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for the two dales*

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PINKtober In The Dales 2025

Roll on October!

See the programme of events on page 33 and watch out for any updates in next month's Gazette

June Ashton

Well, here we are again another PINKtober nearly upon us! Plans have nearly been finalised and everyone is hard at work making things to sell! It's another full programme with something for all the family, so I hope there's something for you to take part in.

We've had two very successful Octobers with last year's events raising in excess of £20,000 and over the past couple of years over £40,000 has been raised for childhood cancers and Breast cancer on behalf of the Helen Ashton Appeal. We couldn't do it without you all. Our lovely communities in Swaledale and Arkengarthdale have certainly shown CRUK how much we care and how much we want to make a difference to future treatments and prevention.

If you would like to get involved, make contact, make a donation or offer up a prize please contact me on pinktoberinthedales@gmail.com



We are so much looking forward to supporting CRUK again to help them achieve their goals in helping prevent cancer happening to another family. We will be walking, crafting, baking, singing and dancing among other things for the whole month! We are kicking off festivities with the Three Peaks, two Dales and a River in our very own villages on the 27th of September.

Without the community spirit of the Dales given to me in such a short space of time we couldn't have achieved this so let's harness that spirit again and really make a difference together.

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As many of you will have noticed the Filling Station has now been sold. Please note that the purchaser is a private investor and Hudson House Limited is no longer actively involved with this property.

The Board of Hudson House wishes the new owner every success in his business.

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The deadlines for the next two months are:

October issue: September 8th

November issue: October 13th

Please Note: We will endeavour to publish all suitable items submitted by the deadline date but this cannot be guaranteed and is at the sole discretion of the editor.

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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.

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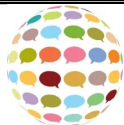
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Save Grinton Youth Hostel!

Some of you may have seen that Grinton Youth Hostel has gone on the market for £950,000. Built in 1817 as a shooting lodge it later became the property of the Charlesworth family. Following the death of Barney Charlesworth, and subsequent family tragedies, his widow sold the property, along with the five acres in which it sits, to the Youth Hostel Association (YHA) in 1948, and it has been a youth hostel ever since. In 2000 funding was



provided by the Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust, the Millennium Commission, the European Regional Development Fund and YHA to develop its facilities and accommodation. Described on the Yorkshire Dales National Park's 'Out of Oblivion' website as 'a bit like a castle' and a 'magnificent building' with its spectacular views over Swaledale and easy access by public transport it is surely a gem in the YHA's crown?

The founding purpose of the YHA was to provide 'young people, regardless of race or creed' and 'especially' those of 'limited means' access 'to greater knowledge, love and care of the countryside'. As the YHA's own website explains, its aim is 'to offer affordable accommodation ... [as] an antidote to the poor air quality, cramped housing and harsh conditions of inner city life. .. [giving] people an unprecedented opportunity to spend leisure time in fresh air and open countryside, on a scale only previously possible for the wealthy'. Surely we need these Youth

Hostels, and particularly Grinton Hostel, now more than ever?

It is a wonderful place for *anyone* to have breakfast, lunch or dinner - have you been? It is a prominent landmark and an important feature in our local history. It is also a crucial facility for the Dale. The hostellers visit our attractions, buy things in our shops and frequent our cafes and pubs. It brings us large parties of schoolchildren, and others, who come back over the years to share their love of the place with family and friends. Whenever I visit it seems to be full, (in 2019 there was a record of over 19,500 overnights documented), and many of our own visitors come *en route* to and from the hostel.

So, let's put up a defence of our Hostel. Marrick has gone, Keld has gone, Aysgarth has gone, let's try and save Grinton. Each of us can make a difference, so why not write to our MP Rishi Sunak, so keen on our Coast-to-Coast life-line, better still write to the Chief Executive of the Youth Hostel Association. Don't delay, do it now, and don't forget to join the SAVE GRINTON LODGE Facebook group

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The Saint by John Hunter

Spoiler alert! - This month's offering contains unabashed nostalgia, and comes courtesy of our namesake TV channel, who regularly air 'The Saint'. Catching the end of an episode recently in which the debonair Mr Templar was in Belgrade - or not - reminded me of the advertising campaign for the series when first issued on VHS in the mid '80s. Probably lifted from the original 1960s 'industry' promos, and featuring the dulcet tones of the great Patrick Allen - I remember distinctly "...**THE series for exotic locales...**"

accompanying lots of 'stock' footage of the aforementioned locations, occasionally with a poorly 'matted' in Roger Moore in the foreground. We all realise of course that the cast rarely if ever left the safe confines of Elstree studios in Hertfordshire - where such movies as 'Moby Dick' and 'The Dambusters' (utilising the famous 'tank') were shot in the 50's when many top Hollywood actors worked there. Later, '2001', 'The Shining' and 'Star Wars' were also made there.

Observant 'spotters' will recognise the *same* 'street corner' set appearing throughout the run - if we're 'in' Paris, the shop front will be a boulangerie, if in Hamburg, there will be wursts on

display - and so on. Add in a few 'foreign' cars (*we didn't see many in the early 60's in the UK*) and most of us were fooled! Any 'factory' / 'weapons plant' featured were simply the white 'studio' buildings at Elstree, and the roads between them (*great* for 'checkpoint' scenes with the 'Halt' sign being replaced with 'Anhalten' or 'Detenerse') - you get the picture!. Even in big budget movies the same ploys were used - note in the 'Goldfinger' car chase (when the DB5 shows us its tricks before being totalled) - those

narrow alleys between the buildings of Goldfinger's smelting factory are actually in Pinewood studios just north of London, not Switzerland.

I admit to being a 'Saint' fan as a growing boy - full marks to Roger Moore



for fleshing out the character created by author Leslie Charteris. I never really liked Moore's 007, but he certainly nailed Simon Templar - he could shoot straight, drive fast, woo the ladies, and there were even some pretty good fisticuff scenes (for its day). The show aired between 1962 and 1969, following from the successful 'Danger Man' (also extending the running time) and was initially produced by Monty Berman, who later created the popular 'Champions' for Lew Grade's ITC. Of course this involved more of a 'sci-fi' premise, though the later 'Saint' episodes followed a rather more 'fantasy' path, if never delving into full-on 'Avengers' territory (remember the one where Templar dresses as a

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Centurion to 'investigate' a 'Roman' cult, complete with sword fights and a live tiger in the 'cellar'?).

Did you know - although not appearing, Moore's voice is heard on the car radio in Val Kilmer's poorly received 'Saint' movie (1997)- and Moore actually addressed the audience directly in the original series' pre-credits sequence, later on just looking up at his 'halo'.

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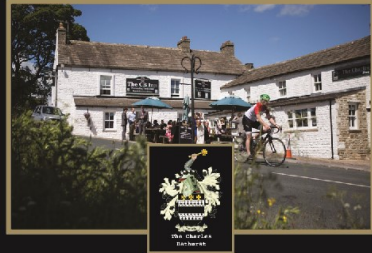
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Swale Singers start rehearsals in early September with a young (ish) spring in their step! They will be working on a programme of music to perform at Askrigg in November aimed at raising money to encourage younger voices to join in.

Chairman Richard Wells says that it is fair to say the age profile of the four-part choir is on the mature side and the need for younger voices to swell



the ranks becomes more necessary with every passing year.

"We've been talking to the music department at Richmond School and what became clear is that while pupils might love singing they are put off by the high cost of travel to rehearsals. So our aim is to raise money at our winter concert towards a bursary which we can then use in future years to help students with their travel costs. It has the support of the school and we are very excited to see how it develops".

Rehearsals start on Sunday September 7th at Reeth Memorial Hall from 3pm -5pm.

The choice of music has an English, classical feel about it....a couple of pieces by Edward Elgar - "Great is the Lord" and "The Banner of St George", a composition from Ralph Vaughn

Williams "Fantasia on Christmas Carols" and In Terra Pax by Gerald Finzi.

Swale Singers are always keen to see new faces and hear new voices - not just the young.

If you want to try something new or want to return to choral singing after a few years away then get in touch with Richard (rmwellsew14@gmail.com) or just turn up at Reeth Memorial Hall for 3pm on Sunday, Sept 7th.

The concert will be held at St Oswald's Church, Askrigg on Saturday November 15th at 4pm so even though you might balk at singing in public do put the date in your diaries, and go along and support the fund-raising for younger voices to be given a chance to sing in the dales.

Richard Wells

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5 Oct - Felt Plant Pot Cover Workshop 10.00 - 16.00 Keld Resource Centre

Learn how to make your own wet felt and then turn it into a plant pot cover. All materials, including plant pot, included.

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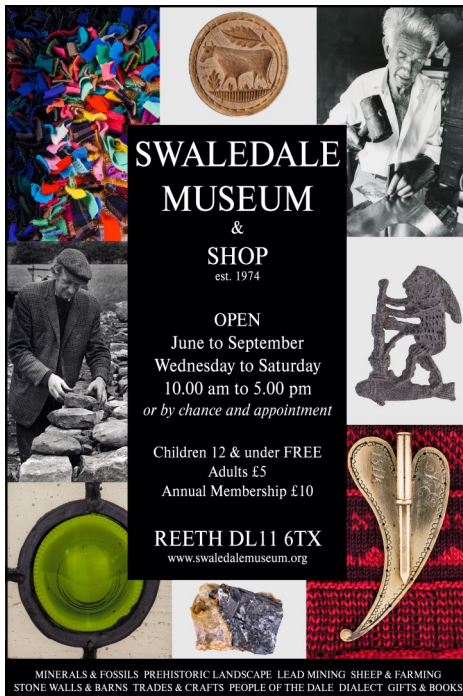
20 Oct - Glass Fusion Workshop 09.30 - 12.30 Keld Resource Centre

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Muker Parish Council
Minutes of Parish
Meeting
Held May 2025

Present: Cllr Metcalfe, Cllr Porter, Cllr Reynoldson, Cllr Rukin and Cllr Calvert - Chair presiding and later Cllr Peacock.

Clerk: Mr Michael Cleminson.

Apologies for Absence: None

Declaration of Interests: The Chair, Cllr Calvert declared an interest in the extension and the height of the mobile telephone mast, as owner of the land. Cllr Reynoldson declared an interest in a planning application in Thwaite which adjoins his property.

Matters Arising:

a. NYC School Proposals. Cllr Calvert attended the protest held at County Hall, Northallerton on Wednesday 21st May 2025, he also was present in the public gallery during the debate in the Extraordinary meeting to review the NYC school proposal. He said that many positive comments were made by councillors who did not support the proposal. The Chair and member of the public gallery considered that Cllr. Gareth Dadd did not treat them with respect, pointing his finger at the Liberal Democrat Councillors and the Public Gallery. He later again addressed the meeting clarifying that his comments were directed to Councillors and not the Public Gallery. The Parish Council consider Cllr Dadd's comments to be disrespectful and that he should have apologised to the people in the Public Gallery. Councillors agreed that a formal complaint be made to NYC about his conduct. Disappointingly, despite the eloquent statements to

reverse the proposal, the proposal was voted through again, by 45 votes to 35 with 4 abstentions. The Parish Council were also disappointed in the lack of support and action by MP Rishi Sunak and the Conservative Party. The Parish Council believes that rural communities are being victimised by additional costs to transport their children to school, which will dissuade families from relocating or remaining in the Upper Dales, impacting on the diversity and demographics of the community and potentially reducing or removing future generations to the Dales. The Parish Council believes that the Conservative Party is not representing and supporting the unique Upper Dales community, and that we are significantly disadvantaged when compared to urban communities. The Schools Transport Action Group (STAG) is currently considering their options to further challenge this ridiculous proposal which will be introduced in September 2025. The Parish Council wishes to commend STAG for their excellent work over the past year. The Parish Council is also aware of potential changes to Gunnerside and Reeth Schools, as NYC are of the opinion that the current set-up does not comply with current legislation. There are potentially some serious ramifications should the two schools be split, impacting yet again on the education and well-being of our children. Cllr Peacock said she opposes this proposal to split the two schools and is actually working with the schools and NYC to find a solution to retain the current arrangement. This is much appreciated by the Parish Council. The Parish Council still does not understand how, following the Freedom of Information requests, NYC can make a

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decision without knowing the present and future costs! It was agreed that the Clerk should forward a letter to Rishi Sunak MP outlining the concerns of the Parish Council.

b. Salt for the bins at Keld. At present there are 3 bins at Keld, NYC only replenish one, on the B6270. For NYC to refill the other 2, it would cost £180.00 per year. The Clerk has researched the cost of purchasing salt for the Parish Council to refill the other 2 bins. The options are for large dumpy bags, with £50 delivery charge or a total of 660kg's in 22kg bags with free delivery. The Cllrs. consider that the 22kg bags, although slightly more expensive, would be easier to handle and store. It was agreed that the salt bin in Thwaite would be retained under the current arrangements. Cllr Rukin will explore location of a suitable site in Keld to store the bags. Once a site is established purchase can proceed.

Finance.

a. An Order to pay was raised for £153 for Yorkshire Local Council's Association membership.

b. The annual governance and accountability return (AGAR) for 2024/2025 has been completed by the Clerk and an internal audit completed by Emily Abbey. The Cllrs. would like to extend their thanks to her for auditing the accounts. The accounts were accepted, approved and signed off by the Chair and the Clerk ready for submission. They will be placed on the Parish Council Website mukerparishcouncil.gov.uk before 30 July 2025. The balance carried forward was £3761.00

Highways. The Clerk said that he had been in contact with Highways recently to establish the situation with regard

to previous reported works. He is seeking clarification but it appears that the potholes in West Stonesdale do not meet the criteria! The Clerk has taken photos and submitted these to Highways showing that some of the holes do meet the criteria. The Clerk to re-submit request for holes to be filled. Both the Clerk and Cllr Rukin had noted that some holes have been repaired on the B6270 between Thwaite and Angram and also the cattlegrid at West Stonesdale.

NYC - School transport - see above

National Association of Local Councils - Nothing of note.

YDNPA Pre planning comments by 30 April 2025 re extension to height of existing mobile telephone mast on the side of Kisdon at Keld. This has been dealt with by email. Cllrs have no objections to this request, improved mobile signal is positive for safety and the local economy.

Householder planning permission for extension to existing garage, and works to refurbish workshop at Stockdale Holme, Thwaite, Richmond, DL11 6DR - R/06/244

Confusion around the original plans was noted which originally included property not owned by the applicant. The Parish Council largely supports this application: ideally the garage roof should have traditional York stone slates or preferably reclaimed slates in a conservation area.

Section 19 application to vary Condition 3 (roofing material) of R/06/114H/LB (listed building consent to re-roof and underfelt the existing cart shed lean-to roof and to flush point the east elevation of the cart shed and byre) in respect of changes to the roofing material from natural stone slate to

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artificial slate of 'natural weathered stone' at Angram Farm, Angram, Richmond, DL11 6DT - R/06/114J/LB. The Council has no objections to this application.

YLCA - Nothing of note

Other Correspondence/AOB: Cllr

Rukin asked if a decision had been made on the toilets in the Parish and had noted black boxes fitted to the toilet doors in Keld. The Clerk said NYC were still reviewing the use of the toilets to see if they meet their usage criteria to retain them. It is likely this will be part of the review.

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

Luxury Glamping Pods Join Yorkshire Dales Cycling Hotspot

Thanks to Allica Bank Backing

A much-loved Yorkshire Dales cycling hub has embarked upon a major new chapter with the addition of luxury glamping pods, thanks to financial support from Allica Bank - a challenger bank for established businesses.

Dales Bike Centre, based in Fremington, near Reeth, is already a go-to destination for cyclists, walkers and cake-lovers alike from across the region and beyond. Now, with new plans in place, the family-run business is now offering stylish glamping accommodation alongside its popular ride, eat and stay experience.

Owned and run by husband-and-wife team Stu and Brenda Price, Dales Bike Centre has been part of the Swaledale community since 2009. The couple's vision - to create a welcoming, sustainable base for cyclists to enjoy the beauty of the Dales - has grown into a thriving local hub with a strong reputation across Yorkshire and the entire UK.

Visitors to Dales Bike Centre can hire a range of bikes, from children's options to high-spec e-bikes, download GPX routes, or join guided rides led by the centre's experienced team. The on-site workshop is a trusted service point for many local riders and visiting cyclists, and is an authorised dealer for both Orange Bikes and Trek.

The Cakery Café is well-loved for its homemade cakes, breakfasts and lunches, with ingredients sourced locally where possible. Since its 2022 extension, it's also become a space for community events and



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"We've always wanted to offer something that blends our love for the outdoors with a bit of luxury," said Brenda Price. "The pods are warm, comfortable and self-contained - ideal for cyclists, walkers or couples looking to unwind with a slice of cake and some great Yorkshire air."

The plans were made possible thanks to a loan from Allica Bank, with Relationship

regular meet-ups, with a large outdoor area for visitors to enjoy in warmer months.

Dales Bike Centre employs staff from around ten local families, many of whom have been with the business since its early days. The Prices have prioritised sustainability from the start, repurposing original buildings and working with local suppliers for everything from food to building materials.

Accommodation includes the Cakery Loft - a self-contained unit sleeping four - and group-friendly bunk rooms, with secure bike storage. With planning restrictions limiting previous expansion ideas, and a growing demand for more premium stays, the new glamping pods mark an exciting step forward.

Opened at the start of July, the glamping pods provide guests with a comfy king-size bed, en-suite shower room, kitchen area and private seating space - all nestled in the idyllic Yorkshire countryside. They're a frills-included

Manager Andy Castle working closely with the couple to secure the funding.

"Allica really understood what we're about - it's not just a business, it's our life's work," Brenda added. "Andrew took the time to get to know us, the area and our vision. This next chapter wouldn't be happening without them."

Andy Castle, Relationship Manager for Yorkshire and North East, from Allica Bank said: "Dales Bike Centre is exactly the kind of business Allica is here to support - rooted in the community, full of passion and ideas, and ready to grow. Stu and Brenda have created something really special, and I'm delighted we've been able to help them take this next step."

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September Update

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ACTIVITIES

Light My Choir! (minimum age 16 years) - Mondays 7.00pm-9.00pm at Leyburn Methodist Church Hall from 1st September. Sessions cover uplifting Gospel and Popular Music. The Choir will again join the worship team at St. Matthew's for their popular Jazz Eucharist service on Sunday 19th October as part of Leyburn Jazz Festival. This is a fun and friendly group open to all who enjoy singing for pleasure. No experience, No Audition - why not come along and give it a try?

Play, Record, Perform (11-19 years, other ages considered) - Sundays 2.00pm-5.00pm at Thoraby Village Hall from 6th September. Sessions cover different styles of music and are great for making music with other young musicians. There will also be sessions with guest musician Paul Edis which will culminate in a performance opportunity as part of Leyburn Jazz Festival.

Get Musical Jam Band (6-11 years, other ages considered) - Fridays 4.30pm-6.00pm at Leyburn Methodist Church Hall. Dates tbc. - keep an eye on our socials - open for registration.

Wensleydale Young Musician of the Year - This year's competition takes

place on Sunday 23rd November, 2.00pm at St. Matthew's Church, Leyburn. Closing date for entries: Monday 17th November. Full details at www.wensleydale.org. The competition is run in partnership with Wensleydale Rotary and forms a local heat for the National competition.

FEAST

Activity Afternoons: We had a great time being creative and learning about healthy eating. Thanks to Campbells who provided fruit and veg for snack time and taste testing and to Simon Winstanley's who provided our gardeners' corner. Participants had great fun trying to work out what they were eating and planting their own seeds to take home and watch them grow. Sessions were made possible thanks to funding from North Yorkshire Together and HAF. Details of our Christmas Holiday sessions will be available soon.

FUND RAISING

Quiz night with Simon Eastwood - Friday 10th October at West Burton Village Hall, DL8 4JY. 7.00pm for a prompt 7.30pm start. Teams of 6 or come along and make a team on the night. Tickets £15 inc. two course supper. Bar and Raffle. Our annual quiz is always a fun event - book early to avoid disappointment!

Grand Prize Draw - Tickets for our Grand Prize Draw are now available. Tickets £1 each - proceeds support our core activities. Prizes include SMART TV, Bluetooth Headphone and vouchers for various local retailers and eateries. The full list of prizes is available on our website or by request. Draw date: Wednesday 29th October, 2025. Our Trustees are looking for volunteers to

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help sell tickets, please get in touch.

Coffee Mornings - We are hosting two coffee mornings in Leyburn Methodist Church Hall on Friday 31st October and Friday 28th November. Enjoy a cuppa and a chat. Cake Stall and Raffle.

EVENTS

Leyburn Jazz Festival - This year's festival takes place from Thursday 16th - Sunday 19th October at St. Matthew's Church, Leyburn. This year promises another great line-up of talented jazz musicians. You'll find returning favourites like Hot Club du Nord and Alligator Gumbo, established artists like Tony Kofi, Ian Shaw and Paul Edis, as well as emerging talent such as Jack Pearce. Over the four days of the festival, you'll hear everything from contemporary to standards in various styles. We have gypsy jazz, trad jazz, New Orleans-inspired jazz, the Great American Songbook, contemporary jazz, and the Northern Swing Orchestra will conclude the weekend on Sunday afternoon.

See printed brochure for full details. Available to download at www.leyburnjazz.org or pick up a copy from community information points.

RESEARCH

A Vision for Creative Growth in Wensleydale and Swaledale

It's here! After weeks of research and consultation we can finally share the findings of our Enterprise and Creative Feasibility Study. The report includes three options that could develop a hub to support rural arts provision and career pathways for employment across Wensleydale and Swaledale. Options included: Uredale 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 to the next stage. The report is available in full or a summary version by email or it can be downloaded from our website. Thanks to everyone who has taken part so far, and Robin Jackson from Rydale Creative, who were commissioned to undertake the research funded by The UK Shared Prosperity Fund.

To find out more or book places for our events and activities visit www.wensleydale.org or contact Colin Bailey on: 01969 745810/ 07711 211169 or email: info@wensleydale.org

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Archaeology project uncovers Ingleborough's hidden past

Findings from recent cave excavations on Ingleborough have revealed new insights into the people and animals that once roamed the Yorkshire Dales, including the remains of a Bronze Age Auroch, thought to be the wild ancestor of modern cattle.

The Ingleborough Cave Archaeology Project was part of Our Common Cause: Our Upland Commons, a 4.5 year, 25-partner project, backed by £3 million from the National Lottery Heritage Fund, helping to secure the future of upland commons in the Yorkshire Dales, Dartmoor, the Lake District and the Shropshire Hills.

The Ingleborough project involved a unique collaboration between archaeologists, cavers and volunteers. Led by the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority Historic Environment Team and the University of Central Lancashire's Centre for Field Archaeology and Forensic Taphonomy, surveys and excavations took place around a number of Ingleborough's cave sites and sinkholes.

Archaeologists worked closely with cave explorers, revisiting discoveries from past digs to research and catalogue them to better understand the past environmental conditions and how the caves were used by those who lived and farmed in the Dales prehistory.

Finds revealed that some of the caves had been used as human burial sites during the Neolithic period. One of the most significant finds was the remains of an Auroch dating back to the Early Bronze Age, making it one of the last known of its species. Domesticated cattle

remains dating back to the early Stone Age shed light on when the land started to be used for agriculture.

The project highlighted the important role cavers play in uncovering underground history, with some of the chosen cave sites requiring specialist skills to access. This led to a valuable new partnership being developed between archaeologists and the Council for the Northern Caving Community.

Rick Peterson, (below with archaeologist colleagues at one of the cave sites on Ingleborough) a caving archaeologist at the University of Central Lancashire said: "The project on Ingleborough has been driven by the caving community. It's often experienced local cavers who are the first to encounter archaeological finds such as these as they are the only ones who can access the caves. This partnership now ensures that any discoveries made during recreational caving are officially documented.



"It also goes to show the importance of common land, as without public access to our uplands, these kinds of discoveries wouldn't have been possible."

While part of the project explored the past, a big part of the project was about looking to the future, engaging today's farmers in sustainable and adaptive land management practices.

Ingleborough remains one of the few places in England where commoning

traditions endure. Thirteen farmers still graze sheep on the land, which is privately owned, under commoner's rights dating back to the Magna Carta, including a 10th-generation commoner whose practices remain recognisable across centuries.

Project officer Claire Braeburn said: "Ingleborough has a longstanding history as common land, so we wanted to see if the caves held evidence of just how long ago humans began farming on the fell.

"Over half of England was common land, but now it's just 3%. This project has helped us understand more about human interaction with the common and the land's longstanding biodiversity. It has shown how important preserving these ancient practices is or we risk losing them forever."

The Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority's Member Champion for Cultural Heritage, David Noland said: "Projects like this not only deepen our understanding of the past but also serve as a reminder of why it's vital to preserve what little remains of these shared landscapes for our communities and cultural identity."

Cavers are now being encouraged to report their findings to continue to reveal more about Ingleborough's history.



Remains of wild boar skull excavated from one of the cave sites



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Our Own Website

The committee of the Reeth Gazette are in the process of setting up our own website to host recent and archived copies. Thanks to a grant from Blenkins Community Fund, we have engaged a professional website designer. We will keep you posted on its progress.

Two of our committee went to receive the cheque from Blenkins this month, who posted this picture and explanation on their Facebook page.



"Reeth & District Gazette Website".

We had the pleasure of meeting volunteer distributors Elsie Whitehead & Sue Alderson. The project is run entirely by 5 volunteers who also widely distribute the Gazette in Swaledale & Arkengarthdale.

This funding will enable the engagement of a professional website developer to design & set up a dedicated Reeth & District Gazette online, reaching those who can not access a physical copy. Congratulations!! 🍌🍌🍌🍌🍌

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from Summer (16') by Rachel Tzvia Back

You might have heard Vivaldi's Four Seasons, but did you know that the musician wrote sonnets to help him map out his seasonal concertos? Or that nearly 300 years later, composer Max Richter released a new version of Vivaldi's Four Seasons as a modern retelling?

In 2026, Swaledale Festival will explore the four seasons through music, visual art, words and more.

What do the seasons mean to you? We want to hear! Swaledale Festival invites you to share your poetry inspired by the seasons.

This exciting **open call** brings together and celebrates the creativity of people of any age, stage, background or experience level - from longstanding professionals to total newbies - putting new work at the heart of the Festival. Everyone is welcome.

What are we looking for?

Unpublished poems that explore anything seasons-related! We especially welcome work from poets living in the northern Yorkshire Dales. While it's wonderful if your poem reflects our local landscape, more general seasonal themes are also encouraged. You can send poems about any (or all) of the seasons throughout the year, though while we're enjoying the warmth, now is a particularly good time to write about summer!



Need inspiration?

Just step outside and focus on your senses. What can you see, hear, smell and touch? What tastes do you associate with the summer? Think about your own experiences. Do you have memories of summers past? Are your summers changing? What feelings or images or ideas arise? You could also check out the poems at www.poetryfoundation.org, which are available to browse by topic or theme.

What will happen to your poems?

All entries will be considered for publication and celebration before and during Swaledale Festival 2026. This could include a display at festival venues, publication on social media, recital at an

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event, or even publication in an e-book or printed anthology. More details will be made available throughout the year.

How do you share your poem?

Please visit www.swalefest.org where there is more information on the news page, and a link to a simple poem-submission form.

There is no entry fee and you can submit as many times as you like throughout the year, up until 30 April 2026.

Any and all poetic forms are welcome, from sonnet to haiku, with a maximum length of 30 lines and no minimum length.

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**Nature, farms and flood resilience:
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Ousewem's work across the Swale catchment is picking up pace, with boots on the ground and tools in hand. Since the start of the year, the team led locally by the Yorkshire Dales Rivers Trust has been working with farmers, estates and communities to get things done.

Recent work includes 12 scrapes, 15 leaky barriers, willow planting and 650 metres of new hedgerows at the Cragg and Carr. In Wensleydale, five more scrapes have gone in, with fencing, water gates and troughs added to protect floodplain habitat. Flow



monitoring is now underway near Hunton, (left, conducting flow surveys) helping the

team plan what comes next.

Ousewem is also in conversation with upland landowners about how natural flood management can work alongside farming.

More tree planting, barriers and community events are planned in the coming months. To see what's happening - and where your local river fits in - read the full update on the Ousewem website:

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	10.30 am	Low Row URC	<i>Holy Communion</i>
	11.00 am	St. Edmund's, Marske	<i>Holy Communion</i>
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14th Sept.	9.30 am	St. Andrew's Grinton	<i>Eucharist</i>
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26th Sept	7.00 pm	St Michael's Downholme	<i>Harvest Festival Service</i>
28th Sept.	9.30 am	St. Andrew's Grinton	<i>Eucharist</i>
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	10.30 am	St Joseph & Francis Xavier Richmond	<i>Mass</i>
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John regularly plays sax and clarinet with many luminaries and Natasha recently appeared on ITV's 'Starstruck' singing as Judy Garland. John and Jane Hunter from Grinton form the rhythm section on keyboard and Vibes respectively and

are well known performers in the Dales both vocally and instrumentally. John says "It's a lovely relaxed evening and a great opportunity for us to make music with two of our good friends. John P and I used to perform around the West Midlands, and Natasha and I have worked together at many 1940s events for over a decade. We have recently created a stage show featuring the life and songs of Judy Garland, which is scheduled to have its premiere in Halifax later in the year, in addition to another concept show to be developed around Christmas" John has recently performed once again at the popular Victory Show in Leicestershire.

John and Jane's 'Station Master' play which they wrote for the 'Richmond 950' celebrations a couple of years ago is also being performed once again in November to coincide with the Railways 200th anniversary, in addition to commemorating the 80th anniversary of both VE and VJ day. "The play, presented in conjunction with the Charlotte Jacqueline school of dance, features the reminiscences of the

wartime station master in Richmond - 'love, life and loss' as they say, and has period songs, dance and music throughout from a well-known local cast including Ken Haigh, Julie and Gary Winn and dancers from Charlotte's school. Once again it is an

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Wensleydale Concert Series

It only seems like yesterday I was writing an article about our upcoming 10th anniversary series of concerts and now we come to our final two concerts of the year.

On Saturday 6th September we welcome the return of the world famous Fitzwilliam String Quartet (below). Their last visit



was a truly memorable evening of wonderful

music making and this concert will, I

am sure, be moving and equally impressive. The quartet was formed in 1968 and became famous through their close association with the Russian composer Dmitri Shostakovich. They were his preferred quartet to give the first performances and make the first recordings of his quartets - indeed the composer was present (along with Benjamin Britten and the great cellist Rostropovich) at a number of the recording sessions. This concert is an opportunity to remember and celebrate Shostakovich's legacy in the 50th year after his death. The music featured includes two of his quartets and music by other composers who influenced him (including Rachmaninoff and Glazunov).

"...The Fitzwilliam Quartet, whom I admire very much. Thank you for a superlative performance of my thirteenth quartet." - D. Shostakovich, private letter, York 1972

Our final concert of the season is on Saturday 20th September and features

Jeremias Friedl (below) a wonderful young Austrian cellist flying in especially from Salzburg for this concert, and the brilliant pianist Callum McLachlan who has played for us twice before. The



concert features the wonderful sonata for piano and cello by Rachmaninoff and also works by JS Bach, Beethoven and Arvo Pärt.

"In the Schumann Concerto, Friedl brought out a real sense of storyline, unafraid to push past a beautiful sound when the music demanded it as he moved between magnetic pianissimos and moments of impassioned madness." - Pauline Harding, The Strad (July 2022)

"An outstanding performance (by Callum McLachlan) which had everything - great assurance and maturity, impeccable technique, great power, yet equally subtle dynamic control in 'pianissimos', all in all a consummate control over the music and instrument." - Phillip R Buttall, Seen and Heard International

Both concerts are at 730pm in St Andrew's Church, Aysgarth. Full details and tickets can be found at our website www.wensleydaleconcertseries.co.uk where you can also find information about parking etc.. You can also order tickets by phone on 0333 666 3366 (quote the date, artist names and Wensleydale Concert Series). If you have any general questions please call Carol or Liz on 01969 663026

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Registration at The Buck at 8am

Fri 3rd Oct. PINKtober Quiz from 8.30pm at The Buck

Sat 4th Oct. Crafty Pop-Up Shop & De-Stash 10-3 at Redmire Village Hall

Sun 5th Oct. PINK Walk with Reeth Brass Band at 3pm from The Black Bull to The Bridge in Grinton

Fri 10th Oct. Reeth's very own Fashion Show! 7.30pm at The Buck

Sat 11th Oct. Prize Bingo and Cream Tea courtesy of Dales Charity Bingo Team starting at 2:30pm in The Buck

Sun 12th Oct. Craft Fair 10-3 at The Buck

Fri 17th Oct. The Great Dales Bake Off & Coffee Morning 10-2 at Hudson House

Sun 19th Oct. The OlymPINKS from 2pm at The Buck

Tue 21st Oct. Felt Rabbit Workshop 10-3 at The Buck

Sat 25th Oct. Reeth's Big PINK Breakfast in The Memorial Hall 9-11am, Organised by Sacha

Sun 26th Oct. Candle Ceremony from 6pm in the Orchard

Tue 28th Oct. Secret Scone Society's Big Scone Event, all day at The Copper Kettle

Fri 31st Oct. Pink Halloween Party at The Buck from 8.30pm

More to Follow, so watch this space!

For more info and to purchase tickets in advance, please contact June on email pinktoberinthedales@gmail.com or via Facebook messenger

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The archaeology and local history group's next regular monthly talk is on Tuesday 9th September, 7.30pm, in Fremington Village Hall, aka Fremington Sunday School. Sue Nicholson will talk about the Marie Hartley collection in the Dales Countryside Museum, Hawes. Marie Hartley, together with her partner Ella Pontefract, and later Joan Ingleby, wrote a large number of books on life in the Dales, including one on Swaledale in 1946. These give an insight into her developing love of the Dales from 1929 onwards and why she and Ella were so enthusiastic about collecting artefacts that reflected traditional dales life and which later developed into the Dales Countryside Museum. Non-members welcome with a suggested donation of £5.

Last month I said I would look at some features in the landscape which often go unnoticed. Standing on Reeth Green, looking south at Harkerside, the two large banks of the Grinton-Fremington Dykes stand out, running up the slope. These are just two of the seven dykes, banks and ditches, forming part of what may have been an integrated system. What are these? Who built them? Bronze Age, Iron Age, Roman? To learn more about the dykes visit our website at <https://new-swaag.org/earthworks-2/>

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Homes for Dales House Birds bird boxes

You can still register interest in having a free bird box installed as part of the **Homes for Dales House Birds** project. This three year project (2025-2027) supports four red listed house nesting bird species; House martins, House sparrows, Swifts and Starlings through habitat creation and management, monitoring and offers training opportunities to the local Dales communities. Go to <https://tinyurl.com/juvesnup> to request a box. A video about the project can be found on Youtube at: <https://tinyurl.com/cefnmkw>

ORFC In the Field

The Oxford Real Farming Conference 'In the Field' came to the Yorkshire Dales for the first time this year with a two day event at Hill Top Farm in Malham. A farm tour of Hill Top Farm revealed that putting nature first

increased profits while reducing work loads for the farmer. Other sessions covered a range of topics from the benefits of improving biodiversity in hay meadows, to the vital role played by dung beetles, maintaining soil health and reducing parasites. An evening talk presented plans to make local provenance leather using hides that small operators are often unable to sell, while a lunchtime talk updated attendees on the government's plans for farming and nature.

Reeth Surgery Veg beds

A reminder that all produce at the **Reeth Surgery Vegetable beds** is available for anyone to take.

Seed to Sapling events

Sustainable Swaledale participates in the Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust **Seed to Sapling project**. We will be collecting local tree seeds and nuts in September from a number of ancient woodland sites in Swaledale with the permission of the landowner. We will combine our seed planting day this year with the Apple Day event at the Reeth Community Orchard on Saturday 25th October 2025. Come and find out what we do and help add seeds or nuts to our seed boxes.

If you have any Sustainable Swaledale wooden seed trays that are now spare, please let us know at info@sustainableswaledale.org so that we can reuse them at the event.

Also email us if you would like to have details of our seed collection walks being planned for September.

Tree Monitoring

All fourteen sites where trees and

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hedges have been planted over the last two years by Sustainable Swaledale have been **surveyed for tree health**, and where required, maintenance either carried out or scheduled. Some sites planted in earlier years have also been surveyed.

For the sites planted over the autumn and winter of 23/24, the success rate is comfortably over 95%.

This year has presented a number of challenges. Prolonged snow cover this winter increased the risk of rabbit damage, and then a very dry and warm spring and early summer made it hard for newly planted trees to find water. Nevertheless, the 24/25 success rate is over 90%.

We found very little sign of disease which is very encouraging, although some hawthorn and oak had mildew, which can happen when it's warm and dry, and can be made worse by tree guards which restrict air flow. None of the affected trees were severely damaged. Overall, our 'crop' is encouragingly healthy.

Many thanks to Alison and Joe for organizing the monitoring and Heather and Rob for helping.

Yorkshire Naturalists Union talk

Andy Millard of the **Yorkshire Naturalists Union** will be speaking about the work of the organisation devoted to studying and recording Yorkshire's flora and fauna at Reeth Memorial Hall 4th September 7pm. All are welcome

Yorkshire trials on controlling Himalayan balsam

Trials by Yorkshire Wildlife Trust at locations in West and North Yorkshire of using a **pathological rust fungus**

found in the Himalayas to tackle the plant's growth have been going well. Generally the weed has to be removed by hand. Himalayan balsam is legally classed as a non-native invasive plant and it is illegal to cultivate, sell, plant or transport it.

Check out BBC article at: <https://tinyurl.com/hyph3x7y> and Tees Rivers Trust article at <https://www.teesriverstrust.org/biocontrol>.



Picture of volunteers using hay cutter

Clickable links available via the Sustainable Swaledale website.

Margaret and Liz
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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:

Overnight 8th July a vehicle was stolen from the Hawes area.

On 15th July following a pursuit of the stolen vehicle now on false plates, during which the police vehicle was rammed 2x males were arrested for a number of other offences.

Reported 17th July Theft of clothing to the value of £75 from a shop in Leyburn.

Reported 6th August, residential premises in Middleham entered via an insecure door, a handbag containing various credit/Debit cards and an Apple mobile phone were stolen.

26 - Concern for safety.

12 - Road Related Offences.(manner of driving/vehicles without tax or insurance and possible OPL).

4 - Theft.

15 - Road Traffic Collision (minor).

2 - RTC (serious).

5 - Anti Social Behaviour (personal).

2 - ASB (nuisance).

9 - Highway Disruptions (Floods/ Trees/Animals).

17 - Suspicious Circumstances (Door to Door sellers/Vehicles parked,etc).

23 - Abandoned Calls (Misdialed /Pocket dials).

11 - Violence.

2 - Civil Dispute.

1 - Hoax Emergency Services call.

1 - Lost/Found.

1 - Stalking/Harassment.

1 - Vehicle Interference.

1 - Missing person.

1 - Crime/Drugs.

In total 177 calls were received reporting either the above or making general enquiries.

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**Incidents 9th July 2025 to 10th
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7 Incidents this edition

Incident 29: 09/08/2025: Called by
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the evacuation of a dog walker from a
footpath near Bedale. Treated on
scene by the Ambulance crew and team
Dr, then evacuated by stretcher.

Incident 28: 14/08/2025: Called by
the Police to assist a group of walkers
on the Pennine Way above Hawes.
Located by the team and assisted back
to Hardraw.

Incident 27: 29/08/2025: Called by
the Police to rescue an injured trails
bike rider on the upper reaches of the
Cam High road above Hawes. Treated
on scene by the team and reassessed

by the Ambulance service once we'd
driven them to the site. Finally
evacuated by the team vehicle to the
waiting Ambulance.

**Incident 24,25,26: 25th-
27th/08/2025:** A weekend of
supporting the ArdRock downhill
Mountain Bike Event (see picture).
The usual thrills and spills!



23:34 on 17th July we were called by
the Police to search for a couple of
overdue walkers, 23:36 they turned up
safe and sound - possibly one of our
shortest searches!

Incident 23: 12/07/2025: Called by
the Ambulance service to assist with
the evacuation of a walker suffering a
heat related issue. Treated on scene
by the Ambulance service and team.
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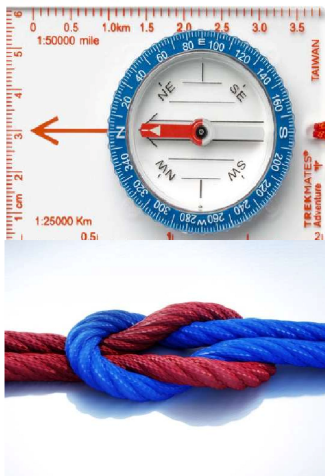
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Notice of an Important Meeting

The results of the meeting to
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St Andrew's Grinton Update

Conservation Group meeting at St Andrew's will take place on **Saturdays 13th September and 11th October**. 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 3rd September at 8.37pm and 1st October at 7.21pm**. 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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Reeth Memorial Hall

Thanks you for your continued support of live music. We're now busy finalising details for 2026.

Friday 19th September - Nick Parker

Nick's songs are often tongue-in-cheek and cheerful, and on the rare occasion when fun is poked (usually at himself) it is always with a wry smile and an element of satire. The audience are often encouraged to be a part of the show, collectively becoming Nick's duet partner.

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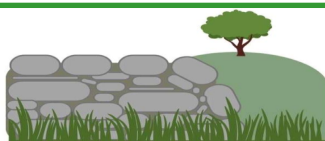
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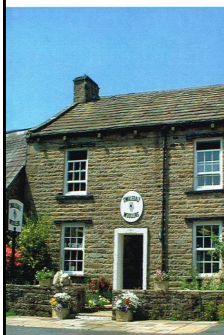
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September

Wed 3rd Sept - Muker Show

Thurs 4th Sept - talk on the
Yorkshire Naturalists Union, Reeth
Memorial Hall, 7pm

Sat 6th Sept - Songs and Scones at
Marrick Priory, 2.30pm

Sat 6th Sept - Wensleydale Concert
Series, St Andrew's Aysgarth, 7.30pm

Sun 7th Sept - rehearsals start for
The Swale Singers, Reeth Memorial
Hall, 3pm

Sat 13th Sept - Sankey Songs of
Praise, Gunnerside Chapel, 7pm

Sat 13th and Sun 14th Sept -
Hunton Steam Gathering

Fri 19th Sept - Nick Parker Reeth
Memorial Hall 8pm

Sat 20th Sept - Wensleydale Concert
Series, St Andrew's Aysgarth, 7.30pm

Wed 24th Sept - Arkengarthdale
Jubilee Club talk, The Hub
Arkengarthdale, 2pm

Fri 26th Sept - Domino Drive, Reeth
Memorial Hall, 7.30

Sat 27th Sept - Harvest Coffee
Morning & Supper, Reeth Evangelical
Congregational Church

October

Sat 4th Oct - Good Vibes Trio with
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Fri 10th Oct - Urban Folk Quartet,
Reeth Memorial Hall 8pm

Sat 11th Oct - John Tams (contact us
to join waiting list) Reeth Memorial
Hall, 8pm

Sat 11th Oct - 60s and 70s Disco and
Dinner Dance, Gunnerside Village Hall,
6.30 for 7pm

Sat 18th Oct - Coffee Morning, 10-
12noon, Reeth Evangelical
Congregational Church.

Thurs 23rd Oct - Himmerland, Reeth
Memorial Hall, 8pm

Sat 25th Oct - Mobile skip on Reeth
Green 9am-1pm

Fri 31st Oct - While and Matthews,
Reeth Memorial Hall, 8pm

November

Sat 8th Nov - Rag Mamma Rag, Reeth
Memorail Hall, 8pm

Fri 14th Nov - Andy Irvine, Reeth
Memorial Hall, 8pm

Fri 14th Nov and Sat 15th Nov - -
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Sat 15th Nov - Swale Singers concert,
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