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## First Thoughts New Editor

Yes, I am pleased to confirm we do not have a new editor and I have interviewed nobody and nobody has come forward to take over from me. To be truthful I love doing this job when it's done. In between I have no idea how I feel. So if anybody is interested please come forward just before I am about to deliver a new Gazette.

My news this month is that whereas last month all I had was a 'Clicking Jaw' now I also now have sausage finger syndrome. In fact it was only yesterday, that our brill G.P. offered to chop off three of my swollen infected fingers or just soldier on. No idea why suddenly have three sausages on my right hand as I type this. The advice was to keep it raised for a week and take four anti-biotics drugs everyday. BUT just for your pleasure I have to ignore this for two days as it's now Saturday 10th April and by the 12th 9am this Gazette has to be with the printers. I do hope the 80 Gazette emails sitting in my in-box are all well written, carefully considered and ready for me to just cut and paste. The majority now are very good and have helped me do my job. So, thank you.

I think a few of us had a TV Company contact us as they were looking to make a new TV series in this area. I was fortunate enough to be offered a presenter role as my 'First Thoughts' submissions had really made an impression and impacted the lives of so many, bringing many to tears. Although I did decide to turn down the MBE this year. When I do get the TV job then we will really need a new

editor.

It was brass monkey's weather when I popped out early this morning. It was down to minus 2C and the car windows needed scraping. To the likes of Amanda Owen that is nothing but to me it was cold for a mid April day. I noticed that on Reeth Green a group of NHS Covid Testers were gathered, so I kept my nose down literally and decided to get some testing kits later. Good for them helping on a Saturday. As far as I am aware (my awareness means nothing I know) no Covid cases have been reported in Reeth but I must be wrong

I have my Spotify playlists playing as I write this. 'At 17' by Janice Ian is playing, another track I love. I find myself always listening to the music of my early life and the nearer I get to 60 I seem to be thinking more and more of my 3 years to 20 years. Because of this and all the memories I was reliving of the year 1983, when I met Anne, I decided to set up with a 'Zoom' call with my friend Graham (Brighton based). Graham was with me the day I met Anne and we had not caught up with each other since 1985. Can you believe it ? 36 years ! With some Facebook research I discovered he still has hair (yes I am obsessed with head hair) so I prepared for the meeting by purchasing a David Cassidy wig. His first full sentence contained ' it could just be yesterday'. So I reckon the wig was worth it don't you ? Although later on in the call when he was talking, I suddenly whipped the wig off and he stopped talking mid sentence.

I reckon he preferred me bald and that's why he just stared ! **Mike B**

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**June issue: May 10th 2021**

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Do you know your Cat Stevens' songs then?

- No one asks for more money cuz nobody dares - **Matthew and Son**
- I would have given you all of my heart - **The First Cut Is The Deepest**
- Now that I've lost everything to you - **Wild World**
- It's not time to make a change just relax, take it easy - **Father And Son**
- Well I think it's fine, building Jumbo planes - **Where Do The Children Play**

The tiebreaker: The odd one out is the first one because all the rest are the opening lines and that one isn't.

And the winner is: **Tom McNa 'Bim Bam' Bola** who got them all correct (Unlike That Man T who thought one of the songs was called ???.) and he got the tiebreaker correct, but for the wrong reason, although his reasoning was also correct, if you follow my reasoning.

Anyway, this month, all these songs have '*Time*' in the title. It's a diverse bunch which I reckon will challenge you - if you are brave enough to take up the gauntlet. I bet no-one hits me for six.

- The first thing that I'd like to do is to save everyday 'til eternity

passes away just to spend it with you

- She'll laugh when she reads the part that says I'm leavin' cause I've left that girl so many times before
- Ticking away the moments that make up a dull day
- You don't know what's going on you've been away for far too long
- If you're lost you can look and you will find me
- Come gather 'round people wherever you roam

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 years in the 'Mystery Hour') And you can now listen to my new show on Monday evenings as well from 7.00pm - 8.00pm.

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## Ask the Family

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Q	Category	Question
1	Geography	Where in the world would you expect to find a car with the vehicle registration code 'V'?
2	General	According to the idiom, what do 'birds of a feather' do?
3	General	How many sides has a heptadecagon?
4	General	The letters of the word 'allergy' can be rearranged to form three other seven-letter words. Can you find all three of them?
5	Literature	In which children's book did a spider called Charlotte and a pig called Wilbur appear?
6	General	Which UK airport has the IATA code GLA?
7	General	'Suncrisp', 'Golden Russet' and 'Braeburn' are all varieties of which fruit?
8	Nature	Lemurs are native to which island?
9	History	Who succeeded Henry II as King of England?
10	Movies	What was the name of the character played by John Travolta in the film 'Pulp Fiction'?
11	History	Who was the sixth wife of Henry VIII?
12	Literature	What is the name of the fourth book in the 'Harry Potter' series?
13	TV	Who played the title character in the BBC series 'Jonathan Creek'?
14	Science	Which metal has the chemical symbol Pb?
15	Movies	Which was the first James Bond film to feature Roger Moore in the title role?
16	General	What is fifteen percent of two thousand?
17	General	What was Baroness Thatcher's middle name?
18	Movies	Which sport is featured in the 2003 film 'Seabiscuit'?
19	Movies	'Bright Eyes' by Art Garfunkel was used in the soundtrack to which 1978 animated film?
20	General	What is the name of the machine, commonly referred to as a 'lie detector', which measures reactions such as blood pressure, pulse and respiration of an individual in response to questions asked?

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## Unwelcome visitors to Reeth!

We love all our visitors to Reeth but there is one which is not welcome or loved and that is the Rat.

They have been spotted at various locations around the village and it is though they may be benefiting from caring members of the community who are trying to help hedgehogs and birds by feeding them.

So, before people start thinking we have Ta-rats Syndrome, please could we just find ways of feeding the wild-life without encouraging *Rattus Norvegicus*. Use bird feeders on poles with catching trays and grease the pole with a silicone spray. Store bird and chicken feed in tightly sealed, heavy plastic containers and put your hedgehog food in the middle of the garden late at night when the hedgehogs are more likely to come to it, rats do not like being out in the open.

However, when it comes to hedgehogs, we should not be feeding them in winter because they should all be hibernating. If you do have hedgehogs out in winter, then it might be an idea to call The British Hedgehog Preservation Society.

**Lisa Bridge, Reeth, Fremington & Healaugh Parish Council**

## Thank You

Having returned home after 2 months in hospital with Covid, I would like to give the most sincere thanks to Hilda and Kate for doing so much in the house both while I was interned and after I got home.

Also to Billy and Ailsa for manhandling and generally helping me and to the Yuill family and staff who have been so supportive. So many other people have done their bit, I cannot name them all.

I have got a great array of cards and the Football League have produced a huge gift to eat and drink. Clare (and Cody) have been looking after Nip for me.

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## Dales Police Report April 2021

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Firstly, an update on the planned move of Leyburn Police Station to the shared facility at Leyburn Fire Station. The sharp eyed amongst you will have noticed that this has not happened yet. It is still going ahead but has been delayed due to a technical problem with IT. We will keep you posted as to when we are moving.

**The last month has seen little in the way of crime.**

**23rd March** - stand out offence was the theft overnight of 10 chimney pots, valued at over £500, from outside Cellar Antiques in Hawes. Please contact us with any information.

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On a personal note, I shall be retiring in May from the police and my role as Beat Manager and Wildlife Crime Officer at Leyburn.

I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to the many past and present colleagues who I have worked with in the last 29 years, and whose support and friendship has been much appreciated. Policing is a unique and varied career, with many challenges.

When I joined we were largely focused on crime, whereas your average officer today has a wide range of demands, not only investigating crime and disorder, but also working with partners to safeguard victims and the vulnerable.

Personally, when dealing with people I have always tried to work on the principle that behaviour breeds behaviour. This approach must have had some success as I very rarely needed to draw my truncheon, and was only shot at once (he missed!).



A big thank you to the dedicated volunteers, such as Dales Watch, who help to keep crime levels low, and Swaledale Mountain Rescue Team, who are always there to help with the seemingly impossible. They are just two examples of the support which is freely given in our amazing Dales. Others, such as my friends in the Yorkshire Dales National Park and RSPB deserve a mention, but this risks becoming an Oscar acceptance speech!

**Stay safe  
Julian Sutcliffe**



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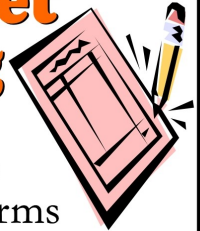


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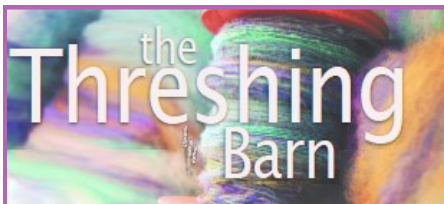
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As these before and after photos (taken from the public footpath through the wood at the Gunnerside end) show, it's made quite a difference.



Tree guards do a good job of protecting young trees. While there is debate about whether they have been used too much in the past, there is general agreement that once they've done their job, they are best removed. Not only

are they unsightly, but eventually all that plastic will break up into micro-plastics and wash down into our rivers and seas.

A company in Hampshire is trialling a new type of tree guard which look and feel much like the standard plastic ones, but are made from wool! After several years protecting their trees, these tubes start to break down naturally so there's no need to collect them and no nasty plastic to worry about - in fact they end up feeding the tree!. Swaledale wool is apparently perfect.

Tubes made from wool are cost effective, carbon neutral and will hopefully go into full scale production next year. Meanwhile, there is still work to do removing plastic guards from our woodlands that no longer serve a purpose.

The 1,000 tubes in Rowleth Wood were collected just as lockdown rules relaxed to allow groups to work safely according to the 'rule of six'.

All the tubes were collected and taken away to be recycled into garden furniture and the wooden stakes were mostly piled up to make bug hotels. The plastic ties were recycled too. There are still tubes to remove from Rowleth Wood, although they will have to wait now until autumn when the ground bird nesting season is over.

The work was organised and carried out by Sustainable Swaledale and was made possible thanks to the kind permission and support of the Low Row Pasture Committee and Reeth Estate.



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### Answers to 'Ask the Family' Quiz on page 6.

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2. Flock Together
3. 17
4. Gallery, largely and Regularly
5. Charlette's Web
6. Glasgow
7. Apple
8. Madagascar
9. Richard The Lionheart
10. Vincent Vega
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## Dales Police Report March 2021

(this article missed the last April Gazette—hence included in this edition)  
**The following incidents of note have occurred in the Dales area -**

Firstly, some important news regarding Leyburn Police Station; whilst there has been some delay due to Covid, Leyburn Police Station will officially be moving into Leyburn Fire Station on 29th March 2021. This will give both North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service (NYF&RS) and North Yorkshire Police the opportunity to reinvest the savings that will be made, by sharing and improving facilities for both services - resulting in an enhanced service and greater value for money to the public. Our new home is less than 100 metres from current Police station and we very much look forward to working closer with our emergency service colleagues in NYF&RS.

Aside from continuing Covid-breach reports, there has only been one incident of public interest in the Dales area this month:

**Overnight between 11th - 12th March** in Castle Bolton, a Landrover Defender has had its windscreen trim removed and another vehicle, belonging to the same owner, had the fuel cap tampered with. Any info - please contact us on '101'.

We are aware of an increasing worry amongst dog owners about the threat of dog theft - please can we reassure local residents that these thefts are very rare in the Dales. For further information please visit; Dog thefts - advice and guidance - <https://>

[northyorkshire.police.uk/news/dog-thefts-advice-for-dog-owners/](https://northyorkshire.police.uk/news/dog-thefts-advice-for-dog-owners/)

There are a number of steps you can take to help safeguard your dog:

- Ensure your pet is microchipped - if your dog runs off or is stolen, a vets will be able to identify the rightful owner.
- Don't leave dogs unattended in the street.
- Don't overshare on social media, ensure your privacy settings are secure and don't share details about your home address or regular walking routes.
- Ensure your garden is secure and don't leave them alone for long periods of time.
- If you keep them outside, make sure your property and kennels are secure.
- Always keep them on a lead when walking near roads.
- Ensure your dog has good recall before you let it off the lead.

Regarding Covid; as the weeks go on now, certain restrictions will start lifting and/or changing. For the most up to date information please visit [www.gov.uk/coronavirus](https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus). If you want to report a breach of the rules please go to [northyorkshire.police.uk](https://northyorkshire.police.uk) where there is a specific online reporting form.

**PCSO Lucy Osborn 3744  
Leyburn and the Dales Neighbourhood  
Police Team**

### Editor Note:

I have to say I have been sickened this year by the treatment the police have been subjected to. So thanks to you are your colleagues for the extra work you have had to deal with during Covid, I have no idea how you keep going, it must be so hard at times. **Mike B**

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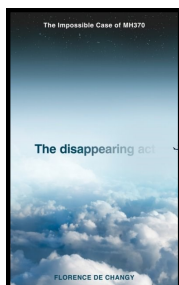
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Mike B

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The legion were not the first to advocate the poppy as the symbol of remembrance. An American Academic Moina Michael had championed the idea in the USA and Canada and a French woman, Anna Guerin was planning to sell poppies in the UK when a chance meeting with Field Marshall Earl Haig led to them being adopted by the British Legion. For many years the Poppy Appeal was called "The Earl Haig Fund".

On the legion's Golden Anniversary in May 1971 Her Majesty the Queen bestowed the title "Royal" and so we became the Royal British Legion. In May of 1981 membership became open to serving as well as ex-service personnel.

The Royal British Legion is, by Royal Charter, the official custodian of Remembrance.

For 100 years the Legion has supported those who serve, or have served and their dependants and this vital work continues.

My thanks to all in the Two Dales who continue to support the Poppy Appeal and the work carried out by the Royal British Legion

**Martin Sunderland**  
Poppy Appeal Organiser

### Covid-19 Support - May

The anchor hub in Reeth will continue to offer support in the two dales for several more months.

Full details of all the support that there is can be found online at :

[2dales.org.uk/coronavirus](http://2dales.org.uk/coronavirus) and  
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[www.facebook.com/ReethDCT/](http://www.facebook.com/ReethDCT/) and  
[www.facebook.com/groups/ReethandDistrictCommunity/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/ReethandDistrictCommunity/)

If you can't access the internet and this information then please phone the anchor hub at Hudson House. Phone 01748 880 021. Please leave a messages if no-one answers and we'll get back to you.

Thank you to all who have volunteered and are providing this much needed support throughout the two dales.

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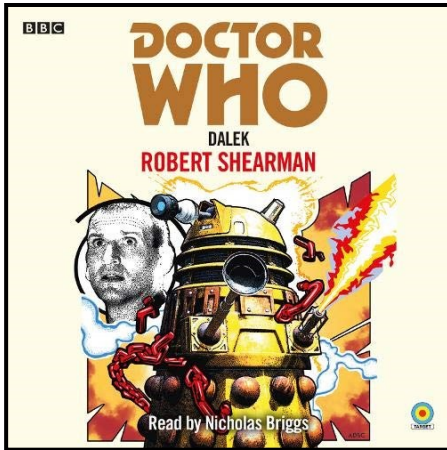
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### Saturday 29 May

- **Kite-Making Workshops for Kids**  
The workshops will run from 11:00 to 16:00 - just turn up at any time between 11:00 and 15:30. All materials and equipment will be provided. Malcolm Goodman (aka The Kiteman) will also be flying some of his own spectacular kites when time and weather allow.
- **Janet Seymour School of Theatre Dance** - 14:00  
Young dancers from this immensely talented local dance school will perform on Reeth Green.
- **The Pneûma Project** - 15:00  
Dance artist Miranda Tufnell, with two musicians and three dancers, will explore the life-giving potency of breath lost and regained. An immersive performance in Reeth Community Orchard in which movement and live sound create a shifting tapestry of images and stories. Followed by an optional movement workshop.

### • **Also clog dancing and quoits!** Sunday 30 May

- **Kite-Making Workshops for Kids**  
As above, running from 11:00 to 16:00 - just turn up at any time between 11:00 and 15:30.
- **Runaway Samba**  
Outstanding drumming group from County Durham will perform uplifting beats and rhythms throughout the day.
- **The Young'uns Singing Workshop**  
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All are welcome to join in the fun - no experience necessary.

- Also Leyburn Band and quilts!  
**Monday 31 May**
- **Kite-Making Workshops for Kids**  
As above, running from 11:00 to 16:00 - just turn up at any time between 11:00 and 15:30.
- **Baque De Ogum**  
Performances from top north-east samba band throughout the day.
- **Also quilts!**

There will be a bucket collection for voluntary donations to Swaledale Festival (registered charity no.1025480)

In addition to the free Family Fun Weekend, there are two ticketed performances from The Young'uns on Sunday 30 May at 16:00 and 19:30 at The Garden Rooms at Tennants, Leyburn. The three superstars from Stockton will enchant us with their haunting songs and captivating stories of North East characters, and life in general. To buy your tickets, and for further information, please visit: [www.swalefest.org](http://www.swalefest.org).

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## Church Opening Times and Services in May

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- Sunday 2 May - Holy Trinity, Low Row
- Sunday 9 May - St Andrew's, Grinton
- Sunday 16 May - St Mary's, Muker
- Sunday 23 May - St Mary's, Arkengarthdale
- Sunday 30 May - Trinity Sunday - Holy Trinity, Low Row

Churches will also be open for private prayer on request. Please contact the churchwardens.

Please wear a face covering and be ready to use hand sanitiser and to give your contact details.

Please contact any of the ministers or check on the websites shown below for the latest information for each church.

Even though buildings may be closed please know that the church - the body of people who worship and follow Jesus - is alive and well and continuing to pray and seek to serve. Please contact any of the ministers as usual to talk or pray, or if we can help in any way.

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 -

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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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### **Message from the Swaledale Museum Reeth**

We are delighted to announce that the Swaledale Museum will re-open on Monday 31st May, Mondays to Thursdays inclusive 10.00 am to 5.00 pm and at other times by appointment, just contact us. We can't wait to see you. Thanks to all of you who have been so supportive while we have been closed. We are now busy painting the interior and unwrapping the collection, which is a bit like meeting old friends.

Many have used the lockdowns to creative purpose over the last year, not least authors engaged with subjects related to Swaledale. We are delighted and touched to have been the recipients of support from the author of Seasons on the Hill Farm the newly published photographic record of the Calvert Family, pedigree Swaledale sheep breeders who live in Birkdale, available via [snap@ianshortphotography.co.uk](mailto:snap@ianshortphotography.co.uk).

Some of you will remember Prof. William E. Van Vugt from Calvin College, Grand Rapids who came to give a lecture on his work on Swaledalers who left for America. The fruits of his research are now available in his new book Portrait of an English Migration North Yorkshire People in North America, published by McGill-Queens University Press, 2021. In this ground breaking book he recounts the history of those who left North Yorkshire for North America between the eighteenth century and the early twentieth century.

Focussing on individual stories of migrants and their families, this book provides many personal glimpses of the migration experience of those who left England's largest county to build new lives in the United States and Canada. Exploring the local history, geography, and cultures of Yorkshire and the key places

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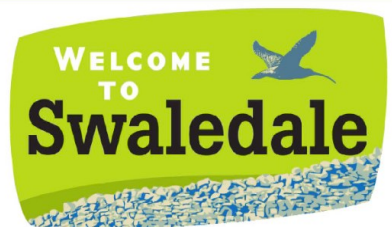
of settlement in North America, William Van Vugt deepens our understanding of the historic migration process: how local conditions and access to information influenced migration decisions, the role of local networks in migration patterns, and the significance of family connections, religious identities, and land ownership to the migrants themselves. He considers the extent to which English migrants shaped regional culture and contributed to economic development, addressing ongoing questions about identity and what it meant to be English in North America. It is full of first-person accounts and stories from migrants themselves, Portrait of an English Migration is both a sweeping history of two centuries of migration and an intimate look at the lives of generations of Yorkshire people who crossed the ocean to make a new home.

Many of you have been looking at the pictures on our Online Image Archive, and we much appreciate your active engagement with this resource. All the extra information you have sent in will enable us to update the catalogue. If you take a look at the pictures and have more information on any of them just send us the Image Number and the information and we will add it, for the benefit of all. Now for our May picture. We think that this photograph records something quite revolutionary in Swaledale. Can you guess what it might be? It had a profound impact on our community. Any suggestions to Helen at the Museum, see below for contact details. We are as yet still unsure about relaunching our lecture programme due to social distancing issues and the small size of our upper gallery.

However, we hope to schedule some outdoor events, including Richard Lamb's much awaited tour of Arkengarthdale, and some local walks round Reeth for a start. Keep an eye on our website as we respond to the government guidelines.

If you want to sign up for our FREE e-newsletters with latest developments do let us know, and we will put you on the circulation list. Why not become a Friend of the Museum? Excellent idea for a birthday present. Annual membership: single £12.50, couple £20, family £25 gives unlimited free entry to the Museum, discount on talks, and our twice yearly Newsletter! For more information contact Helen Bainbridge via [helen@swaledalemuseum.org](mailto:helen@swaledalemuseum.org) or on 07969 823232. Visit our website at [www.swaledalemuseum.org](http://www.swaledalemuseum.org) for the latest information.

Helen



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- Updating policies and procedures in line with current legislation.
- Responsibility for the Parish Council's finances (day to day and year end).

There is an element of evening work, principally attendance at 8/9 meetings per year, usually held at the Village Institute in Muker.

It's really interesting and not difficult and the current Clerks will help you understand the paperwork processes, contacts, how to organise the various meetings etc.,

Please contact Alison Stringer or Nick Turner on **01748 886409** for a chat. Alternatively you can e-mail [mukerteashop@btinternet.com](mailto:mukerteashop@btinternet.com) by the 18th May 2021.

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## Sustainable Swaledale

### Climate change

The **Richmondshire Climate Action Partnership** was launched 24<sup>th</sup> March 2021 with the stated aims of Richmondshire District Council becoming carbon neutral by 2030 and helping organisations/communities to achieve similar targets within the same timeframe. It currently has 50-60 members from a wide range of backgrounds including members of Sustainable Swaledale Group. The partnership is still looking for people with enthusiasm and ideally expertise to join. If interested, please contact [info@richmondshireclimateaction.org](mailto:info@richmondshireclimateaction.org) for more information.

Source : Richmondshire Today article [www.richmondshiretoday.co.uk/climate-action-partnership-launched-in-richmondshire/](http://www.richmondshiretoday.co.uk/climate-action-partnership-launched-in-richmondshire/)

### Mow free May, Mohican cuts and rewilding your garden

You can **increase the number of bees and insects your lawn supports** by not mowing the grass during May when lots of flowers are producing nectar. Use the time saved to record the (larger) number of flowers in your lawn as part of Plantlife's Every Flower Counts survey running this year between 22-31 May. Plantlife recommends that rather than cut all the lawn short, you leave some patches with longer grass to allow some of the taller plants to flower - known as a Mohican cut. Follow Mow Free May with Let it Bloom June.

More at: [www.plantlife.org.uk/everyflowercounts/](http://www.plantlife.org.uk/everyflowercounts/)

There is much discussion on the benefits of rewilding and you don't need a lot of land to make a difference. Check out this handy guide on rewilding your garden:

[www.littlegreenspace.org.uk/features/rewilding-your-garden.html](http://www.littlegreenspace.org.uk/features/rewilding-your-garden.html)

### Right to repair and improved energy efficiency labelling

The government has confirmed that it hopes legislation to force suppliers to provide spare parts will come in this summer. Manufacturers will be legally obliged to make spare parts for products available to consumers. It is estimated that the ability to repair some appliances could increase longevity by up to 10 years.

New energy labels for appliances will also come in replacing the current system. Items will be graded A to G with the highest efficiency grading likely to be awarded to fewer items.

Source:[www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-56340077](http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-56340077)

### Swifts and Swallows in Swaledale and Arkengarthdale

Sustainable Swaledale is launching a five-year 'Swifts and Swallows of Swaledale' project. Before it launches, we'd like help collecting some baseline data about this year's arrivals, so **if you see any of these birds this year**, could you record first sightings and subsequent distinct sightings by filling in a short form:

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You can find more information on swifts and swallows on our website



### Trees

The Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust and Sustainable Swaledale now have 12 possible sites for **planting small areas of trees**. A last call for anyone interested in planting trees to contact [info@sustainableswaledale.org](mailto:info@sustainableswaledale.org)

**Over 1,000 redundant tree guards** have been removed from Rowleth Wood by small groups of volunteers. The wood looks more natural now that the plastic has been removed from the mature trees. The footpath between Gunnerside and Smarber will take you on a charming woodland walk with bluebells starting to make an appearance in May. Clickable links available via the Sustainable Swaledale website.

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### Alistair MacLean



We turn a little literary for this 'talking pictures' - and take a look at one of the best-selling fiction authors of all time, Alistair MacLean, whose writing career began with 'HMS Ulysses' in 1955. This novel was based on his own wartime experiences in the Royal Navy.

The book was a huge success and interestingly the film rights were sold to Associated British, but the movie was never made. This was of course the halcyon days of British wartime movies such as 'Colditz', 'Reach for the Sky' and 'The Wooden Horse'.

His 2nd novel in 1957 was turned into a war movie - the hugely successful 'Guns of Navarone', which was released in 1961. Winning an Oscar for special effects and starring Gregory Peck, David Niven (in a role originally intended for another British war film stalwart, Kenneth More) and Anthony Quinn, it has one of composer Dmitri Tiomkin's greatest scores - complete with actual Greek folk melodies.

MacLean's next film adaptation was 'The Satan Bug' in 1965 - starring the now almost forgotten George Maharis, and proved quite an underwhelming affair compared with many of the other films listed here - although directed by action-meister John Sturges, and with a screenplay by another top author James Clavell ('Shogun').

MacLean's 1963 novel '**Ice Station Zebra**' however, proved to be a huge success when filmed in 1968. Directed again by John Sturges ('**Magnificent Seven**' etc) with no expense spared and a powerhouse cast including Rock Hud-

son, Ernest Borgnine and Patrick McGooohan. The topical 'cold war' plot captured the public's imagination and brought further success to MacLean.

We're moving into the early 1970s now, with a clutch of MacLean adaptations - '**Puppet on a chain**', '**When eight bells toll**', and '**Fear is the key**'. Although all featuring the familiar 'thriller' and 'chase' themes, the three stories, and their attendant movies, are all very different. The first adaptation, whilst featuring a thundering power boat chase through the canals of Amsterdam is rather lacklustre in other respects with a bland leading man (Sven Bertil Taube) and an 'AA' certificate at the time which lost it much of its target audience. 'Eight Bells' stars a youthful Anthony Hopkins, not particularly at ease with the 'action man' heroics called for in the plot, and with a lugubrious Robert Morley along for the ride. '**Fear is the key**' however is a minor classic of the genre, with a pre-'Petrocelli' Barry Newman taking the lead in what is essentially a long 'chase' movie, culminating in the most claustrophobic finale I've ever seen. Well worth a look. The mid-70s' brought us '**Caravan to Vaccares**' another underwhelming affair starring the almost unknown David Birney, '**The Golden Rendezvous**' in 1977 (based on a 1962 novel) which involved bombs on an ocean liner, and in many ways was very similar to the earlier (and better) '**Juggernaut**' which *also* starred Richard Harris.

Later MacLean adaptations tended to be inferior, although '**Bear Island**' has some great stunts, a taut script and nice Arctic scenery, and the western '**Breakheart Pass**' starring of all people .... (continued on next page)

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Charles Bronson is a brisk thriller with a great train crash and a plot revolving around a plague - both well worth a look. Afficionados of MacLean may have spotted an obvious omission, which we'll have a closer look at next time - probably his most popular novel and best film - and as a little teaser here's a famous line from the script; "Broadsword calling Danny" John H

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## The Hair Salon goes Green



The Hair Salon in Reeth has taken another big step on their mission to become Eco friendly by becoming one of the first salons in North Yorkshire to join The Green Salon Collective!

Over the past few years the salon has introduced compostable towels and a refill station for shampoo and conditioner that enable clients to refill their plastic bottles to reduce consumption.

Now, having joined the Green Salon Collective over 90% of waste produced by the client's services will be collected and recycled rather than contributing to landfill.

Hannah Allison, Owner of The Hair Salon said "After becoming more aware of the impact my growing family and daily life had on the environment I started making changes at home to

some of the products I use.

The amount of waste produced in the hair and beauty industry saddens me and so I began looking at how my salon could also be kinder to our environment. When I heard about the Green Salon Collective I knew it was the right thing for my business. The cost of recycling waste is higher than simply sending it all to landfill but I trust our clients will be happy to support our decision to do our best for our planet."

The Hair Salon has taken on the full recycling package offered by Green Salon Collective and so will be sending the waste hair, chemicals, metals, all plastics, paper/card, PPE and our compostable towels.

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Clients visiting The Hair Salon will see the waste their services produce sorted into bins ready to be collected. They will leave not only looking good but feeling great knowing we are all doing what we can to ensure future generations live well. Read on to find out more about the Green Salon Collective

GSC was founded by environmental experts, hairdressers and eco campaigners. They are the original authority on salon sustainability throughout the UK and Ireland wide. Launched in July 2020, GSC has already partnered with industry leading names and has 300 salons like ours already on board.

GSC enables salons to become more sustainable, ethical businesses via their recycling, education & accreditation offerings, and in the space of just their first 6 months (Jul-Dec 2020) they have helped keep the following away from landfill:

- Recovered over 400 kilograms of hair which will be used towards cleaning our waterways and help with gardening composting projects.
- Recycled over 2.3 tonnes of used foil and colour tubes.
- Recovered and recycled over 230 litres of leftover colour and bleach, plus over 200 kilograms of PPE & Plastic.
- In addition, all of the profits raised from the commodity sale of these recycling processes have helped support local charities such as Haircuts4Homeless.

### Recycling

GSC provide salons with a service to recycle the traditionally impossible to recycle items such as hair, foil, chemi-

cals and colour tubes. GSC also offer a full plastic, PPE & paper recovery service too.

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## Swaledale Night Sky



The long days and short nights are here!

Not much good for nocturnal stargazing, so here is an image of our nearest star captured during daytime.

Taken facing south over the back of our house it shows the daily track of the sun from east to west (left to right). The highest curve is at the summer solstice (late June), the lowest three months later at the autumn equinox (late September).

This change in the sun's position helps define the seasons in our home. Barely clearing the opposite side of the Dale around the winter solstice, blinding through the bedroom window during early mornings in March and October, lighting up the kitchen and the far side of the Dale in late afternoon through the summer. Do you follow the sunlight seasonality in your house?

The image was captured last summer using a pin-hole camera, £16 from solarcan.co.uk. Hoping we see some sun this summer!

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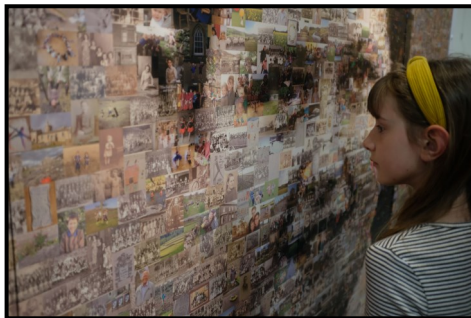
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### Giant artwork to be unveiled

An exhibition telling the story of schools in the Upper Dales is opening at Dales Countryside Museum (DCM) in Hawes. It features a spectacular photo mosaic made from nearly 2,300 images of youth and school-life in the Upper Dales which were shared by the local community over eight weeks in autumn 2020. A Mosaic of Dales Youth was created by The People's Picture, an art and design studio led by artist Helen Marshall. The photo tiles come together to reveal a whole new image selected by Marshall - portraits of David Hodgson of Askrigg School, aged 7 in 1954, and Joan Miller of Yorebridge Grammar School, aged 12 in 1946.



'The Story of Schools in the Upper Dales' is also told through interpretation boards, vintage and modern photographs, a short film and oral histories.

The exhibition will open at DCM on 17 May, and run till 18 July 2021. It marks the culmination of a project run by The NASH in partnership with the museum, and funded by The National Lottery Heritage Fund and the Yorkshire Dales National Park

Authority's Sustainable Development Fund.

The NASH Project Manager Emily Rowe Rawlence said: 'Once we began delving into the history of The NASH, which is short for National School Hawes, we realised the landscape was peppered with little schools that played transformative roles, all with their own story to tell. This exhibition maps them out and explores themes such as the changing journey to school, the tension between learning and earning and the life of teachers, 'Kiddy Catchers' and bus drivers. It's amazing how much energy and effort goes into the making of a school.'

Fourteen oral history interviews took place with well-known local people who attended Upper Dales schools from the 1930s onwards.

'Recording their stories has been a project highlight,' said Ms Rowe Rawlence. 'The exhibition is full of anecdotes, from filling pockets with bullets in WWII, to walking alone through brutal weather two miles to school and back at only five-years-old, to being sent down the pub to buy cigarettes for the headmaster at breaktime. Each person had a fascinating story to tell of a Dales childhood in the 30s, 40s, 50s or 60s. Together with the giant photo mosaic that is four and a half metres wide, they bring the last century to life.'

The exhibition had been due to open on 30 January 2021 but was delayed due to the third national lockdown. The last day will now be Sunday 18 July to give the public every chance to visit. If the lifting of restrictions allows, there will also be a programme for local ...  
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schools run by the project's Education Officer Heather Hodgson.

Heather Hodgson said: 'We all have memories of school, some stronger than others, often evoked by smells, songs and rhymes or photographs. Come and re-live your school days by sharing in our interactive exhibition telling the story of school life in the Upper Dales.

There will be family-friendly activities, emotive displays and thought-provoking educational resources'.

Helen Marshall of The People's Picture said: 'I am incredibly excited to have been able to create a work about and for such a special place - revealing so many stories, personal and evocative. I hope many people get to see it in its final online and printed form'.

Fiona Rosher, Museum Manager said: 'We're so pleased to be able to share this wonderful exhibition at last. The

Museum has introduced Covid measures to keep visitors and staff safe, including timed tickets that can be booked online. We look forward to welcoming both visitors and local people to enjoy the exhibition and hope they will share their memories of school life with families and friends'.

Please visit [www.thenashhawes.org/Story-of-Schools](http://www.thenashhawes.org/Story-of-Schools) and [www.dalescountrysidemuseum.org.uk](http://www.dalescountrysidemuseum.org.uk) for further information.

**Emily**



## Family Trees

I have noticed that with the continuing lockdown, people with time on their hands have turned to tracing their family trees.

So much can be done on the internet that no longer does one have to visit libraries, graveyards and archives to find individual documents only available by visiting various sites.

I have been no exception in searching family connections, although my direct ancestors have been well documented before me, I am at the stage of searching the more deviant or original members, or those who distinguished themselves in some particular field. Not many. I wish I could find more detail about the Coopers who are first mentioned in Swaledale in the 1690s.

Most northerners are aware of the famous Fenwick shops in Newcastle, Bond Street, London, and elsewhere. But they probably don't know that the founder, John James Fenwick, spent seven years of his childhood in his grandfathers home at the toll house at Hags Gill, Ellerton. His mother (my great great aunt) had married a John Fenwick from Feldom. Her father James Cooper was a shoe maker, ran the Red Lion in Reeth, and finally moved from Grinton to Ellerton in charge of the new Toll House, where he died in 1856.

The Fenwicks moved to Frenchgate in Richmond, where they ran a small grocery. They had a large family and tiny living space. When John James was very young his mother became seriously ill, and he was sent to live with his grandparents at the Toll House. As he

grew he walked each day to Reeth to the Methodist school. His mother returned from having surgery in London, and produced another five children.

Nevertheless the scattering of one's family among relatives doesn't seem that unusual, and John James remained in the Dale until he was 10 or 11. He then went back to his home in Richmond and attended the Corporation School. He did well there and spent some time as a student teacher of the younger aged children.

A document exists which states that he was able to 'work as far as square roots' and that 'his conduct was exemplary'. It indicates the promise of a successful business man. On the death of his mother aged only 44, his father and remaining family moved to Middlesbrough, where he trained as a tailor. He then moved to Newcastle, where after considerable success he founded the famous shop. The influence of his schooling in Reeth seems to have strengthened his devotion to the Methodist Church, and for the rest of his life he remained a devout member of the local chapel. One quotation which he wrote aged 22, still exists, in this it indicates his moral beliefs. "I am remembering with sorrow what a valuable part of my life has been wasted. I can find nothing of importance that I have done to benefit my fellow man, nor have I in any degree glorified God"

One thing that has intrigued me about JJ Fenwick is that he married a girl called Ann Hannah Burmand. 'Burmand' happens to be my mother's family name in Switzerland and France.

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I have found since learning this that there are quite a number of Burnands in the North of England. The name appears in the 16th Century. Did they come from the same roots as my family in Savoy? We know that there are Burnands in the South of England and exactly when they came to London in the 18th Century. They remained in contact with my swiss Grandfather.

So where did the northern Burnands spring from? Did they come from France originally?

So here I am, hoping the lockdown will remain long enough for me to stumble on more information about the Yorkshire Burnands. Does anyone know any one with that name? Help!

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## ARKENGARTHDALE PARISH COUNCIL, March 2021

**Flood risk in Arkengarthdale:** A presentation was given by a WSP engineer contracted by NYCC on the feasibility phase of a flood alleviation study, which proposed potential mechanisms for alleviating the future flooding of properties in Langthwaite and Whaw. Recommended actions for flood alleviation would be included in a forthcoming report and would be developed according to the availability of funding.

**Fountain Farm Consultation:** The new owner of Fountain Farm had asked the council for feedback on a consultation document. This included plans for developing the property and improving the land for grazing and for conservation purposes. Residents in Booze had already been consulted and were supportive of the proposed ideas. Councillors were unanimously supportive of the development plans, but expressed concern about planting trees in sites that would obscure the fantastic views from neighbouring properties when the trees matured.

**YDNPA Local Plan 2021-2040:** Reeth had been categorised as a 'large village' rather than a 'town' in the consultation document, placing it in the same category as villages such as Gunnerside, Muker and Langthwaite in terms of the services it provided. Councillors agreed that this categorisation failed to recognise the importance of the services provided in Reeth for residents in all of the other villages and hamlets of Swaledale and Arkengarthdale, and agreed that it should be formally noted

as part of the consultation that Reeth was, in practice, an extremely important local "service centre" for the residents and communities of the two dales as well as for Reeth itself.

**5G testbed trial:** YDNPA Planning had approved the proposed 5G mast in Coverdale. A NYCC project was looking into the possibilities for extending 5G into Arkengarthdale to bring fast reliable internet connectivity. Councillors were disappointed that the new mast presently being constructed at Seal Houses was for emergency services only.

**Council restructuring:** Councillors considered two proposals for changes to the structure of North Yorkshire council authorities. They agreed to support the single unitary council proposed by NYCC, as it would be less disruptive for services currently being provided to the parish, whilst noting that both models would result in decreased representation for Arkengarthdale.

**Flood Funds:** The grant from the Two Ridings Foundation for additional flood-related work had been successful. Work had started on the gutters on the Arkengarthdale road, and tree work and beck clearance would start as soon as the weather permitted.

**Stang Lane walls and bridge:** The top stones along the newly built wall near the bridge had still not been replaced and there was still a hole in the wall of the bridge on Stang Lane. Identifying the responsible department at NYCC had not been straightforward.

**Planning applications:** An application for variation of conditions to work at Spence Intake (R/01/108B & R/01/108C) had been received and a letter of support had been submitted.

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**Refurbishment of Parish Council seats:** Two parish council seats sited above CB Yard and at Whaw Lane End would be renovated as soon as the weather permitted.

**Grant application for renovation of petrol pumps at Arkle Town:** The YDNPA Sustainable Development Fund had been supportive of the application but there would be no funding forthcoming. The SDF recommended that the petrol pumps be given a light-touch clean-up in situ, rather than undergo a full restoration, such that the current condition/paintwork was retained. It was also recommended that instead of installing an information board, publicity leaflets could be left at the YDNPA tourist information offices. The owner of the pumps, not the Parish Council, would be responsible for undertaking

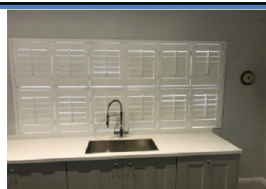
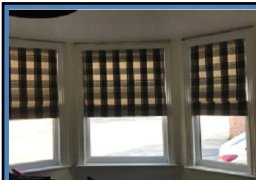
the recommended work.

**Laptop donation:** An old parish council laptop had been wiped clean and donated to Richmond School for use by pupils who were home-schooling during the pandemic. A letter of thanks had been received from Richmond School.

**Date of next meeting:** The date of the Annual Parish meeting and the Annual Parish Council meeting was changed from previously advertised. The Annual Parish Meeting would now start at 8pm on Tuesday 4 May 2021 and would be followed by the Annual Parish Council Meeting. Both meetings would be held remotely.

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We will also be on Reeth Market on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May to receive donations but will not be holding a cake stall this year.

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### Steve Smethurst



Many people will be sorry to hear news of Steve Smethurst, of Crackpot, who died peacefully at home on March 11<sup>th</sup> 2021 after a short illness.

An unmistakable figure with his long hair, beard, and a selection of hats to suit the seasons Steve may be best known to many as the man who used to fuel his battered Landrover with used oil from the chippy in Leyburn, with the exhaust smell making some believe that the fish and chip van had arrived on the wrong day. Others may remember him as one of the stalwarts of the Thursday night musical sessions at the Bridge Inn where Steve and his mandolin playing would drive the musical agenda with an encyclopaedic knowledge of songs and an amazing memory for lyrics - only popping out between tunes occasionally for a breath of fresh air which he rolled himself until the last year or two. If you needed to hear a song about witchcraft, religion, adultery, death, Australians or worse, Steve was your man - but thankfully he tailored his songs to the audience and most of

the really risqué ones didn't come out until the visitors had safely gone to bed. I have mentioned his songs, but he also enjoyed playing traditional tunes, and had a brilliant musical ear, as well as the rare ability to sympathetically improvise and accompany other players. He could play all night if needed but used to eventually leave around midnight after nursing his complementary singers glass of red wine all evening - I don't think that Andrew the publican ever made much money from Steve. After a varied career working as a lecturer in Plymouth, then in a Japanese Bank and latterly as a freelance management consultant amongst other jobs, Steve and his wife Maggi moved up to Crackpot 20 years ago where Steve almost became an honorary Yorkshireman, and certainly a fount of information and good advice regarding the ways of the Dale to relative newcomers like myself. He was matter of fact about his illness and seemed accepting of it, not wanting sympathy or fuss. He told me that he had had a good life and family and wouldn't want to change anything. Unusually he talked easily and freely about his death, with sadness but without bitterness or anger which was typical of Steve. He planned his own woodland burial with help from Maggi, and was buried with his favourite mandolin in a wicker coffin on the 25<sup>th</sup> March at a quiet ceremony attended by Maggi, their three children, and partners. Steve will be sadly missed both by them and by many in the community. I know that the local Bridge musicians will be keen to give him the musical send-off he asked for when lockdown rules allow.

**Mike Betterton.**

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members have made the most of the snow to keep themselves fit & skilled as best they can.

**13/02/2021: Incident 07:** Called by the Ambulance service to rescue an injured motor cross rider. The Great North Air Ambulance also attended alongside land crews from Yorkshire Ambulance service. Treated on scene and then evacuated to the aircraft by the team.

**02/04/2021: Incident 06:** Called by the Police to search for a vulnerable missing person, located safe while the team where responding.

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### Reeth, Fremington & Healaugh Parish Council February 22

#### Playground

The contractors had scheduled the repair work to the playground and quotes were being sought for new equipment. A grant towards this would be sought from RDC's Community Investment Fund.

#### Arkle Beck and Flood works

Couns Kendall and Rutter gave feedback from an online consultation meeting which they had attended with representatives from NYCC.

#### Litter bins

Having considered a proposal to move some of the bins on Reeth green councillors agreed that they should remain in their current positions.

#### New benches

The memorial bench to go near the quoits pitch had been received by the contractor and will be installed when weather conditions permit.

#### Parking

Councillors noted a reply received from PC Sutcliffe regarding parked cars blocking BT Openreach boxes and agreed that the Clerk should contact BT.

#### Reeth shelter

An electrician had been contacted about the light, and Coun Frankland would be put in touch with the person who had volunteered to repair the woodwork.

#### YDNPA Local Plan

Councillors discussed issues covered by the latest consultation, particularly those highlighted in an email from a local resident. Coun Guy would consolidate all the replies and complete the

Parish Council's response form.

#### Village event

Coun Guy reported that suggestions had been made about holding some kind of village event once Covid restrictions were lifted. It was agreed that this is something for later consideration.

#### Village clock

A single panel on the clock face had been accidentally damaged by the builders working on the Church building, but they would repair the damage. The clerk would contact the builders, and if necessary, the clock engineers, to see if it was possible to paint the face and hands while there was scaffolding around the clock.

#### Highway matters

Councillors discussed a reply from Highways saying that Overton Garth and the lane past the museum could not be considered for gritting because they have not been adopted. District Coun Good would make enquiries about the possibility of getting Overton Garth adopted, and County Coun Peacock was already looking into the status of the lane past the museum.

#### Streetlights

Coun Good had approached RDC and YDNPA regarding funding for street-lighting in Overton Garth, but without success. It was agreed that funding might be available from other sources such as the area partnership, millennium fund or Coun Peacock's locality fund. Coun Good would try to get it priced up so this could be explored further.

#### Correspondence

The temporary footpath closure due to riverbank erosion between Reeth and the Swing Bridge has been extended until July 18.

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Permission would not be granted to a mobile catering business enquiring about having a stall on the market as it would be detrimental to the existing local businesses.

Councillors considered an email from a local resident regarding the mowing of areas of the green containing wildflowers. It was agreed that their discussions in October 2020 had been premature because it had been less than six months since a decision had been taken about the matter in June 2020. However, the conclusions reached in October still stood and it was therefore resolved that the grass would be cut normally and the matter not considered again for at least six months.

A letter of support would be sent concerning a proposed Millennium Trust Tree planting scheme at Thirns Farmhouse, Healaugh.

Councillors considered an email from a resident exploring the possibility of purchasing two areas of grass from the council. It was resolved that there was no possibility of the Parish Council selling the land.

### District Council Report

District Coun Good reported that RDC still had available funds for some grants to help businesses through Covid restrictions. These are Additional Restrictions Grant (ARG), Closed Business Lockdown Payments (CBLP), and Local Restrictions Support Grant (LRSB). Details for these are on the RDC website. He planned to attend a national conference on preventing and managing floods.

### County Council Report

County Coun Peacock reported that Cogden bridge was due to re-open on

February 26.

She reported that information about superfast broadband availability in the area can be found at [superfastnorthyorkshire.com](http://superfastnorthyorkshire.com)

The recent serious deterioration of the road between Grinton & Richmond was discussed. Coun Peacock would report this back to Highways and asked that the clerk also contact them.

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**Swaledale Mountain  
Rescue Team  
Mountain and Cave Rescue in  
Swaledale and Wensleydale  
PRESS RELEASE  
16th March 2021**

**FANTASTIC NEWS, WE DID IT! - WE NOW have enough money in to start the project, thanks everyone.**

**Rescue team reaches its target to buy new incident command vehicle  
Key Facts**

- We needed to raise **£80K** to buy a new **Incident Command Vehicle**.
- We started fund-raising on 1<sup>st</sup> November and **120 days later we reached our target**.
- We are **indebted to the many hundreds of individuals who have generously donated** despite the difficult times many people have faced in the last year.
- Thank you also to **local organisations, businesses and clubs** that have donated to our fund.
- We have also received substantial grant funding from a number of different organisations: **Jack Brunton's Charitable Trust (£2,000)**, **Mr Robert Miller, Gunnerside Estate (£10,000)**, **Nickerson Foundation (£1,000)**, **Noble Family Trust (£500)**, **North Yorkshire Police Fire and Crime Commissioner Community Fund (£4,780)**, **Two Ridings Community Foundation Disaster & Recovery Fund (£10,000)**, **Vickers Staff Charitable Fund (£500)** and **Yorkshire Dales National Park Sustainable Development Fund (£10,000)**.
- After a bespoke conversion the new **incident command vehicle will be ready for call outs in September**.

**How we raised the money**

We launched our fund-raising campaign on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2020 via a Crowdfunding site. Alongside this we used social media and in particular our loyal Facebook followers to promote our project. Within a month we had raised over £25k. With the fund-raising well under way we then submitted grant applications to a number of organisations and charitable trusts. Our fund-raising efforts also continued apace with raffles, quizzes and regular social media posts.

A number of local businesses, organisations and clubs generously supported our fund-raising efforts.

- **Altberg Boots**
- **Bainbridge Motor Club**

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- Catterick Garrison Welfare Fund
- Dales Mountain Biking Centre
- Duke of Arundel
- Noble Family Charitable Trust
- Penrith Rotary
- Raynet
- Reeth Post Office
- The Mercers, Grocers and Haberdashers Charitable Trust, Richmond.
- Richmond Masons
- Spirit of Swaledale
- Swaledale Outdoor Club
- Upper Wensleydale News
- Vickers Staff Charitable Fund



Between December and February, we were informed that some of our grant applications had been successful.

- Jack Brunton Charitable Trust (£2,000)
- Nickerson Foundation (£1,000)
- North Yorkshire Police Fire and Crime Commissioner Community Fund (£4,780),
- Two Ridings Community Foundation Disaster & Recovery Fund (£10,000)
- Yorkshire Dales National Park Sustainable Development Fund (£10,000)

On hearing about our fund-raising efforts our Charity Patron **Mr Robert Miller, (Gunnorside Estate)** gave us added incentive to persevere with our efforts with an offer to fund the last **£10,000** of our appeal.

Incredibly just **one hundred and twenty days** after we launched our campaign, we hit our target of **£80k**.

### **David Furness, Chairman Swaledale Mountain Rescue Team**

"We are delighted to have reached our fund-raising target so quickly and have been humbled by the generosity of our supporters particularly during this most difficult of times. We would like to thank every individual, business, club and organisation that has contributed to our fund-raiser. Your support provides us with an important new resource that will enable us to continue to providing our life saving services."

### **Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority's Member Champion for Sustainable Development, Carl Lis, said:**

"Swaledale Mountain Rescue Team provide an essential service in a large area of the Yorkshire Dales National Park. Their specialist rescue services are an important element of local community resilience whether it be responding to the immediate impact of flash flooding or helping with the longer term community recovery operation."

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