captain Scarlett

he preferred). There were a plethora of exciting vehicles (see photo above) in '**Captain Scarlett**' (his follow up to 'Thunderbirds' - and intriguingly linked with craft and characters by the first Thunderbirds feature film - check out 'Zero X') - the three land based 'cars' were the **MSV** (maximum security vehicle) - aluminium in the show, but white by Dinky, with gull wing doors containing a little crate of 'isotopes'. The sleek red '**SPC**' (Spectrum saloon car) had Dinky's 'keyless clockwork motor'

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- i.e. press down on the model and it grows into action. The tank like **SPV** (Spectrum pursuit vehicle) fired rockets from the front and the side door opened to reveal our hero facing backwards - Yes, in the futuristic 1960s, armoured vehicles were driven by camera and screen, with the driver facing to the rear! Credit to Dinky for producing such accurate replicas. All vehicles were designed by special effects supremo Derek Meddings. Fans had to wait until the 1990s and the TV re-release of 'Captain Scarlett' before the 'Angel Interceptor' fighter plane was released in die-cast (along with smaller versions of the cars) by Matchbox. 'Airfix' did however release a 1:72 plastic construction kit of the 'Angel' back in the mid-60s. 'Spectrum' for the uninitiated was the 'colour-coded' organisation tasked to fight the dreaded 'Mysterons' from Mars. (Anderson's later 'Terrahawks' was largely a warmed over update)

his adoptive father and his security organisation, it all seems a bit dubious in these 'health and safety' days - but the show spawned the amazing 'Mac's jet car' (later just called 'Joe's car' - of course *he* couldn't drive - he was ten!). One of Derek Meddings' more outlandish designs, the car looked fantastic on screen, and Dinky's model is a cracker (it even had batteries to make the engine glow red). A secondary model featuring 'Sam's car' looked very much like the 'UFO' car featured recently - but with a small 'spoiler' at the rear.

The '**Secret Service**' was a short lived, hardly seen mixture of puppets and live action with a humorous spy storyline. Several vehicles from past 'puppet' series were 're-used' in some episodes (even the Captain Scarlet puppet shows up wearing specs!) - but our hero 'Father Unwin' (a sort of futuristic Father Brown character) travels about in a yellow Model T Ford called 'Gabriel'. Dinky released a model of this - expecting big sales, but as the show wasn't fully networked, it was a poor seller. It was of course the same moulding as several previous Dinky 'T's. The full sized car I think went on to be driven...

(see over the page)



Joe 90

Joe 90 was Gerry Anderson's last successful 'puppet' show, featuring a 'Harry Potter' type ten year old boy whose brain patterns could be infused with those of a pilot, surgeon, spy etc and then sent into action 'undetected' as it were. As this was all instigated by



UFO

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by Jon Pertwee's 'Doctor Who' - but that's for someone else to research!

'Space 1999' followed UFO - it was intended originally as UFO season two - featuring as it did another 'Moonbase' scenario, but mogul Lew Grade (as ever) preferred a brand new format - one that might compete with 'Star trek' re-runs. Live action, the models were (for the first time) shot stationary with the camera making 'passes' (as with Star trek) - and only rarely operated on wires as they had in the past. Brian Johnstone headed the effects unit, and as befits this veteran of '2001', the show has a slightly more 'gritty' and futuristic feel - albeit with some outlandish and poorly written drama at times.

The star vehicle was of course the 'Eagle transporter' - beautifully and accurately modelled by Dinky in two versions - one carrying a 'container' and the other, three 'drums'. A variety of colour schemes were used over its long production period (although never 'all white' as in the show) - metallic greens, blues, reds appeared, though the plastic 'girder' section was always white. Hope the above is of interest!

**All the best
John.**

Editor Note: As we discussed John , do not expect readers writing in to ask for more from you. I know that there will be a large mass who enjoyed this article. If any readers have special rare vintage toys, connections or stories with these TV shows, then please write to me.

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STEF OTTEVANGER SCULPTURES MAKES A MOVE

After being located in Reeth for almost 35 years, Stef Ottevanger (formerly known to Reeth residents as Stef's Models) has relocated her studio / workshop to her home in Barningham near Barnard Castle. Over the years, the nature of the business of Stef Ottevanger Sculptures has changed in line with market developments. Sales are now almost exclusively made through partner galleries and, to a lesser degree, on line. Social media is playing an expanding part in the popularity of her work via Facebook, Instagram and Pinterest.



Stef says "It has been wonderful to live and work in Swaledale where many friendships were made and much

inspiration was to be had from the surrounding countryside.

"Far from retiring, I'm continuing to develop my work and extend further into the media of ceramics and painting". However, connections continue to be maintained with Swaledale though her outlets at The Old School Gallery in Muker and also Showcase Gallery in Richmond. Heartfelt thanks go to the people of Swaledale for their support, encouragement and involvement over the years.

It was in the first ever issue of the *Reeth Gazette*, 25 years ago, that the front page story was of the move of the business into new premises on Silver Street. In those days, the products were gypsum cast and hand-painted animal figures produced by a skilled and valued team. The output was sold through gift and craft shops throughout the UK and abroad - a market which has all but disappeared. Stef's work is now in bronzed resin limited edition castings and individually hand-built ceramic animal sculptures and is sold through specialist galleries. How time, circumstances and fashion change things!

Images of examples of Stef's bronze work on the left.

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Best New Album

Letter To You

Bruce's new studio album with the E Street Band. A rock album fuelled by the band's heart-stopping, house-rocking signature sound, the 12 track *Letter To You* is Bruce's 20th studio album, and was recorded at his home studio in New Jersey. *Letter to You* includes nine recently written Springsteen songs, as well as new recordings of three of his legendary, but previously unreleased, compositions from the 1970s. Produced by Ron Aniello with Bruce Springsteen, *Letter To You* is Bruce's first time performing with the E Street Band since The River 2016 tour.

It's been a long time that I have enjoyed an entire Bruce Album. I'm so pleased he is back to the sound I used to enjoy when I was driving around USA on one of my many holidays there. There are not many, if any artists who can deliver an album that would not have been out of place in their hay day. If you like any of Bruce's early albums and miss that sound, then buy this. It's on my Christmas list. P.S. Martin C of the Post Office did not ask me to write this by the way.

Mike B

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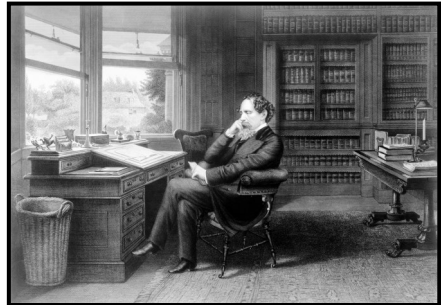
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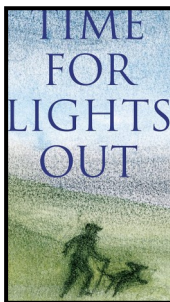
In Ethiopia, and around the world, people living in poverty are on the frontline of another kind of crisis - the climate crisis. Another crisis that we must tackle in solidarity with our global neighbours.

In previous years we have had a 'Come and Sing' Carol Service at St Andrew's, Grinton at the beginning of December in support of Christian Aid where we have worn our Christmas Jumpers. As this will not be possible this year, please would you still consider making a donation to Christian Aid? www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/key-appeals/christmas-appeal .

If you take a photo of yourself in your Christmas jumper, we will put them on the Parish website instead! swaledalearkengarthdaleparish.org.uk/
Please email your photo to: susan.allison@btinternet.com by 11th December.

Thank you so much for your support from all of the Upper Swaledale & Arkengarthdale Christian Aid committee [in what has been a very difficult year for us to deliver our usual charitable events].

Pauline Secretary



Best Book

Time For Lights Out Raymond Briggs

I have recommended this a year ago but I am digesting it again. Perfect gift for older men. I am sure Raymond Briggs would say 'why the bloomin' eck are you

recommending my book again ? You must be a sad nutter' ? That's his sort of wit and I love it. I am proud to have received two post cards hand written by him from years back. The book has taken him a few years as he has written down his thoughts as he aged (the title says it all) and it includes pencil drawings. Artists of all ages would love to see how he has used pencil leaving his corrections in. Share the genius with others and buy it for Christmas.

Mike B

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Ask the Family

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Answers page 29



Q	Category	Question
1	History	What was the primary source of food for the Comanche Indians ?
2	Geography	In what country is Lake Baikal located ?
3	General	How many engines are there on a B-52 Bomber
4	Sport	The French Tennis Open is played at which Venue ?
5	Literature	Who was the creator of Inspector Morse ?
6	Sport	How many points do you score for a bullseye in archery ?
7	Geography	What city is the capital of Australia ?
8	General	What is the Bicycle brand famous for making ?
9	Literature	How many reindeer does Santa have ?
10	General	What British actor founded the London Centre for Stammering Children ?
11	History	What was the original name of the Statue of Liberty ?
12	Geography	In which U.S. city was French mustard first produced ?
13	Biology	The Pinna is the outer visible part of what ?
14	Geography	Which Belgium city is one of the world's main centres for diamond dealing ?
15	Sport	Which country hosted the 1948 Summer Olympic Games ?
16	History	What did cowboys refer to as 'tonsil paint' ?
17	General	Melissophobia is the fear of what ?
18	General	What are the two highest valued letters in Scrabble ?
19	History	What year saw the release of the first Hot Wheels toy car - 1970 or 1965 or 1968 ?
20	General	In which card game might you be dealt a 'Yadborough' hand ?

SWALEDALE FESTIVAL ADAPTS FOR UNCERTAIN TIMES

Swaledale Festival has received a grant from the Government's 'Culture Recovery Fund' administered by Arts Council England, to enable it to move forward through the uncertain year ahead.

Artistic Director Malcolm Creese says: 'It has been a difficult year for Swaledale Festival, as it has for the whole world. Having to cancel the 2020 Festival was hugely disappointing, but thanks to the generosity of our ticket buyers, Festival Friends and Angels, and the recent news that we have received this grant from the 'Culture Recovery Fund', we are now in a relatively secure financial position to move forward. We're also able to keep our excellent team of part-time professionals together and working'.

The Festival is always planned well in advance and a full programme for 2021 was completed months ago. However, given the current Coronavirus restrictions and the uncertainty of what the country will be faced with next May, next year's Festival will now have to be rather different.

Instead of grouping a large number of events into a two-week period in May/June, the Festival plans to offer a series of individual events throughout the year. 'We feel this is our best chance of providing high quality music, arts and guided walks in the region, whilst helping to minimise the risks and lessen the burden on local people and infrastructure. The safety and well-being of ticket-buyers, volunteers,

staff, performers and local people will, of course, be paramount', Creese says.

The Festival is also planning a comprehensive programme of projects and performances for local schools and care homes, providing music, arts and entertainment to some of those who are in particular need of cultural activities.



Details of Festival activities in 2021 will appear on their website www.swalefest.org soon.

Chairman Dr. Susan Miller says: 'Looking (optimistically) a little further forward, we are already working on a fantastic programme for May/June 2022 when we will celebrate Swaledale Festival's 50th anniversary. We thank you for your continued support'.

Emily Rowe Rawlence
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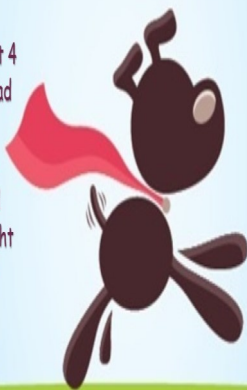


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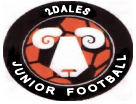


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2 Dales Football



Last month I said this will go down as the most disrupted season ever. Since then we have been hit with a second lockdown which has closed junior football and very severe flooding at the pavilion which has reached right inside to the changing rooms. Our U13/14's joint team with Catterick Village have been in action and I have 2 reports set out below. We left our older players in bed on the 25th Oct and were joined by some U12's from the village to play Thirsk U13's. Thank you to all who made it for training and then the U13 match, we just about beat the weather. Well done to the U13's who set a great example to the U12's who played with them, nice to see you all being the leaders for a change. Not sure what the final score was (12-0 actually), but there were some great goals from Gabe, Aidan and nearly Eidur! Also many assists for the U12's by our U13's. Kayden was fantastic in defence again showing signs he is settling in with us. Harry just about managed not to hospitalise the Thirsk team George did as asked and hassled Thirsk into giving the ball away which helped bring Gabe and Romario into the game and both made fantastic runs and crosses for others. Ryan (U13 goalie) didn't have much to do so we gave him a run out in the 2nd half and no one got hurt. Nice to also have Alfie and Will over, Alfie did fantastic in defence and Will was a great understudy for Ryan in goal keeping a clean sheet. Well done all.

Match report. Ripon City 2 CVJFC 5. It was a bit of sloppy 1st half as we wres-

tled with the wind and Ripon's man mountain striker (we missed you Ben B!!) but through Ollie's hard work (he was fantastic) aided by Shaun (missed a sitter!) and Jack H we somehow got ahead but at half time it was just 2-2 and looking like being a scrappy day. In the 2nd half we greatly improved as we settled down at the back thanks to Harry deciding to give the man mountain as good as he got and Eidur talking him to death. We started to move the ball through midfield instead of lumping it. Everyone upped their game. Aidan added to his assist tally, Ollie put in two cracking goals, Jack D tackled (yes tackled and showed his best in the 2nd half!) and linked up well with Fin (valuable fitness minutes with injury!) and Farley. Jack H and Romario both found good space, but unfortunately no one wanted the many tap ins that went begging (Shaun!) from their crosses. Farley scored direct from a corner for the 5th game in a row against Ripon which is a stat the Ripon defence seem happy to tell him everytime we play them, let's hope they never stop! Kayden got some valuable minutes in and never put a foot wrong (he was sensible enough to keep out of the man mountain's way) and Aiden covered very well at left back which with no left foot is quite an achievement. All in all a good result. This is a joint team and Eidur Pickard-Sparne, Will Tylra, Alfie Alderson, Oliver (Ollie) Scott and Jack Dalton are all 2Dales members. The U7's joint team with Spennithorne have had and won matches but I don't have reports but I know in one that Tom Wilkinson scored the winning goal.

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Answers to 'Ask the Family' Quiz on page 23

1. Buffalo
2. Russia
3. Eight
4. Roland Garros
5. Colin Dexter
6. Ten
7. Canberra
8. Playing cards
9. Nine, if you include old Rudy
10. Michael Palin
11. Liberty Enlightening the World
12. New York
13. The ear
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20. Bridge



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A weekly newsletter, including an order of service to use at home on Sunday, can be found on the 'Services and Events' page of the Swaledale with Arkengarthdale parish website: **swaledalearkengarthdaleparish.org.uk/**.

If you would like this to be emailed to you each week, please contact the vicar to be added to the circulation list. A weekly devotional message can be found on the Evangelical Congregational website - **<http://www.reethecc.co.uk/>**

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**Festive Message
Hudson House**

As the festive season strives head on to meet us, hopefully rules have relaxed, and we are able to meet up with family and loved ones at this special time of year. I write this on November 5th, day 1 of our second lockdown, so am optimistic that by the time that you read this, things look a lot rosier. We have as always been busy trying to help anyone that contacts us here at the HUB. We have an absolute mine of information here at Hudson House, so if you need some clarity about what is going on, how we can help, if you have been struggling financially or mentally, do get in touch on 880021 and we will steer you in the right direction and if we don't know the answer, we will do our very best to find out. We will be carrying on our service until the 23rd December, then the volunteers are having some well-earned time off. If we can have prescription requests in by the 21st December, it would be most helpful, if it is also possible perhaps order double. Our last shopping day before Christmas will also be the 23rd December. We are then back in the office on Tuesday 29th December to carry on regardless. We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a brighter Happy New Year, especially to our volunteers past and present for being here for the last 10 months tirelessly keeping our community safe. Most are carrying on into next year to support us and the challenges ahead. Challenges are what makes life interesting but overcoming them is what makes life meaningful. Be safe and be kind.

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Reeth Market

The last market before Christmas will be held on
Tuesday 22nd December

Reeth Memorial Hall

The Memorial Hall Committee plan to meet as soon as possible after the current lockdown ends on Wednesday 2nd Dec. We will discuss the latest Government guidelines before making a decision as to when to reopen the Hall. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

All 2020 concerts have been cancelled or postponed until March 2021 at the earliest. Please see the Hall website for further details: www.reethmemorialhall.co.uk

Covid-19 Support - December

The **anchor hub** in Reeth will continue to offer support in the two dales until at least the end of March 2021.

Full details of all the support that there is can be found online at 2dales.org.uk/coronavirus and www.swaledalearkengarthdaleparish.org.uk/Parish-News and on Facebook at www.facebook.com/ReethDCT/ and www.facebook.com/groups/ReethandDistrictCommunity/

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MUKER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 24 September 2020

Keld Village Sign - Cllr Peacock had provided a grant of £350.00 towards the sign.

Grit Bins Silver Hill - The Clerk has had difficulty reporting the extra grit bins on the Parish Portal. An e-mail had been sent to Highways asking for further information.

Parking Keld - Highways had responded stating that there were no funds available to set up residents Parking. They had however sent information regarding the application process for residents parking. The process is a complicated one and the Parish Council do not have the funds available to carry this out. Highways officer suggested that he could meet to examine any areas where access had been restricted due to bad parking this Summer. The Chairman stated that this may be something that can be done for next year.

Tan Hill Planning - Tan Hill is not within the National Park and that any planning issues would come under the jurisdiction of RDC.

Finance - An Order to pay and a cheque was raised for £295.95 to NYCC for the sign at West Stonesdale. The Grant Offer letter for the Sign at Keld was completed and signed.

Highways - Pot Holes Muker - A resident had commented that whilst some of the Pot Holes had been filled in, in Muker Village they had not been done very well and many were still needing attention. Clerk to report.

Cllr Calvert raised the issue of an area of the road side which has been washed

out between Pry and Hoggarths. The area was causing difficulty for motorists trying to pass in certain places.

Richmondshire D.C - Telephone Box Consultation - Notice had been received regarding the potential removal of the telephone box in Thwaite. Cllrs agreed that whilst ever there is no mobile phone signal available in the area it was vital that the telephone box remain. Clerk to complete consultation document.

YDNPA - Planning Applications had been received for John Barn at High Smithy Holme - Re-roofing and Usha Gap for the Replacement of Farm Building - the Parish Council had no objections.

Planning Appeal - Kearton Country House Hotel - Information had been received regarding an appeal against the Planning refusal.

Correspondence/AOB:

North Yorkshire Police August and September Crime Report. Clerk to post on Notice Board.

Poppy Appeal - Further information had been received stating that the appeal was now to go ahead.

Cllr Metcalfe raised the issue of parking in Gunnerside, particularly next to the Kings Head Pub, due to vehicles being parked where the road narrows making it difficult for HGVs / Tractors to navigate the area and vehicles having to reverse to allow other traffic through. Clerk to contact Melbecks Parish Council.

Date of Next Meeting 5 November 2020.

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Climate change

Richmondshire District Council's climate change working group have agreed to use a proposal by Green and Independent Group Councillor Leslie Rowe as the basis for its climate change plans. Source: Richmondshire Today tinyurl.com/yywk3bgl

Dark Sky Reserve Bid

Local communities have backed an application to make the Yorkshire Dales National Park an International Dark Sky Reserve according to a YDNPA press release. Dark skies benefit nature and reserve designation boosts tourism so should be good for the Yorkshire Dales. More at: tinyurl.com/yyopc2rd

Greening Christmas - there are a number of ways that you could make your Christmas more environmentally friendly

Eschew glitter - these tiny pieces of plastic pollute the environment, harming wildlife and getting into the food chain. Many major retailers have pledged to reduce or entirely remove glitter from their own label Christmas ranges. A BBC article summarises a number of green retailing initiatives this Christmas:

www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-54545428

Reduce single use plastics by choosing items with recyclable packaging and purchasing plastic free crackers.

Send an e-card and save on paper completely. There are many companies offering the chance to send seasonal e-cards in return for a donation to chari-

ties.

Wrap presents in alternatives to wrapping paper such as brown paper (get the children to decorate it and make it extra special); newspapers - the FT is a pretty pink; or fabric scraps. Or give your gifts in baskets or reusable bags.

Recycle as much as you can

Christmas festivities always generate additional waste so try to recycle as much as you can. A comprehensive guide to what you can recycle is available under Local Living: Christmas Recycling on the Sustainable Swaledale website: tinyurl.com/y69ucdg2.

Richmondshire District Council have issued the following advice:

Place wrapping paper in the blue/ white bag on collection day to keep it dry. Tissue paper goes into the grey bin.

Put excess recycling in open carrier bags on the day. Keep glass separate.

Use a local recycling centre but if the bins are too full, please take it back with you. A special collection of Christmas trees/garden waste will take place w/c 13 January for residents with green bins who have booked a collection. Check the Council website www.richmondshire.gov.uk/bins-and-recycling/ for collection dates and updates if inclement weather prevents collections. Or phone 01748829100 for information. Clickable links available via the Sustainable Swaledale website.

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Janet Seymour's School of Theatre Dance



From L to R. Freya Clement from Leyburn and Millie Johnson from Reeth both 11 years of age, just 2 of the many students at Janet Seymour's School of Theatre Dance who have continued dancing through both Lock-downs and who, in between, have been successful in Ballet, Tap and Modern exams. Freya and Millie took Grade 4 Ballet after learning a lot of the work remotely or with one to one socially distanced tuition outside in the some times very fresh air!

Freya says 'it was tricky at first learning over zoom, but we got used to it quickly. It was brilliant to learn the dances and work towards our exam whilst we were on lockdown and off school'. Her mum, Emma says 'I'm really proud of Freya and Millie working so hard and managing to learn the dances in a short space of time virtually over Zoom! We are so grateful to Janet for her commitment, passion and patience (especially with the technology). There were a lot of freeze frames and WIFI glitches, but they all managed brilliantly!'

Janet Seymour

100 Outdoor Swims !

Living in the Dales I have access to clean drinking and I enjoy wild swimming in beautiful pools. How fortunate and privileged I am compared to many who have to walk miles to collect bug ridden water which then makes them ill. Clean water, decent toilets and good hygiene should be a normal part of everyone's life. Without these people can't live healthy lives. With these, they can unlock their potential, break free from poverty. Children are also born healthier and get the chance to go to school, grow up, earn a living. Communities thrive.

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Therefore I am committing myself to 100 outdoor swims before my next birthday, this averages at 2 per week with the winter months being the most challenging. So I would ask you to please donate to this worthy cause... and I'll do my best to achieve the target I have set, see: [justgiving.com/fundraising/susan-baty-symes4](https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/susan-baty-symes4)

**Thank you
Susan Baty-Symes**

“Local artist keeps busy during ‘lockdown!’” – John Hunter GAvA

Local artist and musician John Hunter has been busy during 'lockdown' producing a bumper crop of new paintings - several commissioned this year. John initially completed six brand new paintings for the Guild of Aviation Artists annual exhibition which was to have been held at the Mall Galleries in July. "This would have been my 18th consecutive year exhibiting here" said John, "although we all doubted that it would be able to take place this year - which would have been the Guild's fiftieth anniversary - the pictures will hopefully be hung next year instead".

"Normally at this time of year I would be musically directing a show at the Georgian Theatre, and conducting the 'Musicality' ladies' choir in addition to numerous other musical projects - all of which were of course cancelled - along with our Bed and Breakfast business in Grinton".

"Out of the blue came three commissions - which of course inevitably involved lots of research and conversations about the work to be done".

The first eventually gained the quirky title 'Uncle Jack's pipe' as the focus of the picture was always seen smoking his beloved pipe - although it was probably unlikely he would actually have had it lit standing in front of the aircraft as shown! - that of course is artistic license. John only had an old faded photograph with much of the image missing to go on, and had to 're-assemble and re-imagine' this along with other pictures to create the final image. It transpired after some re-

search that Uncle Jack's family had always thought he flew B 25 Mitchell's, but John's keen eye spotted it was actually the little known Martin Baltimore. In this instance it was agreed that pencil would be the best medium to capture what was required.

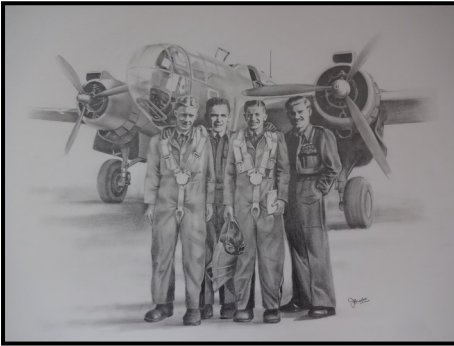


"One of my choir singers asked for the next painting, to feature one of her husband's large scale Radio Controlled models - certainly the first time I've had to depict a model rather than the 'real thing'. To enhance the 'montage' we decided to include a portrait of Yorkshire aviation



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Pioneer Robert Blackburn who designed and flew the original Blackburn D1 - now the oldest British aircraft still flying"



Editor Note: Somehow I missed an email John sent me in October, how could I. I love aircraft art so I was sold on this submission. I used to have two signed by Lancaster Crew, Robert Taylor prints. John H is in this Gazette rather a lot. It's because he submitted very interesting articles and to be frank hardly anybody did. John, I am joking I do not publish everything. We have so much talent in this district. No idea why maybe there is something in the water or as I suspect it's because it's beautiful round here and these brain box's know it.

Mike B

"The last of the commissions, to celebrate a 100th birthday in August, was very interesting to assemble, with only an old photograph of the commissioners father pictured in the desert around 1943. He worked on Hurricanes and had done a little rough sketch himself at some time - but this image seemed to contradict his squadron flying photo reconnaissance missions. After much research we solved the question between us and came up with the precise registration of the aircraft depicted. Two Hurricanes in full colour over a desert scene in 'sepia' with a pencil drawing of 'Dad' and a Hurricane completed a nice montage - truly 'mixed media!'" "It will be nice to get back to music-making again hopefully soon" John said "but in the meantime, piano practise, gardening and painting helps keep mind and spirit together!"

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- I don't want you back we'd only cry again say goodbye again - **No Regrets, Walker Brothers**
- My love has gone away, the bottle stands forlorn, a symbol of the dawn - **No Milk Today, Herman's Hermits**
- But, he can't be a man 'cause he doesn't smoke the same cigarettes as me - **(I Can't Get No) Satisfaction, The Rolling Stones**
- Ridin' along in my automobile my baby beside me at the wheel - **No Particular Place to Go, Chuck Berry**
- After two days in the desert sun my skin began to turn red - **A Horse With No Name, America**
- I know, I know, etc - **Ain't No Sunshine, Bill Withers**

The tiebreaker: Jimi Hendrix was born on 27th November.

And the winner is, quite appropriately, Noah Wan.

This month, as it's December and the days are getting shorter and the nights darker, I thought I would bring a little sunshine into your lives. All these songs have 'sun' in the title. Titles and principle recording artists please for

the following:

- It's getting near dawn
- She sewed my new blue jeans
- I need to laugh, and when the sun is out I've got something I can laugh about
- I feel like this is the beginning though I've loved you for a million years
- But the hills that we climbed were just seasons out of time
- Sunshine came softly through my a-window today

And for the tiebreaker, without looking it up anywhere on anything: Approximately, how old is the sun?

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') And because it's a rollover, £10.00 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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By Artist Graeme Browning

Police Report November 2020

I write this as we are in the midst of a second national Coronavirus lockdown. The rules and exemptions are many, but I urge you to take a common sense approach with regular hand washing, maintaining social distancing, wearing a face mask and self-isolating when told to do so by 'track and trace'. There is hopefully light at the end of the tunnel with the possibility of a vaccine coming shortly.

The following incidents of note have occurred in the Dales area this month - **Overnight 12th October** the Recycling Centre on Moor Road, Leyburn was broken into again and scrap and batteries stolen. Please report any suspicious activity in the area at the time to police.

In the early hours of 29th October unknown persons have entered 7 tractors parked at Washfold Farm on Moor Road at Leyburn, and stolen valuable 'intelliview' screens and GPS systems from within. Any information on this incident please on 101 quoting reference 12200189725.

Floods in early November caught out a number of motorists, who then needed to be rescued. Please approach any

floods with extreme caution as most standard vehicles are not designed to go through deep water. A half hour detour is always better than risking a proper soaking and a written-off car!

On the afternoon of 8th November suspected shoplifters were spotted by vigilant staff at Leyburn COOP making off with bottles of whiskey in a red Peugeot car. Police soon intercepted the vehicle, arresting the two occupants, recovering a large quantity of stolen alcohol and suspected laundered money. The two have since been linked to other similar offences around North Yorkshire. This is a good example of members of the public keeping calm heads, noting vital information, such as the car details, and immediately ringing the police. Well done!

About 10:45pm on 10th November thieves were seen taking 2 quad bikes from a farm at High Force in Raydale above Bainbridge. A combination of local people, police patrols and the police helicopter were quickly mobilised in a search of the area. Within a couple of hours the quads were found abandoned not far away, with suspect males being seen getting into a car in Bishopdale. The police are now following up leads regarding a suspect vehicle believed connected to the theft. In this case good information sharing and boots on the ground led to the recovery of the stolen items.

Finally, overnight on 10th November Thoraby Post Office was broken into and cash and stamps were stolen in an untidy search. Any information please to police on 101 quoting reference number 12200198411.

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Dear Editor

Hello Mike. Possibly we are some of the most Southern readers you have in the British Isles, we always look forward to news from the dales and stayed in Gunnerside over many years and more recently in Low Row.

We notice that there are few photos on the front page of the lovely area you live in and would like to say that although the pictures that are shown are lovely, we who live so far away have always enjoyed seeing views of where we have walked, picnicked and visited. We miss them very much. We love the Reeth & District Gazette and hope that you may consider our sadness!

Take care and keep safe. All good wishes.

**Erika and Den
Ventnor
Isle of Wight**

Dear Editor

I wanted to thank Robert Hughes at Thiernswood Hall who very kindly provided assistance when my wife Anne slipped on a stone style and ripped her shin open to the muscle. The incident happened prior to lockdown about quarter of a mile past the hall on the way up to Calver Hill. Robert kindly offered a first aid kit and then transported my wife and I to Reeth Medical Centre which fortunately was open. Here her leg required several stitches. This was a very kind deed, thank you. The incident would have been more serious had we been further up the hill. The lesson here is always take a first aid kit and be aware that stone styles can be slippery and dangerous, especially when wet.

Jeremy Fish



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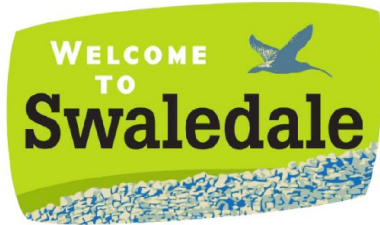
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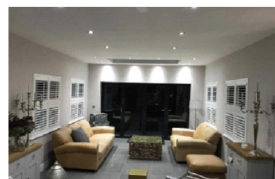
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Christmas Film

Set on Christmas night, the film tells a story about Arthur Claus, the clumsy but goodhearted son of Father Christmas, who discovers that Santa's high-tech ship has failed to deliver one girl's present. In response, he embarks on a mission to save her Christmas, accompanied only by his free-spirited and reckless grandfather, a rebellious yet enthusiastic young Christmas elf obsessed with wrapping gifts for children, and a team of eight strong, magical yet untrained reindeer (IMDB). Underrated film that many may not have seen. Your children will love it. You can see from the picture how lovely it is. I particularly enjoy that the original Father Christmas is retired has false teeth and is always talking about how much better it was in the old days.

Mike B



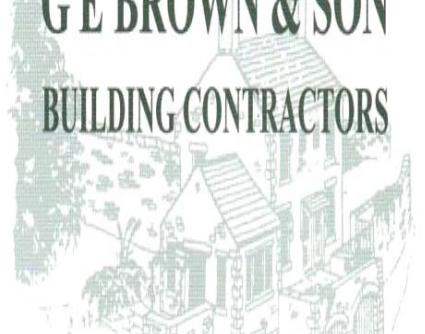
Christmas Shrinkage

Photo Kindly Shared By - Charlotte Stacey Moscrop (Newcastle)



Apologies to younger readers for all the nostalgia in this Gazette. Its just that all my best Christmas Holidays have gone and I tend to think back. This photo will mean something to some. What I find difficult to believe now is how much we used to eat at Christmas. Calories did not exist then, did they. They were the days? When we did not watch our weight so much. **Mike**

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Metcalfe Family History

Dear Editor

Hi, we love your Reeth & District Gazette and wondered if in your next issue you would be interested to mention the following new publication about Metcalfe Family Histories.

As you will know there are many Metcalfes in the Dales - especially Wensleydale and Swaledale - but also spread throughout the world.

The Metcalfe Society is a registered charity which has the aim of helping people to research and discover their Metcalfe family roots.

We have been running since 1980 - indeed this year was to be our 40th anniversary but sadly Covid-19 has put paid to any face to face celebration. Instead we have this new book. The book can be purchased online from The Metcalfe Society, or the Castle Bookshop in Richmond. I do hope it is of interest.

Metcalfe Family Histories

The editors Dave C Metcalfe and Dr Mike Pope are to be congratulated on producing a fascinating book, which complements our History of the Clan Book, in both size and content. As you will see, they have skilfully combined various articles written during the last forty years for the Mecca News, our society journal, as well as devoting the early chapters to the society itself: how it was formed and expanded rapidly to be one of the world's largest One Name Study Family History Societies, a pioneer and highly respected award winning society in the family history world. Since foundation in 1980, over 2,000 persons have joined the Metcalfe Society: the first 100 are named in an appendix at the end of the book. The main body of the book, written in 16 more chapters, contains selected and expanded articles, nearly all of which the editors followed up with further original research. The book is copiously illustrated with some beautiful photographs of locations referred to in the text. The editors were faced with a monumental task: how to decide which articles to include? Given the expanse of 40 years there were hundreds of stories to review, select and follow up. The stories included in the book - all originally sent in by you, our members - have been selected across a wide variety of categories, and hence a wide spectrum of appeal to the reader. You can see from the contents pages the diversity contained within the book, from hosting King Charles I (twice), military stories from the Battles of Agincourt and Waterloo, the Boer Wars and two World Wars,

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as well as the last private war in England, travel to Australia, road building and railway engineers and workers. Sporting, artistic, religious and inventor Metcalfe(s) are not ignored, nor political administrators. Things named after a Metcalfe such as ships, buildings, a US county and a mathematical law can be found.

This variety should not come as a surprise. The Metcalfes have been diverse, hard-working, brave, entrepreneurial, and adventurous throughout the ages, but of course there have been some black sheep too who get a mention in the book. The above is but a selection of the contents: a rich and fascinating cornucopia!

We are sure you will enjoy dipping into the stories contained in this book and treasure it for years to come.

Dave C Metcalfe
The Metcalfe Society

Editor Note: The elephant in the room for me was the picture of an astronaut. That's one hell of a Metcalfe in the family surely. Cool.

Mike B



Thank You for Being My Dad

(Jon Barker)

I had never heard this song before until it was played at my Uncle Ben's funeral. He died within the space of three months and was a very fit man. I suspect he was the victim of delays from being seen because of Covid. Tragic. His children made a video of his life and played this at his funeral. It's a beautiful tribute to any dad.

A son rarely tells his Father
How he really feels
A handshake or a pat on the back is all that he
reveals
I'd like to right that wrong
Here in this little song

Thank you for shaping my life
Thank you for teaching me all you can
You are no ordinary man, no no
You make me everything I am

Thank you for taking the time
Thank you for showing me the way
And thank you for being there when I need you
Thank you for every single day

Now I've been blessed with a son of my own
Got my own bedtime stories to tell
If I can raise him half as well as you raised me
Guess I'll be doing pretty well

Thank you for your guiding hand
Thank you for making my dreams come true
You're an extraordinary man
And I hope you're as proud of me
As I am proud of you

Thank you for giving me life
Thank you for showing me good from bad
I guess I'm only really trying to say
Thank you for being my Dad

Even though the years drift away
I never took the time just to say
'I love you, and I always have
And thank you for being my Dad'

'Thank you for being my Dad'

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Message from the Swaledale Museum in Reeth

First of all, and most importantly, we wish all our supporters a healthy, peaceful and content Christmastide, wherever and however you plan to spend it. We are not sure whether we will still be in lockdown again when this edition of the Gazette is circulated, but hope you will still have time and the inclination to try some of the local walks on our website. We were delighted that visitors were downloading them and then coming into the Museum to find out more about the subjects featured in the themed walks, which include Arkengarthdale churches and chapels, sites connected with the author May Sinclair in Reeth and several others. On a connected topic we have also heard that more the 49,000 miles of paths missing from maps across the country have been unearthed by volunteers. The walking charity, The Ramblers, encouraged people to compare historic and current records to find lost rights of way, thus improving networks and 'saving a little bit of our history'. Which makes me wonder if any of you have found any lost local paths? We would very much like to know about them. Our very own celebrated Elsie Pedley who ran Grinton Post Office spent time tracking rights of way in the area and made sure they were logged, so we are following in her footsteps.

Did anyone recognise the photograph we placed in last month's Gazette? It captures a scene taken during the 1951 Festival of Britain celebrations staged in Reeth. It is posed outside the Burgoyne Hotel (only relatively recently transformed from a Reconnaissance Corps billet for officers into an hotel), and shows a re-enactment of a nineteenth century cattle sale. We are lucky to have a copy of the programme for the celebrations in our archive. It is full of a plethora of advertisements from local shopkeepers, of which there were many, a copy of the Reeth Bartle Fair poem, and much more besides. Visitors to the Museum might also have seen our wonderful Reeth Cattle Sale poster of 1840, (supposedly the first ever Reeth Show) with notification of prizes for miners with the most children brought up to the age of 12 without parochial relief. We even have some of the references written to support the contenders, although sadly we don't know the winners of the first, second and third classes. If you do we would love to hear from you, helping us solve another mystery.

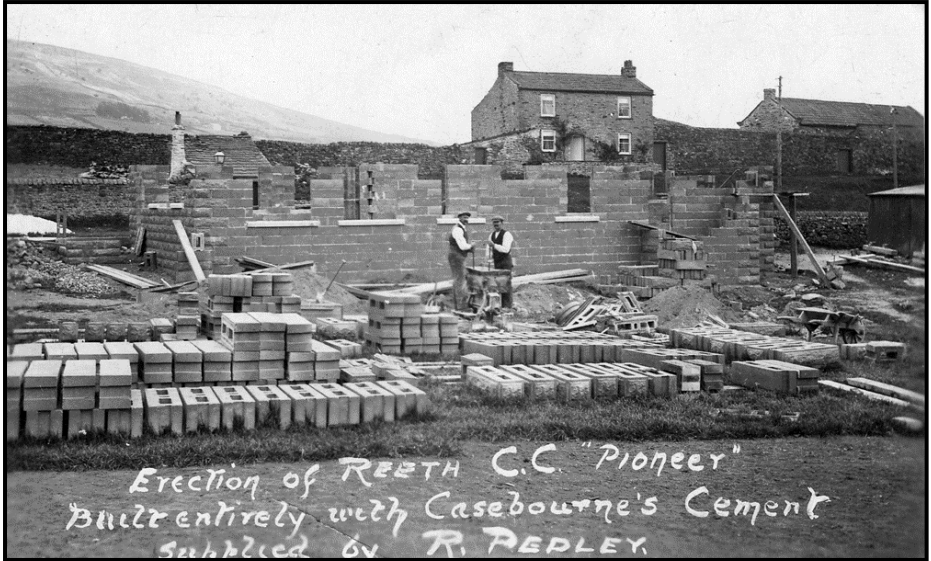
See this month's pictorial challenge on the opposite page.

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Helen

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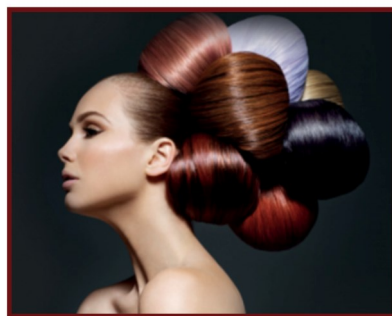
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Quebec at Christmas



Holiday stories can bore us to death. But being the Christmas Gazette and because I have visited Quebec City Christmas 2017. I just had to share some of my photos. As you can see from the photos if you want to walk down a Victorian-like street, that is not created, then its Old Quebec City for you. It's the most Christmasy Christmas Eve I have ever had. The photos were taken 23rd and as it just blew us away we went straight back Christmas Eve and it was not even busy.

If anybody ever wants to travel away next Christmas 2021 do not go to Quebec City and my advice here is based on that we want to go there again and we do not want crowds.

The pictures were taken down one street and this is at the harbour. Just enjoy the beautiful pictures. Bias yes but you must admit, it looks quite nice.

Mike B



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