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## First Thoughts Auld Lang Syne

If you are reading this New Years Eve after 10pm I will be in bed with Ear Plugs in dreading the midnight noise. Fireworks and drunken cheers. In my teens I tried the New Years Eve Parties but nobody at midnight was interesting in turning to me on the left at midnight and giving me a kiss. Oh no, they would turn to their left and just keep turning until they found somebody else. Little did they know I would grow up to be a rich Reeth Gazette editor! The smug ones of us get up early New Years Day and go for a walk. Nobody around.

Happy 2021.

The year of high taxes Mike B

## Covid-19 Support - January

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

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### Talking Pictures THE BISHOP'S WIFE (1947)

Lesser-known than 'It's a wonderful life' but in some ways more enjoyable, *The Bishop's Wife*, whilst *set* at Christmas-time, can be appreciated at any time of the year with its uplifting story of self-affirmation and family life. Later turned into a stage musical (by my good self) and even getting a Motown facelift in the 90s with Denzel Washington and the late Whitney Houston, the monochrome original is a minor classic, featuring an 'angel' sent to Earth ('Wonderful Life' style) to offer Bishop David Niven guidance. Ostensibly his problem is the building of a new cathedral, financed by mean spirited widow Gladys Cooper, who insists that it be built her way. Among the many stand out lines is when she insists that the statue of St. George conquering the dragon has the countenance of her late husband, and the Bishop 'innocently' asks 'and who should the dragon represent?'. Of course the 'wife', played by Loretta Young, is being somewhat forsaken due to this major project and under extreme pressure one day the Bishop prays for guidance, only to be visited by the angel 'Dudley', mischievously played by the incomparable Cary Grant, who proceeds to charm everyone he meets and set a path for an uplifting denouement. The film's strength lies with a plot in which the audience is 'in' on the secret, but the cast are not - **we** all know that an innocent angel would never come between the Bishop and his wife - although Niven at one point is ready to fight Dudley as he suspects

the worst after another 'innocent' date, only to be told by Dudley he was merely 'representing *him* with his wife' - thereby allowing the Bishop to undertake the more important stuff! There is ice skating in Central Park, a comedy relief taxi driver (James Gleason) and a kindly old history professor, whose 'donation' to the church fund of an old Roman coin he once excavated turns out to be much more valuable than he thought (thanks to Dudley's unsurprising knowledge of history). 'You speak French so well' he is complimented - 'I've done a lot of work there' he replies! And another favourite line, when the Professor tells the Bishop 'Dudley knows more about history than I do' with the reply 'He should do- he's been at it longer!' Sweet without ever being saccharine, and deep without the darkness, 'The Bishop's Wife' deserves a wider audience, although it has started to appear across the channels in more recent years. Catch it if you can I'll leave you with my own favourite line as the angel Dudley sorts through the Bishop's private post and is asked sarcastically by Niven 'are **you** expecting a letter' and the killer reply - 'well if I *should* get one, the stamp will be worth keeping!'.

**John Hunter**

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## The Future of Transport: rural strategy

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The gov.uk website has details of this  
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**Ruth Annison.**



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Potholes: Highways had put tarmac in the potholes in Arkle Town and Langthwaite.

Notification from Highways: There would be changes to traffic management at the flood damaged bridge at Cogden Beck on the B6270. The information would be placed on the notice-board.

Chippings on Stang Lane: Recent rain had washed out the repairs to the roadsides on Stang Lane and the road surface was now heavily covered in chippings and was hazardous. Highways would be informed.

Other road matters: The ingress of water from the roadside at Moor Edge was again raised, along with the issue of excess surface water on Boulder-shaw Lane, which would be dangerous if allowed to freeze during winter. Highways did not agree to take responsibility for these.

**Seat maintenance/repairs:** Alan Richardson and Steve Coleman were offering to refurbish and/or repair the public seats in the dale for a small fee. The

owners of the seats would be contacted and informed about this opportunity. The Parish Council's 'Jubilee' seat in Langthwaite would be repaired and refurbished.

**Access across High Green:** A response had been received from the new owners of Scar View, acknowledging the Parish Council's request to keep the access road clear and clarifying the contact details of the owners.

**Renovation of petrol pumps at Arkle Town:** An application to the YDNPA Sustainable Development Fund could be submitted by the Parish Council for 75% of the costs of the renovation work. If successful an information board would need to be erected next to the pumps as a condition of the grant. This would be at the expense of the Parish Council. Clarification was requested about the terms of the grant and any necessary planning requirements to place an information board on private land.

**Christmas Lights:** The Christmas lights would be put up on High Green on Saturday 5 December if the weather permitted.

**Planning:** The following planning decisions were noted: i) Low Seal House, Arkengarthdale R/01/166: application approved conditionally; ii) Whaw Village, Arkengarthdale R/01/132C/OH from Northern PowerGrid (North East) Plc for replacement poles and conductors: application approved no objections. The following planning application was considered: Low Lock Slack Cottage,

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Arkengarthdale R/O1/167 for the erection of a two-storey extension and replacement windows. Councillors agreed a flat roof and bay windows were not in keeping surrounding properties. It was also noted that the proposed top-floor window would overlook the neighbouring property.

Something more in keeping and less intrusive would be recommended to Planning.

**Date of next meeting:** Monday 11 January 2021.

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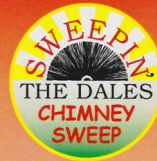
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- Sunday 27 December - St Andrew's, Grinton
- Sunday 3 January - Holy Trinity, Low Row
- Sunday 10 January - St Mary's, Arkengarthdale
- Sunday 17 January - St Andrew's, Grinton
- Sunday 24 January - church to be confirmed please check the website
- Sunday 31 January - Holy Trinity, Low Row

Churches will also be open for private prayer as follows:

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## Swaledale Night Sky



The night sky is pretty much a black and white affair.....apart from the sickly orange glow of light pollution. This is mainly due to the poor colour sensitivity of our eyes under low light conditions. However, there are a few objects that do show colour relatively easily. The diagram shows the night sky to the south at about 21:00 this January. Mars, to the South East, is orangey/red. Its surface has lots of iron oxide. More commonly found in rust on Earth. Betelgeuse is a red giant star. It is the top left (north east) star above the distinctive 3 stars of Orion's Belt. Orangey/red as it is so large that the outer reaches of its atmosphere are relatively cool at ~4700C. Last winter it dimmed to be the same brightness as the star on the opposite shoulder (Bellatrix), prompting ominous predictions of an imminent supernova. It returned to normal brightness through late winter/early spring as a dust cloud moved out of the way.

Aldebaran is another red giant. It is the eye of the bull, Taurus, and can be seen between Betelgeuse and Mars. Rigel is a hot blue/white star. It is the bottom right (south west) star below Orion's Belt. Its surface temperature is ~12000C, toasty!

Finally, the star Sirius can be found way down left of Orion's Belt. The brightest star in our night sky. A blue/white star, it usually exhibits a whole rainbow of colours as its light is bent and split, prism-like, during its passage through the turbulent thick layer of the earth's atmosphere low down near the horizon.

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of the tide.  
Sometimes you're just along  
for the ride.

It can ebb and it can flow, when you're  
full of it, it makes you glow.  
But sometimes it is far from shore, and  
it's hard to see it any more.

While you're there like driftwood,  
stranded on the beach, it floats beyond  
the horizon, seemingly out of reach.

But as an acorn lies dormant, deep in  
the ground, unseen and unnoticed  
by those around.  
It's just biding its time, and before you  
know, tiny shoots emerge and it  
begins to grow.

And with a little nurturing to help it on  
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### Happy New Year!

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### Climate change

The Government has announced its **ten point plan for a green industrial revolution**. The policy paper published 18/11/2020 sets out the Government's plan to make the UK carbon neutral by 2050 and create 250,000 green jobs. [tinyurl.com/yyp6q6tr](https://www.tinyurl.com/yyp6q6tr).

Key policies include banning the sale of new petrol and diesel cars by 2030 and hybrid by 2035; improving home insulation and the use of new technologies for heating; and looking at power production and carbon capture. There are also plans for greener public transport, ships and aeroplanes, and planting more trees.

Read our summary on our blogs: [sustainableswaledale.org/blog/](https://www.sustainableswaledale.org/blog/)

**Friends of the Dales and North Craven Heritage Trust** held a conference in November looking at climate change challenges. They have produced a document: **Green New Dales Challenges** calling for efforts to reduce waste and specifically single use plastics and to make farming, forestry, tourism and transport industries more sustainable. More on the Friends of the Dales site : [tinyurl.com/y4qv9486](https://www.tinyurl.com/y4qv9486)

**Richmondshire District Council** has now appointed a Climate Change Of-

ficer and members of the local **Coalition of Climate Change Interested Parties** have been invited to meet with Councillor Wicks and the new appointee.

### Greener grocery deliveries

Morrisons and Sainsburys offer green slots which means that a van is already going to be in the area.

### Peat restoration.

If you walk around Surrender Bridge, you will see piles of coconut logs. These are used to restore peatland by trapping water to help reduce flooding and encouraging sphagnum mosses which in turn, help to trap carbon.

### Planning

**The special nature of the Swaledale and Arkengarthdale landscape** and the surrounding North Gritstone uplands has been captured in a Yorkshire Dales National Park report: *The Landscape Character Assessment 2020*. More at: [tinyurl.com/y63k3kdn](https://www.tinyurl.com/y63k3kdn)

### Reading Group

We are thinking of setting up a **reading group looking at sustainability-themed publications**. Details can be found in the group's November newsletter: [tinyurl.com/y67t6qvf](https://www.tinyurl.com/y67t6qvf)

### Recycle or sell

If you are looking to recycle or sell items no longer required, you can take advantage of the following local schemes: Swaledale and Arkengarthdale Buy, Sell and Swap Facebook page for both free and priced sales : [tinyurl.com/y566fjqb](https://www.tinyurl.com/y566fjqb) Richmondshire group on Freecycle - free sales: [freecycle.org](https://www.freecycle.org).

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Dear Mr Editor,

I'm afraid I must take you to task for you rather lukewarm review of 'Letter To You' from Bruce Springsteen and redress the balance.

'One Minute You're Here', the album opener is simply outstanding. 'Rainmaker' (Trump?) is Bruce at his most powerful politically with some wonderful slide guitar playing at the start (Nils Lofgren?) which, like the piano playing on the opening track, illustrates perfectly The E Street Band's understanding of how 'less is more'.

'If I Was The Priest' is vintage Bruce lyrically with a great harmonica / drum / guitar outro.

'Song For Orphans' is more Dylan than Dylan and has a great harmonica outro. ('Like A Rolling Stone' is Rolling Stone Magazine's all-time No.1 rock track. They will have to re-write the list now because this track is better.)

The rest of the songs range from excellent to brilliant.

'Burnin Train' was the only track I was ambivalent about but it came on unexpectedly the other day when I had my music on random play and I suddenly realised how good it is - and it has a

killer guitar outro. (If you have Apple wotsit and have seen the film on the making of the album, let me know if it is Bruce, Nils or Little Steven.)

Why on earth you put the album on your Christmas List and waited, beats me: Real fans bought it on the day of release. Put simply: It is Bruce Springsteen AND The E Street Band. 'Nuff said'.

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## Reeth, Fremington & Healaugh Parish Council October 26

### Playground

Two new swing seats had been ordered and four new pieces of equipment had been provisionally chosen to replace the zip wire. The latest inspection report from Richmondshire District Council was discussed and a company recommended by them would be approached to quote for necessary repairs. A local contractor will be asked to look at the wall near the gate which is in poor repair.

### Flood Works

The Two Ridings Community Foundation had recommended a consultant to visit Reeth and give advice about future projects, and the clerk was waiting for them to make contact.

### High Row

Another quote would be sought for repainting the white line as the first company approached had not responded to further correspondence.

### Arkle Beck

Land registry searches showed that the path along the beck was not included in the neighbouring properties and should be considered to be parish land.

Following a meeting with a resident it was noted that the Parish Council had neither commissioned wall building work along the path, nor asked for it to be stopped. A local contractor would be asked to give a very rough estimate of the cost of rebuilding / repairing sections of the wall so that the PC could consider applying for grant money for the work.

### Memorial Bench

The lady who had been given permission for a memorial bench near the quoits pitch was now liaising directly with a local contractor for its installation.

### Remembrance Events

Arrangements for the Covid-safe events on November 8 and 11 were discussed.

### Christmas Tree

Couns Frankland and Longstaff would select and collect a tree for the green.

### Market

The Market Manager had reported that the last market before Christmas would be on Tuesday December 22.

### Highways

The meeting considered an update from County Coun Peacock and also emails received in support from residents about the lane which runs past the Museum which was becoming unsafe due to being used as a short cut by delivery vehicles.

### Village green

The grass cutting contractor had given notice of his retirement at the end of this season. The clerk would send a letter of thanks for his hard work over the years and would advertise in the Gazette for a contractor to take over the grass cutting from next spring.

Earlier in the year the council had agreed on an informal arrangement whereby two small areas of green could be left uncut until wild flowers had seeded. However, on discussing subsequent correspondence from Sustainable Swaledale the councillors agreed that making these arrangements more formal was at odds with their responsibility as custodians of the green for Lord Peel and with ....(continued next page)

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keeping all areas of the green usable by all. It was therefore decided to go back to the cutting the whole area.

A land registry search had shown that the cobbles around the Buck were not part of that property and therefore when the next year's green agreements are sent out the Buck will be included. Coun Guy would speak to the landlord of the Black Bull regarding its green agreement and rules regarding the cobbles.

### District Council Report

The District Council had unanimously passed a motion to object to BT about the closure of public phone boxes in areas where objections had been received. RDC had unanimously supported a motion proposed by Coun Good to ban the launching of sky lanterns from council owned land. Town and parish councils would be asked to consider following suit due to the great damage caused to wild life, farm animals and crops by the lanterns.

Covid cases in Richmondshire were fairly low, with figures pushed up slightly by students who had gone to university but were still registered with local practices. Hudson House continued to run the Swaledale and Arkengarthdale Hub on behalf of the County Council.

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## 60 Drones Could Supply 5G To The Entire UK

This article may bore some as its technology focused

I have been working with 5G globally and Robotic Manufacturing. The BBC released a story this week about how just 60 hydrogen-powered Drones hovering could supply the entire UK with fast wireless internet. That would be useful for many in these areas.

It is estimated that the speed would be such that we could download a 4GB Movie in under 6 minutes.

The drone proposals are at drawing board stage but two companies Stratospheric Platforms and Cambridge Consultants are seriously looking at this.

The drones would hover in position at 65,617 feet (20,000m). Much higher than commercial aircraft fly. Their wingspan would be approximately 200 feet whereas as a comparison the wingspan of a 747 Jumbo Jet was 224 feet.

If we were to use 5G masts instead of drones, it is estimated that it would taken 200 (ugly intrusive) masts to provide the same coverage as one drone. That means 60 x 200 masts = 12,000 masts across the UK.

Of course safety is a concern if we were to have large drones hovering in place constantly.

Google are looking at a similar idea where they would use solar-powered high-altitude-balloons.

You cannot stop progress. **Mike B**



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Did last month's lyrical rollover bring a little sunshine into your life?

- It's getting near dawn - **Sunshine Of Your Love, Cream**
- She sewed my new blue jeans - **House Of The Rising Sun, The Animals**
- I need to laugh, and when the sun is out I've got something I can laugh about - **Good Day Sunshine, The Beatles**
- I feel like this is the beginning though I've loved you for a million years - **You Are The Sunshine Of My Life, Stevie Wonder**
- But the hills that we climbed were just seasons out of time - **Seasons In The Sun, Terry Jacks**
- Sunshine came softly through my a-window today - **Sunshine Superman, Donovan**

And for the tiebreaker, the sun is approximately 4.6 billion years old.

You will have to wait until the February issue to see if you are the winner but to keep you occupied, try these songs by The Kinks:

- See, don't ever set me free I always wanna be by your side

- I'm not content to be with you in the daytime
- Oh yes he is (oh yes he is), oh yes he is (oh yes he is)
- A Sunday joint of bread and honey
- Every day I look at the world from my window
- I don't feel safe in this world no more I don't want to die in a nuclear war

For the tiebreaker: Which song by The Kinks did we sing for my son at his wedding?

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') Answers can be left at the Post Office or sent via e-mail to:

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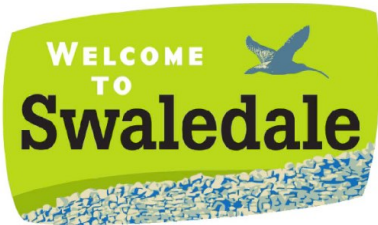
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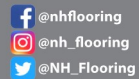
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