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Gazette editor

We are delighted to welcome Jackie Pope as the new Editor of the Reeth Gazette. Jackie lives in Swaledale and is involved in many activities in the Dale, so is well placed to continue the Gazette's long-standing role in providing an important source of news, information and communication for residents and visitors alike.

We would sincerely like to thank the outgoing Editor, Mike Barden, for all his hard work over nearly 3 years. He has devoted a large amount of time and effort to ensuring the Gazette's publication every month and his commitment has been very much appreciated.

Sue Miller, Gazette Chairman



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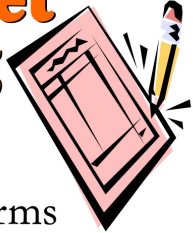


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Gazette Deadlines

The deadlines for the next two months are:

July issue: June 9th 2022

(Revised deadline for July issue)

August issue: July 12th 2022

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PLEASE NOTE: We will endeavour to publish all suitable items submitted by the deadline date but this cannot be guaranteed and is at the sole discretion of the editor.

Very First Thoughts

I first visited the Dales whilst working as a teacher in Buckinghamshire and running the Duke of Edinburgh's Award there. We travelled to various National Parks each Easter holidays with groups of young people undertaking their 4-day Gold Expeditions, and one year it was the turn of the Yorkshire Dales, an area with which I was not particularly familiar. Basing ourselves at the Youth Hostel in Hawes whilst walking and checking the students' planned routes, I discovered the delights of Great Shunner Fell and Upper Swaledale before moving on and finishing in Buckden. I fell in love with the area and the people and when retirement beckoned some years later it was a no-brainer where we would like to move to.

One strong memory I have is of sitting in The Farmers Arms in Muker with a pint of Muker Silver and picking up a copy of the Reeth Gazette. I was astonished at the amount that was going on, the interest shown in local issues and the amazing sense of community and support, all reported on in its pages. I could see the value of the publication in providing information to both local people and to visitors to the area, as well as allowing a number of Dales enthusiasts to keep in touch through the online version or by receiving a copy in the post each month.

The value of the Reeth Gazette has not diminished in the intervening years. Despite the growth of social media and better connectivity, a physical publication still has a place in

our community. For me, a resident of Swaledale now for over 12 years, it is my first port of call if I am looking for a tradesperson or business, and even if not, scanning the advertisements gives a great sense of what's on offer locally. I like to see what the Mountain Rescue team are doing, read my local parish council minutes or follow newer groups as they become a part of the area, like Sustainable Swaledale. Local entertainment is advertised, local groups to join are reported on, and all this is accessible in the garden over a relaxing cup of coffee, away from screens and computers.

I am delighted to take on the task of editing the Reeth Gazette. It works because people use it and submit articles and advertisements that others may be interested in. I urge you to keep doing so. As I settle in there may be ideas for new features about local groups or institutions, but meanwhile please keep your news coming.

I don't necessarily intend to air my views and opinions each month, but maybe others of you might be interested in submitting an opinion piece on a topical issue. Let's see how it goes, and here's to the continuing success of the Reeth Gazette. As the front cover says, it's something priceless within the Two Dales.

Jackie Pope, Editor

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Fanny Mendelssohn was the sister of Felix Mendelssohn. Such were the times that it was considered improper for her to publish works in her own name and Felix published many of them under his name. Fanny was however the equal of Felix in every respect as a composer and when Felix visited Queen Victoria she asked Felix to play a song she loved so that she could sing with him. Felix records that she sang it beautifully but "Then I had to confess - I found it very hard, but pride goeth before a fall - that Fanny had written that song, and would she now sing one of mine?"

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Leyburn u3a Group June Meeting

The June meeting of Leyburn u3a is on Friday 17th June, 10.00am for 10.30am at the Arts & Community Centre, Richmond Road, Leyburn. The speaker is from Nidderdale Moorland Group.

Meetings are usually held the third Friday of every month. Future Meetings: July 15th William Wilberforce - A talk by his ancestor Mary Wilberforce. August 19th From Scalpel to Spade - Helen Neave.

Visitors are always welcome.

John Sutton



Jubilee Party on Reeth Green

Thursday 2nd June 2022

1pm – 5pm

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Muker Parish Council Minutes of Parish Council Meeting Held January 2022

Present: Cllr Reynoldson, Cllr Porter, Cllr Whitehead presiding, and District Councillor Peacock

Apologies: Cllr Calvert, Cllr McMullen

Clerk: Michael Cleminson

Matters Arising:

Queen's Platinum Jubilee - Cllr

Whitehead reported that 2 meetings had already been held and a further meeting would be held in February, when decisions about parties, beacons etc. would be discussed in detail.

Buttertubs Signage - A discussion took place concerning the size and colour. It was agreed that the sign would be black letters on a white background, width 1.19m x 10cms high. Cllr Whitehead will contact a Company in Barnard Castle to obtain a quote and purchase if suitable. Stephen Calvert will erect a small stone wall to accommodate the sign. Approval is still required from Gunnerside Estate. It is yet to be ascertained whether the site is an S.S.S.I. Clerk to confirm with Gunnerside Estate.

A brief discussion took place regarding the benches on the Buttertubs Pass; consideration was given to the removal of the "rogue" bench. The Clerk pointed out that this would be an item in the February edition of the Reeth & Swaledale Gazette and hopefully the owners will come forward. Removal will be considered at the next meeting.

Faulty Light Muker Village Hall - Richmondshire District Council have accepted that the light is their responsibility, however the replacement is contracted out to

Northern Powergrid, who have a considerable backlog due to Covid 19. It will be some months before the light can be replaced.

Muker Waste & Recycle Bins - R.D.C. have agreed to exchange the positions of the 2 bins.

Broken Grate Thwaite Junction with Buttertubs (The Guide Post) - This has already been reported to Highways, who said that they will jet the drain when next in the area. Cllr Reynoldson stated that he did not think that jetting would solve the problem as he believed that the drain or hole has in part collapsed. Clerk to report to Highways.

Finance:

A cheque was raised in respect of the construction and new bench situated opposite Muker Village Hall.

Highways:

See above

Richmondshire D.C:

Nothing to report

NYCC:

Commons Act 2006. Application to transfer rights Ivelet Pasture, moor and Muker Edge. The Parish Council have no comments to make.

YDNPA:

R/06/265 Full planning permission for installation of private sewage treatment plant at Kisdon Cottage, Muker. The Parish Council supports this application.

R/06/196C Full planning permission for one pod for holiday use and flagstone pathway, Aygill Farm, Angram. The Parish Council supports this application.

Clerk to inform Planning about both applications.

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YLCA:

Nothing to report

Correspondence/AOB:

Cllr Porter reported that on Crowtrees Hill the gutters and offsets are overgrown and blocked, causing flooding. Clerk to report to Highways. Potholes on Satron/Askrigg road still not repaired. Clerk to contact Highways

Highways Buttertubs - Highways to consider installation of crash barrier or similar to Green Springs bend to prevent repeated damage to wall. Clerk to report to Highways
Queens Platinum Jubilee, it was agreed that the current fund would be rounded up to £400.00 by the Council.

Date and Time of Next Meeting:
7.30pm Thursday 17th March 2022
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On 8th April a Cocker Spaniel was stolen from kennels at a farm near Barden. The dog has since been returned; however the investigation is still ongoing.

On 10th April a metal milk jug was stolen from outside a property at East Hauxwell.

Between 8th and 11th April, a Land Rover Defender was stolen from outside a property in Bellerby.

Between 15th and 17th April farm buildings were entered at Brokes. A trailer, quadbike, strimmers and chainsaws were stolen.

On 17th April a domestic oil tank was damaged at a residential property in Reeth when persons attempted to steal heating oil.

On 23rd April a Hobby UKFE 650 caravan was stolen from Garriston..

There was a total of 31 crimes recorded in the area during April. I do not report crimes whereby victims could potentially be identified, for example domestic violence or

harassment, although they are included in the totals below.

5 crimes were recorded as Fraud whereby people have reported telephone scams. These include eBay and Amazon scams.

A full breakdown by category is as follows:

- 7 - Violence
- 4 - Criminal Damage
- 6 - Fraud
- 3 - Burglary
- 9 - Theft
- 2 - others

Throughout April there were 9 road traffic collisions reported on our roads, 6 resulting in damage only, and 3 resulting in injuries.

Between now and next month's report the whole country will have celebrated the Platinum Jubilee, marking Her Majesty's 70 year reign. I know of lots of hard work being done in many of our villages, organising events and festivities. I am really looking forward to getting around to as many events as I can and sincerely hope everybody has an enjoyable and safe weekend. (And I hope the weather plays its part too).

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Retirement of Muker Band conductor

It's the end of an era. Dr Duncan Bythell has hung up his conductor's baton after 38 years as musical director of Muker Silver Band.

When Duncan moved to Gunnerside in 1985 he mentioned to his neighbour that he played the piano, and in his Oxford days had also conducted a choir and an orchestra. 'Ah,' said the neighbour, 'we might be needing a conductor for Muker Band.'

Duncan decided to go to the annual Wine Party in Muker to hear the band. For some reason the conductor hadn't turned up, so Duncan's neighbour, Philip Calvert, now principal cornet, who had spotted Duncan in the audience, came and coaxed him onto the stage to conduct the concert. So began 38 happy years for band and conductor.

Concerts have been held in churches, chapels, village halls and in the open air. He will keep in touch with the band, as vice-president, following tradition; his father was vice-president, and his mother Marian was president in her time.

He will continue his long association with Gunnerside chapel, where he has played the organ since 1977. Betty Rutter asked him to deputise sometimes, and after her death he became organist and choirmaster. He also performed and accompanied at the famous Gunnerside village concerts and brought Leyburn Gilbert and Sullivan Society to Gunnerside in May.

As well as Gunnerside chapel, Duncan plays weekly at Low Row URC church. Many years ago, George Edward Brown knocked on his door, asking if he would



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be willing to play for services and what were his fees. "I've never taken a fee for playing for services, and I never will" he replied. And he continues to this day, apart from weddings and funerals, which are a different matter! Gunnerside also saw the birth of the Swale Singers, at first a few friends gathering round the piano at Shelagh Thomlinson's home, as Duncan played anthems, folk songs and madrigals. Within a few years he was conducting 40 members in major works at the Swaledale Festival.

Duncan will continue playing for Gunnerside chapel services, and also preparing the choir for Shortest Day and Longest Day services. As an historian he has always been keen on maintaining Dales traditions, and long may he continue to do.

Sylvia Crookes

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The Museum re-opens on the 1st June, and we are very much looking forward to welcoming you back for this year's season. Our opening times are the same as last year, Mondays to Thursdays inclusive, 10.00 am to 5.00 pm, though as usual if you see our signs out on the Green, we are open! Our refurbished shop is stocked with lovely and unusual things, so even if you don't want to come into the Museum, you might find a personal treat or special gift. All sales support the Museum.

All are welcome to the Friends of the Museum AGM which will be held on 15th June at 7.30 pm in Reeth Memorial Hall. Note our new venue

where all our talks will be held (all at 7.30 pm unless otherwise stated). On 22nd June we have our first lecture. Richard Lamb will talk on Barney Beck Revisited: Old Gang and Surrender Lead Smelting Mills. This lecture attempts to retrace the footsteps of the successful all-day tour undertaken by the Museum in 2019, but with a few surprises. Examining both structure and history of the surviving smelting mills at Surrender and Old Gang, the whereabouts of previous mills will be suggested together with new study into Smith's and Raygill Mills. The often overlooked but fundamental question of water supply will also be addressed. It was in the slags from Surrender Mill that five new compounds were discovered in the late 1980s, two of them new to science. This insight, in layman's language, describes their discovery and subsequent analysis while placing the



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subject into perspective because many mineralogists choose to ignore these and similar remarkable finds. We show a picture of one of these fascinating minerals on the previous page.

On 29th June, Kimberley Starkie from North Yorkshire County Record Office will guide us through Researching Swaledale and Arkenqarthdale using the resources at the North Yorkshire County Record Office. This will be a wonderful opportunity with time to ask questions about your own research.

On 2nd July we are privileged to have Helen Barnes with us lead a Patchwork Day in the Museum. Spend a day immersed in the traditional craft of English Paper Piecing. In the morning she will look at a beautiful quilt with a mosaic periwinkle design, and make up one unit to turn into a small mat or to use as a start for your own quilt. In making up this unit you will learn the traditional method of hand patchwork using up scraps of fabric (all materials and equipment will be provided). In the afternoon we will look at the historic quilts and patchworks in the Museum collection. These are in store, and not

usually available to view. The event is limited to 8, £30 for the day, £25 for Friends of the Museum. Pre-booking essential.

Don't forget to take a look at our website for the exciting lectures planned for the rest of the season.

We have just finished reading Soetsu Yanagi's, The Beauty of Everyday Things, a collection of essays, published in translation by Penguin in 2017. The author founded the Japanese Folk Craft (mingei) movement in the 1930s. His writing is inspiring and has made us look again at the everyday objects that make up most of our collection here in the Swaledale Museum. Yanagi celebrates the handmade functional objects of simplicity and beauty. He writes 'The objects that fill our everyday lives are our constant companions made with care, built to last, treated with respect and even affection. ... Surrounded by them people felt comfortably at home'. These are 'Objects which devote their existence to service, which sacrifice their lives to the needs of the daily round, which work in the harsh real world without

complaint, which carry out their duties with a sense of wholesome satisfaction, and which aim to bring a little happiness into everyday life'. We wonder if these words resonate with any of you. Do you have such objects in your home? If you do, we would love to hear about them. Perhaps you have inherited a kitchen utensil that you cannot bear to be without, or a garden tool, or special vase for flowers? Made



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by unknown craftspeople they do the job perfectly, and are freighted with associations and memories.

And finally, we have offered to help a researcher requesting temporary access to any photographs, postcards, family information or oral traditions and activities in relation to the people, farms and villages of Upper Swaledale, which could be shared or incorporated with permission and acknowledgment into an historical research project currently in process. The researchers would also welcome the opportunity to meet in confidence anyone who is willing to share such information. If you would like to help, please get in touch with Helen Bainbridge via the contact details given at the end of the Museum

Message and we will forward to those engaged in the project.

If you want to sign up for our FREE e-newsletters with latest developments do let us know, and we will put you on the circulation list. Why not become a Friend of the Museum? Excellent idea for a birthday present. Annual membership: single £12.50, couple £20, family £25 gives unlimited free entry to the Museum, discount on talks, and our twice-yearly Newsletter! For more information contact Helen Bainbridge via helen@swaledalemuseum.org or on 07969 823232. Visit our website at www.swaledalemuseum.org for the latest information.

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• **Wednesday 15 June**

Friends of Swaledale Museum AGM

• **Wednesday 22 June**

Richard Lamb, Barney Beck Revisited: Old Gang and Surrender Lead Smelting
Mills including a rare insight into the fascinating World of Slag Mineralogy

• **Wednesday 29 June**

Kimberley Starkie, North Yorkshire County Record Office, Researching Swale-
dale and Arkengarthdale using the resources at the North Yorkshire County
Record Office

• **Wednesday 6 July CANCELLED**

Dr Christine Hallas, Poverty & Pragmatism in Wensleydale & Swaledale 1790-
1914

• **Wednesday 20 July**

Helen Guy, The Keld Countryside and Heritage Centre, The Legacy of the
Kearnton Brothers

• **Wednesday 3 August**

Dr David Johnson, Lime kilns in Swaledale & Arkengarthdale: the where, the
when and the what for?

• **Wednesday 17 August**

Prof. William van Vugt, Calvin University, Grand Rapids, Portrait of an English
Migration:
North Yorkshire People in North America

• **Wednesday 21 September**

Will Swales, Marshal-General Plantagenet Harrison: Richmondshire's fake prince
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• **Wednesday 28 September**

Shaun Richardson, Ed Dennison Archaeological Services, 'Removed and Revealed:
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	10.30 am	Low Row URC	
	11.00 am	St. Edmund's, Marske	<i>Holy Communion</i>
	11.00 am	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
	11.15 am	Holy Trinity Low Row	<i>Eucharist</i>
	4.00 pm	St. Mary's Arkengarthdale	<i>Rectory Chorale will lead Choral Evensong - this is the Swaledale Festival Service</i>
	6.30 pm	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
	6.30 pm	Gunnarside Methodist	<i>Holy Communion</i>
12th June	9.30 am	St. Andrew's Grinton	<i>Eucharist</i>
	9.30 am	St Michael's Downholme	<i>Morning Prayer</i>
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	11.15 am	Holy Trinity Low Row	<i>Eucharist</i>
	2.30 pm	Keld URC	
	6.30 pm	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
	6.30 pm	Gunnarside Methodist	<i>Service planned and co- led by Gunnarside/ Reeth school children with Rachel Pinkney</i>
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	9.30 am	St. Andrew's Grinton	<i>Eucharist</i>
	10.00 am	St Joseph & Francis Xav. Richmond	<i>Mass</i>
	10.30 am	Low Row URC	
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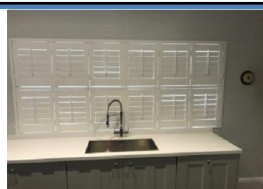
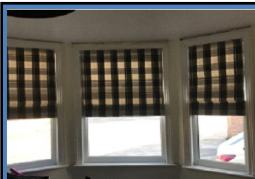
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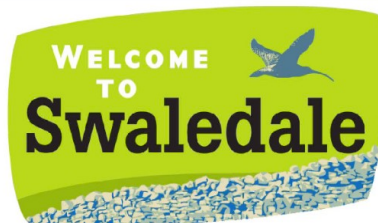
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Swaledale Festival kicks off this month, with fifty events rippling across the Dales from **28 May to 11 June** to honour the organisation's special 50th anniversary.

The 2022 programme combines Festival favourites with new faces, duos and quartets with orchestras and local artists with international stars. Expect a heady mix of classical, folk, jazz, blues, film, poetry, masterclasses, guided walks and more - brought to the charming chapels, halls and outdoor spaces the Dales is known for. There are a number of free events, such as art exhibitions and a Family Fun Day in Reeth, and tickets to under 25s are only £3.

Plenty of events still have availability so snap up your chance to experience world-class arts in the beauty of the Yorkshire Dales while you can. For tickets and information, please visit www.swalefest.org, or read on for a quick round up.

Festival launch

Festivities begin with the Festival's first event in a cathedral, a performance of **Handel's Messiah** in Ripon on Saturday 28 May. This celebratory curtain-raiser brings together two local choirs (Swale Singers and Richmondshire Choral Society) with a superb period instrument orchestra and four internationally acclaimed soloists. This unique concert is one of the Festival's largest and most ambitious events to date, bringing Dales musicians and world-class professionals together on one stage. Don't miss it!

Classical gems

Swaledale Festival has developed a reputation for attracting big classical names to the area. This year percussion



superstar **Dame Evelyn Glennie** will perform *The Language of Bells* in Richmond, exploring the meaning, sound and

resonance of bells through the centuries. Evelyn had a prominent role in the opening ceremony of the London 2012 Olympics, is a TED talk superstar and is the first person in history to sustain a full-time career as a solo percussionist.

Another international star taking the stage is New York-based violinist **Alexander Markov**. Markov has been hailed as one of the world's most captivating and versatile musicians. Whether performing as a soloist with

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prestigious orchestras at major concert halls around the world or playing at sports arenas in front of 25,000 people on his gold electric violin, he makes an instant connection with his audiences, so come and see him in Grinton! In a separate ticketed event, five lucky young string players will get an opportunity to perform and gain invaluable guidance from Markov in front of an audience at a masterclass he will teach in Spennithorne.

Hallé Cellos comprises the eight cellists from The Hallé, Britain's longest-established permanent professional symphony orchestra founded in Manchester in 1858. They create a memorable sound, rich in sonority and high in virtuosity, and will perform a concert with a distinctly Latin flavour in Richmond.

Other top classical names include flamenco legend **Paco Peña**, nineteen-year-old piano sensation **Jeneba Kanneh-Mason**, **Sacconi Quartet** and the outstanding vocal ensemble **VOCES8**, who - if you can't get tickets to their concert in Grinton - will also

lead a relaxed singing workshop for all abilities in the afternoon before their show.

Folk, Jazz and Blues

If folk is more your thing, a vibrant new duo comprising harmonica wizard **Will Pound** and guitarist **Jenn Butterworth** will perform a toe-tapping show in Spennithorne. This is an opportunity to experience some spine-tingling sparring between two electrifying young musicians.

The Irish fiddler, concertina player and singer from Killarney, **Niamh Ní Charra**, will share beautiful ballads, infectious jigs, reels and slides with her band in Grinton, as well as stories of old Ireland.

And in another Festival first, there will be a mini **folk fest** at the picturesque Raygill House Farm in Upper Wensleydale (Sunday 5 June). Performers include the award-winning **Rheingans Sisters** from Sheffield with their playful and innovative contemporary music anchored in folk, and **Paul Cookson**, the performance-poet and occasional ukulele player. Food, drink and crafts will be on-sale.

Acoustic Triangle are a classically-influenced jazz trio who have become a firm favourite with the Festival audience. The saxophonist, bassist and pianist who have been touring together for more than 20 years, will perform in Richmond, where in the second half they will be joined by some very special guests...(we'll say no more!).

And this year some blues will be coming to the green fields of Grinton



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in the form of guitarist **Dave Kelly** and keyboardist **Bob Hall**. These living legends, who cut their teeth with the likes of Howlin' Wolf, Buddy Guy, John Lee Hooker and Muddy Waters, will be jamming in St. Andrew's Church with bassist **Hilary Blythe**.

Young Artists

The Festival's Young Artists Platform, which showcases tomorrow's stars, sees **Bammental School Symphony Orchestra** travelling from Germany with their inspirational conductor to perform orchestral classics, tangos and Irish folk tunes in Aysgarth, and **Magnard Ensemble**, a talented woodwind group with great chemistry, perform a mouth-watering programme of Byrd, Mozart and Stephen Dodgson in Grinton. These are opportunities to see young musicians at the beginning of stellar careers, and many YAPs have gone on to become international stars. In today's climate there can be unexpected programme changes, and the exquisite Australian mezzo soprano **Lotte Betts-Dean**, who was due to perform with her father, will now take the stage with the brilliant young guitarist **Dimitris Soukaras** to perform *Travels with a Guitar* in Spennithorne - an entertaining selection of songs and solo guitar pieces from Elizabethan ballads and love songs to fiery Brazilian Bossa Nova.

Talks

The extraordinary Kanneh-Mason family has captured the hearts of the world. This year's Reeth Lecture is given by the family's inspirational matriarch and author **Kadiatu Kanneh-Mason**, who will talk about the trials

and tribulations of bringing up seven incredibly gifted musicians. You will also be able to purchase her book: *House of Music: Raising the Kanneh-Masons*.

Another talk taking place in Reeth, *The Legacy of the Kearnton Brothers*, will be given by informed local historian **Helen Guy** of Keld Resource Centre, in which she will explore the lives and legacy of the celebrated pioneers of wildlife photography who grew up in Thwaite, Swaledale. Cherry Kearnton's 1930 film inspired David Attenborough to develop his interest in the natural world.

Free

Get your fix of art with five free art exhibitions. The Station will show *Soul of the Earth* by students from Risedale and *Reawakening* by painters **Michael Bilton** and **Garry Brannigan**. **Moray Welsh** will exhibit his scenes through windows in *Inside Out* at Hudson House in Reeth. Paintings inspired by the Pennines by **Julia Corfe** will be on show at her exhibition *Distance Drawn* in Gunnerside, and there will be another opportunity to see *The Story of the Schools in the Upper Dales*, an exhibition exploring the education heritage of the area through themed interpretation panels and a spectacular 4.5 metre-wide photo mosaic, at Tennants in Leyburn.

There will also be a free **Family Fun Day** on Reeth Green (Saturday 4 June), with samba drummers and dancers, melodious tunes from **Reeth Brass Band** and moves and grooves from the fabulous **Zulu Tradition** - as

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well as kite flying and quoits, of course. These are just some of the events to look forward to. Details of the full programme are available on the website. We are looking forward to celebrating the Festival's 50th anniversary with you.

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**Melbecks Community
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Public Meeting**

Melbecks Parish Council has spent the last year setting up a Community Emergency Plan in order to get much needed help and assistance to our parishioners in times of Emergency. There is to be a Public Meeting held commencing at 7.30pm on Thursday 9th June 2022 at the Low Row Institute, Low Row, to present details of the Melbecks PC Civil Emergency Plan and of how and when the Plan will be activated. Present will be members of NYCC's Resilience Emergency Team, District and Parish Councillors, MIRT (Major Incident Response Team), and Emergency Volunteers. Practical details of the plan in operation will be presented and residents will have the opportunity to ask any questions they may have and find out what part they themselves have to interact within the plan. This meeting is open to all, so if your parish is thinking of creating a Civil Emergency Plan and you would like information on how to go about it you will be most welcome.

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**A big thank you to
Mike Barden**

Could I take the opportunity to thank Mike for all his sterling work on editing the Reeth Gazette over the last few years. The Gazette is such a valuable resource for the local community and its continued existence is very much the result of the willingness of people like Mike and the new editor to put considerable time and effort into bringing it together each month. It is much appreciated.

Regards
Margaret Feetham



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Upcoming events for June and July include:

Walk - Nurturing Nature

Tuesday 14 June 2022, approx. 12pm - 4.00pm

A short walk from Ribbleshead railway station to two of the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust's most nature rich reserves. Graham Standring, the Trust's Living Landscapes Officer will be offering expert insight into the native flora and fauna of the biodiverse grassland at Ashes Pasture and also the more complex site at nearby Salt Lake Quarry. Booking essential. No dogs except RAD.

Digital Talk - Building Conservation and Lime Wash

Wednesday 15 June 2022, 7.30pm (c 1 hr)

Lime was once an essential building material and chartered surveyor and

building conservation expert, Jonathan Ratter will reveal why it is still the best choice for protecting the stonework of traditional buildings.

Volunteering Event - Eyes on the Bog

Thursday 23 June 10.30 - 3pm, Kingsdale, north of Ingleton

We are supporting the Eyes on the Bog peatland monitoring project run by Yorkshire Peat Partnership. Its aim is to put in place simple, repeatable data collection to assess peatlands and the effectiveness of restoration techniques in order to refine future peatland restoration and long-term climate predictions.

As part of our Peatlands campaign #MoorPeat, we are looking to recruit volunteers to support with some simple peatland monitoring activities on a site of their choice up to four times a year. Full training and equipment will be provided at the event on 23 June.

If you are interested in taking part in this long-term project - albeit one that is flexible and can be carried out on your own terms - email:

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Digital Talk - The Flow: Rivers and River Life

Wednesday 13 July 2022, 7.30pm (c 1 hr)

Drawing from her newly published book, *The Flow*, our voluntary President, the acclaimed nature writer Dr Amy-Jane Beer will read extracts about Dales rivers, before talking more broadly about aquatic life and the challenges facing river systems. Bring your questions as Amy-Jane is looking forward to an interactive Q&A!

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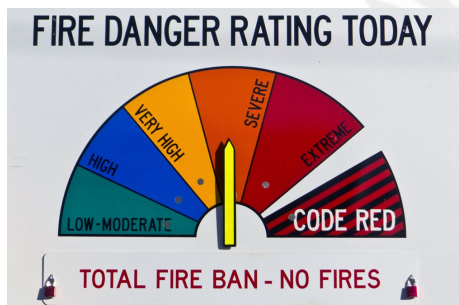
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Reeth Station

In May we received an extra training session on immediate emergency care (IEC). We are all trained as first responders in trauma first aid. This involves making initial assessments of casualties and administering a range of treatments until more help arrives, continually assessing and altering as the situation requires.

We carry an IEC pack on our fire engine containing oxygen, a catastrophic bleeds kit, defibrillator, variety of bandages and other first aid equipment. This gives us the basics to help us preserve life should someone need assistance before an ambulance crew arrives.

By having these extra refresher sessions it allows us to be updated on the latest advice and techniques that are provided to us by the Yorkshire Ambulance service who we often work alongside at incidents



Keep a lookout for these signs: you may see them on gates around moorland and access points to forests and woodland. We monitor the MET office fire severity index and you can help by heeding warnings when you're out and about.

Watch out for wildfires

The generally hotter weather and subsequent drier ground brings with it the increased risk in wildfires, particularly moorland fires for our area.

Landowners burn grassland and heather from November to the end of March resulting in a reduction of the fuel load. However if you see smoke or suspect a wildfire outside of these months call 999 immediately, as even the lightest wind can cause a small fire to rapidly develop across large open areas, such as moorland, and become out of control causing untold destruction to plants, wildlife, property and livelihoods.

Help to reduce the risk by

- extinguish cigarettes properly. Do not throw them out of car windows or on the ground
- do not have open fires or barbecues out in the countryside especially near moorland or grassland
- Do not leave bottles or glass behind as sunlight shining through the glass can start fires
- If you see a fire in the countryside take note of the location or major landmarks and call 999 and ask for the Fire Service

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Jubilee Party On Reeth Green 2nd June

I am writing this before the event; chances are, you are reading it after the event, in which case I hope the weather was kind to us all and that you enjoyed the festivities we arranged.

As is always the case with events such as this, no matter how seemingly straightforward, a lot of unseen work and organisation takes place beforehand. To this end, I would like to thank all those who helped put the event on, including, but not exclusively, the Hudson House sub-committee who planned everything; those who helped on the day with the practicalities of setting up The Green and serving the toast / strawberries and cream etc; the scouts for arranging the races; the competition judges; the musicians and dancers who entertained us. (No doubt I have forgotten someone or group from this list so apologies if I have.) But also thank you to all those of you who took part to make it such an enjoyable afternoon.

Obviously, a substantial cost was incurred, and we would like to thank Richmondshire DC for their grant of just over £1,500 and Reeth Parish Council for a donation of £500. The balance of the cost was met by Hudson House from its community funds.

Of course, it may well have poured down with rain all day on the 2nd and we were forced to decamp to The Memorial Hall - but we would have made the best of it, nonetheless.

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Talking Pictures

Operation Mincemeat—2021

Review by John Hunter

Harking back to those old black and white war movies of the 1950s - impossible missions against insurmountable odds, where the audience actually *knew* the outcome already (The Colditz story, Reach for the Sky, The Wooden Horse etc) - 'Operation Mincemeat' resurrects *another* '50's offering; 'The Man who never was' (directed by the great Ronald Neame). Whereas the earlier film tended to concentrate on the 'journey' of the all important suitcase from drowned 'spy' to German High Command, 'Mincemeat' focusses in much more detail on the initial planning and development of the mission, specifically creating the fictional 'character' of the corpse who will be the bearer of the 'false' secrets.



Director John Madden creates an intriguing and tense storyline and whilst pretty much everything *actually* happened as shown, he wisely bookends the movie with a narration by the Ian Fleming character. The real James Bond author apparently worked on the wartime team, (he was in Naval

Intelligence) and his appearance throughout does give the impression of this being a 'spy novel' in creation. His character is actually introduced with a Bondian style cadence on the soundtrack, and just watch actor Johnny Flynn's reaction upon being shown a gadget laden watch by the *real* wartime 'Q' (played here with a hint of Desmond Llewelyn by 'Dibley's James Fleet)

The two main stars however are another couple of 'TV' favourites, Colin Firth and Matthew Macfadyen, who play the chief instigators of the subterfuge. They both imbue their characters with that reticence coupled with a stiff upper lip which resonated in war films of old - Macfadyen particularly impresses in a role that needn't garner sympathy, but does. The cast is in fact full of TV faces but this in no way detracts from the 'expensive' movie look. Fans of 'Vera' will spot her first ME (Paul Ritter) once again in the mortuary!- plus Mark Gatiss (Dr Who / Sherlock) and Penelope Wilton (currently also starring 'Downton Abbey 2')

The very staid and understated 'love triangle' between Firth, Macfadyen and Kelly Macdonald (playing Jean Leslie, another member of the Intelligence Unit) does seem tacked on, but nicely played by all (in reality it seems the two men did most of the 'plotting', but used Jean's photo as the dead man's girlfriend).

Although the outcome is of course known, there is much tension created once the case containing the 'false' secrets is 'lost' (they tell of the Allied plan to invade Greece as part of our 'push back' whereas it was actually Sicily) - The noble Spaniards very

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nearly send it back unopened to Whitehall - then the 'village' Medical Examiner turns out to be a replacement - a specialist in drownings! Concluding with scenes of the landing and taking of the beach (courtesy of some nice CG effects) the movie should rightly take its place among the other 'real events' war movies. Just a final plaudit for the costumes and settings which look superb, and composer Thomas Newman's understated score, with a lyrical theme reminiscent of that other wartime 'hit' 'Dangerous Moonlight' (The 'Warsaw Concerto' by Richard Addinsell.)

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Last time the audience complimented us on our choice of repertoire, and promised to return in the future!" John

and Jane wrote 'The Station Master' play last year as part of the Richmond 950 celebrations, and though they have all performed together previously at the Georgian Theatre, the 'Station Master' band were asked to 'go it alone' for the Jazz gig and it proved a huge success.

Friday 1st July 2022 - Tickets for the Jazz & Cocktails Night featuring The Good Vibes Trio and a delicious two course meal are available from The Station Café Bar priced £25.00 per person - drinks not included. Telephone 01748 825967 or email reservations@thestation.co.uk.

Reeth Memorial Hall

Friday 17th June - Harp & a Monkey - Martin Purdy (vocals, glockenspiel, accordion, harmonica and keyboards), Simon Jones (harp, guitar, viola) and Andy Smith (banjo, guitar, melodica and programming). Expect songs of bare-knuckle boxers, evolutionary moths and wife auctions. Tickets **£14** (£16 door).

Friday 24th June - Tony McManus (described by John Renbourn as "the best Celtic guitarist in the world") joins Julia Toasperm from Berlin (fiddle, guitar, vocals). Tickets **£14** (£16 door).

Saturday 2nd July - Darren Page - the Voice of Roy Orbison. One set of Rock 'n Roll favourites and one set of 'The Big O'. Tickets **£13** (£15 door).

Friday 22nd July - Michael Messer's Mitra are British blues innovator and slide guitarist, Michael Messer, Hindustani slide guitar maestro from India, Manish Pingle, and London-based tabla master, Gurdain Singh Rayatt. Tickets **£17** (£19 door).

Friday 12th August - Laura Cortese & the Dance Cards from Belgium & the USA make a welcome return to Reeth. Tickets **£15** (£17 door).

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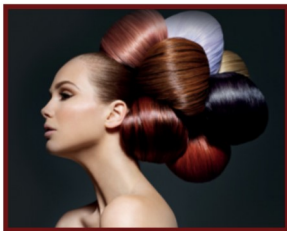
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Source :BBC article <https://tinyurl.com/yc8pxmnb>

Litter pick

The **Two Dales Litter Pick**, part of the Great British Spring Clean campaign, took part on Sunday 3rd April, organised by Adele Sparrow. Volunteers with the assistance of Richard Tarran and the Swaledale Scouts cleared 15 sacks of rubbish from around the dales. The Scouts did a marvellous pick of the Reeth and Grinton loop kindly supported by Brenda and Stuart's bike cakery refreshments. Five teams cleared litter from Reeth village, the east and west Swale Trail routes and Robin Gate woods.

Plastics: avoid micro plastics

Plastic Soup Foundation have refreshed their **Beat the Microbead** app which allows you to scan the ingredients in soaps and cosmetic

products and see if microplastics are included. Information available at:

<https://www.beatthemicrobead.org>

Plastics Treaty

United Nations members have agreed to start negotiations on a **global plastics treaty** which would set rules for production, use and disposal of plastics. It is hoped that agreement on the text and funding will be reached by 2024.

Source: BBC article

<https://tinyurl.com/4u6jazjf>

30 days Wild

The Wildlife Trusts are running a campaign throughout the whole of June asking you to do **one** wild thing each day. You can register as a family or as a group and receive an information pack and daily email reminder throughout June. Potential tasks include listening to birdsong, learning about swifts and swallows, drawing a tree, making a bird feeder.

More information at: <https://www.wildlifetrusts.org/30dayswild>

World Environment Day

The United Nations have designated 5th June **World Environment Day**. The focus this year is on living sustainably in harmony with nature.

Source:

<https://www.worldenvironmentday.global/>

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Margaret

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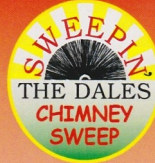


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NHS North Yorkshire Clinical Commissioning Groups supports the Children's Mental Health Week campaign

With Children's Mental Health Week beginning on 9 May, NHS North Yorkshire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) is encouraging young people to visit their online mental health hub, 'The Go-To' for advice and support.

The theme of the campaign for 2022 is loneliness. Loneliness can affect many of us at one time or another and it can have a huge impact on our mental and physical health.

The Go-To - <https://www.thegoto.org.uk/> - is designed to be a portal or 'single point of information' showcasing the mental health support services and information offered by different agencies in the county.

The website includes resources and support for children and young people, parents and carers and professionals and also has specific advice around loneliness: <https://thegoto.org.uk/im-a-young-person/coping-common-issues/loneliness/>

NHS North Yorkshire Clinical Commissioning Group, Governing Body GP, Dr Peter Billingsley, said: "We all get lonely sometimes. Loneliness is a normal emotion like being happy, angry, sad or excited. Everyone feels it from time to time and everybody's experience of loneliness is different.

"Feeling lonely can affect your overall mental health, especially if these feelings have lasted a long time or have increased due to the pandemic. It can make you feel anxious or depressed and give you low self-esteem and confidence, sleep problems and increased stress.

"Thinking about what is making you feel lonely may help you find a way of reconnecting and reaching out to other people in a similar situation to you.

"If you are struggling, The Go-To website has a bunch of advice and support to help you with links to local services."

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The website has recently introduced 'mini marketplace' resources making it even easier to find the right service for you - (link to come)

There is further advice and support about loneliness on the NHS Every Mind Matter website: <https://www.nhs.uk/every-mind-matters/lifes-challenges/loneliness/>

Childline also have an advice page for young people who are feeling lonely: <https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/your-feelings/feelings-emotions/loneliness-isolation/>

There are opportunities to help spread the word about helping children and young people in North Yorkshire look after their mental health by becoming a 'Go-To Champion'. This can include writing and reviewing website content, helping with social media content and writing blogs.

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Thurs 26th May—TLC @Gunnerville
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Saturday 28th May - Handel's Messiah
7.30pm, Ripon Cathedral, Swaledale
Festival Chorus- Tickets
from www.swalefest.org

June

2nd June - Platinum Jubilee Celebration - Reeth Green, 1pm-5pm.

Friday 17th June - Harp & a Monkey -
Martin Purdy (vocals, glockenspiel, accordion, harmonica and keyboards),
Simon Jones (harp, guitar, viola) and
Andy Smith (banjo, guitar, melodica and programming). Expect songs of bare-knuckle boxers, evolutionary moths and wife auctions. Tickets **£14** (£16 door).

Saturday 18th June 10am-noon
Coffee morning Reeth Evangelical
Congregational Church

Thurs 23rd June - TLC @Gunnerville
Gunnerville Village Hall - talk by a
speaker from the Great North Air
Ambulance about the work of this essential service. 7.30pm

Friday 24th June - Tony McManus
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Julia Toaspern from Berlin (fiddle, guitar, vocals). Tickets **£14** (£16 door).

July

Friday 1st July 2022 - Jazz & Cocktails Night featuring The Good Vibes Trio and a delicious two course

meal are available from The Station Café Bar priced £25.00 per person - drinks not included. Tel 01748 825967 or email reservations@thestation.co.uk

Saturday 2nd July - Darren Page - the Voice of Roy Orbison. One set of Rock 'n Roll favourites and one set of 'The Big O'. Tickets **£13** (£15 door).

Saturday 16th July 10am-noon
Coffee morning Reeth Evangelical
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Friday 22nd July - Michael Messer's Mitra are British blues innovator and slide guitarist, Michael Messer, Hindustani slide guitar maestro from India, Manish Pingle, and London-based tabla master, Gurdain Singh Rayatt. Tickets **£17** (£19 door).

Saturday 30th July - Reeth Makers Market Reeth Memorial Hall 10am - 4pm

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