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### **First Thoughts Free Speech , NOT !**

There is now no such thing in society and being 56 I seem to be always just about to say something wrong. I am not racist and in fact I am not anti much at all to do with people. That is unless they are selfish, evil, cruel to any creature or are a man of my age with a full head of hair. Better stop this list otherwise I would be contradicting myself. Despite my views I can easily use words that will be misinterpreted. Usually because the listener does not know me. It's made daily living a lot more complicated and confusing and it makes me feel constantly on guard about what I am thinking.

In terms of classifications of who I am, I suppose I am viewed as a typical white male, middle aged, meat eating, diesel car owner and by existing ruining the environment. Brought up on sexist and racist 60's, 70's and 80's culture so I must have bad views because for each one of those classifications there will be groups saying it's 'just not on' in these times and I should look at myself and change my ways.

Hence I guard my thoughts constantly for any sign that I have bad opinions and judgements. Despite that I know jolly well that taking any sudden thought seriously and then (a) believing that is who I really am or (b) that thought is what I am about to do ..... would be a disaster. As it would be for all of us. The mantra is:

**Our thoughts are not who we are.  
What we are is what we do.**

#### **Racism**

In 2020 guarding against racism seemed to be largest movement and

nobody should really argue that it was a bad thing to re-evaluate how far we had come and what we should continue to strive for.

That re-evaluation has continued for too long and the message weakened. An example is the continuation of footballers taking the knee. How long should this continue and if does stop does that mean we think racism has been beaten ? No it doesn't.

My daughter's University, De Monfort Leicester was targeted to change it's name. The reason being it's named after Simon de Montfort who was known to be anti-Semitic. This campaign is still in action and being considered. Then there was the targeting of Churchill as some believed he was racist. When is this searching through history going to end ?

#### **Gender Identification**

Gender identification was also revaluated and many statements viewed somewhat harshly. I struggled at work when in meetings we were asked to say what gender pronoun we wanted to be known as. I had no idea what this was all about. I learnt for some it was very important.

My view is all of this is dividing us even more . Isn't it more simple that this ? Just live our lives knowing we are all unique and have the same rights. Maybe it's easier for me to live this way than others? Most probably.

At Christmas I was eating a mince pie when I heard Jonny Mathis sing the lines: '*...and all of this happens because the world is waiting, waiting for one child Black, white, yellow, no-one knows...*' , from his song 'When a child is born'. Should this song be banned ? I do not think so. **Mike B**

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### Talking Pictures JUMANJI (2017)

#### JUMANJI (Welcome to the Jungle)



Those of a certain age will remember the great Robin Williams bursting forth from the original board game followed by herds of wild animals which rampaged through the city streets, courtesy of what was then cutting edge CGI.

Now considered somewhat of a classic, the good folk at Sony pictures decided that over two decades later a 're-imagining' was well overdue, and so we find ourselves back in the game, though this time naturally a video game where characters choose avatars (imaginary characters) to do their 'gaming' for them. The clever new trick here is that when four diverse High School friends tinker with the game they find whilst tidying a storeroom in detention, they are literally sucked into it ('Pleasantville' style) and find that their 'avatar' players bear no resemblance to their real characters. Whilst the first film concentrated on 'playing' the game and bringing Mr Williams back to the real world, here we have the spoilt blonde turning into 'middle aged fat man' (her words) Jack Black, the nerdy boy into 'The Rock', the quiet and shy girl into all action Lara Croft clone Ka-

ren Gillan (Amy Pond from Dr Who) and the sporty jock into a short and timid scientist. The rest of the plot is pretty much by numbers as our intrepid four-some encounter all manner of outlandish perils as they trek through their Jungle, from heavily armed 'poacher' types to hungry hippos. Two clever plot devices keep the interest throughout - each character it is discovered early on have only three 'lives' to add to their jeopardy, and they also meet a further character in the game who it seems has been in there for twenty years - a plot device neatly set up in the prologue section. All four protagonists learn valuable life lessons as their alter egos, and, in addition to some startling action scenes and beautifully choreographed martial arts, there is (family friendly) broad humour at the expense of gender-swapping. **John Hunter**

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## Talking Pictures The Farmers Daughter (1947)



Quite an obscure classic from 1947 starring Loretta Young (see 'Bishops Wife') -this time paired with the ever dependable Orson Welles favourite Joseph Cotton ('Citizen Kane', 'Magnificent Ambersons' etc). If the recent election didn't tire you of US politics completely, then this good natured romantic drama will charm you with it's homespun philosophy mixed with political intrigue.

Simple but headstrong farm girl (Young) heads for a nursing job in the big city but is waylaid by a scallywag and ends up having to recoup her 'nursing money' by working for the family of a late respected senator. Son of the family (Cotton) is running for senate but soon becomes beguiled with the outspoken (but wise) new maid.

His Mother, played by the great Ethel Barrymore, is the first to spot this burgeoning romance, but as 'Katy' continues to 'improve' the household and is taken under the wing of head 'butler' Charles Bickford, it transpires she has an astute political mind - even

if her politics are opposed to that of her new 'family'.

It is no surprise that the young homespun 'Katie' soon takes a commanding lead in the polls, but just as all seems plain sailing, the aforementioned scallywag resurfaces to 'smear' her reputation (falsely of course) and her public support crumbles. Previously we have met Katie's three strapping brothers (two played by 'Marshall Matt Dillon' James Arness and 'Tarzan' Lex Barker), and they are now recruited to help sort out the mess, resulting in an all-out climactic punch-up at a remote cabin where the miscreant and his minders are holed up. Of course, all's well that ends well and Katie wins her seat once the subterfuge is revealed.

Amongst the gentle drama are some stand-out comedy scenes including some skating on thin ice (literally) and the lunatic fringes of a political rally ('Fish for sale!'). Acting is superlative throughout and although the big fight scene may not measure up to today's visceral scraps, it is in most ways a faultless film of it's genre and period

**John Hunter**

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### Reeth, January 2008

Harkerside is clothed in mist,  
Maiden Castle and the Coffee Pot  
Have disappeared  
And the once purple, honey-scented  
heather  
Has merged with the clouds  
Into a blanket of fluff.

The sheep stand still,  
Chewing slowly,  
Their long, thick coats dripping,  
Their nimble feet ready to flee,  
Their golden eyes holding time  
In timeless resignation.

'Not a good day for walking'  
I grumble  
As we squelch  
Across the meadows to Grinton.  
You just smile, kiss your way through  
the gate  
And lead me safely around a flood.

No one's outside the Bridge Inn today,  
Just wet, black, black-wet tables  
As we start the steep ascent  
Past the tightly packed  
Christmas-wreathed doors  
Of several old, warm, fire-lit cottages.

Through the bare trees, we see for the  
first time  
The perfect tip of a small island where  
waters meet.  
One step too far, and the Arkle Beck  
Is waltzed into oblivion  
By the rushing, gushing, tumbling Swale.  
Small birds dart about between the dry  
stone walls.

'Look! *Three* kinds of moss!'  
Sharp eyed as ever, you point  
To some beautifully rounded stones  
Snuggled up in their soft, rich, dazzling  
green coat:  
Small stars, perfect miniature ferns  
and shaggy wool,  
Their brightness untouched by winter.

One more bend and into the teeth of  
the bitter wind  
Which blows straight down from Great  
Shunner Fell and the Lakes,  
Past the ancient dykes that once, per-  
haps, kept Saxon and Dane apart,  
Down through the muddy farm yard to  
the flooded meadows,  
Over the Swing Bridge, up the last  
steep, watery lane....

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Caroline Jackson

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Hudson House is closed to the public, please do not enter the building unless you have a pre-booked library appointment and then only visit the library area, do not enter the rest of the building. We need to keep this area safe for the volunteers.

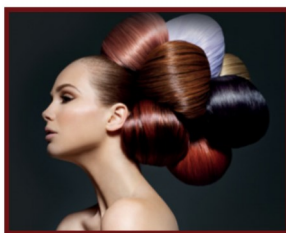
Shopping will now go down to one day per week to minimise the risk to the Critical volunteers that are carrying out these duties to support the community. The one day will be Wednesday, we will then review at the end of the month. The prescription delivery service will remain unchanged.

If anyone wants to join the weekly shopping buddy scheme please contact us. If this sounds daunting, it's not. We have a brilliant volunteer group and we

can pair you up with one, until you feel confident to fly solo. Occasionally, we have more shopping than usual to do, sometimes due to people shielding again, or monthly shoppers. If we could call on you less regularly, for an extra pair of hands, please contact us. Transport, masks and gloves can be provided.

In summary, it's not all doom and gloom, we are here and we are all happy to carry on regardless to keep our community safe until we can all mingle again. In the meantime we are here for you, even if you just want a chat with someone. Stay safe, sane, keep smiling and it will always be alright in the end and if it's not alright, then it's not the end!

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### Message from the Swaledale Museum Reeth

Heartiest good wishes to you all for 2021. We are very much looking forward to programming our events and getting back into our stride, so keep an eye on our website for the latest news.

Thank you for all your kind comments on the latest edition of the Friends of the Museum Newsletter circulated in early December. Tracy Little our fabulous editor is now gathering material for the Spring edition.

Thank you Gary Woodward for contacting us about last month's mystery photograph capturing, as he correctly noted, the erection of what we now know as the Memorial Hall in Reeth. It began life as the Conservative or Constitutional Club. We still don't know what Casebourne's Cement is. We also wonder who 'R.Pedley' noted on the photograph was. We know that Edward Pedley (1881-1954) from Grinton, the son of a local lead miner, and a self-employed stone mason and later a builder and contractor built the east wing of Hill House (now the Burgoyne Hotel). I had incorrectly assumed that it was Edward Pedley who was involved in building of the Constitutional Club. In 1944 fund raising was afoot to purchase the Hall for the community.

We have a programme for a 'Grand Concert' dated 29 January 1944 which raised nearly £30 towards this. According to the national historical currency convertor this sum represented 21 days pay for a skilled tradesman. Plus we must also remember that Britain was still at war. It was a good augury for the success of the fund raising

scheme. Do you remember what you could buy for that sum at the time?

A news cutting from the D&S Times reported that those who performed 'represented various denominations and different political opinions' including Mrs. Tyreman, Mr. Cuthbert Croft, Miss Eleanor Cleminson, Miss Sheila Spence, Mr. E.W. Dinsdale, Mr. R. Cherry, Mr. J.F. Kendall and Mr. J Allinson. A men's chorus gave a localised version of 'Widdicombe Fair', I wonder if anyone has the words?

Now for the January photograph. Where was it taken, and why are all the characters gathered there? Does anyone recognise any of the people? We welcome your comments and contributions.



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## Ask the Family

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Q	Category	Question
1	General	Before coming a singer, what was Perry Como's profession ?
2	Geography	Columbia is the capital of which USA state ?
3	General	From what bird do we get the meat known as squab ?
4	Geography	The Victoria Falls lies on the boundary of which two African countries ?
5	Literature	What is Bridget Jones home city ?
6	Science	What does the Mach number indicate ?
7	General	What is the Latin word for Poison ?
8	General	What is secured in a ship's cathead ?
9	Literature	In what Arthur Miller play does the main character have two sons named Biff and Happy ?
10	Movies	In the movie 'Star Wars: Episode VII—The Force Awakens', who killed Han Solo ?
11	General	What does barley become when prepared for brewing ?
12	Geography	In what country would you find the mouth's of the river Rhine ?
13	Biology	In what part of the human body would you find the fissure of Rolando ?
14	Music	Who does David Bowie's Space Oddity refer to ?
15	Art	What nationality was Pablo Picasso ?
16	History	What year did Jimmy Carter become president of the USA ?
17	General	What fruit comes in Redchief and Earliglow Variety ?
18	General	What is the official sport of Alaska ?
19	History	In 2010, the Deepwater Horizon oil spill polluted the waters of what body of water ?
20	General	What is the longest one syllable word in the English Language ?



## **YORKSHIRE DALES** National Park Authority

### **Dark Sky Reserve Success for National Parks**

The Yorkshire Dales and North York Moors National Parks have been designated International Dark Sky Reserves, joining an exclusive global family of Dark Sky Places.

The Yorkshire Dales and North York Moors are home to some of the darkest skies in the country, with large areas of unpolluted night sky where it's possible to see thousands of stars, the Milky Way, meteors and even the Northern Lights.

As part of a coordinated approach by the two National Parks, the International Dark-Sky Association (IDA), has granted Reserve status to both areas, which combined cover over 3500 km<sup>2</sup> of northern England. This is by far the biggest such announcement in the UK and represents one of the largest areas in Europe to be simultaneously designated.

Both National Parks have worked hard over several years to achieve this award, gaining support from councils, parishes, landowners, businesses and renowned astronomical experts.

Jim Bailey, Chairman of the North York

Moors National Park Authority said:

"It's a wonderful thing to see a meteorite streak across the night sky, or to look up and appreciate the brilliance of the Milky Way. As a child I took these sights for granted, but now it's absolutely something we need to protect for generations to come.

"This designation as an International Dark Sky Reserve is the culmination of immense dedication and teamwork, and it will continue as we encourage more people to think carefully about our night time environment. From helping nocturnal wildlife to providing a boost for off-season tourism, the North York Moors looks set to have a better, darker future."

Neil Heseltine, Chair of the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority said:

"Those lucky enough to live in the Yorkshire Dales National Park know what it is to experience the wonder of some of the darkest skies in the country, and it's thrilling that the Dales has received recognition for one of its most special qualities.

"Designation provides a fantastic opportunity to encourage tourism in the autumn and winter months, and to work with local authorities, businesses and communities to ensure our dark skies are protected.

"I would like to thank all those who took the time to offer their support, especially our Parish Councils, and everyone who has collectively helped to bring the National Park this incredible accolade."

Ruskin Hartley, Executive Director of the International Dark-Sky Association said: "We applaud the work of Park staff and many.. (continued next page)

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Volunteers who make this designation possible. They have established the Parks as a global leader in dark-sky conservation."

In addition to global recognition of the National Parks' exceptional starscapes, designation also provides an opportunity to promote locations, events and businesses which provide outstanding opportunities to look up into the night sky. As well as enhancing habitats for wildlife, improving health and wellbeing and bringing increased economic benefit to the local tourist industry.

The ambition is to enhance the area's dark skies still further by promoting the importance of dark sky-friendly lighting, therefore reducing unnecessary consumption of electricity and minimising carbon footprints and energy costs for households. **Mark Sadler**

### Answers to 'Ask the Family' Quiz on page 13

1. Barber
2. South Carolina
3. Pigeon
4. Zimbabwe & Zambia
5. London
6. Number of times the speed of sound
7. Virus
8. The anchor
9. Death of a Salesman
10. Kylo Ren
11. Malt
12. The Netherlands
13. The brain
14. Major Tom
15. Spanish
16. 1977
17. Strawberries
18. Dog Mushing
19. Gulf of Mexico
20. Screeched



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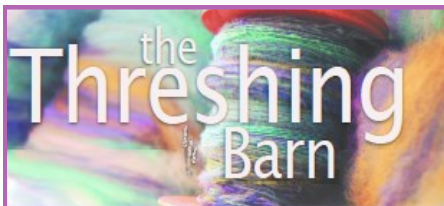
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# CENSUS 2021

Every household will soon be asked to take part in the 2021 National Census which is scheduled to take place on Sunday 21st March. The Office for National Statistics have said that this time they hope that most people will complete the questionnaire online, but they want to reassure everyone who does not have access to a computer or a mobile phone signal that they will still be able to get a paper copy of the form that can be completed in the traditional way.

The census is a once-in-a-decade survey that records all the people and households living in England and Wales. It has been carried out every decade since 1801, with the exception of the War year 1941.

Every household should receive a letter in early March that will include a unique access code to use if you can complete the form online. But the letter will also include details of how to request a paper or large print version of the questionnaire, together with details of who you can contact locally if you need help or support when completing it.

We hope to be able to include more details in next month's Gazette

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## Swaledale Festival AGM, Thursday 14 Jan 2020

Swaledale Festival is holding it's Annual General Meeting on Thursday 14 January at 17:00 and all are welcome. Due to social distancing measures this meeting will be held via Zoom. If you'd like to attend, please contact the Festival's Chairman Susan Miller for further details: [chairman@swalefest.org](mailto:chairman@swalefest.org).

The 2021 Festival will look a little different... whilst we are planning some events and activities in our usual fortnight beginning with the late May Bank Holiday weekend (Sat 29 May), we're also offering some single shows throughout the year.

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## Dales Police Report December 2020

The following incidents of note have occurred in the Dales area -

**Overnight 16<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> November** a plant storage yard near Appersett was broken into through secure fencing. Once inside the offenders broke into a cabin and storage container. Nothing was believed stolen. On the same night a unit on the Upper Wensleydale Business Park was broken into by the external aluminium sheeting being peeled back. Not gaining entry by this method, the offenders then forced up the roller shutter door. Again nothing was stolen. Three individuals from the Durham area have since been arrested and are currently under investigation.

**On the afternoon of 17<sup>th</sup> November** staff at Leyburn Co-op noticed a suspected shoplifter in the store with a quantity of alcohol. When challenged he made off without the stolen goods, then driving off at speed in a nearby vehicle, almost running over a member of police staff in the process. Later enquiries led to a male and female from the Cleveland area being arrested. Charges have since been brought against the male for three counts of shoplifting and assaulting an emergency worker. Good job by shop staff keeping vigilant and quickly calling the police.

**On the evening of 24<sup>th</sup> November** a white Ford Transit van attached to a trailer bearing a mini-digger was reported abandoned on Hargill Road at

Askrigg. On police arrival it was soon apparent that the van was on false number plates and the mini-digger likely stolen. Enquires with Durham Police linked a further suspect vehicle possible associated with the abandoned van. Police cameras soon located this vehicle on the move in the Dales, and it was intercepted at Catterick by traffic officers. The 3 occupants, from the Cleveland area, were all arrested on suspicion of theft. The mini-digger was later found to have been stolen from a storage yard near Appersett. A further male handed himself into police the following week. The investigation is continuing. Anyone with any information please contact 101 quoting reference 12200208670. Thank you to members of the Upper Wensleydale Watch who turned out to assist on the night.

**Overnight 8<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> December** a cattle trailer was stolen from a field at Preston Under Scar. It was located abandoned a few miles away on the road near Aysgarth the next morning.

As ever, although crime is down this year in Richmondshire, we must not be complacent. Have a look at your own possessions and check how easy they would be to steal. Consider CCTV, motion sensor lights, alarms and strong padlocks. Also, if you see something suspicious please call it in to police at the time.

As ever - wash your hands regularly, keep socially distant and wear a mask.

**PC 558 Julian Sutcliffe  
Northern Dales  
Neighbourhood Police Team**

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### Swaledale Festival The Shape of 2021

In 2021 we're spreading our annual offering of arts and culture over a six-month period and although the pandemic means we are scaling back on the number of events, we are not scaling back on quality.

Festival Family Fun Days will take place on Reeth Green over the May bank holiday weekend (Sat 29 - Mon 31 May). There will be kite-making, dancing, brass bands, quoits and more, and it will all be free of charge.

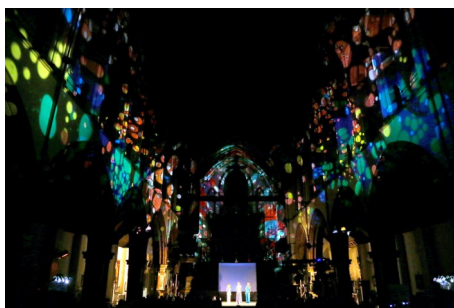
Concerts this year will take place in just four of our regular larger venues - St. Andrew's in Grinton, St. Mary's in Richmond, Tennants in Leyburn and St. Andrew's in Aysgarth. Concerts will be just 60 minutes long and we're offering each concert TWICE to enable audiences to be socially-distanced and the venues to be cleaned between shows.

Folk superstars The Young'uns will perform at Tennants on Sun 30 May. The Society of Strange and Ancient Instruments will share their early music adventures on Mon 31 May at St. Andrew's in Grinton. On Sat 5 June Hildegard Transfigured - a performance of beautiful medieval vocal music with a stunning light show - will be staged at St. Mary's Church in Richmond as part of the Richmond 950 Celebrations.

On Wed 9 June at St. Andrew's in Grinton four stellar musicians will perform Josquin to Jones; Schubert to Sting - a celebration of lute songs through the ages, including the world-premieres of brand new songs by Led Zeppelin's John Paul Jones and fellow

rock star Sting! And on Fri 11 June in the same venue you can hear Welsh harp virtuoso Catrin Finch with Senegalese kora master Seckou Keita.

Several Festival exhibitions will take place this year, including 'From Waste to Wall' by young Yorkshire artist James Owen Thomas at The Station in Richmond from 28 May to 17 June. James began making stunning pictures with discarded scratch cards after noticing one floating in a puddle of water.



Further events are planned in July, August, September and October, including The Hut People, Solus Trumpet Ensemble and Aurora Percussion Duo. As usual, tickets for all Swaledale Festival concerts this year will be available for under 25's at just £3.

We hope to start selling tickets in March. Please check [www.swalefest.org](http://www.swalefest.org) for further updates and information.

Emily

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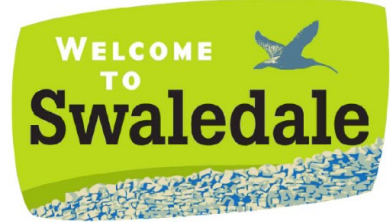
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## **2 Dales Football December 2020**

Like everyone else, we have, of course, been in lockdown over the last month so little to report. The Hambleton & Richmondshire league plays a 3 Phase season and normally go inside for Futsal in December. This season, the League has hired the Astroturf and new 3G pitch at Richmond School to play outdoor Futsal as, in view of the pandemic, indoor facilities are closed/ deemed unsafe..

We have re-commenced training for the Under 13/14's on a Wednesday evening and the younger ones have moved to Sunday mornings. More players very welcome to give it a try.

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## **Reeth Show 1948**

Helen Bainbridge, may be interested to know that in 1848 among the competitions advertised for the Reeth Show was the following, which seemed to have been a continuation of the annual event, started in 1840, which Helen mentions in last month's Gazette.

A first prize is offered "to a working miner of good character who has brought up the greatest number of children to ten years.....without having had parochial assistance".



There were no entrants.

A second prize of £1.00 was offered with the same conditions listed, except it appears the 'good character' was unnecessary. There were nine entrants. The winner of this prize was Elizabeth Brown, of Hurst. The second was Isabella Pedley of Healaugh. It seems likely that these two women worked at the mines.

"After the prizes had been awarded a large party partook of a sumptuous dinner provided at the Buck Inn. The working miners were not present at the entertainment."

**Jocelyn Campbell.**

## **Let's Get Lyrical Winner 2020**

There were twelve LGL quizzes in the Gazette last year, thank you Martin.

There were eight winners with prize money totalling £55. £5 is rolled over to 2021 as there was no winner in November.

Margaret Porter had three wins, Alan Thorogood two wins and one each for Ian Hudson, Hugh Adams and Chris Browne.

Their winnings go to the following charities: Swaledale Mountain Rescue £15; Reeth and District Community Sports Club £15; Prostate Cancer UK £10; 2 Dale Junior Football £10 and Help the Aged £5.

Congratulations and thanks to all who took part.

**Andrew**



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## **Bigger Ambition for Woodland in National Park**

**Bainbridge, 15 December 2020**

Farmers in the Dales will be able to take advantage of increasing opportunities to plant and manage woodland during the next ten years, helping to maintain the viability of their farm businesses, this afternoon's online public meeting of the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority heard.

Members of the Authority voted to adopt a new ten-year 'Dales Woodland Strategy', the second of its kind. The strategy has been devised by the Dales Woodland Forum, a partnership of landowners, charities and public bodies such as the Forestry Commission.

It sets an ambition to enhance the landscape by creating 6,000 ha of woodland habitat in the Yorkshire Dales National Park by 2030. That would take the area of the National Park covered by woodland, which is currently smaller than London (4.5%) and the smallest of any of England's National Parks, from 4.3% now to 7%.

It was confirmed at the meeting that the ambition in the first Dales Woodland Strategy 1995-2020, to plant 2,000 hectares of new woodland, had been met.

Member Champion for the Natural Environment at the Yorkshire Dales Nation-

al Park Authority, and member of the Dales Woodland Forum, Ian McPherson, said: "We have agreed that the open, farmed character of the Yorkshire Dales must be conserved. That's why the new Dales Woodland Strategy clearly sets out that any new woodland must enhance the landscape. The new ambitions represent a significant scaling up of woodland creation and management in the National Park, but we are all clear that trees must be planted in the right place and for the right reasons. For example, we must ensure tree planting doesn't adversely affect habitat used by birds of conservation concern such as the curlew.

"The new strategy acknowledges the role that existing conifer plantations play within the Dales and careful management of them will be key to survival of the native red squirrel. Creating further conifer plantations could be possible but only when they provide tangible benefits to the natural beauty, wildlife, and cultural heritage of the National Park.

I would like people to share my enthusiasm about the prospect of more trees in the National Park. New woodland is beautiful. It attracts wildlife. The good news is that public money is available for it. Trees sequester carbon and can help with water quality, natural flood management and, crucially, farm business viability.

Managing existing woodlands will become an equal priority to creating more woodlands. Existing mature field trees, usually marking boundaries, are

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hugely important in the landscape, as are existing hedgerows, such a feature in the Cumbrian part of the National Park.

"Our starting point will be to work with people to expand or connect existing native woodlands. If we can do this and improve public access to woodlands, so much the better."

*Image: 'Trees showing autumn colour on Abbotside in Wensleydale. A new ambition has been agreed to cover 7% of the National Park in trees by 2030, up from 4.3% now.'*



The Dales Woodland Strategy 2020-2030 has been guided and produced by the Dales Woodland Forum, a partnership of local organisations that have an interest in the future of woodlands within the Yorkshire Dales National Park.

The strategy is key to meeting the Yorkshire Dales National Park Management Plan objective D2.

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## **Younger Voices To Be Heard On Influential Steering Group**

Members of the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority have approved a move to appoint two young people to represent the views of young people living, working and using the National Park, on an influential steering group.

They will join representatives from the Environment Agency, Natural England, the Dales Rural Estates, Farmer and Tourism networks and District Councils on the National Park Management Plan Steering Group. This partnership is responsible for setting the long term goals for the National Park and for overseeing a five-year programme of work by a range of local organisations.

Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority Chair, Neil Heseltine said:

"Many organisations have a key objective to promote the National Park as a place to live for younger working age households to help halt the decline in their number.

"By appointing two young people to the National Park Management Plan Steering Group, our plan of work will be shaped by the very young people we are trying to attract. It's a positive step forward and one which was enthusiastically received by the full membership of the National Park Authority and our partners on the Steering Group".

"I look forward to welcoming our two new steering group members next year".

**Mark Sadler**



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## BLUEBOXT PRODUCTIONS JANUARY UPDATE

Community Fund, NYMAZ and Youth Music, using public funding from the National Lottery through Arts Council England.]

As we rapidly approach the point where the Pandemic will have impacted face-2-face and live entertainment for a full year, it looks like our prediction that it will be more like two years of impact is coming true. All plans up to September are now all under review to see how we can still provide concerts and celebrate our 30th Anniversary. Our digital solutions will continue to connect our volunteers with young creatives and audiences across the Dales and beyond. There is a lot happening and you can be part of it too.

**Going Digital** - Mentoring and Support. We can help with home study support offering feedback on creative achievements and progress towards Arts Award, music production, instrumental or theory qualifications.

**Play > Record > Perform.** More young people are set up with the facilities to record at home thanks to a grant from Richmondshire District Councils - COVID Fund. The DVD of our Magical Christmas Concert is a great example of what we were able to achieve with over 20 participants being able to make -music together, even though we were apart. Copies are available for £10. We will also be sharing performances on our website and social media over the coming weeks. We are full steam ahead planning for our virtual celebration concert to be shared in March. [This project is supported by Wensleydale Rotary Club, Leyburn Arts Centre, NYCC (Locality Grant), YDMT Roger Stott

**Reverberate** - Our Sounds Off' Dales project all about Youth Voice and creating a sense of civic pride is progressing well. Participants have identified what is important about the Dales and the people who live and work in our communities and are creating a presentation which will include music, images and spoken word to share their findings.

**Fell-Foss Theatre** - Our next touring production, The Life and Opinions of Tristram Shandy, Yorkshireman, will now tour a year later in Autumn 2022. We would like to hear from community groups and individuals interested in hosting live theatre and concert performances.

**BlueAngels** continue to provide the vital lifeline that helps us keep the bills being paid and covering our essential costs. We are so thankful for their financial support and the amazing dedication and work of our volunteers. Our latest newsletter is now available, please contact us if you would like a copy and to find out how you could support our work.

If you would like to know more information or take part in our activities please contact Colin Bailey:  
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**Colin**

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## Best TV

### Hamilton: An American Musical

In my opinion this was the best TV I have watched for a very long while.

From the trailers I really did not want to see this and it looked pretentious and worse still it was a musical with rapping included. What could be worse? Despite Anne and I misgivings we thought we would give it a go as it has won so many stage show and musical awards.

We started watching this on the Disney+ channel and after the first 15 minutes we were still unsure. Then it suddenly hooked us, the ingenious lyrics and the choreography and the camera work are exemplary. Its like watching a film with subtitles in that after those 15 minutes it is not rap it's just the best performers, the best music and the best construction of a musical I have seen on stage.

Disney can be purchased for £5.99 and can be cancelled any time. I would have paid £20 for this on it's own. Please give it a go but do not switch off to half hr in. Anybody who appreciates art and culture will appreciate this.

### Described in Wikipedia

Tells the story of American Founding Father Alexander Hamilton. Inspired by the 2004 biography Alexander Hamilton by Ron Chernow. The show draws heavily from hip hop, as well as R&B, pop, soul, and traditional-style show tunes; and casts non-white actors as the Founding Fathers and other historical figures.

Its writer Miranda Lin-Manuel Miranda (a GENIUS Mike B view)

described Hamilton as about "America then, as told by America now".

From it's opening, Hamilton received critical acclaim. It premiered Off-Broadway on February 17, 2015, at the Public Theatre, where it's several-month engagement was sold out.



The musical won eight Drama Desk Awards, including Outstanding Musical. It then transferred to the Richard Rodgers Theatre on Broadway, opening on August 6, 2015, where it received uniformly positive reviews and high box office sales. At the 2016 Tony Awards, Hamilton received a record-breaking 16 nominations and won 11 awards, including Best Musical. It received the 2016 Pulitzer Prize for Drama. The West End production opened at the Victoria Palace Theatre in London in December 2017, winning seven Olivier Awards in 2018, including Best New Musical. **Mike B**



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Dear Editor,

I was wondering if you and your colleagues at the local Gazette could help me.

I am trying to locate my primary school teacher, Mrs. Mary Hutchinson. She relocated to Swaledale around 1996 with her husband Jeremy to take up a post teaching at the village school. I've done a bit of google digging and believe this to be Arkengarthdale and she was Headteacher sometime around 2006.

I departed primary school in 1996 also and for many years used to continue to write to Mrs Hutchinson- she was by far the best teacher I've ever had. So kind. I have however, over time and many house moves, lost her original postal address in the village.

It re-entered my mind recently listening to my mum describe 'her new favourite tv show'-Our Yorkshire Farm which appears to be in Swaledale. What a large and small world. It got me wondering if those children too had the pleasure of being taught by Mrs H. I'm sure she will would have been long retired now but I would hope she is still be well and residing there, as I'd like to get in touch.

So I wondered if Mary or her family may read this Gazette and would not mind contacting me so I can get in touch ?

My primary school was Springhead Primary, Willerby.

**Best Wishes**  
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## History Repeats Itself

John Wyclif, a young student studying in Oxford, was deeply distressed. Bubonic Plague had broken out in Europe in 1346, sweeping through towns and villages destroying up to 60% of the population. The Black Death! And now in 1348 it had begun it's devastating passage through England.

Rumours from his home village, near Richmond in Yorkshire, told of numerous victims. Were his parents alive or dead? What about the rest of his family?

Two thirds of the West Riding of Yorkshire would be wiped out before this cruel plague had run it's fearsome course. Eventually it would kill one and a half million out of England's total population of 4 million.

He tried to find peace by following the teachings of the Catholic Church but to no avail. But now with death staring him in the face, John Wycliffe felt waves of panic sweeping over him. How could he be sure of heaven if he died? In those dark days of fear 'he mercy sought and mercy found' through believing on the life and death of Jesus Christ on his behalf for his salvation.

Taken from 'Fine Gold' by Faith Cook, one of the books I've been reading during the long months of Lockdown. It struck me that the world hasn't changed over the centuries. So much a pandemic is not new.

'Fine Gold' is available from The Old Temperance Bookshop for £7.50. A recommended read.

**Elizabeth**



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### Church Opening Times and Services in February

As we moved back into lockdown in January, with numbers of coronavirus cases increasing locally, most churches closed both for services and private prayer. This will probably continue until at least the government's review planned for 15 February. Please contact any of the ministers or check on the websites shown below for the latest information for each church.

Even though buildings may be closed please know that the church - the body of people who worship and follow Jesus - is alive and well and continuing to pray and seek to serve. Please contact any of the ministers as usual to talk or pray, or if we can help in any way.

A weekly newsletter, including an order of service to use at home on Sunday, can be found on the 'Services and Events' page of the Swaledale with Arkengarthdale parish website:

**<http://www.swaledalearkengarthdaleparish.org.uk/>**.

If you would like this to be emailed to you each week, please contact the vicar to be added to the circulation list.

A weekly devotional message can be found on the Evangelical Congregational website - **<http://www.reethecc.co.uk/>**

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## Reeth Evangelical Congregational Church

During the current Covid 19 restrictions and ongoing building work in the church, recordings of past services are available via the church website <http://www.reethecc.co.uk/> where you can also read our weekly Bible message.

**John**



## Dales Police Report January 2021

The following incidents of note have occurred in the Dales area -

**Overnight 13<sup>th</sup> December 2020** a BMW estate parked on Little Ings at Gayle was broken into, and a number of tools were stolen from within, including 2 black Milwaukee impact wrenches, some coil spring compressors, a Kielder battery and a Milwaukee radio. Nearby on the same evening a Fiat van was broken into and tools were stolen from within, including Makita drills, radio, sander and batteries. Around the same time on Burtersett Road, Hawes a Peugeot van was broken into and tools stolen, including a Hilto drill and a Pasload Bluetooth speaker. Any information please contact the police on 101.

**On the evening of 21<sup>st</sup> December 2020** a male in his 50s and a female in her 20s entered Leyburn Co-op and stole a number of bottles of spirits before making off in a vehicle. Potential suspects have been identified from the Cleveland area and enquiries are progressing to locate them.

In the early hours of 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2020 staff at Tan Hill Public House reported a disorderly drunk couple causing problems for staff on the premises. Police attended and arrested a female from the Manchester area for assault. Unbelievable behaviour, given the current Covid crisis.

**Sometime between 26<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> December 2020** a Fiat Panda parked in the Town Head area of Hawes has been

damaged by someone jumping or sitting on the bonnet. If you witness any form of suspicious or anti-social behaviour please call it into police at the time.

**Overnight 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2021** a Ford Ranger pick-up left unattended near Coverhead Bridge in Coverdale was broken into by the side window being smashed, and items stolen from within including a pair of high value Swarovski binoculars. Please avoid leaving such items on view if you leave your vehicle unattended.

We have taken reports of damage caused to moorland in a number of areas in Swaledale and Wensleydale by vehicles 'off-roading'. Please respect our countryside - this is an offence under the Road Traffic Act which we will enforce.

As we come to terms with a further national Coronavirus lockdown, unsurprisingly the police are receiving a lot of calls regarding breaches of guidance and rules. To be sure you are complying and for up to date information please go to [www.gov.uk/coronavirus](http://www.gov.uk/coronavirus). If you want to report a breach of the rules please go to [northyorkshire.police.uk](http://northyorkshire.police.uk) where there is a specific Coronavirus report form to complete.

Please remember that self-preservation is the key, so continue with regular hand washing, social distancing and mask wearing.

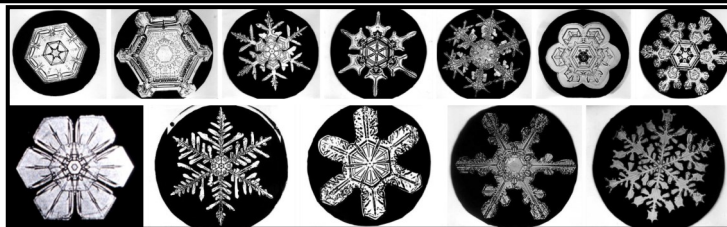
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## Thank You Graham White

I would like to thank all those who sent me lovely cards of support. I was inundated with so many.

Thankyou.  
Brenda White

## Melbecks Parish Council December 2020

**Highways** The clerk will contact Highways again regarding work to the drain at Peat Gate Head and Brocca Bank.

**Parish Precept.** The Council agreed to request a precept of £1500.

**Planning Applications:** West Riddings, Low Row. The council raised no comments or objections. Brow Hill, Gunnerside. The Parish Council were asked if they can contact YDNPA about the length of time it has taken to determine this application, and councilors agreed to do so. The clerk will write to the YDNPA. Planning decisions: High Gill, Low Row & Lilac Cottages, Low Row have been approved conditionally.

Trees in Swaledale and Arkengarthdale Conservation Area: High Gill, Low Row, Strands Farmhouse, Gunnerside, & Peat Gate Head, Low Row: The council raised no comments or objections.

Footpath no.79 (part): The council was notified of a further extension to temporary closure order until 4<sup>th</sup> June 2021 or upon completion of work, whichever is earlier.

**Police reports** for August, September, October & November 2020 were received.

## Phone box & Defibrillator, Low Row

The phone box had been out of order for a long time, and it needs to be working in order that the defibrillator can be accessed, however following this being chased up with BT it is now working, and checked weekly. The Parish Council has been contacted to ask if it can help financially with the continual maintenance of the batteries and pads of the defibrillator. It was noted that this would not involve taking this over completely, or renewing if this becomes necessary. No further expenses are expected until January 2023. The council agreed to fund batteries and pads for the Low Row defibrillator

**Next meeting** will be on Thursday February 4<sup>th</sup> 2021 at 7.30pm, either at Low Row Institute, or on Zoom, if to be held virtually, however this is yet to be confirmed.

Nikki

## THANKS

The Low Row Village Carol Service held on Christmas eve is always very well attended but this year we knew we would not be able to accommodate all who wanted to attend in the church and also the congregation were not allowed to sing inside.

Instead we asked the residents to congregate outside the Punch Bowl and Holy Trinity church, socially distancing, to sing carols. The Lundberg family chose the carols and provided music; over 70 people, young and old, turned up and all agreed the singing made a wonderful start to the Christmas festivities.

Sue



### Swaledale Night Sky

The constellation of Orion dominates the winter night sky. Readily identified about a third the way up the sky towards the south by the distinctive row of 3 close bright stars making up Orion's Belt. Most can see 3 'stars' hanging below the middle of the Belt - Orion's Sword, and if you have decent eyesight the middle part of the sword looks a bit fuzzy, though most stars can look a bit fuzzy to me nowadays! This is the Great Orion Nebula - birthplace of stars and solar systems formed within huge clouds of dust and gas that collapse under the force of gravity.



The image of the nebula was taken through a telescope from Swaledale just before Xmas. It shows gas and dust clouds glowing from the energy of newly formed stars. The Yorkshire Dales National Park is holding their annual Dark Skies Festival between 12<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> February. Owing to the current lockdown restrictions this will be entirely virtual this year. Events will be conducted via Facebook and Zoom and can be found online at [www.darkskienationalparks.org.uk](http://www.darkskienationalparks.org.uk) Keep an eye out for 'Swaledale Starscapes' - beautiful images of the Yorkshire Dales dark sky environment. All taken around Swaledale - celebrating the night sky, nocturnal wildlife, industrial heritage and the Dales at night.'

Correction from last month's column - the planet Mars is the orangey/red bright 'star' visible halfway up the sky in the South West, not South East.

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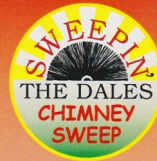
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In January, **Darlington Mind**, local mental health charity, will start their brand-new initiative called **Lose The Blues**. **Lose The Blues** is a project which encourages young people to walk or run regularly throughout January, to improve both their physical health and their mental health, as well as raising awareness for mental well-being. **Darlington Mind** are offering this project because January can be a very gloomy month for many, so they're looking to put positivity back into that month, one step at a time. It's part of their young person project, called **DeCaf**, which is an activity club for young people, which has the emphasis on being a safe space where they are able to discuss their mental health issues. **Lose The Blues** is not just limited to young people though, it's accessible and open to everyone. Any person can sign-up, especially if it means supporting someone in your bubble.

After each excursion, or after each week, you can send us your total accrued miles and they get added to the database. Obviously, the benefits are all internal, so there is no need for a competitive element but there will be a soft counter to see how much a certain group or school can achieve as a collective. It's meant to inspire other people to take it up and feel the effects of going outside, embracing nature and to get the endorphins rushing with exercise. Due to **lock-down restrictions**, it's impossible to meet-up as groups, so there are online forums in which people can post their regular updates. There is a growing community feeling with this project, where each run/walk feels like you're supporting each other to carry on.

**Darlington Mind** are not doing this alone, as they have the help from many local organisations. The idea is supported by **North Yorkshire Sports** and they are helping promote the programme to their young people, alongside another one of their mental health programmes **Fit 4 The Future**. On top of that it is supported by many local walking/running groups and businesses, to help encourage the new excises to sign-ups.

On this subject, **Darlington Mind's** CEO, Simon Davidson, commented "**Darlington Mind** seeks to bring together young people to take part in regular online community activities, be part of new and exciting social action projects like **Lose The Blues** which look to help the local community and bring young people together to celebrate positive mental health". He went to on to say "Let's get the new year off to a flying start!"

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### **How can being married or in a civil partnership save you money?**

Two days before Ken Dodd's death the comedian married long-term partner Anne Jones, with whom he had shared his Liverpool home for the past 40 years. While the couple were reportedly delighted to have finally tied the knot, the action also avoided a potential inheritance tax bill of up to £2.6m.

Getting married these days is becoming less fashionable. In some cases, people who get together after a divorce are less inclined to tie the knot again, once bitten twice shy perhaps. Some people consider marriage old fashioned or as a patriarchal institution. Some people just don't get round to it.

However, unmarried couples are at a distinct disadvantage in some areas of taxation, of particular concern is Inheritance Tax (IHT). This is a tax on the money and assets that you leave to your partner, relatives and friends.

Inheritance tax rate is 40%, a substantial part of your assets. However, each person has an allowance of £325,000 before any tax is paid. This is known as the nil rate band (NRB). So, if you leave £500,000 in your Will the estate could pay (£500,000 - £325,000) = £175,000 \* 40% = £70,000 tax.

#### **So how can being married or in a civil partnership help?**

Firstly, there is no IHT when you leave the estate to your spouse or civil partner. It is completely free of tax. When the second partner then dies the estate will usually be left to the children in which case IHT is due. However, the second reason to be married is that any unused NRB from the first spouse/civil partner to die is transferrable to the second to die. So the latter gets a double whammy of £650,000 NRB. In the example above of a £500,000 estate, no tax would be paid as the NRB is greater than the estate.

It gets better. There is also a Residential Nil Rate Band. If your home is gifted to your children there is an additional £175,000 nil rate band which is also transferrable from your spouse/civil partner.

So, in total, when the second of the married/civil partnership couple dies and then leaves the estate to, say, the children there is a total of £650,000 + £350,000 = £1 million allowance before any tax is paid.

Note that this only works for people who are married or in a civil partnership!

A couple I know who both had had previous marriages had lived together for 20 years. They had been talking of getting married for quite some time but had not got round to it. Sadly, one of the couple died a month before their wedding day. He left her an estate worth £450,000. He only had his NRB of £325,000 and so the estate paid £50,000 in tax which could have been saved if they had legalised the relationship.

**For an informal chat, contact Dawn  
Wills and Estate Planning (details back cover).**

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## Sustainable Swaledale

### Climate change

Richmondshire District Council have appointed Valerie Adams as it's **Climate Change Officer** as part of plans to be carbon neutral by 2030.

Sustainable Swaledale members took part in a call on 16th December with Valerie, Council members and representatives from other local sustainability groups, to discuss RDC's plans to tackle climate change.

The council is now keen to establish a **network of people** who can contribute to the work that needs to be done.

If you, or someone you know, is interested in becoming involved in helping to devise the council action plan, and has the relevant skills or knowledge and adequate time to contribute, please contact Sustainable Swaledale via:

<http://www.sustainableswaledale.org/contact-us/>.

### Gardening

Check out the monthly ... **In the Garden Blogs** on the website for information on what can be done in the garden this month.

### Planning

**Future housing provision** is the topic of the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority's third consultation about the new Local Plan covering 2023-2040. The Park Authority proposes that sustainable development is best concen-

trated around the service towns of Sedburgh, Grassington and Hawes with limited infill elsewhere. Under this proposal Reeth, which is currently designated as a service centre, would be redesignated as a large village along with Grinton; Gunnerside; Hudswell; Langthwaite; Low Row and Feetham; and Muker.

The YDNPA is also seeking feedback on the continuing viability of currently designated development sites, and issuing a call for proposals for new sites.

Letters inviting responses have been sent to over 400 organisations including Parish Councils but this is **your chance** to influence housing provision in Reeth and around Swaledale and Arkengarthdale. Comments can be submitted by post or email by 26 February. The Document is available at: <https://www.yorkshiredales.org.uk/park-authority/living-and-working/planning-policy/local-plan-2023-40/consultation-no-3-exploring-our-options-building-new-homes/>.

### Tree planting

The Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust has won funding for a community-oriented tree planting project, '**Together for Trees**'. They will work with four voluntary community groups around the Dales including Sustainable Swaledale

The project seeks to build community skills and capability by supporting small-scale tree planting projects aimed at enhancing biodiversity, carbon retention and landscape value.

The actual planting is likely to happen towards the end of 2021, but the Trust is keen that we start planning now.

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Swaledale is trying to gauge interest so would love to hear from you if : **Find out more and join in:**

- you are able to put some time into the project (from a half day to a longer term involvement)
- interested, in practical planting work, broader planning or surveying etc
- if you have any land that could be used for tree planting (it needn't be big - 'corner of a field' sized plots are just fine)?

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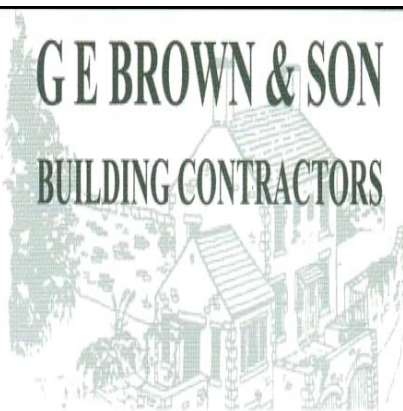
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## What's this 5G then?

This can be answered in so many ways. Here are some aspects of many.

In 2019, 5G, the 5<sup>th</sup> generation of mobile wireless networks (including compatible devices) began to be commercially sold. Providers guaranteeing a vast improvement over the capabilities of 2G, 3G, 4G and Wi-Fi.

### Those improvements being:

**Lower latency** - optimized computer networking to process a high volume of data communications with minimal delay. The objective being to achieve real-time, no delay communications between any devices on the network e.g. automated cars communicating with other cars and traffic lights.

**Private licensed radio band (spectrum) availability** - organisations can purchase their own dedicated network radio bands.

### Increased Data throughput

- Connections Capacity - literally 1000's of devices connected to the network in a very small area.
- Reliability
- Security
- Area Coverage

### Consumers

The general public will focus on how 5G can improve what they do now and what 5G will introduce. Whereas organisations will be interested in whether 5G increases profits and aligns with their strategy.

### Data Throughput

Theoretically 5G is capable of max

speed of 10Gbp/s, whereas 4G is capable of 100Mbps. Therefore, theoretically over 4G, a 750GB HD movie should download in 100 minutes, whereas over 5G the same movie should download in 1 minute, 100 x times faster.

**5G uses higher frequency millimetre wave bands** than 4G to carry data. Unfortunately, although data throughput is faster, higher frequencies cannot travel as far as 4G. Meaning more mini antennae are required to provide expected coverage for mobile consumers.

**Health concerns** have been raised to the extent that conspiracy theorists have blamed 5G for Covid, damaging antennae and insulting engineers. Research has proven that the wavelength of 5G radio waves does not breakdown DNA molecules. But the propagation of the 5G waves caused by electronic and magnetic fields (electromagnetic radiation) oscillating around each other, can warm up those same molecules. The same way in which microwave appliances heat up food. The effect of this warming is inconclusive.

Therefore, research cannot 100% confirm that there are no health risks. Although the results of studies from the World Health Organisation so far suggest that 5G is not harmful if the exposure to the 5G electromagnetic waves is low level. Lower levels occurring if that exposure is a distance from broadcasting antennae and/or for a very short period of time. The uncertainty of the risks of exposure closer to that antenna has resulted in them being protected by secure fencing.

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## Applications enabled by 5G

**Smart Factory Machinery** such as shopfloor autonomous guided vehicles (AVG) which transport materials, are now capable of avoiding collisions because they can be managed via the fast exchange of real-time data communicating with their controlling servers.

**Smart Factory Digital Twin.** An example being the virtual digital representation of a shopfloor (generated using shopfloor located 3D Scanners, sensors and lidar measuring by laser light) enabling manufacturers to model shopfloor scenarios without any real-world physical changes. They can model operational changes, movement of equipment, increases in the number of AVG's to see the effect on production.

## Smart Factory Augmented Reality.

AR has been used in remote surgery, where in China, a doctor in one city successfully remotely inserted a device into the brain of a patient, who was in another city, 1,900 miles away. Now possible because 5G introduced reduced video feed lag.

## 5G UK Coverage

Many Gazette readers will immediately ask will 5G provide complete coverage wherever you are in the UK, including for those who live in the many remote hidden away farms and cottages.

In this respect what are we to believe given the history of promises when other mobile phone communications technologies were introduced. Some of us probably still reply on plastic cups with string between.

**30<sup>th</sup> November 2020 saw the 'take-it-with-a-pinch-of-salt' UK Government intention statements presented to Parliament by Rt Hon Oliver Dow-**

**den (secretary of State for Digital Culture).**

Not much was promised in terms of coverage for rural areas. As per the GOV.UK web site, the text that refers to UK coverage talks about 'the majority' not the entire population:

*'Significant economic and social value can be gained from the widespread deployment of 5G networks. These networks will deliver faster, more reliable and flexible networks that have the potential to transform key sectors across the economy. That is why the widespread availability of both 5G, and gigabit capable networks is a priority for this government. 5G is already available in over 100 towns and cities across the UK and the next few years will see increased investment in these networks as we deliver against our targets for the majority of the population to have 5G coverage by 2027.'*

So, who knows what will happen and 2027 an unimaginable date given the rate of technological changes we have experienced in 2020?

I would not recommend anybody spending extra for phones that are 5G compatible now, unless you are one of the increasing people who do not mind spending a monthly mortgage payment on your phone rentals.

Personally, I cannot afford such extravagance or maybe I am 'Yorkshire Tight' and it could be the fact despite working in IT since 1983 I despise mobile phones.

**Mike B**

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This month, as Gerry Marsden has just gone up to that great big gig in the sky, all these lyrics are from songs recorded by Gerry and the Pacemakers. What are the titles?

First things first: the winner of January's quiz. Once again it was Noah Wan, making it another roll over. As for The Kinks lyrics, the answers are:

- See, don't ever set me free I always wanna be by your side - **You Really Got Me**
- I'm not content to be with you in the daytime - **All Day And All Of The Night**
- Oh yes he is (oh yes he is), oh yes he is (oh yes he is) - **Dedicated Follower Of Fashion**
- A Sunday joint of bread and honey - **Dead End Street**
- Every day I look at the world from my window - **Waterloo Sunset**
- I don't feel safe in this world no more I don't want to die in a nuclear war - **Apeman**

- You give me a feeling in my heart, like an arrow passin' through it
- Do that again you're driving me insane
- And don't be afraid of the dark
- For the morning will bring joy for every girl and boy
- People they rush everywhere each with their own secret care

For the tiebreaker: How much does it cost for an adult return ticket on the ferry across the Mersey?

The usual rules apply with no internet use allowed - unless it is to listen to my show from 10.00am - 1.00pm every Tuesday on Bishop FM (It won't help but you can have a go at guessing the year in the 'Mystery Hour').

For the tiebreaker: The song we sang at my son's wedding, by his special request, was **Waterloo Sunset**.

Answers can be left at the Post Office or sent via e-mail to:

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MAC

And the winner is **That Man Thorogood**. Although The Skinner Man claims that he won by loads and that victory has been stolen from him, alleging widespread fraud. 'All will be revealed,' he says. He is calling on all his follower(s) to assemble on The Green and march on the headquarters of The Gazette to claim back what is rightfully theirs. He will be right there with them in his front room.

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**BBC Sooty and Sweep Controversy (Wikipedia) - it tickles Mike B**

A particular controversial episode of the show was "Soo's Babies", where Soo pretended to be pregnant. It received complaints from viewers, was reported in the national press, and made E4's Top 20 "Most Controversial TV Programmes" at #20. On E4's show, Brenda Longman (who plays 'Mo' and voices 'Soo' in the show), said idea came about because Matthew tended to write for





John & Jane Hunter

his daughter. Matthew stated that he recalled his daughter wandering into his room with a pillow up her jumper, saying she was going to have a baby. He also said how it was a sort of educational piece.

In the same episode, Yvonne (played by Beverly Hills) says she feels she has got the whole of the Manchester Football Team inside her, a joke that could be seen as sexual innuendo. In the show's defence, Longman stated how the show was also watched by parents as well as children, and that there were jokes in it for parents. Uri Geller said the story was played in a 'nice' and 'humorous' way.

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## THANKS

The Low Row Village Carol Service held on Christmas eve is always very well attended but this year we knew we would not be able to accommodate all who wanted to attend in the church and also the congregation were not allowed to sing inside. Instead we asked the residents to congregate outside the Punch Bowl and Holy Trinity church, socially distancing, to sing carols.

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**28/11/2020: Incident 40:** Called by the Police to rescue a sheep trapped on the crags above Wainwath Force near Keld. A small group of team members abseiled down onto the ledge & 'encouraged' the sheep back to safety.

**30/12/2020: Incident 44,45,46:** A busy day with 2 calls to rescue injured walkers with ankle injuries following slips on the ice & an injured sledger to top the day off. See Incident 46 photo.



**26/12/2020: Incident 43:** Called by the Police to search for a missing child, located safe & well by team members.

**04/12/2020: Incident 42:** Called by the Police to rescue 2 motorists who had become stranded in the snow, a couple of local team members attended & encouraged them to self-rescue.

**29/11/2020: Incident 41:** Called by the Ambulance Service to walker trapped on stepping stones & unable to self-rescue. Our water rescue team deployed the teams' boat & brought the walker to safety.

### Incident vehicle fundraising update.

At the time of writing (Jan 9<sup>th</sup>) we've raised £30,050, still a long way to go but a massive thanks to everyone who has donated so far, we are now applying for grants to achieve our goal.

**Thanks to all our team members, supporters & YOU for the ongoing support.**

**Wishing you all a Happy New Year**

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### Reeth, Fremington & Healaugh Parish Council November 30

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#### **Playground**

Two swing seats had arrived and were awaiting fitting. Quotes were being obtained for other pieces of equipment and a local contractor would be asked to repair the wall.

#### **Arkle Beck**

Coun Rutter had met a local contractor to discuss the wall along the beck side path. Due to the scale of repairs required to reinstate the path to it's state before the flood this would be a large expensive job. The clerk would ask the National Park Ranger to meet the council to discuss this.

#### **Mowing contract**

The advertisement for a new mowing contractor had been published in the December Gazette. Applications should be sent to the clerk and would be discussed at the January meeting.

#### **Village green**

Councilors discussed the area immediately outside the telephone box which was looking untidy. Meetings would be arranged with contractors with a view to improving this. Damage caused by a delivery vehicle would be made good at the same time.

#### **Christmas**

A tree had been selected and would be put up in mid December. Due to Covid 19 rules regarding carol singing events, the members decided that regrettably it would not be practical to hold the

usual village carol singing around the tree this year.

#### **Highway matters**

The council would support proposals for a disabled parking bay in front of Hudson House.

The catch on the gate at the cattle grid near Cambridge House had been repaired.

The damaged pavement by Reeth Medical Centre and two collapsed drains had been reported, along with a list of potholes requiring repair.

Coun Peacock had looked into the status of the lane which runs past the museum and reported that it was not a public highway, so any traffic management measures would have to be funded by the Parish Council or from Coun Peacock's community fund. She would investigate the cost of getting suitable signs from NYCC Highways and a decision would be made at the next meeting

#### **Street lighting**

The clerk had reported the light in the alley next to Overton House.

#### **Parish Clerk**

The clerk had given notice of her resignation and the position would be advertised in the January Gazette. Coun Good would distribute information about the vacancy to RDC staff.

#### **Correspondence**

A resident who had been in touch regarding the scattering of food waste would be put in touch with the Environmental Health department at RDC and with Coun Good.

Coun Good reported that efforts were being made to organise a meeting with the Environment Agency regarding flooding. It was agreed that the Parish Council should be involved if the meeting went ahead. ..(continued next page)

## REETH AND DISTRICT GAZETTE LTD

A scheme was discussed for electric car charging points to be fitted to streetlights. RDC were putting charging points into their own car parks, but this would not affect this parish. Coun Good was looking into the possibility of Reeth, Fremington and Healaugh being included in the next wave of installations. Councillors were very keen to move forward with this and would be willing to contribute to the cost

### District Council Report

District Coun Good reported that RDC would be requesting that sky lanterns should be banned from parish land. He also reported that both the district and county councils have now submitted their bids regarding the upcoming local government re-organisation.

### County Council Report

County Coun Peacock reported that Highways have started carrying out some repair work to the roads between Grinton and Richmond.

### Next meeting

The next meeting would take place via Zoom on Monday January 25.

Tracy

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# Diary Dates

## Mobile Skip Reeth

20th March, 9am to 1pm.

## Reeth Memorial Hall

In light of the Government's latest 'Stay at Home' guidance we have made the decision to close the Memorial Hall until further notice.

All 2021 concerts have been cancelled or postponed until May at the earliest.

Please see the Hall website for up-to-date details:

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John

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## Covid-19 Support February

The anchor hub in Reeth will continue to offer support in the two dales until at least the end of March 2021.

Full details of all the support that there is can be found online at:

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[www.swaledalearkengarthdaleparish.org.uk/Parish-News](http://www.swaledalearkengarthdaleparish.org.uk/Parish-News) and at Facebook:

[www.facebook.com/ReethDCT/](https://www.facebook.com/ReethDCT/) and  
[www.facebook.com/groups/ReethandDistrictCommunity/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/ReethandDistrictCommunity/)

If you can't access the internet and this information then please phone the anchor hub at Hudson House. Phone 01748 880 021 manned Monday to Friday 10 am to 1 pm (except bank holidays). Messages can be left at any time.

Thank you to all who have volunteered and are providing this much needed support throughout the two dales.

Andrew

## Reeth, Fremington and Healough Parish Council Clerk

Applications are invited for the post of Part-Time Clerk to the Parish Council Present Salary £3000 pa.

For more details please contact the current clerk:

[reethfhpc@gmail.com](mailto:reethfhpc@gmail.com)  
or **07772696689**

Closing date for applications 15/02/21



# PRESS RELEASE



## WEIGHT LOSS SCHEME GOES VIRTUAL

A weight management service which has helped more than 100 people in it's first year has gone virtual.

The 'Choose to Lose' scheme run by Richmondshire District Council is offering on line classes and groups so members can join the programme without the worry of travelling to classes, missing class times, and finding a group that suits lifestyle and commitments.

And success will not be interrupted by any changes to lockdown and tier restrictions during the journey to improve health.

The free of charge programme is for adults with a BMI above 25 who are in need of support to implement a healthier lifestyle. Funded by North Yorkshire County Council Public Health - and launched last spring - it is made up of a 12 week structured weight management programme plus a 12 week maintenance programme for those who achieve 5% weight loss in their first 12 weeks.

The virtual service will provide both aspects of the programme as well as access to a Weight Loss Advisor, online live classes, chat groups and Facebook open and closed groups.

To register interest contact **Jo-Anne Scott on 01748 901045** or **jo-anne.scott@richmondshire.gov.uk** ;

This service is free to anyone who meets the following criteria;

- aged 18 years or over
- BMI (Body Mass Index) equal to or greater than 30 or 25 with other health conditions
- resident or registered with a GP practice in North Yorkshire working for an organisation based in North Yorkshire

To calculate BMI visit: **<https://www.nhs.uk/LiveWell/loseweight/Pages/BodyMassIndex.aspx>**.

For more information on the service throughout North Yorkshire visit **<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/healthy-weight-and-eating-well>**

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