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2Dales Youth Club

As of late 2024 it was decided to remove 2Dales football club from its alliance to the FA, mainly due to the number of children in each age group and also to the high levels of oversight needed to run a club. Essentially small clubs like ours can't tick the boxes needed.

However, those in the know will be aware that we still run a football session on Sunday mornings but with a difference. This is by the kids, for the kids. Essentially, we have 2 teenagers (Oscar and Cody) keen to get into coaching, who are learning to coach by managing the sessions for the younger children. This is still in its infancy but I am keen to provide opportunities for any young person, keen on sport, to be able to develop their interests through the youth club. This could mean coaching or refereeing, it could also involve other team sports such as rugby or hockey (for example), where we can use the club to keep kids fit and interested in outdoor activities.

I did my coaching qualifications through the club, and I am also qualified in safeguarding and have first aid experience. We also have parents who have similar qualifications through their own work and interests. However, this is a community led club, so all adults and children are responsible for making our sessions successful. It also creates a good atmosphere for fun.

Therefore, if you and your youngster is at a loose end on a Sunday morning, don't hesitate in joining us. We are a friendly bunch just having a bit of fun.

One further development is that the Youth Club would like to provide a "disco night" each week for young people aged 10 to 16, which will hopefully be popular. We are currently looking at venues (that may alter to cater for all) and will also be updating our policies to ensure we keep the fun element of this venture at the core of the activity. To register your child for either sport, or as an expression of interest in the disco club, send me an email and I will forward you our club registration form, which can be completed quite quickly on-line. We can then add you to our WhatsApp group.

Simon Ackroyd, 2Dales Youth Club
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Vacancy for Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer

Reeth, Fremington and Healaugh Parish Council seeks a highly motivated, enthusiastic person to take on the post of Clerk to the Council and Responsible Financial Officer. The council manages the parish land in the three villages, including the village greens in Reeth and Healaugh and the play area in Reeth. It organises annual events such as the Remembrance Day Parade in November and *Carols Around the Tree* in December.

The ideal candidate will have local authority experience; however, this is not a prerequisite of the role, which requires accuracy, an attention to detail and a willingness to learn.

Prior relevant experience is an advantage but training in all aspects of local government administration, leading to the Certificate in Local Council Administration (CILCA) qualification is available.

The post is part time, averaging 35 hours per calendar month. Working mainly from home, the hours of work are flexible except for attendance at parish council meetings. These are held approximately 10 times per year and are generally held on the fourth Monday of every month (except August and December when there are no meetings). Normally these are held at Reeth Memorial Hall at 7pm.

The salary is £5,128.20 per annum, paid monthly across 12 months.

The successful applicant will have good communication, administrative

and numeracy skills and will be able to use computer spreadsheets, email, the internet and Office software. They will be able to work on their own initiative. Computer equipment is supplied. The successful candidate must be able to store Council equipment and files at their own home address in accordance with GDPR regulations.

The work entails acting as advisor to the council which involves learning the relevant parish legislation, dealing with correspondence, arranging Parish Council meetings, attending, and taking minutes for these meeting and helping to administer the functions of the council. This involves liaising with councillors, external bodies, and the public. Other responsibilities include preparing council policies and procedures, and providing administrative support for the maintenance of areas within the parish that the council is responsible for, such as the play area and the greens, and liaising with the district and county councils on matters such as street lighting and highways.

In addition, the Clerk will also be the Responsible Financial Officer to the council and is required to manage the council's income and expenditure, tax returns and annual audit.

To apply, please email your CV to the clerk: reethfhpc21@outlook.com

If you wish to discuss the post, please contact the current clerk: reethfhpc21@outlook.com or call on 07984 974755.

Lisa Bridge



“Mission Impossible 8 - Final Reckoning” by John Hunter

...“Your mission....*should you choose to accept it*, for any fan of the TV series or seven previous movies...is to ensure that you catch this final instalment on the **biggest** screen possible” - because Tom Cruise and favoured director Christopher

McQuarrie have pulled out all the stops to create an action behemoth to (we assume) close the franchise, after eight hugely successful movies. OK, MI 2 is reckoned to be the weak link (it's

a John Woo film with all his idiosyncrasies), but the *last* four (all helmed by McQuarrie) have raised the bar for the 'action blockbuster'.

We'll not consider plot details here - if you're still reading, you've either seen it or will be doing so soon! Suffice to say it's the *second* part of 'Final Reckoning' (*all films reviewed in this column previously*) with matters of the cruciform key, sunken sub and uber-villain 'Gabriel' to tie up. *Some* critics have noted a weaker first 'act' and the film's tendency to stress Cruise's almost messianic role in saving the Earth - but I would disagree as we also see how plot elements from all previous films have led to this current predicament - in effect much of the

problem has been created by all that bravery and self-sacrifice - it's an interesting concept. The film is also well over 2 ½ hours long, but nonetheless absorbing and entertaining throughout.

There's action aplenty, even before the credits roll (*about 20 minutes in?*) including a bone crunching fight which the film makers wisely conclude with just the facial reactions of Hayley Atwell as Tom takes out several more

goons. We only glimpse the aftermath (involving cleavers and meat tenderisers) - one of several darkly humorous moments which lift the almost unbearable tension at times.

Tension a-plenty comes in the middle act extended sequence where Tom (eventually just in his shorts) retrieves the 'device' from the sunken Russian sub as it slowly rolls along the seabed towards a bottomless chasm - classic MI - and we *still* have time for a brief sojourn with DJs and posh dresses - and of course lots of sweating US military generals in the biggest 'bunker' ever as the world nears annihilation (plaudits to Angela Bassett for portraying a convincing US president - could we vote for *her* please?)

Simon Pegg, Ving Rhames and Miss Atwell return, as does 'Kitteridge' (the guy chasing Tom in Movie#1) and also that Langley techie from the original who *almost* catches Tom retrieving the



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'nok' list utilising his wire 'rig', *remember?* (Luckily for us, he's kept Tom's knife for the last twenty years). Final mention however to the awesome stunt work in the last act - it's hard to believe that it's actually our Tom hanging from that biplane whilst it loops, but plenty of close ups (brilliant cinematography throughout by the way) leave you in no doubt and this whole sequence is as good as cinema gets. Lalo Schiffrin's original theme is heard throughout, and the only thing missing is seeing someone lighting that fuse again!

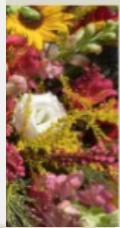
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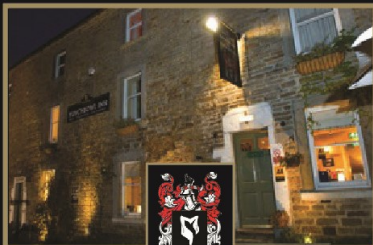


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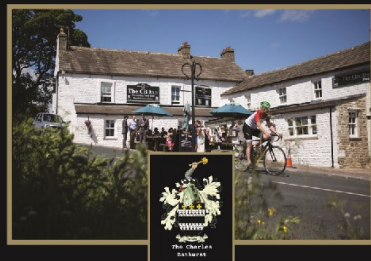
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Janacek	<i>Idyll Suite</i>
Percy Grainger	<i>Molly on the Shore</i> .

Elgar's grand *Introduction & Allegro* has a Welsh folk tune at its heart; the slow movement of Bach's E major Concerto is Philippa Mo's 'all-time favourite piece', and Janacek's *Idyll Suite* has breathtaking moments. The *Andante Cantabile* for cello was so popular that Tchaikovsky decided to arrange it for string orchestra, and *Molly on the Shore* is Percy Grainger's hilarious arrangement of a rollicking Irish folk tune. Something for everyone!

Director and solo violinist Philippa Mo recently appeared in *The Lost Music of Auschwitz* on Sky Arts (soon to be a stage show) and has also recorded a new album of Bach's music for solo violin.

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Events for July and August

4 Jul - Remembering Upper Swaledale Open Day 10.00 am - 16.00 pm Keld Resource Centre

Linda Blenkiron and Helen Guy will be hosting an open day to celebrate and remember the days gone by in the Upper Dale. There will be family ancestry, housing surveys, old photograph collections, census and village valuation information to view.

Refreshments will be served. Free event - donations welcome

11 Jul - Fremington Edge and Hurst Walk 10.00 am - 15.00 pm Meet at Bus Shelter, Reeth

A steep climb up Fremington Edge, then the moorland path to Hurst. Then another over to the top of Fell End lead mine hush, a descent leads to Storthwaite Hall followed by a meandering walk back to Reeth following the Arkle beck.

Distance: 6 miles. Difficulty: Moderate. Please bring packed lunch
Charge: £7.50 pp

20 Jul - Swaledale Barn Walk 10.00 am - 14.30 pm Meet at Public Toilets, Muker

Learn about Upper Swaledale's iconic barns. Walk to Rampsholme Bridge and proceed through hay meadows to Calvert's House. Return via the top road with great views.

Distance: 4 miles. Difficulty: Moderate. Please bring packed lunch
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9 Aug - Source of the Swale Walk 10.00 am - 15.00 pm Meet at Hoggarth's Bridge

Walk route passes original Hoggarths, Firs and Stone House farmhouses to

visit the ruins of Lane End lead mines. Then climb up past Hill Top Quarry, onto Ravenseat and follow the path past Smithy Holme and Anty Johns.

Distance: 6 miles. Difficulty: Moderate. Please bring packed lunch

Charge: £7.50 pp

24 Aug - Smarber Chapel & Corpse Way Walk 10.00 - 14.30 Meet Holy Trinity Church, Low Row

A climb up Peatgate then follow the Corpse Way passing the Dead House. Onto Blades and then to Smarber Chapel. Descend and walk along

riverbank to Isles Bridge and a visit to Low Row URC which replaced Smarber chapel. Please bring packed lunch

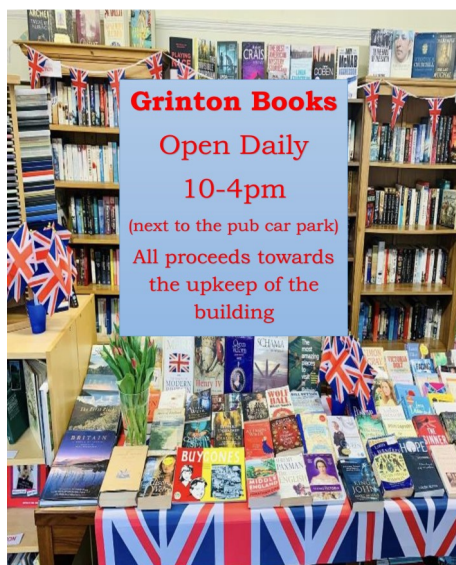
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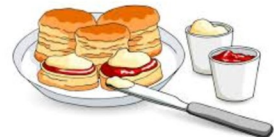
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Meeting
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Present: Cllr Metcalfe, Cllr Porter, Cllr Reynoldson, Cllr Rukin and Cllr Calvert
Chair presiding.

Clerk: Mr Michael Cleminson.

Apologies for Absence: Cllr Peacock.

Matters Arising:

a. Swaledale Housing Needs. A presentation was given by John Matthews of the Upper Dales Community Land Trust (UDCLT) and Amanda Madden of the Rural Housing Enablers, part of North Yorkshire Council (NYC). The UDCLT is a small charity set up in 2017 by Cllr Stephen Stubbs of Arkengarthdale PC and the late Cllr John Blackie to identify land and old buildings for Affordable Housing (AH) in the Dales. A project has been completed in Bainbridge, the emphasis on providing housing for local occupancy, using other agencies to manage tenants. Agencies including NYC have provided funding to complete projects, where possible using local builders. The UDCLT works closely with Cllr Peacock, NYC and The Yorkshire Dales National Parks Authority (YDNPA). The Council's support is sought so that a survey by letter to residents of the Parish takes place between 5 and 30 May 2025, to assess housing needs. Post survey a requirement to identify suitable land or old buildings next to existing settlements for the development of AH, providing the survey establishes the need for AH. A criteria is set to provide assistance with a percentage reduction for purchase or rent subject

to individuals' circumstances. The Council unanimously supports the distribution of the Housing Needs Survey to Parish residents to commence in May 2025. The Chair thanked both parties for attending and giving their presentation.

b. Public toilets at Keld and Muker. NYC have been reviewing all public toilets in the County to assess their continued viability and to set a minimum standard by 2035. A criteria of 12,775 uses per year or 35 per day is considered a minimum requirement. At present the uses of the toilets in Muker and Keld are classed as low. The review is not completed yet. There is potential that the toilets may close permanently. Other options include the Parish Council assuming control and maintenance of them, or paying NYC to maintain them for the Parish Council or using Community Volunteers to maintain them. The Council considers that the cost of maintaining the toilets including maintenance of the buildings would be too costly without a substantial increase in the precept which was not considered a viable option. Councillors have also noticed the practice of propping doors open so that no payment is made. This practice is in effect reducing revenue which may lead to the closure of the toilets: this practice is to be discouraged. The review is ongoing with no decision being made at this time. Cleaning in the high season is 5 times per week and 3 x per week in the low season. Cllrs were of the opinion that the toilets do not require cleaning as frequently, particularly in winter, which would allow NYC to reduce their costs.

c. Of the 3 Grit bins in Keld, Highways are only responsible for one on the

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B6270. The annual cost to fill the two additional bins once would be £180.00. unhelpful and did not address the Councillors readily acknowledge the request. NYC agreed to complete a need for the bins to be filled to allow review of the request. The Clerk safe access and egress to Keld, but submitted a second request, explicitly thought the purchase of salt by the asking for the current transport costs Parish Council may be a cheaper for Arkengarthdale and Swaledale and alternative and provide additional the projected costs for the next 7 refills. Clerk to explore cost and years. A response was received that no viability of grit purchase. such data is held by NYC. Cllrs pointed

d. NYC School Proposals. The excellent out that a decision cannot be made to work of the Schools Transport Action implement a proposal without knowing Group (STAG) continues in its relentless current and projected costs. The pursuit of changing the proposed policy, Council does not accept that 3 new making full use of all media resources routes plus the existing route can cost and lobbying NYC councillors. It is less than the current arrangements. apparent that the policy impacts are not The Clerk also reported that a widely understood by councillors who complaint to the Local Government have voted on the policy. STAG have Social Care Ombudsman had been identified that many parents across declined as the Parish Council is a public North Yorkshire were unaware of the body.

proposal and the significant impacts on e. Website. The website their children, with many families now mukerparishcouncil.gov.uk is now collaborating with STAG to seek a completed and will be live soon, but a change to the policy back to catchment. test earlier this week identified a small An Extraordinary Meeting (EM) is due technical issue to be resolved before to take place at the County Hall, going live. The Clerk will post on Northallerton on Wednesday 21 May Facebook when the site is fully live.

2025, STAG have organised a protest f. Dates of Future meetings. Clerk to before the meeting, when Councillors identify provisional dates and post on will discuss the petition submitted by website

the Action Group and will reconsider g. Insurance. Clerk reported that the the School proposal. Members of the annual charge has increased from group are allowed to address the £167.44 to £196.00. Zurich have Councillors. However, this has since discontinued the current policy and been refused, as an EM does not allow replaced it with a new one which has public questions. slightly better cover. The Clerk has

The Parish Council has submitted two approached other companies and Freedom of Information requests, the received much higher quotes. The Clerk first in response to a letter from NYC advertised with the Yorkshire Local reassuring the Council that local and Council Association (YLCA) seeking regional data had been used for the suggestions; the two responses received proposal. The response received was suggested Zurich Insurance. Most unsatisfactory only providing a link to Insurers are geared to larger Councils existing unhelpful data. The Clerk and few accommodate small Parish

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Councils. It was agreed that the Zurich policy was the most cost effective at this time and the Council should continue with the Zurich policy.

Finance:

An order to pay was raised for Highways (Thwaite signs) £286.22. Clerk annual salary £800.00. HMRC 200.00. Muker Village Hall rental £60.00. Zurich insurance £196.00. Treasurer to pay by BACs transfer.

Highways:

Cllr Rukin reported numerous potholes in and around West Stonesdale again. Cllr Metcalfe said that the drain in Muker car park had been attended to, but until there was heavy rain it cannot be established if the attention has worked, he also said the area was in need of tidying up and that there were sandbags available if required. Clerk to contact NYC.

NYC - See above a number of matters arising. Also, COMMONS ACT 2006 – SCHEDULE 3 Notice of an application to amend the register to record an historic event: Application Reference Number: CA14 135 Angram Common (CL152) - Right Entry 12. The council has no comments concerning this.

National Association of Local Councils - Nothing of note.

YDNPA No applications for consideration.

YLCA - Nothing of note

Other Correspondence/AOB: none

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Leyburn Arts and Community Centre

Our Community Shed was last month officially opened after six years of hard work and collaboration by volunteers and supporters of the project. The shed has been built in the grounds of St Peter and St Paul Roman Catholic Church adjacent to the Centre, which is based in the adjacent former Catholic primary school.

Three shipping containers were welded together to create the shed, which has been equipped with woodworking tools and also includes a space for crafting activities, workshops and IT sessions. Funding for the £70,000 project has come from North Yorkshire Council, the Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust and the Wensleydale and Swaledale Quaker Trust, as well as other funders, the Centre's own funds and numerous donations from the public. The shed was officially opened by Chris Ellison, who was the first person to donate to the appeal. She gave the money in memory of her late father Alan, a former metal and woodwork teacher who lived in Leyburn, also donating his tools to the shed.

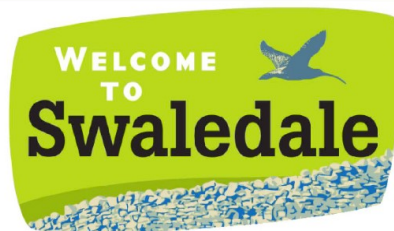
Julian Pinches, project manager and a trustee of the Arts and Community Centre, thanked the organisations, businesses and members of the community who had supported the scheme.

He said: "£70,000 is quite a lot of money, but when you see what we have achieved with that money, I think you'll agree it's a bargain. There have been huge challenges to get where we are. None of us had any experience of doing this before but we've done it." He

added: "We've now got 40 members and an even split of men and women, which we're delighted about." Many local firms & businesses have also supported the project.

Please email

leyburncommunityshed@gmail.com for further information or if you wish to have a look around. **Jeannie Bishop**



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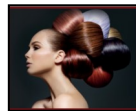
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Blueboxt - July Update

Summer Activity Afternoons - Join the BlueBoxt team for afternoons of creative fun for ages from 4 to 12 years old. Three Sessions will be taking place from 1.00pm to 5.00pm on Thursdays 7th, 14th and 21st August 2025 at Leyburn Methodist Church Hall, DL8 5AT. (Earlier drop off and later collection may be possible strictly by prior arrangement.) Registration costs £20 per child, per session which Includes healthy snacks and Teatime meal. Free FEAST Voucher places are available (issued through schools or North Yorkshire Together).

We've loads of exciting activities planned. Our *Crafty Crafters* will be making cards, models and amazing art. There'll be games, sports and play park adventures for our *Team Players*. Scavenger hunts and nature walks for our young explorers. Our *Melody Makers* and *Stage Stars* will be creating music and drama and, our *Kitchen Kadets* will be preparing some nutritious snacks and tasty treats too.

Our fun engaging activities spark imagination, build confidence, and create lasting friendships and memories. Come play, create, and discover with us!

Wensleydale Community Arts Festival
- Thank you to everyone who took part, helped steward events, provided

performance spaces and came to watch and celebrate the arts in our local communities. Our third festival offered another packed programme of music, theatre and spoken word. Performance highlights included: Simon Lester, The Pearls, Somewhere Road, The Stanley Duo, Gail Barlow, Geoff Hirst, Donovan Leaman, The Colin Bailey Band, The Yoredale Strummers, Liffy, Light My Choir!, Friends of Dave, Bee Darcey, Leyburn Band, The Dales Community Pop Choir and of course the Variety Show featuring young people from Dales Dance, Wensleydale School and BlueBoxt's Play, Record, Perform Project.

Local Artists Lynn Ward and Joanne Dear led workshops. Denise Burden, Judi Allinson, Caroline Fisher, Emma Harwood, Jo, Julie Simpson, and Ruth Harker were part of our local makers showcase at our Colours [Fun]draising fashion show. Leyburn Library inspired young readers with Storytimes and The Wonky Tree Rocks Competition encouraged readers of all ages to share their favourite books and characters. Actors Cal Stockbridge, Thomas Frere and Dominic Goodwin gave an emotive and entertaining theatre performance of Switcheroo.

A vision for creative growth in Wensleydale and Swaledale - Robin Jackson from Ryedale Creative shared the findings of our Enterprise and Creative Feasibility Study. The public meeting held in Askrigg Temperance Village Hall considered options for developing a hub to support rural arts provision and career pathways for employment across Wensleydale and Swaledale. Options included: Uredale

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Mill (Carrs Billington) in Askrigg, Norfolk House (Serendipity) in Leyburn, and West Burton Methodist Chapel. The next steps are to further investigate the report findings, work up development costs and form a steering group to take the project forward. Thanks to the UK Shared Prosperity Fund who funded the research and everyone who has taken part so far.

To find out more or book places for our events and activities visit www.wensleydale.org or contact Colin Bailey on: 01969 745810/ 07711 21169 or email: info@wensleydale.org



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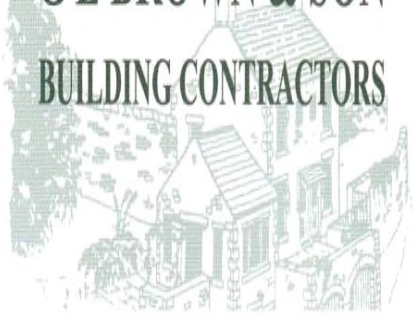
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support of the church), plus refreshments and a plant stall.

The Low Row Institute and Sustainable Swaledale will be the beneficiaries of the event. Please bring cash with you on the day.

Low Row Open Gardens: 13th July

Sustainable Swaledale will be hosting a stand at the Low Row Institute as part of the Low Row Open Gardens event on 13th July. Fourteen gardens will be open to the public from 10.30am-4pm, including a nature friendly garden which will showcase Sustainable Swaledale volunteers' hedge and tree planting, meadow creation and a wildlife pond. The Low Row Institute will be the base for operations, with maps, directions, and garden descriptions handed out there for a fee. As well as a display on Sustainable Swaledale activities, there will be a small exhibition and sale of historic photographs of the Low Row area (in

Visit by Richmond & Northallerton MP: The RT Hon Rishi Sunak

Our local MP visited the Reeth Surgery on 23rd May to find out more about projects run by Sustainable Swaledale (below). We talked to him about our Together for Trees hedge and tree planting project, and our WingIt project supporting swallows, swifts and martins. He also had a chance to tour our two projects based at the Reeth Surgery: the community veg beds and the tree nursery creche.

Set up with a grant from the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority Sustainable Development Fund, the veg



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beds have been operating since June 2020. Rishi encountered Lovage for the first time and was very impressed with how productive the beds looked, including those looked after by Reeth and Gunnerside school children. The second project he viewed was the tree nursery creche, set up two years ago with support from the Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust. After hearing about the project's aims, and viewing saplings raised from local seed and ready to be planted out this winter (as part of the Together for Trees project); Rishi potted on four bird cherries, grown from seeds collected last autumn. These seedlings will now stay in their root trainers, prior to planting out in winter 2026.

We are grateful to Reeth Surgery and Marie and Mike Brookes for their ongoing permission to use the land around the surgery; to the project funders; and to all the volunteers who have helped to keep the projects running.

Swallow cams

Nesting swallows can be seen on our webcams at Two Dales Bakery and Low Row Institute. You can also find out information about swifts, swallows and martins by scanning one of 7 QR codes sited in various locations across the two dales as part of the WingIt project. Access our live webcam streams here: <https://tinyurl.com/bdfw7pr2>

Fishing society volunteers help to restore Skeeby Beck

Volunteers from Richmond and District Angling Society joined forces with Yorkshire Dales Rivers Trust (YDRT)

staff in a hands-on restoration event at Skeeby Beck recently. The collaborative project is part of a broader programme to enhance the health of Skeeby Beck, a watercourse still recovering from a major pollution incident in 2023. The event concentrated on the translocation of Ranunculus, a native aquatic plant known for its wide-ranging benefits. As YDRT volunteer coordinator Jennifer Lee explained: "It improves water flow, oxygenates the water and provides essential habitat for insects and juvenile fish. What's amazing is that once it's replanted, it just looks like it's always been there."

Source: Richmondshire Today
<https://tinyurl.com/55a5rnp4>

Church panels in trial to power nearby homes in Knaresborough

91 panels were recently installed on a church roof in Knaresborough, part of a wider trial, commissioned by energy regulator Ofgem, testing how renewable energy generated in local neighbourhoods can be shared more fairly. Rather than return it to the National Grid, the scheme will see the newly-installed panels divert any excess energy to the local community, including nearby homes and businesses. Reverend Gordon Hay, of Gracious Street Methodist Church (where the panels were installed), said: "The idea that we could share some of that energy with our neighbours - people who live or work just around the corner - feels like exactly what a church should be doing."

Source: BBC
<https://tinyurl.com/mpnx3zk8>

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ATV bracken roller free to hire

The Tees-Swale: Naturally Connected project purchased a bracken roller several years ago for use by land managers across the two dales. Repeated rolling/crushing of bracken at peak growth is shown to be one of the most effective, non-chemical control methods, reducing density and promoting the growth of other vegetation. Please get in touch by email if you would like more details.

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Wensleydale School and Sixth Form promoted and supported Mental health awareness week earlier in May. The theme this year was community, and as a school that works hard to develop and foster community and be part of our local community, it had special meaning for them..

Here they share their top tips for promoting good mental health within the community:

- **MAKE IT FUN** Choose an activity you enjoy. You could join a club or group centred around your interests.
- **GET OUTDOORS** Get out and moving in nature for more mental health benefits. From book club to art class, Swifties to gamers, volunteer groups to shooting hoops - community is good for our mental health. They help us to belong, feel supported, and have purpose. Get involved with your community and boost your mental health.
- **FIND LIKE-MINDED PEOPLE** Build connections with people who share your interests and values. But try to also meet people who are different from you, too.
- **SHOW KINDNESS TO OTHERS** Connect with your community through small acts of kindness, which will benefit both you and others.
- **SHOW YOUR APPRECIATION** Sharing a compliment or showing appreciation can strengthen your relationships.

- **CONNECT ONLINE** Find others who share similar experiences or interests online. Remember, healthy online communities should make you feel safe and valued.
- **GIVE BACK** Helping others is a great way to build community and give you purpose.
- **CARE FOR YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY** Increase your sense of belonging by getting involved in your local community.
- **WELCOME OTHERS** Make new people joining your community feel welcome and included.
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Wensleydale Concert Series - July Concerts

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On Saturday July 12th we are joined by the Berlin based Canadian pianist Ben Cruchley (right). Ben has an international reputation of outstanding pianism having performed in North America and across Europe and Scandinavia both in recital and as a concerto soloist. Ben is presenting a beautiful and very accessible programme of works by Bach, Schubert, Chopin and Rachmaninoff.



Later in the month, on 26th July, we are really proud to present an evening of British song by the acclaimed tenor

James Gilchrist with his regular piano partner Anna Tilbrook (left). James left his life as a doctor in 1996



to pursue a career in music and over nearly 30 years has truly excelled and been widely acclaimed not only for his beautiful voice but also his ability to present music in such a personal and engaging manner for audiences. Successes include invitations from all over the world including from St. Petersburg in Russia, the Edinburgh International Festival, the Royal Opera House Covent Garden, the Choir of Kings College Cambridge, the great concert halls and opera houses of Europe to San Francisco and many more.

James's programme for us is particularly

personal to Aysgarth featuring a number of works by George Butterworth, sadly lost at the Battle of the Somme in 1916. His connection with Aysgarth dates from his school days at Aysgarth School (originally based almost next to St. Andrew's Church, and later at Newton-le-Willows near Bedale). Butterworth composed truly beautiful music including many songs. Included in the programme are his settings of the poems of A. E. Housman "A Shropshire Lad" and James's first performance of "Love blows as the Wind Blows" from poems by W. E. Henley. Other composers featured are the ever popular Vaughan-Williams, Ivor Gurney (another poet and composer of the First World War who survived the war but suffered from the after effects for the rest of his life) and John Ireland's settings of two poems by Rupert Brooke.

Concerts are at 730pm in St. Andrew's Church, Aysgarth. Tickets at the door are £20 (£1 for under 18 and full time students) or discounted when purchased in advance. For further details and tickets please see our website www.wensleydaleconcertseries.co.uk.

A quick word on parking: we have been having some problems this year with the RCP car park adjacent to the church. We had an arrangement where concert goers could leave a note on the dashboard and pay for 1 hour of parking, but they have automated payments by card only so the minimum charge is now £4. There may be alternative parking at the church (certainly for anyone with mobility issues) or, if you are able to walk, the National Park Car Park at the YDNP Aysgarth Falls Information Centre have allowed us free parking on concert nights if you display a note saying you are attending a concert. For up to date information on parking see the venue information at our website.



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	11.00 am	St. Edmund's, Marske	<i>Holy Communion</i>
	11.00 am	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
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Gunnerside Chapel Midsummer Service

On Sunday 6th July Gunnerside Chapel will hold its annual Midsummer Service, commencing at 6 o'clock with community hymn singing, before the service proper starts at 6.30.

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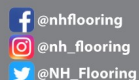
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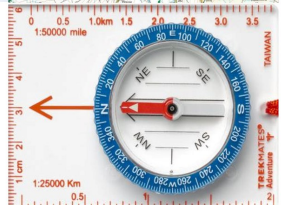
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- **Use a compass?**
- **Make a fire without firelighters?**
- **Put up a tent without help?**
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We still need 2 Leaders in the future for the Cubs and Scouts Sections to help the Group grow back to strength again. If you can help please contact me.

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Saturday 05th July - Baldy Holly Band

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Friday 18th July - The Abba Girls Band (4 piece band)

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A photograph of The Abba Girls Band, four women, performing on stage. They are wearing matching blue and white outfits. The background features a large screen displaying a cityscape at night. The band's name, 'THE ABBA GIRLS BAND', is written in large white letters across the top of the image.

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Please contact
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**Local photograph exhibition
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**Low Row Institute
Sunday 13 July 10.30-4pm**

As part of the Low Row Gardens Open Day, there will be a display of photographs in the Institute by the late Chris Goldthorpe, a Low Row resident for many years. His family has generously gifted to Holy Trinity church in Low Row a wide range of his beautiful images to help raise funds for the church.

There are mounted and unmounted photos, large and small, mainly of Swaledale but also some of more distant dales.

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Elizabeth Bedford 07957 207579

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Below; one of Chris Goldthorpe's
photos, this one of Low Row



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Our next two events are:

A talk on **Tuesday 8th July** at 7:30pm in Fremington Sunday School, presented by Alan Mills, on Medieval Lead Mining in Swaledale.

A morning walk on **Saturday 19th July**, building on the talk, exploring aspects of the rich mining heritage on Grinton Moor.

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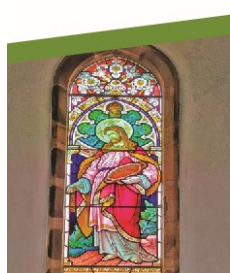
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St Andrew's Grinton Update

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- Craft Goods and Craft Stash stalls

- Refreshments and freshly baked cakes

- Walk round the historic church viewing the significant features

- Bell Tower Tours: these may go ahead if works to the tower are complete!

If anyone would like to have a stall to help reduce their craft stash, please text Val on 07595 595151.

HYMNS and PIMMS, Sunday 6th July at 4pm. This service which this year will celebrate bells and bellringing will be held in the churchyard with an assembled band of musicians. Please volunteer if you would like to take part in this 'scratch' band. Contact Susan on 07969 424547.

Everyone is welcome to come and help us enjoy this 'out in the open air' service. We will move inside if the weather is poor.

BRIC-A-BRAC STALL at Reeth Market on Friday 22nd August
Please do come and bring and buy from the stall which will be held on Reeth Green from 9am until mid afternoon. All proceeds will go towards the upkeep of St Andrew's church.

Conservation Group meeting at St Andrew's will take place on

Saturdays 12th July and 9th August.

All are welcome so please come and support our conservation efforts in the churchyard and a bit of 'outdoor gym' [or cleaning efforts indoors] from 10am - 12 noon. Freely available drinks and scones are on offer to entice you to join us!

Bat counts are at dusk on: **Wed 2nd July at 9.38pm and Wed 6th August at 8.56pm.** Meet on the church path if you would like to see the bats and help us count our resident bat population.

Bees - we need help to re-establish our bee colony and willing volunteers to train up to help care for them [novices are welcome to come and learn]. If you can help in any way, please contact a church warden or the Vicar to offer your services.

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Dales Police Crime Bulletin



Monthly Police Report 6th May – 8th June 2025.

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

Leyburn Police Station covers the areas of Arkengarthdale, Swaledale from Hudswell up to the county border, Wensleydale from the Hambleton to Cumbria borders, Coverdale and Bishopdale.

Incidents of note;

Reported 23rd May Thornton Steward, a private garage was broken into, a Stretch ladder, circular saw, chain saw, chop saw, railway sleepers, child's hover board toy and a mountain bike were stolen.

Reported 28th May, 2x Garden benches, wheelbarrow, potted bay tree, potted standard rose and various garden tools were stolen from Anvil Square, Reeth.

19 - Suspicious Circumstances (Door to door sellers/vehicles parked/etc.).

11 - Road Related offences 9 manner of driving/vehicles without tax or MOT and possible OPL).

1 - Criminal Damage.

4 - Highway Disruption (Animals/ Floods/Trees).

8 - Wildlife/Animals.

2 - Missing Persons.

1 - Road Traffic Collision (Serious).

12 - RTC (Minor).

23 - Abandoned Calls.

3 - Civil Disputes.

5 - Violence.

2 - Theft.

8 - Concern for Safety.

8 - Antisocial Behaviour (Personal).

1 - Burglary.

2 - Lost/Found.

1 - Fraud/Forgery (On line/Phone).

In total 139 calls were received reporting either the above or making general enquiries.

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2025**

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**A rather busy period for the team
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serious trauma & multi agency
working.**

Incident 19: 08/06/2025: Called by
the Police at 03.30 to search for a
missing high-risk teenager in the
Catterick area. Located later by the
Police safe.

Incident 18: 31/05/2025: Called by
the Ambulance Service as part of a
multi-agency rescue of a person in the
water at Richmond Falls. Team on
scene in 9 minutes. Working alongside

North Yorkshire Police, Richmond Fire
Station and the Yorkshire Air
Ambulance.

Incident 17: 30/05/2025: Called by
the Police following reports of
clothing, including walking boots, found
near Kisdon waterfall at Keld. Given
last night's high river levels a search
of the riverbank and immediate water
was conducted. Nothing found the
team stood down.

Incident 16: 25/05/2025: Called in
the early hours to assist a couple of
experienced campers struggling with
the bank holiday storm blowing
through! Their tent was taking a fair
pounding, so we assisted them from
the Pennine / Herriot Way below Great
Shunner Fell to Hardraw.

Incident 15: 20/05/2025: Called by
the Ambulance to work alongside the
Police, Richmond and Reeth Fire crews
and the Air Ambulance. This time to
rescue a person following a vehicle
accident high on the fells above West
Burton. A great example of multi-
agency working.

Incident 14: 19/05/2025: Called by
the Ambulance Service to assist with
the rescue of a person following a fall
from the Swale Bridge. Treated on
scene by the Ambulance and team
medics and assisted by the Police.
Evacuated by stretcher to the road
Ambulance

Incident 13: 17/05/2025: Called by
the Ambulance Service to rescue an
injured walker near Richmond Falls.
Treated on scene by the Ambulance
crew and team members. Then carried
along the path to the road Ambulance.

Incident 12: 14/05/2025: Called by
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Incident 17:



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What is it?

The festival is.....'a *not for profit Arts Festival designed to showcase and celebrate local artists.*'

The event includes 'live art' which aims to bring different disciplines of art to life allowing visitors to join in. The festival sets out to provide creative inspiration, especially for children within the community.

There's **no charge** for artists to exhibit so that they're able to make money from any sales and connections they make.

There's **no charge** for visitors to access the festival so that it's accessible to everyone no matter their financial situation. This is very important to me. There are also activities at the festival that do not cost festival goers to take part in.

The beauty in the practicality of this is that if you do decide to bring a little bit of money with you it can go to the right place - the artists - if you decide to buy a piece from them (and of course a coffee or gin..).

The festival's main aim is to support local artists and creatives, hoping to enable

further promotion and success for their endeavours within the arts industry....and of course for everyone taking part and visiting the festival, to have a lovely day!

The Future?

Considering the growth in the last 3 years, there seems to be the need for a festival like this. It's an event for the wider community, established and run by the community.

Hopefully the festival continues to thrive, and I'm sure it will if I'm lucky enough to keep receiving the support I have done (and which I'm very thankful for) by the volunteers who I have come to rely on so heavily to help me, by the people and wider community who lend me this that and the other! And of course, the financial support that the festival just couldn't survive without.

Details

- **The festival is on from 10.30am to 5pm on Saturday 30th August.**
- There's free parking available: it will be signed on the way in.
- The festival is next to Dorant 4x4 in Fremington nr Reeth.
- We have live music throughout the day on the stage & there will be food and drinks available.
- There are portaloos available on site.
- Please bring cash and card as some artists won't have card machines.
- Finally... a shout out...if you have any **GAZEBOS** that you're able to lend us we are always looking for additional ones for the day, please let me know. Email lyricist1111@yahoo.com

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Why the Tide Must Turn

Despite its strong community presence and commitment to training future sailors, TSSC faces a crucial challenge: outdated larger dinghies that hinder the quality of instruction. These aging boats take forever to drain after capsizing, impacting both safety and learning. As demand for training grows,

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By investing in these state-of-the-art dinghies, TSSC aims to **increase participation from 20+ trainees to more than 30 annually**, while also expanding its outreach to local schools and youth groups. This step will ensure that aspiring sailors can smoothly transition from beginner training to club activities and racing, fostering the next generation of skilled competitors.

Why This Matters for the Community

Being the **only sailing club serving this rural area**, TSSC plays a vital role in making water sports accessible to people of all ages. Britain remains the most successful Olympic sailing nation—with **31 gold medals earned at Paris 2024**—and we think the Yorkshire Dales deserves a thriving club that empowers our residents to build skills and confidence on the water.

The RS Quest dinghies perform similarly to racing boats, ensuring students **can seamlessly step into competitive sailing**—perhaps even

following the path of Britain's Olympic sailing champions. With proper training and support, young sailors from the





Dales could be the next to make waves on the global stage.

How You Can Make a Difference

This initiative depends on **community support** to make it a reality. Here's how you can help TSSC bring modern training boats to the Yorkshire Dales:

- **Make a pledge**—Momentum is key! Be among the first 25 donors and become a **QUEST LAUNCHER**, with your name immortalised in the clubhouse.
- **Spread the word**—A share on social media can make a huge impact, helping the campaign reach more potential supporters.
- **Offer rewards**—Local businesses can donate items for supporters in exchange for a shoutout, showcasing their generosity.
- **Fundraise for the cause**—From sponsored activities to personal

fundraising ideas, community-driven efforts can help the campaign sail smoothly toward success.

The Yorkshire Dales deserves a vibrant sailing community, and with your help, TSSC can continue to provide life-changing experiences on the water.

We are currently in receipt of a sport england grant to buy two new sailboats. This requires match funding of £7,500 and we are working with fantastic local businesses to raise this money using a crowdfunder page. <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/replacement-double-handed-training-sail-boats>

We only have 75 days to make this total, so we have a 'name our boat' prize draw as well <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/replacement-double-handed-sail-boats>

Philip Cosson

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Christian Aid

Thank you very much indeed to everyone for their support for **Christian Aid Week**. The Envelope Collection in May, the Service at Low Row URC, together with the Produce Stall on the Green raised a total (including Gift Aid) of **£2,423**. Thank you all so much for your generosity.

In Guatemala, with funding from Christian Aid, their partner, Congcoop, support communities to return to Indigenous farming practices and adopt agroecological approaches that conserve their land, culture and livelihood. By joining Congcoop, Amelia's gaining the skills and knowledge to cultivate native seeds that are better suited to the **changing climate**. She's planning planting schedules that will deliver multiple harvests throughout the year, making her own organic fertiliser, and constructing rainwater collection systems.

With your support Congcoop can be there for Indigenous families who are bearing the full force of the climate crisis - more farmers like Amelia can build their resilience to extreme weather and take back control of their harvests. Your gifts can fund vital agricultural training and tools that unlock climate resilient farming methods. You can read about Amelia's story on <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals>

Bric-a-Brac Stall

A Bric-a-Brac stall will be held for Christian Aid on **Friday 18th July** on Reeth Green. Contributions for the stall are welcome. If you would like any

items collected, please ring Susan Allison on 884366 or Pauline on 01969 629723

Pauline Oldershaw, Secretary - Upper Swaledale & Arkengarthdale Christian Aid

Events at The Hub

Thursday, 3rd July at 7:30pm - 'Cutting it Fine'

Owing to overwhelming demand, 'Cutting It Fine' are returning to the Hub. Jane will be modelling medieval dress expertly made by Rebecca and explaining the pros and cons of such attire. Ladies, come along, have a glass of fizz and enjoy a memorable evening. Tickets £8, on sale from Reeth Post Office, The Red Lion in Langthwaite or on the door



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- paper, cardboard, telephone directories, books;
- glass, food and drink cans, foil, scrap metal;
- mixed textiles and clothes;
- fluorescent tubes, TVs and monitors, fridges and freezers, large appliances, small appliances;
- wood.

Diary Dates

July

Thurs 3rd July - 'Cutting it Fine' talk, Arkengarthdale Community Hub 7.30m

Fri 4th July - O'Hooley and Tidow, Reeth Memorial Hall, 8pm

Sat 5th July - Heritage Day, St Andrew's Grinton

Sat 5th July - Baldy Holly Band, Reeth Memorial Hall, 8pm

Sun 6th July - Pimms and Hymns, St Andrew's Grinton, 4pm

Sun 6th July - Midsummer Service, Gunnerside Chapel, 6.30pm, community singing from 6pm

Sat 12th July - Wensleydale Concert Series, St Andrew's Aysgarth, 7.30pm

Sun 13th July - Low Row Open Gardens and photography sale, 10.30-4, start Low Row Institute

Sun 13th July - Music for Summertime, St Andrew's Aysgarth, 3pm

Thurs 17th July - Accessible Walk round Aysgarth Falls. Meet NP centre.

Fri 18th July - Bric a Brac stall at Reeth Market in aid of Christian Aid

Fri 18th July - The Abba Girls Band, Reeth Memorial Hall, 8pm

Sat 19 July - mobile skip on Reeth Green 9am-1pm

Sat 19th July - Coffee Morning 10-12noon, Reeth Evangelical Church

Sat 19th July - SWAAG moors walk, mining heritage

Sun 20th July - Strawberry Tea, Marrick Priory

Sat 26th July - Wensleydale Concert Series, St Andrew's Aysgarth, 7.30pm

August

Sat 16th Aug - Coffee Morning 10-12noon, Reeth Evangelical Church

Fri 22nd Aug, Winter Wilson, Reeth Memorial Hall, 8pm

Fri 22nd Aug - Bric a Brac at Reeth Market in aid of St Andrew's Grinton

Sun 24th Aug - Songs of Praise with Reeth Brass Band, 3-4pm, Reeth Green

Sat 30th Aug - Reeth Arts Festival

Sun 24th Aug - Smarber Chapel and Corpse Way walk, 10.30, Holy Trinity Church Low Row

September

Wed 3rd Sept - Muker Show

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www.2dales.org.uk

Fremington Village Hall

Redecorated and now with its own piano, the Village Hall (known locally as the Sunday School) is available to hire for all kinds of events, from regular classes, talks and community activities, to one-off functions like children's parties, lunches and dinners and special occasions such as wedding receptions and anniversary parties. The Hall has a small kitchen with electric cooker and microwave; toilet facilities including disabled toilet; and a small rear garden.

The Hall is a registered charity run by a small and dedicated volunteer committee. You can book the Hall by phoning or texting the bookings secretary **Carol Witham** on **07783 924827** or by email at c.whitham149@btinternet.com

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