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The Future of the 2 Dales Luncheon Clubs Association

Despite extensive enquiries within the 2 Dales community it has proved impossible to find a replacement caterer to supply meals to the Lunch Clubs.

In these circumstances, an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Luncheon Clubs Association will be held in Reeth Memorial Hall at 10:00 am on Wednesday 14th September to approve a motion to dissolve the Luncheon Clubs Association and distribute its assets in accordance with clause 11 of the constitution.

It is proposed that the available Cash assets will be distributed in equal share between the 4 public halls that were used to host the lunch clubs prior to the pandemic. It is also proposed that material assets such as table cloths, cutlery etc will be left in the halls where they are currently kept, but with the exception that the recently acquired Langthwaite cutlery would be donated to the proposed new kitchenette that it is hoped will become a community facility within St. Mary's Church Langthwaite. All current and recent members of all 4 lunch clubs are invited to attend the meeting and vote on the proposed dissolution. There will also be the opportunity to discuss whether there is any alternative option to fulfil the original aims of the Luncheon Clubs Association, and to appoint a new committee and/or administrator if one is deemed necessary.

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Swaledale Scout Group are seeking more Leaders

In July, Richard Good retired from his role as Group Scout Leader after twenty-nine years. For twenty-six years his wife Sheila ran the Cub Scout Pack. At the Group's Annual Family night and AGM at the Reeth Sports ground, Group Chairman Paul Roger presented them with presents. Mr Roger thanked Richard and Sheila for their "outstanding service to Scouting" particularly with the Swaledale Group. Richard thanked the Group for their presents and flowers. He said both he and his wife has thoroughly enjoyed their time as Leaders in the dales. Together they have completed over one hundred years of service as Leaders to Scouting.



The Scout Group is urgently seeking more adult help as Leaders and supporters. Any one over eighteen, female or male, is welcome and there is no upper age limit. Working with the young people of the two dales is very rewarding. The Group needs help in all

sections: Beaver Scouts aged 6 to 8, Cub Scouts aged 8 to 10.5 and Scouts aged 10.5 to 14, all sections being open to both boys and girls.

The Scout association provides training and support. If you have skills in outdoor pursuits, arts, crafts etc that is helpful but not essential. Look on the Scout Groups Website www.swaledalescouts.com to find out more about your local scouts. You can contact us via the website or ring the Group Chairman Paul Roger on 07866 532137. The national Scout website is www.scouts.org.uk, where you will find out more about being a leader or helper. If we are going to continue to offer exciting and challenging Scouting for the young people of Swaledale and Arkengarthdale we need YOUR HELP.

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The Swale Singers are cranking up to start their autumn term rehearsals on Sunday 4 September. We're meeting every Sunday until early December from 3pm to 5pm in Reeth Memorial Hall.

We'll be practising the pieces for our Christmas concert on **Saturday 3rd December at St Mary's, Arkengarthdale**. The first will be Haydn's Nelson Mass - subtitled A Mass for Troubled Times, so pretty fitting for late 2022.

We'll also be singing John Rutter's Magnificat, which will form a twentieth century contrast to the Haydn.

Everyone is very welcome to join our rehearsals. Come along and give it a go even if you haven't sung for a while - or ever before. There are no auditions, and plenty of resources available to help you to practise outside of rehearsals so you can feel confident.

However, we do recognise that not everyone thinks they can sing. Generally, most people can with a bit of time, training and effort.

If you're convinced that singing really isn't your bag, but you're keen to support the Swale Singers, we would like to offer you the unmissable opportunity of becoming a Friend of the Swale Singers.

For a modest donation of at least £25 a year, (or more, if you're feeling very generous and which you can Gift Aid)

you can bask in the warm glow that comes from knowing you are supporting a very worthwhile charity, one that is part of the musical fabric of the Dales.

You'll also benefit from a reserved seat and a free programme at any of our non-Festival concerts.

You'll be invited to choir events and have the opportunity to be involved in all the choir's activities. Recent highlights have been a summer garden party, and celebrating special choir anniversaries by going up and down the dale singing. And maybe partaking of a local beverage at one or two hostleries en route.

If you'd like to know more about the befriending scheme, please contact Jill or Paul Adamson on jandpra@btinternet.com

Jackie Pope



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Leyburn u3a Group September Meeting

The August meeting of Leyburn u3a is on Friday 16th September, 10.00am for 10.30am at the Arts & Community Centre, Richmond Road, Leyburn. The speaker is Philip Caine "Barrow to Baghdad and Back Again"

Meetings are usually held the third Friday of every month.

Future Meetings: Friday October 21st: Jenny Blackburn - Life on the High Seas. Friday November 18th: Helen Keep - The Wensleydale Project.

Visitors are always welcome.

John Sutton

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Catterick town levelling up bid submitted

A £19 million bid for funding to re-vamp a neglected area of Catterick, and expand the existing town centre, has been lodged.

Richmondshire District Council - in partnership with North Yorkshire County Council and the MOD - has submitted an application to central government's Levelling Up Fund.

It details ambitious proposals for the £21 million initial phase of a regeneration programme for enhancing Catterick town centre. This includes the re-development of land around Shute Road to provide more community facilities and space and to improve pedestrian connectivity.

If successful it should pave the way for further improvements that will deliver extra retail and commercial premises, and drive further investment into the area and the wider town centre for both the military and civilian communities.

"We want to see Shute Road and the area around it transformed into an attractive, vibrant and inclusive town centre," said District Council Leader, Councillor Angie Dale.

"They are very exciting plans for the town. A new town square with a community and enterprise facility and the rejuvenation of Coronation Park will bring in more businesses and therefore more people giving the town centre the focus it doesn't currently

have."

She said the plans include:

- a new town square
- landscaping improvements - including upgrading Coronation Park and Shute Road by providing enhanced play / active spaces as well as enhanced accessibility routes linking into the existing town centre
- enhancing key footpaths and cycle ways through Coronation Park and on the approach to the town centre
- a new community and enterprise facility with glass pavilion and outdoor seating area

North Yorkshire County Council's leader, Cllr Carl Les, who represents the Catterick Village and Brompton-on-Swale division and previously represented the entire Catterick Garrison, said: "The Levelling Up Fund provides the opportunity to introduce wide-ranging improvements in areas of the country which are often most in need.

"We have worked closely with our colleagues at Richmondshire District Council and the Ministry of Defence to draw up the bid which, if approved, will be of huge benefit to Catterick and the surrounding area for years to come."

Major General Richard Clements, Director Basing and Infrastructure says: "The Army is very supportive of the regeneration of Catterick town centre, and a successful bid will provide the funding to deliver the joint vision for the town. Delivering the right infrastructure is key to encouraging investment in what will be a vibrant community that will greatly benefit our serving personnel, their families, and the wider civilian community."

The Levelling Up Bid develops

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feasibility work that was jointly funded by the district council, MoD and the North Yorkshire and York Local Enterprise Partnership - and is also linked to the Catterick Garrison Masterplan that has been considered through the Richmondshire Local Plan Review.



Cllr Carl Les, with Cllr Angie Dale and Major J P Cronin

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Beavers helped wildlife in the recent heatwaves

Beavers at the Wild Ken Hill nature reserve provided cool habitats for other wildlife as a consequence of damming up rivers.

Source: BBC website <https://tinyurl.com/hwx3f8h3>

From Peat to Paddling

The Friends of the Dales charity is running a free afternoon conference on Saturday 24th September looking at what constitutes a healthy river based on the challenges of maintaining the Wharfe. More details on their website: <https://friendsofthedales.org.uk/from-peat-to-paddling-conference>

National Hedgerows Week Saturday 17th - Sunday 25th September 2022

According to the Tree Council, which is promoting the week, hedgerows are the unsung heroes of the British countryside forming the UK's largest wildlife habitat. Preserving them is crucial to halting biodiversity decline and tackling climate change. Information will be available on the Tree Council website: <https://tinyurl.com/3j7uac3v>

Sustainable Swaledale will be working with Tees-Swale: naturally connected over the winter to plant 835 metres (over $\frac{1}{2}$ mile) of new hedgerow in Swaledale and Arkengarthdale. If you would like to help with the planting, please get in touch.

North Yorkshire County Council considering a climate emergency scrutiny committee

North Yorkshire County Council agreed on 20 July to explore the establishment of a climate emergency committee to provide an added level of scrutiny for its work to tackle climate change. A decision will be made at the November meeting.

County, district and borough council staff are currently working on a draft climate change strategy which will cover the whole of North Yorkshire when the new authority takes over on 1st April 2023. The strategy will cover measures to reduce North Yorkshire's carbon dioxide emissions.

Source: NYCC website <https://tinyurl.com/46rpy9kk>

Ospreys nesting in Wensleydale

Osprey chicks have been born to North Yorkshire's first recorded breeding pair of ospreys for hundreds of years. This follows a reintroduction programme on the Bolton Estate.

Source: BBC website <https://tinyurl.com/ydd5t9ts>

Record temperatures can be attributed to climate change

World Weather Attribution (a partnership between Imperial College London, Royal Netherlands Meteorological Institute (KNMI) and Red Cross Red Crescent Climate Centre) has agreed with the Met Office that recent record temperatures of 40 C in the UK would have been extremely unlikely without human caused climate change.

Source: www.worldweatherattribution.org/

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A little more locally, according to a 20 year data record kept at Low Row, the temperature on the 19th July exceeded the previous record (1st July 2015) by 4.9 C.

Richmond School Eco Club

Richmond School's Eco Club has been busy. Students attended the Richmond Climate Action Partnership 'Heat, Eat and Meet' event held at Tennants and got involved in a number of events including a presentation on their Big Garden Project. Then in the last week of term, they met Richmondshire District Council chair, Councillor Lorraine Hodgson and her climate change team who heard about the work the club members are doing to gain green flag accreditation. Source: Richmond School website <https://tinyurl.com/3a6hsu37>

Source: Richmondshire Times article <https://tinyurl.com/3y53wnm3>

Clickable links available via the Sustainable Swaledale website

Margaret

Sustainable Swaledale Group

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Run from the Shadows Art Exhibition

"Run from the Shadows" is the first exhibition by Julie Edwardson since her move to the Dales last Spring to open Yore Mill Gallery with her partner Steve, which fulfils a lifelong ambition. Julie had been an art teacher in the North East of England since '87 and since leaving teaching has been a member of The Bank Art Group in North Shields having two exhibitions with the group in 2019 and 2020.

Julie is drawn to details in the landscape working mainly with acrylic paint and mixed media collage taking inspiration from nature and the effects of man on the landscape.



Since moving to the Dales, Julie has been intrigued by the play of light

through the trees particularly falling onto man made forms. She responds to the sights and sounds of the environment and expresses the mood of the local area in gesture and colour. Julie hopes to evoke the sounds of the dales through these abstracted images such as the play of water over stones and the breeze through the trees. She is attracted to the points where nature and humans collide, textures and contrasts.

Julie uses mixed media collage and acrylic paint to achieve a textured layered images through transparent and opaque media achieving depth and subtlety in tone and colour.

Hopefully you will be able to visit the Gallery here at Aysgarth Falls to enjoy these exciting new works by Julie. The exhibition runs from 1st August until 31st October 2022.

Julie Edwardson and Stephen Smith

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exploring what constitutes a healthy river, using the River Wharfe from Oughtershaw Beck to Ilkley as a case study. The event runs from 1pm-5pm and all 16-25 year olds can claim a travel bursary of £25. To find out more visit:

www.friendsofthedales.org.uk or to register your interest email: victoria.benn@friendsofthedales.org.uk

The charity is also hosting its regular programme of free digital talks again from September, featuring one by Wild Ingleborough on 14 September and a review of Plastic Free Woodlands by the Yorkshire Dales Millenium Trust and YDNPA member and Friend of the Dales vice president, Mark Corner on 19 October. To register for either of these email:

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We have two concerts in September to end our 2022 season of concerts. Thank you to everyone who has supported us this year - it has been really encouraging to see lots of new faces and more young people coming along. Your positive feedback after concerts has also been really appreciated.



On 9th September we welcome "Ensemble la Notte" presenting a collection of early music based around their CD "La Folia", sometimes referred to as "The Madness". A group of six enthusiastic, younger professional musicians bringing some unusual instruments and really lively, entertaining and varied music. Pianist Callum McLachlan is visiting Wensleydale for a second time on 17th September to close our season with a hugely varied programme of music including works by Beethoven, Scarlatti and Chopin and, perhaps, lesser known works by Granados, Grainger and



Busoni. Since his brilliant performance here in 2017 Callum has been studying in Salzburg (after graduating from the Royal Northern College of Music), performing widely and is really making a name for himself in international piano competitions.

Full details and tickets are available at www.wensleydaleconcertseries.co.uk - or you can order tickets by telephone on 0333 666 3366 (quote date and name of concert). For other enquiries please contact Carol Haynes or Liz Sowter on 01969 663026.

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**Those entitled to a free NHS
vaccination in this clinic are as
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- All those **aged 65 and over**
- Pregnant Ladies
- Registered Carers

And patients with any of the following
medical conditions:

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- Chronic Liver Disease
- Chronic Neurological Disease (e.g. Parkinson's Disease, strokes)
- Chronic Renal Disease
- Diabetes
- Immunosuppression (suppressed immune system due to disease or drugs)

**If you are over 50 years old and not
in the group above, we will be holding
another flu clinic on Thursday 3rd
November** for you please come along
between **10.00am-11.30am**.

**On the day please remember the
following:**

- Do not attend if you are feeling unwell or have been asked to self-isolate

- Attend ready to receive your vaccination - wear a short-sleeve, loose-fitting top
- Bring a bag for any coats or jumpers as there will be nowhere to put items down
- Wear a face covering before entering the hall and sanitise your hands
- Please leave immediately after your vaccination

We know that a lot of people are also keen to find out about receiving an autumn covid booster vaccine. We are still awaiting confirmation from NHS England regarding how these will be administered, so please be patient with us and we will update you on this as soon as we can.

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Following two successful 'jazz and cocktail' evenings at the Station café, Richmond, Swaledale's own Jazz group 'The Good Vibes Trio' will be presenting a concert at St Andrew's Church, Grinton on Saturday 8th October at 7.30pm. Coinciding with a change in the season, 'Autumn Leaves' along with many other 'Great American Songbook' standards plus some show tunes, film themes and the occasional light 'classic' should brighten the spirits as the nights draw in!

Pianist John Hunter has performed in many prestigious venues including the Richmond Georgian Theatre Royal, alongside his wife Jane on Vibraphone. It is here they met clarinettist Adam Bradley who completes the instrumental trio.

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	10.30 am	Low Row URC	
	11.00 am	St. Edmund's, Marske	<i>Holy Communion</i>
	11.00 am	Holy Trinity Low Row	<i>Eucharist</i>
	11.00 am	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
	6.30 pm	Gunnarside Methodist	<i>Holy Communion</i>
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11th Sept.	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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	11.00 am	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
	11.00 am	St. Edmund's, Marske	<i>Holy Communion</i>
	6.30 pm	Gunnerside Methodist	
	6.30 pm	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
25th Sept.	9.30 am	St. Andrew's Grinton	<i>Eucharist</i>
	10.00 am	St Joseph & Francis Xav. Richmond	<i>Mass</i>
	9.30 am	St Michael's Downholme	<i>Holy Communion</i>
	10.30 am	Low Row URC	
	11.00 am	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
	11.00 am	St. Edmund's, Marske	<i>Holy Communion</i>
	11.15 am	St. Mary's Arkengarthdale	<i>Harvest Service</i>
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THANK YOU! **Melbecks Emergency Plan Update**

You may all remember that earlier in the year Melbecks PC published a Community Emergency Plan (CEP) that it had been developing. In conjunction with that launch and following the Power outages due to Storm Arwen, an appeal was launched to purchase a Standby Generator which would supply the Low Row Institute should we face such an Emergency (*as is highly likely in the current uncertain economic and environmental climates*) in the future.

I am delighted to report that not only were the funds raised, but the Generator was successfully linked to the Low Row Institute's mains board on Tuesday 26th July, and 12 volunteers attended who are now able to connect and start the Generator in times of crisis.

I would like to offer my HUGE thanks to all the Volunteers in the Melbecks Emergency Volunteer Group for giving up their time for the Community, and also to everyone who made the acquisition of this community asset possible.

In particular, I wish to thank the Hudson House Committee for their outstanding donation of £400 towards the purchase of the Generator, and also to everybody who generously donated enough funds to cover not only the remaining Generator purchase costs, but also the cost of altering the institute electrical system to accept the Generator. (Thank you to Michael Guy for carrying out the electrical work).

We are now able to activate the CEP ourselves and hit the ground running locally, saving hours of valuable time waiting for the Emergency and Blue light services to attend the situation. Indeed, the volunteers received their first BE PREPARED call on 18th July 2022 from the NYCC Resilience Emergency Team in response to the heatwave.

Within hours our high-risk vulnerable people had been contacted to see if they required any assistance or were in difficulty; thank you again to the Volunteer group. In short, the system worked.

*Please note Vulnerable people can also register with Northern Power Grid and Yorkshire Water in order to receive help and priority assistance, and I would highly recommend this. Please seek help from your local councillors if you need any help in doing this.

Our next task is to finalise the plans for Sandbag stores in Low Row and Gunnerside, followed by training in the role of Emergency Coordinator for our Volunteers (1st September) in turn followed by Emergency First Aid and use of Defibrillator training. It is then hoped to run a full exercise and 'Stress Test' the plan.

We will know how effective the CEP is only when it is used in anger so to speak, and I am sure that there will be errors on the journey and mistakes that will need to be addressed before the plan is in any way near perfect. We have, however, made a fantastic start! THANK YOU once more, to everyone for your time and financial assistance in this project.

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Peter the Great, with his enormous animal energy and enquiring mind was a collector of curiosities and oddities.



Indeed, the first “museum” of St Petersburg, which still stands on the banks of the Neva, is not the Hermitage, as might be supposed, but the Kunstkammer built by Peter in 1718. In this building are housed works of art not necessarily for themselves, but because they satisfied Peter’s quest for the outlandish, unusual and bizarre. More likely to be found are items of scientific use, medical specimens, minerals and zoological items.

Catherine was the founder of the Russia art collections that millions now swarm to see from all corners of the globe. Like Peter her curiosity was insatiable, but unlike him she scoured Europe for collections of paintings to buy, that of the cash strapped

Walpoles at Houghton being a case in point. She commissioned porcelain from France and England, as well as sculpture, silver, furniture and jewels and she corresponded with Voltaire. Her interests were varied and extravagant.

In both cases their collecting urges were based on the acquisition of all the myriad of “new” ideas they found



in the west, and their lust to have them for the emergent Russia.

The lecture is held at Tennants, Leyburn, DL8 5SG on Tuesday 27th September at 2pm. Everyone welcome, guests £10.

Jenny Howard-Vyse

Fremington Mill

I wonder if any Gazette reader has any information about Fremington Mill; when it was built and by whom ?

One of my ancestors, Richard Hammond of Fremington 1685-1763, was a millwright. I've often wondered if he made the machinery for Fremington Mill. His son, William Hammond of Fremington 1726-1785, was a wheelwright, a trade akin to that of millwright.

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Evie Moralee

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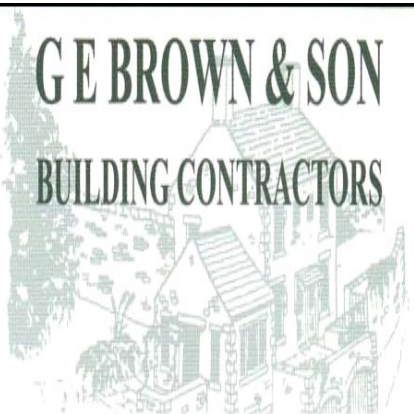
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Together For Trees

Together For Trees is running again this year, with a dozen or so new sites to be planted over the coming winter.

Last year, eleven community-scale sites were planted after local landowners came forward and offered their sites, and with the help of around forty local volunteers, over three thousand trees were planted between December and March.

All the sites were monitored for tree-health in June and survival rate at that time was over 97%.

As long as sites are carefully assessed, planting trees offers a wide range of benefits: flood management, water quality, food production and carbon sequestration are all improved by appropriate tree planting, and trees provide important habitats for nature as well as adding landscape value.

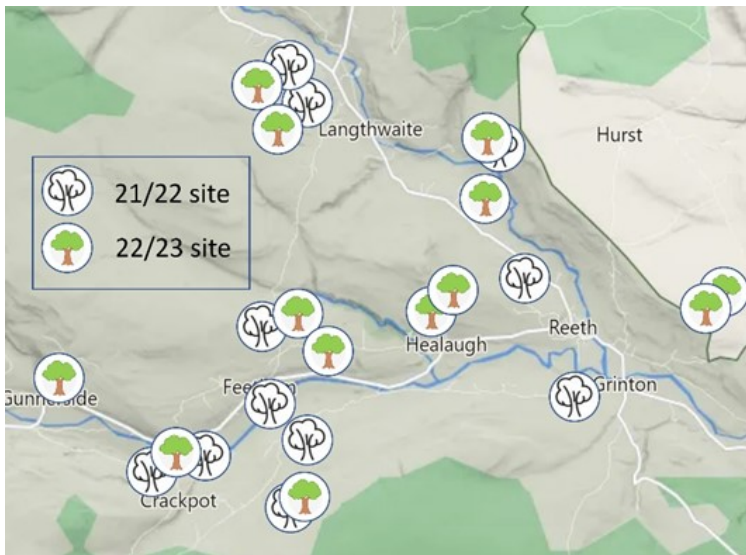
So it's great news that we are able to roll the project over into a second year - this time supported by Tees-Swale: naturally connected as well as private dedications.

The map below shows last year's sites and this year's new sites which include small groves, hedges and wood pasture, all in Swaledale and Arkengarthdale.

Many of last year's volunteers came out multiple times and are looking forward to our next season, but as a community-oriented project we are always keen to welcome new people. Tree planting is a great way to get some fresh air and exercise over winter and though it is not strenuous, there's always enough to do to keep warm!

If you'd like to join in, please email info@sustainableswaledale.org or phone Rob on 886 381.

Rob Macdonald



Jazz Festival promises a Toe-Tapping October in Leyburn



Following the success of the first Leyburn Jazz Festival last year, the organisers have lined up a programme of top jazz performers for the 2022 festival which will take place at a number of venues in and around Leyburn Market Place on Friday to Sunday October 21-23 this year.

Former jazz musician and Steering Group Member Neil Dutton says "We have organised a line-up of superbly entertaining bands including the Savannah Jazz Band, Yorkshire Gypsy Swing Collective, Nicki Allan Trio, Alligator Gumbo, Edison Herbert Trio and the Colin Bailey Band. Once again we will be running a Sunday morning free workshop for aspiring young jazz musicians, this year led by saxophonist and Royal College of Music tutor Matt Anderson. Yorkshire-born Matt will also be performing with his "Trio North" on Sunday lunchtime".

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'Bog in a Box' becomes show centrepiece

A plant-rich square metre of peatland has been placed at the centre of the Dales Countryside Museum in Hawes.

The 'bog in a box' installation in the museum's circular-shaped exhibition hall illustrates how peat restoration has become the urgent conservation priority in the Yorkshire Dales National Park in light of the 'climate and nature emergency'.

Surrounding the bog in a box are visual arts, music, poetry and film created by local people inspired by Dales peatlands.

Peat cutting tools drawn from the museum's permanent collection, as well as photographs loaned by the Heseltine family of Kettlewell showing historical peat extraction, have also

been put on display.

The special exhibition has been put together by [Yorkshire Peat Partnership](#) and is billed '[Give Peat a Chance](#)'. It opened on Friday 15 July and will run until 10 October.

Tim Thom, who set up Yorkshire Peat Partnership when working at the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority in 2009, urged people to visit during a speech opening the exhibition.

He said: "I would like to welcome people to this fantastic exhibition about peatlands. It's our first exhibition and I can't quite believe it's here. It's a celebration of years and years of work of peatland restoration. Everybody has been drawn to the bog in a box, which is remarkable to look at, and very, very talented people have contributed music, artwork and poetry."

Sarah Smout, a cellist, singer and composer from Silsden, has contributed a poem and piece of music, which she composed after hearing skylarks on a

visit to Fleet Moss, a key peatland restoration site on the Richmondshire/ Craven border.

She said: "I got a bit obsessed with peat bogs a few years ago. I randomly started learning about them. I didn't realise how amazing they are at carbon capture. I wanted to film music videos outdoors and got



Yorkshire Peat Partnership founder Tim Thom with the Bog in a Box at DCM

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introduced to the Peat Partnership and it went from there. What I'd like to do is raise awareness about peat bogs and the need to restore them."

Artists Bev Parker, Hester Cox and Ann Rutherford are exhibiting work in Give Peat a Chance, while writers Gill Petrucci and Colin Speakman have contributed poems.

Ann Rutherford, a painter from Settle, collaborated with Sarah Smout and took inspiration from visits to Park Fell in Ingleborough and nearby Southerscales.



Painter Ann Rutherford stands in front of her work, with composer Sarah Smout, at DCM

She said: "It's been a fantastic opportunity to really get to understand peat - all the plants, the beautiful sphagnum mosses that live on the bog and create it. It's been a journey of discovery. I was looking at all these bleak, open moorland landscapes and I was curious about the detail. I played with scale, seeing as if you're an insect crawling along in that landscape. So the bog cotton is the size of trees and the dragonflies are a bit too large. I just had fun," she said.

Kevin Frea, who is Member Champion for Cultural Heritage at the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority, which runs the Dales Countryside Museum, said: "The 'Give Peat a Chance' exhibition means people can see the amazing Bog in a Box. There's lots of interpretation around that. Children can come and use magnifying glasses to look at the plants in the box. It's also a chance to see artists' interpretation of peatlands, as well as Mr and Mrs Heseltine's photographs of peat cutting which won't be exhibited again as they've been loaned to us.

"The serious side of this exhibition is about learning about the vital work Yorkshire Peat Partnership is doing to restore peat bogs. The sad fact is that despite the partnership's work in the past decade, most peatland in the National Park is degrading, adding carbon dioxide to the atmosphere rather than absorbing it as it should. Turning that situation around is the great conservation task of this decade in the Yorkshire Dales National Park."

The special exhibition has been supported by the [Esmée Fairbairn Foundation](#), Friends of the Dales, Pennine PeatLIFE and the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority's Sustainable Development Fund.

The Dales Countryside Museum is open seven days a week. Tickets are £4.80 and entry to the special exhibition is included in the admission price. Children are admitted free.



Trail Riders donate to byways maintenance

An organisation promoting the responsible use of green lanes with public rights for recreational motor vehicles has made a donation to the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority.

Members of North Yorkshire Trail Riders Fellowship led by Rights of Way Officer Leo Crone presented a cheque for £2,500 to National Park Authority Area Manager Matt Neale (see picture).

The Trail Riders Fellowship (TRF) has a code of conduct for drivers recommending a maximum speed of 25mph, slowing down for walkers, stopping for horse riders, and limiting group size to help reduce the impact.

The group has made several donations to the National Park Authority during the past ten years. The money is used to maintain the surfaces of green lanes in the National Park, such as those classed as 'byways open to all traffic'.

Leo Crone from North Yorkshire TRF said: "We organise and run events throughout the year guiding riders from all over England around these beautiful areas of North Yorkshire. Within that we raise money. And the money we raise we quite often now donate to authorities who maintain the rights of way that we use.

"We would like to keep these vehicular rights of way open to the public. It's time to get our hands out of our pockets and start being part of the solution. We've been making these

sorts of donations now for ten years. We don't just do it for motor vehicles but for everybody who use these routes."

Area Ranger Matt Neale, who has a team of rangers and volunteers covering the northern area of the National Park including Wensleydale and Swaledale, said: "The trail riders are aware that not everyone is a fan of recreational motor vehicles in the hills. However, for as long as they have rights to take vehicles along these green lanes and we have a duty to maintain them, then we will continue to work with all users.



Area Manager Matt Neale with Stuart Lowther, John Nelson and Leo Crone from the North Yorks Trail Riders Fellowship

"I would like to put on record thanks to the Trail Riders Fellowship for their kind donation and support. The money will be spent on maintaining byways open to all traffic."



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On **Wednesday 21st September** Will Swales will give THE JOHN SQUIRES lecture on, '**Marshal-General Plantagenet-Harrison:**

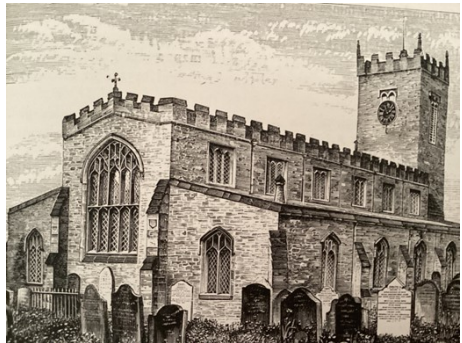
Richmondshire's fake prince of the royal blood'. Those who have come to Will's previous lectures will know that we are in for a treat. As the subject of the evening was quite a boulder, Will has had his work cut out distinguishing fact from fiction and even fantasy. Our copy of Plantagenet-Harrison's book The History of Richmondshire, donated by John Sharp and restored thanks to donations, is illustrated. We show here, from the publication, three



pictures of local landmarks you will all be familiar with: Blackburn Hall, Swale Hall and St Mary's Arkengarthdale. We



are particularly interested in why Plantagenet-Harrison chose them, and who drew them. Did the artist visit the sites? This is part of a wider



project we hope to explore in the future, how knowledge of Swaledale was spread to the world beyond, in other words the evolution of the 'idea' of Swaledale. We would be interested in seeing any early, pre 1915 guidebooks of the area. Can you help?

Our last talk of the season will be on **Wednesday 28th September** when the archaeologist Shaun Richardson will report on '**Removed and Revealed: Some Effects of the July 2019 Flooding on Archaeology in Swaledale and Arkengarthdale**'. After a brief introduction regarding the frequency

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of historic flooding in Swaledale and Arkengarthdale, the lecture will deal primarily with the damage caused to lead mining landscapes by the July 2019 flooding and the subsequent recording of what was revealed. Following the course of the flood water, the lecture will commence with the isolated, upland landscapes of Blakethwaite Dams, Faggergill and Washy Green, and finish at Grinton smelt mill, where the results of the internal clearance work that immediately preceded the floods will also be examined.

We are most grateful to the donor of a group of Ruby Ferguson books to our Library. Ruby Constance Annie Ferguson, née Ashby (1899 - 1966), was an English writer of popular fiction, including children's literature, and romances and mysteries under the name of R. C. Ashby. She was clearly well known, as a 1920s guide book to Swaledale mentions that readers might be familiar with the area from the popular works of May Sinclair and Miss Ashby. Persephone Books have republished Lady Rose and Mrs Memmary (1937). She is best known for her nine 'Jill pony books', written between 1949 and 1962, for her stepchildren. Her biography states that she 'was born in Hebden Bridge and raised in Reeth, North Yorkshire'. Her father was the Reverend David Ashby (1866-1945), who became a Wesleyan [Methodist] minister in 1890. We thought we should read some of her early books to see if any feature Swaledale. Do any of you have copies of any of these works by any chance?

Don't forget that the last day of our 2022 season is 31st September. Do come and see us; Perhaps it is time to stock up early with unusual Christmas presents from our little shop.

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Melbecks Parish Council July 2022

Co-option of new Parish Councillors
Fiona Bowe and Stephen Calvert were welcomed as new Parish Councillors

Highways An order has been raised to have the blocked cattle grid at Peat Gate cleared: the concerns raised about the road dropping away on the left-hand side below Peat Gate have been inspected and they do not meet the current intervention criteria for attention at this time. The cone at the bottom of Peat Gate will be removed. The clerk was asked to report that the Peat Gate hand gate needs replacing, and the pothole at Strands is still causing concern and will be reported by Councillor Bowe.

Yorkshire Dales Local Plan 2023-2040 consultation The council note receipt of this.

Coast to Coast national trail proposal update The council noted receipt of this update

Resignation It was noted that Councillor John Lloyd has now resigned from the Parish Council

Date of next meeting Thursday October 6th 2022 at 7.30pm at Gunnerside Village Hall.

Reeth Makers' Market

We would like to say a huge thank you to all our wonderful supporters who came to our Makers Market Summer Fair on Saturday 30 July: it was a lovely atmosphere. Naturally, we thank our fantastic makers for making it such a successful event too. We are looking forward to our Christmas Market on 19 November 2022 in Reeth Memorial Hall 10am-4pm and hope to see you there!

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Tues 6th Sept - Hudson House AGM 3.30pm Fremington Village Hall - members, partners and residents of upper Swaledale and Arkengarthdale welcome. Light refreshments.

Wed 7th Sept - Muker Show 10 - 5pm, Showground, Muker

Wed 14th Sept - Extraordinary General Meeting of the Luncheon Clubs Association, Reeth Memorial Hall, 10am

Thurs 22 Sept - TLC @Gunnorside Rhoda Fraser with more tales from the Dales 7.30pm Gunnorside Village Hall

Tues 27th Sept - Music and Mezze at Two Dales Bakery, Reeth, featuring The Brothers Gillespie, doors 6.45.

October

Sat 8th Oct - John Tams 8pm Reeth Memorial Hall. Tickets £20 PO or hall website

Sat 8th Oct - 'Autumn Leaves' concert by the Good Vibes Trio + vocalist - St Andrew's Church, Grinton , 7.30pm

Fri 14th Oct - 8pm Andy Irvine, one of the great Irish singers, musicians and teller of tales. Reeth Memorial Hall. Tickets £15 PO or hall website.

Sat 22nd October - Mobile Skip, Reeth Green, 9am-1pm

Sat 22nd Oct - Colin Bailey & Friends Leyburn Methodist Hall 11am www.leyburnjazz.co.uk

Thurs 27th Oct - TLC @Gunnorside our annual quiz night with quizmaster Bob 7.30 - Gunnorside Village Hall

November

Sat 12th Nov—Blueboxt Quiz Night Falls Café and Gift Shop, Aysgarth 7pm

Sat 19th Nov - Reeth Makers Market Christmas Fair 10am - 4pm in Reeth Memorial Hall for lots of lovely locally made goodies..

Thurs 24th Nov - TLC @Gunnorside Kathryn Guy shows us how to make a felted bauble for the Christmas tree 7.30pm Gunnorside Village Hall

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