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## Arkengarthdale Hub

It's all about to happen at the Arkengarthdale Hub and a warm welcome awaits you. After the Duck Race in Langthwaite on Monday afternoon, 1 May, why not wander up to St. Mary's for refreshments and to see how far we have come?

### What's happening.

Already, the Ark Flora group have begun recording the plant life in the church yard and will be able to compare findings with data from 2004. Also, designs are progressing for a vegetable raised bed with a swap stall for surplus produce.

### What's to come.

Look out for the lichen workshop, wine tasting evening, talks and coffee mornings, a Christmas wreath making class as well as a quiz with supper.

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## Wensleydale Concert Series 2023

Our local concert series returns to St Andrew's Church, Aysgarth on 13th May with a wonderfully varied collection of music for flute and harp. Flautist Meera Maharaj performed for us a number of years ago and has also featured in the Swaledale Festival. On this visit she is joined by harpist Lucy Nolan to bring us music ranging from traditional tunes to works by Bach and Debussy and much more. Do come along as we start our 8th year of concerts.



The rest of the season, from June to September, features 6 more concerts which are equally exciting, with piano recitals from Ivana Gavrić and Mark Bebbington, chamber music from the piano trio Pixels Ensemble and the world renowned Fitzwilliam String Quartet. We are also proud to invite distinguished cellist Moray Welsh with pianist Martin Roscoe for what is likely to be Moray's last recital. Finally we are joined by French horn player Ben Goldscheider (former brass winner of BBC Young Musician of the Year and a concerto soloist at last year's BBC Proms) with acclaimed pianist and composer Huw Watkins.

Tickets prices have remained the same and are on sale at £15 (£1 for anyone in full time education) and we have a special offer of £65 for a season ticket to all 7 concerts (a saving of £40 over individual tickets). Summary details and a form for postal bookings were included in the April edition of this magazine (or can be printed from our website), Tickets can also be ordered online or by telephone 0333 666 3366 (quote date, artists and Wensleydale Concert Series).

Full details of all concerts and tickets are available at our website [www.wensleydaleconcertseries.co.uk](http://www.wensleydaleconcertseries.co.uk) and for any other enquiries please contact Carol or Liz on 01969 663026. We look forward to seeing you in the coming months for some wonderful music making.

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## Muker Parish Council Minutes of Parish Council Meeting Held January 2023

Present: Cllr Porter, Cllr Metcalfe, Cllr Peacock and Cllr Whitehead presiding.  
Apologies: Cllr Jill McMullon, Cllr Calvert

Clerk: Mr Michael Cleminson.

### **Matters Arising:**

**Keld Signs** are now in place.

Some new funding is available for **defibrillators**. It was decided that the existing 4 were sufficient for the Parish.

**Implications of Power outage** for 14 hours on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2022. It was noted that digital telephone lines do not work during an outage, but old analogue telephones work, where old copper wiring is still in place. Cllr Peacock informed the meeting that some Parish councils including Reeth have Emergency Plans and if the Parish Council wished to pursue a plan, Richmondshire District Council has Mr Rushbrook as the Emergency Planning Officer. Cllr Whitehead stated that there was such a plan, but many years ago. Clerk to establish if there is still a plan. Cllr Peacock said it would be useful to know the skills of the people within the community in the event of an emergency.

### **Finance:**

Cllr Calvert is still pursuing electronic banking with Barclays. The Clerk reported that Direct Debits are acceptable with some of the regular parties to pay, such as Highways, insurance and associations, but easy to process when payment is required.

Cllr Peacock suggested that contact be made with Aysgarth PC who have recently undertaken on-line banking. Clerk to contact Aysgarth PC.

### **Highways:**

Ian Beighton has now moved to another area and no longer serves Swaledale. Clerk is waiting to hear from his replacement. The Clerk is attending Highways office, Brompton-on-Swale on 30 January 2023 to test the new reporting system and will seek to make contact with the new person for Swaledale. As a result, there is no information on the matters raised at the last meeting.

Cllr Peacock outlined the problem created by the difficult works at the Gate House on the Richmond Road just beyond Grinton. The road is open under traffic lights, but the works are not completed so the lights may stay for a while. Cllr Peacock also advised the meeting of a further closure on the Richmond Road past Marske bridge from the 13 February for three days to repair subsidence concerning the uneven road surface.

### **Richmondshire D.C**

Street light by Muker telephone kiosk is permanently on. Clerk to report.

### **NYCC**

Draft Parish Council Charter. Cllr Peacock reported that very little would change unless the PC wanted to take responsibility for some assets. It was not considered that there were any suitable assets within the Parish. A meeting open to all Councillors will be held at Mercury House Richmond from 2-5pm 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2023.

**YDNPA - R/06/151B** Scarr House Barn: Cllr Peacock said that this application went before the Planning

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Committee on 24 January 2023 and was refused by 9 to 8 votes and that Richard Graham may hold an additional meeting to discuss this further if necessary. Cllrs believed this was the correct decision for Swaledale given the iconic location of the barn at the base of the Buttertubs pass and that if the application had been successful it could lead to further detrimental development.

**YLCA:-** Are seeking comments on how to develop a policy to support 'Levelling up'. At this time the Council has no comments to make.

### **Correspondence/AOB:**

It was noted that the King's Coronation on 6 May 2023, will require discussion at the next PC meeting

**Date and Time of Next and Annual PC Meeting :** 7.30pm Thursday 16th March 2023 Muker Village Hall.

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- Remove invasive weeds** (nettles, thistles, docks) by chopping down/uprooting, not spraying

- Do a second cut in **September** - clearing all cuttings away.  
**In other words, Cut Less, Cut Later, Takeaway!**

We have several resources available on our website to help you get started. Visit [Friends of the Dales website](#) to access: Village Guide; Monthly Planner; Link to a campaign video by our Living Verges campaign champion, Dr Anne Readshaw and a 'No Mow' sign you can print off to let your neighbours know that you are managing verges for nature

Do let us know if we inspire a change of approach - and please send any photos of any botanically rich verges and grassland you encourage!

For all questions, comments and feedback email:

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## Leyburn u3a Group May Meeting

The meeting in May is for the Annual General Meeting which is on Friday 19th May. There will not be any Speaker, but everyone is still welcome to attend and have a coffee and a chat afterwards and discover more about what u3a offers. Doors open at 10.00am at the Arts & Community Centre, Richmond Road, Leyburn. DL8 5DL.

Meetings are held the third Friday of every month. Visitors and new members always welcome. Annual Membership is just £12 or £20 for two people at the same address. For details contact Sue Mellish on 01748 850 471 or email [susiemellish@gmail.com](mailto:susiemellish@gmail.com)

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## Wensleydale Chorus

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The choir will be performing Schubert's Mass in G and the Nelson Mass by Haydn and is wanting new members. It may sound daunting, starting from scratch and sixteen rehearsals later being ready to perform at Bedale Methodist and St John's Church, East Witton on consecutive Saturdays in July.

However, it is not. What it is, is great fun and you will be amazed at what you can achieve in a relatively short space of time with the help of a wonderful conductor in Stan Roodcroft MBE and a bunch of like-minded people around you. Wensleydale Chorus rehearsals start on Wednesday May 3<sup>rd</sup> at Leyburn Methodist Church at 7.30pm. It's just off the Market Square DL8 5BB. Any queries go to [wenchor@gmail.com](mailto:wenchor@gmail.com) or ring Julie 07817 711227.

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## Swaledale Festival brings outstanding female artists to the Dales

The annual celebration of music, arts and walking in the north Yorkshire Dales lasts for two weeks and sees 54 diverse events springing up in a variety of charming venues and sublime locations.

This year's programme features four outstanding female vocalists as well as a top female viola player and a female violinist recently named as one of Classic FM's Rising Stars under 30.

### Claire Martin and Jim Mullen Quartet *Thursday 1 June, 19:30 - St. Andrew's Church, Grinton*

Multi-award winning vocalist **Claire Martin OBE** has been named "our finest jazz singer" by The Times. Performing with Scottish guitar legend Jim Mullen, bassist Jeremy Brown and saxophonist Alex Garnett, she will celebrate the Great American Songbook and the Quartet's shared love of the legendary jazz singers. Expect stylish re-workings of much loved classics by Arlen, Porter and Gershwin alongside more soulful songs by Stevie Wonder and Donny Hathaway.



### Trio Anima

*Saturday 3 June, 16:00 - St. Andrew's Church, Grinton*

Violist **Rosalind Ventris** has been a frequent visitor to the Festival since first appearing here as a teenager as part of our Young Artists Platform. Now amongst the world's finest viola players, we are delighted to welcome her again, this time with two exceptional long-term colleagues - harpist Anneke Hodnett and flautist Matthew Featherstone. Their programme comprises works by Debussy, Bax and Sally Beamish.



Trio Anima with Rosalind Ventris (middle) - copyright Matthew Thistlewood - Ty Cerdd

### Clare Wilkinson and Jacob Heringman: *The Flower of England*

*Wednesday 7 June, 16:00 - Holy Trinity Church, Low Row*

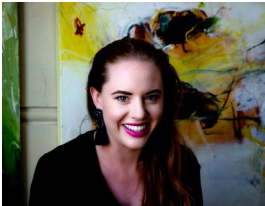
A special concert of lute songs performed by the outstanding mezzo-soprano **Clare Wilkinson** and the renowned lutenist Jacob Heringman, who lives in Richmond. The celebrated Elizabethan poet and courtier Sir Philip Sidney, who died heroically in battle at the age of 31, is celebrated in this programme of old and new settings of his poetry, along with music associated with his sister, Mary Sidney and his

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muse, Penelope, Lady Rich. There'll also be compositions by John Dowland, William Byrd, Thomas Morley, Clare's father Stephen Wilkinson, and the world premiere of a new song by Joshua Brown.

### **Lotte Betts-Dean and Brett Dean**

*Friday 9 June, 16:00 - St. Mary's Church, Arkengarthdale*



The sensational Australian mezzo-soprano **Lotte Betts-Dean** makes her third appearance at the Festival,

this time duetting with her famous composer father on viola. Their delightful and varied programme will include a new Swaledale Festival commission - a setting by Brett Dean of a poem by Les Murray entitled 'Performance', as well as pieces by Arthur Bliss, Sally Beamish and Ralph Vaughan Williams. Lotte has been praised by The Guardian for her "irrepressible sense of drama and unmissable, urgent musicality".

### **The Herschel Players with soprano Julia Doyle: Cantates Françaises**

*Friday 9 June, 19:30 - St. Andrew's Church, Grinton*

Special guest soprano **Julia Doyle** will sing with the world class Baroque ensemble, performing a programme of French works by Couperin, Rameau, Monteclair, Marais and Clerambault, in the sublime acoustic of the church in Grinton.

Originally from Lancaster, Julia studied Social and Political Sciences at

Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge before embarking on a soaring singing career. She has performed all over the world and become established as a specialist soprano in Baroque repertoire, being described as "a shining champion of the soprano arias" (Gramophone Magazine).



Herschel Players with Julia Doyle

### **Mathilde Milwidsky and Annie Yim**

*Saturday 10 June 2023 16:00 - St. Andrew's Church, Aysgarth*

Violinist **Mathilde Milwidsky** is a tremendous

young talent who has recently been named as one of Classic FM's Rising Stars under 30. Her



debut album was released in 2020, and saw her performing the world premiere of three sonatas for violin and piano by Agnes Zimmermann, attracting reviews which called it "one of those once-in-a-

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decade or more discoveries". A further album of Beethoven Romances followed, and more recently Mathilde was one of eight violinists selected to attend the Verbier Festival Academy in 2021 and 2022.

In this performance in Aysgarth she is accompanied by another first class musician - the young pianist Annie Yim - in a delightful programme comprising music by Telemann, Ravel, Elgar and Arvo Pärt.

**Swaledale Festival runs from Saturday 27 May to Saturday 10 June 2023. For tickets and information please visit [www.swalefest.org](http://www.swalefest.org) - and do remember, under 25s can get a ticket to nearly all events for just £3!**

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This year we are collecting donations in two ways. We will have an e-envelope



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We will also deliver envelopes in some of the villages. These envelopes will come with a request to leave the envelope at a local location. If you would prefer to have your envelope collected, please ring Pauline on 01748 886790. Envelopes may also be left at the Vicarage, Langhorne Drive, Reeth.

So please give generously this year in the annual Collection which will be taking place from Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May. Please consider signing the Gift Aid declaration which is attached to the red envelope.

We will also have a cake stall on Reeth Market on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May.

We look forward to receiving your support.

Very many thanks in anticipation.

**It is possible to change things and with people's help this Christian Aid week, we can make dreams come true."**

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**Pauline Oldershaw  
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### Keld Resource Centre Forthcoming Events

**5<sup>th</sup> May: Exploring Wensleydale**  
**10.00am - 13.00pm:**

**Approx 4.5 miles**

A circular walk led by Helen Guy through Askrigg, Bainbridge and Worton. Includes the history of the villages and the sites of Fors Abbey and a roman fort.

Meet at the market cross in Askrigg.  
Charge £7 pp

**21<sup>st</sup> May: From Horse Power to Tractor 14.00pm - 16.00pm:**

**Keld Old School**

Public talk by local farmer Chris Calvert on the history and development of horse power in traditional dales farming. There will also be an opportunity to see two of Chris's vintage tractors including the first grey Ferguson to come into Swaledale. Charge £7pp. Afternoon teas will be served after for donations to KRC

**1<sup>th</sup> June: From Swaledale to the Himalayas, Conquering the 8000 Metre Summits 18.00pm - 20.00pm:**  
**Keld Old School**

Public talk by Alan Hinkes OBE, the first British mountaineer to climb all fourteen 8000 metre summits of the Himalayas including Everest. Will also include the mountaineering and caving heritage of the Upper Dales. Charge 12.50pp

**17<sup>th</sup> June: Gunnerside Gill Lead Mining Field Trip 9.30am - 17.30pm**  
**Approx 6.7 miles (or 8.4 mile extended walk up to Blakethwaite dams)**

Full day event with expert Richard Lamb and archaeologist Shaun Richardson visiting several mines and Blakethwaite smelt mill. Meet near the bridge in Gunnerside village  
Charge £10 pp

**23<sup>rd</sup> June - 2nd July: Swaledale Quilt and Vintage Clothing Exhibition**  
**10.30am - 4.30pm Fri/Sat/Sundays**  
**in the Keld Literary Institute Upper Room**

A chance to see the collection of vintage quilts, samplers and clothing not normally on public display in the Old School. Admission free but donations welcome

**25<sup>th</sup> June : Keld Through the Two Great Wars 15.00pm - 17.00pm:**  
**Keld Old School**

Public talk by Helen Guy describing the impact of both wars on the village and includes a personal account from the memoirs of a little girl who lived in Keld during the war in the 1940's. £7 pp. Afternoon teas will be served afterwards for donations to KRC

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## No Excuse!

My son and I did one of our regular short walks from Reeth, up Skelgate Lane and back down the Arkengarthdale Road yesterday (Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup>). However, turning into Skelgate Lane we saw a green poo-bag lying in the grass. As a long-term dog owner this sort of thing winds me up anyway, but even more so when it was just a couple of paces from one of the local poo-bins!



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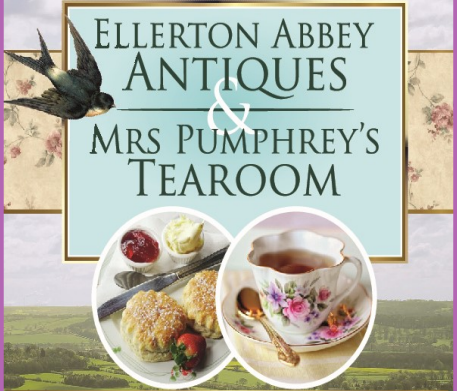
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## North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service

We're pleased to welcome Jack who passed his safe to ride course and will now start the process of attending extra courses over the next few years to gain the key skills to perform the role of firefighter

### Reeth Station Training

We would like to say a big thank you to Grinton Lodge Youth Hostel. They portioned off part of the hostel a few weeks ago for us to carry out a BA (Breathing Apparatus) Exercise.

A search and rescue scenario was simulated during a 'fire' in the roof of the building with dummy casualties hidden in rooms around the hostel and BA teams of 2 sent in to find them. The teams wear obscuring masks over their BA facemasks. These simulate smoke to make the search realistic. We train for these incidents in real time throwing little snippets of information in to test the incident commanders and to add to the pressure on the crew so that when it comes to real life the practices and processes are second nature.



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- On a bend or brow of a hill or if there are solid white lines keep going until you reach a place with greater visibility to allow the emergency vehicle to pass
- If you stop, make sure there is enough space for a fire engine to pass otherwise you're just blocking the road
- Allow plenty of time for the vehicle to pass and watch out for others following it; there is often more than one
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## Coronation Big Help Out

There will be a BIG HELP OUT display on Monday 8th May from 11 am to 3pm in Hudson House, Reeth and in the Community Orchard (by kind permission of the Orchard Committee).

Do come along and remind yourself of the amazing things that go on in the Two Dales, and see whether you could get involved and help out by volunteering.

Local organisations who wish to set up a small stall displaying what their organisation does and what sort of volunteers they need can book a space in either the Meeting Room or the Garden by contacting the Hudson House Administrator Jill May on 01748 880017 or by email at [admin@hudsonhouse.info](mailto:admin@hudsonhouse.info)

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## Big Help Out

I think the idea of the Big Help Out at Hudson House on May 8th is an excellent one, but the effect of Covid means I myself cannot get down to it.

Nevertheless, can I put out a plea for helpers for the 2Dales Junior Football Club to get them back up and running after Covid.

Apart from my disability, I am too old now!

We particularly need a coach next season for a group of boys and girls roughly 6-8 years old. You will be funded by the Club to attend a County training course.

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## Dales Police Crime Bulletin



### Monthly Police Report March 7<sup>th</sup> - April 7<sup>th</sup>

Incidents of note over the reporting period:

Overnight 28<sup>th</sup> / 29<sup>th</sup> Mar: Theft of a section of dry stone wall in the Ellerton Abbey area.

Overnight 30<sup>th</sup> / 31<sup>st</sup> Mar: Theft of a trials bike and Quad from an outbuilding off Arkengarthdale Road, Reeth.

Between 1200 and 1845 hrs 1<sup>st</sup> Apr: Burglary of residential dwelling Reeth Road Caravan Park

We do not report crimes whereby victims could be identified for example, Domestic Violence or Harassment, although they are included in the totals below.

6 - Theft

13 - Abandoned Calls

4 - Violence

6 - Road Traffic Collision (minor)

20 - Suspicious Circumstances, involving reports of door to door sellers, vehicles observed in isolated locations by members of the public and possible poaching activity.

2 - Fraud

1 - Wildlife related incident.

1 - Vehicle offence.

7 - Anti Social Behaviour

1 - Criminal Damage

In total in the reporting period, for the area covered by Leyburn, 133 calls were received covering a variety of incidents.

Once again, the door-to-door sellers are visiting the area, claiming to be

selling household goods as part of their probation or to gain points towards an apprenticeship scheme. Do not feel that you are helping them in anyway, politely refuse, close the door and report the incident to North Yorkshire Police, providing a description and if possible any vehicle details.

We are also asking that you sign up to North Yorkshire Community Messaging, don't worry, it's FREE.

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*I received this interesting submission from a gentleman in Hurst who is firmly embracing a green agenda and has an interesting experience of an air source heat pump in an old Yorkshire house. Ed.*

A seventy-six-year-old is working hard and introducing some 21<sup>st</sup> century technology to his Grade II Listed 1737 farmhouse while at the same time doing his bit to offset the carbon footprint in the village of Hurst.


The winter temperatures are no match for the Air Source Heat Pump which has been installed in the farmhouse. The pump is more than capable of producing 20 plus degrees throughout the property. This is split between radiators and under floor heating in the building, and also supplies an abundance of piping hot water. Even more interesting is the fact that the old property has its original thick stone walls and no extra wall insulation! Perhaps more of us might find that it's worth further investigation before assuming these old properties aren't suitable for these heat pumps.

In addition to installing the Air Source Heat Pump, good progress is being made planting four hundred mixed saplings including oak, cherry, silver birch, maple, hazel, rowan and hawthorn, and with the benefit of earlier preparation, he and a friend between them planted a field in one day with the first one hundred saplings, complete with sturdy steaks and protective tubes.



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<b>7<sup>th</sup> May.</b>	9.15 am	St. Mary's Muker	Eucharist
	10.30 am	St Joseph & Francis Xavier, Richmond	Mass
	10.30 am	Low Row URC	
	11.00 am	St. Edmund's, Marske	Holy Communion
	11.00 am	Holy Trinity Low Row	Eucharist
	11.00 am	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
	3.00 pm	St. Andrew's Grinton	Parish Celebration Service for the Coronation
	6.30 pm	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
	6.30 pm	Gunnerside Methodist	
<b>11<sup>th</sup> May</b>	7.30 pm	Gunnerside Methodist	Christian Aid Service with speaker Alyson Christie
<b>14<sup>th</sup> May.</b>	9.30 am	St. Andrew's Grinton	Eucharist
	9.30 am	St Michael's Downholme	Morning Prayer
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## Grinton and Ellerton Abbey Parish Council Minutes of Parish Council Meeting Held March 2023

Present: Cllr Coates (Chair), Cllrs Forrester, Barningham, Sunter and Jones, NY Cllr Y Peacock. No apologies  
Clerk: Jill May

### **Matters Arising:**

**Grinton Little Bridge Works:** Cllr Coates gave an update on the works that have been carried out. The works agreed with Karl Battersby to the east side of the beck under the bus shelter are still outstanding as the contractors have not received updated plans for this work. Cllr Coates has contacted the Bridges Team at NYCC and they have said that the outstanding works will be completed when the contractors return to finish Gatehouse Bridge. Cllr Peacock reported that she had spoken to Karl Battersby about these works and he has assured her that they will definitely be completed.

**Cemetery Bins:** Following our request to have a black bin placed at the cemetery, a litter bin has been delivered and placed outside the cemetery walls. This is not what was requested and is not appropriate. The green bin also appears not have been emptied. Cllr Peacock reported that she had passed all the information on to Amanda Dyson at RDC Waste and asked her to look into the matter.

**Hall/Book Exchange:** The Book Exchange has been a great success and is raising a good income for the hall. Councillors thanked Cllr Coates for all her hard work in organising and running

the Book Exchange and Cllr Barningham for the Facebook page.

Cllr Coates asked for a volunteer to take on **locking up and cleaning duties** if the Meeting Room were to be rented on an evening.

It was also agreed to obtain quotes for a **new front door** to the Hall.

### **Blackburn Hall Tree Works:**

Following a meeting with the owner of Blackburn Hall and his contractor, Cllr Jones reported that an application will be made by the contractor to YDNPA outlining the works they wish to carry out. When this has been approved a site meeting will be required again with the Parish Council to confirm the works on Parish Land. Cllr Jones has stated that large branches only are to be removed where necessary.

### **Richmondshire DC:**

**Area Partnership Meeting:** The next meeting will take place on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at Reeth Memorial Hall. Cllr Jones will attend.

### **YDNPA:**

**Planning Application, Swale Farm:** The email informing us of this application was received after the January Meeting but required a response before this meeting. Following an email discussion, a letter was sent objecting to the application.

### **Finance:**

The Clerk gave an update of the current financial position. She also reported that we have received £97.00 from RRRN towards the electricity used by their equipment in the Hall.

RDC are offering all parishes £174.00 from monies left over from the Platinum Jubilee fund, The Clerk will complete the paperwork to make the claim.

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### Any Other Business:

**Speed Limit - Moor Road:** The possibility of getting a 20-mph speed limit on the road from the cattle grid to the junction with the main road was discussed. Cllr Peacock suggested contacting highways to request a reduction.

**Best Kept Village Competition;** an email has been received inviting the Parish to enter the competition that will be judged in July. It was decided to participate this year.

**Parish Benches:** Several benches in the Parish are in need of maintenance. It was suggested that the Clerk contact Reeth PC to ask who they use to maintain their benches.

**Date and Time of Next Meeting:** Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2023 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall and will be the Parish Council AGM followed by the Annual Parish Meeting.

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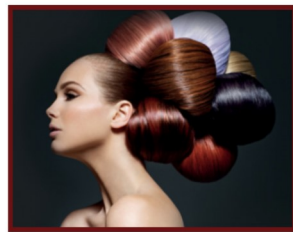
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The Centre is now a Community Anchor Organisation which is being developed from the experience of our being the Community Support Organisation Hub during the Covid years. Requests for help will be signposted to the relevant specialist organisation. There will also be regular drop-in sessions to get advice, help and support.

Forthcoming events are 'The Hamilton Band' on Saturday 27th May and the National Theatre Live screening on Thursday 18th May of 'Best of Enemies.' On Friday and Saturday 12th & 13th we are holding our annual Plant Fayre with the usual wide range of plants for which we ask for donations towards our fundraising for the Centre. We welcome back LADS at the beginning of May - our local amateur dramatics are always good entertainment!

The Community Shed is progressing. Soon will be seen the first work on the site. Come and have a look and find out more, pick up the flyer, become a volunteer, or book for our free Shed Open Day in September.

**Jeannie Bishop**

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### Update from St Andrew's, Grinton

Thank you for all those who supported events and activities in 2022, we look forward to your support in 2023! May events at St Andrew's include the following.

**Coronation Service** at 3pm on Sunday 7th May. A 'Bring and share' picnic is planned to enjoy after the service if the weather is fine. Tea and cake refreshments will also be served following the service.

**Coronation 'Big Help Out' day.** On Monday 8th May come and help with tasks in St Andrew's churchyard from 10 until 3pm to celebrate the King's coronation weekend and his love of the environment. Refreshments available.

**Car Boot Sale on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May** on Parks Field, Grinton by kind permission of the Brown Family. £10 cars

St Andrew's Grinton are holding their annual Car Boot sale on Bank Holiday Monday 29th May on Parks Field, Grinton by kind permission of the Brown family. It is time then to turn out your cupboards, fill up your car and make some money! Gates open at 8am for sellers [£10 entry] and 9am for buyers [Donations on the gate]. Please note that no trade stands are allowed on the field for this charitable event. General enquiries, please ring Susan on 01748 884366 otherwise just turn up. Please see the parish website or church noticeboard for further details of any of these events.

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Advance notice St Andrew's will be hosting a Heritage crafts and skills day on Saturday 1 July [tower tours, bell

ringers, textile/wool crafts and refreshments] and the Lakes Gospel Choir will be visiting on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September which is planned to be an afternoon tea event. Further updates and info in future gazette editions.

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**4 - To the Forest  
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The end of Roman occupation eased the demand for food and fuel across the country, and in the centuries that followed, waves of disease led to a significant fall in population. Direct evidence of the impact on Swaledale and Arkengarthdale is in short supply, but we can easily imagine a general abandonment of more remote and hard-to-farm land, and the floodplain and dale sides gradually returning to woodland starting from the dale head, although there is no evidence that woodland ever returned to the higher ground between the dales.

The composition of this spreading woodland would have been different from the wildwood. While some trees, such as juniper, were remnants of ancient woodland that survived in steep gill sides, most will have spread laterally from the hedgerows used as field boundaries and maintained with species useful to Romano-British occupants: ash, hazel, elm and holly.

Place names often refer to notable features. When Anglians moved into Swaledale from the east, and later, Vikings moved in from the west, the names they gave to the places they settled (Thwaite, Healaugh) often refer to clearings: the exceptions in a

*It's the middle of the tenth century and we are up above Lodge Green, near the top of today's 'electric' road which winds up to Barf End. We're amongst a cluster of five long houses set in a small field system.*

*We might be guests of Gunnar or his family, because this is his saetre ('a place to sit'). It's a good place from which to survey the scenery, as most of the land below this level will be wooded with clearings (some natural, some opened up by Anglian farmers), whereas around and above us is open land, suitable for livestock to graze.*

generally wooded dale landscape. Over the next few centuries, as land ownership started to consolidate based on hunting rights (a process formalised, but not started by the Norman invasion), woodland management started to appear in the historical record. Arkengarthdale became part of the New Forest. Although sometimes referred to as 'Swaledale Forest', Swaledale west of Grinton is more correctly the 'free chase of Swaledale'. Forests were royal and subject to forest law while chases were privately owned and subject to common law.



Cuckoo Hill: Blackthorn

Neither forest nor chase means that land was completely wooded. In theory, the chase was an expanse of land set aside to support deer populations for hunting purposes (hence the need for woodland for deer to browse). In

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practice, it's not clear how much hunting ever took place in the free chase of Swaledale. More likely hunting became increasingly confined to parkland, as deer gave way to cattle and sheep in the dale at large as the Middle Ages progressed.

Around 1200, permission was granted to take timber from the wooded pasture of Whitaside to establish two 'vaccaries'. These were stock farms (for cattle and sheep) typically comprising a small group of buildings clustered around a large fold-yard.

By 1300, between fifteen and twenty 'vaccaries' were leased in the chase. These vaccaries will most likely have been established in earlier Anglian clearings. We have records of where they were and what they were called: Birkdale, Keld, Thwaite, Muker and Oxnop in the manor of Muker, and Stonesdale, Ivelet, Gunnerside, Crackpot, Smarber, Blades, Feetham, Kearton, Moresdale (north of Washfold), and (possibly) Rash in the manor of Healaugh.

Three hundred years later these had mostly evolved into hamlets (recognisable today) averaging a dozen or so tenants each with typically around five acres of meadow. A similar process unfolded in Arkengarthdale. It is beyond these meadows, in the surrounding pasture and commons of the rest of the dales, where the woodland story continues.

Sources include: 'Upland Pennine Hamlets', John McDonnell, 1990

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### **First wool logs laid on Dales peatland**

*We published an article about this in our February issue, and are now pleased to see the trial underway. Ed.*

A trial that could rejuvenate the trade in hill sheep fleeces began at the end of March on a vast peatland on the Craven/Richmondshire border.

In December the National Park Authority said it had awarded a Farming in Protected Landscapes grant to Wensleydale textile entrepreneur Ruth Lindsey.

The grant enabled her to work with four local farmers to produce 'wool logs' for use in peatland restoration.

In March a total of 30 one-metre-long logs - each stuffed with scoured wool from three otherwise almost worthless Swaledale sheep fleeces - were laid across erosion channels at the Fleet Moss peatland.

If the logs prove successful in holding back water and allowing the bare peat to revegetate, the production of wool logs could be massively scaled up.

Yorkshire Peat Partnership, which includes the National Park Authority, has spent the past five years carrying out intensive restoration work on the Fleet Moss bog.

Until now logs made of imported coconut husk have been used to block erosion channels. The logs, as well as

other restoration measures, have seen the return of the sundew plant, mosses and native grasses to areas of bare peat.

Peatland restoration is regarded as an urgent conservation priority in the National Park; functioning peat bogs can sequester huge amounts of carbon and provide a home to insects such as dragonflies and wading birds such as golden plover.

One of the four Upper Wensleydale farmers who donated part of their wool crop to the trial was Andrew Kiely from Hardraw. He said: "For decades fleeces have been worthless. My last wool cheque was £35 for 500 fleeces - and it cost me that much to send the wool to the depot.

"It's pleasing to see this trial taking place and seeing our wool doing this job. I think a lot of local farmers would be very happy to see our wool going to these peat restoration projects."

Textiles entrepreneur Ruth Lindsey said: "The wool in these logs have travelled only 150 miles from the farm to the processors in West Yorkshire and back to this peatland. That makes wool a lot more sustainable than the coir which has come across the world - and we think it is capable of doing as good a job, if not better.

"We're aiming to pay 30 pence a kilo of wool, if the trial is successful. That's still not enough,

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but it's much more than the fleeces are currently fetching."

Mrs Lindsey said she had received enquiries that could lead to orders for many thousands of wool logs next year.

Peat Restoration Officer at the Yorkshire Peat Partnership, Jenny Sharman, said: "I think we'll know whether the wool logs work as well as the coir relatively quickly - perhaps as soon as six months. We've tried using wool before but it hasn't been packed properly like these logs. I think they are likely to hold the water back.

"The coir logs we use are a critical part of peatland restoration. Before we put the logs in on Fleet Moss, all you could see was bare peat. The vegetation has all come back within a couple of years."

"Wool would be a win-win. It ticks all the boxes in terms of the environment and supporting local farmers and businesses. Everything becomes a team effort. We're all working together."

Member Champion for the Natural Environment at the National Park Authority, Mark Corner, said: "It's great to see a Farming in Protected Landscapes grant being used to jump start this wool log business. It's a captivating project for us, as it brings together the National Park emblem, the Swaledale sheep, with the vital work of peatland restoration. At the moment this is only a small scale trial but the potential for scaling up is clear to see and this could become an interesting development over the next few years."



Peat officer Jenny Sharman, Farmer Andrew Kiely, Textiles entrepreneur Ruth Lindsey, with Jake Hill, Dave Adam, Damon Barrett and Adam Sherriff from contractors Marsden AES Ltd



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## Farming and nature on film

Neil Heseltine, who farms at Malham and is Chair of the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority (YDNPA), appeared in the David Attenborough/BBC **Saving our Wild Isles** programme focusing on people trying to restore nature to the British Isles. The programme is only available on the BBC IPlayer: <https://tinyurl.com/2he42arj>

Upland hill farmers, Stephen Bostock and Dave Fullerton based in Coverdale, star in a YDNPA film called **Farming through the Seasons**. The film takes you through the farming year and looks at their projects to enhance nature. This can be viewed at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9dU+OFdoPO4>

## Have your say on YDNPA housing development plans

The Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority have released **Consultation No 6: Land for housing development**, seeking views on potential housing development sites in the dales. Reeth is the only local location being considered. The consultation document

and map showing proposed sites can be found at: <https://tinyurl.com/bp6mmyv2>. The deadline for responses is 12 May.

## Plan for Water

The Government has released its policy paper: **Plan for Water**. Policies include designing new homes to be more efficient with water usage; tackling run-off from fields and roads; banning plastic-containing wet wipes (responsible for 93% of sewage blockages); and working with farmers to ensure water supplies for crops while protecting wildlife. More at: <https://tinyurl.com/y49ck5km>

## Polluted rivers

The Rivers Trust has a handy website called "**Is my river safe to swim in?**" A map shows where the sewerage network discharges treated sewage and overflows of untreated sewage and storm water into rivers. Gunnerside and Reeth treatment works are monitored and in 2022 the Gunnerside sewer storm overflow spilled 50 times into the Swale for a total of 181 hours and at Reeth, the sewer storm overflow spilled 46 times for a total of 50.5 hours, into the Arkle Beck. The Rivers Trust advises that you should avoid the water immediately downstream of discharges and avoid storm overflows after rain. Find out more at:

<https://tinyurl.com/ht79sp3b>

Recent research shows that microplastics levels are increasing in rivers with sewage overflows being the main source. This has detrimental effects on wildlife and wider



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implications as 80% of the plastic litter in the sea is carried there by rivers.

Source: BBC news

<https://tinyurl.com/22hewmve>

Swaledale and Arkengarthdale rivers also have high levels of metals due to former lead mining activity. Details of the water environment around Swaledale can be found on the DEFRA website at: <https://tinyurl.com/y3acfb6>

### Swift boxes

Swift boxes have been put up onto properties in the two dales as part of the Wing It project giving a helping hand to the swifts, swallows and house martins of Swaledale and Arkengarthdale. See photo below of one of the Wing It team in action.



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There is a programme of concerts booked in already for this year. Details can be found under events on our webpage. You can browse through the artists that are booked and by clicking on their names get an example of what they do. You will see there are quite a variety of performers. The Memorial Hall also has its own Facebook page.

Our next event is Yorkshire singer Jack Rutter playing on May 05<sup>th</sup> with arrangements of traditional songs and contemporary covers.

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Talking Pictures

MISSION IMPOSSIBLE  
Review by John Hunter

"...Good morning Mr Phelps..." - exciting words for many of a certain age promising an hour of intrigue and excitement in front of their '625 lines' black and white TV in the late 1960s! It occurred to me that as the great Mr

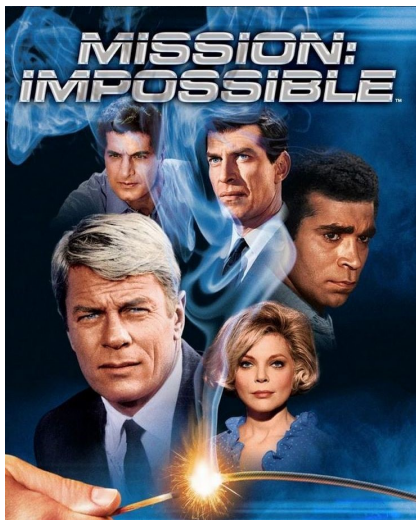
Cruise has been in and around our general area last year filming his last Mission Impossible movie, maybe an initial look at the premise and franchise which spawned 8 films would be topical.

Of course, in the original TV season back in 1966, it was in fact 'Mr Briggs' who listened to the 'self-destructing' message at the beginning of each episode - Jim Phelps (played by Peter Graves, brother to 'Marshall Dillon' James Arness) joined in Season 2 - and stayed at the helm of the team until the show's closure in 1973.

The format remained identical throughout its run - with many key elements incorporated into the later films. After hearing the secret message which gave details of this week's 'impossible mission', Jim (or Dan) would be seen perusing his folder of agents over a glass of wine - deciding

which were the most appropriate. Ironically he would almost *always* choose the same 'core' of two or three; Barney, the tech. expert, 'Rollin hand', a card sharp and 'master of disguise' and Cinnamon, an actress and model able to ingratiate herself into any situation (the latter two played by husband and wife Martin Landau and Barbra Bain - later to star together in 'Space 1999'). 'Strongman' Willy provided the muscle when required.

Usually pitted against 'East European' / Soviet-type despots (*surely not*), South American warlords or drug barons and the like, the 'against the clock' plots incorporated fights and chases, lots of clever 'tech', and the signature use of latex masks, as one of the team invariably had to 'become' their nemesis for the



ruse to work. The 'peeling off' of the mask was just one element Tom Cruise has incorporated in the movies (though the masks are now 3D printed and aided by CG effects)

Originally created by Bruce Geller, who stayed for several seasons, the show's opening 'tape' sequence led into the famous burning fuse motif and a fast paced montage of clips from 'this week's show' - all underscored by Lalo Schiffrin's famous theme in 5/4 time

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(also interpolated into the movies) - incidentally the well-known opening riff comes from the morse code for M I being two long and two short bursts (-try singing it!). Despite its globe-trotting premise, the show never filmed far away from its Los Angeles base, with some convincing sets and costumes (and accents!) standing in for exotic locations. During its run, the show even won several Emmys and Golden Globe awards, and original team members Willy and Barney featured throughout - with 'replacements' including none other than Leonard Nimoy (Mr Spock) and Lesley Anne Down.

Next time, our mission (should we choose to accept it) will be to have a look at some of the films in the 'MI' series prior to the final movie's release later this year.

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Paper and card should continue to be placed in the blue or white bags.

The collection of textiles will stop at this time as the collection vehicles are being changed to have just two compartments for the recycling materials. Sorting will continue at the kerbside by operatives to place items into the two compartments - for glass, cans and plastic and for paper and card.

Richmondshire District Council Corporate Director, Colin Dales, said: "The vehicles we'll be using from April will offer a more efficient service for our residents - they will make it simpler and easier for our residents to recycle their waste. They replace our older recycling collection vehicles which were coming to the end of their life.

"Unfortunately the changes mean textiles can no longer be collected at the kerbside but they can still be recycled by residents at the local bring sites and household waste recycling centres. Only a handful of textile bags are put out for recycling by residents each week which amounted to less than six tonnes per year."



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## May Update

### Feedback...

March and April are often a time for gathering feedback, writing reports for funders and hearing the outcome of new funding applications. Against a backdrop of international aid requests, the cost-of-living crisis, and the continuing loss of the arts from the curriculum, times are more challenging than ever as available funds to support community and developmental projects are squeezed even further. The feedback we have received so far this year has been very welcome and a much-needed boost to keep the team moving forward. For BlueBoxt, we are reliant on our dedicated volunteers, donors, and supporters to help see us through the coming months. There are lots of simple and cost-effective ways to show your support too, from attending a coffee morning or an event, to buying a prize draw ticket or pledging to donate on a regular basis. One of our aims is to ensure we continue providing activities and events which are accessible to all and bring our communities together through a celebration of volunteering and the Arts.

### Coffee Mornings and Fund-raising

We will be hosting coffee mornings at Richmond Town Hall on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May and 31<sup>st</sup> August and Leyburn

Methodist Hall on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September. There will be books, cakes, tombola, raffle and of course a friendly welcome and plenty of chat over a cuppa. Donations welcome. Simon Eastwood will again be Quiz Master on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September at The Aysgarth Falls Café and Gift Shop.

### Wensleydale Community Arts Festival, Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> to Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June

Full details for our first Community Arts Festival will be available on [www.wensleydale.org](http://www.wensleydale.org) and in the printed programme. Leyburn will be the focal point for the festival starting on Wed 21<sup>st</sup> with a Make Music Day celebration concert at St. Matthew's Church. Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> will celebrate poetry and creative writing at the Methodist Church and dance at Leyburn Arts and Community Centre. From Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> to Sun 25<sup>th</sup> there will be exhibitions, talks, poetry, music, dance, drama, crafts, refreshments and more to enjoy. Leyburn Band will play on Sat 26<sup>th</sup> when we hope the weather will be kind and allow us to be outdoors in the grounds of St. Matthews with a range of activities and fund-raising stalls (indoors if wet). If you are interested in performing, demonstrating, sharing your skills, or helping volunteer during the festival celebrations, please contact us.

### Leyburn Jazz Festival

This year's festival will run from Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> to Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> October and promises to be another great line-up of top-class musicians including the fabulous Jacqui Dankworth as well as festival favourites, Hot Club Du Nord and Alligator Gumbo. Visit the festival



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[leyburnjazz.co.uk](http://leyburnjazz.co.uk)

**Fancy trying something new?**

**Wensleydale Community Gospel Choir** and **Leyburn Jazz Collective** are two initiatives we will be hosting taster sessions for over the coming weeks. This is in response to enquiries for activities open to all members of the local community to take part in and enjoy. We would like to hear from anyone who is interested in taking part. Sessions will be relaxed, informal and a great way to meet people who share an interest in music and the Arts.

The first session will focus on jazz standards and take place on **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 7.00pm - 9.30pm** at **Leyburn Methodist Hall**. A small contribution towards the cost of the hall would be appreciated. We hope to have more news on the first Gospel Choir session in next month's update.

To book your **FREE** place or find out more information contact **Colin Bailey** on **07711 211169**, email [info@blueboxt.co.uk](mailto:info@blueboxt.co.uk) or book online at [www.blueboxt.co.uk](http://www.blueboxt.co.uk)

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**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June - 8pm - Hoth Brothers Band** - Don't let the name fool you! This US band are Boris McCutcheon, Bard Edrington V and Sarah Ferrell, on vocals, guitar, banjo and mandolin. 2020 New Mexico Music awards 'Best of the year.' Tickets **£15** (£17 door)

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## Village hydro plant produces first gigawatt

A hydro electric power station in Wensleydale which received a start-up grant from the National Park Authority's Sustainable Development Fund has hit a significant production milestone.

Community-owned River Bain Hydro Ltd has now exported more than one million kWh (units) to the Northern Powergrid distribution network.

The hydro plant began generating environmentally sustainable electrical energy in June 2011. It passed the one million kWh milestone - or one gigawatt hour - on 22 February 2023.

The Archimedes' screw of the hydro plant can be seen turning from the road bridge over the River Bain in the village of Bainbridge.



River Bain Hydro close up of screw

River Bain Hydro is reliably generating an average of 224 kW per day over the course of a year. That equates to the annual energy requirements of 28 houses.

The scheme was financed by 190 company shareholders as well as a grant of £50,000 from the National

Park Authority's Sustainable Development Fund. Currently there are 185 shareholders, with about 40 of them living locally.

The Authority has a record of supporting hydro schemes across the National Park. In addition to the turbine at Bainbridge, it has also helped to fund works at Killington and Halton Gill, as well as numerous feasibility and design studies to develop schemes such as at Linton Falls. The support for hydro continued this year when the Authority awarded a £26,000 SDF grant for a turbine on Backstone Gill at Kingsdale Head Farm.

A River Bain Hydro Ltd shareholder and project leader, Deborah Millward (pictured) from Wensleydale, who is a former Member of the National Park Authority, said: "To have generated a gigawatt hour of electricity is a welcome milestone. To have done so as the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change releases its devastating report is a sobering thought.

"In 2011 when Bainbridge hydro was put in, it was a bit of a trend setter. It was never about making money; it was all about making green energy. There are now two further plants in the Raydale catchment."

She added: "I am pleased to have been a part of what we now call Net Zero but I think we are all going to have to take much more responsibility for our own personal energy requirements. I have had solar panels for a decade and have just gone fossil fuel free at home but uptake is going to have to be much, much faster if we are to hand on a safe home and planet to

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tomorrow's children."

Tom Fairey, who is a director of River Bain Hydro and a retired electrical engineer said: "When I first became involved with River Bain Hydro about five years ago, the plant had unreliability problems, which meant the output was severely depressed. I found gaining an understanding of the problems both interesting and challenging and with the help of our partners, Durham-based hydro specialists 'Bluenergy', the unreliability problems have now been resolved and the generator operates with high reliability whenever water flow in the River Bain permits operation.

"During 2022 water flow in the river permitted operation during 196 days with 100% reliability. Clearly, like all forms of renewable electricity production, River Bain Hydro can never be the sole means of electricity supply to Bainbridge. The important point is that the energy produced makes a valuable contribution to the overall national renewable energy mix.

"In 2022 the plant generated 81,675 kWh which is a daily average of 224 kWh. If the average household uses 8 kWh per day, then that equates to supplying the annual energy requirements of 28 houses in Bainbridge."

Mr Fairey explained why the hydro plant had fallen short of the original feasibility study, which expected there to be 290 days of operation to produce the annual energy requirements of 40 houses:

"Operational experience has shown water flow in the River Bain does not support anything like the feasibility study estimated energy production,

especially with the dry summers experienced over recent years. However the plant is designed to have a service life of at least 25 years and should be able to be reliably operated, with appropriate maintenance, for many years into the future."

The National Park Authority's Member Champion for Sustainable Development, Richard Foster, who this month took over from Carl Lis in the role, said: "Despite a tricky first few years, and the increasing number of dry beck days, River Bain Hydro has proved a success. We are delighted that the National Park Authority's Sustainable Development Fund helped get the project off the ground. The River Bain Hydro scheme shows us that there is scope for more community-owned renewable energy generation in the Yorkshire Dales National Park.

He added: "The Sustainable Development Fund is proving to be a positive force for good - as the latest annual report illustrates. A total of £185,000 was awarded in SDF grants in 2022/3, bringing the total invested by the Authority over the SDF's 20 years of operation to more than £3.4million."



Tom Fairey and Deborah Millward at the River Bain Hydro

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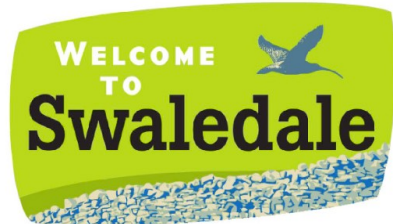
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## May

**Thurs 4th May** - Muker Guild 7.30pm Muker Public Hall. Flower arranging demonstration.

**Fri 5th May** - Jack Rutter - Reeth Memorial Hall 8pm

**Sat 6th May** - Fireworks on Reeth Green 9pm

**Thurs 11th May** - Reeth Community Lunch Club, 12-3pm, The Kings Arms, Reeth

**Sat 20<sup>th</sup> May** - 10am-noon, Coffee Morning, Reeth Evangelical Congregational Church

**Thurs 25th May** - Gunnerside TLC, 7.30pm Gunnerside Village hall

**Sat 26th May** - Swaledale Darts League Anniversary Celebration, 7pm, Tennants

## June

**Sat 3rd June** - Reeth Makers Market, lots of lovely locally made goodies and vintage treasures, Reeth Memorial Hall, 10-4

**Sun 4th June** - Michael Messer's Mitra - St Andrew's Church, Grinton 7.30pm

**Thurs 8th June** - Reeth Community Lunch Club, 12-3pm, The Kings Arms, Reeth

**Thurs 8th June** - WÖR - Influence Church, Richmond 7.30pm

**Sat 17<sup>th</sup> June** - 10am-noon, Coffee Morning, Reeth Evangelical Congregational Church

**Thurs 22nd June** - Gunnerside TLC, 7.30pm a talk at Gunnerside Village Hall by local cheesemaker Lacey's.

**Sun 29th June** - Hoth Brothers Band - Reeth Memorial Hall 8pm

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**Thurs 13th July** - Reeth Community Lunch Club, 12-3pm, The Kings Arms, Reeth

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