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## First Thoughts . . .

Did you and another person ever get your heads knocked together at school? There was no thought of it potentially causing a mild concussion - it was done purely for the purpose of 'knocking some sense into you.'

Other forms of punishments were also available: A teacher clutching onto one of your sideboards (Or do you call them sideburns?) and raising you up so you were standing on tiptoes, while he admonished you for some minor misdemeanour. Or if it was a more serious offence, then obviously the cane, or, as was the case with a Scottish priest who taught us, a leather tawse. (We used to call him Father Jock Strap.)

To make the cane more demeaning, you would be sent to the staff room to collect the weapon of offence; and then have to stand in front of the class while the punishment was administered. There was some debate amongst us pupils as to the best way to hold your hand out: should you stretch your fingers out to present a harder surface; or relax your hand to soften the blow? I don't think we ever came to a definitive answer.

In my early days as a teacher, the woodwork teacher would punish pupils by making them hold a block of wood in their mouth. The wood was suspended from the ceiling at such a height that they had to stand on their tiptoes. The metalwork teacher simply told pupils that they had to produce one ounce of iron filings for him and provided them with a file and a lump of iron. Unless they had been given it before, they thought it a soft punishment. It wasn't.

Try it yourself.

Some punishments were warranted, albeit somewhat cruel; others were completely unjustified. But did we complain to our parents? Not on your life - we would have got clouted again as we obviously 'deserved it.'

What has started off this train of thought? Well I have just been listening to a news report about the Brexit debate, which no doubt will still be going on when this edition comes out. When I listen to the so-called debating that is going on in the House of Commons, I can't help but think that their level of debate is little better than children squabbling in the playground. Which made me wish that we could get the politicians from both sides of the divide . . . and knock their heads together

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**March issue: February 10th**

**April issue: March 10th**

## Cover Picture

**Icicles in Gunnerside**

**But what was the year?**

**PLEASE NOTE:** We cannot guarantee that items submitted close to or on the deadline date will be included. Quite often the Gazette is almost finished by that date, so the earlier items are submitted, the better.

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## Gazette News

### AGM

The Reeth & District Gazette AGM will be held on **Thursday 7 March at 7.15 pm in Low Row Institute**. As well as reviewing the previous year, 2018, and accepting the accounts, the AGM will also be asked consider minor changes to the Constitution. These are:

- 3) Administration changed to 2) Administration - correction to numbering of clauses
- 4) e amend 40% to 50% - changing the proportion of paid-for advertising to reflect what has been the norm for quite a few years
- 5) d amend to will be no more than nine - allowing flexibility in the number of members of the management committee
- 6) g amend teigh to tie - spelling correction
- 6) j. 3. delete wording and replace with All financial transactions shall be carried out in accordance with the bank mandate agreed by the Management Committee. - reflecting the fact that most financial transactions are carried out on-line rather than by cheque
- New clause 6) o. The Management Committee will ensure that suitable policies are in place to comply with current legislation. - puts an obligation on the committee to ensure that appropriate policies are in place to comply with current legislation. Two new policies are set out below.

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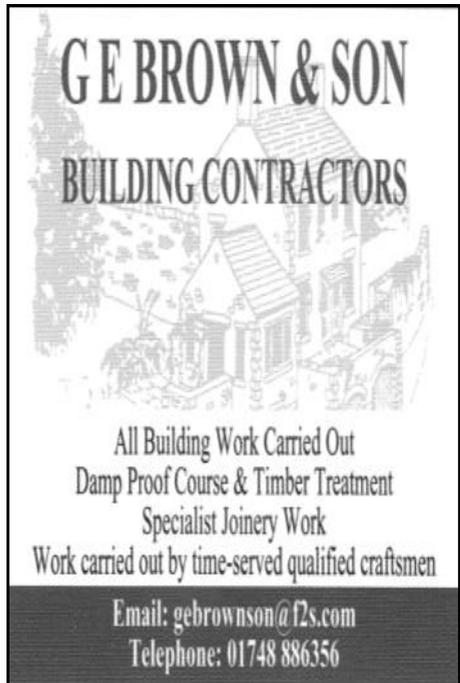
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On 6th December a quantity of cannabis was seized by police at an address in Middleham. The female occupant has been dealt with for possession of Class B controlled drugs. Please contact the police if you have suspicions of drug use in your area.

In the early hours of 12th December an occupied house was burgled on Harmby Road at Leyburn.

The thieves took a purse, champagne and a Zoostorm computer. This is an unusual and infrequent offence in the Dales, so don't have nightmares. Please take a few minutes to check your home security.

On the evening of 23rd December two unidentified males entered a farmyard near Spennithorne and threw rocks through the windscreen of a farm vehicle. They were seen to leave in a red Audi car.

Two incidents of sheep worrying by out of control dogs have occurred in Middleham and Hawes over the Christmas period. A number of sheep were killed and injured. Two dogs were also shot. This is hugely upsetting for all involved. It is preventable. **Please be aware of what dogs (descended from wolves) are capable of if not properly controlled.**

Finally, as well as dealing with the usual array of road traffic collisions, mental health incidents, domestic disputes, missing persons, assaults, thefts, safeguarding concerns, sudden deaths, poachers, and more, your Dales Neighbourhood Police Team has also taken part in a number of local initiatives. These have included plain clothed shoplifter operations, licenced premises checks with a drugs search dog, monitoring green lanes for off road vehicle misuse, drop in surgeries, and the Christmas drink drive campaign. We also greatly value the support given by mobile rural watch and front counter volunteers.

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### Postscript To Police Report

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Non-members very welcome; £2. For more details contact: **07432 677783** or see the website:

<https://upperdales.weebly.com/>

## 2Dales Refugee Support

Once again many thanks to everyone who donated items for our annual Christmas appeal in support of refugees on Teesside. We were delighted to see so many gifts and other very useful things. I think this year has been the best ever for toiletries - just amazing.

Special thanks go to Jill at Hudson House for all her help and kind cooperation, allowing all the things to be stored in the office there. Also

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**Completed applications should  
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4th March, 2019.**

thanks to Reeth garage for the loan of a trailer so that we could deliver everything to Middlesbrough in one go.

I know I say this every year but, you really are most generous with your donations and I wish you could all see the look on the faces of the people who receive them.

**Chris Watts**

## Purver's Pancake Lunch

The congregation and friends of St Mary, Muker will be holding the annual Purver Soup and Pancake Lunch on **Shrove Tuesday, 5th March 2019** in Muker Village Hall from 12 noon to 2.00pm.

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On 28 February, after a brief AGM, Tammy will be showing us her Tropic pamper products, perfect for post-Christmas preening.

For more info contact Sue Barron on 01748 884937 or Marilyn Brown 01748 884111

Visitors and new members always very welcome. For only £5 annual subs you get to all the meetings, and can join our trips and outings.

### Swale Singers

Well, no one can accuse the Swale Singers of being stuck in a rut. In the last year, we've welcomed a new musical director, benefitted from having a new regular accompanist and now - we are

moving to a new home for our rehearsals.

Our first rehearsal of 2019 on Sunday 3 February will be in Reeth Memorial Hall. And every Sunday after that we'll meet there from 3-5pm until our concert for the Swaledale Festival at the end of May. We'll be singing Brahms' German Requiem - in English.

On a less positive note, our new accompanist isn't able to continue playing for our rehearsals this year. We'd love to hear from you if you might be able to take on this role, for which there is a (modest) fee. Just get in touch with Jackie Pope at the email address below to find out more.

Why not come and sing with us? Everyone over 18 is very welcome, and we don't have scary auditions (or any auditions at all). Come and enjoy making music with us - we'd love you to join us. Contact [swalesingers@swaledale.org](mailto:swalesingers@swaledale.org) or visit [www.swalesingers.com](http://www.swalesingers.com)

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**Thursday 21st February:** **Other Roads** are singer/song-writer, guitarist Pete Abbott, 8 times Scottish fiddle champion Gregor Borland and multi-instrumentalist, singer, song-writer Dave Walmisley. Their UK tour brings them to Reeth via Germany, the Netherlands and Denmark. - Tickets £13 (£15 door)

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## Message From The Swaledale Museum

February is the time to catch up with all that reading and research that has accumulated. One of the books that is on our pile to tackle is *Sweet Slices of History - Baking and Cakes* (published by Prospect Books, 2018), a vividly told story of the creation of sweet dishes from historical recipes by Marjory Szurko, who is the retired Librarian of Oriel College Oxford.

Now I hear you mutter, 'What has this to do with Swaledale?' Well, Chapter 7 looks at the Otterington Hall Recipe Book in the Oriel Collection. It contains recipes gathered by Lady Eleanor Furness in the late nineteenth and early twentieth century. She moved to Otterington Hall near Northallerton in 1914 after the death of her husband, and her descendants bequeathed the book to Oriel in 1974.

One of the recipes was contributed by Mrs Dora Elizabeth Spiers, wife of Dr WC Spiers of Reeth. It is for Yeast Cake, and requires flour, baking soda, sugar, mixed peel, sultanas, yeast, eggs, butter, nutmeg and milk. Has anyone made this? Marjory Szurko has, because the book is based on her 'Edible Exhibitions' she staged at Oriel, where all the exhibits were consumed.

There are also recipes given by Mrs Gregory, Lady Eleanor's sister, and wife of the Rev. Bertram Gregory, vicar of St Andrew's in Grinton from 1907 until his retirement. So this explains the connection with Swaledale. We assisted Marjory with her researches, and she has generously donated a copy of the book to the Museum. She hopes to be in Reeth in July, and we are hoping to

stage a miniature 'Edible Exhibition' to celebrate the book. Watch out for this event on our website.

Barbara Buckingham has sent us several local recipes, do you have any? We have a couple of recipe books in our collection, hand written and some cut out from newspapers and pasted in. If you can help us, we might have enough material to stage a display. We could make some of them up to welcome Marjory to Swaledale.

Don't forget that we are now closed for the season, and will re-open in the Spring. You can of course still contact us, see the details below.

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As for the Elton John Lyrics:

- She packed my bags last night pre-flight - **Rocket Man**
- I remember when rock was young - **Crocodile Rock**
- It's a little bit funny - **Your Song**
- Blue jean baby, L.A. lady, seamstress for the band - **Tiny Dancer**
- When are you gonna come down when are you going to land - **Goodbye Yellow Brick Road**

He has released 30 studio albums and 133 singles?

And the winner is: Noah Wan - who hasn't featured as a winner for a while. So, it's a roll over.

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- Words are flowing

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The usual rules apply with no internet use allowed - but you may dig out all your old Beatles' records and listen to them. Answers can be left at the Post Office or sent via email to: [editor@reethgazette.co.uk](mailto:editor@reethgazette.co.uk). And even if you don't know all of them, it's still worth sending in your entry because you might know more than everyone else.

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**PS** The band Elton John unsuccessfully auditioned for was King Crimson.

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met and the hopes they have for the future.

World Day of Prayer is an international, inter-church organisation which enables us to hear the thoughts of women from all parts of the world: their hopes, concerns and prayers. The Day of Prayer is celebrated in over 120 countries. It begins in Samoa and prayer in native languages travels throughout the world - through Asia, Africa, the Middle East, Europe and the Americas before finishing in American Samoa some 38 hours later. For further information and resources see the WDP website:

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## Upper Dales Family History Group

October's speaker was Jennifer Deadman who talked about her work as a surveyor of historic buildings and the importance of accurately observing and recording what is still visible before the remains are lost forever. She began with some fascinating records made in the 18th and 19th centuries by travellers such as Daniel Defoe and the engraver Thomas Bewick which showed typical pastoral scenes of the time, including very basic dwellings and people going about their daily work. Other important sources of contemporary information were old maps which showed how settlements had changed over the years, with some shrinking from a hamlet to a single

farmhouse or vanishing altogether.

Illustrating her talk with pictures of recent projects with which she has been involved in Nidderdale and Teesdale Jennifer had many photographs of buildings which, externally at least, show little signs of their former use. At a farm on the A66 for example, a room above the stables had been used to house farm labourers who had left their mark in graffiti on the walls, recording everything from the dates of ploughing and sowing to a drawing of a football match. All this is now lost as the buildings have been converted to another use.

A cluster of farm buildings in New Forest, south of Barningham were all that remained of the settlement of Hallgate where the last inhabited house had been abandoned in the late 20th century. Searching trade directories and census records had enabled Jennifer to trace its gradual decline over the decades and to learn about the families who had lived there and to identify which houses they had lived in, as well as the acreage farmed. Surveying the properties inside had revealed details of daily life and showed how the houses and farm buildings had been altered over the years according to need and financial means. On many farms in the area the presence of a domestic fireplace in a cowshed for example reveals the position of the original farmhouse in amongst the barns and byres while its 19th century replacement is situated away from the mud and muck of the working yards. A fine example of this was at Naby in Teesdale which had been rebuilt as part of Monsignor Thomas Witham's rebuilding and improvement of the Lartington estate.

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Even individual field barns had stories to tell. Very steep gable ends revealed that the building had originally been thatched, extensions showed how farming enterprises grew or changed focus over the years and some concealed evidence of other uses completely hidden from outside. Jennifer had made a plan of each one but had also recorded details of the internal fittings for feeding and tethering stock, as well as the tell tale signs of blocked windows and fireplaces which showed these barns had once been isolated cottages and farms. One interesting example of this came from the Nidderdale project. Today Ling Hall is just a substantial barn with the remains of a fireplace and built in cupboards but in the late 19th century it featured in a book by Joseph Lucas *Studies in Nidderdale* who not only

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You may have seen the film - it has been on TV once or twice - based on a raid on a 'heavy water' plant on the Telemark Plateau in southern Norway in 1943, but an obituary in *The Daily Telegraph* newspaper last year revealed an interesting fact about the operation

The obituary was for Joachim Ronnenberg who, at the age of 23 was chosen to lead the raid which was intended to thwart Nazi Germany's attempt to create a nuclear bomb. The raid was a spectacular success - some say one of the most important acts of sabotage of the Second World War. And it was completed without firing a shot - despite what you see in the film version which Ronnenberg dismissed as 'hopeless'.

What the article revealed however, is that the raid was officially known *Operation Gunnerside* as the head of the Special Operations Executive, Sir Charles Hambro, used to come up here with his family to shoot grouse.

Thanks to Howard for passing onto me the article from *The Daily Telegraph*, from which this information was gleaned.

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In November, the Swaledale, Beaver Scouts and Cub Scouts re-opened with over twelve girls and boys aged between 6 and 9 coming along to join in the fun, adventure and chance to learn new things in Scouting.

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**Planning applications:** A letter would be sent to the planning authority expressing the council's disappointment at the refusal of planning permission for Shoemaker Barn and asking for feedback on the reasons behind the decision.

**Highways and Police:** Considerable concern was expressed over the lack of response to questions raised when Richard Marr attended the July meeting to discuss various problems including road repairs and safety, in spite of follow up enquiries from the clerk and District Coun Blows. Coun Barker reported that since the initial meeting another car had come off the road in icy conditions on the corner where there was no barrier and he felt strongly that the Highways department were not taking the council's concerns seriously. In addition Coun Barker felt that it was very disappointing that there had been no follow up from the meeting between three council members and the Police and Crime Commissioner who had agreed to look into many of the same issues.

**Beckside saplings:** A site meeting had been held to look at the problem of the overgrown saplings on village green near the river bank and a quote obtained for clearing them. It was hoped to cover this cost from an environmental grant or possibly to have the work carried out by volunteers.

**Parish hall:** The building would be inspected to ascertain the amount of repair work required and a grant would

be applied for.

**Fireworks:** A number of concerns had been raised about very loud, non-domestic fireworks which had been let off in the village on New Year's Eve.

**Next meeting:** 7.15pm on Monday, March 4th, in the parish hall.

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Andrew Stones with Andrew Roberts from NPAC

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## News From The Bellerby Study Group

In *Industrial Archaeology of the Yorkshire Dales* on Wednesday 6th February, Tony Keates will give a detailed study of the various industries in the Dales in the past. Tony is secretary of Middleham & the Dales Local History Group.

A history of map making and how they assist orientation and navigation is the subject of *Here Be Dragons - Antique Maps And What They Tell Us* by Dr Mike Sweeting on Wednesday 13th February. Mike describes himself as an academic, traveller and adventurer who has visited 80 countries.

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	10.30am	Low Row URC	
	11.00am	St. Edmund's, Marske	<i>Holy Communion</i>
	11.00am	Holy Trinity Low Row	<i>Eucharist</i>
	11.00am	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
	2.00pm	Keld URC	
	2.30pm	Gunnarside Methodist	
	6.00pm	St. Andrew's Grinton	<i>Iona Evening Prayer at Fremington Sunday School</i>
	6.30pm	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
10th Feb	9.30am	<i>St. Andrew's Grinton Eucharist at Fremington Sunday School</i>	
	9.30am	St Michael's Downholme	Morning Prayer
	10.30am	Low Row URC	
	11.00am	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
	11.00am	St. Edmund's, Marske	Morning Prayer
	11.15am	St. Mary's Arkengarthdale	<i>Baptism Service, Holy Communion BCP</i>
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**21/12/2018:** (54) 13.00hrs: Team called by North Yorkshire Police to search for a missing person on the Pennine Way below Great Shunner Fell. Both our team search dogs, HM Coastguard helicopter 912, North Yorkshire Police officers & the rural task force with the new police drone also in attendance. Missing person located safe and well by team members & evacuated from the hill.

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Well, after much debate up and down the two dales and in the Luncheon Clubs, it would seem that the honour of oldest resident in the area belongs to Florence Curry of Healaugh.

Florence has reached the grand old age of 96 and - fingers crossed - will be celebrating her 97th birthday in April.

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There were a number of contenders for the title, all of them female, which just goes to show what a hard life by comparison the men have up here as their live span seems to be shorter than the women's.

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**George Kenneth Hird**

Kathleen and all the family of the late Kenneth Hird wish to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for their kindness and sympathy; also thank you for the many letters, cards and flowers received following the recent sad loss of Kenneth.

Special thanks to all the staff at The Friarage Hospital; to Dr Brookes, Dr Smart and all the staff at Reeth Medical Centre; to the local district nurses and the Herriot Hospice nurses for their loving care of Kenneth.

Thank you to John and Sheila Bainbridge and Rev Antony Kirby for making a truly special service; and heartfelt thanks to Simon Barningham for all his help, support and guidance throughout this difficult time; and sincere thanks to Arne, Claire and all the staff for the wonderful refreshments provided after the service.

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The next application window for Countryside Stewardship Schemes is likely to open in February 2019. The Farm Conservation Team is inviting farmers to an evening meeting, including a free supper at:

- **Wensleydale Pantry, Hawes, Thursday 31st January 2019**
- **Buck Inn, Reeth, Thurs 14th February 2019**

Come along to find out what further support is available for you from the Farm Conservation and Trees and Woodlands Teams.

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Landscape architect and garden historian Marilyn Elm explores the origin of the Modernist style of garden design in a talk for The Arts Society Wensleydale on Tuesday 12th February at 2.00pm in the Middleham Key Centre.

The approach emerged in Europe and the USA in the 1920s based on both developments in Fine Art and the Bauhaus design principle of integrating form with function. This rejected the idea of decoration and emphasised the amalgamation of house and garden as a single living space. Gardens echoed the geometric forms of the house, while planting was economical and low maintenance with an emphasis on grasses, specimen plants and contrasting materials.

In the UK, Gertrude Jekyll's partnership with architect Edwin Lutyens resulted in the Arts and Crafts movement remaining a strong tradition in the relationship of house to garden. Some Modernist designs appeared in the 1930s but it was the 1951 Festival of Britain that heralded its emergence.

This talk explores the catalysts for the Modernist style that has found expression in garden making ever since.

New members will receive a very warm welcome. Visitors pay £8 a lecture, refunded if they join. Contact Ros Higson on **01765 635244** or **wensleydale@theartsociety.org** for more details.

**Chris A Whittaker**

The Gazette is online:  
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## Theatre By Bus

There's an exciting theatre season ahead, starting with **Matilda - the Musical** at Bradford Alhambra on 20 March. It was commissioned by the Royal Shakespeare Company, with music and lyrics by Tim Minchin. The cost is £63.50.

**Girl on a Train** is adapted from Paula Hawkins international bestselling novel, starring Samantha Womack & Oliver Farnworth. It is at Newcastle Theatre Royal on 2 May and costs £40.

Told in true Northern Broadside style and starring Reece Dinsdale as Benedict, **Much Ado About Nothing** sets Shakespeare's glorious romantic comedy at the end of World War 2. See it at York Theatre Royal on 16 May, cost £41.50.

You need to book early for **Les Misérables** at Newcastle Theatre Royal on 3 October. This brilliant new staging of Cameron Mackintosh's acclaimed production has been hailed '*Les Mis for the 21st century.*' The cost for Upper Circle seats is £60.50.

Also at Newcastle Theatre Royal on 9 October is Matthew Bourne's **Romeo and Juliet**. This new production is a passionate and contemporary re-imagining of Shakespeare's love story. The cost of Grand Circle seats is £48.

All prices quoted for these matinee performances are for theatre ticket and coach fare. For all performances the coach starts from Middleham and picks up at Leyburn. For performances at Bradford and York it also picks up at Crakehall and Bedale; for Newcastle it picks up at Richmond.

To book and for more information ring **01969 663259**.

## Fundraising Jumble Sale Thanks

Sarah Louise Olney, Rhiannon Atkinson and Joanne Meffen are extremely grateful to all businesses and our fantastic locals, for their kindness and support, ensuring that our fundraiser for pfcuk.co.uk was an overwhelming success.

We raised an astonishing £2,500 towards this worthy cause. We had people support us from as far as Derbyshire and Cumbria too. Whether you gave us your unconditional time, donated jumble, gifts or prizes, manned a stall, baked a cake or gifted some dry stone walling, conducted a pub quiz, gifted your accommodation or offered your on going support with a workshop or a dog therapeutic swim, we thank you. The dogs and cats thank you.

The Hall was bursting at the seams with happiness and everybody left with a smile on their face and full tummies - we even had a visit from Santa.

The Jumble Sale collected contributions to continue giving. We will be donating the remainder of the gifts towards future events, the Guide Dogs for the blind, the Salvation Army, local air ambulances and the homeless. We live in an incredible community filled with kindness and giving, usually with a little dog by our side.

**Sarah, Rhiannon and Joanne.**

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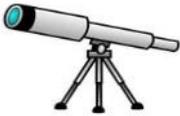
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## Heavens Above

*For one month only, The Starman has travelled south to appear in The Upper Wensleydale Newsletter; and in return, their astral expert, Al Bireo, has ventured north for our edification.*

This month's full moon on February 19 is the biggest and brightest of the year - a so-called Supermoon. It should appear almost 8% larger and about 16% brighter than your average full moon when it rises in the north-east around 5.30 in the evening (GMT) - quite a spectacle. Supermoons aren't particularly rare but there won't be another as good as this one until December 2024 so let's hope those clouds stay well away.

The last half of February also provides your best chance of the year to glimpse the innermost planet, tiny Mercury. Not many people can claim to have seen this elusive little world so why not have a go at spotting it for yourself. Look low in the south-west about 40 minutes after sunset from the middle of the month onwards. Its golden-pink dot should be easily visible to the naked-eye particularly when it's at its brightest between February 25 and March 2.

If you can brave the cold, frosty February provides some of the best starry skies of the year - and you won't have to stay out all that late to enjoy the view. Soon after dark the grandest of all the constellations, Orion (the Mighty Hunter of the old Greek myths) marches high in the south accompanied by his faithful hound, Sirius the Dog

Star. Sirius is by far the brightest star in the sky and can't be missed, flashing like a great diamond low over the horizon.

Orion's bold rectangular outline with a distinctive sloping line of three stars forming his 'Belt' and the Red Giant star Betelgeuse marking his left shoulder, is very easy to recognise. Just below the middle Belt star you'll find his sword, home to one the most famous objects in the night sky - the Great Orion Nebula, a vast cloud of interstellar gas and dust many light years across. It's just a misty patch to the naked-eye but a really spectacular sight when photographed with a large telescope. (See photograph on the next page)

Over in the north-east of the sky you'll see the familiar shape of the Plough or Big Dipper, standing on its handle. Its seven stars form part of a much bigger constellation, Ursa Major, the Greater Bear, the third largest in the sky. The Lesser Bear, Ursa Minor, home to Polaris, the Pole Star lies not too far away roughly halfway up the northern sky. The brilliant yellow star high overhead is Capella, the 'little she-goat' in the constellation of Auriga the Charioteer. See if you can spot the 'Kids' a pair of much fainter stars slightly to the west. Lower in the north-west, beyond Polaris, is the squashed W shape of Cassiopeia, the Lady in the Chair. The Winter Milky Way flows past Cassiopeia on its way to the northern horizon. A glorious sight on a dark, moonless night

Towards the end of February the winter star groups begin to drift noticeably westwards making way for some of the early springtime stars -



The Orion nebula - courtesy of ESO/G.BECCARI

Leo the Lion, Virgo the Virgin, and the Herdsman, Bootes. Bootes main star is golden Arcturus, the fourth brightest star in the sky. You'll find it low in the east-north-east around 10.00pm. If you're not a fan of the cold, cheer up - to seasoned observers, Arcturus' reappearance is a sure sign that winter is finally drawing to a close and that spring, at long last, is just around the corner. Have clear skies.

**Al Bireo**

**PS**

This year's Dark Sky Festival organised by the Yorkshire Dales National Park runs from 15th February to March 3rd. Loads of astronomical events and activities. For more details visit:

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Mary Levell is our pianist and gives us a great choice of music. If you'd like to know more she can be contacted on 01748 884091; or speak to Eileen Martin on 01748 884257. Or you could just turn up on the day.

Future dates are: Friday 8th February and Friday 8th March from 2.00 - 3.30 pm.

## Middleham And The Dales Local History Group

The Wensleydale Dairy Days Project is the subject of a talk by Dr Karen Griffiths at Middleham Key Centre on Tuesday, 19th February at 2.00pm.

Ownership of cows and processing their milk has been at the core of the Wensleydale economy for at least a thousand years, probably longer. It has shaped the landscape and left evidence for its presence in the historical and archaeological record.

Dr Karen Griffiths is currently running a Heritage Lottery/Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority-funded project researching and sharing the story of dairying in Wensleydale. 'Dairy

Days' is wide-ranging covering the very earliest archaeological evidence for dairying in the dale through to oral history recordings of local people involved in the industry.

Karen will be sharing some of the research that she and her team of volunteers has done so far and also discussing the ways that these fascinating stories will be shared with the wider public in the coming year.

Members, new members and visitors are always welcome, annual membership is still only £10 for 8 meetings and visitors can attend for £3 per meeting.

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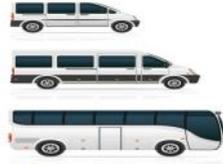
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The speaker for February's meeting is Gordon Norris from the Dog's Trust. For a fascinating talk with a difference come along on Friday 21st at 10.30am. If you wish to join or find about all the interest groups currently running, and have a coffee, the committee will be available from 10.00am, at Leyburn Arts & Community Centre.

### Wensleydale Society

February's meeting of the Society is on Friday 1st at 7.30pm at West Burton Village Hall. The speaker is Leyburn resident David Spashett and his talk is 'An Overview of Nepal and Trekking to Everest' when he will tell us of his recent visit during 2019. Membership of the Society is £5 per year and also includes a monthly walks programme. Talks are free to members; visitors are welcome for a small fee.

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### Country & Western Evening

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### History Wardrobe

On Saturday March 2nd at 2.00pm The History Wardrobe will be appearing at Leyburn Arts & Community Centre. Presenting her new talk 'All Writers Great and Small' the ever popular Lucy Adlington in her own inimitable style will tell us about and celebrate Northern Writers. Tickets £15 to include afternoon tea.

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## Reeth Brass Band

There were three major Christmas Concerts during December. The first was on Friday the 7th at 7.30pm when we played to a large audience in St. Andrew's Church, Kirkby Malzeard. Soloists who performed on the night were Andy Nicholson (Flugel Horn), Dave Hodgson (Euphonium) and Nigel Robertshaw (Post Horn). Nigel also sang a Christmas folk song, accompanied by the band, which gained rapturous applause.

Sunday 16th found us on the platform of Richmond Station, playing to the customers in the restaurant below from 10am to 12noon. The same soloists performed to a large audience. It is always a pleasure to play at the Station as the acoustics are exceptionally good.

The band's annual Christmas concert was held in the Reeth Memorial Hall on Saturday 22nd at 7.30pm. This was well attended with a large appreciative audience who were treated to a wide variety of Christmas music from popular to traditional tunes, with light refreshments to follow at half time. The raffle and donations on the night raised over £300 for band funds. During the second half of the concert, before the band played their own Christmas greeting to everyone, a presentation of a Christmas hamper was made to our President and Director of Music Brian Hicks, thanking him for his guidance and patience conducting us over recent months.

Before the concert concluded a bugle, which originally belonged to Mr. James (Jimmy) Allinson, who was the father of our late President David

(Tubby) Allinson, was handed back to the family at the request of David's sisters, Dorothy and Myra. Jimmy served during WW1 and was awarded the Military Medal for his service.

It was my privilege and honour to return the bugle to Jimmy's grandson Andrew Guy, a member of Muker Silver Band. This was especially poignant as we commemorate the one hundredth anniversary of the end of WW1. The bugle is inscribed "Presented to the Swaledale Branch of the Royal British Legion by James Allinson esq." Unfortunately no date is shown although it is known that this would be after WW2.

When the Swaledale Branch of the Royal British Legion ceased to function, the bugle was handed to the band for safekeeping. It was given to a band member James (Korky) Kendall to play

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on Armistice Day in St. Andrew's Church, Grinton. James played it for many years during his 60+ years with the band. When James sadly passed away, the instrument was handed back to the band by his wife Jennifer for safekeeping. There is no firm evidence at this time to confirm that the bugle was played by Jimmy during WW1, but from its condition and age it could well have been.

On 23rd the band played for the annual carol service at St. Mary's Church, Arkengarthdale at 6.30pm. The service was tinged with some sadness because there was no choir for the first time in many years. School children from Arkengarthdale Church of England Primary School performed a number of songs beautifully. This may also be for the last time, as the school is destined to close, after existing for 360 years. An unfortunate sign of the times we live in here in the dales. I fear for the future of the band, and intend to work with anyone who can help to preserve our 160 year heritage.

During the month there were a number of engagements, performed in various locations by small bands, ending with the traditional playing of carols around the village on Christmas Day. This signals the end of our year performing for many different events in 2018. We look forward to entertaining you again in 2019.

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Sven woke with rain battering on the roof tiles. Sven's head felt dull just like after the victory celebrations after a day of subjecting the local Anglo Saxons to a good battering. Sven sneezed, a drip of green snot ran down his moustache and into his beard. Sven began to worry; he knew the signs. First the sneezing, then the runny nose, next would come the cold sweats and the coughing.

Sjon the Slayer was the first to succumb, then Guthrang Axehead, then Balder Bloodeye, then Culyer Deadshot; the whole crew laid low by the worst plague the gods could curse them with. Sven knew what to do. Nothing! If he went looking for ice giants to fight he'd surely be hammered into the ground like a stake. If he went hunting the great wild boar he'd surely end up mauled into marmalade.

With the greatest effort Sven slowly rose from his bed, shuffled to the kettle, made a cup of tea, shuffled back; and collapsed back on his bed, all

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energy drained from his limbs. Bed was the safest place - the world outside was too dangerous - and if he had to die anywhere, bed was where he'd like to go. Anyway, if he went outside he'd just be taunted by the women folk who seem immune to this terrible sickness. Sven let out a great moan to Odin as the fever came upon him, in and out of consciousness, like ice one minute, a hot sweat the next, Sven felt death approaching, the Valkyries gathering to take him to Valhalla.

For five days and five nights Sven bravely fought the deadly sickness, rising only to, make cups of tea, drink Lemsip, watch the television, blow his nose, visit the toilet, eat crisps, eat chocolate, eat cake, eat more crisps.

And on the sixth day Sven awoke to a bright new dawn; head clear, sinuses free, muscles pumped. With a triumphant roar worthy of Thor, Sven leapt from his bed, tripped over the wire to his electric blanket and launched headfirst into his ironing board. Ow! In a daze Sven felt the bump on his head, staggered to his feet, and climbed back into bed. As Sven drifted into unconsciousness the handmaidens of Odin once more gathered around his bedside. "Have they nothing better to do" thought Sven before once more falling back into a deep, troubled slumber.

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**Trees on the B6270:** The trees near Robin Gate down to Whita Bridge have now been trimmed back which has greatly improved visibility

**Children Playing signs:** Further enquiries are being made to find out what signage can be put up to raise awareness in Gunnerside of children playing

**Public toilets:** The council was advised that the amount received by RDC for Gunnerside toilets up until the end of October was £425

**Precept:** It was agreed to request a precept of £2500 to cover the possible cost of the election if contested

**Area Partnership Funding scheme:** It was confirmed that the Parish Council had been awarded £935.14 from this scheme for repairs to Low Row Institute roof

**Highways:** Potholes outside the Low Row Institute and the cattle grid at Peat Gate would be reported. At West End Cottage, Gunnerside, the manhole cover has been replaced. This will be monitored

**Planning applications:** West Riddings, Low Row, High Bents, Gunnerside and High Gill House, Low Row - the council raised no objections or comments

**Request for No-Through Road sign, Melbecks House, Low Row:** A request to put up a 'No Through Road' at the

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start of the track where it leaves the Council maintained road just West of the Low Row Institute has been received. There have been several extremely dangerous instances where vehicles follow this track, which they then slip off. There was no objection to a sign going up, but it was agreed as this is not a Highways maintained road the resident will be advised to contact Low Row Pasture Committee to seek approval

**Ash die-back:** The issue of ash die-back was raised which is likely to be major problem in the future as the trees become very brittle inside and they can fall very quickly. The YDNPA ranger Michael Briggs has been contacted

**Next meeting:** Gunnerside Village Hall, Thursday February 7th. 7.30pm.

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## 2 Dales Football

Happy New Year everyone. We are pleased to be able to resume training on the MUGA which is as good as new after professional cleaning.

The Under 9s played 1 match before the Christmas break against Catterick Village. Dales continue to gain in strength. Village took the lead before Coen Pickard-Sparne equalised with the score 1-1 at half time. In the second half Coen took the lead but the age difference (half our team are Under 8) started to take its toll and Village were able to score 4 more to win 2-5.

We then played a friendly and Oscar Kendall, released from goal, scored from a pass by Coen and then Coen scored from a super pass by Rowan Wilkinson after a good run. Village were able to equalise but all in all, a good morning of football.

The Under 12s played Bedale away and, unusually, a combination of factors left us a player short. Bedale kindly agreed to loan us a player and a different lad played in each half. Both put in a good performance and many thanks to them. With 2 out of 3 defenders missing Oliver Scott and Eidur Pickard-Sparne started in their positions. Despite this Oliver put Dales ahead only for Bedale to equalise by half time.

Although we could make no substitutions, Dales dominated the second half. Oliver put us ahead with an excellent finish and then put one away from Alfred Atkin for his hat trick. Alfred then scored and finally Josh Luchford made it 5 with a good finish from a Bedale error. Bedale scored in

the second half and then from a penalty for a 3-5 win. Lenny Blowes and Harriet Rowland-Hill, 2 of our youngest players both played a full game to good effect.

Our last League match of Phase 1 was away at Carlton Miniott on a bright sunny morning. The first half started with opportunities for both teams to take the lead and only good defending from both sides kept a clean sheet. Good work from Eidur in the centre won Dales a free kick which Oliver put in the top corner. Carlton equalised after confusion in the Dales defence gave them a penalty. Jack Dalton, Ben Alderson and Sam Draper played well at the back. Josh, Will Tylra and Alfred worked hard in mid field. Good work from Oliver and Eidur allowed Oliver to take the lead. Harry came on and worked hard. Just before half time Carlton were awarded another penalty

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which Nicholas O'Keeffe saved only for the referee to ask for it to be retaken successfully.

2-2 at half time and some changes saw Sam in goal and Will as right back. Alfred made some good runs up the line; Josh had opportunities and Oliver worked hard in midfield.. Good work from Josh, Alfred and Oliver enabled Oliver to score to make it 2-3. Carlton piled on the pressure in the last 10 minutes but excellent keeping from Sam kept it at 2-3. A great team performance especially from Eidur.

We have insufficient players and no coach to run an Under 10 team but we played a friendly match with an Under 10/11 team v Ripon Under 10s who are entering our League. This gives more time on the ball for some of our Under 11s who play in the Under 12 team. The Pickard-Sparne family dominated with Eidur scoring from a rebound then younger brother Coen and then repeating this in the second half to make it 2 each and peace for Mum and Dad in the afternoon. (Eidur is only a few days too old for the Under 10s). Finally Leo Frost scored a cracking goal from a good run. Harry showed what he could do with some excellent ball control and passing and Lenny was everywhere on the field to good effect. Won 5-1.

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**Buttertubs, Reflective Strips** - The replacement of reflective strips and cats eyes have been placed on a programme of works by Highways.

**Cattle grids Ivelet and Buttertubs** - Cllr Metcalfe stated that one of cattle grids had been cleaned but that he believed one to still be outstanding. Clerk to contact Highways.

**Muker Toilet Lights** - The Clerk had contacted RDC again; due to the power being switched off the timer had been affected and the lights had been on during the night. A local resident had also contacted RDC regarding the level of light being a nuisance. Work had been carried out by RDC to re- position the lights under the eaves. Residents agreed that this was a vast improvement. Cllr Metcalfe said they were much better.

**Road Sign Nateby** - Highways had responded to say that it was the responsibility of Cumbria CC. Cllr Blackie suggested that the Clerk contact him for an appropriate point of contact.

**Highways** - Cllr Porter raised the issue of water and ice on the road at Crowtrees. He stated that he had raised the same problem last year. The gutters are full and need clearing. Clerk to contact Highways. Cllr Blackie stated that there was currently a proposal to cover the grit store at Hawes and for it to be used as an operational depot in the future.

**Richmondshire DC May Election** - Information had been received from RDC regarding the May Elections. Clerk

to attend the meeting on March 7th.  
**YDNPA Planning Applications**  
Foal Ings Muker - The Application has been approved conditionally.

Park Lodge Farm - the Application has been approved.

Oxnop Ghyll - An Application had been received for the erection of a two storey extension. The Parish Council had no objections.

Ravenseat Farm - An Application had been received for the erection of a single storey lean to extension to the north elevation. The Parish Council had no objections.

**Correspondence/AOB:**

Cllr Blackie raised a number of issues:

Cllr Blackie reported that sadly he could not fight the closure of Arkengarthdale School. Next year there would be only four children at the school and by 2021 only two. He

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stated that the school and its staff had served the community with distinction over the years. He said that if the community had not been stymied about building affordable houses in the past this may have been avoided.

Cllr Blackie informed the meeting that he was attending a meeting with the Clinical Care Group and Yorkshire Ambulance Service where he would very strongly argue against cut backs to patient transport services. He cited three examples of recent cases where patients had been refused transport. He asked that if anyone knew of any cases where patient transport was refused to contact him

Cllr Blackie stated that he would also fight strongly for the Friary. All doctors in the area are dead set against losing the services that it provides.

He expressed his concerns regarding the rejection of three barn conversions at the YDNP Planning Committee Meeting on 11 December. He felt that the YDNP had gone backwards and that the idea of planning was to shape and improve the area for the good of the community living within it.

Cllr Porter asked why the YDNP do not follow national guidelines. Cllr Whitehead said that it seems like the Friends of the Dales wanted the park to be a museum. Cllr Blackie said that we either have a roadside barn policy or we do not.

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# Diary Dates

## February

- 1st Symbio, Reeth Memorial Hall. 8.00pm
- 2nd Film in Gunnerside Village Hall: *Phantom Thread*, starring Daniel Day-Lewis. 7.30pm. Doors and bar open at 7.00pm. £5.00 (children £3.00)
- 8th Domino Drive & Supper, Arkengarthdale School, 7.30pm. £4.00 (children £2.00)
- 12th Two Dales WI, *Henry's Tale* by Jan Bell - a talk about guide dogs, puppy walking and Henry's part in all this. Hudson House. 7.30pm
- 16th Coffee Morning 10.00am to noon Reeth Evangelical Cong. Church
- 21st Other Roads, Reeth Memorial Hall. 8.00pm
- 22nd Kiki Dee & Carmelo Luggeri, Reeth Memorial Hall. 8.00pm
- 27th Upper Dales Family History Group, Harmby village hall. 2.00pm
- 28th TLC@Gunnerside, AGM and Tammy showing us her Tropic pamper goodies, Gunnerside Village Hall. 7.30pm

## March

- 1st World Day of Prayer Service at Gunnerside Methodist Church. 2.30pm
- 9th Peter Knight & John Spiers, Reeth Memorial Hall. 8.00pm
- 9th Film in Gunnerside Village Hall: *Swimming with Men*, starring Jim Carter and Rob Brydon. 7.30pm. Doors and bar open at 7.00pm. £5.00(children £3.00)

- 15th Rag Mama Rag, Reeth Memorial Hall. 8.00pm
- 16th Coffee Morning 10.00am to noon Reeth Evangelical Cong. Church
- 16th Mobile skip, Reeth Village Green. 9.00am - 1.00pm
- 22nd Reeth YFC Domino and Whist Drive, supper and raffle, Reeth Memorial Hall. 7:30pm All welcome.
- 26th TLC@Gunnerside pie and pea supper. Pre booking essential, ring Sue on 884937. Gunnerside Village Hall. 7.30pm
- 27th Upper Dales Family History Group, Fremington Sunday School. 2.00pm
- 30th Film in Gunnerside Village Hall: *Bohemian Rhapsody, the story of Freddie Mercury and Queen*. 7.30pm, doors and bar open at 7.00pm. £5 (children £3).

## April

- 12th Chris Bannister performs the music of John Denver, Reeth Memorial Hall. 8.00pm
- 26th The Baldy Holly Band, Reeth Memorial Hall. 8.00pm

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