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First Thoughts What Date is it ?

Crikey, first time that has happened. It's a day after I was meant to send the Gazette to the printers and I thought I had another week. So here I am with my monthly jumble puzzle to complete. I assume I must have the lockdown blues and wondering where I am. As we think valentine's day is a commercial con, the 14th of Feb did not even help me remember my deadline. Then there is the Groundhog day routine: *'get up, breakfast, read, start work....what the hell shall I eat for lunch again ? . Then it gets to 4pm , read the paper. See bikini clad rich women showing us they are loving it in the sun elsewhere. Who cares, how does that make us feel better ? . Turn the radio on and it's boring Covid news of no-new-news and then hearing we*

have yet another 6 weeks or so until freedom'. At the end of this, although there will not be a distinct end , we can all say 'didn't we do well ?' I think we should have a day named VC Day when we celebrate some sort of freedom. All I care about is when can I have my breakfast Fat Rascal at Betty's. That is all I need Boris to announce. Simple mind, simple things. **Mike B**

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April issue: Mar 10th 2021

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Talking Pictures

The Kentuckian (1955)

If you're in the mood for a 'western' but don't fancy wagon trains, cattle drives or 'injuns' - then why not give this movie a try. One of only *two* films star Burt Lancaster directed, and featuring the movie debut of Walter Matthau, 'The Kentuckian' is set in the 'pre-cowboy' 1820s and follows Lancaster and his son as they trek from Kentucky to Texas to start a new life. Along the way they meet two women, one who would love to travel *with* them, and the other a schoolteacher would rather have 'Big Eli' and his son settle down. What seems an overly simple plot at first glance belies its origins as a novel, and a multi-layered narrative which reveals Lancaster maybe *really* moving on due to an old family feud, which leads to a fine climactic scene in which Lancaster's athleticism is needed to outrun a marksman loading his musket (a scene cleverly pre-empted earlier to allow us to fully understand the jeopardy). Lancaster really proved his acting depth in later films such as the 'Birdman of Alcatraz' but here he's somewhere between that later classic and his halcyon 'Crimson Pirate' swash-buckling days - handling the drama, romance and action with equal aplomb. Eli's brother (who also wants him to settle down in his tobacco business) is played by the dependable John McIntire, a regular in so many classic westerns, and some fun is to be had seeing Lancaster in the business dress of the era as he undertakes an errand for his brother on a 'Mississippi steambot'



and an encounter with some serious card sharks (Incidentally the same steambot is seen in countless westerns, and initially in 'Gone with the Wind') - at one point we even get to hear Lancaster sing (probably the only time ever!). Amidst the drama and romance, a standout scene is a particularly visceral fight scene with chief villain Walter Matthau who is presented as a vicious expert with the bull-whip and who almost gets the better of our hero in a protracted punch-up which in many ways forms the dramatic centre-piece of the plot. Add in a realistically portrayed young son, a cute dog, lots of spectacular scenery (courtesy of the Cumberland Falls park in Kentucky), colour, widescreen, and a thundering Bernard Herrman score and you have a minor classic well worth revisiting.

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We also have 'Backyard Buddies', who have been clearing the snow from the paths and filling buckets of coal for our community members that we don't want falling over and hurting themselves in this icy weather we have.

Lastly, we have 'House Buddies', this team will change lightbulbs, smoke alarm batteries and offer that little bit of help in the home with something

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The vaccinations are in full flow and if you need us to get you to your job on time, please give us a call and we will endeavour to do this as long as it doesn't conflict with any of our other chores we do.

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Dales Radio did an interview with us on Tuesday 2nd February, as one of the Co-op's good causes being supported this year, we teamed up with them and it is available as a podcast if you would like to catch up with it. If you need us to help in anyway, or you think someone you know could benefit from one of the 'Buddy' schemes. If you would like to help, call us **01748 880021** or email rdctransport@hudsonhouse.info there is a 24 hour answering machine and you will be called back as soon as a volunteer arrives.

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In addition to creating small wooded areas and wildlife corridors (that wouldn't qualify for Forestry Commission or Agri-Environment schemes), 'Together for Trees' aims to plant landscape trees (for example, to replace mature trees suffering from ash die-back) and create new hedgerow. The Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust can also consider larger planting sites if they meet grant criteria.

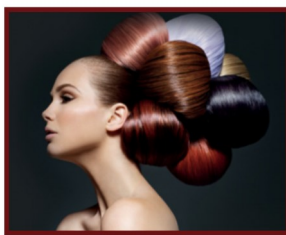
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As a community project, 'Together for Trees' will provide online and on-the-job training (Covid permitting) for volunteers interested in learning more about woodland surveying, planting and maintenance and has funding to support the project in Swaledale and other Dales' locations from the DEFRA Green Recovery Challenge Fund.

'Together for Trees' is being operated in Swaledale jointly by the Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust and Sustainable Swaledale. If you'd like to discuss making some land available to the project, or are interested in helping out, please email info@sustainableswaledale.org or phone Rob on **01748 886 381**.

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Message from the Swaledale Museum Reeth

Our digital archivist Stephen Eastmead has been very busy. You can see the fruits of his labours on our Image Archive, which now holds nearly 7,000 images. We have been particularly honoured to have been given two large photographic collections, one belonging to Eleanor Barker of Healaugh and the other to Marjorie Daniels of Reeth which have been added to the Museum Image Archive. You can access this free online via our website. We particularly like the early ice cream and aerated waters parlour, a large shed in Reeth (see no's 6423 & 6428). There are lots of mysteries too and we would appreciate any information, for example about the cottages in Healaugh c.1900 (5435 & 6347) and the cottages in Low Row (6455). Do have a look and get in touch if you can help.

We are also in the process of commissioning some fabulous bone china mugs which bear a photographic panorama of Old Gang, thanks to Roger Preston, whose work you might have seen in recent Museum exhibitions. These are part of an enticing range of new things that we hope will lure you into the Museum shop. So watch out for more information on these. We can't wait to re-open.

Thanks to all of you who responded to our February photograph. It was taken in Reeth outside what is now the Burgoyne Hotel, then Hill House. The gathering of course shows the famous 'Reeth Parliament', a gathering of usual male elders who discussed and debat-

ed the affairs of the world, and particularly of Swaledale. It dates to before 1930 when the shelter was built. The bench they are all sitting on was erected to celebrate Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee in 1897, and we make a guess that the photograph was taken c.1910. We think that the man seated to the far left is James Martin, as we have a dated photograph 1906/7 with sitters' names, and Mr. Martin appears on that. Do you have a photograph of a sitting of Reeth Parliament? If you do we would love to see it, and create a proper chronology of participants. Do you think the Reeth Parliament still sits? A bit chilly now, but watch out as the days get warmer.

Now for the March photograph (see the opposite page). We have a large framed version of this in the Museum. Can you name the people, and do you know where they are sitting? For once we have full details, so don't forget to read the April Gazette to find out more. If you have any family history information about any of the sitters we would love to hear from you.

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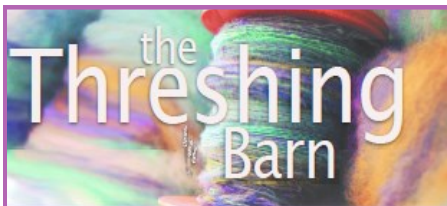
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Dales Police Report February 2021

The following incidents of interest have occurred in the Dales area this month:

Between 22:40 - 23:20 on 19th January, an attempt was made to enter a unit on Leyburn Business property via the roof. There were four persons involved, as well as an unmarked HGV, who were spooked and made off from the scene when Leyburn PCSO Don Watson spotted them whilst out on routine patrol. The HGV made off in the direction of Bedale on the A684. This appears to have been a well-planned attempt to steal a considerable amount of goods.

On 27th January between 17:00 - 18:00 a blue Volvo S40 had both number plates removed whilst parked in Leyburn Market Square.

Overnight on 28th/29th January, a red Honda quad bike (VRM: YX17 VW) was stolen from a farm in Gayle and on the same night, two saddles were stolen from another farm in Hawes.

On the night of 29th January, two bridles were stolen from a outbuilding in West Witton.

Between 16:00 - 21:00 on 29th January, a Beta trials bike (red and white) was stolen from a property in Marske. *Anyone with information re any of the above please contact us on '101'.*

We are hearing about continuing Covid-19 vaccine scam emails/calls/texts in the area - currently in the Dales, the local GP surgeries are contacting patients THEMSELVES directly. Any generic invites you get via email/text please double check before clicking further. **The NHS will not ask you to provide any personal details about yourself nor ask for payment (the vaccine is free!).** Also, the local GP surgeries are facing a tirade of calls currently with people asking about when they will be in line for the vaccine which is clogging up their phone lines; they will contact you!

With the bad weather we are having, we are seeing an increase in what appear to be 'non-essential' journeys where people are simply driving around in off-road/4x4 vehicles in the snow. We are still very much in lock down and 'going for a drive in the snow' is not an essential journey - you are not only breaching Covid regulations but putting yourselves and others at risk unnecessarily at a time when emergency services/rescue teams are already stretched.

To be sure you are complying and for up to date information please go to www.gov.uk/coronavirus. If you want to report a breach of the rules please go to www.northyorkshire.police.uk where there is a specific Coronavirus report form.

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World Day of Prayer Friday 5th March 2021 Build on a Strong Foundation

Women of the Republic of Vanuatu (located in the South Pacific Ocean) have prepared this year's service.

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This year we are preparing a virtual Zoom service on Friday 5 March 2021 at 14.30. If you would like to join in with this, please contact Pauline on **01748 886790**. We will be distributing the service booklets around Swaledale and Arkengarthdale so that you can

share in prayer on that day whether you join in the Zoom meeting or not.

This service is the World Day of Prayer's only source of income and with the service booklet is a Gift Aid envelope. If you would like to support the work of the World Day of Prayer, details of which are at the back of the booklet, you may leave your donation at Reeth Post Office or contact Pauline to make alternative arrangements. You can also donate via their website <https://www.wwdp.org.uk> .

World Day of Prayer is an international, inter-church organisation which enables us to hear the thoughts of women from all parts of the world; their hopes, concerns and prayers. The Day of Prayer is celebrated in over 170 countries. It begins in Samoa, and prayer in native languages travels throughout the world - through Asia, Africa, the Middle East, Europe and the Americas before finishing in American Samoa some 39 hours later. We invite you to join in prayer with the women of Vanuatu on Friday 5 March 2021 at 14.30.

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BT pole: A request from a BT contractor to replace a decayed pole on High Green in Nov 2020 has been completed.

Slei Gill footpath: Notification from YDNPA of a proposed new route for the public footpath on Slei Gill had been considered since the last meeting. All councillors were in agreement with the new route and a response had been sent to YDNPA.

Census 2021: Notification of the forthcoming digital ONS Census 2021 had been received and a request to identify hard to reach local populations was considered. It was agreed that the service would be provided by Hudson House at Reeth for those requiring either internet access or IT support would be adequate.

A66 dual carriageway extension: A request from Highways England for nominations to sit on the Community Liaison Group (CLG) of the A66 Northern Trans-Pennine project was considered. It was noted that the 'Reeth' exit onto and across the A66 near Barnard Castle was of high importance to residents in the dale, and that this should not be compromised by the extension of the carriageway. A response will be sent asking to be kept up to date with the project, but that the Parish Council would not submit nominations for representatives to sit on the CLG.

Flood Funds: No reply received from the Two Ridings Community Foundation concerning a grant application for further flood-related funds which was submitted last September. Requests for feedback had been made twice in

November and in January, but no replies received. The Chief Executive of the Foundation would be contacted directly for information.

Highways: Erosion on Stang Lane: The skid hazard from chippings on the road surface now addressed but the roadsides (where the chippings had originally been) were once again washed out and had created deep ruts at the edge of the road presenting danger to vehicle wheels and tyres. This ongoing erosion would be reported to Highways.

Stang Lane walls and bridge: The top stones along the wall near the bridge had still not been replaced and there was still a hole in the wall of the bridge. Cllr. Peacock will contact Highways.

Gritting delays: Complaints received from residents concerned about the safety of the roads in Arkengarthdale following ice and snow in December. Highways had been contacted prior to the meeting and asked to grit the main Arkengarthdale road earlier in the morning to ensure safety for the school buses. Highways replied stating no remedial action could be taken because Priority 1 routes (such as Swaledale) needed to be gritted first. As a Priority 2 route, Arkengarthdale Rd could only be gritted once the Priority 1 routes had been completed. It was agreed that the NYCC general contact number for queries and complaints (**01609 780 780**) would be made available to residents on the Council's website to ensure that the County Council was aware of the severity of the road conditions in the dale. Calls about winter weather to this number needed to state that the call related to "Area 1".

Planning applications: A request had been received (cont. next page)

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from a potential purchaser of Carter's Cottage asking for information on previous planning applications and decisions relating to the property, and of any previous restrictions. It was noted that there had previously been issues relating to access to the property but that YDNPA would hold any information relating to planning decisions. Cllr Good agreed to follow this up with YDNPA.

Refurbishment of Parish Council seats: The refurb of two more parish council seats located at the war memorial had been agreed previously by councillors up to a max cost of £100. A further request has been received from Alan Richardson and Steve Coleman to increase the refurb fee to £120 per seat owing to the high cost of materials. The request was agreed. It was also agreed that the refurb of any parish council seats should go ahead up to a max cost of £150 per seat, and that the Clerk should be notified before work started on any seat that would cost more than £150.

Seat maintenance grant: Cllr Peacock had offered funds of £1000 from the NYCC Locality Budget to be used towards the costs of refurbishing seats in the dale. Councillors unanimously accepted the offer and Cllr Peacock was thanked.

Renovation of petrol pumps at Arkle Town: An application to the YDNPA Sustainable Dev Fund had been submitted by Cllr Lundberg for the Parish Council. The Sustainable Dev Officer would inform the Council if there were any issues with the project concerning the Parish Council's involvement in the renovation of privately owned pumps on private land.

Foot bridges: A NYCC engineer had

made a site visit to inspect the bridges (or absence thereof) at Wood House and Low Faggergill in Nov 2020 and was aiming to have them reinstated by June 2021.

Christmas lights: Thanks were expressed to Richard and Liz Smith for supplying the electricity for the Christmas lights on High Green, and to Cllr Stubbs, Cllr Stones, Cllr Harker and Jack Stones for putting up and taking down the lights. The lights had been particularly appreciated by everyone after the difficult year.

Upper Dales Area Partnership: A meeting of the UDAP had been held on 15 Dec 2020 and attended by Cllr Stubbs. The council's application for a grant for a new printer had been successful.

UDCLT affordable housing project: An update on the Upper Dales Community Land Trust's affordable housing project was received from Cllrs Stubbs and Watkins. UDCLT was working with partners with expertise in the Charity Commission and in charity work to lobby for change in the Charity Law so that properties such as the Arkengarthdale School building could not legally be sold in the future to the highest bidder, but would be sold according to the notion of "common good" rather than "best value". UDCLT had turned its attention back to the original site for the affordable housing project next to the old Methodist chapel, and had commissioned new plans that would reduce the costs. Fundraising was underway. UDCLT had applied for charity status and was hoping to hear the outcome in March. **Date of next meeting: Monday 1 March 2021.**

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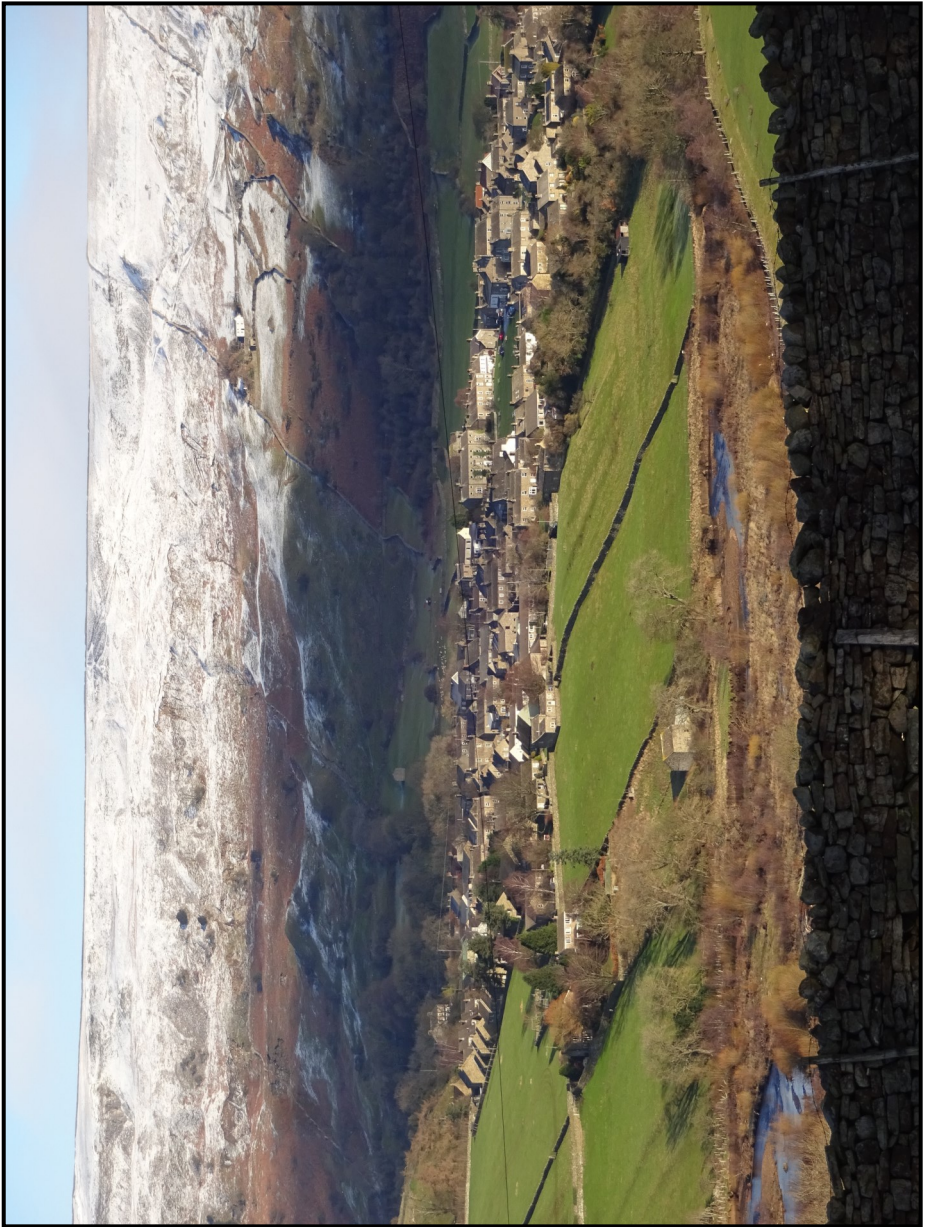


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We have become very used to believing that crime and a yobbish culture are characteristic of the modern world. But it seems to me that it is nothing new. Even in our peaceful dales a look back at some old reports and documents reveals a very different picture, quite a healthy disregard for the law. Today's misdemeanors may be different, what is acceptable now was not always so.

In 1607 two Brunskill brothers from Stonedale were charged with assaulting Will Bainbrigg at Bowes. They actually killed the poor man with a pitchfork. Poaching was a common offence in those days. John Dawson from Gunnerside shot a deer belonging to Emmanuel, Lord Scrope, and a Grinton man was sentenced to stand in the pillory in Richmond for an hour on market day for stealing Sir Marmaduke Wyvill's deer in 1693.

Sheep stealing was certainly as worrying in the 17th century as it is today. John Richardson from Bishopdale stole 'Four hogs and two ewes' from George Wawne of Oxenhopfell in Swaledale. By 1846 an Askrigg man was transported for stealing sheep. Transportation was not uncommon for crimes committed by both men and women, right into the nineteenth century.

A woman from Oxenupe (Oxnop?) was taken to the Quarter Sessions for making false and scandalous accusations that a neighbor was milking and stealing from her cows, in 1674.

Not much later, two Muker men were in trouble for diverting a watercourse.

A group of men from Grinton in 1614

were accused of riotous assembly and assault on the wife and a servant of George Alderson of Cogdon, also for breaking windows etc. One visualises a rather ugly scene.

It seems that in the 17th century minding your words was important. A yeoman from Keld was in trouble in Grinton for uttering seditious and defamatory words to another yeoman, basically speaking against the King. James Arundel later also shouted at Simon Douglas of Fremington "Thou and thy father are rogues and traitors, and all are traitor that doth fight for the King". Tempers were high.

Anti social behavior such as affray, assault, throwing stones, gambling and quarrelling on a Sunday, or non-attendance of church, were all considered unacceptable crimes in the 17th and 18th centuries. Some folk were not above pilfering from their employers in the lead mines. In 1791 there was a "Hue and Cry" advertised for the capture of robbers who took goods from Moulds mine in Arkengarthdale.

Bastard children were a great concern, and people were fined if they allowed an unmarried woman to give birth in their home. The Wensleydale Advertiser also gives a picture of the kind of lawlessness, which seems quite familiar today, and no doubt was common in Swaledale and Arkengarthdale at that time.

In 1844 "mischievous parties have been throwing down the battlements of the bridge in Gayle". Bedale reported "widespread vandalism in the district" and there was an appeal for a policeman for Hawes where "The male position in society cannot move without insult in either Hawes or Gayle on a majority of nights of the week". (see next page)

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In 1848 there were "riotous proceedings at Askrigg Fair between parties from Swaledale and Wensleydale and the policeman from Leyburn was grievously treated". On this occasion six Swaledale men were found guilty and given two months hard labour and each fined six pence and ordered to keep the peace for a year.

'Mischievous youths' were said to be rampant in Hawes, the church bell being rang and tubs and barrels placed on the chimney pots and the Town Hall's spire. 1848 Mary Sunter and Margaret Watson "Nymphs of the pave" (what kind of euphemism is that?!) were charged by the Leyburn policeman with being idle and disorderly persons and were committed to Northallerton's House of Correction for twenty one days.

Theft, pick pocketing and daylight robbery were not uncommon. Stealing from wagons at the markets occurred. A bowl of wheat was taken from Leyburn market for which there was a reward offered of one pound.

There was a highway robbery at three am in 1845, when twenty pounds was taken from a shoemaker, James Clapton, of Askrigg. That seems a lot of money to be taking around the countryside at that time of night.

As today one suspects that a good deal of the brawling and bad behavior was fueled by alcohol and it is not surprising to read of a riot in the Crown Inn in Hawes where two individuals were taken into custody, handcuffed and chained.

In the mid nineteenth century it was

proposed that a Vigilant Society be formed, in spite of the continued disturbances to the lives of the law-abiding citizens, this idea produced no interest, though the call for a policeman for Hawes continued. No Neighborhood Watch then, it seems.

Jocelyn M Campbell
Taken from Edmund Cooper my
father's notes.

Editor Note: Crikey I would have so much to write in the Gazette if only you lot were a bit more riotous.

As Delia Smith once shouted over the tannoy at Norwich Football Ground in 2005 and I quote :

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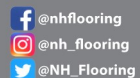
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Thinking of a loved one passing away is not pleasant to contemplate but it is kindest and sensible to ensure that your affairs are in order. Making a Will ensures that your assets pass to your loved ones or those who you would wish to inherit. This was nearly not the case when one of our clients passed away earlier this year. For the purpose of this article, I will refer to him as Tom. Tom first asked me to write his Will in 2016 as he knew he had terminal cancer. Despite this, Tom kept putting it off and eventually signed his Will one week before he passed away. Tom's Estate was bequeathed to a close friend.

Had Tom's Will not been signed, he would have died intestate and his whole estate would have gone to the Crown, as Tom had no surviving family.

Only with a valid Will can you be certain that your estate will go to the right people:

- you can specify how long funds must be held in trust for children, to any age you deem appropriate.
- You may wish friends or charities to benefit.
- You may also want to outline personal wishes, such as funeral arrangements or who should inherit particular property or items of worth.
- You may also exclude family members who you don't want to benefit from your estate in a will.

Even if you have made a will, it is sensible to keep it updated.

If you do not draw up a proper Will:

- the rules of intestacy award none of the estate to stepchildren and live-in partners, regardless of the longevity of the relationship.
- Unless you have a joint mortgage, the house that you share with your live-in partner could potentially be passed onto your children, parents, siblings or the state, leaving your partner homeless.
- In the event that both you and your spouse die, you would have no say in who becomes your children's guardian. If your child or children are under the age of 18 it is important you have a Will for this reason.
- You may not want parents or siblings to benefit to the detriment of your spouse.
- There may be personal wishes that cannot be fulfilled without a will.
- Friends or charities would not benefit.
- Failure to have a Will can cause acrimony and complications. Look no further than famous stars such as Barry White, Bob Marley and Jimi Hendrix whose families squabbled for years because they all died intestate.

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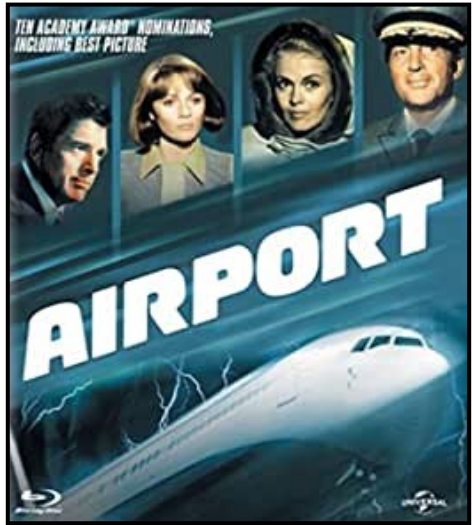
Talking Pictures AIRPORT

The 'law of diminishing returns' has often been applied to movie sequels, and it is indeed true in part in the final three 'Airport' films. Whereas the original 'Airport' was a classic of its kind - all-star cast, superb production values and a plot which belies its novel roots - the first sequel, made as the 1970's vogue for 'disaster' movies grew, proved a great disappointment.

Although it was high grossing, and led to two further sequels, **Airport '75**, despite a cast of 'high-rankers' such as the ageing Charlton Heston (who also saved the day in 'Earthquake' a year earlier) Efrem Zimbalist (who starred in the similarly plotted **Crowded Sky** back in the 1950s) Dana Andrews and Sid Caesar, with requisite Hollywood veterans Myrna Loy and Gloria Swanson brought out of retirement, the film looks cheap and dated today.

Shot in TV style, with only widescreen shots giving it any sense of real cinema, the much vaunted collision which is central to the plot and shown in glaring detail on the poster actually appears in the film by way of shoddy back projection, and the obviously studio bound attempt to drop a new pilot into the stricken cockpit from a helicopter borrows the same idea from the opening episode of TV's **Thunderbirds**.

The audience is relieved to see familiar face George Kennedy later in the movie, reprising his role of Joe Patroni,



helping to bring down the stricken airliner.

Airport '75 has all the plot elements that have been mercilessly spoofed since, including singing Nuns (Helen Reddy) and an extremely ill child (Linda Blair)

Whereas **Airport '77** charted whole new territory, in which a 747 privately owned by wealthy philanthropist James Stewart and transporting priceless art plus VIP guests, is hijacked by thieves. All goes 'well' for them until the low flying jet hits an oil rig, crashes into the sea and sinks.

Unlike in the previous '75, British matte painter Albert Whitlock provides some stunning effects shots which give these sequences realism. Of course the pressurized jet (with the requisite slow leak) must be lifted to the surface to save the passengers - all which again (Cont. on next page)

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was done by actual US Navy rescue gear, lends an air of reality to the climax. Naturally we have amongst the passengers some Hollywood veterans once again, including Joseph Cotton, Olivia de Havilland and of course George Kennedy helping to save the day again. All in all, well worth a re-visit.

The final Airport film seemed doomed from the start, with much made of its title change from 'Airport 79 - the Concorde', to **The Concorde - Airport '79** - as if by this stage anyone really cared. The cut price cast (starring Alain Delon) and even cheaper effects created a laughable effort, with chief villain Robert Wagner doing his best Wile E Coyote impression as each attempt to destroy the plane fails. This

time George Kennedy is promoted to pilot, but as with '75, the dialogue is derisible, and the film flopped at the box office and was critically mauled. The 'Airport' series was officially grounded.

A tragic postscript was the aircraft (registered F-BTSC) which was used in the film was the very same one which crashed in 2000 thereby ending all Concorde flights to this day. A sad end to a great aircraft.

John Hunter

Editor Note:

This was an excuse for me to include a photo of a unique aircraft which stunningly still looks futuristic. **Mike B**





Sustainable Swaledale

Come and join us

We are a volunteer led group and while our Facebook and blogs are freely available, the £5.00 a year membership fee helps support some of our activities and projects.

The **group meets once a month** on the first Thursday of each month (currently on zoom) at 7.30pm. Contact us for more details:

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Sustainable Swaledale site

If you are interested in longer considered commentary on environmental and sustainable topics see our website: www.sustainableswaledale.org/ hosts a series of blogs on topics such as climate change, sustainable development and planning policies.

There are also regular gardening blogs and recipes using local food. All the information is free to view and you can sign up for a monthly newsletter if you prefer content to land in your email box.

Activities over the last year

Over the last year the group has

- engaged with the planning process, focussing on issues of importance to the civic and environmental sustainability agenda
- partnered with other local environmental groups to form the 'Richmondshire Coalition of Climate Change Interested Parties' and used this combined influence to hold RDC to their climate change commitments
- set in motion plans to work with local agencies to enhance the wildflower cover in Swaledale
- acted as the Swaledale coordinators for the 'Together for Trees' local community-based tree-planting project, in partnership with the YDMT
- established a new community garden at the Reeth surgery, and produced a range of fresh produce for anyone to consume.
- promoted local produce.

Projects

The group are currently planning for post lockdown including

- communication on environmental and sustainability issues
- work on Reeth Surgery veg beds
- promoting local foods
- speakers and films
- tree guard removal
- tree planting as part of the Together for Trees project
- wild flower surveys
- working with RDC.

If any of this has wetted your appetite, do get in touch. (cont. next page)

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Second Thoughts

Being someone who cares far too much , about far too much !

I am not happy with the Gazette content this month. Not the content included or the standards of the same.

No what I mean is that I have too many film articles. Also other items that I personally submitted which I would have liked to improve for you.

To make me happy (meaning readers happy) and to improve the content so that the 'Spring is Here April Gazette' please submit anything that may be of interest to others, anything except political items.

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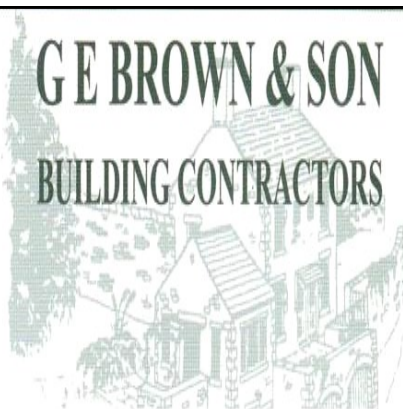
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Specific thanks to the Market Manager, Colin Garner, for all the extra work required to keep the Market compliant with the Covid rules, to our regular traders who have taken pre-orders, made deliveries and generally gone the extra mile for the more vulnerable residents, and to John Calvert, the volunteer who cones off the cobbles each week to ensure the market can go ahead.

Thank you also to those not involved in the market, but who throughout the

last year have kept our community supplied with essentials, have run errands, or kept in touch with people who have been confined to home during these difficult times. Specifically Reeth Post Office, the Gift Shop and Gail & her team of volunteers at Reeth & District Community Transport for all that they do. Also the businesses who have kept spirits up with takeaway treats etc and all of the very many individuals throughout the two dales who have, for the last year, quietly got on with making lives easier for those who are struggling in these difficult times. **Chris**

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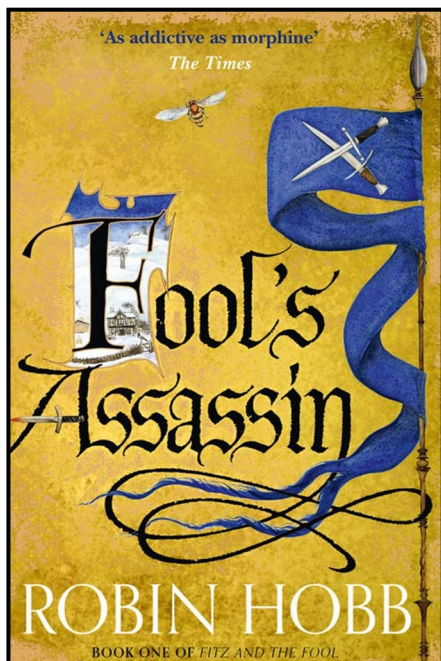
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Tom Badgerlock has been living peacefully in the manor house at Withywoods with his beloved wife Molly these many years, the estate a reward to his family for loyal service to the crown. But behind the facade of respectable middle-age lies a turbulent and violent past. For Tom Badgerlock is actually FitzChivalry Farseer, bastard scion of the Farseer line, convicted user of Beast-magic, and assassin. A man who has risked much for his king and lost more. On a shelf in his den sits a triptych carved in memory stone of a man, a wolf and a fool. Once, these three were inseparable friends: Fitz, Night-eyes and the Fool. But one is long dead, and one long-missing. Then one Winter-fest night a messenger arrives to seek

out Fitz, but mysteriously disappears, leaving nothing but a blood-trail. What was the message? Who was the sender? And what has happened to the messenger? Suddenly Fitz's violent old life erupts into the peace of his new world, and nothing and no one is safe. (Amazon Text Used).

I last read Robin Hobb in the 90's and I thought I had grown-out-of fantasy stories. I looked at these type of books as just more 'Lord of the Rings'. It was the front cover that drew me in. So glad I returned to Robin Hobb, her background of growing up in Alaska and living on a farm with many animals around her shines through. Her books show a deep caring for nature, ancient stone rings and magic. The magic is more akin to Star Wars 'the force' rather than wizards and wands (see her books opposite).
Mike B



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Extract from <https://www.britannica.com/biography/Ernest-Henry-Shackleton>.

Editor Note: and that's without the latest winter clothing. Incredible what people used to do when they had no television or mobile phones to waste their time.

Mike B

The advertisement for Cambridge House Reeth features a central text block surrounded by several award logos. The logos include: 'Delicious Yorkshire Taste Awards 2017 Winner', 'Visit England Gold Award', 'Visit England Guest Accommodation 5 stars', 'Yorkshire's Finest Taste Winner 2016', 'Yorkshire Post Delicious Yorkshire', 'The Certificate of Excellence TripAdvisor', and 'White Rose Awards 2018 Winner'. The central text describes the property as a top location in the Yorkshire Dales, suitable for walkers and cyclists, and lists five en-suite rooms. It also mentions its listing in 'The Good Hotel Guide 2019' and as a 'Winner, White Rose Awards Guest Accommodation of the Year 2018'. Contact details include the phone number 01748 88 46 33, the website www.cambridgehousereth.co.uk, and the email info@cambridgehousereth.co.uk. The background of the ad shows a blurred view of the building.

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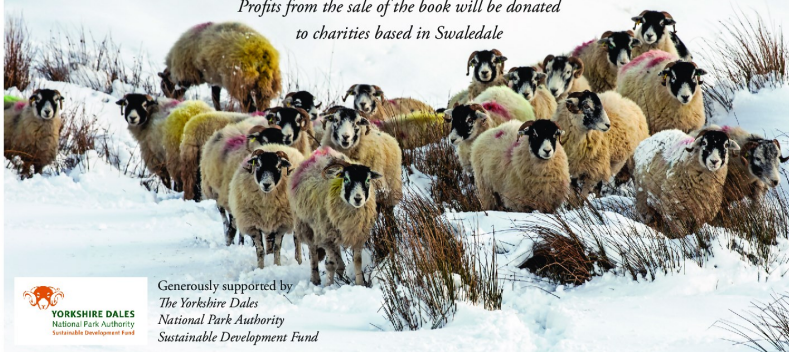
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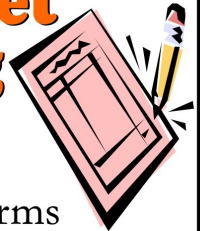


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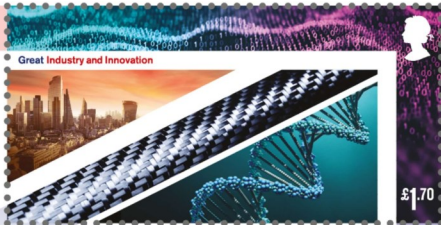
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