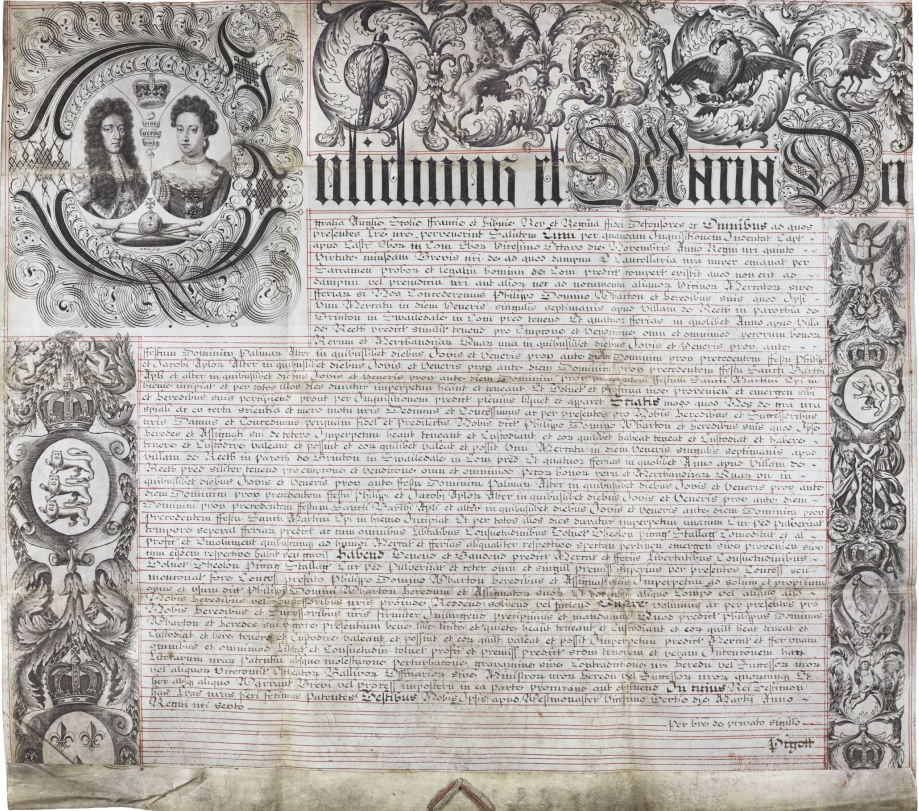


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First Thoughts

This edition sees the first of our occasional features with the broad heading "Focus On..." We live in a place with a long and interesting history. Some things have stayed much the same for many years, others have changed out of recognition or disappeared. Some have evolved into something else more fitting for life in the twenty-first century. The idea of this series is to focus on one institution or place or building and contrast its history with how it is used today. I am indebted to Helen Bainbridge at the Swaledale Museum for her input into the historical side; the present day use is recorded as a result of my own observations and interviews with current users.

The first institution we shall Focus On is Reeth Market. The front cover shows a copy of the original market charter. The document dates from 1694 in the reign of King William III and Queen Mary II and is in Latin but grants the right to a Friday market in Reeth. It is reproduced with permission from the North Yorkshire County Records Office.

If you have any comments about the historical pieces from Helen in this series, please get in touch with either of us, as an extended version of these articles will be part of a larger historical guidebook to Swaledale, produced by the Museum.

Jackie Pope, Editor

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After the success of his previous concerts we have booked further filmed live in Dublin concerts by Andre Rieu for January. Also planned are a Saffron fundraising evening and a return visit of Dixon County and LADS after their sold out concerts. We are also participating in the Warm Spaces project to have somewhere warm and welcoming for anyone who wishes to save a little on their heating and come and have some company. Other venues in Leyburn are also included.

As always, see the website, collect a flyer or call in to reception to find out more.

Jeannie Bishop

Reeth New Year Firework Display

Fireworks display is on Sunday 1st January commencing on Reeth Green at 7pm. Barbeque. Collectors with buckets will be in attendance for your donations.

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Focus On...

Reeth Green and Market, then..

Reeth is defined by its village green; the settlement is distinctive for its formal arrangement of buildings around it. Each Friday there is a market on the green, but few perhaps appreciate that it has a long history. Though we can be precise about when the market officially started, the birth and development of the green is more difficult to plot.

The archaeologist Andrew Fleming has suggested, in his not uncontentious *Swaledale, Valley of the Wild River* (1998) that in the medieval period Reeth did not have the green we see today, but 'was T-shaped, with a long narrow green' with a straggle of houses along a road following a terrace overlooking the Swale, with a further row of houses extending north from

these on a line fronting the west side of the green. [See Fig.1]

While today's pattern of settlement relates to the position of the present main road as it enters the village and to the Arkengarthdale road, there are in addition, a number of paths, as well as the tracks shown on old maps, which support the idea of other routes along which settlement may once have focused. For example, the Back Lane towards Healaugh, which now bypasses the heart of Reeth, and a track leading west from Anvil Square suggest a former approach to the green, which appears to have taken a more westerly alignment. Others argue that there was a more complex plan, which this layout overcut.

As the population of Reeth began to expand in the seventeenth century, in response to the booming leadmining industry, a demand grew for both more housing and a regular market. On 23rd March 1695 Philip, 4th Baron Wharton, Lord of the Manor, obtained a charter for a weekly market and four annual fairs to be held at Reeth 'for buying and selling all, and all manner of cattle, goods, things and merchandise'. The elaborate and imposing charter survives to this day at North Yorkshire County Record Office. [See front cover] However further documentation in relation to the charter survives at The National

Archives at Kew. This was discovered by Alan Mills, transcribed and translated from the Latin to English during his research on the Green for the Big Dig in 2016, and reveals the necessary preliminaries required

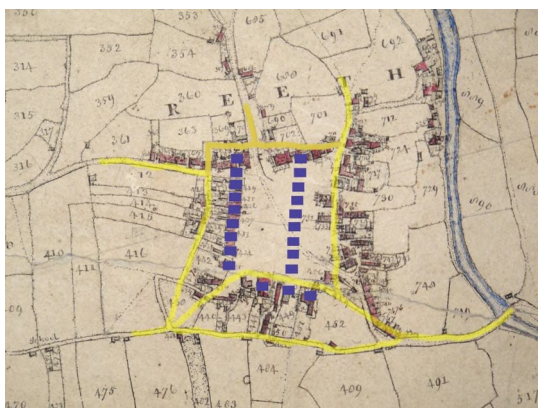



Fig.1 A conjectural reconstruction of medieval Reeth, overlaid on the 1844 Tithe map by Alan Mills, from *The Swaledale Big Dig Final Report, 2016*, p.24. Dwellings (tofts) are shown in blue; probable trackways are shown in yellow.

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before a charter could be granted. It comprises an order from King William III and Queen Mary II to the Sheriff of York, dated 11th May 1694, that a jury 'of upright and loyal men' of the neighbourhood, 'through whom the truth of the matter would ... be better known ... should diligently inquire if it might be to our damage or prejudice or ... harm to neighbouring markets or fairs' if a charter was granted. The Sheriff duly organised the inquisition, held on 28th November 1694, at York where the twelve jurors (William Goodall, Edward Wightman, John Goodricke, John Overend Senior, George Betson, Richard Yates, Jacob Fell, Thomas Robson, William Lazenby, Thomas Buxton, John Cussons Senior, John Overend Junior and John Cussons Junior) found that there would be no 'damage nor injustice' to the King and Queen, or others. As a result the charter was granted.

Perhaps it was granted as a reward for Wharton's support of King William III, who with his wife Mary II, had been invited by Parliament to take the throne in 1689, after the Catholic James II was forced to abdicate. Wharton, a Puritan, a supporter of dissenters, and no friend of Catholicism, profited from tolls on the goods sold. As a result of acquiring the charter Reeth assumed the role of a small town and this did much to influence the consolidation of the green and settlement around it that we are so familiar with today.

The ownership of the green is still claimed by the Lord of the Manor, currently William Peel, 3rd Earl Peel, but the herbage rights have for many years belonged to the stint-owners on



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the Moor. A green Committee, which consisted of graziers, administered it for the Lord of the Manor. The grass was kept close-mown by the sheep which could wander down freely from the moor, and when they became a nuisance, a grid was placed on the road half a mile away and the sheep were kept away. The income to cover the green's maintenance, and particularly the mowing of the grass came from the tolls levied on visiting fairs. In 1961 the Lord's rights were taken over by the Parish Council for a nominal sum of a shilling a year.

Reminiscing in 1903 about 'Reeth Sixty Years Ago' John Fothergill, a prominent Methodist preacher and owner of an 'Emporium' now 'The Fleece' facing Reeth green, remembered the Friday market with 'long rows of butchers' stalls and stalls full of all kinds of wares. Clothiers spread out their goods on the green. Sweetmeats and spice in abundance - 2 or 3 large casks covered with canvas containing young pigs. Anything from a pin to a pig could be bought. Young ladies from Marske gardens with ripe fruit in season ... and stalls with boots and clogs, pattens and ribbons and laces, gloves, handkerchiefs, knives and scissors and pans, backstins, baskets, skeps and besoms. Shawls and shigpams [?], and everything to make life worth living'. As Alan Gibson has noted, the introduction of two water pumps on the green by George Robinson of Reeth in 1868 would no doubt have made running the stalls easier than before, when water had to be drawn from Arkle Beck.

No doubt the exodus from the Dale caused by the decline in leadmining at

the end of the nineteenth century affected the market. According to an article in the *Darlington & Stockton Times* of 12th February 1994, quoting the 'amateur historian Mr Vic Wallis' stall holders had 'not stood on the ancient cobbles near the village pump since the early years of this century'. It is not known when the last of the annual fairs took place, but in 1951, one of them, the Bartle (St Bartholomew) Fair became the star of Reeth's Festival of Britain celebrations, with a re-enactment, beginning with a 'Fancy Dress Parade for Children and Adults' and ending with a Grand Dance' which concluded at midnight. The Festival programme includes a poem *The Bartle Fair*, written in Swaledale dialect, by Captain John Harland in 1870. It vividly conveys the rush, bustle and excitement. Young Tom Coats had a stall selling ribbons 'for varra near nowt', Enos sold brandy snaps, Potter Robin the 'bonniest pots te cud see' and 'good iron pans, there was 'all macks o' meat' and 'plenty of all sworts o' drink'. Predictably as the 'gruvers [lead miners]' 'war all full o' chink', spent on beer, the scene descends into a chaos of drunken brawling.

Yet Andrew Fleming was wrong when he wrote in 1998 that 'the market is dead'. In the early 1990s there was a movement to revive the weekly Reeth Market, led by Parish Council Chairman Ann Bain. The *Darlington and Stockton Times* of 6th May 1994 included a call for interested stall holders to contact the Clerk to Reeth Parish Council. A year later a notice in the same newspaper declared that 'the weekly market in Reeth is here to stay'. The first manager of the revived market

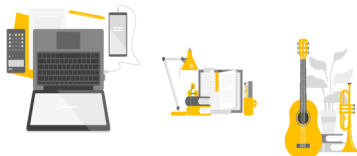
was Philip Bastow, Chairman of the Upper Swaledale and Arkengarthdale Business Association, followed by Mrs Elaine Johnson. More recently the importance of the market and its charter have come to the fore when there was a proposal to downgrade the status of Reeth from a town to a village. In an interview for *Yorkshire Today*, on 25th February 2022 Councillor Helen Guy commented that 'There's a pride that historically Reeth has been called a small town. We do have a market charter and have a market here every Friday. That elevates it above other places that are considered large villages'. Thankfully history prevailed, and Reeth remains a town, its past and present inextricably linked to its green and its Charter.

Helen Bainbridge



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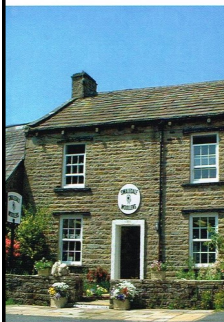
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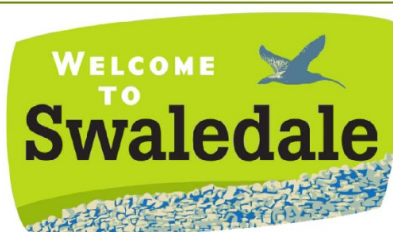
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Reeth Market in 2023 is thriving. Its reliable and regular appearance on the market cobbles in the centre of Reeth, providing essential fresh produce, is a boon to residents of the two dales. Taken together with the bakeries and the excellent selection of groceries to be had from the Post Office, it means many of us need a trip to a large supermarket quite rarely.

The market is more than a selection of trading stalls, however. It's a place to run into friends and catch up as one shops, a place to exchange news from near and far, where one is on first name terms with stall holders and feels valued and known. It's part of the community and its importance goes far beyond shopping. It's a pleasant morning out and a sociable occasion, especially for those that live alone.

In the pandemic all the stall holders adapted to ensure local people could shop safely. From Click and Collect options to home delivery, we could get what we needed and avoid large crowds. An outdoor market was the ideal way to encourage space and fresh air in those dim days.

Today, the market is managed by Colin Garner, who has been trading at Reeth Market for 22 years and managing it for the last 21 years. Colin is a real market man who loves the outdoor life and the interaction with his customers. He has been attending markets since he was 15 years old, working alongside his father. As manager, Colin's role entails collecting rent from the stallholders and ensuring they have the appropriate third-party liability

insurance, negotiating market times around Christmas and other special occasions, and allocating stall space. "All markets are struggling with the competition of the supermarkets" says Colin, "so for a small market like Reeth it would not be profitable to duplicate the stalls - hence there is only one of each". Colin's other duty entails coning off the market area on a Thursday and clearing and storing the cones after each market. Sometimes there can be problems as cars or busses are left on the market cobbles, and visitors have not been warned about the parking restrictions for the market. Apart from the frustration that causes, Colin describes the location of the market as "perfect".

Colin runs the fruit and vegetable stall C&M Fruits, often with his wife Christine and their grandson Jack. During the pandemic the delivery side of his business expanded, and many customers still receive their fresh fruit and veg this way, with Colin and Christine doing weekly deliveries around the two dales. This pre-ordering also means they can get just about anything requested from the wholesalers, things they might not normally carry on the stall. Many customers still like to shop at the stall however, and see the fresh produce, and be reminded what's in season. They enjoy the friendly atmosphere and Colin's banter and appreciate the level of service Colin provides.

Special orders and home delivery are options from the Little Yorkshire Cheese Stall too, as well as pre-ordered packs and mail delivery. Claire and Gareth have been coming to Reeth Market for 10 years. They travel from Yarm, and serve markets in Pickering,

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Knarborough, Ripon and Northallerton on the other days of the week. Their refrigerated trailer is packed full of interesting and unusual cheeses and Claire and Gareth are wonderfully knowledgeable and enthusiastic about their products. They love the location of the market, with its stunning backdrop. "You can get all your essentials at the market as well as the local shops and it has great parking facilities" says Claire. "That is why it is so well supported locally and why people travel from far and wide to shop at the market".

Richard runs Beavers Butchers in Masham, and Reeth is the only market he attends. Within the Masham shop a team of 7 work. They buy from local farmers as well as raising a few Dexter cattle of their own, and they make all their own pies, ready meals and cooked meats on site. They make award-winning sausages from glazed, stuffed and marinated meats and have a specially made dry-aged cabinet for all their steaks. This means the quality of the meat and meat products that Richard brings to the market is outstanding. The meat selection is great and can be cut to your requirements, and the range of ready meals is imaginative, so you never need be lost for ideas for something new. Any special orders can be prepared in advance, and Richard also does a delivery service around the two dales after the market. Richard enjoys his day away from the shop, meeting customers and chatting in the glorious surroundings of Reeth.

More service with a smile comes from Dan, The Fish Man, who has been coming to Reeth Market for about 7 years. He also attends markets in

Pudsey and Knarborough. Fish is a difficult product to deal with, but Dan arrives with everything iced and fresh. His selection understandably is restricted as he has to make a judgment about what will sell - unlike some products if it doesn't sell on a Friday, it will likely become waste. However, with a week's notice he can get hold of just about anything - I have had whole salmon and live lobsters from him in the past! Dan also thinks Reeth is a special place and enjoys the friendly people and the chat. "It feels like a day out in the dales rather than a day's work" he says, "unless the weather is really bad!" he adds with a smile.

Non-food produce is also available at the market. Mark and Suzan bring a great selection of seasonal plants from their business West Layton Nurseries, and they will also take orders and deliver within the two dales. Joe runs the Westmorland Sheepskin stall selling sheepskin and leather products. Joe has been coming to Reeth market for 10 years but before that his father had a stall here from the time the market restarted over 25 years ago. Joe comes from Leeds and also attends Hawes, Barnard Castle, Kirkbymoorside and Stokesley markets as well as agricultural and flower shows around the UK.

As Joe says, "I doubt there is another market in the UK with a view as good as the one from Reeth on a clear day. It is a market very well supported by locals and tourists and having attended for so long I see people as good friends as well as customers". A sentiment shared by all the traders I'm sure, and one which helps explain the enduring popularity of Reeth Market.

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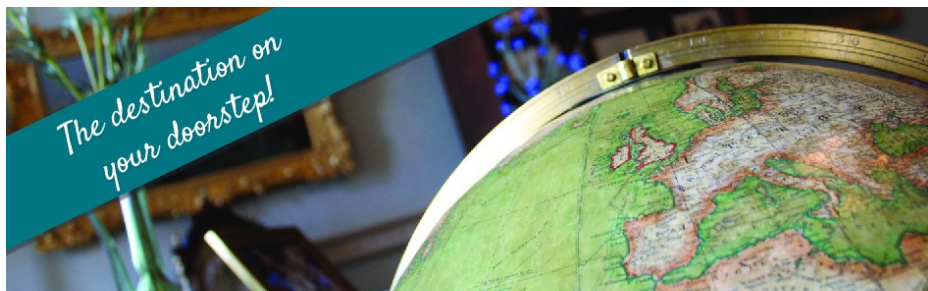
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Swale Singers concert - Vicar saves the Day!

It was always going to be close. On December 3rd our Bass soloist, Edward Seymour, had two hours to make it from York to Arkengarthdale after his Saturday morning school commitments, but we weren't worried. He was well rehearsed and would arrive in time for the concert. But as the 3pm start time approached with no sign of him, a hasty reshuffle in the programme order became necessary, and we bought ourselves another hour by first singing Rutter's Magnificat, which does not require a bass soloist, and relying on the interval. As I stood in the front line of the choir singing Magnificat, I was aware of Caroline, the vicar, rushing into the back of the church, whispering something to Tony Oldershaw who was there in his capacity as Box Office, and rushing out again. The interval came, we were slightly concerned, and then, there he was.

His journey however had not been smooth. Coming over the Stang he had put one wheel off the edge of the road and split a tyre. Dressed in his concert outfit he attempted to change the wheel only to find his spare tyre was flat too! From there luck was truly with us. He managed to Google St Mary's and get Caroline's phone number. He managed to ring Caroline. Caroline managed to race to his rescue on the Stang (via the church to let us know what was happening). It is an amazing tale because Edward must have been at the only tiny spot on the Stang where there is a signal, and he

was able to research and find Caroline's link online. Then, Caroline, who was on church business near Marrick, was at the only point on the Hurst/Marrick road where there is a signal. Two minutes earlier or later and he would not have got her!

Edward arrived amazingly unflustered and joined the other three soloists, Rachel Speirs, Emma Wardell and Andrew Murday and the choir in an uplifting performance of Haydn's Nelson Mass, which was widely enjoyed by a good-sized and appreciative audience. Once more, this piece, subtitled "A Mass for Troubled Times" lives up to its name! We are indebted to Caroline for rescuing both Edward and the concert!



After a festive break the choir are now gearing up for the Swaledale Festival in May. We are excited to be offering a work by a current composer Richard Blackford, who has taken the delightful, little-known poetry of St Francis of Assisi and built a powerful cantata of great lyrical beauty. Rehearsals start in Reeth Memorial Hall on Sunday January 29th at 3pm, and we welcome any new singers to join us. Contact me on 07885 498676.

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	11.00 am	St. Edmund's, Marske	<i>Holy Communion</i>
	11.00 am	Holy Trinity Low Row	<i>Parish Eucharist</i>
	11.00 am	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
	3.30 pm	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
8th Jan.	9.30 am	St. Andrew's Grinton	<i>Eucharist</i>
	9.30 am	St Michael's Downholme	<i>Morning Prayer</i>
	10.30 am	St. Joseph & Francis Xavier Richmond	<i>Mass</i>
	11.00 am	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
	11.00 am	St. Edmund's, Marske	<i>Morning Prayer</i>
	11.15 am	St. Mary's Arkengarthdale	<i>Holy Communion BCP</i>
	2.30 pm	Gunnarside Methodist	<i>Annual Covenant Service</i>
	3.30 pm	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
15th Jan.	9.15 am	St. Mary's Muker	<i>Holy Communion BCP</i>
	10.30 am	St. Joseph & Francis Xavier Richmond	<i>Mass</i>
	11.00 am	Holy Trinity Low Row	<i>Eucharist</i>
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19th Jan.	7.00 pm	Fremington Village Hall	<i>Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Service</i>
22nd Jan.	9.30 am	St. Andrew's Grinton	<i>Eucharist</i>
	9.30 am	St Michael's Downholme	<i>Holy Communion</i>
	10.30 am	St. Joseph & Francis Xavier Richmond	<i>Mass</i>
	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>Holy Communion BCP</i>
	2.30 pm	Gunnarside Methodist	
	3.30 pm	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
29th Jan	10.30 am	Holy Trinity Low Row	<i>Parish Eucharist. A service with a focus on the work of the Children's Society</i>
	10.30 am	St. Joseph & Francis Xavier Richmond	<i>Mass</i>
	11.00 am	St. Edmund's, Marske	<i>Morning Prayer</i>
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Reeth Station

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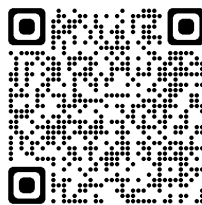
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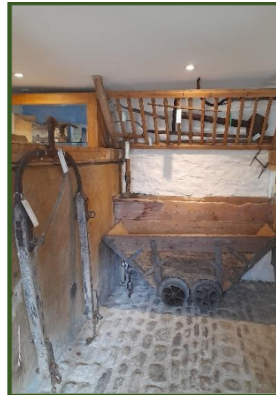
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January Update:

And what a quiz it was!

Our first fund-raising event as the newly registered Charity was a quiz night with Simon Eastwood which took place back in November at the Falls Café and Gift Shop, Aysgarth Falls. Over 70 quizzers were very well looked after by Nicky and Liz Tooley and the team. Raffle prizes included donations of gift vouchers for Edgley Garage, W S Hartle Butchers and Hamiltons Tea Room, a hamper and many more great prizes. On behalf of the Trustees, huge thanks to Simon, The Falls and everyone who attended to make it a great evening and help us raise £450.

Youth Consultation

Our Youth Voice Steering Group have analysed the responses from young people who shared their thoughts and ideas about which Musical Cultures workshops we should offer between January and March 2023. The most popular themes are Caribbean Steel Drumming, Egyptian, Reggae and Indian. Full details of these workshops along with our song writing and creative careers sessions will be updated on the website and social media.

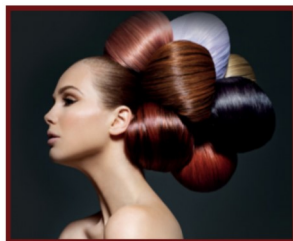
Decades - with a sprinkling of Christmas.

Our final concert performances of the year saw the stage shared by

performers ranging from 11 to 75 years old. We have had a lot of fun rehearsing and making-music during 2022 with a highlight being the Jubilee Concerts we gave in Reeth, Leyburn and West Burton.

Finally, thanks to our volunteers, BlueAngels and everyone who has supported us in 2022. It is another busy year ahead as we launch our new individual giving scheme with the opportunity to giftaid donations and develop more community arts-based opportunities for all ages in the Dales.

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Talking Pictures

Disenchanted

Review by John Hunter

Currently streaming on Disney+, this belated sequel to 'Enchanted' (2007) picks up 15 years after the first, with Giselle and Robert still living in New York, their teenage daughter (Morgan) at school and a new arrival. If you remember, the charming original had 'animated' Giselle from 'Andalasia' deposited in 'real life' New York by a wicked step-mother, and then charming her way into Robert's life with her genuinely innocent and delightful 'fairy tale' ways. Naturally the 'cartoon' and 'real' worlds collide again at the climax when the step-mother (now a terrible dragon) has to be defeated for the 'happy ever after' ending. 'Wicked' (and 'let it go') Broadway star Edina Menzel joins the three original adult stars in this new 'sequel' which also combines the two 'worlds' to great effect.

Amy Adams once again stars to great effect as Giselle, with Patrick Dempsey as her hapless husband, becoming a little 'disenchanted' with life in the Big Apple. Teen daughter remaining unimpressed, they decamp to suburbia courtesy of 'Monroeville' an almost perfect 'picket fence' location but 'ruled' by Malvina, an ogre of a councillor who has fingers in many pies and soon takes exception to the 'perfect' Giselle. A belated gift to the baby from Edina and husband James Masden (now King and Queen of Andalasia) - a wishing wand - is the catalyst for this new adventure as 'Monroeville', whilst staying 'live action' becomes a 'cartoon' style village presided over by 'wicked queen'

Malvina. Unfortunately during a spat, the teen daughter refers (accurately) to Giselle as her 'step-mother' and in a great turn from Adams we see her slowly turning from perfect Mom into her evil 'step mom' alter ego.

Basically the film reverses the original (live action, bookended by animated sequences) by having 'real life' scenes bookend the 'fairy tale' central section, albeit 'live', not animated. For those who like their cartoons however, there are plenty of cute animals - Pip the chipmunk returns from the first film (and is promptly turned into an evil fat cat) - along with a few 'cameos', such as the ogre.

The main charm of 'Enchanted' was its affectionate nod at Disney's own output. Robert worked for lawyers firm 'Leigh, Harline and Washington' - the composers of 'When you wish upon a star' - and many of the 'background' pensioners dancing in the Central Park set-piece were *actual* veterans from Mary Poppins Here, the 'in-jokes' are not quite so subtle, though the brief glimpse of a 'Mary Poppins' emblazoned post box followed by very 'practically perfect' song works well, as do the lines 'Let it glow, let it show' set to a similar melody to the original in Edina's big number. My own favourite line is the teen daughter (now turned into animated form) catching sight of her reflection and commenting 'My features, they're so.....pointy - but look at those eyebrows!'

Of course, after several superb Alan Menken / Stephen Schwartz songs, all wrongs are duly righted and indeed, everyone does live 'happily ever after'.





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The full programme will be on our website by **the end of January** but for those who like to plan ahead, here are some highlights:

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Muker Parish Council Minutes of Parish Council Meeting Held October 2022

Present: Cllr Calvert, Cllr Reynoldson, Cllr Metcalfe, Cllr Porter and Cllr Whitehead presiding.

Apologies: Jill McMullon

Clerk: Mr Michael Cleminson.

Declaration of Interests: Cllr Calvert re. Planning application.

Matters Arising:

Buttertubs signage. Cllr Peacock stated that Ian Beighton had considered the Proposal and that Highways were reluctant to place a sign adjacent to the Buttertubs. Highways do not own the wall, it is owned by 'The Gunnerside Estate' who for safety reasons, does not wish to attract visitors to the site, so it will not permit the erection of a sign unless the Parish Council undertakes responsibility for the site. It was considered too onerous and cost prohibitive to do this. It was proposed by the Chair that the Buttertubs sign should be pursued no further, a vote was taken and it was unanimously agreed.

Keld Signs. It was agreed following a site visit and previous discussions, a request will be made to Highways for the installation of Keld village signs at each end of the village. Clerk to progress this.

The Farmers Arms, Muker, re. application for registration as a community asset. Richmondshire District Council are processing the application and its decision will be announced before the end of October.

Crow Trees site visit. Cllr Peacock said that the visit had taken place with

Steve Barker from Highways, and Highways had agreed to maintain the gutters and offsets. Cllr Porter said Highways had carried out a good job, but still had to complete opening up a drain through Adam Hunter's wall. Cllr Peacock will contact Steve Barker.

A discussion has taken place about the lack of cutting back trees down the whole of Swaledale, ideally twice a year as farm vehicles and private vehicles are suffering scratches and damage. In places the height of 16 feet is not being maintained. Cllrs would rather have the hedge cutting than grass cutting which serves no real purpose. Cllr Peacock to contact the Highways Inspector.

Cllr Porter reported the Cattle Grid at Crackpot, Muker requires cleaning and the cattle grid sign at Ivelet has rotted and requires attention or replacement. Also, below the Lodge on the road to Ivelet there is a corroding cattle grid. Clerk to report via Highways on line.

Tree Planting Kisdon side - no response to second letter received from YDNPA, clerk to contact MP Rishi Sunak to assist.

Finance: An order to pay was raised for the Land Registry. Discussion took place around moving the PC to a simpler method of banking, which may be complicated by having at present two signatories. Clerk will contact YLCA for advice.

Highways See above Matters arising.

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Farmers Arms - see above matter arising. Lighting in Muker and Thwaite, a new light has been installed on Muker Village Hall, but has not been commissioned, so is still not working. Thwaite is waiting delivery of the

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shields for the lights.

NYCC:- NTR

YDNPA:

Ref R/06/268 Full planning permission for conversion of the ground floor of a traditional stone barn to create additional living space and for the removal of an existing outbuilding and replacement with a garage and store at Woodside, Thorns Green, Keld, DL11 6DY. The Parish Council support the application, any improvement or maintenance of building is welcomed.

YLCA:- see above finance.

Correspondence/AOB:

A Cllr reported that if there were any issues requiring attention, Councillors can attend a North Yorkshire 'Let's Talk' meeting at Hawes between 10am and 2pm Monday 7th November 2022.

Date and Time of Next

Meetings: 7.30pm Thursday 10th November 2022, 15th December, 26th January

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Activities in 2022

Over the last year the group has:

- been the Swaledale coordinators for

the 'Together for Trees' local community-based tree-planting project, in partnership with the Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust in the Spring and now with Tees Swale: naturally connected

- built connections with organisations such as the Tees-Swale: naturally Connected; Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust; Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority; Yorkshire Dales Rivers Trust and Yorkshire Peat Partnership
- debated and informed via our Facebook group, website and Reeth Gazette articles
- engaged with the planning process, focussing on issues of importance to the civic and environmental sustainability agenda
- hosted occasional talks on topics such as finding uses for wool, composting, cutting food waste
- learnt to identify trees, collected tree seeds and planted seeds for a local tree nursery
- organised litter picks
- produced fresh produce for anyone to consume via the Reeth Surgery Incredible Edible beds
- ran a wholefood buying group
- set up a Swifts and Swallows project and received funding for the Wing It project

Activities planned for 2023

- A number of hedge and tree planting sessions between January and March as part of the Together for Trees project.
- Establishing or improving some upland meadows as part of the Magic Meadow projects sponsored by Tees Swale: naturally connected
- Organising nest box building

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workshops for swifts, swallows and martins and training volunteers to put boxes up

- Building up a team for monitoring swifts and swallows
- Organising periodic litter picks around the two dales
- replanting the Reeth Surgery community beds for the new season

If any of this has whetted your appetite, **please do get in touch**. Even if you can only spare a couple of hours, please come and join in with some of our projects.

We are a small group and would love to attract more members.

Margaret

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Fri 6th Jan - Owd Roy Dominos, Muker Public Hall 7.30pm

Wed 25th Jan - Bellerby Study Group, Memorial Hall Bellerby 7.30pm

Sun 29th Jan - Swale Singers rehearsals start, Reeth Memorial Hall, 3pm

February

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