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Afoot in Two Dales Challenge Walk

The Irregulars is a local group within the Long Distance Walkers Association (LDWA) for people with the common interest of walking long distances in rural, mountainous or moorland areas. The group is currently organising a 50 mile/5,500ft circuit of the Yorkshire Dales for experienced walkers and runners, entitled Afoot In Two Dales (AKA The Yorkshire 50), to be held over the weekend of 15th/16th July 2023. This is a circular walk on footpaths, bridleways and quiet roads through Swaledale and Wensleydale and offers some of the best walking that the Yorkshire countryside has to offer. After starting at Harmby Village Hall, participants make their way to checkpoints at Castle Bolton, Haverdale, Muker, Hardraw, Bainbridge, Thoraby and The Gallops, where they are given refreshments, eventually returning to Harmby for a cooked meal. They will be setting off from Harmby at 8:30am on Saturday and have 22 hours to complete the route.

We charge an entry fee to cover the cost of e.g. hiring several village halls, provision of food and drink, transportation for anyone dropping out through injury or fatigue and first aid at the finish. After the event our intention is to use any surplus funds to make a donation to the Swaledale Mountain Rescue as we did last year. We anticipate around 150 people entering the event and over 100 have already signed up.

The event is held with kind permission of the walk's originator Jill King, & the Cleveland LDWA Group, and is available as an 'Anytime Challenge' walk that could be completed over two to three days.

Further details can be found on the [Irregulars' LDWA webpage](#).

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From Saturday July 1st to Saturday July 8th, Felicity Barker will be serving as minister in residence at Keld. Felicity is a community worker in the United Reformed Church.

She invites you to join her at the following:

Sunday July 2nd: 10.30am. Morning worship at Low Row URC

Morning and evening prayer each weekday - morning prayer at 9.00am, evening prayer at 6.00pm

Thursday July 6th: 10.30am to 3.00pm. She will be leading a study day entitled "Finding God through Pilgrimage". There will be a charge of £10. Drinks will be provided but please bring a packed lunch.

Felicity will also be available for pastoral conversations either at the manse or in your own home. She will also organise an open-house event at the manse.

Morning and evening prayer will take place in Keld Chapel. The Study Day will be in the Keld Resource Centre.

Do come along. She would love to see you!

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Skeeby Beck Pollution

By now many of the Gazette's readers will be aware of the appalling wildlife devastation at Skeeby Beck. This follows the catastrophic release of slurry into the beck from a farming site further upstream. The Environment Agency rate this a 'fish kill' and in consequence thousands of fish have died. It may be some months or years before this stretch of the river returns to full life.



Following such an event there will be much hand wringing and finger pointing which is understandable but we must also offer our support in more tangible ways. Consequently the Reeth fishing club (RADAC) is planning to offer a pair of concessionary tickets for this season to the Gilling Fly Fishers thus ensuring that local water is available to our neighbours.

As spring arrives and we start to see rivers come to life, trout rise along with the spirits of the fly fisher. All of us, either fishing or walking by the river can look forward to an hour or two where our minds can focus on enjoying the peace and beauty found so close to home. As we do so, it is crucial that we remain vigilant to polluting events and report any incidents of concern to the environment agency to prevent or reduce the severity of such events in future.

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If Trees Could Talk...

5 - Wood Pasture (1,000 to 250 years ago)

You can get a good view of Rowleth Wood from almost any vantage point along the back road between Crackpot and Gunnerside. It's quite a dense woodland now, but within living memory it was more open and was unfenced with livestock grazing between its trees. This practice, of the dales' sides managed as pasture liberally dotted with trees ('wood pasture') has a longer tradition in Swaledale and Arkengarthdale than today's more familiar, if relatively modern, dry stone walled landscape.

For much of the last thousand years, Rowleth Wood was less dense than it is now but far more extensive, the current wood being the last remnant of what was recorded in 1383 as being called 'Mosdalhegge', a wood pasture stretching all along the dale side of what is now Melbecks, from Gunnerside Gill to Barney Beck west of Healaugh.

Wood pasture embodies the practice of a patch of land being managed for more than one purpose: grazing, fuel and building material. For local people wood pasture provided self-sufficiency and the flexibility to deal with changing circumstances. For the landscape, it harks back to the biodiversity of the wild wood, where a wooded outlook was kept open by large herbivores.

Each of the villages that grew out of the vaccaries (farmsteads)

established in the free chase had its own wood pasture: common land which was an essential adjunct to their meadows which were neither large enough nor productive enough to meet the year-long requirement to feed livestock.

In 1570, we have reference to the 'queen's woods' of Harkerside and Whitaside. Although largely lost now, we can still find remnants of these once more extensive woodlands and, by looking at eighteenth and nineteenth century maps, we can trace the slow disappearance of wood pasture from the Swaledale landscape between Grinton and Haverdale Beck.

It's a cold January day around 1600. Snow sits on frozen ground in another dismal winter. We're on Whitaside, above Lawn House, amidst several acres of wood pasture where the dominant tree is holly. The trees are pollarded, a practice that maintains a dense head of young branches just above browsing height. A shepherd is lopping selected branches off these pollarded hollies and sheep are enthusiastically stripping them of leaves and bark, there being little else available to eat.

The following aerial photograph shows a section of Whitaside with two current properties circled in red: Lawn House to the left and Hollins Farm to the right (Hollin is an old word for holly). The fields shaded in light green are named in maps of 1774 after the trees that once grew in them: hazel and ash in the lower fields, holly in the higher fields to the south. By the time of the 1844 tithe maps, all these fields were listed

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as meadow or pasture, but even today (as the photo suggests) this is the part of Whitaside that has the most trees.

Elsewhere in Swaledale there is evidence of wood pastures that once served the needs of farming communities. Field names and documents are both sources of evidence, as are tracks (now often footpaths) that lead from villages for a mile or so and then peter out in what was once their wood pasture. And there still remain some ancient pollarded trees (holly, elm, ash and alder), some centuries old, which often survived felling by being incorporated into field boundaries.

Pollarding is strongly associated with



Marrick: Remains of a 400-year-old wych elm pollard

wood pasture as it maintains trees in a juvenile state, sprouting branches

above the browse line and so allowing new growth to coexist with livestock. These ancient trees are living signposts to how our dales' sides were traditionally managed for several hundred years.

By combining multiple sources of evidence, it is possible to identify areas of historic wood pasture from Keld to Fremington. Evolving from the free chase, wood pasture probably reached its maximum extent in the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries - both documents and pollen analysis support this conclusion. After this time, changing pressures on land use led to wood pasture's decline, although it continued up dale for longer.

Although in many cases, as our old maps show, wood pasture was re-purposed for meadow, this wasn't always the case. A number of deer parks were created in Swaledale by landowners seeking to recall memories of the free chase. Wood pasture would be ideal for this purpose and there is evidence that Feetham's wood pasture was appropriated to this end in order to create Healaugh Park. Today's Feetham Wood is a small remnant of this former woodland.

Later, there was a trend towards a more intensive type of woodland management in the form of coppicing, as industry and a growing population increased the demand for wood for both fuel and timber.

Sources include: 'Towards a history of wood pasture in Swaledale (North Yorkshire)', Andrew Fleming, 1997

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Rob Macdonald

Leyburn u3a Group June Meeting

The June meeting is on Friday June 16th and is called "Richmond Snippets" given by Jane Hatcher. 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 850 471 or email susiemellish@gmail.com

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National Meadow Day 1st July

1st July is **National Meadow Day** and you can find out more about meadows at an event being held at Hazel Brow Farm Visitor Centre. Running between 11am and 2pm, it is sponsored by Tees Swale: naturally connected and the Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust. Find out more at: <https://hazelbrowfarm.org/>

One Acre Meadow project

Sustainable Swaledale is looking to start a **One Acre Meadow** project whereby residents are encouraged to put aside a small piece of garden for wild flowers and nature. Collectively the areas will add up to a notional acre and each patch would provide vital

pathways for pollinators to travel from patch to patch. The group hopes to get funding to allow it to provide seed and support. If you are interested, please contact us so that we can get some measure of interest.

Virtual tour of Muker Meadows

You can look at **Muker meadows** in their glory via a virtual meadow tour on the Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust website at: <https://www.ydmt.org/yorkshire-dales-wildflower-meadows> - click on the virtual meadows tour button to see a close up of the meadow flowers.

You can also watch a short video on why meadows are so important and find out more about the Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust meadow restoration projects at: <https://www.ydmt.org/what-we-do/landscape-and-wildlife/wildflower-meadows>

Within these Walls - Haytime in the Yorkshire Dales

The Dales Countryside Museum in Hawes is hosting an exhibition running until 17th September on hay time. The exhibition features linocuts and collographs by artist Hester Cox, who has been inspired by hay meadows, alongside hay time artefacts and wood cuts by Marie Hartley, all from the museum collection. Opening times and admission prices can be found on the museum website: <https://www.dalescountrysidemuseum.org.uk/visit-us/opening-times-and-admission/>

Sustainable: What's In a Word?

Blogger and environmental historian

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Sandy Irvine is coming to speak at a free event organised by Sustainable Swaledale at the Low Row and Feetham Literary Institute on 1st July. Please save the date.

YDNPA statement about hen-harrier persecution.

The Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority has issued a statement condemning recent **hen harrier losses** including one tagged hen harrier roosting near Birkdale killed by someone in 2022. Killing birds of prey is illegal and people observing a wildlife crime should call 101. The YDNPA have said this is all the more disappointing given recent success in breeding hen harriers with the support of some landowners. The press release can be found at:

<https://www.yorkshiredales.org.uk/category/news-release/>

Clickable links available via the Sustainable Swaledale website

Margaret

Sustainable Swaledale Group

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Thursday July 6th : Finding God through Pilgrimage. Led by Felicity Barker

Saturday August 19th : Us reading Ruth reading Us! Led by Rev. Peter Poulter

Thursday September 28th : Subject yet to be announced. Led by Rev. Jamie Kissack

The programme for each day will be as follows:

10.30 : Arrivals and Coffee

11.00 : Session One

12.30 : Lunch

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There will be an opportunity for ideas sharing and discussion over a light, complimentary lunch. Event timed to coincide with public transport from Keighley, Skipton and Ilkley.

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Leyburn Arts and Community Centre

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Other highlights in May were the two one act plays by LADS, as always very enjoyable. One was a compassionate drama about dogs which brought a tear to the eye of the sentimental and the other was a very funny look at the problems of an amateur dramatic group. As this newsletter is written tickets are selling well for our live music, Alex Hamilton, so I hope you have already bought yours!

Forthcoming films and events to look forward are a free Fun Dance session on Thursday 22nd and the Whitney Houston film 'I Wanna Dance with Somebody' on Friday 23rd June, both part of the Wensleydale Community Arts Festival. We also have another

opportunity to see 'Fleabag' and live music from Matt Jones-Green on Saturday July 8th. More information can be seen on our website. If you wish to receive our newsletters recording progress on the Leyburn & District Community Shed, contact us to be put on the email distribution list.

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Incidents March 9th to 9th May

8 Incidents this edition. On average we respond to between 40 to 50 calls each year.

2023:

Incident 12: 09/05/2023: Called to rescue an injured walker in Swinnergill, above Muker. The casualty had fallen



Incident 12:

some distance but had managed to stagger downhill until he was found by a group of passing walkers. The team and air ambulance responded. We evacuated the casualty up the gill to the waiting air ambulance.

Incident 11: Called to rescue an injured walker near the waterfalls at Keld. Treated on scene by the Ambulance and team, then evacuated by team vehicle to Keld.

Incident 10: Called to search for a missing D of E group. After an initial search while the team were traveling to the scene, the missing group turned up safe having taken a wrong turn!

Incident 09: 02/04/2023: Called to assist Cave Rescue Organisation at Clapham with a report of Six cavers overdue on a trip from Lancaster Hole to County Pot having gone underground at 11.30 and expected out by 19.30. As another party had seen them, well on their way, earlier in the day, the search was concentrated towards County Pot. With no-one found, the Lancaster Hole entrance was checked, in case they had been unable to find their way forward and had returned over their now-familiar route. With this initial check drawing no results, a new party was preparing to go into the cave system from Lancaster Hole when a phone call was received. Two of the missing cavers had emerged from Lancaster Hole, shortly followed by another one, with the remaining three in need of hauling up the 33m entrance pitch. This done, cavers and rescuers returned to Bull Pot Farm by 05.15.

Incident 08: 23/03/2023: Called by Cleveland Mountain Rescue Team to assist with an ongoing search for a missing person. Team tasked with searching underground caves & mines in the search area. Toxic gas levels in the mines prevented further searching, Mines Rescue took over the search with breathing apparatus & located a body.

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Searching the old mines during incident 08.



Incident 07: 17/03/2023: Called to rescue an injured walker in Arkengarthdale, the casualty and group had managed to self-evacuate somehow, then treated by the team and evacuated to the road Ambulance.

Incident 06: 12/03/2023: Team called by the Police to rescue an injured walker on the hills above Richmond. A very well organised group with the casualty had provided immediate first aid and kept the casualty warm. The team treated and then evacuated to the road ambulance.

Incident 05: 11/03/2023: Called by the ambulance service to rescue an injured person in Wensleydale. First team members assisted the ambulance with evacuating the casualty.

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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	
	11.00 am	Holy Trinity Low Row	<i>Eucharist for Trinity Sunday and Festival Service with preacher The Right Rev. John Pritchard</i>
	6.30 pm	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
10th June	6.00 pm	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	<i>Church Festival</i>
11th June	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>
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18th June	9.15 am	St. Mary's Muker	<i>Holy Communion BCP</i>
	10.30 am	St Joseph & Francis Xavier Richmond	<i>Mass</i>
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	11.00 am	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
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	11.00 am	Holy Trinity Low Row	<i>Eucharist</i>
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25th June	9.30 pm	St Michael's Downholme	<i>Holy Communion</i>
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Wensleydale Community Arts Festival
Leyburn will be the focal point for the first festival which takes place from 21st to 25th June 2023. Full details are available on our website www.wensleydale.org or pick up a printed programme in town. Entry is FREE (with a suggested donation to help defray costs). Refreshments will be available at the main venues. If you are interested in performing, demonstrating and sharing your skills, or volunteering during the festival celebrations you can email us on info@wensleydale.org or contact Judith Clark on 07882 331421 or Colin Bailey on 07711 211169. Here is just a snapshot of the many events and performances taking place.

Music and Drama - St. Matthew's Church

The festival opens with a Make Music Day celebration concert at St. Matthew's Church (7pm) with performances from Liffy, Wensleydale School and the Colin Bailey Band. Thursday 22nd features performances from Spennithorne and Middleham Primary School (2pm) and an early evening concert opens with Kim Ralls (6pm). Friday 23rd performances include Patrick Green (5.45pm), Elizabeth Carter and Michael Yare (6.30pm) and an evening with the Richmond Hillbillies (7.30pm). Saturday 24th is our Family Fun Day (from 12noon) when we hope the weather will be kind and allow us to be outdoors in the grounds of St. Matthew's with a range of activities and fund-raising

stalls (indoors if wet). Take part in a Teddy bears' picnic or enjoy Strawberries and Cream while listening to Leyburn Band (3.30pm). Evening performances include 'Whispering Strings' with The Richmond Quartet (6.30pm), Wendy Arrowsmith (7.00pm), Drama with LADS (Leyburn Amateur Dramatic Society, 7.30pm), and BlueBoxt young performers with Colin Bailey and Michael Yare end the evening with popular music (8.30pm). The Dales Pop Choir bring our Festival to a close with an afternoon concert on Sunday 25th (2pm).

Dance and Cinema - Leyburn Arts and Community Centre

There will be a Fun Dance on Thursday 22nd (6.30pm) where you can take part in participatory dances such as line dancing, country dancing or just relax and enjoy a sequence dance demonstration. Film Night on Friday 23rd (6pm) will show 'I Wanna Dance With Somebody' - celebrating the life and music of Whitney Houston. (Usual cinema charges apply £6 | £5 for seniors). On Saturday 24th, Dales Dance will present an afternoon of Maypole Dancing in the Community Garden (indoors if wet).

Poetry, Talks, Storytelling and Exhibitions - Leyburn Methodist Church and Hall, Leyburn Library and Wonky Tree Bookshop.

The exhibition of local Art, Photography and Crafts will be open 10am-4pm on Friday 23rd and Saturday 24th and 2pm-4pm on Sunday 25th. On Friday morning pop in for a cuppa and a chat and a special treat - Organists Ruth Biker and Geoff Hirst will be playing a selection of their favourite pieces. In the afternoon there will be

story time with the Wonky Tree Bookshop (2pm) and poetry and prose with Donovan Leaman (3pm). On Saturday it's Storytime at the Library (10.30am), Poetry with Patrick Green (Wonky Tree, 2.30pm), talks and demonstrations including local Artists Lynn Ward and Maxine Ahmed.

Colouring and Writing Competition

Information about our competition has been circulated to local primary schools and is available on the website (closing date Monday 19th June). Entries will be on display in St. Matthew's and the winners will be announced on Saturday 24th at the Family Fun Day. www.wensleydale.org

Thanks to everyone who has supported the initiative and given their time so far. We look forward to welcoming you and celebrating the Arts in our local communities.

Colin Bailey

The Arts Society Wensleydale presents "The Knights of Heaven: The Iconography of Warrior Angels and Saints"

Images of saints and angels are everywhere in medieval and Renaissance art. But what did they actually mean? What messages did these beautiful, aggressive images carry? By looking closely at the way military saints and armed angels were represented, we can learn more about how such supernatural beings were conceived - what they meant to people, and what aspects of faith and salvation they were intended to express. In this lecture by Tobias Capwell we explore concepts that

were a continual source of fascination for painters and sculptors, being the central themes of some of the most glorious creations of medieval and Renaissance



artists, including Dürer, Memling, Uccello, Donatello and Carpaccio.

The lecture will take place in Tennants Garden Rooms, Leyburn, DL8 5SG on Tuesday 27th June at 2pm. Everyone welcome, guests £10. **Alyson Jones**

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Swaledale Farming Film & Photography Festival 2023

June 2023 sees the second Swaledale Farming Film and Photography Festival taking place at venues throughout Swaledale. The 2023 edition takes on the theme of 'Farming through the Seasons', exploring the challenges of farming across the Yorkshire Dales and Northern England throughout the year along with how nature and farming can thrive together.

Two photography exhibitions will take place showcasing local photographers along with winners of a public photography competition. The first photography exhibition will be held between 11-21 June at Hudson House in Reeth, before moving to The Mezzanine Gallery at the Station in Richmond between 22 June-5 July. Entry to these exhibitions is free of charge.

Film evenings will take place across late June, with attendees viewing a selection of films including 'Farming

through the Seasons', 'Nowt but a Fleeting Thing' and 'Thriving'. Film evenings are also free of charge and take place in Reeth Memorial Hall on 14 June, Muker Public Hall on 21 June and The Station Cinema at Richmond on 29 June.



You can find out more information and book tickets at teeswale.eventbrite.com, by emailing mark.holmes@yorkshiredales.org.uk or calling Mark on 07977 344689.

The Tees-Swale: Naturally Connected Programme is a five-year major natural heritage project that focuses on the landscape and communities of Upper Swaledale and Upper Teesdale, funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund and led by the North Pennines AONB in partnership with the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority.

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Keld Resource Centre Forthcoming Events

1th June: From Swaledale to the Himalayas, Conquering the 8000 Metre Summits 18.00pm - 20.00pm: Keld Old School

Public talk by Alan Hinkes OBE, the first British mountaineer to climb all fourteen 8000 metre summits of the Himalayas including Everest. Will also include the mountaineering and caving heritage of the Upper Dales. Charge 12.50pp

17th June: Gunnerside Gill Lead Mining Field Trip 9.30am - 17.30pm Approx 6.7 miles (or 8.4 mile extended walk up to Blakethwaite dams)

Full day event with expert Richard Lamb and archaeologist Shaun Richardson visiting several mines and Blakethwaite smelt mill. Meet near the bridge in Gunnerside village Charge £10 pp

23rd June - 2nd July: Swaledale Quilt and Vintage Clothing Exhibition 10.30am - 4.30pm Fri/Sat/Sundays in the Keld Literary Institute Upper Room A chance to see the collection of vintage quilts, samplers and clothing not normally on public display in the Old School. Admission free but donations welcome

25th June: Keld Through the Two Great Wars 15.00pm - 17.00pm: Keld Old School

Public talk by Helen Guy describing the impact of both wars on the village and

includes a personal account from the memoirs of a little girl who lived in Keld during the war in the 1940's. £7 pp. Afternoon teas will be served afterwards for donations to KRC

2nd July: Over 50 Years of Mountain and Fell Rescue in the Upper Dales 18.00 pm - 20.00 pm: Keld Old School

Public talk by Ian Speirs providing a fascinating account of the history of search and rescue in the upper dales. Charge £10 pp.

6th July: Wild Swim & Picnic 11.00am - 14.00 pm Wain Wath Force near Keld

Join experienced local wild swimmer Susan Baty-Symes for an exhilarating group swim at the beautiful location of Wain Wath Force. Attendees are invited to bring a picnic for after the swim and must be competent swimmers. Charge £10 pp

8th July: Willow Sculpture Workshop 10.00am - 17.00pm Keld Literary Institute

A full day workshop learning how to create a willow curlew sculpture. Charge £69 pp including all materials and loan of tools. Limited places available.

26th July: A Study of Contrasts: Yorkshire Smelt Mills 19.00 pm - 20.30pm Reeth Memorial Hall

Public talk by lead mining expert Richard Lamb focusing on the contrasts of Grinton smelt mill and the Octagon smelt mill that once stood in

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Arkengarthdale. The talk also covers the process of hushing in the local area. Charge £7 pp

6th August: Exploring Swinnergill & Arngill 10.30am - 14.30pm

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Swaledale Festival brings a glittering array of musicians and artists to Dales stages

Swaledale Festival starts on Saturday 27 May, with more than 50 music, arts and walking events taking place across Swaledale, Wensleydale and Arkengarthdale in a jam-packed fortnight.

The 2023 programme brings major international names to Dales stages along with numerous talented performers from Yorkshire. Visitors will enjoy a thrilling mix of world-class concerts, films, puppet shows, workshops, comedy, guided walks and talks in venues ranging from beautiful village churches to the historic Georgian Theatre Royal in Richmond.

Festival goer and volunteer Adam Nichols says: "The Festival is now the highlight of my year. Holidays, travel, DIY etc are planned around it. I feel as if I don't want to miss anything. Each year I am blown away by the astonishing diversity of musicianship that can open doorways into new musical genres."

For under 25s, tickets are available to nearly all events for just £3, and there are free events such as art exhibitions and late-night astronomy sessions. For tickets and information

please visit www.swalefest.org or read on for a festival round-up.

Wallace and Gromit with a top Brass Band!

The opening weekend features a family-friendly screening of the groundbreaking animation **Wallace and Gromit: The Wrong Trousers**, but with a twist: to celebrate the film's 30th anniversary, the movie will be accompanied by live brass band music from one of the most successful competition bands in history, **WFEL Fairey Band**. The film will show at 13:30 on 28 May 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 the Dales trombonist Rebecca Lundberg as one of the featured soloists. The programme will feature favourites such as marches, hymns and film themes.

Classical gems

Four special classical music concerts will take place in the ideal acoustic of St. Andrew's Church in Grinton:

Soprano supremo **Julia Doyle** will guest with the world class Baroque ensemble **The Herschel Players** on 9 June in a programme of delightful French pieces by Couperin, Rameau and Marais. Doyle has performed all over the world and has been described as "a shining champion of the soprano arias" by Gramophone Magazine.

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Star cellist and former BBC Young Musician of the Year **Natalie Clein** will play some of J.S. Bach's ever popular solo suites on 30 May, as well as gems by Britten, Tavener and Deborah Pritchard. Clein is in international demand as a recitalist and in 2021 she was awarded an OBE for her services to music.

The brilliant Classic FM chart-topping guitarist **Craig Ogden** will return to the Festival for a performance of music by Dowland, Rodrigo and others on 7 June.

The magnificent **Doric Quartet** will perform works by Haydn and Berg in the Festival finale on 10 June. After the interval, the eminent composer and former Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra viola player **Brett Dean** will join them for a performance of Beethoven's glorious String Quintet in C major.

Jazz, folk and blues

For jazz fans, the multi-award-winning vocalist **Claire Martin OBE**, who was named "our finest jazz singer" by The Times, will perform with Scottish guitar legend Jim Mullen, bassist Jeremy Brown and saxophonist Alex Garnett on 1 June in Grinton Church. The programme will celebrate the Great American Songbook and the Quartet's shared love of the great jazz singers of the past.

Welsh trio **VRi** has won a host of awards including Best Album at this year's Wales Folk Awards and will be showcasing their vibrant folk songs on 5 June in Spennithorne and on 6 June in Muker. Their three-part vocal harmonies and stunning fiddle and cello

playing result in an evocative and joyful sound.

Michael Messer's Mitra will bring together a blues guitar legend, a Hindustani slide guitar maestro, and a master tabla player on 4 June in



Grinton. They have created an exciting and highly accessible fusion of blues and Indian classical music which is a treat for the ears.

Comedy, talks, puppetry and more

The award-winning writer and comedian **Andy Hamilton** will come to The Garden Rooms at Tennants in Leyburn for an entertaining evening of comic reflection, reminiscence and revelation on 3 June.

The popular and hugely respected expert from the BBC's Antiques Roadshow **Ronnie Archer-Morgan** will talk about some of his favourite objects, his extraordinary life, and his new book in the Reeth Lecture on 1 June at Reeth Congregational Church.

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Saëns' evocative *Carnival of the Animals* music.

Also at Georgian Theatre Royal, the actor **Christopher Kent** is joined by the award-winning pianist **Gamal Khamis** on 30 May for a special performance of Tennyson's deeply touching narrative poem *Enoch Arden* set to music by Richard Strauss.

Young Artists

The Festival's Young Artist's Platform showcases young people early in their careers, many of whom go on to become major stars.

The upbeat young brass ensemble **Connaught Brass** is taking the chamber world by

storm, and will play Handel, Fauré & Rossini on 6 June in Richmond.



The Australian mezzo-soprano **Lotte Betts-Dean** is well on the way to being a superstar. Her intimate duo with her virtuoso viola-playing father Brett Dean is sure to be a Swaledale Festival highlight. Their programme of songs by Vaughan Williams, Bliss and others is on 9 June in the lovely church of St. Mary, Arkengarthdale.

The outstanding violinist **Mathilde Milwidsky** has recently been named as one of Classic FM's Rising Stars. On 10 June she will perform music by Telemann, Ravel, Elgar and Arvo Pärt in Aysgarth with the excellent young pianist Annie Yim.

Local talent

Locally-based performers this year include **Swale Singers** on 1 June in Aysgarth; harpsichord player David Francis performing with **Manchester Baroque** on 2 June in Richmond; **Jervaulx Singers** on 5 June in Aysgarth; the world-renowned lute virtuoso **Jacob Heringman** on 7 June in Low Row; **Reeth Brass Band** on 7 June in Arkengarthdale and **Muker Silver Band** on 9 June in Muker Public Hall.

There are also poetry walks and workshops in the landscape with Dales poet **Mary-Jane Holmes**, late-night astronomy on Reeth Green with Reeth Informal Astronomy Group and **exhibitions** by talented local artists including the exceptional painter from Gunnerside, Rachel Antill **Swaledale Festival**, which is supported by Arts Council England, runs from Saturday 27 May to Saturday 10 June 2023 and includes an extensive community and education programme which takes top musicians into numerous care homes and schools.

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Artists across North Yorkshire are taking part in the Open Studios event in June 2023 on 2nd-3rd and 10th-11th between 10am-5pm.



In Swaledale Rachel Antill, Jane Ellis and Michael Kusz are taking part at their individual Silver Street studios at the Dales Centre Reeth.

Visiting studios is a way of seeing and understanding an artist's practice. You get to experience work first hand, see techniques and materials and you can ask all the questions you want to about art, art practice and creativity.

You don't have to be looking to buy work, although you can; most studios have small cards, prints and gifts that are low cost for sale, which are handmade and completely unique to the artists. Some studios have activities running for you to take part in.

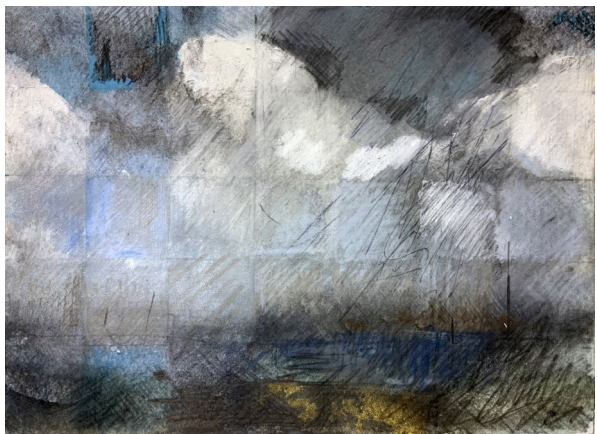
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Open Studios (NYOS), a not-for-profit community that works to support the hundreds of painters, sculptors, print-makers, jewellers, ceramicists, photographers and creatives who live and work in North Yorkshire.

You can design a fantastic day out around the studios and artists you would like to visit or you can drop in to a studio which happens to be nearby on the advertised weekends.

Even though Rachel, Jane and Michael are a part of this collective they are still out on a limb compared to many artist clusters, for example around Harrogate or Skipton. In recent months they have been working to raise their profile in Swaledale and Arkengarthdale to let people know that as part of the community they welcome locals and visitors popping into their studios just to show support and get to know what they do.

They all also work within the community, for instance Jane ran workshops last year to raise money for charity and Rachel is running a project



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for Risedale School in conjunction with the Swaledale festival this year.

Rachel Antill is forming the Northern arts collective which is aimed at supporting

artists that are concerned with sustainable art practice, and art work that highlights our use, understanding and relationship to landscape and sustainability.

If you are a creative or artist whose work and practice relates to these concerns or if you are looking for ideas and support to make your practice more sustainable, and you live in North Yorkshire, then please get in touch with Rachel.

You can find out more about the open studios at www.nyos.org.uk and you can pick up a booklet at any of the studios involved.

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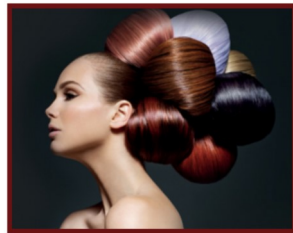
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The festival is for the purpose of both shining a spotlight on some of our local artists & creatives and for providing an inspirational, educational and fun Sunday exploring Art in all its forms including dance, theatrical performance, painting, drawing, writing, spoken word and music for you! There is NO need to purchase a ticket to attend the festival, nor a fee to pay on the gate. This is a festival accessible to all for FREE in order to wander in, explore, and enjoy.

All the family welcome, please bring a picnic & your picnic blanket / something to sit on and pray for sunshine!

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Talking Pictures

MISSION IMPOSSIBLE II The Movies

Review by John Hunter

...You may recall last time we looked at the original TV series and the many tropes which were transferred to the movies. This time, with the threat of being disavowed if unsuccessful, we'll have a quick trip through the Tom Cruise series, beginning back in 1996 with the original 'Mission Impossible', directed by the great Brian de Palma ('Untouchables' etc) and utilising special effects from the 'Star Wars' guys at Lucasfilm. Though some criticised the complex plot, it was really a simple double cross story with young Ethan Hunt's IMF team wiped out in a failed mission in Europe - causing him to be outlawed and hunted by the CIA. Putting his 'new' team together, he pieces together how they were framed (in order that the bad guys acquire a sensitive computer file). The film is actually quite 'talky' but with two stand-out sequences - breaking in to CIA headquarters at Langley (the famous and much imitated scene of Cruise dangling by wires to access secret info) and the exhilarating (if actually ludicrous) finale which has an express train thundering into the channel tunnel towing a helicopter! Terrific stunt work and visuals save the day - all set to Lalo Schiffrin's original score given a modern makeover by the great Danny Elman.



Film 2 left me rather cold I'm afraid. Then fashionable director John Woo fills the action with lingering slow motion and loving close ups of the daring Mr Cruise. Forgettable, except for some excellent motorbike stunt work. The third in the series is back on track with a more 'down to earth' story involving Tom and his team bringing down arms dealer Philip Seymour Hoffman, who threatens to do very nasty things to Tom's new fiancée.

'Ghost Protocol' came along in 2011 and is the first of three superb MI films capturing the spirit of the TV series but with modern (and expensive) action scenes. Beginning with Tom accused of blowing up the Kremlin (top that!) the plot involves a 'new' team, with Jeremy Renner and 'techie'

Simon Pegg (good value comic relief) trying to stop a rogue nuclear missile destroying San Francisco. Stand out sequence (and filmed in IMAX for posterity!) has Tom scaling the worlds' tallest building in Dubai (largely done for real), and concluding with a triple whammy climax which has Pegg tapping the PC keys, Renner going hand to hand and Tom trying to stop the attack - breathless stuff which concludes with Tom driving his car off a car park!

'Rogue Nation' begins with Tom's most outrageous stunt to date - actually hanging off an Atlas transport as it takes off 'You said you were on the plane!' exclaims Pegg, not realising how literal this was! Renner returns as does original team member Ving Rhames. A plot involving 'the syndicate'

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involves bumper intrigue and a superb use of the latex mask once again! The last film to date 'Fallout' introduces Henry Cavill to the franchise and concludes with the most vertiginous helicopter chase ever seen. All we can say is...roll on 'Dead Reckoning' this year!! (*...and look out for all those scenes shot in and around Yorkshire!*)

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Organisations such as Muker Silver Band have had two difficult years with concerts cancelled and practices not permitted.

At the annual general meeting members expressed their delight that they were back in harness in time for their summer concerts last year, especially Muker Show which is their trademark event, lasting from 9.30am to 6 pm, always on the first Wednesday in September. There are plenty of breaks for food and for meetings with old friends who come back to their home village for the show. It had been too long since the last gathering; two lost years.

The first engagement of 2023 was the traditional concert in their home village. It was too chilly to play outside, but the public hall was full, with people listening outside, and a collection in aid of Cancer and Alzheimer's charities raised £250.

Several summer concerts are planned, including playing at The Buck in Reeth's Festival of music from 12 noon on 23rd April, an afternoon concert at Carlton in Coverdale at 2pm on 30th April, their annual Swaledale Festival concert at 7.30pm on 9th June, the much loved Wine Party in aid of Muker church on Friday 25th August at 7.30pm, and Muker Show on Wednesday 6th.

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refreshments.

The church is a Grade 1 listed building built in the 12th century and was the only church in Upper Swaledale for 400 years, earning the name of the Cathedral of the Dales. It was built in Grinton as this was the first place above Richmond where the river could be crossed via a ford. In Anglo-Saxon Grinton means 'the green pasture'. At this time Grinton was larger than Reeth due to it being one of the centres of the lead mining industry. It was originally staffed by Augustinian monks but in 1272 the first vicar was appointed - Symon de Swaldal. It has had many alterations to the

original Norman architecture, with additions enlarging the building from the 13th to 16th centuries and many other modifications since. There are many special items of historical interest worth seeing - the old graveyard, stained glass and mediaeval windows, a Jacobean pulpit with sounding board above it fitted in 1718 to increase audibility, a chained bible, and the 'leper's squint'.

A colony of bats live in the church and a monthly bat count takes place on the first Wednesday of the month from April to October. Monthly conservation group meetings take place too every month to help look after the churchyard.

There are eight bells hung in the tower, with the oldest dating from 1623. The others range in date from 1763 (still the original bell) with others from 1750 to 1825 having been recast in 1896 and 1926. A new eight bell frame was put in place in 1926 and the final two bells were added in 2016 [see photo]. The church was used in 'All Creatures Great and Small' where Tristan goes bell-ringing.

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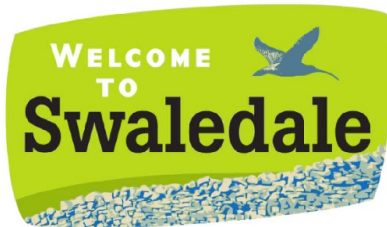
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Thursday 1st June

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Thursday 29th June - 8pm - Hoth Brothers Band - Don't let the name fool you! This US band are Boris McCutcheon, Bard Edrington V and Sarah Ferrell, on vocals, guitar, banjo and mandolin. 2020 New Mexico Music awards 'Best of the year.' Tickets **£15** (£17 door)

Friday 28th July - 8pm - Tom Leary & Eric Sedge - North-east virtuoso fiddler, Tom, has played with Lindisfarne and Feast of Fiddles. He is a member of the Gary Fletcher Band, Silverblues and The Joe Brown band. Singer-songwriter, multi-instrumentalist Eric (now based in Reeth) found success with The Broadside Boys and more recently launched his solo career, including playing at Cropredy. Tickets **£15** (£17 door).

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

Two joint promotions with the Swaledale Festival: Book online at www.swalefest.org

Sunday 4th June - 7.30 - Michael Messer's Mitra - a unique musical trio of blues slide guitar, Hindustani slide guitar, vocals and tabla rhythms. At St Andrew's, Grinton

Thursday 8th June - 7.30 - WÖR - Belgian five-piece with an exciting modern take on medieval themes. At The Influence Church, Richmond.

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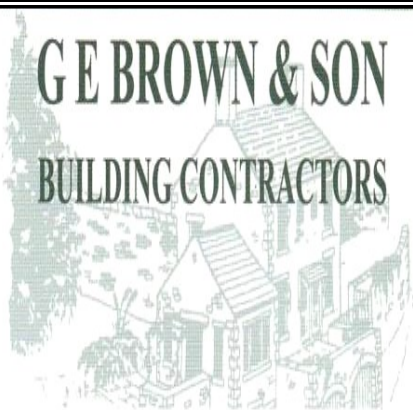
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Dales Police Crime Bulletin



Monthly Police Report – April 7th- May 12th

Incidents of note over the reporting period:

Overnight 05th/06th May Theft of Landrover from Leyburn.

Overnight 05th/06th May Theft of two Catalytic converters from vehicles in Carlton

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

8 - Theft

40 - Abandoned calls

9 - Violence

17 - RTC (minor)

1 - RTC (Injury)

15 - Suspicious Circumstances (door to door sellers /vehicles etc.)

6 - Fraud /attempts to gain banking details by phone calls.

3 - Wildlife incidents (one possible poaching of Hen Harrier - protected species)

2 - Anti Social Behaviour

4 - Criminal Damage

5 - Road related incidents (manner of driving)

1 - Burglary.

In total in the reporting period, for the areas covered by Leyburn, 190 calls were received covering a variety of incidents.

We are also asking that you sign up to

North Yorkshire Police Community Messaging.

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Please send your CV including references to info@adminroom.co.uk if you are interested in this position.

Diary Dates

June

Sat 3rd June - Reeth Makers Market, lots of lovely locally made goodies and vintage treasures, Reeth Memorial Hall, 10-4

Sun 4th June - Michael Messer's Mitra - St Andrew's Church, Grinton 7.30pm

Thurs 8th June - Reeth Community Lunch Club, 12-3pm, The Kings Arms, Reeth

Thurs 8th June - WÖR - Influence Church, Richmond 7.30pm

Sun 11th June - Open Farm Sunday, 11:00 - 3:00pm Hazel Brow Farm, Low Row

Sat 17th June, - 10am-noon, Coffee Morning, Reeth Evangelical Congregational Church

Thurs 22nd June - Gunnerside TLC, 7.30pm a talk at Gunnerside Village Hall by local cheesemaker Lacey's.

Sat 25th June - Reeth Orchard Arts Festival, 10.30 to 4.30, Free

Thurs 29th June - Hoth Brothers Band - Reeth Memorial Hall 8pm

July

Sat 1st July - Gunnerside Village Hall, afternoon tea and pre-loved clothing sale

Sat 1st July - National Meadows Day, 11:00 - 3:00pm Hazel Brow Farm, Low Row

Thurs 13th July - Reeth Community Lunch Club, 12-3pm, The Kings Arms, Reeth

Sat 15th July - 9am to noon mobile skip Reeth Green

Fri 28th July - Tom Leary & Eric Sedge - Reeth Memorial Hall 8pm

August

Sat 5th August - Duncan Chisholm & Hamish Napier - Reeth Memorial Hall 8pm

Fri 25th August - Bob Fox - Reeth Memorial Hall 8pm

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