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Thanks to all of you who have visited this year, helping bring the Museum back to life. We are now closed to the public but of course continue working on the collection and the building. It has been wonderful to see old friends and acquire new ones this season.

As a result of a bumper number of enquiries we have wonderful range of mysteries and questions to tackle. One of the more intriguing questions relates to a pair of dogs made from plaited card. Hand-sized, and found in the loft of one of the houses in CB Yard, Arkengarthdale. They seem to be guarding the premises. Has anyone seen anything similar? Are they representative of an old local custom? We have seen steel pins hidden under window and above door frames from a house in Healaugh, to keep the evil eye at bay. We have seen shoes and clogs put up chimneys for the same reason. However we have never seen anything like these rather delightful dogs. Do get in touch if you can help us solve this mystery.

Another enquiry relates to the Police House in Reeth, the 'new' one on the

road out to Richmond. A visitor has a photograph of her grandfather Police Sergeant Enoch Wilson who was the 'local bobby' here in the late 1930s, taken outside the house. She wonders if anyone remembers him. The photograph includes a small boy, dressed up, helmet and all, by his side, he had just won a fancy dress competition that had been held in the village. Is someone out there who was that small boy? The enquirer's father, Leslie Wilson and his older sisters Bessie and Eve also went to school in the village. Does anyone remember them?



Thank you to the lady who thought up a wonderful birthday present, booking a special guided tour of the Museum, with the opportunity to handle objects from the collection (see next page)

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not normally on display. Perhaps we can tempt others to do the same? We also enjoyed the company of members of the Alderson Family History Society in early September who took a tour of the historic highlights of Reeth Green with us, after having visited the Museum. As a result of their visit one of the members is tracking down the owner of the little pair of hob nail boots we have on display. They were left on our doorstep a few years ago. All we know about the wearer is that he was called Alfie Nicholls and he died of diphtheria when young. When his mother's effects were being sorted out after her death, the poignant boots were left with us. We hope to reveal more soon.

Now here is another challenge. One of our stalwart supporters, Barbara Buckingham suggested that we should have information on display about the Young Farmers' Clubs in the Dale, as their contribution to local life was so important. All we have connected with them is a fine red poster for an Arkengarthdale Young Farmers' Club 'Debate followed by a Supper and Dance' with music by The Ramblers. There is no year, but it looks, by the design and graphics, to be c.1930s-40s. Can you help us?



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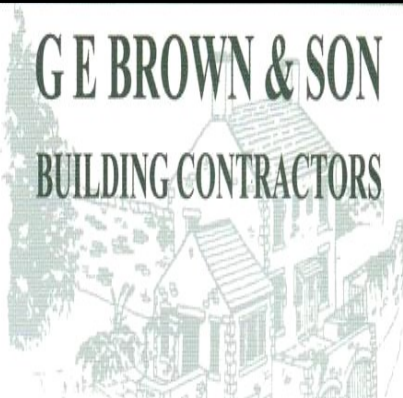
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**"Local musician creates new war-time musical drama"**

As 'lockdown projects' go, writing a play is probably one of the lesser chosen options, but local artist and musician John Hunter was thrilled to be asked by Charlotte Porter, who runs the CJ Dancing School at Richmond Station, to pen an original musical drama to be performed as part of the 'Richmond 950' celebrations. "Charlotte knew that Jane and I had many years of experience with 1940s weekends - both performing and exhibiting my period aviation art" John said "This was the opportunity to distil that experience into a meaningful drama to encapsulate that period in Richmond".

With a small cast, some dancing of course and the four acts to be performed between meal courses, John and wife Jane began to create a drama that could portray the epic sweep of the war and its impact on 'ordinary' folk in Richmond. "The obvious idea was to locate the drama at the *actual* station in which Charlotte works, and base it on semi-fictitious characters who did, or could have worked in and around the station during the 1940s.

The whole plot revolves around the Station Master himself, portrayed by local thesp. Ken Haigh, and his family and friends. The story takes in the outbreak of war and local lads being recruited as soldiers, the arrival of evacuees, a rather more sombre third

act dealing with 'remembrance' and then a final section offering a lively VE celebration."

John has arranged all of the period music for the singers to perform, and also parts for his 'Good Vibes' trio, who, with the expert help of local clarinetist Adam Bradley and Jane on Vibes, will be playing the part of the 'Benny Goodman' trio - accompanying all of the songs, and also providing background music during the meal courses.

Several top local performers make up the cast including Gracie Will and Natasha Wood who starred in the award winning 'Sister Act' at the Georgian Theatre in 2019 (MD'd by John), and Sophie Montgomery, star of 'My Fair Lady' in 2018 at the Georgian, and who has recently performed with the Scottish National Opera in Glasgow.

John has previously composed several full scale stage musicals including 'The Bishop's Wife' - based on the 1947 film starring Cary Grant, and has performed around the globe on the piano. "Having had a father serve in the RAF during the war, I've always been surrounded by stories from that era, and have since enjoyed working with numerous '40's performers around the country. The music from that era is simply so memorable and a joy to perform in so many ways - we're particularly hoping that the audience enjoys the live 'trio' during the play!"

John and Jane have recently travelled to Wolverhampton for this year's 'Project Propeller' event - an annual 're-union' for actual WWII flying veterans who are flown in, and home again afterwards. John entertains the troops with help from Jane, who additionally mans John's art stall! (see next page)



Photo? - John with some 40's buddies performing 'somewhere in England'!

The tales these veterans tell are extraordinary, and whilst numbers naturally dwindle year by year, we had over 100 flying in last time - it's a fantastic day for everyone."

'The Station Master' will be performed on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> November.

Tickets and further information are available from the Station café, Richmond / Richmond 950 website. For further information about the 'Good Vibes trio' please email [johnhuntermusic@btinternet.com](mailto:johnhuntermusic@btinternet.com).

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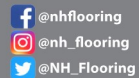
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### BONFIRE NIGHT

As we enter Autumn we the Firework Committee are pleased to announce Reeth's Bonfire and Fireworks Display will take place on Friday November 5<sup>th</sup> commencing at 6pm firstly the Guy competition where the winner will receive a prize and their Guy placed a top of the bonfire which will be lighted at 6.30pm followed by the Firework Display at 7pm. On the evening collectors with buckets will be in attendance for donations of your choice. We hope to see you all there for a fun and enjoyable evening.

Thank you.

**Marilyn Brown Secretary  
Reeth Fireworks Committee**

### The Children's Society Annual Box Opening

Right now in Britain there are children and young people who feel scared, unloved and unable to cope. The Children's Society, a national charity, works with these young people, step by step for as long as it takes because no child should feel alone.

Last year Box Holders came together to help thousands of children in this country. Despite all the hardships 2020 presented, an amazing £760,000 was raised to help the most vulnerable children.

One of the young people who has been helped is Amanda. When she was 12, Amanda was put into care due to difficulties at home. Struggling to trust people, she ran away every night for six months and was at risk from criminal and sexual exploitation. Eventually the

police referred Amanda to the Children's Society who introduced her to Gillian one of their project workers. Gillian helped Amanda realise the huge danger she had been in and taught her coping strategies so that she could rebuild her relationship with her mum. Your donations support children like Amanda.

It is now time for the annual opening of our boxes. This will take place on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October from 2.00 pm - 4.30 pm at the Vicarage, Langhorne Drive when the money will be counted.

We appreciate that many of you have not been using cash over the last year so may not have any money in your box. If you would like to make a donation, you could put it in an envelope with your name on it and leave it at the Vicarage. If it is not possible for you to come with your box or donation that afternoon, please contact Pauline Oldershaw on 01748 886790 for other arrangements to be made. Thank you so much for your support.

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These four girls have worked through the summer holidays to take their exams with the Royal Academy of Dance before the start of the new term. In pink, number 1 Mathilda Townsend and Number 2 Eva Tweddle both aged 9 and from Reeth took Grade 2 Ballet. In turquoise, number 1 Millie Johnson aged 12 from Grinton and Florence Green aged 11 from Richmond took Grade 5 Ballet.  
Janet Seymour [www.swaledaledance.co.uk](http://www.swaledaledance.co.uk)





## Sustainable Swaledale

### Beavers in the Arkle and Swale?

The government is consulting on the **reintroduction of beavers in England** which it hopes would deliver substantial benefits including increasing biodiversity, restoring wet woodlands, enhancing natural river processes, and attenuating water flows. DEFRA is seeking views on current and future releases either into enclosures or the wild and also on the mitigation/management of beaver activity/impacts in the wild.



Applications for licences to release beavers into the wild would require a comprehensive impact assessment and would need to meet certain criteria such as demonstrating positive stakeholder engagement, local buy in and putting in support for landowners and river users. The government also plans to give beavers legal protection in England. The consultation ends 17/11/2021 with publication early in 2022. Source: <https://tinyurl.com/fasms27n>

**Dragonflies on the move**  
If, like me, you have noticed more

dragonflies this summer, that would not be surprising. The Dragonfly Society's **State of Dragonflies 2021** report has revealed that many dragonflies are moving into the north as a result of climate change. At the same time, some of the upland and northern dragonflies such as the common hawk-moth and black darter are suffering because of loss of peat bog habitat and drought.

Source:

<https://british-dragonflies.org.uk/>

### Environment Bill

The Environment Bill is currently being scrutinised in the House of Lords. Factsheets providing background information to the bill have been updated on the government website:

<https://tinyurl.com/65jrp3pz>

### Local natural flood management projects

A Richmondshire Today article outlines the environmental benefits accruing from a three-year **natural flood management** (NFM) project in Bishopdale. Measures to slow down the flow of Bishopdale Beck through the use of leaky dams and hedge planting have also benefitted wildlife. The Yorkshire Dales Rivers Trust are working on a number of projects including flood management in Arkengarthdale and increasing tree cover on the Ure.

Source: Richmondshire Times 28/08/2021.

### Tree guard removal 21 October

Would you like to get out in the fresh air and help out with some **tree guard removal**? (see next page)



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Come along on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October at 10am to the Heggs-Castle cluster in Arkengarthdale. If you can help out for a couple of hours you'll make a big difference - or bring some lunch and stay with us until 3pm.

No special equipment needed but please wear outdoor gear, rugged footwear and bring some gardening gloves if you can.

Meeting place is at the top of the drive down to Castle Farm, one mile up Arkengarthdale Road from Reeth. There's plenty of parking on the side of the road and it's an easy walk down to the site. If you have any questions, email [info@sustainableswaledale.org](mailto:info@sustainableswaledale.org)

### **Trees facing extinction in the wild**

The report State of the World's Trees was published by the Botanic Gardens Conservation International (BGCI) in September 2021. The report estimated that at least 30% of the 60,000 known tree species worldwide face extinction. This includes British native trees with ash affected by ash die back and over three quarters of the 170 species of Sorbus native to Europe (rowans and whitebeams) considered to be threatened. The report says that necessary action includes scientific planting schemes with the right tree in the right place. Rowan trees are part of the mix of trees planned for the Together for Trees planting in the two dales over the next year.

Source :

<https://tinyurl.com/46ej9bfb>

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## **Swale Singers sound again**

It's probably fair to say that there was an element of apprehension, even a touch of trepidation, on the part of some singers when the Swale Singers met in September for the first time since lockdown.

But the fears that we would produce only squeaks, wheezes or rumbles fortunately proved unfounded. While perhaps not at our most mellifluous we managed to make a musical sound and went from strength to strength as the rehearsal progressed and we grew in confidence and volume.

All the right ingredients were in place, with our stalwart musical director, Peter Stallworthy, back at the helm and our accomplished and ever-accommodating accompanist, Corinne Morris on the keyboard.

We worked on **Faure's Requiem**, a piece much-loved by many of us, **Cantique de Jean Racine** and **John Rutter's Feel the Spirit**, a cycle of seven spirituals, in preparation for our concert at **3.00pm on 4 December at St Mary's church, Arkengarthdale.**

There's still time to come and join us on Sundays afternoons at 3pm at St Mary's - new members are always welcome. And we hope to welcome a good audience for the concert. Tickets are £8, available from Reeth Post Office or from me, Jackie Pope 07885 498676.

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The video was taken during the Covid Summer of 2020 and plays from a Memory Stick for over 50mins on either 4K TVs or PCs and Laptops with a USB Port. Some copies of the Video have already been distributed but for anyone else wishing to purchase a Memory Stick, these are available for £12 from Ray Wright 884652 or Email [4rayann@gmail.com](mailto:4rayann@gmail.com).

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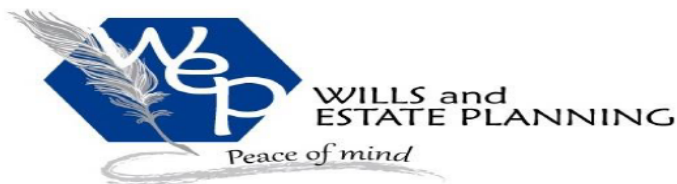
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10th Oct	9.30 am	St. Andrew's Grinton	Eucharist
	9.30 am	St Michael's Downholme	Morning Prayer
	10.30 am	Low Row URC	Harvest Festival
	11.00 am	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	Harvest Festival
	11.00 am	St. Edmund's, Marske	Morning Prayer
	11.15 am	St. Mary's Arkengarthdale	Holy Communion BCP
17th Oct	9.15 am	St. Mary's Muker	Holy Communion BCP
	10.30 am	Low Row URC	
	11.00 am	Holy Trinity Low Row	Eucharist
	11.00 am	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
	11.00 am	St. Edmund's, Marske	Holy Communion
24th Oct	9.30 am	St. Andrew's Grinton	Eucharist
	9.30 am	St Michael's Downholme	Holy Communion
	10.30 am	Low Row URC	
	11.00 am	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
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Thank you to everyone who attended our flu clinics at the end of September. We are now ready to move into our phase two group and we are inviting all 50-64 year olds who have not been vaccinated to attend our next drop-in clinic. The NHS is expecting a rise in non-COVID respiratory infections this Winter, so it is more important than ever to protect yourself, those closest to you and help to reduce the pressures on the NHS by staying well.

Our next drop-in flu clinic will be held in **Reeth Memorial Hall** on **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> October** - no appointment needed just turn up between **10.30am and 12.30pm**. The clinics will run very similar to last year. Please remember to wear a face covering for the clinic. We will ask you to use hand sanitiser on arrival and maintain social distancing around the hall to help us to protect our community.

### On the day please remember the following:

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**Photo :** The Swaledale Beavers and Cubs had a great evening playing tennis with John Lloyd from Reeth Tennis Club. All the children thoroughly loved it.



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**Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Dec - GreenMatthews - Midwinter Revels** - a celebration of Yuletide past with a plethora of weird and wonderful instruments. Tickets £14 (£16 door).

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## Work in Malawi



This is another update about the work in Malawi that people in The Dales have supported through donations of sewing machines and sewing notions.

Since the pandemic some of the women we trained to sew have been turning their hands to making masks, like those above. They are supplying schools, as well as families in their communities, with them. The picture above shows local people from 10 villages being trained by Community Health staff in the use of masks, social distancing and hand washing in preventing the spread of Covid-19. The full effect of the pandemic has yet to be felt but we hope that what we have been able to do will make some difference.

We picked up 7 more sewing machines from Andrew Stones at New House Farm, Arkle Town, at the end of August. A huge thank you to the people who donated them. We are not appealing for more at the moment but thank everyone for their kindness which is truly appreciated. **Heather Roberts**

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## Swaledale Night Sky

The night sky changes with the seasons as we orbit the sun and the dark side of the earth faces out to different parts of our universe.

A useful coincidence is that the lengthening of the nights in autumn and the seasonal changing of the night sky 'cancel' each other out. So, when it is fully dark about 2 hours after sunset, the night sky looks pretty much the same from August through to the end of the year.

On a clear moonless evening this autumn, wrap up warm, grab a comfy chair, find a dark location away from lights with a good view to the south, sit back and explore the grandeur of our galaxy - the Milky Way. Give your eyes

time to adapt to the dark (at least 15 mins), use a dim red light for illumination and wear any distance/driving glasses.

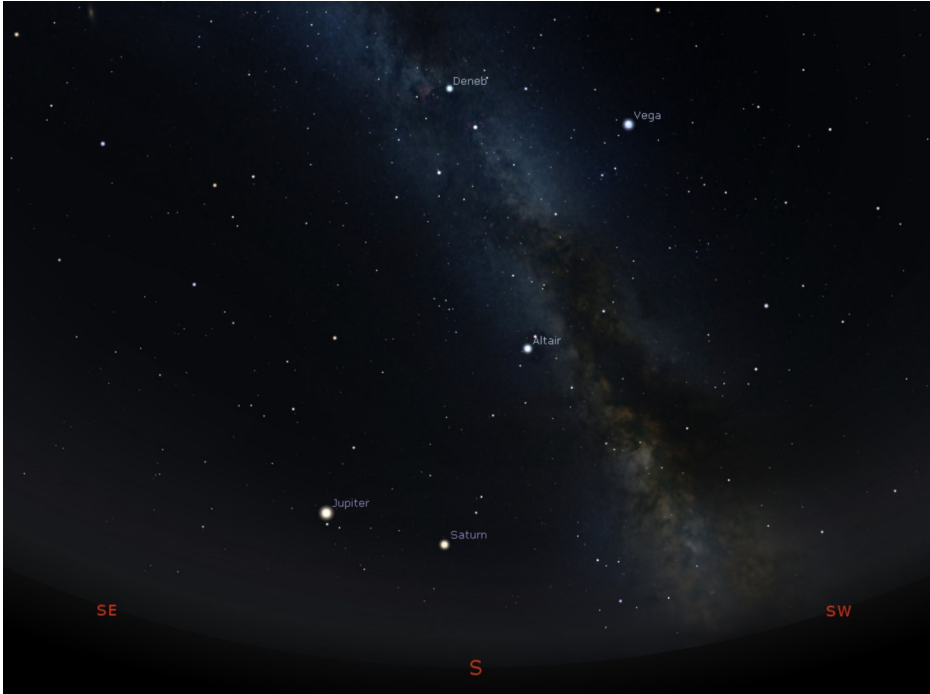
The chart shows the night sky to the south a couple of hours after sunset this autumn.

The Milky Way can be seen as a hazy band of light arcing up over the sky from south-west to north-east. This becomes more west to east as night and months progress.

The chart is taken from Stellarium planetarium software, free to download from [stellarium.org](http://stellarium.org)

For the next few years the two biggest planets in our solar system can be seen to the east of the Milky Way.

**Paul Clark**  
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### From Bingen to Britten and beyond.

On Wednesday 1st September the extended Swaledale Festival staged a concert in St Andrew's Church, Grinton. And what a joy it was, not only for the audience to enjoy a live performance, but for the performers to experience a live audience once again! William Towers, countertenor, and Philippa Mo, violin, entranced us for well over 75 minutes with an eclectic programme which showcased the best of a glorious countertenor voice, and the virtuosic skill of a first rate violinist.

We were treated to an extra delight at the beginning, a piece by the modern composer Geoffrey Burgon, but very much in the style of Hildegard of Bingen, two of whose pieces followed. The soaring, pure tones of Towers' voice with his clear enunciation accompanied by Mo's skilful playing transported us back nearly a thousand years, and the serene surroundings of St Andrew's added to the peace and contemplation with which we became infused.

The rich tones of Towers' voice were well suited to the emotional sensitivity of the Four Shakespeare songs, and the violin joining in with a modern arrangement of 'Sigh no more, Ladies', was so very beautiful.

More folk songs followed: including from Gustav Holst, and the Russian composer Lena Langer, some unaccompanied, others with modern arrangements. I found the arrangements interesting and very clever. At the beginning of the piece my brain said, 'Oh I'm not sure I like this' as dissonances came and went, but by the middle of the piece I was hooked, and by the end I wanted it to go on forever. The inter-

mingling melodies of voice and violin, and in some cases a second violin or a guitar played by Towers, evoked strong emotions, and the beauty of his voice almost reduced me to tears, especially in 'O Waley, Waley'.

I must draw attention to the mesmeric playing of Philippa Mo. She performed some passages from a Fantasia by Telemann: witty, elegant and in the Italian style. The audience was so stunned by her playing, that we just sat there and didn't even applaud. The solo violin pieces she played were quite breath-taking and her technical ability cannot be faulted. She included a short but glorious composition by the Australian composer Wendy Hiscocks, 'Caprice for solo violin', who is known to love Yorkshire and whose soaring melody was that skylark I had witnessed on Grinton Moor, singing his heart out.

The programme concluded with a Benjamin Britten arrangement of the Corpus Christi Carol, sung by Towers and with his own accompaniment of electric guitar complimenting Mo's violin. An odd combination one might think, but it was skilfully done and added to the richness of the piece.

We were very lucky to receive an encore: a glorious piece of Handel for which Towers' voice is so well suited and with another superb accompaniment by Mo. Would that the programme could have continued for another hour. We all departed from St Andrew's in a mood of peace and contentment, just so happy to have experienced such wonderful, live music.

**Rosi Keatinge.**  
**A Festival Supporter**



### *An update on the Swing Bridge path.*

Many people, local and visiting, continue to ask about the footpath to the Swing Bridge and when it might be re-opened.

As this is by far the most popular path in the area I can understand the sorrow some folk feel at the route having been lost to the river. I can't say when the path will be available again but I am confident we will get it back in some form or another soon.

We commissioned a study from a company called Envireau Water (whose Hydrogeologist & Director lives in Reeth and has watched the river changing for years!) which gave us options as to what might be done to restore the Public Right of Way. However, in short, the conclusion was that any attempt to restore or protect the river bank would be prohibitively expensive, unlikely to halt erosion and could cause further and worsening erosion downstream of the site. The river Swale at this location is widely regarded as unique in its behaviour; being very dynamic and changing at an incredible rate. I'm sure many local people have their own memories of the river to confirm this.

At the current time we are looking to divert a short section of the original footpath to a new route slightly higher up the hill side where a change in underlying soils should be resistant to the river's forces. This will require some legal work, consultation and to negoti-

ate the changes with the land owner. This process is never simple or quick but it is underway. Fortunately the alternative route is available (not always the case) and it isn't a lot further so we will be asking all walkers to use that in the meantime.

Elsewhere things are finally returning to something like normal for the Yorkshire Dales National Park Rangers in Swaledale. I have made a full-time return to Hudson House and our Access Ranger (Roger) has been busy revving up our trusty gang of volunteers who do so much work in the area; their absence was beginning to show. We're still lagging behind in some respects but we continue to do what we can to keep footpaths clear and safe. Strimming back growth is a major task each year and this season it seems it has us beat in places.

You may have met or seen a few more folk in YDNPA uniform around the Two Dales as staff and trainees recruited to deliver the Tees-Swale: Naturally Connected project are now establishing themselves with farmers and landowners, youth groups and residents across the area.

More on the project can be found here: <https://www.yorkshiredales.org.uk/park-authority/living-and-working/tees-swale-naturally-connected/>.

As before I am happy to speak to anyone who calls to Hudson House but it may be a shorter meeting in the garden until risk assessments allow otherwise!

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## COP 26 and local themed events

The 26<sup>th</sup> United Nations Climate Change Conference (**COP 26**) is being hosted by the UK and Italy in Glasgow between 31 October and 12 November 2021.

The summit will bring together heads of state, climate experts and campaigners to agree coordinated action to tackle climate change. The four main goals are:

- Secure global net-zero by mid-century and keep 1.5C degrees (temperature rise) within reach
  - adapt to protect local communities, livelihoods, homes and natural habitats
  - targeting finance to protecting people and places
  - working together to deliver change
- Details of the programme and supporting documentation can be found on the COP website at: <https://ukcop26.org/>. Watch out for lots of media coverage and consider lobbying your MP to ensure the UK follows up its pledges.

### **COP26: Richmond Climate Action Partnership events**

Richmondshire Climate Action Partnership (RCAP) is running a number of events in the run up to the COP event. **These free events will be open to Richmondshire residents** throughout October and you are invited to sign up to listen to, or participate in one or more event.

The events will showcase some of the wonderful work being done by organisations that work across Richmondshire, nationally and even internationally to support carbon reduction and/or protection and enhancement of our natural environment. Smaller local businesses and community groups are also running a number of events.

The festival covers a wide range of subjects including renewable energy solutions for home and business, the nature recovery work of the Tees-Swale Project, plastic free woodland and forestry, a trip to the Festival of Thrift, and much more. Hopefully something for everyone!

Please sign up early and support the great work being done to reduce Richmondshire's carbon footprint and conserve and enhance the ecological quality of our district.

Event details can be found on the RCAP website: [www.richmondshireclimateaction.org](http://www.richmondshireclimateaction.org)

### **Plantlife's Fall into Nature Programme**

One of the RCAP sessions is a presentation from Plantlife about the importance of wildflower meadows and pasture. Focused specifically on Richmondshire, this session is part of Plantlife's **Fall Into Nature programme** running throughout October.

Details of the programme are on the Plantlife website: [www.plantlife.org.uk/uk/discover-wild-plants-nature/fall-back-into-nature-with-plantlife](http://www.plantlife.org.uk/uk/discover-wild-plants-nature/fall-back-into-nature-with-plantlife)

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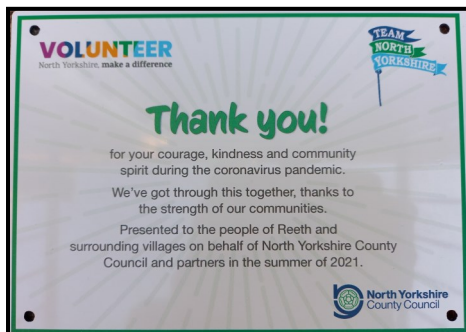
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## Party time for the volunteer team



After months and months of hard work and dedicated service by Gail's Covid support team it was time for a "thank you" party. All the volunteers showed the same dedication and enthusiasm for enjoying themselves as they have shown in helping folk in the local community during these Covid times.

The team of shoppers, drivers, be-frienders, pen pals, phone buddies, DIY helpers and backroom supporters had a jolly get-together in the Memorial Hall on 8 September. Also invited were all those who had been helped by the team. For some it was the first time the "helpers" and the "helpees" had met each other. Phone befrienders and paper pen pals were able to put a face to the person they had been in touch with over the months.

Everyone talked and laughed, drank and ate, with wonderful food provided by Brenda from the Bike Centre, ably as-sisted by Georgia.

A special guest was the Chairman of NYCC, Councillor Stuart Martin, with his wife April (see photo), who was her-self a recovered Covid patient. Stuart



praised the work of Gail, her chief partner in crime Jill Burdis, and all the volunteer team. He presented a plaque (see photo) from the Council in appreci-ation of the courage, kindness and com-munity spirit shown during the corona-virus pandemic.

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**Peggy**



## 2Dales Football FC

As I write this, our new season is about to kick off on 12<sup>th</sup> September with our first League match at home v Richmond Rockets. Let us hope we see the season through to a conclusion after 2 seasons of disruption. We are presently only running an Under 8 team (for school years 2 and 3) in the Hambleton and Richmondshire Junior League. The week before, we had our first outing with a pre season friendly v Leyburn at Wensleydale School. We lost but they did very well. We need more players and would warmly welcome boys and girls in this age group and below and we also

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## Muker Band Played On

Muker Silver Band kept up the tradition of hymn singing in the village on the first Wednesday of September. It should have been the culmination of Muker Show, but though the show was cancelled, the band played on. Many people turned up, and showed their appreciation by donating the grand total of £650 in a collection for Herriot Hospice Home Care, in memory of Dorothy Guy, a long time member of the band, who died at home in Muker just before COVID struck.

**Sylvia**



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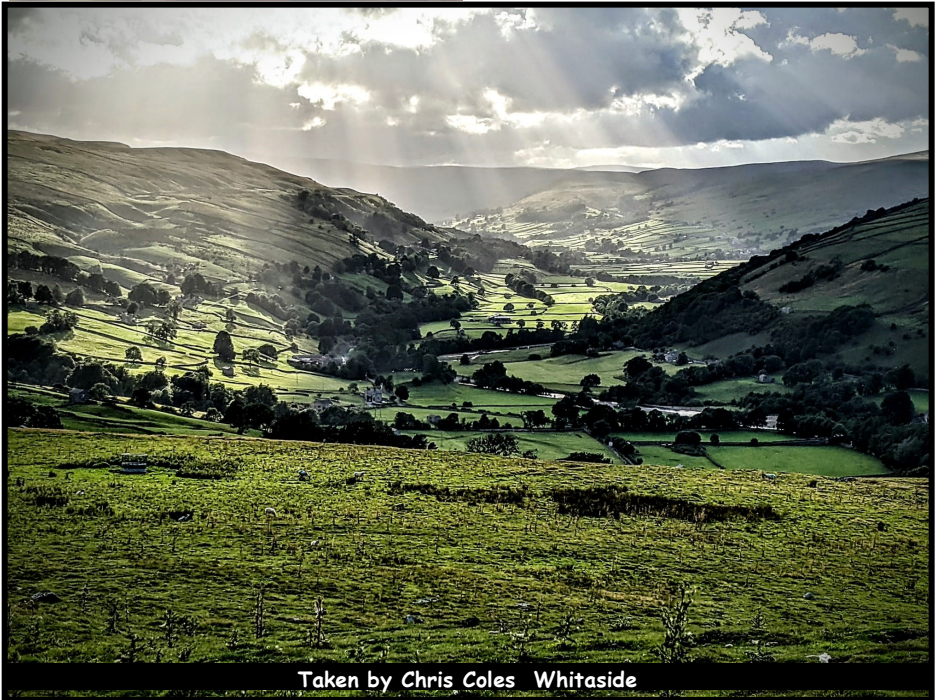
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### **No Time To Die Preview.**

Even before Spectre had released all the way back in 2015 there were heavy rumours Daniel Craig was done with James Bond. In an interview with Timeout whilst promoting the film he stated infamously "I'd rather... slash my wrists" when asked if he could imagine another outing.

The quote was taken widely out of context and promoted all across social media, tabloids stating he was done. In actuality the rest of the quote was more forgiving and it explained, "No. Not at the moment. Not at all. I'm over it at the moment. We're done. All I want to do now is move on".

Whilst the international fame, acclaim and bank balance are surely warmly received, the role isn't an easy ride. Shoots can last months to a year, stunts (of which Daniel does a fair few) are dangerous and physically demanding.

He's lost teeth, his fingertip, needed surgery on his shoulder, damaged his ankle, sprained his knee, the list goes on. Once Craig was confirmed for his final entry, the production saw many challenges.

First director Denia Villeneuve was coined to take the coveted chair, Sam Mendes (director of Skyfall and Spectre) had declined, and Christopher Nolan had also abstained. The script was being written and in December 2017, Villeneuve dropped out to lead Dune. (Also released in October).

Danny Boyle, (28 Days Later, Slumdog Millionaire) made a pitch and was set to start in December 2018 but due to script disputes he dropped out by August. Cary Joji Fukunaga (Beasts of A Nation) was drafted in with short

notice, but widespread expectation.

The script was scrapped and a new one commissioned, and Daniel Craig himself requested Phoebe Waller-Bridge (Fleabag) to polish over the script before production began in April 2019 and filming began just a month before. With a release date originally of November 2019, it was tight and after Boyle left in December 2018, pushed to April 2020.

And then the pandemic hit. The world changed overnight, countries shut down, cinemas were left empty, just mere darkened barren auditoriums with no opening date in sight as the world watched COVID-19 unleash across the globe.

A date was set for November 2020 when things began to look up, but come October 2020 as the UK was about to enter another lockdown the movie moved once again to April 2<sup>nd</sup> 2021 which also as a result saw Cineworld shut down completely until May 2021.

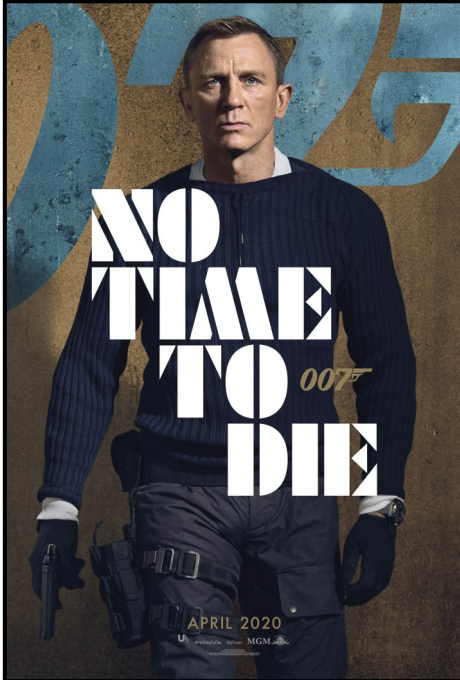
In January the film changed dates once again to October 8<sup>th</sup> 2021 for the US and September 30<sup>th</sup> for the UK, parts of Asia and Europe. The film has recently been green lit for a Chinese release in October, in what is a hugely growing market for box office and last year was a bigger market than Hollywood & the US itself.

Along with Daniel Craig, returning cast members include The film takes place 5 years after the previous film with James Bond no longer a 007 or a member of his majesties secret service. However, it isn't long before he's drawn back into the world he's tried hard to escape and save the world one more time. For those of us within the cinema industry (see next page)



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this film has been awaited for far too long, and I cannot express just how excited we are to hear that infamous theme for the first time again for over 6 years, our theatres. Fans across the country have been constantly dismayed at the delays, and I think especially in the UK, the film is the biggest cinematic release for the past few years, especially 2021.

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It's been a rough 24 months, and sometimes, we just need to sit back and be taken away to another place, a fictional story that pumps the heart, will raise a smile & just be something to enjoy.

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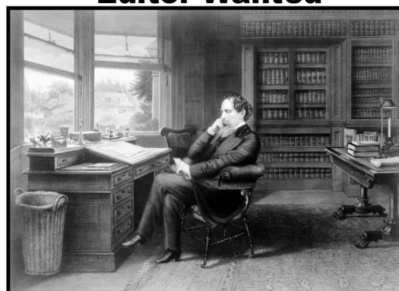
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I will miss the notoriety and the design work. Thanks for reading my efforts each month.

**Mike B**

# Diary Dates

## October

**8th** - Leveret - Reeth Memorial Hall  
8pm.

**9th** - Film in Gunnerside Village  
Hall: Knives Out, starring Daniel Craig  
and Jamie Lee Curtis. 7.30 pm, doors  
and bar open at 7 pm. £5 (children  
£3).

**23rd** - Film in Gunnerside Village  
Hall: The Party. Stars include Timothy  
Spall and Kristin Scott Thomas. 7.30  
pm, doors and bar open at 7 pm. £5  
(children £3).

**27th** - Beetle Drive, with pea & pie  
supper 6.30pm Fremington Village Hall  
Organised by Swaledale Scout Group  
ALL ages welcome

**28th** - Himmerland - folk meets jazz  
meets world music with this 4-piece  
Scandinavian band combining vocals,

sax, fiddle, guitar, percussion and bou-  
zouki. Tickets £14 (£16 door).

## November

**13th** - Film in Gunnerside Village  
Hall: Official Secrets, starring Keira  
Knightly, Ralph Fiennes, Matthew  
Goode. 7.30 pm, doors and bar open at  
7 pm. £5 (children £3).

**25th** - Gigspanner - Reeth Memorial  
Hall 8pm

## December

**4th** - Film in Gunnerside Village  
Hall: The Dig, starring Ralph Fiennes  
and Carey Mulligan 7.30 pm, doors and  
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