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First Thoughts

How was I lucky enough to help with editing this well valued publication?

After a Coffee with the current fantastic & hard working Editor Mike Barden and his partner in the picturesque Station in Richmond is really how it began.

Writing and journalism has always been somewhat of a side project of my own in my spare time, and I do have some freelance contracts each month that I enjoy working for so this seemed an ample opportunity.

Whilst studying at University (in what seems like many moons ago now, certainly 'Tik-Tok' wasn't a thing then..) I regularly wrote for the University magazine and some North East Press banners and did some commentaries along with Band interviews.

When Mike asked if I'd be interested in helping with the editorial of this fine publication and seeing how it went I jumped at the chance, and began this month.

I've already been contributing a few Cinematic articles to the publication over the past couple of months focusing upon previews or reviews of current releases which I've enjoyed so I'm sure this will continue to be a great challenge.

And the Reeth Gazette is such a fantastic read of seeing not just textual but literal imagery of what makes the Dales such a beautiful and fantastic place to live within.

Upon reading the December issue it was just respondent with how much is actually going on around our doorstep

and what a fantastic festive season we will have had by the time you sit down to read this. (Hopefully you are still reading and haven't felt bored and skipped a page ahead).

The kudos for this issue as always should go to MB I just hope I've been able to help in a positive manger & contribute to the Gazettes success, and I look forward to next month's issue.

How can I look to sign off evidently without remembering the New Year. I wholeheartedly wish everybody reading all the best for the New Year ahead.

As the past 24 months have been such a struggle for everyone around the world, we've seen a plot straight out of Hollywood with the pandemic and subsequent events that have been created as a result of this.

I think 2022 is certainly the tide where we turn the corner out of the saga and begin to move on much further than we have so far in a positive direction.

I also dread the 2nd of January as the local Co-Op immediately begins stocking Cadbury's mini eggs and Easter eggs, and even though Christmas will have only just finished, I always have to stop myself from making a pre-Easter purchase.

Stay safe, and I hope you have a fantastic January.

Dan

Mike B Note : You have made it possible to continue into 2022.

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Thursday 3rd March - Other Roads. This contemporary folk trio are singer/songwriter & guitarist Pete Abbott, eight times Scottish Fiddle Champion (also on bass guitar and mandolin), Gregor Borland and multi-instrumentalist, singer and songwriter Dave Walmisley. Tickets £14 (£16 door).

Friday 4th March - Peggy Seeger on her **First Farewell Tour** - Peggy, the undisputed queen of folk and political song will be joined by her son Calum MacColl. Tickets **£18** (£20 door).

Saturday 5th March - Follow Me Down - Songs From The West - Steve Knightley - multi-award-winning singer-songwriter/ musician and founder member of folk/ acoustic roots trailblazers, 'Show of Hands'. Tickets **£20** (£22 door)

Saturday 19th March - Kiki Dee & Carmelo Luggeri. Join them on *An Acoustic Journey*. Tickets £20 (£22 door) are selling fast!

Friday 8th April - Maddy Prior. Tickets **£19.50** (£21.50 door).

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We were taken back in time listening to the crackling of a radio and the declaration of war. Troops of evacuees appeared and were allocated to local families with just one child left unclaimed at the end. We met the ARP wardens and their bossy Colonel. We watched a mother and son parting at the station and later reading poignant letters to each other. All this was put together with dialogue, music, dance and costume.

The cast were amazing in their roles and the children - evacuees of various ages, were so in character as they ran and danced their way through the story.

Costume was an important part of the presentation, even the staff serving the meal were dressed in 1940's style dungarees.

The music holding all this together was professionally provided by John Hunter's Good Vibes trio and accurately and sympathetically set the 1940's scene. There was a wide range of '40s songs to carry the story along.

Congratulations to all the staff from the Charlotte Jacqueline School of Dance both young and adult participants, The Good Vibes Trio, the Producer and creators of this trip down memory lane. We should not forget the Ration Book meal - Starters, Main Ra-

tion and Dig for Victory desserts, all in character and delicious produced by the Station Kitchen team. See photo next page.

Looking forward to the next production!

Review by Ann Wright



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This report seems to have missed last month. The dark nights have meant we are now training on the MUGA on a Friday evening but had to miss over half time with other events such as bonfire night.

I am presently unable to get to many matches even at home but we played Catterick Garrison away. The boys were playing much more strongly but against a much bigger team they lost the first game 2-0. They rallied round undaunted for the second game and we only had one substitute whom we rotated but they won that 2-0 with goals from Tom Wilkinson and Ryan Reynoldson who both played brilliantly especially Tom who played a very strong game.

After half term we played Catterick Village and were very unlucky not to have won, losing 2-3. The second game was a draw with Ben Guy just missing the decider going wide in the last minute. 2-2. All the goals came from the boot of Luke Williams. Tom and Ryan alternated in goal and those two in particular are really coming along every time we play.

At the beginning of December we go inside and Play Futsal at Richmond School.

The FA have written to us to try and boost the Under 6's and we need players and adults to build on what we had in the summer.

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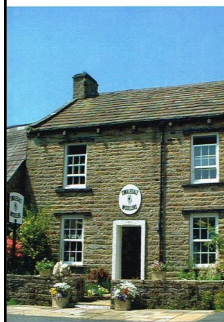
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WHOO HOOO, we are back meeting again at the Village Hall in Gunnerside! September saw us meet for the first time since lock down. With no speaker available, we chatted over coffee/tea and cake and caught up on news from our members. Good to see everyone again.

In October we welcomed the Yorkshire Storyteller - aka Rhoda Fraser - who gave us an insight into how she became a Storyteller, and brought with her the now famous Storyteller Coat!! Rhoda was brought up in Arkengarthdale so her tales of people in the Dales are legendary! We are looking forward to welcoming her again in 2023 to hear more of her humour.

In November we like to hold a Christmas Crafting evening, and we were looking forward to the expertise of Kathryn Guy with an evening of felting, but unfortunately the dreaded "Track and Trace" found her. So, after a worrying morning, we were delighted that our very own Jane Sammells was able step in and help us to make a Christmas Wreath with pom poms. Who knew how much fun it can

be making pom poms!

Now we are looking forward to our Programme for 2022. We will meet up in February for our AGM, then every fourth Thursday of each month. The programme has lots to offer, with talks from local groups and national organisations, demonstrations, and our annual outing (when we are joined by our friends from the Muker Guild). We also hold a Quiz Evening in October. We are a friendly bunch, and we love to have fun. Watch for details in the Gazette and our posters.

At the present time our subscription is £5.00 per annum, but if you would like to come as guest to any of the evenings the fee is £2.00

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Red squirrels maintain Dales stronghold **Bainbridge, 17 November 2021**

The 'near threatened' native red squirrel is maintaining its range in the Yorkshire Dales National Park, a monitoring report has concluded.

There is also anecdotal evidence that the reds' range may have increased in recent years.

Grey squirrel control undertaken in the National Park's 'core area' for reds - mainly Sedbergh, Garsdale and the Upper Eden valley - is said to have been a 'crucial' factor.

The conservation research and monitoring report has been published by the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority in partnership with Red Squirrels Northern England (RSNE). It has been produced as a result of the 2011 Local

Biodiversity Action Plan, which identified red squirrel as a priority species for conservation within the National Park. The completion of the ten-year action plan, at the end of last year, has prompted an assessment of the status of priority species and habitats.

Co-author Heinz Traut, Project Manager at RSNE, said: "The results detailed in our report show that red squirrels have maintained their range in the core areas of the Yorkshire Dales National

Park since at least 2012. This is thanks to the dedication and efforts of many local volunteers, land managers and organisations, including YDNPA, which have helped red squirrels to thrive here. Where the provision of suitable habitat and the exclusion of grey squirrel competition is facilitated, reds will continue to do so."

The Member Champion for Natural Environment at the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority, Ian McPherson, said: "There are four red squirrel groups working in the National Park and this monitoring report is a testament to their committed stewardship. For many years now the Penrith and District, Mallerstang, Garsdale and Sedbergh red squirrel groups have been keeping an eye on the native reds and culling the greys, which otherwise would likely take over.

"Given the long standing work of these local groups in the Cumbria part of the National Park, the National Park Authority has focussed its work in North Yorkshire where no active groups are present. We are delighted that red squirrels in places such as Langstrothdale and Snaizelholme are doing well. However, I would like to echo the authors' note of caution about the reds' expansion to places such as mid-Wensleydale: it is not clear if there is sufficient suitable habitat and grey squirrel control for the reds' to sustain their expanded range. More conservation work must be done in the National Park to help red squirrels but for now we can celebrate that populations of this priority species continue to be stable."

Mark Sadler
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Our festive photograph in last month's Gazette was of course Tan Hill in 1947. That year the snowfall in Swaledale and Arkengarthdale was said to have been the worst since the memorable storm of February 1933. The Darlington and Stockton Times reported 'Heavy snow fell on Sunday, but the blizzard of Tuesday, when the gale and snow raged all day, was of exceptional intensity'. You can hear Jennie Sunter describe her walk to school in the hard winter of 1947 via Voices From The Dales, a podcast published by the Dales Countryside Museum in Hawes, via: dalescountrysidemuseum.org.uk Do you have any photographs of the snow in Swaledale and Arkengarthdale in 1947?

We are delighted to give our events programme for 2022. You can go to our website (see below) for more information about the talks. We hope to add more events as the year progresses.

Looking ahead in this unique Jubilee year we include this rather dashing poster for another Jubilee celebration, the silver Jubilee in 1935 (see next page), which marked 25 years reign of King George V and Queen Mary. The Constitutional Club was of course what has become Reeth Memorial Hall. You can see that the custom of fireworks on Reeth Green is not so modern.

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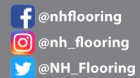
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Come and join us in 2022!

We are an **active and friendly volunteer-led group** based in Arkengarthdale and Swaledale, aiming to promote community sustainability.

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Newsletter

You can also sign up for a **monthly newsletter** - we signed up our 100th subscriber this year. The sign up form is available on the website.

Activities in 2021

Over the last year the group has:

- been the Swaledale coordinators for the 'Together for Trees' local communi-

ty-based tree-planting project, in partnership with the Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust.

- built connections with organisations such as the Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust, Yorkshire Dales Rivers Trust, Tees-Swale: Naturally Connected
- debated and informed via our Facebook group, website and contributions in the Reeth Gazette.
- engaged with the planning process, focussing on issues of importance to the civic and environmental sustainability agenda.
- established more beds in the new community garden at the Reeth Surgery and produced fresh produce for anyone to consume.
- helped set up a wholefood buying group.
- learnt to identify trees and wild flowers in sessions organised with the Tees Swale Project.

- organised litter picks.

- partnered with other local environmental groups to form the 'Richmondshire Coalition of Climate Change Interested Parties' and used this combined influence to hold Richmondshire DC to their climate change commitments.

- removed tree guards in multiple sites such as the Heggs Castle Cluster and Rowleth Woods.

- set up a Swifts and Swallows project to log local sightings.

Activities planned for 2022

- A number of tree planting sessions between January and March as part of the Together for Trees project. Even if you can only spare a couple of hours, please come and join us .

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- Organising periodic litter picks around the two dales.
- replanting the Reeth Surgery community beds for the new season and looking at extending the Incredible Edible concept to other locations.
- tree guard removal from local woodlands where the guards are no longer needed.
- If any of this has wetted your appetite, **please do get in touch**. We are a small group and would love to attract more members.

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	11.00 am	Holy Trinity Low Row	<i>Eucharist</i>
	11.00 am	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
	2.30 pm	Gunnerside Methodist	
	3.30 pm	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
9th Jan.	9.30 am	St. Andrew's Grinton	<i>Eucharist I</i>
	9.30 am	St Michael's Downholme	<i>Morning Prayer</i>
	11.00 am	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
	11.00 am	St. Edmund's, Marske	<i>Morning Prayer</i>
	11.15 am	St. Mary's Arkengarthdale	<i>Holy Communion BCP</i>
	3.30 pm	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
16th Jan.	10.30 am	Low Row URC	
	11.00 am	Holy Trinity Low Row	<i>Eucharist</i>
	11.00 am	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
	11.00 am	St. Edmund's, Marske	<i>Holy Communion</i>
	2.30 pm	Gunnerside Methodist	
	3.00 pm	St. Mary's Muker	<i>Baptism Service with Communion</i>
	3.30 pm	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
23rd Jan.	9.30 am	St. Andrew's Grinton	<i>Eucharist</i>
	9.30 am	St Michael's Downholme	<i>Holy Communion</i>
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27th Jan.	7.00 pm	St. Andrew's Grinton	<i>Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Service</i>
30th Jan	10.30 am	Holy Trinity Low Row	<i>United Parish Eucharist</i>
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Top spot at The Station for young artist

A young artist, whose work has been admired by Jesse Lane, a world-renowned creative, is looking forward to having her artwork exhibited at the flagship Spot on the Wall exhibition at The Station in Richmond.

Emma Hodgson, a Year 13 student at Richmond Sixth Form College, enjoys working in a range of media, including pen, coloured pencil and water colour and will be demonstrating her passion for exploring realism and photo-realism within art in her piece she is exhibiting at The Station. This is a style that is evident in the work of Jesse Lane who Emma has been researching in her A-level Art studies.

Emma said: "I was overjoyed to find out that I had been selected for the Spot on the Wall exhibition and feel very honoured to have my work displayed in such an iconic building. Realism is my main style, as I love giving a piece of art the power to catch an audience's eye.

"The piece I have created shows a side profile of a young woman with water dripping down her face. I decided to call the piece 'Coming Up for Air' as I like to think that is open to interpretation. The audience could take it in a literal sense, as she is literally gasping for air after being underwater, or in the metaphorical sense that she is stopping for breath in life. Having water as part of the drawing was a choice I made as I love drawing it in general but also, water moves in such different and beautiful ways. So, if the audience were to take the piece metaphorically, they could think about how life moves in waves or can feel overwhelming like a

flood. Overall, the piece is subjective and I love the freedom of interpretation the piece has."

Mrs James, Lead Teacher for Art, said: "Emma has astounding technical prowess and her ability to manipulate materials and create intricate work with such an eye for detail is testament to her talent and tenacity. I was not surprised to hear that Lane himself recognised her ability as her work really is outstanding and will be a fantastic addition to the Spot on the Wall exhibition. It has been such a pleasure to teach Emma and watch her talent blossom." Emma is planning to study Criminology with Psychology at University, however she will continue with her art in her spare time and use it as a creative outlet and to relax. Emma added: "This is the first time I have had one of my pieces framed and shown in public as I usually just post on my art account on Instagram but this is a whole new level of pride that I have for my work." Jenny Rasbeary, The Station's Gallery and Events Manager, said: "We are thrilled to be working with Richmond School and Sixth Form College again and offer the opportunity for an up-and-coming artist to showcase their work in our stunning gallery. The Spot on the Wall exhibition unites a diverse range of artwork to offer visitors an evolving display of art to enjoy and purchase. As a piece of sold, the artist can replace it with another, so the exhibition is always fresh and inspiring."

The exhibition runs until 25th January 2022 and more information is available at: <https://www.thestation.co.uk/whats-on/exhibitions/a-spot-on-the-wall-2/> You can follow Emma's art on her Instagram account at @ehodgson_art. Jill



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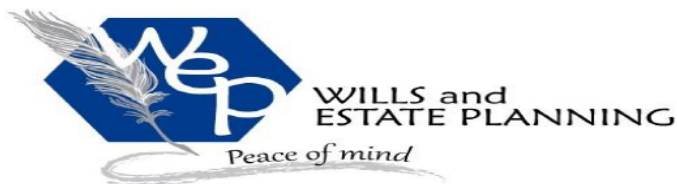
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Our planting days are getting booked up but we are still **looking for volunteers** to join us for a couple of hours for some **New Years' Day planting**, and we have several other dates in January and February - all in **Swaledale and Arkengarthdale**.

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Editor Note: It always amazes me the regular routine of 'stomach calming' medicine adverts that appear in December, then the diets and gym memberships routines in January. The planet needs us all to stop excess in everything. **Mike B**

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A New Cinema Year Ahead..



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As the festive season is almost over its now time to say farewell to blockbusters such as **Spiderman: No Way Home**, or the fourth entry into **The Matrix** franchise released this past December. It's now what is deemed in Hollywood, '**Awards Season**'.

First up this January in award contenders comes from Studio Canal, **The Electrical Life of Lewis Wain** starring Benedict Cumberbatch and Claire Foy. The portrait of a troubled artist who designed the popular surreal pictures in Victorian London of his cat is a hugely impressive performance from Cumberbatch.

Released at the end of December, the only concern for the film and Cumberbatch performance is, even if it's fantastic, isn't it just more of what he usually does? That might falter any award nomination...

Belfast comes to the cinema in the UK from 21st January and is widely tipped to receive Oscar nods for 'Best Director' (Kenneth Branagh) and 'Best Picture'. The black & white release and

coming of age comedy-drama boasts an award-winning British cast from Judi Dench, Ciarán Hinds & Colin Morgan.

Based during the troubles in the 1960's -1970's as we follow a working-class family and their child's life growing up in Belfast and is already picking up awards on the festival circuit.

Another film, perhaps not an obvious choice, and suffering from perhaps a terrible title with all sorts of connotations... '**Operation Mincemeat**' starring Colin Firth, Kelly Macdonald, Penelope Wilton & Jason Issacs storms onto screen on January 7th.



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Following the true-life story (and now what seems absurd) plan 'Operation Mincemeat' in which the Allied powers in WW2 deceived the invasion of Sicily from the Axis forces. It's British, it's a WW2 drama film, which means it'll draw crowds at the box office by way of a guarantee.

However, if none of those take your fancy, then there are other things to look out for. Kenneth Branagh's much delayed Hercule Poirot entry, 'The Death On The Nile' comes out this February and will be a nice contrast to the releases seen usually over the kids half term break.

....see next page

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Downtown Abbey 2 (still never seen the series) will break the British box office when it opens on the 18th March.

The first film was a huge success world-wide and the second film promises to be much more of the same. Dame Maggie Smith returns alongside the rest of the series cast.

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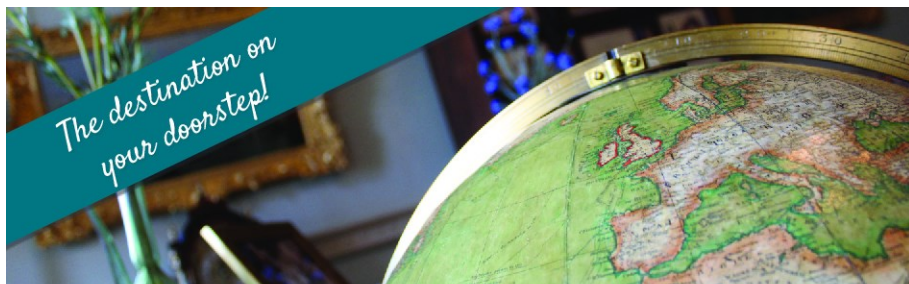
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The months have rolled by, and there've been various conversations with several people. But we still have no new editor. Mike very nobly said that he wouldn't leave us in the lurch but carry on until a new one was found. However, we can't take advantage of his willingness for ever.

So you can guess what's coming next. **COULD YOU BE THE NEXT EDITOR OF THE REETH AND DISTRICT GAZETTE?**

There is no denying, it's a big commitment to collate all the articles and information that so many people submit, together with all the regular and one-off adverts, lay them out in print-ready format (Mike uses Publisher) and liaise with the printers to come up with the finished publication.

But think of the job satisfaction....seeing something you have created from scratch turned into a tangible, widely-read publication that can, literally, change lives.

The Gazette plays a huge role in the community; it improves people's social lives, helps clubs and societies to flourish, encourages a strong sense of community and enables businesses to prosper, as well as providing locals and visitors a good read and lots of information. Every month scores of copies are posted to people all over the world who love the dale, can't live here, but

want to keep in touch with what's going on.

We can't let such a valuable asset to the community come under threat. If you'd like to chat about how you might be able to help or find out more about what's involved, call Andrew Bedford on 01748 886974 or email andrew@bedfords.me.uk.

Andrew

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New Year's Day	Jan 1st
BANK HOLIDAY	Jan 3rd
Epiphany	Jan 6th
Accession of Queen Elizabeth II	Feb 6th
St. Valentine's Day	Feb 14th
Quinquagesima Sunday	Feb 27th
Shrove Tuesday	Mar 1st
Ash Wednesday	Mar 2nd
Mothering Sunday	Mar 27th
British Summertime commences	Mar 27th
GOOD FRIDAY	Apr 15th
Easter Day	Apr 17th
BANK HOLIDAY (Easter Monday)	Apr 18th
BANK HOLIDAY	May 2nd
BANK HOLIDAY	June 2nd
Queen's Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday	June 3rd
Father's Day	June 19th
Longest Day	June 21st
BANK HOLIDAY (Excl. Scotland)	Aug 29th
British Summertime ends*	Oct 30th
Hallowe'en	Oct 31st
Guy Fawkes	Nov 5th
Remembrance Sunday	Nov 13th
Shortest Day	Dec 21st
CHRISTMAS DAY	Dec 25th
BOXING DAY	Dec 26th
BANK HOLIDAY	Dec 27th

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Swaledale Festival - 28 May to 11 June 2022

As the cold creeps in, let's look ahead to the delights of the 2022 Swaledale Festival in what will be a very special year - its 50th anniversary.

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Swale Singers rehearsals start on 30 January and will be every Sunday afternoon from 3 to 5pm at Reeth Memorial Hall. Contact Jackie 07885 498676.

Richmondshire Choral Society practise at Richmond Methodist Church on Mondays, 7.30 to 9.30pm starting on 31 January 2022.

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As I write this (5/12/21) its hard to believe some people are still without power, nine days after Storm Arwen. I cannot imagine how angry I would get if I was in that situation. Many of you I know suffered the same loss of power for many days. On the positive side your bills may be lower this quarter!

My 2DalesDigital computer support business, in December was asked to help a couple of customers who were scammed (we can all get caught out easily). They experienced a sudden warning appearing on their computer saying 'you have been hacked contact us etc.'. **If this happens do not contact them. My advice would be to pause, not panic and the talk to a friend or family member the problem.** Especially if your contact is young and always glued to their phones etc. They do not have to be technical. Often just you contacting them will make you think straight as you explain the issue to them. It gives you time to pause & think. (sorry this article is squashed) Mike B

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February

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12th - Dolly Parton 7- The Rags to Rhinestones Story - Reeth Memorial Hall 8pm.

24th - TLC @Gunnarside in Gunnarside Village Hall AGM at 7.30pm.

March

3rd - Other Roads - Reeth Memorial Hall 8pm

4th - Peggy Seeger & Calum MacColl - Reeth Memorial Hall 8pm

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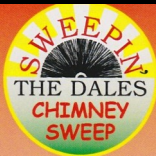
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