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## Reeth Community Vegetable Garden

By the time this is published, I hope that Spring will have sprung! If so, now is a good time to mention the Reeth Community Vegetable Garden situated at the side of the Medical Centre. Some of you will already know about this, others not and some of you may have noticed something going on at the side as you passed by and wondered "what's that about"?

Obviously Covid has had an impact on how easy it has been for people to get involved, so maybe this year can be the year...!

It started as an idea by a group of people involved in Sustainable Swaledale and was encouraged by the lovely team at Reeth Medical Centre to whom we are very grateful. From tricky "Covid" beginnings, we now have

11 beds, which are laid out as 4 sets of 2 and one set of 3, with a compost bin and a water butt installed.

Over the past 3 years we have grown - for example - various herbs, salad leaves,

radish, broad beans, runner beans, courgettes and soft fruits.

We would like you to get involved! Pop down, have a look, sow some seeds and when things are ready, harvest what you can use (there's a lettuce shortage as I type!). There won't be much this month (April), I'm afraid apart from perhaps some herbs like chives, but do keep an eye on the garden.

We hope to install a box/have a message board where you can leave messages if you're not sure what to do, have ideas or would just like to make contact. You can also contact me on [delyth.rennie@gmail.com](mailto:delyth.rennie@gmail.com)

We will post updates on the Sustainable Swaledale Facebook page about the garden and here in the Gazette. In the meantime, the picture shows some crops from last year.

**Delyth Rennie**



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## Swaledale Festival shines a light on local talent

As well as bringing top notch national and international artists to Dales stages, this year's Swaledale Festival celebrates the remarkable talent and traditions that reside in the area. The line-up includes 21 events by local musicians, poets, puppeteers, choirs and visual artists.

**Rebecca Lundberg** is a first class trombonist and conductor from Leyburn. As a member of the famous and prize-winning WFEL Fairey Band, she will take part in three concerts in the Festival fortnight. The first is a family-friendly screening of the ground-breaking animation *Wallace and Gromit: The Wrong Trousers*. 2023 marks the film's 30th

anniversary, and the Fairey Band has teamed up with its creators, Aardman, to celebrate the milestone with a screening accompanied by a specially adapted live brass band score. This is ideal half term entertainment for families, and a great way to introduce young people to the thrill of live music. The film will show at 13:30 on Sunday 28 May at The Garden Rooms at

Tennants in Wensleydale - the home of Wallace's favourite cheese. Afterwards, some of the band members will be on hand in the foyer to demonstrate and talk about their instruments.

At 19:30 on the same day, **WFEL Fairey Band** will perform a full evening concert at Tennants with Rebecca Lundberg soloing on trombone. The programme will include brass-band favourites such as film themes, marches and hymns, and some exciting new arrangements.

Rebecca is also the conductor of **Leyburn Band**. Under her baton, Lower Wensleydale's award-winning brass band will perform a concert on 30 May at St. Andrew's Church in Aysgarth. Expect an eclectic and rousing programme featuring repertoire from their forthcoming CD.



The Festival spotlights more Yorkshire talent with **Lempen Puppet Theatre's Cardboard Carnival** in Richmond's beautiful Georgian Theatre Royal on 31 May. Liz and Daniel Lempen are the tour-de-force behind Skipton Puppet Festival and creators of original shows that tour everywhere from tiny Scottish islands to international

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festivals. In this exquisite performance, a series of ingeniously created animals will unfurl to Camille Saint-Saëns' evocative *Carnival of the Animals* music. The show is a magical celebration of the power of puppetry that will delight all ages.

In advance of the Festival, Lempen will run a series of free puppetry workshops for local children who will each assemble a puppet from everyday materials. The students will then share their creations in a unique **Puppet Talent Show** on 28 May - to the audience gathered for the *Wallace and Gromit* screening. The workshops will take place at Tennants on Sunday 14 and Sunday 21 May, and are suitable for children from years 5 to 8. For more information please contact the Festival's Community and Education Officer, Heather Hodgson: [heather@swalefest.org](mailto:heather@swalefest.org).

The world-renowned lute virtuoso **Jacob Heringman**, who lives in Richmond, will perform a special recital with the outstanding mezzo-soprano **Clare Wilkinson** on 7 June in the delightful Holy Trinity Church in Low Row, Swaledale. You'll hear compositions by John Dowland, William Byrd, Thomas Morley and Stephen Wilkinson (Clare's father), as well as the world premiere of a new song by Joshua Brown.

**David Francis**, from Preston under Scar, plays the harpsichord with Manchester Baroque. Since its launch in 2019, this superb group has built a reputation for vibrant performances of historical music on period instruments. They will play solos, duets, sonatas and concertos by Handel, Tassarini and

Corelli on 2 June at St. Mary's Church in Richmond.

The excellent **Jervaulx Singers**, a locally based professional group comprising eight of the country's finest choral singers, will perform a delicious programme of French music by Fauré, Debussy, Ravel, Honneger and Poulenc in St. Andrews, Aysgarth on 5 June.

Other local highlights include **Swale Singers** performing on 1 June in St. Andrew's Church, Aysgarth; **Reeth Brass Band** on 7 June in St. Mary's



Church, Arkengarthdale, and **Muker Silver Band** performing on 9 June in Muker Public Hall.

There are also poetry walks and workshops in the landscape with Dales poet **Mary-Jane Holmes**, a talk on the Northern Dales night skies by local astronomer **Paul Clark**, late-night moon-gazing on Reeth Green with the **Reeth Informal Astronomy Group**, and exhibitions by talented local artists including the exceptional painter from Gunnerside, **Rachel Antill**.

Tickets for under 25s are available for nearly all events for just £3. For details and tickets please visit [www.swalefest.org](http://www.swalefest.org).





## Swaledale Darts League 50th Anniversary

This year sees the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Swaledale Darts League. Formed in 1973 the League started with 19 teams from pubs throughout the Dale and beyond!

A lot has changed over the years. Most pubs had 2 teams which have evolved over time. The original teams consisted of: Farmers Arms Muker, Kings Head Gunnerside, The Buck, Kings Arms Reeth, Black Bull, CB Inn, The Bridge, Bolton Arms Downholme, (all with two teams) and with one team each were George and Dragon Hudswell, The Punchbowl and Tan Hill Inn.

In celebration of this achievement, we are holding a 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner at The Garden Rooms at Tennants on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May. There will be a 3-course dinner followed by a disco and dancing.

The evening starts at 7pm for 7.30 seated and will finish at midnight. The Dress code: Smart.

Tickets are £30 each and are available from the Secretary, Nick Barron on [nickandsuebarron2@gmail.com](mailto:nickandsuebarron2@gmail.com) from Reeth Post Office or Tel 884937.

It would be wonderful to see as many players, past and present, as possible and their partners. Come along for a chat and reminisce about the scores you nearly got!!

Looking forward to seeing you on 26<sup>th</sup> May .  
**Nick Barron, Secretary**



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A recent highlight has been a visit from some young people to share in Science Week sessions. We were pleased to welcome the Brownies and Guides to the Arts Centre to celebrate our rural heritage and be shown how to make their own butter. 16 Brownies and 12 Guides used jam jars, cream, a little salt and a bit of effort as farmers' wives did in the past. We then toasted some bread and tasted the results with jam before they left. Along with our young dancers enjoying the new smart Studio and newly installed mirrors and a new session for Mums and babies and toddlers, it is good to have young people in the building.

It was disappointing to postpone our talk 'Undressing a Medieval Lady' last month because of the still present Covid, but we now have a new date, 15th April. This includes a sample taste of food from the period, as well as our more recognizable homemade cake and coffee we shall be serving! Other highlights coming up are listed below and available on our website. One special cinema screening which we hope will be well supported is 'Mustang' from which all proceeds will be going to the DEC Turkey-Syria Earthquake Appeal. We may moan about our weather, but we really are very lucky when we hear of the situations some people have to endure. Next month we hope to be able to tell you of progress with our Community Shed. It seems a long time coming but optimism is rising! So, we say again, watch this space!

**Jeannie Bishop**

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## Leyburn u3a Group April Meeting

The March meeting of Leyburn u3a is on Friday April 21st, Fiona Andrews from the charity Dementia Forward will be speaking.

Doors open at 10.00am at the Arts & Community Centre, Richmond Road, Leyburn. DL8 5DL.

Meetings are held the third Friday of every month. Visitors and new members always welcome. Annual Membership is just £12 or £20 for two people at the same address. For details contact Sue Mellish on 01748 850471, email [susiemellish@gmail.com](mailto:susiemellish@gmail.com)

Future Meetings: May 19th Annual General Meeting (No Speaker). June 16th Jane Hatcher - Richmond Snippets. **John Sutton**



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Our April meeting is at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 4 April and will be held by Zoom only. Dr Emma J. Wells MCIFA FRSA SFHEA will give a talk entitled *Heaven on Earth: Cathedral Building in the Gothic Age*. Members will be sent the link. Non-members please e-mail [bahsoc@outlook.com](mailto:bahsoc@outlook.com) for the link and details of how to pay (£3 per screen, not per person, or £12 for membership for the rest of the year). This talk covers a history of 16 of the world's greatest cathedrals and tells the extraordinary stories of the people who built them. It shows how the emergence of Gothic architecture in 12<sup>th</sup>-century France led to an explosion of cathedral building in western Europe and how they shaped the modern world and influenced art, culture and society worldwide.

On 2nd May we welcome Mike Turpin, Archivist at CBA Yorkshire who will talk on "The Forgotten War in Yorkshire: English Civil War 'battles' in 1642/43"

Patricia Fairey

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The encouraging news is that peat for the amateur gardening sector will be banned in England from 2024 with several retailers already selling good quality, peat free composts. Yet concerningly, there is no date when peat use in the professional sector will be banned. The RHS has pledged that all its gardens, show displays and plant sales will be peat free by 2025 (its bagged compost already is), yet your consumer pressure is needed to encourage other show gardens and garden centres to do the right thing and follow suit.

Top tips for going peat free this April:

- Visit: [www.wildlifetrusts.org/actions/how-go-peat-free](http://www.wildlifetrusts.org/actions/how-go-peat-free) for a list of which retailers are - and aren't - peat free!
- Check labels on potted plants, pellets, plugs and composts and only buy those that state they are peat free. 'Environmentally friendly' does not mean peat free.
- Stand up for peatlands: If they

don't stock what you want in a peat free option - ask for it and explain why.

- Experiment with ways of improving your soils naturally and organically. [www.gardenorganic](http://www.gardenorganic) and [www.rhs.org.uk](http://www.rhs.org.uk) have guidance for creating healthy soils. They also have information about how to develop your own compost, one of the most environmentally friendly ways to go peat free.
- Share the #PeatFreeApril campaign message with friends and family.

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Victoria Benn

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## If Trees Could Talk...

### 3 - The Grip of Iron (7,000 to 2,000 years ago)

Sources include: 'Swaledale Ancient Land Boundaries Project', Andrew Fleming and Tim Laurie, 1984-1993

After our visit seven thousand years ago, the clearance of the wildwood continued: slowly at first and mostly on the higher ground between the dales, but then as the human population increased and hunters were replaced by herders, the pace picked up, although the pattern of mixed deciduous wildwood dominated by oak in the dales with hazel above and between them held firm.



Muker: Wych Elm

A step-change took place when an event known as the 'Elm Decline' wiped out much of the elm, probably caused by disease (not unlike the modern Dutch one) combined with clearance (mostly for livestock but also for cereals) targeting soil preferred by elm. Widespread across Europe, the

Elm Decline reached Swaledale around 4,800 years ago.

With the Bronze Age came new farming practices and two waves of clearance with a brief regeneration of woodland in between. The clearance would again have been largely on the high ground where perhaps half or more of the woodland had been cleared for grazing by the end of the Bronze Age, with the dale sides and floodplain remaining more wooded.

The mix of trees also changed. After elm, lime also disappeared and during the period of regeneration birch recolonised marginal areas previously occupied by oak and hazel. Within the dales the bedrock often changes abruptly from limestone to sandstone to shale, and back to limestone. Being less acid, limestone supports richer, more varied cover, so that the treescape was a patchwork of species according to the rock, slope and drainage beneath.

The stark distinction we see today between upland (above about 300m) and lowland wasn't present at this time. The change in tree cover with altitude was gradual, with crops as well as grazing land being found at all levels above the floodplain.



Booze: Hedgerow Landscape

*We find ourselves on Grinton Moor near the Youth Hostel facing north-west, two thousand years ago, just before Romans arrive. Behind us, on the high ground above Cogden Mill, some ground is turning to peat, but to our right, and to our left all the way across what is now Harkerside Moor, is a system of vast fields enclosed by walls and hedgerows. We can see the same pattern across the river around Marrick and above Fremington Edge, and again between Reeth and Healaugh where, almost up to the top of Calver Hill and down the other side to Arkle Beck, there are huge fields and small settlements within.*

By the Iron Age, the uplands around Grinton, Reeth and Low Row had been largely cleared of trees, with mid and lower level land given over to fields, and the floodplain harbouring trees where farming was impractical. Further up dale, the dales sides were more wooded, but the imminent arrival of Roman ways increased land pressure and continued to open up the landscape to a point where (as pollen analysis reveals) the amount of woodland in Swaledale and Arkengarthdale would be much as it is today. The same can't be said of tree species. Larch, sycamore and horse chestnut, often 'feature' trees in today's landscape, were nowhere to be seen. And native oak, once common, has now essentially disappeared: fully consumed by Roman lifestyles, none remained locally from which to regenerate.

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**Rob Macdonald**

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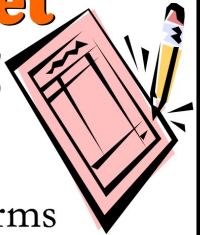


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## Relaunch of Community Lunch Club

We are pleased to announce the relaunch of a Community Luncheon Club for Reeth and Swaledale. The launch date is Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> April, and the idea is to have people of all ages meeting to have a good home-cooked 2 or 3 course lunch and up to three hours of conversation and socialising in the beautiful surroundings of The Kings Arms Reeth, every second Wednesday of the month.

The Public House will be for our exclusive use, and the meal will cost £10 for two courses or £15 for three courses, including tea or coffee.

Using the normal timetabled services of the Little White Bus, we hope to bring together people from Muker, Keld, Gunnerside, Low Row, Healaugh, Langthwaite, Arkengarthdale, Fremington and Grinton.

If you would like to book a table/place for 12<sup>th</sup> April please contact the Kings Arm directly on 01748 884259, a week beforehand if possible.

We are hoping to obtain grant funding to subsidise the cost of the lunch and travel on the Little White Bus, and we are also exploring subsidised transport from other areas not covered by the Little White Bus. We shall keep you informed as the new Community Luncheon Club evolves, and meanwhile we hope to have your support and look forward to seeing you on 12<sup>th</sup> April!

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### **Fundraising for Richmond & Catterick Group Riding for Disabled Group**

The Richmond & Catterick Group Riding for the Disabled (RDA) is looking for more funds to help it to continue providing lessons for its riders with disabilities. As a wholly volunteer-run charity, the Group relies entirely on funds and donations to support its work and it has just set up a Just Giving site <https://justgiving.com/rc-rda> to raise much-needed money.

This charity makes a worthwhile contribution to the community. There are numerous proven and life-changing benefits realised by bringing people with disabilities together with horses and ponies; confidence, relationship-building, enjoyment, social interaction, and physical and mental improvement.

Sessions currently run twice a week; two consecutive lessons on Wednesdays for children with disabilities from Mowbray special school and private riders in term-time and two lessons on Saturdays throughout the year for children with special needs and adults with varying disabilities - all private riders. These are held at Catterick Saddle Club using their ponies and horses as well as our own two and the Saddle Club's arena facilities.

But it costs the Group a minimum of £8000 to £10000 a year to run these lessons as well as covering vet fees and insurance costs for our two horses, entry fees for competitions and just a couple of hacking days out for our riders each year, and the cost of

replacement of essential safety equipment and tack.

Testifying to the outstanding work of this RDA Group, chairman, David Summers said: "The improvement I have witnessed from so many of our riders is truly amazing, with some even competing in regional and national championships. And for those that do not achieve these heights, I know that they enjoy the sessions and gain the therapeutic benefits that riding brings.

"Every pound you give helps put a smile on our riders' faces. Every pound you can spare will make a huge difference to this worthwhile charity and its work so that all riders can enjoy the therapy and fun of horses.

"We urge anyone kind enough to donate to send us a message as we'd love to know the reasons for the support. It's easy to donate via Just Giving and I urge as many people as possible to help us on our way."

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## Calling all Telescopes

We have some amazing dark skies in Swaledale and Arkengarthdale and many of us have been tempted to purchase an astronomical telescope. At that point one of three things tends to happen.

Some of us hesitate because we feel we don't know enough about it. If that is you, there is an opportunity this spring to find out a bit more to help you decide whether to get involved in this fascinating hobby.

Some of us take the plunge but, since astronomical telescopes aren't as easy to use as the adverts make out, the instrument ends up in the garage, cupboard or loft. If that is you, and you'd like some advice on how to get started again, or, if you would prefer to see your telescope rehomed, there is an opportunity this spring to get some advice and have your telescope evaluated.

Still others purchase a telescope and - with some persistence - learn how to use it. If that is you, there is an opportunity to join others in a collective moon and star watch on Reeth green during this year's Swaledale Festival.

Altogether there are four events coming up, run by a friendly group of amateur astronomers from the Reeth Informal Astronomy Group.

The first is from 7.30pm on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> April at Fremington Village Hall (the old Sunday School building halfway between Reeth bridge and the Dales Bike Centre) when we will be talking about choosing and using a telescope and also sharing our latest night sky photography and the latest

Astronomy news.

The second is from 10.00am on the morning of Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> April when we will be providing a telescope evaluation & advice service, also at Fremington Village Hall, after which, if you want to go ahead and sell or donate the instrument, we will take a picture and list it on our website and in the Gazette. (Regrettably we don't have space to take it off your hands ourselves).

Finally, if you want to have a go with your telescope, we will be putting telescopes up on Reeth green for people to look at the moon and stars on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May and Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> May, starting at 10.00pm assuming it's clear. If you'd like to join us for either of these two dates please get in touch (we need to know who is bringing a telescope for planning purposes).

All these events are free - though there will be a bucket for donations with any proceeds after costs going to local charities.

Readers interested in the night sky may also like to know this year's Swaledale Festival includes an illustrated talk on the Northern Dales Night Skies by one of our members, Paul Clark, also on May 27<sup>th</sup>, from 16.00 to 17.00 in Reeth Memorial Hall. So why not book a seat and come to Reeth for the talk and a leisurely supper and then, if it is clear, join us on the green?

To contact us or for more information go to [www.reethastro.org.uk](http://www.reethastro.org.uk), or ring Mike Evershed on 01748 884926 or Mike Walton on 01748 884820.



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**MONDAY 8<sup>th</sup> May.**

There will be a **BIG HELP OUT** display from 11 am to 3pm in Hudson House, Reeth and in the Community Orchard (by kind permission of the Orchard Committee). The idea is that local organisations set up a small stall displaying what their organisation does and what sort of volunteers they need. There will be no charge and free light refreshments will be provided by Hudson House during the day. Local voluntary organisations can book a space in either the Meeting Room or the Garden by contacting the Hudson House Administrator Jill May on 01748 880017 or by email at [admin@hudsonhouse.info](mailto:admin@hudsonhouse.info)



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## Wensleydale Chorus

Wensleydale Chorus begins rehearsals on May 3 for its 39th year of classical concerts.

And it is offering you the chance to be part of it.

The choir will be performing Schubert's Mass in G and the Nelson Mass by Haydn and is wanting new members. It may sound daunting, starting from scratch and sixteen rehearsals later being ready to perform at Bedale Methodist and St John's Church, East Witton on consecutive Saturdays in July.

However, it is not. What it is, is great fun and you will be amazed at what you can achieve in a relatively short space of time with the help of a wonderful conductor in Stan Roorcroft MBE and a bunch of like-minded people around you. Choir membership nationally has taken a bit of a knock since the Covid pandemic. Many are fearful of getting out and mixing but there's a general consensus that singing is good for one's mental health, especially for those yet to give it a try. And we can't live like hermits in the shadow of Covid forever, can we? We don't expect you to read music and you will not be asked to take part in an audition. Just turn up with your enthusiasm and have a go.

Wensleydale Chorus rehearsals start on Wednesday May 3<sup>rd</sup> at Leyburn Methodist Church at 7.30pm. It's just off the Market Square DL8 5BB. Any queries go to [wenchor@gmail.com](mailto:wenchor@gmail.com) or ring Julie 07817 711227.

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	10.30 am	St Joseph & Francis Xavier Richmond	<i>Mass</i>
	11.00 am	St. Edmund's, Marske	<i>Holy Communion</i>
	11.00 am	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
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<b>7<sup>th</sup> April</b>	9.00 am	Keld URC	<i>Start of Good Friday Walk</i>
<b>(Good Friday)</b>	11.00 am	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
<b>9<sup>th</sup> April.</b>	9.15 am	St. Mary's Muker	<i>Eucharist</i>
<b>(Easter Sunday)</b>	9.30 am	St. Andrew's Grinton	<i>Eucharist</i>
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	11.00 am	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
	6.30 pm	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> April</b>	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 Xav. Richmond	<i>Mass</i>
	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	St. Mary's Arkengarthdale	<i>Holy Communion BCP</i>
	6.00 pm	Gunnarside Methodist	<i>Holy Communion</i>
	6.30 pm	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
<b>30<sup>th</sup> April</b>	10.30 am	St Joseph & Francis Xav. Richmond	<i>Mass</i>
	10.30 am	Low Row URC	
	10.30 am	<i>St. Andrew's Grinton, with The Right Reverend Nick Baines, the Bishop of Leeds</i>	<i>United Parish Eu- charist</i>
	11.00 am	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
	11.00 am	St. Edmund's, Marske	<i>Morning Prayer</i>
	6.30 pm	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
<b>United Reformed Church</b> G Edward Brown 01748 886 181 edwardbrown@f2s.com And Sue Alderson 01748 886292 Susana@swaledale.org		<b>Methodist</b> Reverend Julie Reid Minister for the Two Dales 01748 823 149 Rev.julia.reid@gmail.com	
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## Beware the Influencers!

Do you follow any on Instagram or Tik Tok? Or are you one? Yes, I am talking about influencers, those people on social media platforms that advertise products for companies in return for free goods. Or perhaps that is just me being cynical.

The power of the influencer is immense. Anyone can become one just by registering as a user on, for instance, Tik Tok, then posting videos and photographs, gaining followers through whatever means (see Twitch for extreme methods) then enjoying a ready-made audience:-

- To flog stuff, for instance where to holiday, what to wear, eat, drink, how to exercise
- Or to inform in a socially responsible way how to spend your money.
- Or to preach to from your soapbox (for Gen Z and Alpha see soapbox ref from Wiki below and for anyone else see Gen Z and Alpha ref from Wiki below...now where were we?)

There are also deinfluencers. In these 'skint' times some content creators are discouraging you, the follower, from purchasing over-rated or expensive items - in its own way this is still influencing, although a bit more meaningful.

Whatever your point of view it is a powerful form of communication, particularly now as so many people use

their smart phones to read the news, access social media and keep updated.

We have always had influencers. Newspapers, TV, politicians, film stars, Queens and Kings.....BUT they didn't have a buy button or a url link on that dress they were wearing so you could buy it now - yes, I must have it! That is what is happening today: you browse through your notifications, watch a video and the next thing you know you've bought a knitting machine. And this is my confession.

I sat down with my lunch to watch a YouTube video of a talented sewist I follow (<https://www.gloryallan.com/>) who was demonstrating a "viral" (see Wiki ref below) knitting machine. It looked easy so after a bit of investigation I bought one. And now it sits on my dining table. I am scared to get it out of the box. I will psyche myself up after writing this and have a go but don't expect any yarn-based items from me at Reeth Makers Market. I will leave that to our talented makers!



Anne Barden

**Reeth Makers Market**  
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A soapbox is a raised platform on which one stands to make an impromptu speech, often about a political subject. The term originates from the days when speakers would



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elevate themselves by standing on a wooden crate originally used for shipment of soap, or other dry goods, from a manufacturer to a retail store.

**Generation Z** (or more commonly **Gen Z** for short), colloquially known as **zoomers**, is the demographic cohort succeeding Millennials and preceding Generation Alpha. Researchers and popular media use the mid-to-late 1990s as starting birth years and the early 2010s as ending birth years. Most members of Generation Z are children of Generation X.

The term **viral** pertains to a video, image, or written content spreading to numerous online users within a short time period. This concept has become a common way to describe how thoughts, information, and trends move into and through a human population.



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**Keld Chapel - Minister in Residence April**

From Sunday April 2nd until Friday April 7th, Revd. Frances Biseker, along with her husband John, will be serving as minister in residence at Keld.

They invite you to join them at the following:

Palm Sunday	10.30am	Morning worship at Low Row URC
	3.00pm	Family craft time at Keld
Monday April 3 <sup>rd</sup>	10.00am	Short Holy Week communion service followed by coffee in the manse.
	6.00pm	Evening Prayer
Tuesday April 4 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Morning Prayer
	6.00pm	Evening Prayer
Wednesday April 5 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Morning Prayer
	10.30am to 3.00pm	Study Day - "Cross Purposes": see below
	6.00pm	Evening Prayer
Thursday April 6 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Morning Prayer
	6.00pm	Evening Prayer followed by coffee in the manse
Friday April 7 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Good Friday Walk - First Station of the Cross

Frances will also be available for pastoral conversations either at the manse or in your own home.

Morning and evening prayer will take place in Keld Chapel.

**The Study Day** will be in the Keld Resource Centre. Entitled "Cross Purposes", it is an invitation to come and explore different ways of understanding the death and resurrection of Jesus. Drinks provided but please bring a packed lunch. Charge £10. See page 42 for more details.

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The FrOGs AGM will be held in the vestry of Gunnerside Chapel at 2.30pm on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April and anyone interested is welcome to attend.

For those unaware of its origin, the group goes back to 2015 when it became apparent that due to the chapel's financial position its closure was imminent. As this became known a well-attended public meeting was held and the result was the formation of FrOGs, which has since made significant contributions to repairs, maintenance, capital expenditure and the general running costs of the chapel. It is probably fair to say that without FrOGs the chapel would have closed, and consequently, if you are at all bothered about its survival into the future then you should probably come to the AGM!



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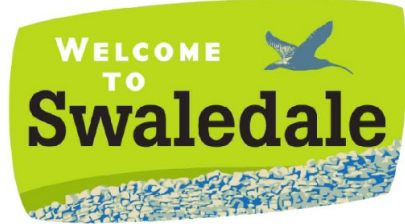
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### Good Friday Walk 7 April 2023



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8.00 am Cars leave from Grinton Church. There will not be a bus, but we encourage car sharing and lifts. If you need a lift, please contact Rev Caroline Hewlett, 01748 884706.

8.55am Assemble at Keld URC for safety information

9.00am Short Service at Keld URC; leave 9.10 am

10.30am Service at St. Mary's Muker, leave 11 am

12.30pm Gunnerside Methodist Church - lunch stop

1.10pm Short Service at Gunnerside Methodist Church

1.25pm Assemble and off

3.30pm Low Whita Bridge

5.00pm Arrive at Grinton - refreshments available

5.30pm Service in St. Andrew's Church

Total mileage - 12.5 miles(ish)

After the last service - transport back up the dale, as far as Keld, as required, to collect cars

Strong footwear and waterproof clothing required. Dogs are welcome. To protect stock and also for the safety of the walkers **DOGS MUST BE KEPT ON LEADS AT ALL TIMES.**

The organisers will lead the walk; however, participants are responsible for their own safety. The precise route is subject to change dependent on conditions on the day. If the weather is really bad the services will take place as advertised, but there will be no organised walk.



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Reeth**

Most people will have seen the article in Richmondshire Today about the National Park thinking of closing its centre at Hudson House in Reeth in 12 months' time. We only found out the week before the Gazette deadline that the proposal would be on the Agenda at the Authority meeting on 28th March. We don't have any further details. Everyone is probably aware that our local Ranger, Michael, is also based at Hudson House and that he has been a tremendous support to the community when there have been problems. So, our priority at the moment is to find out exactly what is proposed and, if the Authority decides to go ahead, to explore with them whether there are any less drastic ways to manage their difficult financial situation. We have worked with them for all of the 20 years Hudson House has been open and we are hopeful that there will be full consultation before any closure takes place.

We'll try and let everyone know more in the May edition, once we know the outcome of the Authority meeting and have had a chance to talk to park officials. Meanwhile, everyone should be assured that Hudson House will remain open whatever happens - the visitor centre is only one of the services based here. If anyone wants to know more about what we do, why not drop in? We now have an excellent Lavazza Coffee machine in the library!

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## North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service

Do you know where you are ? There have been a number of incidents recently, that have been reported in the wrong location. If you're not 100% sure read the second half of this article for a simple solution!

### Reeth Station

We've recently had some jobs that needed joint working with multiple agencies.

On our weekly drill night, Reeth were heading down to Richmond station to use their tower. En route we were tasked to a road traffic collision near Skeeby. As the first pump on scene the vehicle was stabilised and the occupants assessed for injuries. Meanwhile the officer in charge was liaising with the police to close the road and with oncoming appliances and the ambulance service to advise them on the situation .



We received a call out to assist Richmond appliance who were on the scene of a wildfire on MOD land. We arrived at the same time as Colburn and immediately extinguished fire that had spread into some trees and was threatening to jump the road and into a forest. Leyburn and Northallerton were also called out. There were nearly 30 firefighters battling the blaze. Comms with firefighters, MOD and police were of paramount importance for everyone's safety.

### What 3 Words?

We're sure you will have heard of this before but if you haven't or you haven't got round to downloading it then give this a quick read.

What 3 words is a free application you can download onto your smartphone. It brings up a map and is explained on their website as "We have divided the world into 3m squares and given each square a unique combination of three words.

what3words addresses are easy to say and share, and as accurate as GPS co-ordinates ". For example, the what 3 words address for Reeth station is

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Getting the correct location for an incident is critical. Precious time can be lost if an incorrect address is given, but this can also be made difficult if the incident is located on moorland with no nearby named roads or landmarks. If you can give the what 3 words location to our fire control staff they can accurately plot the incident on our mapping system, removing that extra time lost due to searching for the incident. All emergency services are familiar with this app so its well worth having.

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**Incidents Feb 6th to March 9th**

**2 Incidents this edition**

**On average we respond to between 40 to 50 calls each year.**

**Incident 04 07/03/2023:** Called to search for a missing person in the Aysgarth area overnight. Missing person located by the Police while the search was ongoing.

**Incident 03 16/02/2023:** Called to rescue a walker on the Pennine Way. Fortunately, the Ambulance service 4x4 was able to get to the casualty, team members escorted the rest of the group to the valley.

**Update on changes to the charity status:**

Swaledale Mountain Rescue Team is

changing its charitable status to become a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). We are doing this for various administrative reasons, but primarily to give more protection to our trustees. By the time you read this, the changeover process will be well underway. As far as our search and rescue operations go nothing changes - we're still the same team of dedicated volunteers available 24/7 365 days of the year. However, we have been given a new Charity Commission Registered number 1201870, which means we'll be changing all our collecting tins and re-issuing them with labels displaying the new number. We think we know where most of them are and are in the process of swapping them over. If you have a tin we might have forgotten about because it hasn't been emptied for a while, or if you haven't got one of our collecting tins but would like one, then please let us know by contacting our Fund Raising officer Jill Armstrong by email [jill.armstrong@swaledalemrt.org.uk](mailto:jill.armstrong@swaledalemrt.org.uk) or Text/phone 07734 105674

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**New for 2023: Study Days**



Our next study day will be held on Wednesday April 5<sup>th</sup> which is the Wednesday of Holy Week. It will be led by Revd. Frances Biseker, our minister in residence that week, and her husband John.

**Theme : Cross Purposes  
Understanding the cross, death and  
resurrection of Jesus in today's  
world.**

The programme for the day will be as follows:

10.30 : Arrivals and Coffee

11.00 : Session One

12.30 : Lunch

13.30 : Session Two

15.00 : Refreshments and Departure

There will be discussion, sharing, space to ponder .....

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### Monthly Police Report February 7<sup>th</sup> - March 7<sup>th</sup>

Incidents of note over the last reporting period:

Overnight 28<sup>th</sup> February/1<sup>st</sup> March: theft from St. Margaret's in Hawes

Overnight 2<sup>nd</sup> March: two caravans stolen from the Patrick Brompton area

Overnight 9<sup>th</sup> February: Quad bike stolen from the Middleham area

We do not report crimes whereby victims could be identified for example, Domestic Violence or Harassment, although they are included in the totals below.

- 2 - Theft
- 3 - Abandoned calls
- 3 - Violence
- 5 - Road Traffic Collisions ( minor ).
- 8 - Suspicious circumstances.
  - 1 - Fraud.
  - 4 - Wildlife related crime
  - 3 - Vehicle offence.
  - 1 - Burglary
  - 3 - Antisocial behaviour

In total in the reporting period, for the area covered by Leyburn, 53 calls were received covering a variety of incidents.

Numerous calls in the Suspicious circumstances were to do with the door to door sellers who arrive in the area, CLAIMNG to be selling households goods as part of their

Probation or to gain points towards an Apprenticeship scheme. Please do not feel that you are helping them in anyway. Politely refuse, close the door, and call North Yorkshire Police, providing a description and if possible, any vehicle details.

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Throughout his time as chair John has done so much to make the hall a welcoming, comfortable and successful resource for the local community. Special mention also needs to be made of his wife Tracy who has provided considerable support behind the scenes looking after admin and all things technical.

The hall is used by many local residents, young and old, and is also enjoyed by people visiting the area on occasion. There are a number of regular groups using the facilities provided.

John has been instrumental in bringing live music to the Memorial Hall over the many years of his involvement. The hall has become a very respected and well-known venue on the folk scene, though music has not been limited to just folk. We are fortunate to have so much live music right on our doorstep. There is a programme of concerts booked in already for this year. Details can be found under events on <https://reethmemorialhall.weebly.com/music.html>. You can browse through the artists that are booked and by clicking on their names get an example of what they do. You will see there is quite a variety of performers. The Memorial Hall also has its own Facebook page.

Thank you to John from the hall committees past and present for all the many hours of time you have given to make the hall a great success. Thank you also from the hundreds of people who use the facilities each year. We are grateful you will still be a part of the management committee.

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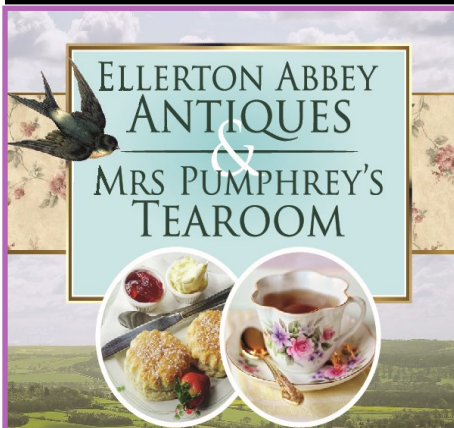
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## Sustainable Swaledale

### Beavers' 70m dam may stop flooding of North Yorkshire village

New Civil Engineer article on the introduction of beavers to Cropton Forest in an attempt to reduce the risk of flooding in Sinnington after funding could not be found for maintaining artificial flood barriers. The beavers' dams have measurably slowed the flow of water and will hopefully reduce the risk of flooding following heavy rain. Similar schemes in 20 sites seem to be having an impact on flood management.

<https://tinyurl.com/5bm8pyjr>

### Earth Day 2023

The theme for the 55<sup>th</sup> annual Earth Day on 22<sup>nd</sup> April is "Invest in our Planet" with a focus on what each of us as an individual can do to tackle climate change, reduce waste and tackle pollution. Check out a tool kit which allows you to calculate how much plastic you use a year, with advice on reducing use, or follow advice on creating capsule wardrobes by only buying an item of clothing if it will go with three items already in your wardrobe. More at

<https://www.earthday.org/>

### Polluted rivers

If you haven't seen it, catch Paul Whitehouse's "Our Troubled Rivers" on BBC iPlayer. Includes a look at the all too frequent practice of dumping

raw sewage into the Wharfe through storm overflows. Read DEFRA's response to the criticism of water company practices at: <https://tinyurl.com/2nhwuakp>

According to an ITV report in August 2022, Yorkshire Water has on average, over the last 5 years, dumped raw sewage into rivers and the sea every 18 minutes. <https://tinyurl.com/2pwt7a3p>

### Solar power calculator for your house

If you wonder how much solar power you could generate with solar panels, take a look at the World Bank's Global Solar Atlas. Using its satellite image map you can pinpoint your precise location and it cleverly works out what your horizon looks like. While it doesn't know about trees, houses or walls that can cast shade, it can work out when you are in the shade of a hillside and adjust its statistics accordingly. The site can be found at:

<https://globalsolaratlas.info/>

### Together for Trees

*Our Together For Trees* planting season for 2022/23, sponsored by lottery funded Tees Swale: naturally connected, has come to an end. Over 5,000 trees have been planted at 13 Swaledale and Arkengarthdale sites by 50 volunteers who gave up 137 days in all kinds of weather to create new woodland and hedges. (see picture, right). We already have several sites lined up for next year. If you have a patch of land you would like considered, please get in touch.

### New logo

The group's new logo can be seen at the top of this article

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## United Nations Ocean Treaty

Nearly 200 countries have agreed to a legally binding **United Nations "High Seas Treaty"** to protect marine life in international waters previously excluded from legislation. This treaty will cover 60% of the world's oceans by surface water and is necessary to meeting the global biodiversity pledges made at the UN Biodiversity Conference in Montreal (COP15) in December 2022. Lots of coverage on the BBC website and online press.

**Margaret Feetham**

## Sustainable Swaledale Group

Find out more and join in

**Meeting:** first Thursday of the month at 7pm. Please contact us for venue details.

**Email:**

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**Phone:** the Secretary on 01748 886 381

**Facebook Group:**

Sustainable Swaledale

**Website:**

[www.sustainableswaledale.org](http://www.sustainableswaledale.org) where you can sign up to our free newsletters, and choose to support us as a member for £10 (£5 concessions) per year.

Volunteers at Healaugh in the National Park worked with Swaledale group leaders, Rob Macdonald and David Gathercole to help plant a mixed hedgerow of native plants including blackthorn (sloe), crab apple and holly on a sloping hill.





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Reeth Memorial Hall

Saturday 1st April - Saltfishforty are a fresh and dynamic duo hailing from the Orkney Islands. Douglas Montgomery (fiddle, viola) and Brian Cromarty (songs, guitar, mandola) combine the rich traditional music of Orkney with original compositions. Tickets £15 (£17 door)

Saturday 29th April - Jez Lowe. Singer-songwriter, Jez, has taken his songs of north-east England to audiences around the world, (with guitar, mandolin, cittern and harmonica accompaniment). 'Jez Lowe is one of our finest songwriters.' (BBC Radio 2). Tickets £14 (£16 door).

Friday 5th May - Jack Rutter. Yorkshire folk singer Jack (guitar, bouzouki) combines masterful arrangements of traditional songs with contemporary covers. "Among Britain's finest traditional singers." (Folk Radio UK). Tickets £14 (£16 door).

Tickets from Reeth PO or phone John Little (01748 884759) or visit www.reethmemorialhall.co.uk - tickets 1/2 price u16s. All concerts 8pm.

The Station Singers supporting The Friends of Richmond Friary Community Hospital invite you to Come Celebrate with us in Songs of Fun, Friendship & Love Saturday 22nd April 2023 6.30pm (Doors open 6pm) St Mary's Church Richmond. Includes balloons for 10 years of the Station Singers, 60 years of The Beatles, and 70 years of Jazz. Tickets £10 On the door £11. Includes QR code and logo for THE STATION Singers.

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## April Update

### What a month!

As I write this month's update, we are approaching the final workshop in our Musical Cultures project. What a fantastic opportunity it has been so far. Caribbean Steel Drumming with Nicole Coker was great fun and the sharing performance at the end of the day included participants teaching



family, friends and local residents how to play.

These few unexpected moments brought everyone together and reminded me how powerful community music making can be when a common interest is shared. Bhangra Dance and Drums promises another equally engaging and rewarding experience. Jake Gault, Fred Norman and Bethan Sowerby have done an amazing job organizing the sessions which have been supported by NYMAZ and Youth Music, using public funding from the National Lottery through Arts Council England.

Our Youth Voice Steering Group also arranged careers advice sessions and worked with David Owen from Flash Company Arts in Whitby. Sessions took place on Zoom and in-person and provided an industry insight into: song writing, productions skills, life as a touring artist and the many supporting roles for events and marketing. If you missed the sessions but would like to find out more, contact us for information about our mentoring and support opportunities.

### Decades 2023 - The Concert Tour

We are busy rehearsing and are about to confirm our tour dates for May, June and July. This year's programme will feature timeless dancefloor classics from the 1940s to the present day. Keep an eye on our website and social media for more information.

### Leyburn Community Arts Festival and Make Music Day 2023

Activities and events for all ages will run from **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> to Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June**. We have had a great response so far from creative and performing arts groups and organisations who would like to take part in our celebrations at St. Matthews Church, The Methodist Church Hall and Leyburn Arts and Community Centre. There will be exhibitions, talks, poetry, music, dance, drama, crafts, refreshments and more to enjoy. If you are interested in performing, demonstrating, sharing your skills or helping volunteer during the festival celebrations, please contact us.

### Fancy trying something new?

Wensleydale Community Gospel Choir

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and Leyburn Jazz Collective are two initiatives we will be hosting taster sessions for at Leyburn Methodist Hall over the coming weeks. This is in response to enquiries for activities open to all members of the local community to take part in and enjoy. We would like to hear from anyone who is interested in taking part. Sessions will be relaxed, informal and a great way to meet people who share an interest in music and the Arts.

### **Coffee Mornings and Fund-raising**

Our BlueAngels do amazing work helping raise funds to support our activities and you can be part of it. This can be by donating on a regular basis, volunteering, attending coffee mornings, our annual Quiz Night or supporting our performance events. We will be hosting coffee mornings at Leyburn Methodist Hall on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April and 15<sup>th</sup> September and Richmond Town Hall on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May and 31<sup>st</sup> August. There will be books, cakes, tombola, raffle and of course a friendly welcome and plenty of chat over a cuppa. Donations welcome. Simon Eastwood will again be Quiz Master on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September at The Aysgarth Falls Café and Gift Shop.

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## Richmondshire District Council: the end of an era

Most people will be aware that on 31 March Richmondshire District Council ceases to exist. The new North Yorkshire unitary Council starts on 1 April. Richmondshire Council was established in the last major re-organisation of Local Government in 1974, when it replaced Reeth Rural District Council and many more similar small Councils. This means all major Council services from dustbin emptying to education and social services will be delivered by the same Council. Council services will still be available from Mercury House in Richmond and on Fridays from Hudson House in Reeth. Parish Council will continue and may be offered more responsibilities by the new North Yorkshire Council.

I step down as a local Councillor on 31<sup>st</sup> March. It has been a privilege to serve as the Richmondshire Councillor for Lower Swaledale & Arkengarthdale for the past four years. I thank the six Parish Councils, local residents and businesses for their help and support. There have been challenges with the flooding in 2019, followed by the Covid 19 pandemic. The people of the Two Dales are very resilient and have worked their way through both.

There are currently three District Councillors and one County Councillor serving the Upper Dales Division, which includes Hawes, Upper Wensleydale, all Swaledale and Arkengarthdale. From 1<sup>st</sup> April there will be only one North Yorkshire Councillor serving the whole area. The current County Councillor Yvonne Peacock was elected last May as

the Councillor for the Upper Dales Division of North Yorkshire Council. Yvonne is a hard-working Councillor and I wish her well in her new role. Her email address is [cllr.Yvonne.Peacock@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.Yvonne.Peacock@northyorks.gov.uk)

**Thank You,  
Councillor Richard Good.  
Liberal Democrat**



## Fair Fares on Buses

The 3 month government scheme to cap single bus fares at £2 has been extended from March 31 to the end of June this year. All operators in North Yorkshire are participating (and many in other areas). Check for any changes in timetables around Easter. Valid ENCTS passes for free travel are unaffected.

**Ruth Annison**



# Diary Dates Market Place

## April

**Sat 1st April** - Saltfishforty - Reeth Memorial Hall 8pm

**Fri 7th Apr** - Good Friday Walk, assemble at Keld URC at 8.55am

**Wed 12th April** - Reeth Community Lunch Club, 12-3 Kings Arms, Reeth

**Sat 15<sup>th</sup> April** - Coffee Morning Reeth Evangelical Congregational Church 10am to noon

**Thurs 27th April** - TLC Gunnerside, 7.30pm

**Sat 29th April** - Jez Lowe - Reeth Memorial Hall 8pm

## May

**Fri 5th May** - Jack Rutter - Reeth Memorial Hall 8pm

**Sat 26th May** - Swaledale Darts League Anniversary Celebration, 7pm, Tennants

## June

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