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Your local news magazine for the Two Dales.













## First Thoughts Time & Time Again

I am reading 'Time & Time Again' by 'Ben Elton'. Excellent fun and very easy to read. It raises the question if you could go back in time, where would you choose to go to?

I am sure we have all considered this many a time and the obvious answer such as, 'I would go-back and kick Hitler in the nut' (note not plural) will be many a common answer.

Often I had thought I would like to go back to prevent cruelty to the defenceless or go back to prevent disasters such as Aberfan, Titanic, Zeebrugge ferry, Hindenburg etc.

Ben Elton's book's answer is for the protagonist to go back to June 28, 1914 in Sarajevo, to stop the assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand. Thus removing the catalyst for World War I and subsequently World War II.

I learnt from this book the sequence of extraordinary events that led to the success of the assassination.

The several assassins were useless. One assassin watched the motorcade drive past and lost his nerve. Another assassin held a bomb and a gun and he also froze. The motorcade continued past these two failed assassins on its route, later passing the next assassin. This assassin threw a bomb at the Archduke's open-topped car. The bomb bounced off the soft top and exploded under the following vehicle. Archduke and his wife escaped unscathed. This assassin then took a cyanide pill and jumped in a nearby river.

What finally killed the Archduke was a tad unlucky. After the bomb

attempt, the Archduke stopped at the town hall and after delivering a speech was meant to continue with the planned motorcade, along the same route.

General Potiorek who was part of the motorcade decided, as a precaution, that they would take an alternative route away from the city centre. He passed this message to his aide who passed it on to the chief of police. Unfortunately this guy then



forgot to pass the message on to the motorcade drivers. So the motorcade continued on its way along the original route through the city centre. Along this route, another assassin was in wait, standing outside a delicatessen.

As the motorcade turned a corner, General Potiorek in the 3rd car called out to stop all cars, as he realised they were still driving to the city centre. As the cars responded to his call and braked, they were directly outside the delicatessen.

Very fortunate for the assassin who pounced and shot the Duke and his wife at point-blank range. **Mike B** 

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May issue: April 10th June issue: May 10th

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## **TLC@Gunnerside**

The Thursday Ladies Club usually meets at 7.30pm on the fourth Thursday of the month in Gunnerside Village Hall.

April meeting on Thursday 23 - talk on miniatures and dioramas by Emanuela Suraci-Neve, local expert and Crackpot resident.

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Dame Zaha was one of the most distinguished architects in the world before her untimely death in 2016. She won the Pritzker Prize for Architecture in 2004; the UK's most prestigious architectural award, the RIBA Stirling Prize, in 2010 and 2011; and the Royal Gold Medal in 2015. In 2012 she was made a Dame for services to architecture.

Zaha Hadid's work is exciting because she developed a new form of architecture: setting it free by rejecting 90 degree angles. In early abstract paintings she created a visionary world where lines converge, and gravity disappears - before the advent of advanced computer software which enables such designs to be realised.

From her early sharp-angled buildings she developed a fluid architecture, where floors, ceilings, walls - and even furniture - all form part of the overall design. Her later structures are extruded to the most extreme organic shapes in what she called a "seamless fluidity".

The talk examines completed works, including her most famous UK building the 2012 London Olympics Aquatics Centre, as well as unexecuted designs.

Anthea Streeter studied Fine and Decorative Arts in London then at Harvard University, specialising in 20th century architecture.

Tickets are £10 (refunded if you join TASW). Members of other Art Societies, with membership card, pay £5. Telephone 01845 567489 or wensleydale@theartssociety.org for tickets, which are also available immediately prior to the lecture. Full details of the 2019-2020 programme are at https://theartssociety.org/wensleydale. Chris

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My first reaction when I saw this listed was to expect this to be the story of an American football cheerleading team. I was wrong. It's a tough sport as physical, skilful and painful as Gymnastics.

If you love sport you will love this.

Mike B

## **Really Scary**

If you love Horror movies and want to see something really scary then turn to page 14. As they say before many TV Programmes, the article on that page could cause distress and there is a phone line to help those who suffer bad dreams.

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## More First Thoughts Coronavirus

We should all follow the government guidance BUT I would just like to add that we should all try and support our local businesses through what must be a worrying time.

All of us need to be aware of this and maybe go spend more than usual locally. Think local, spend local. This is what we should always think. It's even more important now. Get out there if it's safe to do so. Mike B

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There'll be something to appeal to everyone, young and old (especially if they're young at heart). And all the events on the Green are FREE!

Each day you can choose from:

**Stories in the Tipi** - eight different 30 minute stories with Rhoda Fraser and Charlie Grumbly, starting at 10am.

Woodcarving with Steve Horner

**Kite-making Workshops** - just turn up any time between 11.00 and 15.30.

Art Exhibitions in the Dales Centre (Garry Brannigan at Gallery Unit 8) and James Owen Thomas in the Gallery at Hudson House, where his artworks will be for sale.

On Sun 24 May there will be a **Clog Dancing Workshop** in Reeth Memorial Hall from 10.15 to 11.45, with members of Richmond Castle Clog. Clogs will be

provided, recommended for age 6 and above. This is a free event and there is no need to book but it's first come first served as numbers are restricted.

On Mon 25 May there will be the **Annual Quoits** Challenge at 14.00.

There is also a Family Ceilidh with Jiginabout in the Memorial Hall on Sat 23 May at 13.00 to 15.00. Tickets are £8, and for under 25s just £3.

So bring the children and the grandchildren, mums and dads, grannies and granddads and anyone else who wants to come!

Full details on the Festival website www.swalefest.org or pick up a brochure from lots of places in Reeth.



## And for more serious fun....

If some members of the family might like something different, how about an evening concert on Saturday 23 May by WÖR!, an upbeat Flemish sax, fiddle, guitar and accordion 5 piece band at Grinton church at 19.30. Tickets £16 but only £3 for under-25s.

## Reeth Community Drop In

Memorial Hall, Arkengarthdale Road, Reeth, DL11 6QT Every First & Third Friday Of the Month Free Entry (Donations Welcomed)

#### 10am - 12pm



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## Melbecks Parish Council February 2020

Highways: Cllr Alderson has met with Steve Barker, NYCC Highways Officer, to look at the highway issues at Peat Gate drain and the cattle grid. Councillors were advised that a jetter is due to come to Surrender Bridge to clear the drain, and the drain would be dug out from the top of Peat Gate and Highways will also look at the drain at Trough House. Cllr Peacock will chase these issues with Highways and also advise that the trees in Peat Gate will need to be trimmed back.

Lights at Gunnerside: The council noted that these were both reported to RDC and the light at the village hall (number 1) was waiting for a bracket to be fitted, and once this was done the light will be repaired in the next couple of weeks. Light number 9 was repaired before Christmas however it was reported that this now not working again, and RDC have been notified again.

**NYCC:** NYCC are completing a review of all laybys in Richmondshire during the summer.

Trees in Gunnerside Conservation area, Strands Farm, Gunnerside: The council was notified that YDNPA has received a notification to fell one silver birch, one elder, one sycamore, and to crown reduce one field maple (by up to 1.5m) located at Strands Farm, Gunnerside.

**Planning:** Hazel Brow Farm Visitor Centre, Low Row. It was noted that this planning application will be considered by the Planning Committee on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2020.

National Park Parish Forum: meeting will be on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2020 from 7-9pm at Fremington Village Hall. Correspondence: Thank you letters for the £50 donations were received and noted by the council from Great North Air Ambulance, Yorkshire Air Ambulance and Citizens Advice Bureau.

Emergency Plan update: Cllr Lewis has met with Helen White, emergency response planning at Richmondshire District Council, In the event of an incident RDC will activate the plan and contact the key holders to arrange for the emergency shelters to be opened up and heated etc. RDC and the emergency services will provide bedding and food. A leaflet drop to all residents will be completed to give basic information of what to do and what will happen in the event of an incident.

Date and time of next meeting: Gunnerside Village Hall on Wednesday March 18th 2020 at 7.30pm. Full minutes of meetings available at: www.2dales.org.uk.

Nikki

### **Low Row Institute**

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There were five incidents this month. 02/03/2020: Incident 13: Both team search dogs & handlers called out of area to assist with a missing person search.

27/02/2020: Incident 12: Team called by the Ambulance Service to rescue an injured walker near Round Howe, treated by Ambulance crew & team medics before the team stretchered to the ambulance.

18/02/2020: Incident 11: Team called by the Police to search for a missing person in the Reeth area. A large scale search effort including members of the public, Police, Fire Service and Mountain Rescue, found the missing person safe and well. Thanks to everyone for helping.

15/02/2020: Incident 10: Water rescue team placed on standby at the base for the forecast flooding, fortunately not required as water levels reduced

13/02/2020: Incident 09: Team called by the Ambulance Service to rescue an injured walker on the fells above Healaugh, treated on scene by the team, Ambulance crew & Air Ambulance. The casualty was carried to the helicopter by the team.

Each month we'll highlight an item of our rescue equipment; this is how we spend your generous donations.

This month we thought you might like to see some of our winter equipment (hopefully now it's April we can pack it away!) During winter conditions team members may need to carry ice axe, crampons & snow shovel. We also have a number of team members who cross country ski, this is a faster way of searching during snowy weather. The picture on page 13 shows a team member assessing the snow pack for stability.

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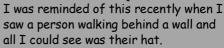


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## Not for today's children



I used to love this as a kid but it looks very scary to me now. I mean those Diddy folk look well mean. Would not like to meet them turning out of a Reeth pub at 11pm. God rest Ken's sole and his Diddys.

Mike B



## **CALAN**

## Award-Winning Welsh Folk Band Reeth Memorial Hall 18th April

"Traditional Welsh music, incorporating accordion, fiddle, pipes & harp – but the sound has translated to a modern audience on a grand scale!" **Yahoo** 

Calan started out busking in the streets of Cardiff to help pay for university fees. Now they tour right across the planet.

Winners of Best Band at the inaugural 2019 Welsh Folk Awards, Calan will release their fifth album, 'Kistvaen', on 3 April 2020. From the band tour information: 'Calan are at the forefront of a wave of new young Welsh bands, riding the wave of a country discovering their heritage of traditional music. In the past it has always been overshadowed by their Celtic cousins or set aside for the more familiar touristy male voice choirs, but here the reels, jigs and pagan harmonies are accompanied with a pounding beat and healthy dose of pop or rap. Their brand of high energy routines, verve and raw excitement is far reaching with broad appeal'. https://www.calan-band.com/concerts & https://www.calan-band.com/biography.



Editor Note: I took the time to watch several YouTube videos of this band and I was hooked by their energy. I recommend you do the same. A couple of tracks reminded me of the energy of 'Riverdance' and similar to 'Secret Garden' but much more unique. Enjoy Calan. Its bound to be lively from what I can see. So I will be going and 'no I am not getting a bung', I am not allowed. But I will accept free coffee and cake, everybody knows that.

Mike B

## **Reeth Northern Star**

Eva Midgely, is a Great Role Model to Young Dancers.



Eva who lives in Reeth is in Year 13 at Richmond Sixth Form College and has just secured a place at the prestigious Northern Ballet School in Manchester.

The press release from Richmond Sixth Form provides further information.

Eva is a key member and leader of the school's Evolution Dance Company. Along with fellow Year 13 students, Sophie Wright and Izzy Walton, she teaches the younger students, choreographing a range of dance routines. She is also a huge inspiration to the students at the Janet Seymour School of Theatre Dance where she has trained since she was three years old.

Eva's dance credentials are impressive. She has attained the Imperial Society of Teachers of Dance Advanced 2 tap (highest level) and will be taking the Royal Academy of Dance Grade 8 ballet (also the highest level), in March. She is also working towards the Advanced Modern qualification. Eva has performed in numerous shows and productions, locally in a host of settings, including Tennants and The

Georgian Theatre, as well as further afield at venues such as The Sage.

Eva's three-year course at the Northern Ballet School will lead to a level-6 Diploma in Dance and she is aiming to pursue a career in musical theatre and the ballet. Eva concluded: "I have wanted to be a dancer for as long as I can remember and I am really excited to have achieved my place at the prestigious Northern Ballet School. The course offers a broad range of disciplines so is a great springboard to prepare myself for work in musical theatre."

Jill Lundberg Richmond Sixth Form 01748 850111 x8108

## Tour de Yorkshire Bicycle Races on 1 May - Land Art

Hudson House is organising a further piece of Land Art for these races to be painted by the young people of the 2 Dales.

Painting days will be 18, 19, 25 and 26 April with a workshop on Saturday 11 April at 10am in Hudson House for the design of the landscape in the central panels of the Land Art.

Adult volunteers are needed for the priming and background colour painting of the panels. If interested please contact Nick Caldwell on 884340.

Nick

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Anon 1976

Editor Note: Beautiful, More please. Limerick in the style of 'The Krankies'?

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## **Television**

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Facing scandal, Pope Benedict summons his harshest critic to Rome to reveal a secret that would shake up the Catholic Church. It did look boring from what I saw of the Netflix trailer BUT with two excellent actors at the top of their game it was excellent. I am not that interested in the Pope but this allowed me to see what the position means to many and what it is to be pope. It is my second favourite film of this year, after 'The Irishman'. Mike

### **Reader Art**



Last month I asked for art photos to be submitted. I had a good response and it means I can occasionally include the very best. It is subjective but there is limited space. Here is a lovely piece by reader El Harwood email:

animelna@outlook.com

El sent this to me as the original painting on a small 'Thank you' type card. The detail is very intricate as

'Thank you' type card. The detail is very intricate as this was submitted to me as lovely card and the this is its actual size here.

Mike





## Funding to help people to stay in their own homes.

A £272,000 cash pot will help more Richmondshire residents stay in their own homes.

The District Council has been awarded the money to fund disabled facilities grants over the next financial year.

It will receive this cash from central government to help pay for work in peoples' homes to allow them to stay there. These disabled facilities grants will contribute to all types of work ranging from installing grab rails through to floor lifts and wet rooms.

Councillor Richard Good, spokesperson for operational services, explained:

"This grant scheme is all about adapting the homes of older and vulnerable people to cater for any disabilities they may have, making their homes easier to manage.

"This funding boost is great news as it allows our Home Improvement Agency to continue to fund and organise work for people to stay in their homes for longer, avoiding the need to move to more suitable accommodation.

https://www.richmondshire.gov.uk/ news/latest-news/funding-fordisabled-facilities-grant/

Richard

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## Reeth Informal Astronomy Group

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- April 13th
- May 11th
- June 8th
- July 13th
- August 10th

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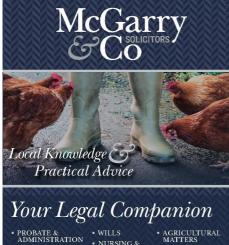
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Make Do and Mend - Saturday 4th April - There will be a Make Do and Mend session organised by St Andrew's supporters at Fremington Village Hall on Saturday 4th April from 10 until 4pm. Light refreshments will be served. Please do come and drop off your mending [zips and buttons replaced, hems put back up etc] or bring your ironing. You are welcome to stay and enjoy a cuppa and some refreshments whilst waiting for your jobs to be done or you can collect/we can deliver later. The work will be done on a donation basis and proceeds will go towards the upkeep of Fremington Village Hall. Please contact Susan on 884366 susan.allison@btinternet.com for further information on any of the above.

## Swaledale with Arkengarthdale Parish

Annual Parochial Church Meeting [APCM] The Annual Parochial Church Meeting takes place at Fremington Sunday School. on Tuesday 21st April, 7.30pm This is for PCC members, everyone on the Parish Electoral Roll, all regular worshippers and anyone else with an interest in the Anglican churches of the Parish. Please make the effort to be there as we look ahead to the next year together. Bring and share a plate of supper. All are very welcome. swaledaleark-engarthdaleparish.org.uk.

## Christians Together in Swaledale

Fun for everyone at our "Care for Creation" Activity morning on Monday 6th April at Gunnerside Methodist Church from 10am to 11.30am. This is an all age event but is particularly suitable for young children and their families. Organised by representatives from all the churches in the Dale who work collectively as 'Christians Together in Swaledale' this event will provide a morning of creative activities and food sharing based around a story. For further information please contact/chat to any of the Clergy in the 2 Dales or the 'delivery' team of Gail Crisp; Sarah Allison: Key Pellatt: Sue Pellatt or Susan Allison.

## TWO DALES WI Annual Meeting

The first ANNUAL MEETING of the TWO DALES WI will be held 7pm on THURSDAY 2nd APRIL at Reeth Memorial Hall.

Come along and choose your committee. Have a brew, chat and make new friends. New members, friends and visitors are always welcome.

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# Fun Day Saturday 6th June

Please come and join us for an afternoon of games and laughter at Arkengarthdale Family Fun day on Saturday 6th June from 2pm. This event will replace our traditional Sports Day which, after many generations, is proving increasingly difficult to sustain in its current format due to fewer young people and families in the Dale.

However, not to be deterred, we are determined to keep our community event thriving and are evolving the day to a smaller-scale occasion that will still be packed with lots of fun and bring residents and visitors together to celebrate all that is so great about our Dale. Our aim is to future-proof a summer get-together for the community with an event that is more informal and manageable for the next generations to organise and continue.

There will be a small exhibition tent where everyone will be invited to enter a range of competitions including children's crafts, baking and photography. We are also looking forward to offering cream scones and hot beverages. However, we hope everyone will bring their own picnics and stay for the whole afternoon.

Please come along and play rounders, test your skill on the slippery pole, pull your hardest on the tug of war or just sit back, relax and enjoy watching the games and catching up with friends.

We are really looking forward to welcoming you to the Arkengarthdale Family Fun Day and will ensure you receive further information about the afternoon ahead of the event. So, it's

the same date, the same place, but just a different format, which we hope will be as much, if not more fun, than before!



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## Leyburn Arts & Community Centre, April 2020

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Live Cinema: Michael Ball & Alfie Boe: Back Together. Tuesday April 14<sup>th</sup>, 7pm, tickets £12. Encore screening of the world's ultimate musical duo. Final show of their UK tour, filmed live at London's O2 Arena. Runtime 150 minutes including interval. Tel 01969 624510 to book or see the website.

Live Drama: Pardon Me, Prime Minister. Thurs- Sat April 2<sup>nd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup>,

Tickets £8. LADS, Leyburn Amateur Dramatic Society presentation. Tel 01969 624510 to book.

**Plant Fayre**, Saturday April 4<sup>th</sup>, 10am – 3pm FREE. Plants, tombola, cakes, gardening books.

**Volunteer Get-Together**, Tuesday April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2.30pm, Free. Join us for a chat, coffee & biscuits, whether prospective, current or lapsed... no obligations to sign up for anything!

Workshop: First Crack at Canvas Work. Friday April 24<sup>th</sup> 10am - 4pm. £25 plus £2 for materials, including a light lunch.

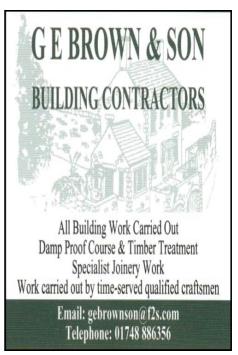
Live Music - Jazz in the Village. Saturday May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 8pm. Tickets £10.

Leyburn & District U3A: Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April, from 10am. The monthly talk is by David Mason from the Woodland Trust, at Leyburn Arts & Community Centre. All welcome, members free, small charge for visitors.

Singing for Pleasure: This friendly group urgently need a new musical accompanist. Alternate Mondays, 7pm - 9pm, singing for health and pleasure, all welcome.

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Jeannie



## Scrabble Game

My brain is a bit manic hence all the ideas I try and introduce to the Gazette, to see if they are popular and should be regular. This month I have written to Mattel who own the copyright to Scrabble and asked for them to allow me to publish monthly a scrabble challenge.

Watch this space.

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## Packaging waste | Call for compost | Treeguards

Research for retailer M&S found that more than three-quarters of consumers are trying to reduce their use of more tips, and a list of local stores ofpackaging. So what can we do?

duce, avoiding the plastic in the first - every little helps! place. You could swap to another brand Incredible Edible Swaledale aims to with less packaging, buy from a shop grow free local vegetables for all, on un with zero-packaging options - or not -used bits of ground. Our Reeth probuy the product at all.

instead of throwing them away. We can or compost to build our raised beds take our own container - whether that's high enough to grow root vegetables a coffee cup, water bottle or bag-for- like carrots and parsnips and keep them life. New shops are popping up locally, above rabbit height! If you can spare offering refills and bulk-buy options.

Finally, if we can't reduce or reuse, fo@sustainableswaledale.org we need to recycle. This is important, Tree Guards are receiving a lot of atrivers, oceans and our food chain.

and spoon. Some coffee shops give dis- Rowleth Wood where there are several counts if you bring your own cup, and hundred spent tree guards. We're the Refill app shows where you can top meeting in the parking bay between Low up your water bottle for free.

opt for products with less packaging. Say 'no' to fruit in trays and wrappers. and teabags that come in individual info will be provided nearer the time. (plastic) wrappers.

Shop from bulk 'zero-packaging' stores, use your own containers and Join our Sustainable Swaledale Faceavoid using the plastic veg bags.

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search for 'beeswax wraps' on our website for downloadable instructions.

For household cleaning products, you can get refills of Ecover and Suma from many of those local stores including the Two Dales Community Refill Station in Reeth (find them on Facebook).

A longer article on our website has fering refills and zero-packaging op-The first priority is to use less - re- tions. If you have more tips, let us know

ject is now underway at the Medical The second priority is to reuse things, Centre and we really need decent soil please some. contact

enabling recycling into new plastic in-tention just now. Over-used in the past, stead of going to landfill, incineration, they still have a role if used wisely. But or - worse - ending up in our fields, in there are many redundant ones littering our countryside. Please join us at Carry a reusable bottle, cup, fork 10am on 4th April to clear a section of Row and Isles Bridge. You can register your interest by emailing treasurer@sustainableswaledale.org. More

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## Chimneys To Need Smart Detectors

Following the recent announcement that the sale of the most polluting fuels burned in household stoves and open fires will be phased out from next year, it has also been announced that all chimneys must be fitted with a smart detector to monitor the amount of the pollutant known as PM2.5 which is going up the chimney.

'It is all very well banning the sale of wet wood,' said a spokesperson, 'But there is nothing to stop householders burning whatever they want to on their fires. They could just go out into the countryside and collect wood for their fire and burn it regardless of how wet or dry it is. Monitoring the output of pollutants will ensure that we can prevent the rise of a black market in cheap wet wood.'

The monitors, which will be fitted to the top of chimneys, will operate using the 5G technology for cellular networks. They will monitor smoke output in real time with results being sent to a central location.

'If any monitor shows an excessive level of PM2.5,' explained the spokesperson, 'It will trigger an alarm and we will contact the owner of the offending fire immediately. Initially we will advise them that they are burning a prohibited fuel, but repeated offence will result in a fine. It is also an offence not to have a fully working monitor fitted.' The monitor will have to be fitted to all chimneys, regardless of whether or not it is in active use.

5G networks are the next generation of mobile internet connectivity and the requirement to fit a smart detector will be phased in as more areas get 5G

coverage.

The technology for the smart detectors is at an advanced stage of development. It is not known yet how much they will cost to install and operate. But if the cost of 5G capable mobile phones is anything to go buy, they will not come cheap. 'But what price do we put on good health?' asked the spokesperson. 'Cosy open fires are all very well, but the use of certain fuels means that they are also the biggest source of the most harmful pollutant and we are determined to prevent the harm to human health from this pollutant.'

A cynic may suggest that it is simply a case of the government bringing in another environmental measure which costs them nothing to implement, but may well be an income generator - a tax on keeping warm.

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	11.00 am	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
	11.00 am	Holy Trinity, Low Row	Eucharist
	6.00 pm	St. Andrew's, Grinton Id	ona Evening Prayer
	6.30 pm	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
	6.30 pm	Gunnerside Methodist	
9 <sup>th</sup> April	7.00 pm	St. Michael's, Downholme	Reflection
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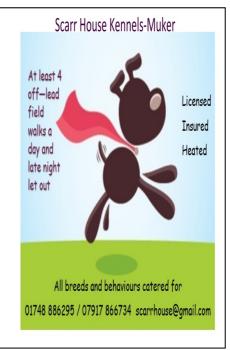
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2	Music	What are 'Hall & Oates' first names ?
3	Nature	Australian, Yorkshire, Kunekune and Hampshire are breeds of which animal?
4	History	What civil rights activist was born Malcolm Little?
5	Geography	Which harbour is overlooked by Victoria Peak?
6	Trivia	What is Cask ale sometimes referred to as in the UK?
7	Sport	Which former English cricket captain appeared in the 2017-18 touring production of the musical 'Fat Friends' by Kay Mellor?
8	History	Which English member of Parliament referred to the pub as 'the heart of England'?
9	Literature	What was the first name of H.G.Wells?
10	Science	What is the symbol for Sodium ?

## **James Peacock**



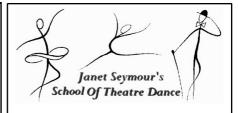
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#### **Charity Quiz Night**

Ian and John are planning another Charity Quiz Night. This will take place on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> November in Reeth Memorial Hall.

Further details concerning the Quiz, including where tickets can be bought will be published in future editions of the Gazette. For now please save the date.

Ian and John

**Editor note:** Yes November is correct. I checked. These guys are organised.

Mike B

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We hope to be able to start concerts again in Autumn and have a slightly shorter concentrated season but it really depends on how the situation develops.

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Editor Note: Its clear this will not be the only cancellation or postponement. I suggest before attending any event, club or gathering, that you check that they are still going ahead. Mike B



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## Report Feb 2020

The following incidents of note have occurred in the Dales area - Overnight on 23<sup>rd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> February a green Can-Am 'mule' type off-road vehicle was stolen from a gamekeeper's yard in Grinton. Nothing was seen or

The following week two more similar 'mule' type vehicles were stolen overnight. One from Bainbridge and one from Agglethorpe in Coverdale. There is believed to be a connection to recent quad bike thefts in Upper Wharfedale and Wensleydale with thieves targeting the area from W. Yorkshire. A number of arrests have already been made this year.

Please continue to call the police with sightings of suspicious vehicles and people as soon as you see them. Vehicle reg. numbers are invaluable in these reports. Owners of such vehicles please take time to check your security. Where possible lock them away in secure buildings overnight, preferably covered by cctv and alarms. Fitting 'Tracker' systems means, if stolen ,you greatly increase the chances of getting your vehicle back.

Local police patrol remote areas with the valued assistance of rural watch groups. We continue to take reports of a variety of attempted scams to relieve people of their hard earned money. Please be suspicious and remember if it sounds too good to be true it probably is. Always be wary of divulging personal information. Don't be a victim!

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#### **Your 2019 Best Reads**

Last month we asked for your best reads in 2019. What an interesting and varied range of titles you came up with!

Here is a selection – and we'll include more in the May Gazette.

#### **Fiction**

The House Between Tides by Sarah Maine. Waterstones Scottish book of the year 2018, where the Outer Hebrides provides a sensuous setting for an impressive debut novel.

Dark Fire by CJ Sansom. The second thrilling historical crime novel in the Shardlake series.

Barkskins by Annie Proulx. Longlisted for the Women's Prize for Fiction 2017, an epic, dazzling, violent, magnificently dramatic novel about taking down the world's forests.

**Westwind** by Ian Rankin. The classic lost thriller from the number one bestseller.

The Buddha of Suburbia by Hanif Kureishi. This was his first novel and is a bizarre, often hilarious, and totally original picture of the life of a young Pakistani man growing up in 1970's Britain.

Any Human Heart by William Boyd. The diary of a fictional writer, Logan Mountstuart, covering his long life from his last years at a minor public school in 1923 to his death in France in 1991.

A Home from Home by Veronica Henry. A nice gentle read, a book to curl up with and enjoy the heartwarming story with lots of twists and turns that keeps you wanting to read more.

#### Non-fiction

A couple chosen by Rosalind Radonocich who very kindly also gave a brief synopsis to whet your appetite:

The Hidden Life of Trees by Peter Wohllenben book full observations and scientific discoveries and woodlands. about trees Flannery says in the forward "Opening this book, you are about to enter a wonderland" which sums it up nicely. An international best seller. I have a bookshelf or two about trees and woods so hesitated about adding another but am so glad I gave in to temptation.

The Man Who Made Things Out Of Trees by Robert Penn. This caught my eye in the library. The tree concerned is an ash tree, the timber of which was used by several craftsmen with nothing going to waste. A book that would be appreciated by those who value craftsmanship, heritage woodworking and natural materials. I started reading this one evening and carried on through the night until the end!

The Salt Path by Raynor Winn. The uplifting true story of a couple who lost everything and embarked on a journey of salvation across the windswept south west coastline.

Diary of a Bookseller by Shaun Bythell. A wry and amusing account of a year in Scotland's biggest second hand bookshop and the band of eccentrics and obsessives who work there.

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Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April 8pm - Calan - an energetic five-piece Welsh band combining guitar, accordion, fiddles, Welsh bagpipes, harp, vocals (in English and Welsh) and a champion Welsh stepdancer. They blast their way through reels, jigs and hornpipes with fast paced and uplifting arrangements before melting into some of the most beautiful and haunting songs. Tickets £15 (£17 door)

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May 8pm - Thunder & Rain - from the Colorado Rocky Mountains. The angelic voice of Erinn Peet Lukes, band leader and songwriter is joined by Ian Haegele (bass), Dylan McCarthy (mandolin) and Allen Cooke (dobro) for an acoustic evening of folk, country, bluegrass, and pop. Tickets £14 (£16 door).

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May 8pm - Peggy Seeger on her First Farewell Tour - Peggy, the undisputed queen of folk and political song will be joined by her son Callum MacColl. Tickets £18 (£20 door).

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 8pm - Darren Page - The Voice of Roy Orbison - one hour of Roy Orbison hits and one hour of rock'n roll. Tickets £13 (£15 door).

Two joint promotions with The Swaledale Festival: Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 7.30pm - Wör - St Andrew's, Grinton - A Flemish band breathing new energy into 18th century melodies on guitar, fiddle, saxophones, accordion and bagpipes. Adult £16 (under 25, £3).

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May 7.30pm - The Fretless - St Andrew's, Grinton - A Canadian string quartet transforming fiddle tunes and folk melodies into intricate high-energy arrangements. Adult £16 (under 25, £3).

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#### **Top 10 Playlist** Disney To 10 for Easter

As its my belief that Easter is a little like Christmas. Meaning that the children get a little more excited that the adults, then this months suggested Top 10 is a Disney collection:

- 1 The Wonderful Thing About Tiggers From Winnie the Pooh
- 2 Higitus Figitus From The Sword In the Stone
- 3 Little April Shower From Bambi
- 4 A Spoonful of Sugar From Mary Poppins
- 5 Supercalifragilistic expialidocious From Mary Poppins
- 6 Feed the Birds (Tuppence a Bag) From Mary Poppins
- 7 Whistle While You Work From Snow White
- 8 Heigh-Ho From Snow White
- 9 When You Wish Upon A Star From Pinocchio
- 10 Colonel Hathi's March From Jungle Book

Maybe too much Mary Poppins, although it is probably is the best and even children today may agree. Notice I cannot stand 'Frozen'.

Why not send to Reeth. Editor @gmail.com your themed Top 10. As we are in a Pandemic, then may I suggest your theme is 'Songs that raise your spirits'.

Mike B

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#### 2 Dales Football

Very brief this month as I have no internet. Following FA advice we are still playing football as this goes to press. The Under 13's finished the Futsal season with the finals at Ripon Grammar School, First match v Leyburn. Alfred Atkin made a good long shot to score and Will Tylra, who played well all day made some good saves to keep a clean sheet. 1-0 win. Bedale next. Oliver Scott headed a good goal but Bedale scored twice. Then played Ripon in a must win game. Alfred opened the scoring but Ripon equalised, then went ahead. Jack Dalton levelled it with a super goal but Will had to come off with an injured wrist. Reece Shuker came on and despite his inexperience at Futsal, played vey well. Alfred put us ahead in the last few minutes and despite every effort by Ripon, we hung on to our lead to go through to the semi final to meet Ripon again. Sadly we suffered another injury when Eidur Pickard-Sparne had to come off after 5 minutes and we were reduced to playing 5 on 6. Dales did well but it was too much and Ripon went through 3-0. They then had their first match on grass playing 11x11 jointly with Catterick Village again against Ripon and won 3-2. We welcomed Alfie Alderson to his first match and with no sub he had a full game and played very well. On grass again the Under 11's went down heavily against Catterick Village. The under 9's won against Catterick Garrison away. Sid Peacock scored a

long high shot only for a very good girl from Garrison to make a very long run uphill to equalise. Eva Sleightholme then made a neat finish from a free kick by Sid. 2-1 win.

David Williams 01748884650 davidwilliams@yuillgroup.com

# Film, Negative & Slide Scanning Part 1

In our February Gazette I promised to write an article on this subject. Which I have not yet honoured.

This month I actually experienced the rare delight of receiving `Dear Editor' responses about this. Well here is a start.

I have started writing this very late as it is Sunday 15th 2pm. Tracy Little our Gazette proof reader, is expecting the Gazette Monday morning. OK, set aside a space on your desk and here we go:

- (1) What you do is get all your photos and negatives.
- (2) Now stick them in a scanner.
- (3) Press scan.
- (4) They come out lovely.

It's easy. Any questions email me.

Seriously I have to apologise for letting you down again. Especially Stuart Goodson and Christine Price. The Gazette delivery comes round so fast and takes me 4 to 5 days to complete. This month I received over 120 emails for this Gazette. Which is great really.

SO I will write something by next Gazette. If I don't I will pay £30 to charity.

Mike B

The Gazette is online: www.2dales.org.uk



Did food and music mix it for you, then? The answers are:

- How come you taste so good Brown Sugar - The Rolling Stones
- No one I think is in my tree I mean it must be high or low - Strawberry Fields Forever - The Beatles
- Drove my Chevy to the levee but the levee was dry - American Pie -Don Mclean
- I found my thrill Blueberry Hill -Fats Domino
- Day, me say day-o - The Banana Boat Song - Harry Belafonte

As for the tiebreaker, there are approximately 200 seeds on an average strawberry.

And the winner is: Noah Wan - once again. I bet you are now wishing you had sent in your entry. Anyway, it means this month it's a double rollover.

This month, well, as I type this, it is chucking it down - again - so songs with 'rain' in the title seems quite topical. But hopefully I will have jinxed it and by the time you read this the rain will have finally stopped and we will be enjoying sunny days. And just to make it a little easier for you this month, all I want is the song title.

- Oh, where have you been, my blueeyed son?
- Don't tell me not to live, just sit

and putter

- And just like the guy whose feet are too big for his bed, nothing seems to fit
- The sun is out, the sky is blue, there's not a cloud to spoil the view
- Woke up one morning half asleep, with all my blankets in a heap
- Du Du

For the tiebreaker: On average, what speed do raindrops fall at?

The usual rules apply with no internet use allowed. Listening to my radio show on 105.9 Bishop FM (Tuesdays from 11.00am to 1.00pm) won't help, but you will hear some great music. You can listen online via the station website at www.bishopfm.com; through Tunein Radio or just ask your smart speaker to 'play Bishop FM.' £15.00 will be donated to a charity of the winner's choosing. Answers can be left at the Post Office or sent via e-mail to:

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# Grinton and Ellerton Parish Council March 2

#### Flood works

A number of matters were discussed arising from representations from residents and from previous meetings.

Some works which had been postponed until repairs were carried out at Corner House could now be done as the underpinning was complete. This will be reported to the Two Ridings Foundation who had asked for a progress report.

#### Parking places

County Coun Peacock said that Grinton is on a priority list for this but the recent floods had caused more problems. She was pushing for the work to be carried out and would arrange to visit the site with Highways.

#### Structural repairs

The footbridge was on the 1841 Tithe Map but no-one knew who had built it or who was responsible for its upkeep. The issue of ownership had arisen previously when repairs were needed in 2014. The bridge had then been replaced by the National Park but Mike Briggs, National Park ranger, said there was no obligation to provide a bridge, even if the route was designated as a right of way. Local opinion varied as to whether it should be replaced or if it could cause more damage downstream in the event of another flood.

Mr Briggs thought that the damage to the footbridge at Waterford House was repairable but the village green near the bridge was now in need of work which was beyond the scope of the Park Volunteers and should start much higher up the water course. The council would contact other organisations such as the National Park and County Council to look at an overall ap-

proach to the problems and hold a site meeting with Mr Briggs to look at possibilities. A quote had been received for repairs to the wall opposite Mergill.

#### Local Plan

Coun Peacock stressed the importance of getting input from parish councils into the consultation on the YDNPA Local Plan.

#### Parish Forum

The Spring Parish Forum will be held at Fremington on May 20. The council will request that flood prevention measures should be put on the agenda.

#### Planning matters

There were no objections to a planning application for Ellerton Abbey.

#### River bank

The clerk would contact the Environment Agency about the bank near Grinton bridge which had originally been damaged in the July 2019 flood and was eroding further.

#### Next meeting

The next meeting will be held at 7.15pm on Monday, May 4, in the parish hall. This will be the Annual General Meeting, followed by the Annual Parish Meeting.

Tracy

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# Historical flooding in Wensleydale and Swaledale

Ian Spensley has researched the history of flooding in Richmondshire.

In Swaledale on the 25th of June 1701 a cloud burst over Grinton Moor washed away several houses and a bridge over Grinton Beck.

In November 1771 a very general storm caused flooding in much of the country and was remembered as the "Great Flood" for the next 50 years.

Snow melt and winter rain storms wreaked havoc in 1822 when the bridge over the river Bain was washed away. Again this flood became known as the "great flood" and was still called such in 1883 when great damage was done at Boroughbridge.

The rain began to fall on the 29th of January 1883 melting the remaining snow drifts, the floods damaged bridges from Coverdale to Swaledale. Gunnerside, Low Row and Low Whita bridges were all badly damaged as well as houses at the foot of Reeth.

On the 9th of November 1886 the flooded Swale drowned two farmers at Langton on Swale along with two others and four children capsized from a boat crossing Morton Flatts.

In January 1890, Gunnerside Bridge having been rebuilt at a cost of £1,000 after a summer flood of 1888, was once again swept away.

The storm of Whit-Monday (May) 1864 was comparable to that of July 2019 in Arkengarthdale, Stang Bridge and Eskeleth Bridge were lost, channels in fields several feet deep were made, walls destroyed and many sheep and cattle drowned.

The storm of hail and rain which broke over Shunner Fell on the 12th of July 1899 took every bridge in a ten mile length from Hoggarths in upper Swaledale down the dale. A new building in Fossdale above Simonstone was destroyed, streets in Hawes were under water.

The floods of June 1914 resulted in the Swale rising 10 feet above normal and thought to be the worst in 30 years.

The tremendous heat wave of July and August 1930 resulted in thunder storms and floods over a wide area of the country. Locally a storm of hail and rain was centred on Barden Moor; the first victims were the 1st Northumberland Fusiliers and the East Surrey Regiments at the tented Wathgill Camp. The soldiers made for shelter at Bellerby rescuing two busloads of travellers from the flood on their way.

The entire excellent article and a table of the dates of all reported floods is available within Ian's excellent blog at:

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ry.wordpress.com/2020/02/10/ historical-flooding-in-wensleydaleand-swaledale/ Mike B



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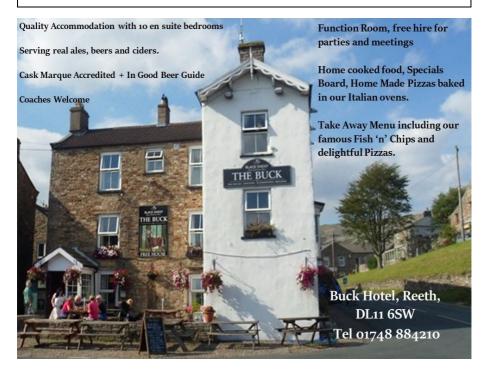
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#### Juliane Koepcke Falls 2 miles & survives

Juliane was born in Lima, Peru, in 1954. When she graduated from high school, her mother and Juliane scheduled a Christmas Eve flight to Pucallpa. All flights were booked except one with LANSA. The LANSA Lockheed L-188 Electra airliner flew into a thunder storm and the aircraft was struck by lightning. It broke up in mid-air, disintegrating 2 miles above the ground. Juliane, still strapped into her seat, survived the 2 miles high fall. Her injuries were a broken collarbone, a gash to her right arm, and her right eye was swollen shut.

Surviving on sweets found at the site, she then waded through a river, downstream. Her father had taught her tracking downstream should lead to civilization.

After 10 days, she found a boat. From the boat fuel tank she took gasoline to clear maggots from her wounds and protect her from insect bites. She then fell asleep in the hut where the boat was moored.

Next morning, a group of local fishermen discovered her and brought her to their village. Next day she was flown to a hospital in Pucallpa, where she was reunited with her father.

After recovering from her injuries, Juliane assisted search parties in locating the crash site where her mother's body was discovered.

Juliane Koepcke's unlikely survival has been the subject of much speculation. It was theorized that the pair of seats each side of Koepcke functioned like a parachute and slowed her fall. The impact may also have been lessened by thunderstorm updraft.

From Wikipedia. Mike B





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#### **Readers Art**



Further to the Reader Art published on page 19. Here is another talented reader. This picture has been submitted by Hilary Grisewood of Preston under Scar.

Hilary has named this: 'Reeth Green Summer Evening'. To see more of Hilary's pictures contact

hilarygrisewood@gmail.com or 01969 625287

You can visit her exhibition at the Hudson House gallery from 27th April until 8th May.

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## Easter Film For Kids of all ages



#### The Sword in the Stone

Often forgotten, my favourite Disney Film. The classic King Arthur tale. The artwork is beautiful and the story and songs excellent. The kids will love the part where `Wart' changes into a chipmunk, a pike and then a bird.

Mike B





# Reeth Parish Council February

#### Standing orders

Members agreed to adopt the draft standing orders of the council subject to some amendments.

#### Parish clerk

The vacancy would be advertised locally with an interview date in early March

#### Flood matters

Some of the remedial work in Arkle Beck had already been undone by recent bad weather and concerns had been expressed by a Fremington resident over the amount of water spilling onto the fields. It was pointed out that there had been an exceptional amount of rain and the Swale was already very high so the water from the Arkle could not drain so quickly. A report on the work undertaken so far would be submitted to the Two Ridings Foundation.

Coun Kendall had attended a meeting to discuss the NYCC draft report on the flooding and recapped some of the findings. Copies of this can be downloaded from the NYCC website

#### Playground

A site visit would be arranged to discuss the possible purchase of some replacement equipment.

#### Flagpole

At a future meeting arrangements would be discussed for storing the flags and raising them at the appropriate times.

#### Market change

The market traders proposed to hold a market on Thursday, April 30, as there

would be road closures around the village due to the Tour de Yorkshire on Friday, May 1.

#### Highways

A tree overhanging the road near Reeth bridge was in a dangerous condition and would be reported to Highways for urgent attention.

#### Street lights

The light near the P O was letting in water and RDC will replace it.

#### Fremington village hall

Coun Rutter offered to represent the council on the committee.

#### Parish Forum

The Spring Parish Forum will be held at Fremington on May 20 and Coun Kendall will attend.

#### Bridleway

Notice was received from YDNPA of an extension of the closure of a bridle way between Heggs House and a point near Castle Farm until August 21 or until the completion of repair works.

#### District council report

A recent meeting of RDC had voted to raise council taxes. An application by the Two Ridings Foundation and the council for government match funding for the money raised for flood relief work had been turned down. This was very disappointing and RDC would appeal against the decision as well as contacting the local MP.

It was noted that the Police and Crime Commissioner had instructed the force to reduce their car fleet which could have a knock on effect on PCSO visits to the area

#### Environmental Health

Coun Good would report problems with rats which had been made worse by the flooding.

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# Diary Dates

#### **April**

- 10th Good Friday Walk, Keld to Grinton, 8am assemble for prebooked transport Grinton Church.
- 13th Low Row Institute, Easter
  Monday Coffee Morning,
  Raffle, tombola & decorated egg
  competition, 10.00 to 12 noon.
- 14th AGM. Professional
  Archaeologist Holly Drinkwater
  will speak about the
  excavation of an Anglo-Saxon
  cemetery, 7pm, The Buck
  Hotel Reeth. SWAAG group.
- 15th Maddy Prior Reeth Memorial Hall 8.00pm.
- 18th Calan Reeth Memorial Hall 8.00pm.
- 18th Film in Gunnerside Village
  Hall: 'Sorry We Missed
  You.' Ken Loach's attack on the
  zero hours society. 7.30 pm,
  doors and bar open at 7 pm. £5
  (children £3).
- 18th Coffee Morning 10am to noon, Reeth Evangelical Congregational Church.
- 27th Reeth Parish Council 7pm, Reeth Memorial Hall.

#### May

- 4th Grinton & Ellerton Parish Council
   AGM followed by Annual Parish
  Meeting 7.15pm Grinton Parish
  Hall.
- 12th Professor Peter Rowley-Conwy of Durham University talk about the farmers of Neolithic Britain.
  7pm The Buck Hotel Reeth.
- 14th Melbecks Parish Council 7.30pm.

- 14th Thunder & Rain Reeth Memorial Hall 8.00pm.
- 15th Peggy Seeger & Callum MacColl -Reeth Memorial Hall 8.00pm. £5 (children £3).
- 16th Coffee Morning 10am to noon Reeth Evangelical Congregational Church.
- 16th Film in Gunnerside Village
  Hall: Knives Out. A murder
  mystery starring Daniel Craig
  and Jamie Lee Curtis. 7.30
  pm, doors and bar open at 7
  pm. £5 (child £3).
- 21st TLC@Gunnerside 7.30 pm Gunnerside Village Hall talk by Chris Baker, Head Gardener at Kiplin Hall.
- 22nd Darren Page (The Voice of Roy Orbison) Reeth Memorial Hall 8.00pm.
- 27th Reeth Parish Council 7pm Reeth Memorial Hall

#### June

- 6th Arkengarthdale Family Fun Day 2pm, Langthwaite.
- 13th Film in Gunnerside Village Hall: 'Sometimes, Always, Never'. Starring Bill Nighy, 7.30 pm, doors and bar open 7pm.
- 17th Andrew Black, 'A Film Portrait of Swaledale', 7.30pm, Swaledale Museum.
- 19th The Fourmost Reeth Memorial Hall 8.00pm.
- 20th Day Field Trip Arkengarthdale with Richard Lamb.

#### **July**

1st 7.30 pm, David Johnson, 'Lime Kilns in Swaledale & Arkengarthdale', with book presentation of Time Please! 'Lost Inns, Pubs and Alehouses of the Yorkshire Dales (2019)'. Swaledale Museum.

9th Harp & a Monkey - Reeth Memorial Hall 8.00pm

15th 7.30 pm Helen Guy, 'The lives and legacy of Richard and Cherry Kearton', Swaledale Museum

18th Mobile Skip on Reeth green, 9am - 1pm.

29th 7.30 pm Dr Christine Hallas, 'Poverty & Pragmatism in the Two Dales 1790-1914', Swaledale Museum

#### **August**

5th 7.30 pm Tracy Little and Helen Bainbridge, 'How to Date Local Photographs. Some Tactics, Techniques & Tips', Swaledale Museum

8th Day Field Trip at Cobscar near Redmire with Ian Spensley

19th 7.30 pm Second John Squires Lecture, Kimberley Starkie, Archivist NYCRO 'Researching Swaledale and Arkengarthdale using the resources at the North Yorkshire County Record Office', Swaledale Museum

#### September

16th 7.30 pm Shaun Richardson, 'Removed and Revealed: Some Effects of the July 2019 Flooding on Archaeology In the Two Dales'.

#### **November**

21st Charity Quiz Night, Reeth Memorial Hall.



Last month it was spot the Reeth Sasquatch.

This month spot the Mr Pithers.

Soon these will be seen everywhere riding 10 abreast (Editor Note: Please do not write in, I am a cyclist as well you know).

Here can be seen the Monty Python version of Mr Pither. A quote from this fashionable chap:

'Fell off near Bovey Tracey. The pump caught in my trouser leg, and my sandwiches were badly crushed'.

Mike B

#### Answers to 'Ask the Family' Quiz on page 36.

(1) Courage (2) Daryl and John (3) Pig (4) Malcolm X (5) Hong Kong (6) Real Ale

(7) Andrew Flintoff (8) Samuel Pepys (9) Herbert (10) Na

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#### Final Thoughts

Finally for any mistakes I have made or will make believe me I am more sorry than you can imagine. For all of the Gazette Management Team I would like to add that like so many people in these Dales, we are all very willing volunteers. I need a time machine to fix mistakes!

Mike B