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**PRICELESS** 

This Gazette clearly contains events that are dependent on the government lifting the lockdown or not repeating the lockdown. I suggest before attending any event, club or gathering, that you check that they are still going ahead

### First Thoughts

Covid-19 Free Gazette Edition

My wish was to publish an entire Gazette with nothing about Covid BUT an editor does not always get his own way, so I am sorry to say there are some Covid related articles. Hey, Ho!

It was my birthday in May so I decided to buy something not-useful and playful. It had to be something to take me away from a computer screen and I wanted to be creative.

I always wanted to get back to painting so watched this clever guy showing us how to oil-paint landscapes. This guy did not have 'lots of hair' to annoy me like the great calming guy Bob Ross:



So I then spent tons of time selecting oil paints on Amazon, ordered them and as usual I got up next day, felt guilty spending the money, so cancelled the order. I do that so many times.

Then I thought AirFix aircraft kits, yep lets do that. I must be better than the sticky-fingered-too-impatient-to

let-it-dry-kid, who could not shake off the pilot stuck to my fingers instead of his cockpit seat. Next thought popped up, no I will still be rubbish at this.

Right Lego, that's it. David Beckham does it so I cannot be a complete childish nerd to do that. Plumped for a typical-for-my-age James Bond DB5 model. 1250 pieces. Amazingly, I did not cancel order next morning.

Guys and Gals here it is in photo. Anybody envious? No glue so should be ok. No young kids anymore to throw



pieces on the floor so that I step on them with my bare feet. Bl..dy hurts that does!

Also purchased 'You Only Live Twice' OST on vinyl. The brilliant John Barry. Anyway, hope this Gazette is good enough for you. Mike B

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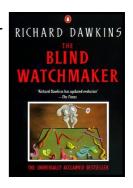


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### **Great Read**

I love this book. Richard Dawkin's book 'The Blind Watchmaker'. Wikipedia quote: In his choice of the title for this book, Dawkins refers to the watchmaker analogy made famous by William Paley in his 1802 book Natural Theology. Paley, writing long before Charles Darwin published 'On the Origin of Species' in 1859, held that the complexity of living organisms was evidence of the existence of a divine creator by drawing a parallel with the way in which the existence of a watch compels belief in an intelligent watchmaker. Dawkins, in contrasting the differences between human design and its potential for planning with the work-



ings of natural selection, therefore dubbed evolutionary processes as analogous to a blind watchmaker. To dispel the idea that complexity cannot arise without the intervention of a "creator", Dawkins uses the example of the eye. Beginning with a simple organism, capable only of distinguishing between light and dark, in only the crudest fashion, he takes the reader through a series of minor modifications, which build in sophistication until we arrive at the elegant and complex mammalian eye. In making this journey, he points to several creatures whose various seeing apparatus are, whilst still useful, living examples of intermediate levels of complexity. Excellently logical arguments presented.

Mike B



# PHONE UP DON'T TURN UP

Whilst it is really important to follow the government guidance to stay at home during this period, it can be confusing to know what to do when you are feeling unwell. The practice remains open to look after you Monday to Friday 0800-1800hrs.

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is to help the Dr prioritise his workload and ensure everyone gets the help that they need.

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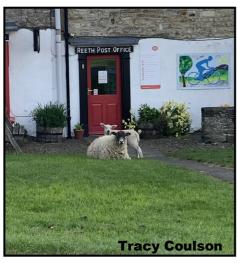
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### **Readers Art**

Again, artist El Hardwood (animal@outlook.com) sent me a very small piece of art. Not only the artwork is small, the envelope as you can see is decorated with a very small flower. That flower in fact measures about 1cm by 1cm. The picture top right measures just 8cm by 8cm. If other readers would like to submit art please do so.

Mike B

### **Reader Gripes**

Not gripes actually. I was asked to stop publishing articles with black text on coloured backgrounds as some readers find this format hard to read. You will notice then that this Gazette heeds that request. You cannot please them all I think whilst compiling every Gazette. It's a balance. Mike B

# St Georges Day Clapping Reeth Green

For everyone on Reeth Green, clapping with us on St George's Day, thank you. What a wonderful sight to see, hear and be a part of, a true show of solidarity in a rural community. Thanks to our fabulous Fire Fighters with flashing lights and sirens at one end, Paul Brown and son representing our farming community in his tractor Tucked safely bethe other end. tween the two, your very own community bus Daffodil! With many thanks to Scenic View Gallery who very kindly took some wonderful pictures for us. These are on their website to view, a humbling moment to experience.

Sometimes a simple 'Thank You' just doesn't seem enough for the amount some people do. Genuine volunteers, who just want to help and do their bit, not needing any recognition. These people volunteer because they care about others. We are very fortunate that this is the team we have here.

It has been a very busy May here at the Covid 19 Community Support Office in Hudson House. The volunteers have been answering phones, giving out information and advice, Tesco shopping twice weekly, making deliveries including: Friday fruit & veg, Post Office orders, prescriptions/medical supplies. newspapers, magazines and anything else our community needs, to get them through these trying times. We have a wonderful befriending service for those who may be feeling lonely, where they can receive phone calls from one of our cheerful befrienders

just a few weeks, this has proved so successful that those using this service are planning to meet up when life resumes to some normality. If we can help, we will! We will get to you no matter where you live! Our National Park Rangers and their 4x4's have joined forces with us to get to those hard to reach places.

But, thank you is what we want to say and a big thank you too! Without these volunteers what would we do? They are keeping vulnerable and isolating members of our community safe and well, they are taking away the worries they may have during these uncertain times - we applaud you all because you are amazing! This applause is to everyone who is volunteering in our two Dales not just at Hudson House. There are hundreds of us all pulling together to help make a huge difference, so no matter how you are helping, you are doing a wonderful selfless thing.

Another huge thank you to the members of the community who have made donations to Daffodil, they are very much appreciated no matter how big or small, they help us to keep the community safe by keeping Daffodil on the road. A special thank you to the anonymous donation of £500 recently made, a very generous, kind and much appreciated gesture.

If you need any help, please call 880021 and speak to one of our volunteers. We are here for you and will be for as long as it takes. It is an honour and a privilege to be of service to our community. Stay safe and sane,

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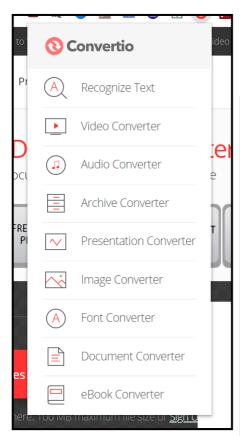
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For the gazette I get many submissions that are fiddly to satisfy. The most common are large adverts de-



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# Message from the Museum

As I write this, just before the PM's announcement, I am uncertain whether we will be able to open in June. All I can say is that if you see our signs out on Reeth Green, come and see us. We will be dire need of visitors. We have also decided to postpone our talks and events up to 1 July, including the Friends of the Museum AGM. As soon as there is any clarity we will reschedule if both possible and safe, and look forward to resuming our programme of activities whenever we can. In the next Gazette we will let you know about the events for the following months. You can contact us on the e-mail below if you would like to be alerted when our programme restarts.

Meanwhile we are beavering away responding to enquiries, cataloguing, catching up on research, and using the opportunity for maintenance and decorating. We hope that all the Friends of the Museum will have received the Newsletter which is full of information, exciting findings and positive news. Hats off to Tracy for triumphing over adversity for getting this out, both in print and electronically.



Now, if you still have lots of time to spare, how about looking at our online Image Archive at: <a href="https://swaag.org/MUSEUM\_ARCHIVES/DigitalArchive.php">https://swaag.org/MUSEUM\_ARCHIVES/DigitalArchive.php</a> We have selected one image from the collection to reproduce here, you can find it on the site above, but we will let you know next month, where it is, what is going on and when! However I am sure you already know about this historic moment in the Dales which this photograph records.

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Incidents

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No incidents this month to report.

A very quiet period for the team with people observing the STAY HOME message. Thank You

The teams focus during the Covid-19 outbreak has been to maintain an operational Mountain & Cave Rescue Service, we've held meetings on-line & limited equipment checks to single members of the team. Fortunately we are well stocked with the essential PPE to protect the team if deployed.

Each month we highlight an item of our rescue equipment; this is how we spend your generous donations. This month we thought you might like to see our all too frequently used waterproof jackets! We issue waterproof outer wear to all our full team members at a cost of approximately £500 per set.

This takes a massive amount of our funding. The expense is in the breathable & waterproof fabric technology, reflective stripes for night time operations & the badging of the jackets. This makes them 'bespoke' & the manufacturers charge a premium.

Currently we are using Mountain Equipment: Kongur Gore-Tex jackets & Keela Munroe Salopettes. Both companies offer the team discounts & are British companies. The team is



made up of highly trained volunteers available 24/7 in any weather, any time. On average we respond to 50 to 60 calls each year.

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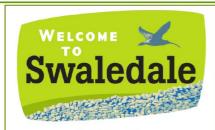
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### **FOR THE VERY OLDIES**

### Movie **Extraction**

Reader David Williams sent this: For the very oldies.

(note the date). We had an ancient ra- the camera floats from all angles. diogram (remember those?). We did Ridiculous survival of our hero. Maybe not run to 8 gramophone records which it's a film for both ladies and gentlemay have qualified us for a holiday on a men. Its one for the boys, but I must desert island (willingly taken) but there admit Chris Hemsworth is quite a good were about 5 or 6 so we listened to looking chap, if you like that type of them a lot. 2 records had the word guy. "star" (twinkling variety) in their first lines. What were they?

David

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# Readers meeting famous people

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Ok one of my latest ideas was to see if readers will submit a little note about the most famous person they have met.

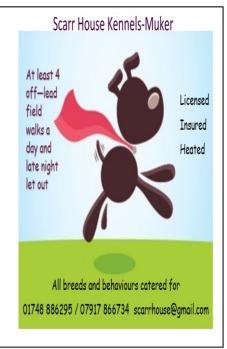
### Beautiful Encounter for Chris

A beautiful story from reader Chris Gowland. Keith Flint (R.I.P), lead singer of 'The Prodigy' spat on Chris whilst he was at the front of their concert.



Editor Note: Apologies to those of a delicate constitution, this picture may have shocked some. Although maybe not as it could just as well be a local resident shouting at visitors breaking lockdown rules. From what I have read this chap off stage was a lovely guy. Incidentally I was near the front at an Abba concert and Benny did not spit on me. Interesting fact that.

Mike B





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# Your 2019 Best Reads Part 2

Many of us are probably finding we have a bit more time than usual to read at the moment. So here are some further suggestions from your best reads of 2019.

#### **Fiction**

Restitution by Eliza Graham. A novel about love and betrayal, hatred and heroism set in Europe in 1945. A reminder that even in the worst of times, the most courageous acts of kindness are possible.

The Cazalet Chronicles by Elizabeth Jane Howard. Five novels - The Light Years, Marking Time, Confusion, Casting Off and All Change - make up this extraordinary contemporary family saga. Absorbing, compelling and unputdownable. Just the thing if you're stuck inside.

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In the Midst of Life by Jennifer Worth. These memoirs of her time as a nurse treating patients approaching the end of their lives have moved and inspired readers of all ages.

The Far Pavilions by MM Kaye. This is a story of divided loyalties, of friendship that endures till death, of high adventure and the clash between east and west.

Anne Cleeves writes superb thrillers which will appeal to all who like intelligent crime fiction. Too many books of hers to list here but if you don't know her, try her. You'll be hooked.

### Non fiction

Daphne Clark sent details of a couple of books she read last year describing them both as faith books, each of which is very different. She writes, "One of them, is Philip Yancy's well-loved book on prayer:- 'Prayer, does it make a difference?'. I find it a gold mine of helpful advice, of stimulating stories and warm encouragement ...which is why I am re-reading it.

The other book is very different. It is Richard Wormbrand's, 'Tortured for Christ'. It is an eye-opening, heartbreaking account of his life spent under Communist persecution, of his years of imprisonment and appalling torture in Romania. But he also writes passionately and encouragingly about his involvement with the 'Underground Church' which still, today, seeks to minister to Christians trapped in communist regimes round the world. If I have a criticism about some parts of his moving testimony it is that he seems to see western Christianity as having been too condoning or blindeyeing of Communist persecution over the decades which I don't believe is universally true. But both books are a very good read for those wishing to strengthen their faith."

Elizabeth

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# Readers meeting famous people

I thought I'd share my encounters. When I was a nanny I met quite a few famous folks as follows:



walked down to breakfast one dav and there was Helena Bonham Carter in the kitchen. this was just after 'Room with View' had made her famous. friendly. nice



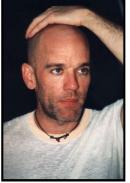
One night I was sat in my bedroom, the door opened and in walked Paul Simon. This was around the time of 'Graceland' and I had the poster on the wall above the

light switch, he looked up at it, said "oh sorry I was looking for the bathroom", smiled at me and walked out.

Jerry Hall would come round with the kids. On one occasion she was wearing a white Lycra mini dress (it was the 80's), my boss managed to drop summer pudding down the front of the dress, he then thought it wise to get down on his knees and scrub away at the stain. It's an image I'll never forget.

When I lived in the Peak District I used to use Sheffield railway station a lot. One day We nearly drove into Jarvis Cocker who proceeded to apologise. Nice bloke.

I heard that R.E.M. we're recording at



Paris Studios in Maida Vale one day so I went along with my vinyl to sign. Michael Stipe walked right up to me and raised his eyebrows, virtually introducing himself to me. I just froze and

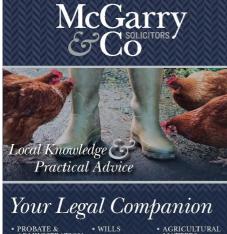
stood there gormlessly, silently grinning! Nice bloke!
I sometimes forget all these things happened to me - it was another life!

Adele - but which one?



Editor. I thought you may be interested in putting this picture in the gazette. It was taken about 50 years ago when I worked at the British Museum. Prince Charles. Richard Bates Editor Note: Doppelganger?









### Janet Seymour's School of Theatre Dance Zooms On

Janet Seymour's School of Theatre Dance is continuing all dance classes on Zoom, including Adult Tap and Adult Ballet. Run by Janet S assisted by former student Hannah Smith.

Hannah, who has recently returned from teaching dance in Ireland, is also offering a Wriggle and Rhyme class on Mondays at 10am for under 3s whilst their usual playgroups are closed. There is no charge for this class but any donations will go to Swaledale Seedlings and Hawes Playgroup. Photos of Fern Stainsby and brothers Rhys and Morgan Price.

Janet Seymour





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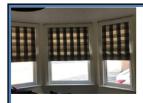
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### Movie

### Portrait of a Lady on Fire

I suppose the most noticeable thing about this film is the beautiful filming. Unfortunately, on first viewing I missed the last 30 minutes. I got restless. Typical of a bloke, I decided 'this is slow and too thoughtful. No guns or action. I'm off'. Then next day I noticed I was still thinking about it. Always a very good sign. So I went and watched the last half hour. It was then I realised what a masterpiece, the last 15 minutes full of emotion as Heloise attends her first live classical music concert. The music overwhelms her and the acting as you see her emotions react are the most moving you may see this year. It's a must SEE. IMDB Summary: In 18th century France a young painter, Marianne, is commissioned to do the wedding portrait of Héloïse without her knowing. Therefore, Marianne must observe her model by day to paint her portrait at night. Day by day, the two women become closer as they share Héloïse's last moments of freedom before the impending wedding. **Mike B** 



### **CORONAVIRUS**

During this tragic and unprecedented time the Government has stated that (at the time of writing 04/04/20) we must not make non-essential journeys in our cars and that includes driving to view and possibly test drive a potential purchase. However, if you have a pressing need to buy a car (old one's expired or you've a medical condition requiring an automatic rather than a manual etc. etc.) we can supply a vehicle fully disinfected and delivered to your door if necessary.

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### MUKER PARISH **COUNCIL MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD** ON 19 March 2020

Road Hump Ivelet -Cllr Peacock had sent an update prior to the meeting: Steve Barker from Highways is to ar- Streetlights Muker - It had been range a site visit.

Whitehead stated that it was now just Village but that the old poles had been a matter of where to locate the sign.

Owner twice.

Water on Road Shivery Hill, Stain- 13.00 hours. moor Road, Level Hill - Highways have YDNPA - The Planning Application for Hill does not meet the criteria for re- the repair of Usha Gap Bridge pair.

in support of the application.

Buttertubs Pass - Cats Eyes - Cllr Pea- Fire Brigade Callout - During a recent to be done at night.

had been repaired.

Finance: Orders to pay and cheques the Buttertubs were iced up. The Parwere raised for Muker Literary Insti- ish Council understands that once it tute for meetings held, Zurich Insur- was evident there was a problem a furance Renewal and NR Turner and A ther Fire Engine was called from Reeth. Stringer for Clerks Pay.

issue of a new Village Nameplate for cil felt that in the Winter Months it

Keld. It had been discussed some years ago but there had been gueries as to where it should be positioned. It was agreed that a sign should be looked at and potentially placed at Hope House and Chapel Hill. Clerk to contact NYCC in the first instance to see if there is a arant available.

#### Richmondshire D.C

raised by a Resident of Muker that new Village Sign - West Stonesdale - Cllr Streetlights were being erected in the left in place. Clerk to contact RDC.

Water on Road - Crowtrees - Cllr Pea- NYCC:- Mobile Skip - Information had cock stated in her update that High- been received regarding the Mobile ways have tried to contact the Land Skip service which will visit Muker Car Park on the 23 May between 11.15-

inspected these areas, The County the Barn at Keld Lodge has been ap-Boundary Tan Hill - West Stonesdale proved conditionally. The Planning Apand Ravenseat to Boundary have been plication for Kearton Guest House has added to a programme of works. The been refused. The Parish Council are in blocked gully at Stonesdale Lane to Tan support of a Planning Application for

### Correspondence/AOB:

Ushagap Bridge - A Listed Building Bench Muker - A resident of Muker Planning Application had been submit-raised the issue of a bench on the ted by YDNP - The Parish Council were Green which is in need of repair. Clerk to obtain a quote to repair it.

cock stated in her update that a survey fire in Muker the Fire Engine was diswas to be carried out but this needed patched from Hawes however the Fire Engine had an issue accessing Muker via Streetlight Thwaite - The Streetlight the Buttertubs Pass. The fire occurred in the early hours of the morning and However, this meant there was a delay Highways Cllr Whitehead raised the in attending the Fire. The Parish Coun-

may be advisable to have Reeth as the first port of call for Emergency Callouts. Clerk to contact North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue to request that this proposal is considered.

**VE Day May 8** – It was presumed that VE Day activities may be postponed or scaled down due to the Coronavirus.

Safe & Well - Information had been received from North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue regarding the Safe & Well Project. The Fire Brigade are offering a service where they can visit homes to offer advice regarding Fire Safety. Clerk to display Poster on Notice Board.

Water Cycle Challenge - An e-mail had been received detailing a charity bike ride coming through the Parish on the 4 July with up to 200 riders.

Upper Dales Health Watch Minutes - The Chairman read out the minutesthere were particular concerns with regard to medication delays.

**5G** - An e-mail had been received from a resident of Swaledale regarding concerns they had about 5G - their concerns were noted by the Parish Council.

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### **Covid-19 Support**

It is difficult to know, as I write this, what restrictions will be in place when the June Gazette is distributed. I think that it is fairly safe to assume though that life will not have returned to normal and is unlikely to do so for some time to come.

A number of support teams have been set up in the Two Dales to provide assistance to all who are isolating for whatever reason and they are doing a fantastic job. Thank you to all who have volunteered and are providing this much needed support.

Full details of all the support that there is can be found online at 2dales.org.uk/coronavirus and

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www.facebook.com/ReethDCT/ and

### www.facebook.com/groups/ ReethandDistrictCommunity/

This information is changing all the time so please do check on a regular basis.

If you can't access the internet and this document then please phone the anchor hub at Hudson House.

The anchor hub has been designated by North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC) located at Hudson House in Reeth and managed by Reeth & District Community Transport (RDCT), the Yellow Bus, and Hudson House (HH). This is being

managed by Gail Hall and Jill May with the support of the boards of RDCT & HH, and a team of volunteers.

### Anchor Hub

Phone 01748 880 021 manned Monday to Friday 10 am to 3 pm (except bank holidays). Messages can be left at any time. Calls to NYCC from people in the Two Dales will be redirected to the hub.

The hub will maintain a list of contacts in the various communities in the Two Dales and will direct callers to their nearest support person.

The hub will also deliver shopping and prescriptions to your door using the Yellow Bus and a large team of volunteers. See the table of Covid-19 Support—Village Contacts on the opposite page.



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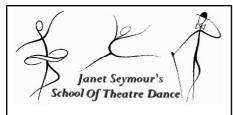
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Elizabeth









## Recommended Podcast • Skeptoid By Brian Dunning

https://skeptoid.com/ Episode 135:

### The Rendlesham Forest UFO

Skeptoid is an award-winning weekly science podcast. Since 2006, Skeptoid has been revealing the true science behind popular misinformation and urban legends.

Editor Note: Indulge me here. I have included a large amount of reading material here because its my belief that it will be enjoyed by many Gazette readers of all ages. It is a great example of a Skeptoid episode.

Skeptoid has educated me and others for years. I find it so educational in the way it is researched and presented. Therefore on behalf of the Reeth Gazette, I contacted the USA based host, Brian Dunning, and asked for permission to publish a transcript of a most fascinating podcast.

Brian kindly gave me special permission.

There are currently 727 existing Skeptoid episodes (yes that many) and they cover everything in the world of:

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- Urban legends e.g. the Loch Ness Monster and Big Foot.
- Alternative medicine e.g. detoxification and reflexology

 Conspiracy theories e.g. Kennedy Assassination or 9/11 "truth" theories

Brian Dunning applies reason and critical thinking to determine validity of each subject.

Each podcast is not just about the subject matter, it is about the method of applying reasoning; critical and non-bias application of known science. The way Brian presents this is an education in itself. I know he shares his podcasts to many schools and colleges in the USA.

Brian has allowed me to publish the transcript of the episode about one of the most famous ever reported UFO Incident that took place in Rendlesham Forest. On the perimeter of a US Air Force Base in England.

It is very well known as: 'The Rendlesham Forest UFO Incident'.

Many of you may have heard of this event and watched the many TV documentaries about it. Each documentary makes you believe something extraordinary happened. That is until you listen to Brian Dunning's Skeptoid episode Number 135.

The transcript I have extracted is taken from this URL: https://skeptoid.com/episodes/4135.

If on reading this, you want to investigate further then go to that link and you will be very interested to <u>listen to the actual cassette recordings</u> of Colonel Halt (deputy commander of the United States Air Force base in question). They are live from the event making this UFO evidence unique .Mike

### The Rendlesham Forest UFO

The Sci-Fi Channel calls it the most comprehensive cover-up in the history of Britain.

It's often called the most important UFO incident of the 20th Century. Imagine, alien spacecraft drifting through the woods on the perimeter of a US Air Force Base in England, shining their coloured lights around in plain view of pursuing military security personnel, for three nights in a row. And how did the UK and the USA react to this obvious threat to their nuclear arsenals? They didn't. There's no wonder the Rendlesham Forest UFO Incident is the one that UFOlogist's consider the most frightening.

If you watch the Sci-Fi Channel, the History Channel, the Discovery Channel, or any of the other paranormal TV networks, you've probably heard the popular version of events on those three nights.

### Here are the significant points:

Two old Royal Air Force airfields, RAF Bentwaters (**Gate in photo**) and RAF Woodbridge, are situated just two miles apart near the eastern coast of England. Throughout the Cold War they were operated by the United States Air Force.

On the night of Christmas Day, December 25, 1980, personnel at the base reported briaht UFOs streakina through the sky. Later that night, in the wee hours of December 26, security personnel from RAF Woodbridge entered Rendlesham Forest to investigate some strange, pulsating, coloured lights moving through the trees, that they thought at first might be a downed aircraft. Local constables were called and also participated in the observation. Base personnel described the craft they pursued as metal and conical, with a bright red light above and a circle of blue lights below, and suspended in a yellow mist. By daylight, they located a clearing where they thought the strangely lit craft had set down. and found three depressions in the ground in a triangular pattern. The Constables were called again and photographed and confirmed the landing site.

Two nights later in the wee hours of December 28, they returned to the site, led by Lt. Colonel Charles Halt,

second in command at the base

They brought a radiation detector and recorded high levels of radiation at the landing site, again observed the coloured, pulsating lights through the trees, and again pursued them through the forest. Other coloured lights were seen flying through the sky.

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### **Swaledale Night Sky**

My sleep pattern has been really broken this past couple of months, difficult times.

However, I was able to lose myself in the stunning Milky Way, rising in the east between 2 - 3 o'clock in the morning during several clear and crisp nights in April.

But now the darkest nights are gone as mid-summer approaches.

For those similarly disturbed, there is a chance during June and July to see one of the most unusual and beautiful events in the night sky, Noctilucent Clouds (see picture above) taken above Arkengarthdale).

These gently shimmering, iridescent, electric blue and dusky red clouds are magnificent!

When they are visible it may be between about 11pm and 3am. Low to the North-West in the late evening, moving

around past north to low in the North-East in the early morning.

Noctilucent Clouds are formed when ice particles clump around the leftover dust from shooting stars (meteors) floating high in the atmosphere on the edge of space. Where, at about 85km altitude the temperature is -90C. The mid-summer sun, on the far side of the earth from us, illuminates these clouds over the Arctic that are above the Earth's shadow. So, if like me you find yourself a bit wakeful and bleary eyed, maybe check out the northern sky this summer, just in case. Paul Clark

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### 2 Dales Football



We remain, of course, in lockdown and football is off the agenda for the rest of this season.

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We hope to restart matches in September and some training before then but are in the hands of the FA who seem only interested in the professional game. To help restart, we need more players and at least one more coach. Help us keep Dales football alive.

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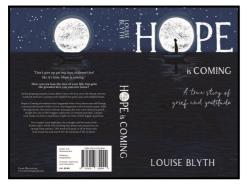
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### **Book Review** HOPE IS COMING by Louise Blyth



have ever met". Louise says she has "relied on memory to recall a series of real-life events that have been documented as authentically as my memory will allow".

She has succeeded in producing a gripping, beautifully constructed account of the thoughts and emotions she and George experienced as his story unfolded

Many readers of the Gazette will have known his mother Katie, who lived in Reeth for several years up until 2017.

#### ELIZABETH GREGSON

"Lets go to Reeth", he said. "I can always think more clearly there". George had just been diagnosed with Bookshop. I have not received any cancer.

This brutally honest autobiography by his young widow describes how she loved, and lost, "the greatest man I

Editor Note: I notice this book is available at The Old Temperance illegal bribes. I just like to promote local business as much as I can.

Mike B

### Support those who supported us

I will avoid being political but there is a common thread we can draw from Brexit and Covid-19. The old world will change whether we like it or not and attitudes will need to change likewise. The common thread is self-sufficiency. As a country we must be less dependent on cheap imports and the same applies at local level.

We should remember those who have been so supportive during the crisis. In addition to the marvellous army of volunteers, we should not forget those local businesses like Colin, Beavers, Cheese Man, Leyburn Pets and others who arranged deliveries. Tesco have significantly upped its game on deliveries but some supermarkets, particularly the German discounters, have made little or no attempt.

Support the local businesses and patronise those larger companies which supported us but at the expense of those who did not.

As a small example, I used to go to M&S to get Jersey butter. It is very good but I find the Reeth Post Office stocks lovely Jersey butter - I had never looked!

David

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Do you remember playing 'May I' at school? It was definitely easier than these lyrics.

- I'm amazed at the way you pulled me out of time and hung me on a line
   Maybe I'm Amazed, Macca
- It's late September and I really should be back at school - Maggie May, Rod the Mod
- Well, you are the one that makes me glad and you are the one that makes me sad - Maybe Baby, Buddy
- Why can't you be true? You've started back doing the things you used to do - Maybellene, Chuck
- Oh please won't you, please won't you bear it in mind, love is a lesson to learn in our time - May You Never, John Martyn

As for the tiebreaker, no idea what happened to that last month.

And the winner is: Noah Wan once again - my, does that boy know his music.

This month, well who knows what state of lockdown or unlockdown we will be in by the time you tackle these songs, so I thought I would go for songs with uplifting themes to them. Artist and titles please for the following:

- She's giving me the excitations (excitations oom bop bop)
- I see trees of green, red roses too.
- Here's a little song I wrote, you might want to sing it note for note
- Whoa! I feel nice, like sugar and spice
- Imagine me and you, I do I think about you day and night, it's only right

As for the tiebreaker: In which year was Beethoven's 'Ode To Joy' adopted as the "Anthem of Europe" by the Council of Europe?

The usual rules apply with no internet use allowed. £10.00 - because it's a rollover - will be donated to a charity of the winner's choosing. Answers can be left at the Post Office or sent via e -mail to:

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### Wensleydale Camera Club Annual Exhibition

This article compliments the promotional poster on the opposite page.

Quotes from the Club Chairman Andrew Fletcher:

"We use our website mainly to communicate with members, and we thought why not open it up to a bigger audience?"

"We heard the railway was really struggling financially with not getting any visitors. All our members wanted to help. So the exhibition welcomes visitors to Wensleydale, virtually, and invites them to make a donation if they can to the charity." "For such a small club, we boast an amazing diversity of interests and talents. We'll certainly have beautiful Dales landscapes, also cityscapes, natural history studies, fine art and abstract, travel and street photography. And, of course, a few locomotives."

Andrew Fletcher

### Stuff to read – and where you can get it

Libraries are closed, bookshops are shut, Amazon's deliveries are a bit flaky. So if you're running out of things to read, what can you do? Here are a few ideas.

Obviously you can download books to your device, i-pad, tablet, Kindle etc. But that can be expensive. An economical way of getting Amazon downloads is to sign up to their Daily Deal. You can buy the book of the day for just 99p.

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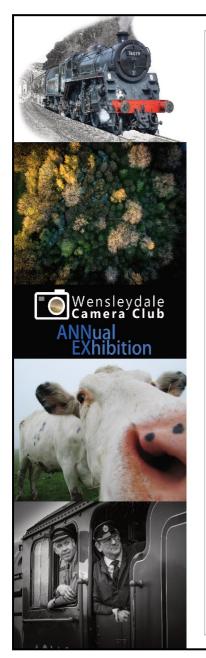
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Even if it's not something you would normally choose to read - give it a go. It might open your eyes to a new author or a different genre you haven't tried before

If you can think of other ways of getting reading matter, email me <u>elizabeth@bedfords.me.uk</u> and I'll share suggestions in next month's Gazette.

Elizabeth



# Wensleydale Camera Club ANNual EXhibition

The Wensleydale Camera Club's first online annual exhibition – the **ANNual EXhibition** – will be hosted in an **AnnEx** to the Club's website from 15 May to 30 June 2020. The exhibition features over a hundred images, all the work of its members.

In another first, the Club is collaborating with the

Wensleydale Railway to help raise funds for the charity's

work

The Club usually meets at the Leyburn Bolton Arms, but in March it was forced by the lockdown announcement to begin meeting virtually, and some of its events have had to be postponed until the restrictions are eased.

Although the ANNual EXhibition is, as ever, free to visitors, donations to the Railway charity are invited.

Established in 1957, the Club meets on Monday evenings from October.

Visit http://wensleydalecameraclub.co.uk/ann-ex.



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Col. Halt recorded the audio of this pursuit on a microcassette. Two weeks later, after debriefing all of his men who participated, he wrote down the specifics of the episode in a signed memo titled "Unexplained Lights", and sent it in to the British Ministry of Defence. Ever since, the airmen involved claim to have been coerced to change their stories and deny that anything happened, and were threatened with comments like "bullets are cheap." Wow. That story is really something, isn't it? But even more impressive than the story is the documentation, mainly Col. Halt's audio recording and signed memo. You don't rise to be Deputy Commander of a United States Air Force base with nuclear weapons if you're a nutcase, and when you're accompanied by local Police Constables and a number of Air Force security personnel who all file written reports. you don't exactly make up ridiculous stories There's little doubt that Rendlesham Forest probably has the best, most reliable evidence of any popular UFO story.

Ever since I first heard about the Rendlesham Forest incident, I've been as curious as anyone to know what actually happened. So I decided to begin with the null hypothesis — that nothing extraordinary happened — and then examine each piece of evidence that something extraordinary did happen, individually, on its own merit. I wanted to see if we could find a natural explanation for each piece of evidence: You always have to eliminate terrestrial explanations before you can consider the extraterrestrial

Let's take it chronologically. The first events were the reported UFO sightings at the base on the night of the 25th and the early hours of the 26th. It turns out that people on the base were not the only people to see this. UFO reports flooded in from all over Southern England, as it turned out that night was one of the best on record for dramatic meteors. The first were at 5:20pm and again at 7:20pm over Southeastern England. Later at 9pm, the upper stage of a Russian rocket that had launched the Cosmos 749 satellite re-entered and broke up. As reported in the Journal of the British Astronomical Association, 250 people called in and reported a sighting as the first six fragments came streaking in. which then broke up into more than 20. Finally, at about 2:45am on the morning of the 26th, a meteor described by witnesses as "bright as the moon" flew overhead with an unusually long duration of 3-4 seconds. The experience of the airmen was described in a letter home written by one of them:

'At [about 3am], me and five other guys were walking up a dark path about 2 miles from base... Then we saw a bright light go right over us about 50 feet up and just fly over a field. It was silent.'

At the same time on base, a Security Patrolman was dispatched to check the weapons storage area to see if a "falling star" had hit it. It had not. But it does seem clear that all of the UFO reports from the base are perfectly consistent with known meteor activity on that night. So much for the UFO sightings. Next piece of evidence.

Airmen at the east end of RAF Wood- incident. sight.

colours, that they felt came from a cation. mechanical object with a red light on Burroughs himself only reported seeing scription in a 1997 interview: lights. Cabansag, however, reported 'There was absolutely nothing in the that the only light they saw after actu- woods. We could see lights in the disally leaving the base was the one that tance and it appeared unusual as it was lighthouse or beacon beyond the farm- the lighthouse on the coast at the house. Cabansag reported that the yel- time). We also saw some strange collow haze had simply been the glow from oured lights in the distance but were the farmhouse lights. Once they unable to determine what they were reached the field, they turned around and returned to base without further

bridge went into the forest to investi- A further problem with Burroughs' gate a strange, pulsing, coloured light and Penniston's stories is that they that they suspected might be a downed have grown substantially over time. aircraft. We have the signed state-particularly Penniston's. In more recent ments of the three men who went into TV interviews, they've both claimed the forest, SSqt. Penniston and Airmen that they saw the craft fly up out of Cabansag and Burroughs, as well as that the trees and fly around. Penniston has of their superior, Lt. Buran, At this also unveiled a notebook which he point it's important to know the geog- claims he wrote during their forest raphy of the area. Heading east from chase, which he displayed on a 2003 Sci the East Gate of RAF Woodbridge, -Fi Channel documentary. Its times and there is about one mile of forest, fol-dates are wrong, and Burroughs has lowed by an open farmer's field several stated that Penniston did not make any acres in size. At the far end of that notes during the episode and would not field is a farmhouse. A little more than have had time to even if he'd wanted. 5 miles beyond that sits the Orford- Penniston's story has also expanded to ness lighthouse, in a direct line of include a 45 minute personal walkaround inspection of the object during Although the three men stayed to- which he took a whole roll of photogether, their reports are dramatically graphs (seized by the Air Force, of different. Penniston and Burroughs course), which from the written statereported moving lights of different ments of all three men, is a clear fabri-

Only Cabansag's version of events. top and blue lights below surrounded by that there was a single pulsing light a yellow haze. They even drew pictures later determined to be a distant beacon of it in their reports, but Penniston's or lighthouse, describes events that all illustration of their best view of it three men agreed on, and is consistent shows it partially obscured by trees with the statements of others. For and well off in the distance to the east, example, A1C Chris Arnold, who placed Burroughs' drawing of the object is the call to the police and waited at the based on Penniston's description, as end of the access road, gave this de-

all three men eventually identified as a a sweeping light, (we did not know about



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We wish all our traders, exhibitors, helpers, committee members and especially the general public who make the show a success, all the very best for the future.

We look forward to 2021 Show which will be held on Bank Holiday Monday 30th August, and very much look forward to seeing you there enjoying yourselves. We hope you and your families stay safe and well through these difficult times, and some normality is returned soon. Yours Sincerely, Tony Sunter, Chairman



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...Contrary to what people assert, at the time almost none of us knew there was a lighthouse at Orford Ness. Remember, the vast majority of folks involved were very young. Consequently it wasn't something most of the troops were cognisant of. That's one reason the lights appeared interesting or out of the ordinary to some.'

Police Constables responding to Arnold's call of "unusual lights in the sky" did arrive on the scene while Penniston, Cabansag, and Burroughs were still in the forest.

### Here is the report they filed:

Air traffic control West Drayton checked. No knowledge of aircraft reports received of aerial phenomena over Southern England during the night. Only lights visible were from Orford light house. Search made of area - negative.

So much for unusual lights or strange flying craft reported by the airmen in the forest on the first night. Next morning, some of the men found what they believed to be site of where Penniston's craft must have touched down. It was a clearing with three depressions in the ground, possibly made by landing pads. Again the police were called.

### The police report stated :

There were three marks in the area which did not follow a set pattern. The impressions made by the marks were of no depth and could have been made by an animal.

Forestry Commission worker Vince Thurkettle, who lived less than a mile away, was also present at the examination of the landing site. Astronomer Ian Ridpath, interviewed Thurkettle about the impressions and the reported burn marks on the surrounding trees. He recognized them as rabbit diggings, several months old and covered with a layer of fallen pine needles... The "burn marks" on the trees were axe cuts in the bark, made by the foresters themselves as a sign that the trees were ready to be felled. So much for the landing site.

It was two nights later that Col. Halt decided to take the investigation into his own hands (contrary to the popular telling that says there were events on three nights in a row, there are no reported events on the second night). Halt properly armed himself with a Geiger counter and an audio recorder and took some men to examine the landing site and the strange lights. It's been reported that Halt found radiation levels at the landing site ten times higher than normal background levels:

### Col. Halt: "Up to 7 tenths? Or 7 units, let's call it, on the 0.5 scale."

The highest level reported by Col. Halt on his audio tape, "7 tenths", corresponded to .07 milliroentgens per hour, just at the lowest reading on the bottom range of the meter, the "0.5 scale". The UK's National Radiological Protection Board (NRPB) told Ian Ridpath that levels between .05 and .1 mR/h were normal background levels; however, this particular meter was designed to measure much higher levels of radiation and so it was "not credible" to establish a level of only ten times normal background.

So much for Col. Halt's radiation.

And then they observed the mysterious coloured light flashing through the trees:.....continued on next page

Col. Halt: "You just saw a light? Where? Slow down. Where?" Unidentified: "Right on this position here. Straight ahead, in between the

trees - there it is again. Watch straight ahead, off my flashlight there, sir. There it is."

Col. Halt: "I see it, too. What is i+?"

Unidentified: "We don't know, sir." Col. Halt: "It's a strange, small red light."

at exactly five second intervals:

when viewed from Rendlesham forest.

two miles South of Bentwaters - and they won't turn into a bar of gold. from there, unknown to Col. Halt. Orfordness lighthouse is indeed due East.

Col. Halt: "We've passed farmer's house and are crossing the next field and now we have multiple sightings of up to five lights with a similar shape and all but they seem to be steady now rather than a pulsating or glow with a red flash."

Five steady lights glowing red. The Orfordness Transmitting Station is just two miles up the coast from the lighthouse, and features five tall radio towers topped with red lights. Col. Halt's Every lighthouse has a published inter- thoroughness was commendable, but val at which it flashes. This is how Sea even he can be mistaken. Without ex-Captains are able to identify which ception, everything he reported on his light they're seeing. The Orfordness audiotape and in his written memo has a lighthouse has an interval of 5 seconds. perfectly rational and unremarkable Now listen to the same exchange again explanation. OK we are nearly out of (listen on website); I've added a beep evidence to examine. All that remains is the tale that the men were debriefed Although several times during the and ordered never to mention the tape Col. Halt calls the light red, he is event. Well, as we've seen on TV, the contradicted by his men who say it's men all talk quite freely about it, and yellow. In photographs of the 1980 even Col. Halt says that to this day light taken before it was replaced, it nobody has ever debriefed him. It apdid indeed look orange. Even the new pears to be just another dramatic inlight, which is mercury vapor discharge vention for TV. When you examine each and therefore whiter and bluer than piece of evidence separately on its own the original incandescent, appears dis- merit, you avoid the trap of pattern tinctly red in photographs and video matching and finding correlations where none exist. The meteors had Col. Halt, having been in the area nothing to do with the lighthouse or longer than most of the young service- the rabbit diggings, but when you hear men, did know about the lighthouse; but all three stories told together, it's he didn't think this light could be it easy to conclude (as did the airmen) because it was coming from the east. that the light overhead became an alien Col. Halt believed the lighthouse was to spacecraft in the forest. Always rethe South East. This is true from RAF member: Separate pieces of poor evi-Bentwaters, where Halt was from. But dence don't aggregate together into a the chase through the forest proceed- single piece of good evidence. You can ed due east from RAF Woodbridge - stack cowpies as high as you want, but

**Brian Dunning** Skeptoid

### Diary Dates

### **June**

13th Film in Gunnerside Village Hall: 'Sometimes, Always, Never'. Starring Bill Nighy, 7.30 pm, doors and bar open 7pm.

20th Day Field Trip Arkengarthdale with Richard Lamb.

### July

1st 7.30 pm, David Johnson, 'Lime Kilns in Swaledale & Arkengarthdale', with book presentation of Time Please! 'Lost Inns, Pubs and Alehouses of the Yorkshire Dales (2019)'. Swaledale Museum.

15th 7.30 pm Helen Guy, 'The lives and legacy of Richard and Cherry Kearton', Swaledale Museum

18th Mobile Skip on Reeth green, 9am - 1pm.

29th 7.30 pm Dr Christine Hallas, 'Poverty & Pragmatism in the Two Dales 1790-1914', Swaledale Museum.

### **August**

5th 7.30 pm Tracy Little and Helen Bainbridge, 'How to Date Local Photographs. Some Tactics, Techniques & Tips', Swaledale Museum

8th Day Field Trip at Cobscar near Redmire with Ian Spensley

19th 7.30 pm Second John Squires
Lecture, Kimberley Starkie,
Archivist NYCRO 'Researching
Swaledale and Arkengarthdale
using the resources at the
North Yorkshire County Record

Office', Swaledale Museum.

### September

16th 7.30 pm Shaun Richardson,
'Removed and Revealed: Some
Effects of the July 2019
Flooding on Archaeology In
the Two Dales'.

### Reeth Memorial Hall Events

All concerts until the end of August have been either cancelled or postponed. Please see the Hall website for further

details: www.reethmemorialhall.co.uk

### Muker 2020 Show Cancelled

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