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PLEASE NOTE: We will endeavour to publish all suitable items submitted by the deadline date but this cannot be guaranteed and is at the sole discretion of the editor.

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Assessing Housing Need - we need your help!

As some of you will know, the Upper Dales Community Land Trust (UDCLT) is a local, volunteer-led charitable organisation, whose mission is to help alleviate the critical shortage of affordable, sustainable housing for people born, living or working in the Upper Dales. The Trust came into being in 2017 and since then has been working hard to establish funding, support and opportunities towards achieving that mission.

Our first project has involved the purchase and planned conversion of the former Methodist Chapel in Bainbridge into two affordable 2-bedroom flats, and we are excited that building work is to commence shortly on this Upper Wensleydale site.

In the meantime, it is so important that we get an accurate and up to date picture of the extent and nature of housing need in the Swaledale/ Arkengarthdale area. 'Housing Need' means a situation where a person's accommodation is for whatever reason unsuitable for their housing requirements, and they cannot afford to buy or rent a dwelling more appropriate to meet their needs on the open market. It can also include those who may have lived here previously and want to return.

If you think you may be in housing need, the most important first step is to visit North Yorkshire Home Choice (NYHC) website.

www.northyorkshirehomechoice.org.uk

You will need to register and qualify with a local connection to be considered for properties in the future. You can find out more and check if you are eligible on the website or get there via the QR code below.

Please pass this message on to anyone you think may qualify.

In order for the UDCLT to respond to the housing needs of local people, we need those individuals or families to be registered with NYHC.

In addition to individuals registering their housing need, the UDCLT will be undertaking a simple survey of local businesses, asking about their employee needs in the next few years - so keep an eye out! In the meantime if you have any questions please email udcltrust@gmail.com.



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years and have performed in numerous concerts and charity events, including the BrownsonBeats music festival. They are thrilled to be collaborating with Reeth Brass Band again and are looking



Head to the Hub at St Mary's Church, Arkengarthdale, on 6th April at 7:30pm, for what promises to be a truly memorable evening by our local musicians and vocalists. Join Reeth Brass Band, The Pearls and special guests The Hub Pop-Up Choir and enjoy a fabulous selection of pieces. Their diverse and exciting programme will span the decades, from the 1960s to 2023, as well as some magnificent music from the movies!

Tickets are £5, to include refreshments, available from Reeth Post Office and The Red Lion in Langthwaite. There will also be a raffle at the concert (cash only for tickets and raffle please).

With a heritage that dates back to 1905, Reeth Brass Band are highly regarded in the Dales and beyond. They continue to delight audiences with their playing, including their annual concert at the Swaledale Festival, and are pivotal in our community, providing entertainment throughout the year at events such as Reeth Show and Remembrance Sunday. A close harmony group, The Pearls have been singing together for fifteen

forward to welcoming the Hub Pop-Up Choir as special guests. The Choir came together to sing at the carol service at St Mary's, Arkengarthdale, and are delighted to be taking part in the Hub concert.

Jill Lundberg

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World Day of Prayer 2024

Friday 1st March 14.30 Gunnerside Methodist Church, Swaledale

World Day of Prayer is an international ecumenical organisation which enables people all over the world to share the ideas and concerns of the writing country. All this work will come to fruition on **Friday 1st March 2024** when people will gather to celebrate the service prepared by the women of Palestine. The Day of Prayer is celebrated in over 146 countries. It begins in Samoa and prayer in native languages travels throughout the world --- through Asia, Africa, the Middle East, Europe and the Americas before finishing in American Samoa some 38 hours later.



'I BEG YOU, BEAR WITH ONE ANOTHER IN LOVE'
The Christian Women of Palestine are calling us to connect with the land from where Jesus came; where he was born, ministered and died - and from where our faith began and is rooted. Despite living in an area of the world where there is ongoing conflict and the future is uncertain, the women of Palestine are sharing with love a reminder that they are there, and they want to give hope to everyone. The theme of the service 2024 'bear with one another in love' seems very appropriate for these women who will not give up witnessing the love of Jesus Christ.

We do hope you will join us on Friday 1st March at 2.30pm at Gunnerside Methodist Church, Swaledale. Everyone

is welcome. If you would like a copy of the service booklet in advance or if you would like to help with the preparation for our service please contact Sue on 01748 886963. More information can be found on the WDP website: wwdp.org.uk.

Sue Pellatt, on behalf of Christians Together in Swaledale



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Gunnerside Chapel News

December saw two noteworthy events take place in the Chapel.

Firstly, the School held its Christmas Carol service under the direction of the headmaster, ably accompanied by one of the teachers, Tom Fremlin. About 30 pupils took part with almost 100 "grown-ups" in attendance - and it has to be said that the quality and enthusiasm of the children's singing was in danger of putting the adults to shame.

Then the 21st saw what was probably the 157th Shortest Day service to be held in the present building. This was attended by some 50 people including the Gunnerside Choir, (containing more men than ladies), and was followed by the usual tea and buns. The service was noticeable for the carol "While Shepherds Watched their Flocks by Night" being sung twice. Once with the usual tune and then again at the end with the proper Gunnerside one, Shaw Lane. Traditions must be upheld!

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Muker Parish Council Minutes of Parish Meeting Held October 2023

Present: Cllr Metcalfe, Cllr Reynoldson, Cllr Rukin, Cllr Peacock for part of the meeting, with Cllr Calvert, Chair presiding.

Clerk: Mr Michael Cleminson.

Apologies: Cllr Porter.

Matters Arising:

Community Buy Out - Farmers Arms Muker. Mr Richard Walls attended the meeting and outlined the proposal to proceed with a community purchase of the Farmers Arms. Mr Walls said The Kings Head at Gunnerside was successfully acquired by a community buyout with the assistance of The Plunkett Foundation. A Board or Committee would be set up to outline the control and direction of the business, setting the expectations of how the business would be run. It was pointed out that a number of grants of up to £250k are currently available to assist with the purchase. Cllr Peacock said she had some experience of this and would assist where she could. The premises are currently registered as a Community Asset. The first step in the process is to approach the current owners to see if they would be willing to proceed with a Community Buyout, and then seek individuals who are prepared to invest in the business. The Parish Council unanimously agreed to support the application. Mr Walls and another person are to make initial contact with the owners, to begin the process.

Upper Dales Healthwatch (UDHW)

Central Dales Practice. The minutes are now available from the North Yorkshire Council website under Muker Parish. Uploaded by the Clerk when received.

Defibrillators. The Clerk pointed out that The Ambulance Service, in the case of an emergency, are directing the caller where appropriate to collect the nearest defibrillator. The Clerk is then notified of its use and must check that it has been returned and is in working order. The Clerk asked that if, in his absence, a Councillor would check that the used defibrillator is returned and working. The Clerk can then notify the relevant authorities.

Invitation to Online Planning Seminar. The Clerk took part last year, and it was not considered necessary to revisit this.

Finance:

The electronic banking is now active

Highways:

Scarr House Bridge & Retaining Wall repairs, preparation works commenced on Thursday 28th September. The road was closed on Thursday 5th October. A service road is in place for essential services ONLY. The Council is grateful to the landowners for allowing the service road across their land. The closure is necessary because the road has partly collapsed and will need to be excavated. These works are scheduled for 12 weeks until mid-December, however Highways hope to complete before then, weather permitting! Cllr Metcalfe stated that the movement of the retaining wall was first reported in August 2019 a response received stated the situation had been noted but it did not meet their criteria and it would be monitored. The Council were of the opinion that a prompt repair of this

could have prevented the current situation.

Downgrading of Priority Gritting from 2 to 3 on Silver Hill. The Clerk reported that Highways had informed him that there was no appeals procedure. The Clerk to write to Rishi Sunak MP to establish if there is a possibility of restoring this 50 year plus service to the community.

Surface Dressing between Thwaite & Keld. Highways have conceded that some of the potholes were not filled before proceeding, but they have since been examined and have no sharp edges and do not meet the criteria for further action.

Road Closure at Ivelet. Councillors asked if this matter could be expedited to remove the diversion, as soon as possible. The Clerk to contact Highways.

Pot Holes B6270 near to Smithy Holme. Councillor Calvert reported that there were 2 potholes, the 2nd one created by traffic avoiding the first one. Clerk to report to Highways.

NYC:

nothing to report

YDNPA:

Planning Ref R/06/15F - and R/06/15G/LB - High Smithy Holme/ Anty John's Keld, also Planning Ref R/06/262B/LB. Both of these applications have now been approved conditionally.

YLCA:

nothing to report

Date and Time of Next Meeting:

7.30pm Thursday 7th December 2023 at Muker Public Hall.

Cover photo, featuring Swaledale winter sports, by Annie Wallace.



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7th Feb RHS judge, Roger Burnett, is returning and has agreed to answer questions in a GARDENING Q&A.

21st Feb Carol Tetlow is giving a talk entitled STETHOSCOPE SECRETS. As a retired GP, she donates a percentage of her book sales and any fee for her talk to Breast Cancer UK. Stethoscope Secrets, is about her career and is full of anecdotes.

28th Feb Stuart Atkins will talk about THE GREAT AMERICAN SONGBOOK. He will bring a keyboard and talk about, and play, a lot of the songs by the great writers, including: - Irvin Berlin, Jerome Kern, Cole Porter, Johnny Mercer, Rogers and Hart, the Gershwin's, Burt Bacharach etc. etc.

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Here are the latest FREE online talks from environmental campaigning charity, Friends of the Dales:

Online Talk: Breeding Waders of the Yorkshire Dales

Wednesday 21 February 4.30pm

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You can book for all Friends of the Dales events at:

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Victoria Benn



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We will be holding an open evening in February for those interested. Details of when and where will be posted on noticeboards in Reeth, outside Hudson House, on Facebook and on the Group's website. <https://www.swaledalescouts.com/>

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A full programme of concerts are already booked in for 2024.

Saturday 9th March - Urban Folk Quartet - For over a decade UFQ have ignited audiences with their contemporary take on folk music, rooted in Celtic tune forms & traditional song, influenced by Afrobeat, Indian classical, funk & rock. Tickets £17 (£19 door).

Friday 22nd March - Kiki Dee & Carmelo Luggeri - For over 25 years, Kiki & Carmelo have toured their spellbinding acoustic live show across the UK and Europe. Performing in this stripped back fashion allows each of their exceptional talents to shine through and create a wonderful and warm sense of intimacy for the audience. Tickets £22 (£24 door). **7.30pm Start**

Please see website for further details of all concerts booked. There are some links to videos by some of the performers on there. If you are a Facebook user it would be helpful if you are able to like our page.

Tickets for concerts are available from Reeth PO or phone Glen Steward (01748 884989) or visit www.reethmemorialhall.co.uk - tickets $\frac{1}{2}$ price u16s. All concerts 8pm unless otherwise stated.

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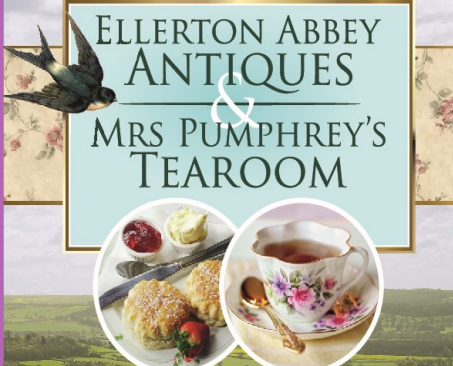
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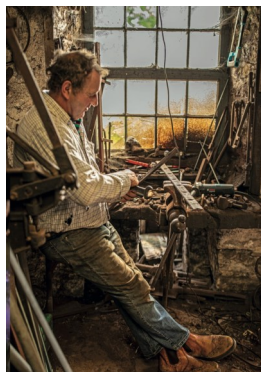


Swaledale – an insider's guide

If you're reading this, the chances are you're pretty familiar with Swaledale, because most Gazette readers probably know the place reasonably well.

So you might think a newly published little book by Joe Willis, called "Swaledale: An insider's guide" wouldn't have much to offer you. But you could be wrong. The cover claims

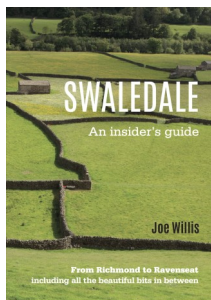
"From Richmond to Ravenseat including all the beautiful in between." And it does just what it says on the cover. But this is no ordinary tourist's guide. Heading on a journey updale, noting all the interesting places en



route, it gives inside info on artists, crafts people, musicians, local characters, history, geography and much more. It paints an informative and amusing picture of this unique part of the country. And if the words alone aren't enough, the photos are pretty stunning. Joe Willis's name may

be familiar to you, as he's the editor and founder of the online newspaper "Richmondshire Today", a great source of information on community events and goings-on.

Joe writes in a chatty and laid-back style, as though you're best mates and he's giving you handy hints and tasty titbits about the best things to see and do in Swaledale. While the book is an easy and entertaining read, I suspect that even octogenarian Swaledalians may come across something that makes them think "Good heavens, I didn't



know that".

"Swaledale An Insider's Guide" is available to purchase at £5.99 from Reeth Gift Shop, Reeth Post Office, The National Park Visitor Centre, Dales Bike Centre, Swaledale Woollens and Keld Resource Centre.

Review by Elizabeth Bedford
Images from the book by Ian Short



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February Update

Wensleydale Young Musician of the Year competition

As part of the Rotary National Young Musician of Year competition, Wensleydale Rotary Club joined with BlueBoxt Creative and Performing Arts in Leyburn to hold the Wensleydale Area heat of the competition on the 2nd of December.

The competition was open to young people aged 7 to 18 years who live or attend school in North Yorkshire (or close to the county boundary). There were three classes split into two age groups: under 12 years and 12 to 18 years. The event was organised by BlueBoxt working with Wensleydale Rotary Club and was held at St Mathews Church in Leyburn.

The adjudicator was Mrs Diana Hartley, who commented "It was great to see so many young musicians taking part in this new competition, and I was very honoured to be asked to adjudicate."

The first class was for an instrumentalist or vocalist playing acoustically, either accompanied by a pianist or unaccompanied. The second class was for an instrumentalist or vocalist playing with amplification accompanied by a backing track or unaccompanied. The third class was for an ensemble or group with two or more performers playing acoustically or amplified.

The winner of Class one under 12

years was Volodymyr Kryzhanovskyi. Volodymyr played the beautiful "Spanish Waltz" by Paganini on his guitar. The winner of the older age group in class one was Jonty Ledbetter. Jonty played the exciting "Between a Rock and a Hard Place" by Andy Hampton on his saxophone.

The winner of class two under 12 years was Farah Dinsdale playing the drum part of the Maroon 5 song "Beautiful Mistakes". The winner of the older age group in class two was Lili Bako singing Dolly Parton's ballad "I Will Always Love You". The winner of Class three was Jonty and Jeremy Ledbetter playing as J-Force with electric guitars singing their own song "Medicine for Revenge".

The overall winner of the Wensleydale Young Musician Award was Jonty Ledbetter.



Jonty Ledbetter with David Spashett, President of Wensleydale Rotary and Diana Hartley, Adjudicator

Presentations of the winners' certificates and medals was made by Wensleydale Rotary Club President Mr David Spashett who said, "I was very impressed with the enthusiasm and skill of the entrants. The Rotary club

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is keen to see this become an annual event as part of the National Rotary Young Musician competition."

The best instrumentalist and the best vocalist from class one, Jody Ledbetter and Lili Bako respectively, will go on to the Rotary District Final, which is to be held at St Johns Church, Sharrow on Sunday 18th February 2024. The winner from the district final will go on to the Rotary National final which will be held at Chatham's School of Music, Manchester.

Judith Clark, Chair of BlueBoxt commented "We are excited to be able to work with Wensleydale Rotary club to provide opportunities for aspiring young musicians to perform in front of an audience which is essential for their development. We are already receiving enquiries for next year's competition."

Musical Workshops and Junior Jam Band

Following three music taster workshops across Wensleydale and Swaledale, We will be running eight jam band sessions on Friday evenings in Leyburn from 4.30pm to 6.00pm. The sessions for Children aged 6 to 11 years old will be led by Bee Darcy and Jennifer Saggars. Experience doesn't matter - come along, have fun, make new friends and play music together. Children who play an instrument are encouraged to bring them along. There will instruments available to try as well. Full details will be available on our website and social media pages. We are delighted to be working with NYMAZ, a development charity promoting opportunities in music for

young people across the region, supported by Youth Music and Arts Council England.

Our sessions for all ages are welcoming new members. Play>Record>Perform (11yrs - 19yrs). Sundays 2.00pm to 5.00pm at Thoraby Village Hall. | Leyburn Jazz Collective (16yrs and over). Tuesdays 7.00pm to 9.30pm. | Wensleydale Gospel Choir (16yrs and over). Mondays 7.00pm to 8.30pm.

Diary dates for 2024 - so far...

The list of events and fund-raising dates for the year ahead is shaping up with some additional activities in the planning too. Here are some key dates so far:

Coffee mornings - Leyburn Methodist Church Hall - Fridays 12th April, 28th June, 13th September and Richmond Town Hall - Thursdays 16th May and 10th October.

Sun 21st April - Spring Lunch with entertainment at Thornborough Hall, Leyburn;

Fri 21st to Sun 30th June - Wensleydale Community Arts Festival;

Sun 4th August - Strawberry Teas with entertainment at Thornborough Hall, Leyburn;

Fri 4th Oct - Annual Quiz Night with Simon Eastwood at The Falls, Aysgarth;

Thu 17th - Sun 20th Oct - Leyburn Jazz Festival;

Sat 9th Nov - 'Visions in Blue' a talk by Lucy Adlington, History Wardrobe.

To find out more or register your interest please contact Colin Bailey on 07711 21169 or admin@blueboxt.org or visit www.blueboxt.org

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Church Opening Times and Services in February

4th Feb.	9.15 am	St. Mary's Muker	<i>Eucharist</i>
	10.30 am	St. Joseph & Francis Xavier Richmond	<i>Mass</i>
	10.30 am	Low Row URC	
	11.00 am	St. Edmund's, Marske	<i>Holy Communion</i>
	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	
11th Feb.	9.30 am	St. Andrew's Grinton	<i>Eucharist</i>
	9.30 am	St Michael's Downholme	<i>Morning Prayer</i>
	10.30 am	St. Joseph & Francis Xavier Richmond	<i>Mass</i>
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	11.00 am	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
	11.15 am	St. Mary's Arkengarthdale	<i>Holy Communion BCP</i>
	3.30 pm	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
14th Feb.	10.00 am	St. Andrew's Grinton	<i>Holy Communion BCP with Ashing</i>

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	2.00 pm	Gunnarside Methodist	<i>Holy Communion followed by Church Council meeting</i>
	3.30 pm	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
25th Feb.	9.30 am	St. Andrew's Grinton	<i>Eucharist</i>
	9.30 am	St Michael's Downholme	<i>Holy Communion</i>
	10.30 am	St. Joseph & Francis Xavier Richmond	<i>Mass</i>
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Purple veg and Mediterranean fruit?

The Royal Horticultural Society suggested **new opportunities for fruit and veg** that suit warmer climates. We may not have the success that the south may have with figs, apricots or melons but we might find some Mediterranean veg does better. <https://tinyurl.com/yuwbav87>

It is time to think about spring planting. Pop down to our **community beds** at the surgery and see what's going on. Also, if you'd like to curate a wildflower patch, contact us to join in our **One Acre Meadow** project.

WingIt Swifts and Swallows Project

We are **preparing QR codes** giving information on each bird species. We contacted new swift box owners for an update and are compiling info from our 20 observers. If anyone is interested in **being a data collector** for the coming year get in touch!

Survey season

The Mammal Society have launched the **National Harvest Mouse Survey** which runs October-March. The harvest mouse is Near Threatened on the Red List. Get involved: <https://tinyurl.com/23owtuwc>

Reindeer sleep & eat simultaneously!

During rumination reindeer brains enter a mode akin to sleep, optimising eating during summer. They sit or stand quietly as if sleeping (sometimes

with their eyes open!).

<http://tinyurl.com/3tvz7aak>

Heating North Yorkshire's homes

Home Upgrade Grant Phase 2 is now running, helping to heat homes with no mains gas, poor quality insulation or inefficient heating. Improvements include insulation, solar, air source heat pumps or smart heating controls. <http://tinyurl.com/3e6tet7y>

Deep sea carbon

The Black Sea has low O₂ levels due to its salt content, meaning there is little decomposition. A new scheme plans to **sink woody debris** from agriculture/forestry **deep in the sea**, so the carbon remains buried. <https://tinyurl.com/ythr5ls2>

Oxford Farming Conference

Sustainable Farming Incentive (SFI) and Countryside Stewardship (CS) **rates have increased** by 10% on average. 50 more Environmental Land Management actions are expected, giving farmers more choice. CS Mid-Tier and SFI applications will be combined, reducing paperwork

Renewable energy milestones

Britain produced **more electricity from renewables** than fossil fuels in 2023, covering all electricity in homes too (38% of total demand). <https://tinyurl.com/yq42uy7b>

Tree planting season 2023/2034

We have completed phase 1 of the 2023-2024 tree planting sessions, with **4 sessions to come January-March**. This year we are trialing some new approaches; one is that the trees are

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cell grown rather than bare root.



Clickable links available via the Sustainable Swaledale website.

Olivia Henderson

Sustainable Swaledale Group

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Low Row Institute Update

Phase 1 Complete

After much hard team work, sleepless nights, meetings and form filling, the Phase1 renovation works for the Low Row Institute were completed in time for our Christmas Craft Fair! Our new insulated roof, double glazed windows and doors, plus our new LED lighting are creating a warmer, more energy efficient and welcoming place for our visitors and hall users. The total cost was £62,561 and we could not have done it without the generosity of Community First Yorkshire, local donations and the funds raised by our wonderful



100club and 'Friends of the Institute' groups. A huge thank-you also to our contractors, Calvert & Jenkinson, who bent over backwards to help bring in this project on a tight budget. It was great to use local contractors and help support the local economy as well. It's also extremely heartwarming to receive all the positive feedback we have been getting, and use of the hall is rising rapidly! The Committee are having a well-earned rest now before commencing the Phase2 works, which will completely refurbish the main hall whilst still retaining its character. Upgraded heating, insulation and dry lining of the walls will raise the thermal efficiency of the building even further. Additional lighting, audio, video & hearing loop systems along with

built in storage will create an all-round 21st century facility for the community to use. A fire alarm system and full redecoration of the hall will complete Phase2. This will not be cheap. Estimates so far suggest we shall be looking at raising another £50,000 for this stage of the work. Work is not expected to start until the end of the year at the earliest, but plans are in place to give the old girl a tidy up and a lick of fresh paint until the full works can begin. We've

not forgotten our disabled friends either. A new set of wheelchair ramps are now in place to assist entry into and out of the building, making sure that everyone is included! Although the current Low

Row Institute building is (only) 116 years old, the Low Row & Feetham Literary Institute and Assembly Rooms as a body will be 150 years old this year! Plans to celebrate this milestone in its history are underway, and if you have any items that relate to the history of the hall and its users, we'd love to have/borrow/share them if you'd be so kind. Our very own Alan Thorogood is spear heading the project and would love to hear from anyone with information or items to share. Watch this space for updates!

Thank-you to everyone who is helping with our project!

Low Row Institute Committee

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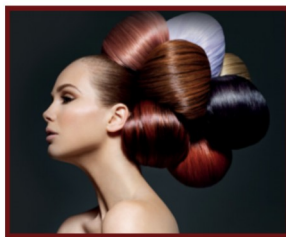
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Exciting News for Swaledale

Get ready for the launch of our fortnightly 'Hearts & Craft' sessions starting from the end of February! Hosted across Swaledale in Reeth, Low Row, & Arkengarthedale, these creative sessions are generously provided FREE by Rural Arts in Thirsk, thanks to funding from the Henry Smith Foundation.

What to expect? At each session you will find expert instructors and specialist support, as well as all materials needed provided. The sessions will explore a vast variety of crafts such as such as jewellery making, fused glass techniques, ceramics, willow weaving, silk painting, printmaking, and more!

Why join? These courses aim to combat rural isolation & loneliness, with priority given to the upper age groups and carers. Every two weeks you have the opportunity to meet the same people, to build new relationships, to try your hand at some new crafts, and to be in a friendly, trusting environment with a warm drink!

The sessions will start on:

Hudson House, Reeth - Thursday
22nd February 2pm to 4pm
Low Row Institute, Low Row - Tuesday
20th February, 10am to 12pm
Arkengarthedale Community Hub,
Arkengarthedale - Tuesday
20th February, 2pm to 4pm

If you're eager to be part of these exciting sessions and want more information, reach out to amy@ruralarts.org. If you don't have any questions and are eager to get started, come along on the day and we'll meet you there.

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2023:

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Incident 44: 12/11/2023: Called to search for a missing vulnerable person believed to be in the Richmond area. Team and Police search assets searched for most of the day. Team stood down when the missing person was located some 250 miles outside the search area.

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Incident 01: 2024



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barred women from accessing the full training and privileges of their male counterparts, the pottery industry



was one that had traditionally offered female artists the opportunities to excel. Cliff's talents were

recognised when she was still a teenager, and she went on to produce designs that keyed into the cutting-edge trends of the period, setting the bar for ceramics as a commercial art form.

The lecture, by Vivienne Lawes, will take place at Tennants Garden Rooms, Leyburn, DL8 5SG on Tuesday 27th February at 2pm. Guests welcome, £10.

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Firstly let me wish you all Happy and prosperous New Year.

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

- 13 - Theft
 - 39 - Suspicious Circumstances
 - 30 - Road Traffic Collisions (minor)
 - 2 - RTC (serious)
 - 15 - Road Related offences (manner of driving / vehicles without tax or insurance and possible OPL)
 - 18 - Violence
 - 16 - Concern for Safety
 - 8 - Antisocial behaviour nuisance
 - 3 - ASB personal
 - 34 - Abandoned Calls (misdialed / pocket dials)
 - 1 - Industrial accident
 - 7 - Criminal damage
 - 3 - Missing Persons
 - 21 - Highway Disruptions (Floods/Ice/Trees/Animals)
 - 6 - Burglary (Quad bikes taken)
 - 2 - Poaching (the latest of which had equipment and vehicle seized)
 - 2 - Fraud (online/phone)
 - 1 - Drugs
 - 2 - Stolen motor vehicles (1x motorcycle, 1 x Quad not as a result of Burglary)
- In total 183 calls were received reporting either the above or making General enquiries.
- The numbers may seem high, however

they are this time over a two monthly period.

If you wish to receive Information and updates of events/incidents, sign up to North Yorkshire Community messenger either by visiting the NYP website or contact me, Donald.watson@northyorkshire.police.uk, providing your First name, Last name, House Number/Name, Postcode, Mobile number and email address and I will sign you up.

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Last Link Restored after 2019 Floods

Rangers and volunteers have built a bridge over Sleil Gill in Arkengarthdale, to complete a four-year programme of flood recovery work.

A total of 13 river crossings were swept away in Swaledale and Arkengarthdale following thunderstorms on 30 July 2019.

The bridge at Sleil Gill, which is on the route of a popular bridleway in an area steeped in lead mining heritage, is the last significant piece of rights of way infrastructure to be put back.

The Tees-Swale: Naturally Connected project, a joint venture funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund and led by the North Pennines National Landscape and the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority, paid for all the materials, which were sourced from Hartlington Fencing Supplies near Grassington.

In November those who had worked to restore the crossing met local horse riders and cyclists (see picture). They tried out the new ford surface constructed from precast concrete panels. The job took six weeks for two rangers, who were assisted each day by Dales Volunteers.



Horse riders Jane Baker and Lucy Sterry from Arkle Moor Riding Centre and cyclist Stuart Price from Dales Bike Centre, with rangers and volunteers on the footbridge, enjoy the restored crossing at Sleil Gill in Arkengarthdale.' Credit: Wendy McDonnell/YDNPA

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Member Champion for Recreation Management at the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority, Lizzie Bushby, said: "Through the *Tees-Swale: Naturally Connected* programme we have been able to improve six circular routes in this glorious part of the National Park. The Sleil Gill bridge and ford make possible a circular walk or ride from Fremington and Reeth up to Langthwaite, where people can stop for refreshments at the Red Lion Inn, which itself was badly affected by the 2019 floods. It's really satisfying that this last link has been restored.

"Sincere thanks are due to the 12 Dales Volunteers, including members of the Ragged Robin group, who worked on the bridge. Many hands made light work, especially when gathering stone from the beck to face the bridge abutments.

"Thanks also go to our contractors who lifted the concrete panels into place; the ford is now easier for riders to cross than it was before the floods. And the work simply wouldn't have been possible without National Lottery players and the support of The National Lottery Heritage Fund."

North Yorkshire Council delegates responsibility for rights of way maintenance in the Yorkshire Dales National Park to the National Park Authority. However the council has helped with repairs to the public rights of way network affected by the 2019 storm, including by replacing two 18-metre footbridges.



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Swale Singers Come and Sing Day

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Stainer's Crucifixion

It will be a whole day event in St Mary's Arkengarthdale, with a performance open to the public in the afternoon. The cost will be £20 to include tea/coffee and hire of the score. Registration on the day from 10am, 10.30 start.

Come and sing, or come along to the performance in the week running up to Easter.



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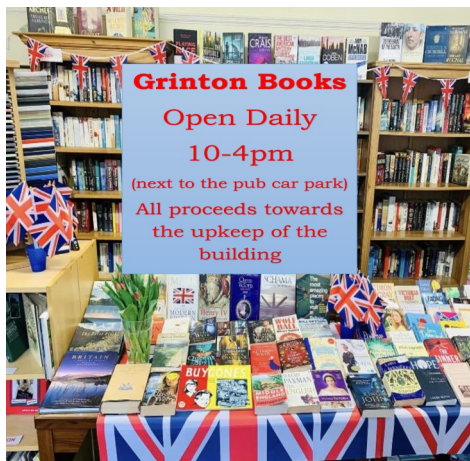
Your best reads of 2023

We invited you to share your favourite book of 2023 and you responded enthusiastically! Here are the ones we received up to early January, in no particular order.

It's not too late to let us know yours and we'll include it in the March Gazette.

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Thank you to those who included a review with their book title.



Title	Author	Suggested by
The Whalebone Theatre A beautifully crafted family saga	Joanne Quinn	Elsbeth Raitt
In Little Stars	Linda Green	Barbara Jolley
*The Lincoln Highway	Amor Towles	Fiona Rusling
*Good Pop Bad Pop	Jarvis Cocker	Anne Barden
Lucy By the Sea	Elizabeth Strout	
Lessons in Chemistry	Bonnie Garmus	Elizabeth Bedford
Still Life	Sarah Winman	Maggie Kentsbeer
Shuggie Bain	Douglas Stewart	Louise Baltesz
Demon Copperhead	Barbara Kingsolver	Louise Baltesz
Box 88 } Judas 62 } spy thrillers Kennedy 65 }	Charles Cumming	Elizabeth Sykes
Lucy By the Sea	Elizabeth Strout	Elizabeth Sykes
The Heart's Invisible Furies	John Boyne	Karen Campbell
Asha and the Spirit Bird Winner of the Costa Children's book award 2019	Jasbinder Bilan	Janet Bethune
A Thousand Splendid Suns	Khaled Hosseini	Andrea Dixon
A Sea of Gold	Julian Stockwin	

**“2023 best reads”
book reviews**

The Lincoln Highway by Amor Towles is the story of two young brothers, one recently released from a young offenders facility, setting out to find their mother upon the death of their father. They believe she is in California and she left their father years before because of his failures in all his business ventures.

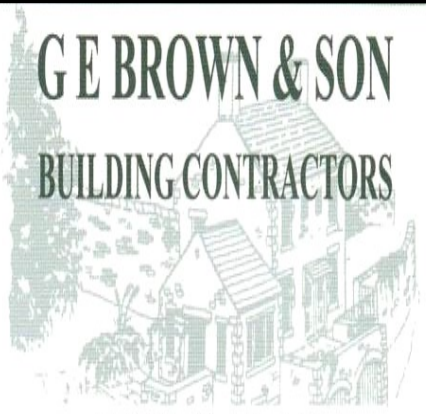
The brothers encounter multiple setbacks and the plot twists and turns cleverly but plausibly. They get entangled with a sprawling cast of characters both benign and evil. Each character is so beautifully drawn that despite their number, you never get confused. They have distinct behaviours and voices. The perils, adventures and conflicts encountered by the brothers make for a gripping read, it's a real page turner, held together by the loyalty between the two. The Lincoln Highway is a long read but pacey, I didn't want it to end. Surely Netflix will pick it up.

Fiona Rusling

Good Pop Bad Pop by Jarvis Cocker
Jarvis: brit pop king and mooner to Michael Jackson plus so much more. An excellent deep dive into the life of a pop star. The premise is he's clearing out his old loft of memorabilia/junk, each item relating to a period of his life prompting often funny and whimsical glimpses into his past. I recommend you listen to on Audible if you can as he reads it and has brilliant comic delivery and timing. If you remember the 80s it's a must.

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Hot Foot Hall & His Band Friday 23 February 2024

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20ft Squid Band Friday 5 April 2024

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Jo Carley And The Old Dry Skulls

Friday 16 August 2024

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Demi Marriner Friday 1 November 2024

Demi Marriner brings her band to Found The Note as the nights draw in again. Her blend of Americana features well crafted original songs delivered with a truly great voice. She has enchanted audiences at, amongst others, The Hay Book Festival and Wychwood Festival. Not to be missed.

All concerts are in St Mary's Church, Richmond. See you there!

John Meara

Diary Dates

February

Fri 2nd Feb - AGM Reeth Show, Reeth Memorial Hall 7.30pm

Fri 9th Feb - Domino Drive for Arkengarthdale Sports Assn, 7.30 CB Function Room.

Fri 23rd Feb - Domino and Whist Drive in aid of Muker Show, Muker Public Hall 7.30pm

Sat 24th Feb - Low Row Institute Dominoes and Whist Drive, 7.30pm

March

Fri 1st Mar - World Day of Prayer, Gunnerside Methodist Church, 2pm

Fri 1st Mar - Reeth Show Domino and Whist Drive, Reeth Memorial Hall, 7pm

Sat 9th Mar - Urban Folk Quartet - Reeth Memorial Hall 8pm

Mon 11th Mar - Hall Committee Annual General Meeting - Reeth Memorial Hall 7.30pm

Fri 22nd Mar - Kiki Dee & Carmelo Luggeri - Reeth Memorial Hall 7.30pm

Sat 23rd Mar - Come and Sing Stainer's Crucifixion with the Swale Singers, St Mary's Arkengarthdale, registration from 10am.

April

Fri 5th Apr - The Often Herd - Reeth Memorial Hall 8pm

Sat 6th April - Reeth Brass Band and the Pearls at Arkengarthdale Hub, 7.30pm

Fri 19th Apr - Leveret - Reeth Memorial Hall 8pm

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