# REETH & DISTRICT GAZETTE

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*Your local news magazine for the two dales*

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## First Thoughts

We are very pleased to announce that from November Glen Steward will be taking over as Treasurer of the Reeth and District Gazette. Glen will now be the point of contact for advertisers, sending out invoices and dealing with payments, although as before, the copy always comes directly to me. I look forward to working with Glen. We are very grateful to Andrew Bedford for the excellent job he has done as Treasurer for a number of years. He remains as our Company Secretary.

Thank you for your continuing financial support of the Reeth Gazette through our collecting tins and direct donations to our bank. Details are opposite on page 3. Since the last update we have received generous grants from the Reeth Literary Institute and from the local Quaker group, for which we are very grateful.

Can I remind you that the deadline dates for issues around Christmas follow a slightly different pattern. The deadline for the December issue is November 9th, but then the deadline for the January issue is **NOVEMBER 30th**. I understand that with Christmas round the corner this may not be top of your to-do list, but I am always happy to accept contributions early, and if you already have events planned for January do send them now and just mark that they are for the January issue.

**Jackie**

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The next 2 deadlines are:
December issue: November 9th
January issue: November 30th

Please Note: We will endeavour to publish all suitable items submitted by the deadline date but this is at the sole discretion of the editor.

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# ...If I may, your Honour

## By John Hunter

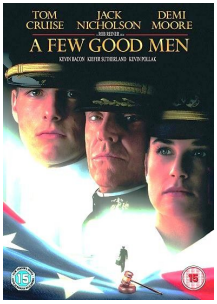
Whilst enjoying a second look at the excellent legal series 'Bull' I was reminded of the plethora of 'courtroom' dramas that have been made over the years. For the record, 'Bull' (starring the impossibly handsome and charming Michael Wetherley – *Tony* from NCIS) has the novel premise of the 'mirror' jury – whereby 'ordinary' folk are brought in to perfectly match the 'real' jury to hopefully ensure a good prediction of their outcome. Of course on the small screen we have also had Judge John Deed, Rumpole, Petrocelli and countless others but certainly vying for top slot must be the long running **Perry Mason** starring Raymond Burr. Audiences in the late 50s and early 60s (plus the 80s remakes) didn't seem to mind that Mr Mason won every single case, despite spirited opposition from DA Burger and Captain Tragg.

On the big screen, **12 Angry Men** (1957) would win *my* own top prize for the greatest 'legal' drama, even though it is set solely in the jury room, *not* the courtroom. Tautly directed by the great Sidney Lumet and with a superb cast led by the superb Henry Fonda, playing initially of course the *only* juror with any doubt, it is a masterclass of ensemble acting. Hot on its heels is **To Kill a Mockingbird** (1962) with Gregory Peck playing Atticus Finch – setting the gold standard for moral integrity in cinema! With a very Hitchcockian poster (by




Saul Bass) and a score by Duke Ellington, **Anatomy of a Murder** (1959) sees James Stewart displaying strategy and wit in his defence of Ben Gazzara. Another 50s offering was Billy Wilder's **Witness for the Prosecution** (1957) a twist filled thriller featuring Charles Laughton taking on a baffling murder case. Based on fact, of course, **Judgement at Nuremburg** (1961) stars the ageing Spencer Tracy in a profound dramatic exploration of justice, accountability and war crimes during the famous tribunals.

More recently **A Few Good Men** (1992) had a young Tom Cruise facing off against Jack Nicholson *('You can't handle the truth!')* in a military courtroom trial that delivers one of the most iconic cross-examinations and line readings in movie history. Also for your consideration are **The Verdict** (1982) and **Primal Fear** (1996). Many more movies have featured climactic courtroom scenes such as **Wreck of the Mary Deare** (1959) with a powerhouse cast including Gary Cooper (his penultimate film), Charlton Heston, Michael Redgrave, Virginia McKenna and Richard Harris, but I hope that I have swayed the jury to agree with my verdict on the cream of the crop.



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- Wills and Probate
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Before we arrange talks, we would like to know whether you would be interested in these or other subjects. Please contact Jill May at Hudson House with your views.

**Community Fund Grants**
A reminder that Hudson House has a fund that provides grants to organisations to help with specific projects or expenses. Grants are available for up to a current maximum of £1000 but are not retrospective nor cover routine maintenance works. Organisations can apply for further grants after 3 years.

If you would like further details of the scheme or an application form, please contact Jill May at Hudson House.

**Information Centre and Shop**
The Information Centre at Hudson House is run by volunteers and provides information about Reeth and the Two Dales to visitors to the area. It also stocks a range of local products as well as maps and walking information.

Whilst we have a solid core of very good volunteers, we are always in need of some more, particularly for Monday and Friday slots. So, if you are interested in talking to visitors and helping with their enquiries please contact Jill May at Hudson House in the first instance.

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## Jennée Sunter

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Richard will explain what a funeral director does and how to go about arranging a funeral. He will give information on the many different choices available today.

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## Gunnerside Chapel

On 4th October last, Gunnerside Chapel held its annual Harvest Festival ably led by Donald Marsden, who treated us to a discourse on the usefulness of rosehips, of domination via conkers, and why you ought to "Consider the ant ...." (Proverbs 6, v 6 - 11 for those of you who weren't there).

The choir was marshalled by Jackie McCartney and led by Gail Crisp, with Rachel Hall on the organ and John Hall auctioning the produce after the post-service tea and buns.
Thanks to all those who helped put it together or simply attended to celebrate the festival.

**Richard Hunt**



## St Andrew's, Grinton

**Conservation Group** meetings have taken place from April to October and we would like to thank everyone who has taken part in maintaining the exterior and the interior of the church over the last year, and also to Marie for providing wild flowers for planting. Please do continue to help over the winter months at your own time and pace. Planned interior cleaning during the winter season is on the first Monday of the month from 9-11am

**Bat Counts** took place on the first Wednesdays of the month from April to October, and as ever, the bats didn't disappoint. The numbers counted were as follows: April 11 May 13 June 41 July 56 August 45 September 51 October 4

**Concert** On Saturday 28th November at 5pm there will be an extraordinary event at Grinton entitled 'Let there be life' which is a celebration of life on earth. With collaborations from Reeth, Gunnerside, Middleham and Spennithorne schools along with contributions from Marske community Choir, Muker Band and other contributors including our local 'Pearls', the concert will also include a light show in conjunction with the Swaledale Festival. Please see the website for further details. There will be a plate available for donations to the ongoing work of St Andrew's.

**St. Andrew's Lunch**

The congregation of St Andrew's will be hosting and providing their annual two course lunch at the Memorial Hall, Reeth on **Saturday 28th November 12.30pm for 1pm**. Please book your place with Susan Allison 07969 424547 so that the right amount of food can be prepared. Lunch is provided for free with the opportunity to donate to our chosen charity.

Our chosen charity this year is **Tools with a Mission** (TWAM). It is a UK-based Christian charity that collects, refurbishes, and donates tools to support vocational training and livelihood projects in the UK and Sub-Saharan Africa. They operate refurbishment centres, local volunteer groups, and send thousands of toolkits each year to empower communities.

Rev Chris Stebbing who represents the charity and will be speaking at the lunch will also be taking the Anglican/ Methodist/URC joint Advent church service for the two dales the following day at **Gunnerside Chapel at 10.30am** Do come and prepare yourself for the run up to Christmas!

**Advance Notice**: 5-6 December

On **Saturday 5th December 10.00 to 12.00 pm we are having a Christmas Decorating Session** with refreshments provided. This is open to all and accompanied children are especially welcome.

The fun **'Come and Sing Carols'** service is on **Sunday 6th December at 4pm** at St Andrew's Grinton is in aid of Christian Aid. Everyone is welcome and please **wear your Christmas jumpers!** This then is followed by the **Grinton Christmas Lights Switch On** which will be **after the service at 5.30pm.** St Andrew's are providing the mulled wine and mince pies to follow these events.

We look forward to your support. Please see the parish website or church noticeboards for further details of any of our events.

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## SWAAG

Our next event is Tuesday 10th November when Professor Tom Moore of Durham University will talk about the Melsonby Hoard. The unprecedented discovery of the largest hoard of Iron Age metalwork ever to be found in Britain, the Melsonby Hoard includes fragments of vehicles, adornments from horse harnesses, weapons and hundreds of other individual items. The finds provide a window into life before the arrival of the Romans but raise a number of questions: why was the hoard buried, why were the objects burnt and destroyed and who might have owned these lavish items? This momentous discovery is on display at the Yorkshire Museum, York until summer 2027. As we are now in our Winter season, this talk will be on Zoom for members only. Membership is £20 pa; see https://new-swaag.org/join-us/

Linking to the Romans, regular readers of this column will be aware that there was a Roman road across Swaledale, from Bainbridge in Wensleydale, probably to Bowes in Teesdale. Unbeknown to many, a short section of Roman road was uncovered at Thwaite during the laying of the West Stonesdale water pipeline a few years ago. What was it doing there? Where was it going, or maybe it just went to Thwaite? Does it suggest that the Romans were mining lead in the area? This is something we are currently exploring. If any readers live in Thwaite and have found pieces of old pot in their gardens we would be interested to see them; contact info@swaag.org **Alan Mills**

## Wanted—Cottage to Rent

38-year-old composer is looking to rent a remote cottage somewhere in Yorkshire or the Lake District as a composing retreat. My own cottage is currently being renovated extensively, so I'm looking for an inspiring alternative for at least 1-2 years, potentially longer. If the cottage happens to already have a piano in it, that would be a dream, otherwise it should at least be possible for me to bring my upright. I am a very analogue person - the more old-fashioned and basic the better… all I need is a wood-burning stove, a candle, a bed and a desk…. And ideally a beautiful view. Please get in touch if you have any ideas: yoelgamzou787@gmail.com.






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If you manage amenity land, corporate grounds, or community green spaces, minor adjustments to your management routine can make a massive difference to wildlife, including these four bird species.

This could include:

**Relaxing your mowing regime:** leave designated zones unmown through the summer to let wildflowers set seed and attract insects. These tall marginal areas are extremely valuable to all kinds of wildlife, and can connect up other habitats.

**Remove arisings off site:** this will prevent nutrients being added back into the soil, which can lead to a small number of competitive plant species dominating the habitat, rather than many species growing together.

**Leaving habitat piles:** instead of being too tidy, pile up logs or leaves to create insect breeding grounds.

**Stop chemical treatments:** avoid fertilisers, weedkillers and pesticides that negatively affect insect populations.

If your amenity land is in or near Swaledale, we can offer direct help! As part of the Homes for House Birds Project, we can support you in developing a grassland management plan for your site. Get in touch for free support – info@ydmt.org

Visit **www.ydmt.org/what-we-do/landscape-and-wildlife/homes-for-house-birds** to get involved!

By March the planting will be done but the project far from over. Landowners and volunteers will collaborate to make sure the sites are well maintained and where tree guards are used, they are eventually collected for recycling.

**Rachel Brindle**

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Reeth Memorial Hall

# Upgrade to toilet facilities

We are happy to announce that works to improve our toilet facilities have now been completed.

This was made possible with grants from The Yorkshire Dales National Park Sustainable Development fund, another from Hudson House and a finally a very generous local source who wishes to remain anonymous. Thank you to you all for your incredible support.

YORKSHIRE DALES National Park Authority Sustainable Development Fund

We have also committed a significant amount from the Hall's reserves to this project. Reserves are built up over the years and held so that such improvements can be made. Thank you to all users of the hall and attendees at concerts who contribute greatly to building our reserves.

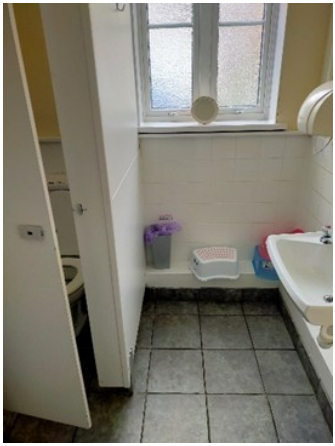
For those of you familiar with The Memorial Hall you will know that the toilets could be particularly cold and damp during the winter months and that the ladies' facilities, in particular, were very cramped.

Following a selection process, we appointed K H Heating Ltd to manage the project for us and carry out all plumbing and heating aspects of the job. They in turn brought in Dales Masonry for extensive building works. Thank you to both companies and all individuals who worked on the project.

Significant amounts of insulation have been incorporated into the walls and ceilings and a dedicated heating zone, separately controlled, established for this area of the building. The wall between the old ladies' toilets and the cloakroom has been opened up enabling a significantly improved and spacious ladies' facility to be created. Two spacious cubicles replace the previous single cramped cubicle

**Facilities before works commenced, in need of modernising and updating:**





**Stripped out:**



**Ongoing works:**







**Works complete:**





Toilets, urinals, and sinks have all been replaced along with associated dryers and mirrors and tiling replaced where it could not be salvaged.

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**Glen Steward – On behalf of Reeth & District Memorial Hall Committee.**

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**November Update**

**Creativity, community, and plenty to look forward to!**

As the year draws towards a close, there's still plenty happening at BlueBoxt. From celebrating the Leyburn Jazz Festival to making music together and getting ready for Christmas, here's what's happening.

**Wensleydale Young Musician of the Year 2026**

We are delighted to be supporting the Wensleydale Rotary Club to bring the Wensleydale Young Musician competition to Leyburn on Sunday 22nd November, 2pm at St. Matthew's Church. Come along and support our young performers.

Do you know of any young musician who would be interested in entering the competition? This event offers students valuable performance experience. Full details are available at **www.wensleydalerotary.org**.

**Thank you for being part of Leyburn Jazz Festival!**

What a pleasure it's been to bring live jazz to Leyburn once again! A huge thank you to the wonderful musicians who performed, our technical team who helped everything run smoothly, and the volunteers who gave their time and energy behind the scenes.

And, of course, thank you to everyone who came along, enjoyed the music and supported the festival. It's your enthusiasm that helps make events like this possible in the Yorkshire Dales. We're already looking forward to planning the 2027 Festival, we hope you'll join us again.

**Fundraising – thank you for your support**

Every donation, raffle ticket and fundraising event helps BlueBoxt create more opportunities for people to discover, enjoy and grow through creativity.

**Grand Prize Draw**

Our Grand Prize Draw results will be available on the BlueBoxt website by the time you receive this update. We'll contact the lucky winners directly and share the winning numbers in our December update. Thank you to everyone who bought a ticket and helped support our work.

**Our final Coffee Morning of the year Friday 27 November, From 9.30am at Leyburn Methodist Church Hall**

Fancy a cuppa and a catch-up? Join us for our final coffee morning of the year. There'll be plenty of friendly faces, a cake stall and a raffle. We'd love to see you there.

**Coming up in December:**

**Christmas Together**

**Saturday 5 December - Leyburn Methodist Church Hall**

Get into the festive spirit with Light My Choir! and special guests as they share an afternoon of Christmas favourites. Everyone is welcome, and you can pay what you can afford (suggested donation £10). There'll also be tea, coffee and mince pies during the interval. A lovely way to start the Christmas season!

**Music-Themed Quiz Night**
**Saturday 5 December - 7pm for a prompt 7.30pm start - West Witton Village Hall**
**Tickets: £10, including a hot supper**
**Think you know your music?**
Angela and Bee are back with another entertaining quiz night, featuring music from across the decades, with a few twists along the way. Expect questions on history, geography, fashion and general knowledge too. Bring a team of up to six, or come along and join one on the night. There's a bar available, a hot supper included and plenty of fun to be had!

**A Christmas Cracker Concert**
**Wednesday 16 December - Tennants Garden Rooms Tickets: £10**
Join us for an evening of festive dance and drama featuring BlueBoxt's young performers, Light My Choir!, The Dales Community Pop Choir, Leyburn Band and the Service Children's Community Choir. It's a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the creativity and talent in our communities and enjoy some Christmas cheer together.
This is always a popular event, so early booking is recommended.
Tickets are available from Tennants Garden Rooms reception or at www.tennantsgardenrooms.com

**Come and get creative!**
You don't have to be an experienced performer to enjoy making music. Whether you're discovering something new or returning to something you love, there's a place for you at BlueBoxt.

**Get Musical – for ages 6–11**
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It's all about having a go, trying something new and building confidence along the way.
We're also happy to chat if your child falls just outside the suggested age range. Start date and times to be confirmed. We're currently expecting Friday sessions, 4.30–6pm, at Leyburn Methodist Church Hall.
Get in touch to register your interest.

**Light My Choir! – new voices welcome**
**Mondays, 7–9pm, Leyburn Methodist Church Hall. Ages 16+**
Love singing? Come and join us! Light My Choir! is our friendly, mixed-voice community choir, bringing people together through uplifting spiritual and popular songs. You don't need any previous experience, and there's no need to worry about being an expert. Just come along, meet the group and enjoy singing together. New members are always welcome. Contact us to register your interest, or simply pop along and give it a try.

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## Christmas Jazz



Following their concert at the Georgian Theatre Royal, John Hunter's Good Vibes Trio are performing two 'Christmas Jazz' evenings at the Station, Richmond. "Our last appearance there was during the heat waves in summer when we changed our dress code to Hawaiian shirts! – Maybe some Christmas jumpers may get an airing this next time!!" John said ".. diners enjoying the delicious Christmas fayre can expect our usual straight-ahead jazz and latin numbers plus a little jazz-funk and of course some seasonal numbers to get everyone in the mood" One again the trio is made up of husband and wife team John and Jane Hunter on keyboards and vibes respectively, and top saxophonist John Padfield who will also be playing flute and clarinet. Christmas Jazz Nights @ The Station, Richmond – Saturday, 5th and also Saturday, 19th December 2026 - For further information and tickets contact The Station, Richmond. Call 01748 825967 or email reservations@thestation.co.uk.

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**A much quieter period for the team During these quieter times we still undertake training every Wednesday evening and the last Sunday in the month. We've also supported a number of community events. Our team search dogs also deployed to assist an out of area search.**

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## The Reeth Christmas Event

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## Wensleydale Rotary

On the 16th of November our speaker will be from the Samaritans. They will be speaking about their work in giving emotional support to those in emotional distress, especially those in the rural and farming community. The meeting will be at the Leyburn Arts and Community Centre, 7pm for 7.30pm

Prostate cancer causes the death of 12,000 men per year in the UK. Early detection is essential. Wensleydale Rotary are organising a prostate screening day on the 21st of November to be held in the cloisters at the garden rooms at Tennants, Leyburn between 10am and 2pm. There is no charge, and no appointment is needed. The test involves taking a blood sample which will be tested at Harrogate hospital. The results will be assessed by a consultant urologist, and the results will be sent confidentially.

On the 22nd of November we will be holding the Wensleydale Young Musician of the Year Tournament in conjunction with BlueBoxt. This will be held at St Matthew's Church, Leyburn, 1.30pm for 2pm. This competition is open to young people aged 7 to 18 years. Both the winning vocalist and instrumentalist will go forward to a district final and could reach the Rotary national finals in the spring of 2027.

Wensleydale Rotary is active in working in the Dales supporting local communities. For more information about what we do visit our website www.wensleydalerotary.org. Visitors to our meetings are very welcome.

Details of all our events can be found on our website www.wensleydalerotary.org

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Specific events for this month

**11th November, 7.30pm. "Where to walk?"** by Jonathan Smith.
Jonathan has turned his enthusiasm for walking into a business. He will share his insights into the growth of the business as well as some of his favourite walks.

**18th November, 7.30pm. "Fountains Abbey, From Simplicity, to Splendour to Ruin over 400 Years"**, by David Banks.
David has been a long-standing volunteer for the National Trust at Fountains Abbey, and will talk about the history of the land and buildings.

**25th November, 7.30pm. "The Yorkshire Air Ambulance"**, by Clare Deacon.



Clare from the Yorkshire Air Ambulance Service gives her insight into the growth, development and operation of service.

**2nd December, 7.30pm. "Gertrude Bell"**, by Paul Kirkwood.
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| | 10.30 am | St. Joseph & Francis Xavier Richmond | *Mass* |
| | 10.30 am | Low Row URC | |
| | 11.00 am | St. Edmund's, Marske | *Holy Communion* |
| | 11.00 am | Holy Trinity Low Row | *Eucharist remembering those whom we love but see no longer* |
| | 11.00 am | Reeth Evangelical Congregational | |
| | 2.30 pm | Gunnerside Methodist | |
| | 4.00 pm | Reeth Evangelical Congregational | *Refreshments served from 3.45* |
| **8th Nov.** | 10.30 am | St. Joseph & Francis Xavier Richmond | *Mass* |
| | 10.30 am | St. Edmund's, Marske | *Marske and Downholme joint Remembrance Service* |
| | 10.50 am | St. Mary's Arkengarthdale | *Remembrance Service followed by an Act of Remembrance at the war memorial* |
| | 10.50 am | Keld War Memorial followed by Keld Chapel | *Keld and Low Row Remembrance Service* |
| | 10.50 am | Holy Trinity, Low Row | *Remembrance Service* |
| | 11.00 am | Reeth Evangelical Congregational | |
| | 2.30 pm | St. Andrew's Grinton | *Remembrance Service (Parade gathers at Reeth 2 pm)* |
| | 4.00 pm | Reeth Evangelical Congregational | *Refreshments served from 3.45* |

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**Church Opening Times and Services in November**

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| **11th Nov.** | 10.50 for | 11.00am Reeth War Memorial | *Act of Remembrance* |
| **15th Nov.** | 9.15 pm | St. Mary's Muker | *Holy Communion BCP* |
| | 10.30 am | St. Joseph & Francis Xavier Richmond | *Mass* |
| | 10.30 am | Low Row URC | |
| | 11.00 am | Holy Trinity Low Row | *Eucharist* |
| | 11.00 am | Reeth Evangelical Congregational | |
| | 11.00 am | St. Edmund's, Marske | *Holy Communion* |
| | 2.30 pm | Gunnerside Methodist | |
| | 4.00 pm | Reeth Evangelical Congregational | *Refreshments served from 3.45* |
| **22nd Nov.** | 9.30 am | St. Andrew's Grinton | *Eucharist* |
| | 10.30 am | St. Joseph & Francis Xavier Richmond | *Mass* |
| | 10.30 am | Low Row URC | |
| | 11.00 am | Reeth Evangelical Congregational | |
| | 11.15 am | St. Mary's Arkengarthdale | *Holy Communion BCP* |
| | 4.00 pm | Reeth Evangelical Congregational | *Refreshments served from 3.45* |
| **29th Nov** | 10.30 am | St. Joseph & Francis Xavier Richmond | *Mass* |
| | 10.30 am | Gunnerside Methodist | *Christians Together in Swaledale Advent Service - speaker Rev Chris Stebbing, Tools with a Mission* |
| | 11.00 am | St. Edmund's, Marske | *Morning Prayer* |
| | 11.00 am | Reeth Evangelical Congregational | |
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Welcome to Alice Botting, a 16 year old student from Richmond School who aspires to become a sports journalist. Here is her first column! Jackie

## Local Darts from September

The local darts league started this September and we hope to see another enthralling season this year. There are nine teams which consist of: Black Bull, Buck, CB Inn, Farmers Arms A, Farmers Arms B, Fountain A, Fountain B, Punchbowl and Red Lion. By the end of the month, five of the nine teams have played four rounds while the other four have done 3. Fountain A lead in three out of the four competitions; singles, nominated and dominoes. Currently leading the doubles is the Farmers Arms A, who are close behind the leaders. At the other end of the table the Punchbowl are last in the singles and doubles and are joint last in the nominated round. Close to the bottom of the table are also the Black Bull hanging around the 8th-7th position in each of the competitions.

As for the players, there is a draw for the fastest game between Tom Willoughby (Fountain A) and Lewis Staley (Farmers Arms B) with 18 darts. The highest finish is currently Stephen Allison (The Buck) with an impressive 133!

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## Good Vibes *stop press*

Further to our article in last month's edition, **John Hunter's Good Vibes Trio** will now be joined by **The Swale Tones** - a brand-new vocal chorale - for their debut public performance at The Georgian Theatre on Thursday 12th November. Tickets available direct from the theatre. There will be a rich programme of straight-ahead swing, cool Latin grooves, jazz-funk, and a few surprises. Hope to see you there!

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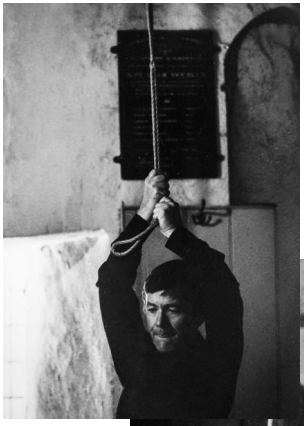
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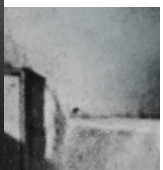
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John Gibb is a retired photojournalist from Bedale, and he recently sent in some photos he had unearthed of bell ringers at Grinton Church in 1972, taking part in what he thinks was a marathon ring for the Queen's Jubilee.

Does anyone recognise these campanologists or have any news on where they might be today?













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# Muker Parish Council Minutes of Parish Meeting Held July 2026

Present: Cllr Metcalfe, Cllr Reynoldson, Cllr Rukin, Cllr Peacock(part) and Cllr Calvert - Chair presiding.
Clerk: Mr Michael Cleminson.
Apologies for Absence: None

**Matters Arising:**

a. Co-option of Councillor. There were 2 candidates for the vacancy for a Councillor. Both candidates presented their credentials to be considered for the vacancy. Both candidates were then asked why they wished to be a Councillor. The Councillors then discussed the merits of each candidate. Following a paper vote, Mr Adam Hunter was declared the successful candidate and will begin his role once he has completed the required documentation. The other candidate was thanked for their contributions and advised that there will be elections next year for Parish Councillors.

b. NYC School policy – It was noted that the Schools Transport Action Group (STAG), had attended Northallerton to protest, seeking to have the policy reconsidered, but the motion was defeated. Cllr Peacock pointed out that there is a review to be reported in September, and she is hopeful that an exception will be made for Upper Swaledale due to its unique geography.

c. Usha Gap Bridge – The Councillors are pleased to observe that the bridge repairs are almost complete and wish to thank Highways for their work. The Clerk said that a Transport Manager from a company in Bristol had made contact with him to say that one of their vehicles had hit the bridge in June. He apologised and said their insurers would be in touch, which they duly were, requesting a quote for the works from NYC. The Councillors wish to convey their thanks to the Company for their honesty in reporting the matter, as previous damage has not been acknowledged. Cllr Peacock said that she believed that once the works are completed at Usha Gap, they will commence works on Scarr House Bridge in August.

d. Upper Dales Health Watch – They contacted the Council to establish who the representative was for future meetings of the UDHW. Cllr Metcalfe volunteered to be the representative for the Parish. It was also agreed that any Councillor from the Council could attend meetings, if Cllr Metcalfe was unavailable. The Clerk to inform UDHW.

e. Obstruction near Muker Village Hall – A number of residents have raised concerns about a road/track being obstructed by vehicles, with concerns that it may impede Emergency Vehicles using the road, and preventing free access down the road/track. The Clerk has contacted North Yorkshire Council who have confirmed that it is not registered Common Land, Highways have said that the road is unadopted, therefore cannot be classed as a highway, repairable at public expense. Unless the land appears on the Title Deeds of nearby properties, it is likely to be Common Land, and should not be obstructed and be accessible to anyone who wishes to use it. It was agreed that the Council would send a letter to

the owners of the vehicles, to seek their co-operation to keep the road/ track clear.

**Finance:** Nothing to report

**Highways:** The damaged road surface above the bridge on Gunnerside hill is within the Parish and has been reported to Highways.

The Clerk said that Highways have installed speed rubber survey strips from Muker onwards up to West Stonesdale, to establish if speeding is an issue and a case for 30mph signs to be introduced.

Cllr Rukin asked if the Council was aware of a road closure just beyond West Stonesdale to repair a retaining wall: the Clerk was not aware and will contact Highways for further information (works will start 1 September for 4 weeks)

Cllr Reynoldson said that trees were growing out of the retaining wall, just above The Chapel in Thwaite, and need attention before they undermine the road. This has previously been reported, and will be reported by the Clerk again. (reported ref HW-TV10763 & 101011533890)

Cllr Metcalfe raised the issue of grass cutting, doubting whether the recent grass cutting was necessary and if it was a good use of resources. It was suggested that 2 cuts per year of encroaching roadside foliage would be a better use of resources. Cllr Peacock to progress.

Cllr Calvert reported that the Slow signs on the road either side of Pry House, have worn away and are not as visible as they could be. The Clerk to report to Highways. ( reported ref : 101011531244)

**NYC:** Nothing to report.

**NALC:** Nothing to report

**YDNPA**:

RO/6/72S/LB. Listed building consent for replacement of an (estimated) 1990s spring assisted softwood sash window with a traditional style hardwood sash window at Greenlands, Angram Lane, Muker, Richmond, DL11 6DY. The Councillors support this application, as visibly there is no change.

The Clerk stated that the application for Foxwith Barn, near Usha Gap bridge, submitted in October 2025, is still under consideration. Cllr Peacock will enquire why there is such a delay.

**YLCA** – Nothing to report.

**Other Correspondence/AOB:** - As dealt with above

**Date and Time of Next Meeting:** 7.30pm Thursday 1st October 2026 at Muker Village Hall.




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## Swale Singers

Swale Singers are breaking new ground with their winter concert this year. They are singing a piece of music which has never been heard in public before. It is an ode to winter, called The Coming of the Year, composed by a former head of music at York University, Professor David Blake.

He wrote the music to words by Keith Warner twenty years ago and it has remained unsung until he offered the piece to Swale Singers who are to include it in their concert next month.

The concert will take place at **St Andrew's Church, Aysgarth on Saturday, November 28th beginning at 2.30pm.**

The Swale Singers chairman Richard Wells said the choir was excited about singing a new piece of music particularly as the composer is local. Prof Blake lives in retirement in Askrigg. "We've nothing to go on. We can't listen to recordings of great musicians singing the piece and then try to replicate them. So there is some serious rehearsing going on at Reeth Memorial Hall on a Sunday afternoon and we intend to set the bar high for those that might follow us in future recitals".

In addition to The Coming of the Year, the concert will include better known works.... John Rutter's Magnificat, Te Deum by Antonin Dvorak and Fantasia on Christmas Carols from Ralph Vaughan Williams.

Soloists will be from the ranks of the choir – Soprano Hannah Yeadon and baritone Robert Flather and the pianist will be Corinne Johnson, the choir's accompanist.

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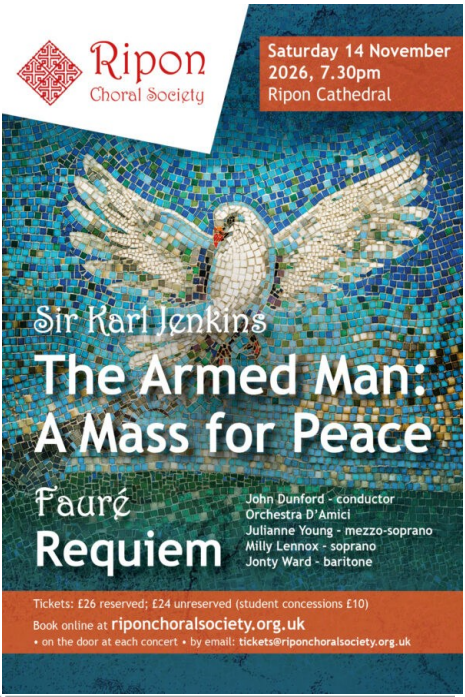


## Middleham and the Dales Local History Group

**The History and Work of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission**
by Pat Burgess Wednesday 18 November 2026 at 2.00pm, Leyburn Arts and Community Centre

The talk will look at how the Commonwealth War Graves Commission came about and how it operates globally today.
Pat began researching the names on the Roll of Honour in the local church as a retirement project, and realised that behind every name on a headstone there is a story.

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I would just like to say thank you for making our first month as full time Swaledale residents so wonderful. You have been so helpful, kind, and welcoming and we are all absolutely loving life here. It has been a busy September for us getting house renovations underway, children and animals all settled and of course getting out and enjoying the hills and moors.

I have been busy with **Home Physio and Pilates** as well, with new physio led pilates classes at Gunnerside and Muker, and Chair and Mat pilates at Redmire too. Next up for classes is **Strength Circuits**, which I hope to start after half term 9am Wednesday mornings (11th Nov tbc) at Reeth Memorial Hall. No experience needed. Get in touch for more information and to book your place.

The **pop-up physio clinic** at Reeth memorial hall on Wednesday 14th October was fully booked and I am taking bookings for the next one which will be in **Gunnerside on Wednesday 11th November** so do get in touch if you have any aches, pains, sports injuries, Arthritis, need help with post-op recovery, have difficulties with balance or mobility or are just not feeling as strong and resilient in your body as you would like. Home visits are also available for physio or 1-2-1 pilates sessions. Contact Emma on 07771 925346 or email physioemma@btinternet.com

# A busy year at Arkengarthdale Hub

**and looking forward to 2027!**



It's been another busy year at Arkengarthdale Hub, and as 2026 draws to a close, we're already looking forward to 2027. We hope that even more residents and visitors will enjoy and benefit from our wonderful community space in the year ahead.

Here's a quick round-up of what's been happening over the last few months, along with information at the end about how to book the Hub.

**Something for Everyone**



Our weekly Zumba class on a Monday continues to be very popular. From 6–7pm, the group enjoys an energetic and fun-filled hour, and new friendships seem to form almost as quickly as the dance moves! The cost is £5 per session, payable as you go.

Dales Heart & Craft takes place on selected Tuesdays from 2–4pm. These free, friendly craft sessions are open to everyone and provide a lovely opportunity to meet others, get creative and enjoy some company. Upcoming sessions are on 3rd, 10th and 24th November, and 8th December.



The Jubilee Club continues to host fascinating talks at the Hub, with the most recent given by local archaeologist Mike Wood.

Looking ahead to 2027, the Hub is hoping to host another Sea Shanty concert – so watch this space!

Also in the pipeline is a Korean Qi energy workshop with vibration meditation to calm and relax. Keep an eye out for more details.

**Supporting PINKtober**

The Hub is a keen supporter of PINKtober in the Dales, and this year we were delighted to provide refreshments for 25 walkers taking part in the sponsored walk on 3rd October.

We also hosted the PINKtober concert, featuring Reeth Brass Band, The Hub Choir and The Pearls. It was a fabulous evening of joyous music, singing and plenty of audience participation!

**A Busy Year for the Hub Choir**

It's been a particularly busy year for The Hub Choir, with performances at a number of special events. Members were proud to be invited to sing at the Swaledale Festival Service, as well as performing at their first wedding in the Dale.

They were delighted to take part in the PINKtober concert and are now looking forward to singing at the Carol Service at St Mary's Church on Sunday, 20th December.

**The Parish Council**

The Parish Council continues to be a regular supporter of the Hub, using the space for its meetings throughout the year.

**Champing in the Church!**

But the Hub isn't just a hive of activity for the local community. It also provides a welcoming base for visitors to the Dale who have the opportunity to stay overnight in the church through Champing.

We've welcomed many groups of families and friends this year, and their feedback has been overwhelmingly positive. Don't just take our word for it though. Here is a comment from a recent happy champer:

"What an absolutely wonderful stay at St Mary's! The church mice have gone above and beyond with all the extra touches. By far our best champing experience."



Guests have enjoyed using the Hub, with beds, blankets and hot water bottles provided for their overnight stays. A table is also set up for breakfast and snacks, and guests have full use of the kitchen facilities during their visit.

A huge thank you to all our Hub volunteers who make sure the Champing beds are set up, everything is ready for guests when they arrive, and all the equipment is put away afterwards.

From spring through to October, Champing attracts visitors from across the globe, but it can also be a great option if you have extra family or friends coming to stay. Many of our guests comment on what a very special experience it is to spend a night in a church.

Further information about booking the church for Champing can be found at www.champing.co.uk.

**Enjoying Our Outdoor Space**

We continue to make good use of the outdoor space around the church and are delighted that Sustainable Swaledale is raising trees from locally sourced seeds in raised beds in the churchyard. Once they are strong enough, they will be planted out in the Dale.

Cath also continues to tend the vegetable patches, with produce often available in the box outside the church to be shared with the community.

We're still waiting patiently for the meadow areas to develop – something that may take a decade or more – but in the meantime we're keeping a record of the flowering plants that are adding to the beauty of the grounds. We're particularly thrilled to have spotted Betony and Devil's-bit Scabious.

And if all this activity makes you fancy a sit-down and a brew, the DIY tea station is always available. You can enjoy a cuppa in the tranquillity of the

church or sit outside on one of the benches and take in the stunning views across the Dale.

**Hire the Hub**

With its kitchenette, tables, padded chairs, accessible toilet and projector, Arkengarthdale Hub is a versatile and welcoming space available to hire at very competitive rates:

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- £50 per half day (4 hours)
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Finally, we are extremely grateful to the wonderful group of supporters who help to keep the Hub and Church clean and tidy. Their regular help makes such a difference.

**Would you like to volunteer?**

If you could spare an occasional slot on our cleaning rota, we'd love to hear from you. Please email jebethune@hotmail.com for more information.

***A final thank you***

Thank you to everyone who has supported the Hub throughout 2026. Whether you've joined a class, attended an event, enjoyed a cup of tea, volunteered your time, used the space for a meeting, or simply popped in to see what's going on, you've helped make the Hub the lively and welcoming community space it is today.

Here's to another busy year in 2027! Keep your eye on the Arkengarthdale Community Hub facebook page or the church noticeboard to see what's coming next.

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November, my personal least favourite month, usually constant grey skies and not December when everyone is busy with Christmas activities. But trying to be cheerful, we have some great events coming up. On Sunday 1st Nov we have Liffy our very talented classically trained local singer (book for this at Leyburn Pet Shop); A Christmas craft workshop to make your own cards, Wed 11th Nov; back by demand Dixon County - Keeping it Country, Sat 14th Nov; National Theatre Live with Josh O'Connor in Golden Boy; and another back by demand, Ghouls & Angels, Sat 21st; and Saturday 28th November, a Christmas Craft and Gift Fair, 10am — 3pm (free entry) when you can get into the festive spirit. Enjoy the on-site café, browse the best locally made gifts and decorations, and try our exciting tombola.

Friday films have as always a varied selection: the next French Film Festival screening; Golden Oldies including "Kind Hearts & Coronets" and the 100th anniversary of the classic silent American Comedy-action film starring Buster Keaton, inspired by the real 1862 Great Locomotive Chase during the American Civil war; plus the intriguing dark comedy, "The Fall of Sir Douglas Weatherford", when a grieving tour guide descends into madness as a fantasy TV show overtakes his Scottish hometown, threatening the legacy of his ancestor Sir Douglas Weatherford.

In October our Harvest Hikers enjoyed a beautiful Autumn day on the walk from Jervaulx Abbey to Thornton Stewart where homemade soup and bread was waiting for them before continuing the circular walk back to the Abbey. The two recent screenings of the People's Emergency Briefing resulted into plans for a local Climate Action group being formed and the Craft Fayre promoted our talented local crafters, of whom there are many. Early Christmas pressie hunters had a wide selection to choose from.

For all other regular activities please take a look at our website or flyer if you are interested in Quillting; Spanish; Keep Moving; u3a; dancing; book club; shorter walks around Leyburn; portrait painting; ukelele; jolly melodies for pre-school children; Carers Plus coffee mornings; specialist help & support and a whole lot more.

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**Landscape-scale partnership leaves a lasting legacy for nature, farming and communities**

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- 3961 hectares of land restored or enhanced, including peatland, woodland, grassland and habitat for wading birds:
- 1,607 hectares of peatland under restoration
- 1,841 hectares of wetland and rush habitat improved
- 110 hectares of woodland created, restored and enhanced, and 8km of hedgerows planted
- 18,900 adults and 3,600 young people participating in 388 scheme activities and events
- 450 volunteers dedicated 6700 hours to restore nature and improve habitats

Sustainable Swaledale is also grateful to the programme for its support in setting up several of our ongoing projects, including the annual Together for Trees planting initiative.

**Winter reading list ideas: This year's Wainwright Prize Winners**

'Tis the season to curl up with a good book by the fire, and start compiling your Christmas list, so you might like to take inspiration from this year's suite of Wainwright Prize Winners. Awarded annually since 2014, The Wainwright Prizes showcase writing that reflects the values of its namesake, Alfred Wainwright, celebrating nature and our environment, nurturing respect for our planet, and informing readers of the threats that the earth currently faces.

This year's prizewinners include: *The Book of Birds* by Jackie Morris and Robert Macfarlane, (Hamish Hamilton, Penguin Random House UK); *Ancient: Reviving the Woods That Made Britain* by Luke Barley (Profile Books); and *Otherlands: An Illustrated Journey Through Earth's Lost Worlds* by Thomas Halliday, illustrated by Gavin Scott (Penguin Random House Children's UK Puffin). *View the full list of category winners here: https://tinyurl.com/3kvaanv4*

**Record breaking year for barn owls reported in the Tees Valley**

Volunteers working with Tees Valley Wildlife Trust have ringed 541 barn owl chicks so far this year, more than double last year's total of 270, and the highest figure ever recorded by the project.

*Read more on the Northern Echo here: https://tinyurl.com/azea2xs2*

**First annual report of YDNPA local plan looks promising for people and nature**

The first Annual Report of the Yorkshire Dales National Park

Management Plan 2025-30 shows encouraging progress for nature, climate and communities, thanks to the efforts of farmers, businesses, charities, local authorities, community groups and public bodies.

The report shows good progress has been made on 21 of the Plan's 40 objectives; with a further 13 moving in the right direction. Key achievements include:

- £1.5 million awarded to farm businesses through Defra's Farming in Protected Landscapes grant programme, supporting projects delivering benefits for climate, nature, heritage and communities.
- Initial restoration completed on a further 2,275 ha of damaged peatland through the Yorkshire Peat Partnership, helping store carbon, retain water & improve biodiversity.
- 40 km of hedgerow created or restored since 2022, providing shelter for livestock, a home for wildlife, and storing more carbon.
- More than 120 community groups supported through activities, training and partnership projects.
- Curriculum-based outdoor learning opportunities that enabled over 6,000 young people to connect with nature.

*Read the full report here: https://tinyurl.com/2pu5pxcm*

**Radio 4 series with James Rebanks throws the spotlight on Muker**

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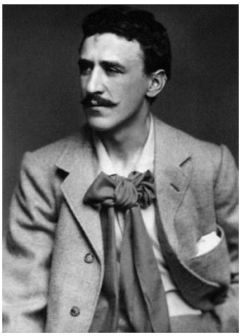
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## The Arts Society Wensleydale Presents: "Charles Rennie Mackintosh"

Scottish architect, designer and artist Charles Rennie Mackintosh is now a well-known name and a major draw for the tourist industry in Glasgow, with several of his buildings still existing, as well as his designs for Tea Rooms.



However, his work was not always so well received and, following some early success, which included his architectural masterpiece, the Glasgow School of Art, his prospects floundered.

In this lecture we track him from that early success in his native Glasgow, through the years of doubt and struggle, ultimately to the South of France where he enjoyed the last few years of his life travelling with his wife and collaborator Margaret and reinvented himself as a water colour painter.



With a wonderful array of beautifully designed buildings, furniture and interiors to enjoy along the way, we explore the life and work of this much loved artist and architect.



The lecture by Rosalind Whyte will take place at Tennants Garden Rooms, Leyburn, DL8 5SG on Tuesday November 24th at 2pm.

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# Diary Dates

## November

**Tues 3rd Nov -** Heart and Craft, Low Row Institute 10am

**Tues 3rd Nov** - Heart and Craft, The Hub Arkengarthdale, 2pm

**Thur 5th Nov -** Fireworks on Reeth Green. Bonfire lit 6.30pm, fireworks at 7pm. Barbeque, cash only

**Fri 6th Nov -** Domino Drive, Muker Public Hall, 7.30

**Sat 7th Nov** - Jaywalkers, Reeth Memorial Hall, 8pm

**Tues 10th Nov** - Heart and Craft, The Hub Arkengarthdale, 2pm

**Wed 11th Nov -** Act of Remembrance, War Memorial Reeth, 10.50 for 11.00am

**Thur 12th Nov -** Heart and Craft, Muker Public Hall, 2pm

**Thur 12th Nov** - Join local jazz favourites for an evening of easy-listening jazz at the **Georgian Theatre Royal**, Richmond inc. the debut performance of The Swale Tones. Tickets £15.00 (incl. £1 restoration levy). Call the Box Office on **01748 825252** or book online at **www.georgiantheatreroyal.co.uk/Whats-on**

**Sat 14th Nov -** Ripon Choral Society present Faure's Requiem and Jenkins' The Armed Man, 7.30pm Ripon Cathedral

**Mon 16th Nov -** Wensleydale Rotary speaker from the Samaritans, 7 for 7.30 LACC

**Tues 17th Nov -** Heart and Craft, Low Row Institute 10am

**Thur 19th Nov -** Heart and Craft, Reeth, Distinctly Dales, 2pm

**Fri 20th Nov -** Leyburn U3a, Leyburn ACC, 10am

**Sat 21st Nov** - Coffee morning, Reeth Evangelical Congregational Church, 10am to noon.

**Sun 22nd Nov** - Film, "Brassed Off", Gunnerside Village Hall 7pm

**Tues 24th Nov** - Heart and Craft, The Hub Arkengarthdale, 2pm

**Sat 28th Nov -** St Andrew's Annual lunch, Reeth Memorial Hall, 12.30

**Sat 28th Nov -** Low Row Christmas Craft Fair, Institute, 10-4

**Sat 28th Nov -** Swale Singer concert St Andrew's Aysgarth, 2.30pm

**Sat 28th Nov** - Disco with Supper, 6.30 for 7pm, Gunnerside Village Hall Tickets in advance only from surflather1@gmail.com.

## December

**Thur 3rd Dec -** Reeth Christmas Trail, 4-7pm, Reeth

**Fri 4th Dec -** Oates and Spiers, Reeth Memorial Hall, 8pm

**Sat 5th Dec** - John Tams, Reeth Memorial Hall, 8pm (rearranged)

**Sat 5th and Sat 19th Dec**—Christmas Jazz Nights. The Good Vibes Trio + 2-course festive evening meal @ The Station CafeBar, Richmond to book Call 01748 825967 or email reservations@thestation.co.uk

**Sun 6th Dec -** St Andrew's Grinton Come and Sing Carols, 4pm

**Sun 6th Dec -** Switch on Grinton Christmas lights, 5.30pm

**Sat Dec 12th -** Ripon Choral Society presents Messiah Part 1 with Carols at Ripon Cathedral, 7.30pm

**Wed 16th Dec -** Christmas Cracker concert, Tennants Garden Rooms, 7pm

**Sat 19th Dec** - Film, "Polar Express", Gunnerside Village Hall, 7pm

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