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First Thoughts . . .

Young people of today eh? They think they are so hip and trendy with this new language they have created for texting - *OMG*, *CUL8R* and things like that.

Except they are not. Way back in 1917, Lord Fisher wrote a letter to Winston Churchill in which he used the abbreviation *OMG*. He did add *Oh! My God!* In brackets, just in case Winston wasn't that up to date with text-speak.

Even earlier than that in *Gleanings From the Harvest-Fields of Literature*, compiled by Charles C Bombaugh, is a poem called *An Essay to Miss Catharine Jay*. The un-named poet uses phrases such as 'I wrote 2 U B 4'. and 'He says he loves U 2 X S,/ U R virtuous and Y's.' The book was published in 1867

but it is thought the poem had been around since 1828.

Still, at least they are on the ball with this environmental thing - saving the planet and all that. I mean, what a gr8 idea to take your own bag to the shops. And using paper bags in stead of plastic ones. Oh, wait a minute, didn't they do something like that in Victorian times?

Ah, but this idea of Reduce, Reuse Recycle, that's relatively new isn't it? Well, the phrase itself dates back to the early 1970s, but the ethos is little different from the *Make Do and Mend* campaign started by the Ministry of Information during the Second World War. Nothing new there then.

This plastic stuff though, we really should get rid of it all. Let's start with mobile phones - they are made of plastic, aren't they? **MAC**

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The Swaledale Postie**

A sneak preview of a picture from her 2020 calendar - out soon.

Gazette Deadlines

The deadlines for the next two months are:

September issue: August 10th

October issue: September 10th

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.

Message From The Swaledale Museum In Reeth

Thanks to Rhoda Fraser who filled the Museum with food and flowers, tea and tales last month, and all of you who attended, especially Barbara, whose caraway seed cake is possibly the best! It was an especially happy event.

Please note some alterations to the date of one of our events and opening times in August. The date of our Grand Map, Print & Picture Auction has been changed to **Saturday 21st September**.

The Museum will be closed from 19th to 31st August inclusive.

Our talks programme is very popular, so do book ahead to secure a seat. All at 7.30 pm in the Museum.

Wednesday 14th August: Marion Moverley & Helen Bainbridge, *'Read All About It No.2: More Historical Newscuttings from the Dales'*

Wednesday 11th September: Will Swales, *'Insights into the study of place-names in Swaledale and Arkengarthdale'*

Wednesday 18th September: Tracy Little and Helen Bainbridge, *'How to Date Local Photographs. Some Tactics, Techniques & Tips'*

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Wednesday 25th September: Linda Bray, *'In the footsteps of Thomas Armstrong'*

Don't forget to come and see us at Muker Show on Wednesday 4th September. Weather permitting we will also be manning a fund-raising stall on Reeth Market on Friday 26th July, Friday 9th & 16th August and Friday 6th September.

And last but by no means least many thanks to our new volunteers, Prue and Marie who have helped us keep going, and, as ever Jane, Jenny and Sue. Jane and Helen are visiting Pannal School in July to deliver some Swaledale Museum Colouring Books, printed thanks to Wensleydale Arts Society.

And even later: Your Curator would like to remind the Editor of the Gazette that she is plain Mrs Bainbridge, and happy to be so. Let the April Fool end here.

[Editor's note: There's never been anything plain about you, Helen.]

If you want to sign up for our FREE e-newsletters that come out every few weeks with latest developments do let us know, and we will put you on the circulation list.

For advance information on events, why not become a Friend of the Museum? Annual membership: single £10, joint £15, family £20 gives unlimited free entry to the Museum, discount on talks, and our twice yearly Newsletter. For more information contact Helen Bainbridge via **helen@swaledalemuseum.org** or on **07969 823232**. Visit our website on **www.swaledalemuseum.org** for the latest information.

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3. Don't be rushed or pressured into making a decision. Under no circumstances would a genuine bank or some other trusted organisation force you to make a financial transaction on the spot.

4. Report Phishing attempts. If you receive a call, text or email of this nature and have not lost money, you can report this as phishing to Action Fraud at:

<https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/report-phishing>

Duke Of Edinburgh In The Orchard

Since the beginning of April, two Duke of Edinburgh participants Jarvis Price and Sam Grigg have been doing their Bronze Service section in Reeth Orchard.

Not only have they eased the workload of the other volunteers there, but have been unfailingly polite and cheerful even when faced with some seriously dirty jobs like digging out the compost heaps and spreading it round the garden; and they happily took on the tedious task of weeding the paths.

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**Reeth Parish Council
June 2019**

Council members: The chair welcomed newly co-opted members Martin Bearpark, Helen Guy, Beverley Rutter and Paul Terry.

Constitution: An existing constitution used by another council had been adapted for use by the Reeth parish council and was circulated for consideration.

Memorial Benches: Coun Frankland was liaising with the families of the late Jack Alderson and Malcolm Terry regarding the placing of benches in their memory.

National Park: Forms were signed and returned for the ballot for a parish council representative on the board of the National Park Authority.

Electric cars: Following a suggestion from a Reeth resident that a charging point for electric cars would be of benefit to both locals and visitors, the costs had been investigated. The outlay was too great for an individual council but local authorities were able to apply for grants for installing charging points and it was understood that funding might also be available through the National Park. The clerk would write to Richmondshire District Council and the YDNPA to say that the council would be interested in supporting such a scheme if one was proposed.

Archaeology workshop: Information about a workshop on accessing funding for local history projects would be forwarded to the archaeology group.

Textile collections: A letter was received from RDC raising awareness of a number of fraudulent textile collectors known to be operating.

Green agreements: The requests for items to be placed on the green were discussed. It was noted that some businesses were putting out more things than they had permission for or were not taking them in overnight.

Notice board: Coun Longstaff would look into the possibility of providing a lockable, glass fronted case for official parish council notices.

Highways: Coun Frankland reported on a site meeting which he and Coun Longstaff had attended with representatives from the Highways Department to look at a number of outstanding items of concern around the parish. Items covered included curb stones, several drains, the footpath on School Hill, the retaining wall on the Healaugh road, tarmac patching, the wall opposite the former shop and problems with water on the road.

Highways would send a report on the various matters raised and what would be done about them. They had also confirmed that an area of tarmac near the Copper Kettle was not part of their remit.

District Council: Coun Good reminded the meeting of the RDC grants available for communities on the route of the UCI cycle event in September. He planned to hold a ward advice surgery for local residents in Hudson House from 6.00pm to 7.00pm on Thursday July 18. **Tracy Little**

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Thursday 29th August, 8.00pm: 3hattrio. From rural southern Utah, 3hattrio play American Desert Music - vocals, banjo, fiddle, acoustic bass and foot percussion. Fascinatingly original. One of the best live bands you're ever likely to see. Tickets £13 (door £15).

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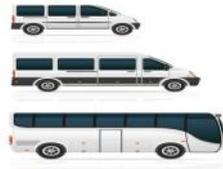
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Full Circle

As I write this, the final decision has been made to close Arkengarthdale Church of England School this summer. The outcome was inevitable but a very sad day for our community and for the generations that follow.

The School in Arkengarthdale was founded in 1659 so it is for 360 years that we have been educating numerous generations and thousands of children in the Dale. 360 - the degrees in a circle so perhaps apt to say the School has come full circle.

Having been a Governor for over 25 years, I feel qualified to have some reflections. I would like to thank all those who supported me (and those who sometimes haven't) especially all the years I was Chair and to thank the very many people in our community who have supported the School over the years.

We must, however, look forward and "Our School" in September will be Reeth with Gunnerside. I would hope that all will now support that school which must carry the baton forward.

Equally, I would urge Reeth and Gunnerside's Head, Governors, Staff and Children fully to embrace the community of Arkengarthdale and actively strive to maintain that Dale's activities which Arkengarthdale School always supported, such as Arkengarthdale Sports and the Annual United Carol Service.

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Activities have not changed much over the years: singing, games, Bible stories, drama, craft, a sports day and a family fun time. I have observed much of this from the sidelines and have been struck by the involvement and fun of the children. Among the titles of Holiday Bible Club weeks in the past have been *Going Bananas*, *Jungle Jamboree*, *Narnia* and *David the Giant-Slayer*.

We have had some very colourful characters who have been part of the teams, for example Samuel from India in 2002 and Daniel from the Czech Republic in 2004. Over the past few years there has been a University professor and a judge but they will leave their professing and judging behind when they come to Reeth.

This year Holiday Bible Club will be on Tuesday 20th to Friday 23rd August, each morning's activities beginning at 10 am. They will take place in the schoolroom of the Congregational Church. The title of the week will be *God's Miracle Worker - Elisha*. All children of primary school age will be welcome.

David Gregson

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- When are you gonna come down, when are you going to land - **Goodbye Yellow Brick Road**
- You could never know what it's like, your blood like winter freezes just like ice - **I'm Still Standing**

And the tiebreaker: He had 69 Top 40 singles; and of these, 32 went into the Top Ten.

We have a winner: Marion Parnell who loved the Rocketman film and was very close with the tiebreaker.

This month, to keep The Skinnerman

happy, we are going back to the Golden Age of Rock & Roll. These are the first lines of which songs? And the name of the artists.

- Well, since my baby left me
- Deep down in Louisiana close to New Orleans
- All of my love, all of my kissin'
- You shake my nerves and you rattle my brain
- Gonna tell Aunt Mary 'bout Uncle John

For the tiebreaker: Put them in chronological order.

It will be a cinch for The Skinnerman but don't let that put you off - we can't have him thinking he is the only one in the two dales who knows anything about rock & roll.

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We would like you to let us know if you would be prepared to display any of these items on your premises and if you would be able to contribute anything towards the cost or willing to give your

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Saturday 24th August

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Sunday 8th September

Crackpot Hall, Swinnergill & Arngill Approx 5.5 miles 10.30am - 3.30pm Cost: £4.50 A guided local history walk covering the mining sites of Crackpot Hall and Swinnergill before taking the high hillside track down past the Arngill mine to Rampsholme bridge and returning to Keld. Please bring a packed lunch. Dogs welcome but must be kept on leads at all times. Rating: Moderate to Difficult as steep eroded hill side path in places. **BOOKING ADVISED**

Saturday 14th September

Inspired By Keld: The Story Of Selina Cooper (A Heritage Open Day

Event) 2.00pm. A public talk on how this modest Lancashire mill girl found something in her Keld experience which changed her life and contributed to her history as a suffragist. **FREE EVENT BUT DONATIONS WELCOME.** After the talk cream teas will be served in the Upper Room with all proceeds to Keld Resource Centre future project work.

Sunday 29th September

Old Gang Lead Mine & Pinseat Circular Approx 6 miles 10.30am - 3.00pm Cost: £4.50 A guided walk through the rich mining landscape of the Old Gang and Merryfield mining grounds, returning via the Little Pinseat route. Walk commences from the parking area near Surrender smelt mill ruins above Low Row (Grid ref: SD989998). Please bring a packed lunch. Dogs welcome but must be kept on leads at all times. Rating: Moderate **BOOKING ADVISED**

Please ensure you bring suitable walking footwear, waterproof clothing & adequate food & water for all outdoor events

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The Friday Singing Group has a summer break in July and August and begins again on 6th September.

We meet in Reeth Congregational Church hall from 2.00-3.30pm, with a break for tea and cake.

All are welcome to join us to enjoy singing songs both traditional and modern.

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On average we respond to 60 calls each year. There were four incidents this month.

Incidents June 9th to July 9th

04/07/2019 14.30hrs: (20) Called by Yorkshire Ambulance to assist with the evacuation of an injured walker on the very steep & narrow steps at Richmond Castle. A slightly unusual job for us but the very steep & narrow steps made it a 'tricky' little job.

03/07/2019 17.30hrs: (19) Called by the Ambulance service to assist with the extraction of an injured walker near Aysgarth. Stood down en route as the crew on scene managed to assist the casualty to the Ambulance.

23/06/2019 08.00hrs: (18) We provided safety cover for the annual Mintex Motorbike trial.

15/06/2019 22.00hrs: (17) Team called to assist Police in search for missing person in Scorton area. At 2.00am search called off as Police conducted further enquiries. Thank you to all at Farmers Arms, Scorton who kept us plied with tea and coffee.

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Library Happenings

Lots going on in the library for youngsters during the summer holidays:

The Summer Reading Challenge is to read six books before 7 September. It is open to everyone aged 4 to 11. For every two books you read, you'll get some "rewards" and when you've read six books (fiction, fact, jokes, history, hobbies, poetry, whatever appeals to you) you'll get a medal and a certificate.

Remember, the library at Hudson House is open 7 days a week, from 10.00am to 4.00pm. You can change your books whenever you want, but to sign up for the challenge or collect your rewards you'll need to pop in on Wednesdays or Saturdays when a volunteer will be there.

Wednesday storytelling in the Orchard

Come along to hear Rhoda Fraser telling stories and do some puzzles and colouring for around an hour and a half every Wednesday at 11.00am up to 28th August. We'd love you to come in fancy dress - and it would be great if you link it to the theme of that week's story:

- Wed 7th August - Princesses and Knights
- Wed 14th August - Space
- Wed 21st August - Old McDonald's Farm
- Wed 28th August - Mad Hatter's Tea Party

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Reeth Brass Band

Following the two concerts in early June, at Beamish Museum on 2nd and St. Mary's Church, Arkengarthdale for the Swaledale Festival on the 4th, the band played at Eggleston Gala on the 8th and St. Mary's Church, Richmond for Mothers Union Charities on the 22nd. The last engagement in the month was to be on Reeth Green on the 30th. Unfortunately due to the weather this had to be moved into the Memorial Hall, Reeth, where a small but appreciative audience enjoyed a short concert.

Co-operation between the band and Reeth and Gunnerside Schools has lead to a lunchtime club being set up at Gunnerside once a week. Up to date there have been three half hour sessions with six pupils involved. Five cornets have been loaned, free of charge, by Reeth Band and two members of the band are volunteering to tutor the group.

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Playing Field by the River Swale. Our second visit to Reeth Green Bandstand was planned for the 21st.

Upcoming engagements arranged so far are as follows:

- August**
- Sun 4th Reeth Green Bandstand, 2.00pm
 - Sun 11th West Burton Chapel, 6.30pm
 - Sun 18th Scorton Feast, 3.00pm
 - Sun 25th Reeth Green Bandstand, 3.00 (Songs of Praise for the Firework Fund)
 - Mon 26th Reeth Show, 9.15am

- September**
- Sun 8th Reeth Green Bandstand, 2.00pm
 - Sat 21st Eggleston Show, 1.00pm

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	11.00 am	Holy Trinity Low Row	<i>Eucharist</i>
	11.00 am	Gunnerside Methodist	<i>Baptism</i>
	11.00 am	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
	2.00 pm	Keld URC	
	6.00 pm	St. Andrew's Grinton	<i>Iona Evening Prayer</i>
	6.30 pm	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
11 th Aug.	9.30 am	St. Andrew's Grinton	<i>Eucharist</i>
	9.30 am	St Michael's Downholme	<i>Morning Prayer</i>
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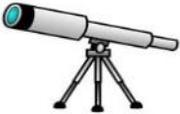
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**Astronomy
In The
Two Dales**

Is our Sun a variable star? Last month we took a brief look at the categories of variable stars and asked the question if our Sun shows some or all of these qualities.

The first category is that of a pulsating star, one that changes size over time, this is also the easiest question to answer, as throughout our history of astronomical observations, which is at least 5000 years and maybe longer, there is no record of our Sun expanding and shrinking.

The question of whether we live in an eclipsing binary star system, where two stars orbit each other or orbit around a point in space and block each

other's light, depends from which point in space you view our solar system.

From our perspective the Sun can only be eclipsed by the Moon, however, from an outside observers view point, our Sun would be seen to dim and brighten every 12, 30, 84 and 165 years as Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus and Neptune passed in front of the Sun and blocked its light. An outside observer may conclude that our Sun has several red dwarf or brown dwarf companion stars that form a quintuple star system much like TYC 3807-759-1 which is in the constellation Ursa Major and that one or all of these stars form an eclipsing star system.

Now we come to the big question: Does our Sun fit the category of an erupting or catastrophic star? Well we know that the Sun gives off flares and coronal mass ejections, where vast amounts of energy and matter are hurled into space; but have these ever been large enough to effect any of the planets in our solar system?

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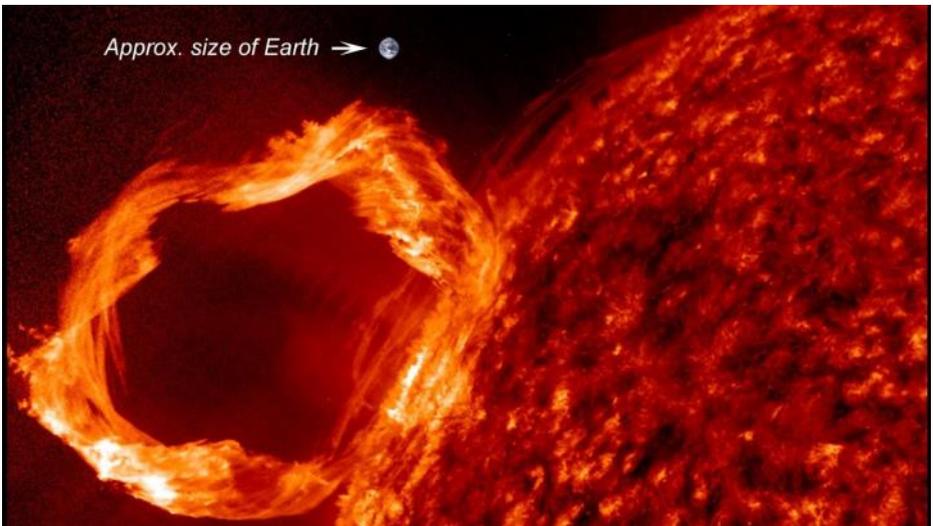
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such magnitude effects the element Carbon14 and using this fingerprint we can detect two previous flare events in 993-994 AD and 774-775AD. So we can perhaps describe our Sun as an erupting star, but is there evidence of

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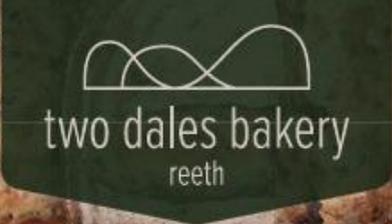
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Let Them Eat Cake

A scrumptious sponge was happily consumed by members celebrating 25 years of Langthwaite Lunch Club.

Jocelyn Campbell, as a member since its inauguration in June 1994, with Mike Beckwith cut the cake and Mike, as instrumental in the development of the club, reminisced about its history.



Rachel Newborn provided, as she has done for the last seven years, a delicious and nutritious pre-ordered three course meal. Lisa Porter preceded her and prior to Lisa, Gladys Atkinson, well known throughout the two Dales for her culinary delights, catered for the club for over ten years.

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Grinton and Ellerton Parish Council July 2019

Council members: Stephen Porter had been co-opted for the council vacancy.

Highways matters: Problems discussed at the previous meeting including bridges and retaining baskets along the beck side had been reported via the parish portal but with no obvious results as yet. There were also ongoing concerns over the state of the wall next to the moor road which had been reported several times previously. The clerk would forward all the relevant correspondence to District Coun Good for him to follow up.

The handrail on the footbridge over the beck had been reported to the National Park Ranger who had inspected it.

Coun Jones reported that retaining baskets of stones were also failing along the beck near the Grange. The clerk would check responsibility for these with the Ranger and also pass the information to Coun Good.

It was agreed that a site meeting was needed with representatives from the Highways Department to look at all these concerns.

Street lights: RDC had removed the light on Pedley House as it was no longer working and they felt it was too far back from the path to be of any use. There was now no light at that end of the bridge which was felt to be very dangerous due to the narrowness of the footpath at that point. The clerk would ask if there was an alternative fixing point, such as a telegraph pole, for a new lamp, pointing out the high number of pedestrians using the footpath to get from the parking field to St

Andrew's church when events were held there.

Hall Registration: Members agreed to go ahead with the registration of the village hall with the Land Registry and Coun Coates was looking into the costs involved.

Cycle event: Funding was available for communities wishing to do something to celebrate the UCI World Championship event in September. If it was possible to get costings in the short time available the council would request a grant for bunting and welcome banners.

Road safety: There were ongoing concerns from councillors and several residents about safety on the road to the moor, particularly with cyclists and others coming down the hill at speed but also turning from the main road onto the moor road without paying attention to oncoming vehicles or pedestrians. It was felt that it was only a matter of time before there was a serious accident. In the first instance the matter would be raised with Highways, proposing that additional signs were needed on the moor, warning cyclists and motorists of the very steep hill ahead. A notice had also been suggested at the end of the Swale Trail to warn users that they were now on a public road and should be aware of motorised traffic.

There had also been difficulties with very large vehicles using the road, including a school bus - this would be monitored and reported if necessary but it was understood that the police were also acting on the problem.

Next meeting: Councillors agreed to move the next meeting from 2 to 9 September 2019.

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Swale Singers News

You'll already be aware that on Sunday 18th August the Swale Singers are singing their way down the dale to celebrate our 30th anniversary - we'd love you to join us at any of the following locations:

- 3.45pm Keld
- 4.30pm Muker
- 5.10pm Gunnerside
- 5.50pm Low Row
- 6.30pm Reeth Green
- 7.10pm The Bridge Grinton

On Sunday 1st September our weekly practices start again at Reeth Memorial Hall from 3.00 to 5.00pm. New singers are always welcome - you don't need to read music, or to have sung in a choir before. Just come along and give it a try. If you're a tenor, or a soprano who can reach the high notes, you'll be doubly welcome.

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In the autumn term we'll start working on Bach's Magnificat and a selection of seasonal works ready for our almost Christmas concert on Saturday 30 November in Reeth Memorial Hall, where festive food and drink will accompany the music.

And before then we are having a Come and Sing Day on Saturday 9th November. From 9.30am-4.30pm at Reeth Memorial Hall we shall be working on choruses from Mozart's Great Mass in C Minor. We'll all be starting from scratch on the pieces, so you don't need any previous knowledge of the music. Even if you can't join us as a permanent member of the choir, do come and have a jolly good sing on the day - and bring your friends, neighbours, family, the more the merrier. And if you don't sing at all, just come listen at 3.30pm and be blown away by the magnificence of Mozart's music.

Need any more info? Contact Jackie Pope on 07885 498676 or swalesingers@swaledale.org

Charity Quiz Night

Ian and John would like to thank everyone who supported and helped to make their Charity Quiz Night held on Saturday 29th June such a great success. The Memorial Hall was full and through everyone's efforts and generosity a total of £1,002.22 was raised.

The two charities, The Swaledale Seedlings and Prostate Cancer Research, have each received £501.11.

John & Ian and their stalwarts hope to arrange another Charity Quiz Night at some point in the future.

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Sun. Sept. 29th: Julian Norton, *The Diary of a Yorkshire Vet*. 7.30pm, Town Hall, £7

Mon. Sept. 30th: Dixe Wills, *Tiny Castles*, 7.30pm, Town Hall, £7

Tues. Oct. 1st: Festival Book Group with Nuala Ellwood, *Day of the Accident*. 7.30pm, Richmond Library, £10 with book, ticket only - £5 from Castle Hill Bookshop

Wed. Oct. 2nd: Cicerone Publishers, *50 Years of Adventure*. 7.30pm, Town Hall, £7

Thurs. Oct 3rd: Brian Alderson, *The 100 Best Books for Children*, 2.30pm, Town Hall, £5

Thurs. Oct 3rd: Peter Owen Jones, *Everest England*, Richmondshire Cricket Club, 7.30pm, £7

Fri. Oct. 4th: Rachel Reeves MP, *Women in Westminster*, 7.30pm, Georgian Theatre Royal. Tickets from Theatre Box Office 01748 825 252

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Incredible Edible

Our first small plot is up and running and lots of people have been entering into the spirit of it by planting their spare seedlings, so there's not much room left. There are French beans, runner beans, kale, strawberry runners, herbs, courgette and nasturtiums (which have edible leaves and flowers). We've added marigolds as 'companion plants' to help deter greenflies.

There hasn't been much need to water so far (early July), but with warmer weather on the way, things will soon start to grow. Keep an eye open to see how the plants are doing, and when things are ready, feel free to pick some (don't forget to leave some for others.) If you know of somewhere that could make a good village garden, get in touch and we can help you get started.

Recycling

People have been asking us how to recycle plastic bags and film. The



nearest collection point we've found is at the Tesco store at Catterick Garrison. It accepts carrier bags or plastic packaging with this logo (see picture). The recycling point is inside the store, at the far end after you go through the checkouts.

Look out for the 'Recycle with carrier

bags at larger stores' message on your breakfast cereal, toilet and kitchen roll wraps, bread bag, grocery produce, multipack shrink wrap and newspaper and magazine wraps.

Please let us know if you find other stores which accept this packaging for recycling, and we'll keep a list on our website.

Richmondshire Council's website has helpful guidelines on what you can recycle, and what you might assume is recyclable, but isn't: <https://www.richmondshire.gov.uk/bins-and-recycling/recycling/what-can-i-recycle/>
Climate Emergency

We've been liaising with Richmondshire Council, asking them to join over 100 other UK councils in declaring a climate emergency and then developing policies to actively support carbon reduction.

Reeth and Muker show

We're planning stands at both Reeth and Muker show, so come and say hello. We hope to have a quiz (with prizes) on recycling and would love to know what questions and challenges you have on any sustainability topics.

Monthly meetings

Our core group is meeting on the first Thursday of each month, and the next meeting is Thursday 1st August. We plan to meet in the evening at the Punch Bowl, Low Row, but please email us to double check the place and time: info@sustainableswaledale.org

For more information on all of these topics, go to:

www.sustainableswaledale.org,

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Don't forget you can stay in touch by signing up to our newsletters at our website.

Felt-Making In Marrick

A felt-making workshop, where participants make a fluffy 100% wool mat or chair pad from local fleece, will be taking place at Marrick Institute in August. This follows on from the first workshop held for beginners, who have since progressed to making felt pictures and felt cushions. Wool from local farms and British breeds is used where possible.

The Fluffy Mat Workshop will take place on Thursday 8th August from 10.00am to 4.00pm and costs £50. Places are limited and some previous felt-making experience is desirable. Beginners' workshops can be arranged for a group of 3 or 4 on a mutually convenient date, when participants learn basic felt-making techniques and complete a small project. All materials are provided and participants take home a good selection of local and British wools.

For more information on the workshops, to register interest or for details of how to book, contact Hazel on 07875 945 413 or email dalesfelt@btinternet.com

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2 Dales Football

The Club held their Presentation on a lovely sunny day at the end of June and this was followed by a BBQ and some football.

In my address I said that about 10 years ago the FA, after much work, published "Their Game" strategy for junior football which our League fully embraced from the outset. The emphasis is on development football but some leagues and clubs and, particularly some parents and coaches, cling to the old ways leading to difficulty with the retention of teams after about 8 as some still prefer the season long league with a league winner at the end.

There is evidence next season of an improvement and our League is able to offer not only an U9 division but also an U10/11 division which had looked unviable, as well as an Under 12/13 division. The U10/11 division is now looking particularly promising.

Unfortunately, however, we would not have been in a position to enter either U9s or U10s/11s but we were approached by Hawes and are very pleased to expect to enter joint teams at both these age groups as well as an Under 12/13 team.

We therefore invited Hawes to bring some players for some informal football after the Presentation and, after 2 or 3 minutes initial shyness, they gelled well together and it looks very positive going forward but, as always, a lot of work to do.

Bronze skills awards were made to Dexter Nathan-Thomas, Coen Pickard-Sparne, Monty Rowland-Hill, Coleby Teague, Rowan Wilkinson, Alice Botting,

Daniel Bradley, Harriet Rowland-Hill and Lenny Blowes.

Silver skills awards to Max Dunne and Will Tyrala.

Gold skills awards to Nicholas O'Keeffe, Magnus Nathan-Thomas, Eidur Pickard-Sparne and Sam Draper.

Platinum skills awards to Oliver Scott, Jack Dalton, Josh Luchford, Alfred Atkin and Ben Alderson

Other Under 9s awards were: Goalscorer of the year - Coen; Most Improved - Oscar Kendall; for Determination - Cody Ackroyd; for Attitude - Freddie Lundberg; Futsal Player of the Year - Rowan Wilkinson and Players' Player of the Year - Coen.

Other awards to the Under 12s: Goalscorer of the year - Oliver; Most Improved - Eidur, Futsal Player of the Year - Sam and Effort - Harry.

Chairman's Awards were made to Monty for great Defending and Lenny for Determination.

Finally our Cups were awarded as follows:

- Under 9s Player of the Year (Gunnerside Estate Trophy) - Dexter Nathan-Thomas.
- Under 12s Players' Player of the Year - Oliver Scott.
- Norman Rutter Memorial Cup - Nicholas O'Keeffe
- Player of the Year -(Ice Cream Parlour Trophy) - Jack Dalton

We are looking for additional players in each of the year groups for 2019/20 season and also more help with coaching and refereeing.

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The Arts Society Wensleydale Moves To Tennants

From 8th October 2019, Tennants of Leyburn becomes the regular lecture venue for The Arts Society Wensleydale (TASW). Jackie Pope of TASW said: "Membership of the Society has increased by 11% in the last year and we have welcomed 151 guests. The move gives members and visitors the chance to experience our exciting new programme in Tennants modern and accessible setting."

Topics will cover a diverse range including: the Art of Ancient Afghanistan; Street Art; Architect Zaha Hadid; and Artists Illness and Creativity. In May 2020, Lee Miller's son, Antony Penrose, will lecture on his

mother's photographs: Witnessing Women at War. This will coincide with the release of a Hollywood biopic starring Kate Winslet as Lee Miller.

New members to The Arts Society Wensleydale will receive a very warm welcome. Visitors can attend any of the nine individual lectures at £10 each, which will be refunded if they join. Contact us on **01845 567489** or at **wensleydale@theartssociety.org** or see our website **theartssociety.org/wensleydale** for more details of our 2019-2020 programme.

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Bric a Brac stall

A Bric a Brac stall will be held on **Friday 23rd August** on Reeth Green for St Andrew's Church, Grinton. All offers of help and Bric a Brac are welcome on the day. Any queries to **Susan Allison** on **884366**. Thank you in advance for your support of this event.



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Upper Dales Family History Group

June's speaker was genealogist Sylvia Valentine with the fascinating story of the Dawson orphans, illustrating the wide variety of sources she'd been able to use to research them and how some lateral thinking had enabled her to tie them together into a whole.

In the Keighley workhouse correspondence book Sylvia had found a letter from 1838, copied to three men in different parts of the country, regarding the five sons of the late William Dawson who had been left to the care of the parish.

The letter listed the boys' names and ages. Parish registers enabled her to find their baptisms and the family address and showed that William had originally been a worsted manufacturer but later became a wine and spirit merchant; local trade directories showed that he had taken over the business from his deceased brother. Administration of the brother's estate gave the name of their father, Robert, and more delving into the registers showed that Robert was originally from Troutbeck.

Marriage licences showed

relationships between some of the people mentioned in the correspondence book and in newspaper reports but sadly, when the brothers lost their parents, sister and only surviving grandparent within a short space of time, there was no-one left locally to take care of them. An aunt sent money to the Board of Guardians to help with their support but with six children of her own she was in no position to take on five extra boys.

Sylvia had then used a combination of the Church of England Clergy Database, census records, property transactions, court records and newspaper reports, as well as documents in the National Archives and from John's Oxford College and Wakefield asylum to trace the very varying careers of the brothers in a story which encompassed inheritances, insanity, suicide and running away to join the merchant navy, alongside the more mundane details of 19th century family life.

Summing up she said that the important things was to use multiple sources, comparing as many records as possible and never to take anything at face value.

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Police Report

The following incidents of note have occurred in the dales area this month:

Overnight on 9th June, a stationary car looks to have been hit by a passing vehicle whilst parked on the road near Ivelet. A property in Gunnerside also had substantial damaged caused to the wall of their house by what appears to be caused by a passing vehicle on the same night. There have been no witnesses come forward in either case but if anyone has any information about this, you know what to do.

Within the space of three weeks, two quad bikes have been stolen from Ravenseat in what appear to be targeted thefts. Both occurred overnight on 20th/21st June and 7th/8th July - if anyone can remember

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Overnight on 28th/29th June, The Blue Lion Inn at East Witton was broken into and a large number of high value food items were taken.

Overnight on 7th July a trailer and large amount of feed was stolen from a farm in Lower Wensleydale near Thornton Steward.

Please double check your farm security on a night and report any suspicious vehicles or persons you see around your property. If anyone would like any security advice, whether home, business or farm please just let us know.

Further to above, we have had a fantastic number of you phoning in reporting suspicious vehicles in the last month - please keep it up as this information is invaluable to us. Even if we do not locate the vehicle there and then, it helps build intelligence as to who is in the area, where they coming from and what areas they are looking at.

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We are incredibly lucky to have Mark Viner visit and play for us. He plays beautifully with apparent easy and supreme musicality and is a considered a true rising star - indeed on the day tickets went on sale people from other parts of the UK booked

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This is a recital not to be missed.

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The Thursday Ladies Club usually meets at 7.30pm on the fourth Thursday of the month in Gunnerside Village Hall. September's meeting (on Thursday 26th) is a talk by Hannah Russell, author and owner of Little Alf, about her life with a miniature Shetland pony.

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- 2nd - 4th Ard Rock
 2nd Cake Stall for HomeStart, Reeth Green.
 7th Family storytelling, Hudson House. 11.00am
 9th Freya - The Musical, Reeth Memorial Hall. 7.30pm
 14th Family storytelling, Hudson House. 11.00am
 16th Cake & Produce Stall, 2 Dales Lunch Clubs, Reeth Green.
 17th Coffee Morning, Reeth Evang. Cong. Church. 10.00am to noon
 18th Swale Singers singing down the dale from Keld 3.45pm to Grinton 7.10pm
 20th - 23rd Reeth Evangelical Congr. Church Holiday Bible Club
 21st Family storytelling, Hudson House. 11.00am
 24th Scrummy Afternoon Tea, TLC @Gunnerside, Gunnerside Village Hall. 2.30 - 4.30pm
 25th Village Songs of Praise with Reeth Brass Band, Reeth Green. 3.00pm
 26th Reeth Show
 28th Family storytelling, Hudson House. 11.00am
 29th 3hattrio, Reeth Memorial Hall. 8.00pm
 31st Film in Gunnerside Village Hall: *The Old Man and the Gun*, starring Robert Redford and Sissy Spacek. 7.30pm, doors and bar open at 7.00pm. £5 (children £3).

September

- 1st Swale Singers' rehearsals start, Reeth Memorial Hall. 3.00pm

- 6th Friday Singing Group, Reeth Congregational Church hall. 2.00-3.30pm
 9th Grinton & Ellerton Parish Council, Grinton Parish Hall. 7.15pm
 12th Duncan Chisholm, Reeth Memorial Hall. 8.00pm
 21st Coffee Morning, Reeth Evang. Cong. Church. 10.00am to noon
 23rd Reeth Parish Council, Reeth Memorial Hall. 7.00pm
 26th TLC @Gunnerside, talk by Hannah Russell on her life with a miniature Shetland pony, Gunnerside Village Hall. 7.30pm
 27th Gaelforce, Reeth Memorial Hall. 8.00pm
 28th Film in Gunnerside Village Hall: *Stan and Ollie*, starring Steve Coogan and John C Reilly. 7.30pm, doors and bar open at 7.00pm. £5 (children £3).

October

- 12th Film in Gunnerside Village Hall: *The Keeper, the story of Bert Trautmann*, starring David Kross and Freya Mavor. 7.30pm, doors and bar open at 7.00pm. £5 (children £3).
 18th Fell-Foss Theatre present *Crusoe's Island*, Reeth Memorial Hall. 7.30pm
 25th Tams & Coope, Reeth Memorial Hall. 8.00pm
 26th Tams & Coope, Reeth Memorial Hall. 8.00pm

November

- 16th Film in Gunnerside Village Hall: *Green Book*, starring Mahershala Ali and Viggo Mortensen. 7.30pm, doors and bar open at 7.00pm. £5 (children £3).
 22nd Sherburn, Bartley, Sanders, Reeth Memorial Hall. 8.00pm

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