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Elizabeth Bedford 886974

Remembrance Day Parade and Service, Sunday 13th November 2022.

Everyone is invited to join in the Parade starting at the Bus Shelter, Reeth at 2.00pm for a Service of Remembrance at St Andrew's Church Grinton, commencing at 2.30pm. There will be a bus available from Reeth green at 2.00pm to take to the service people who do not wish to join the parade. Also, following the Service, to return to Reeth Memorial Hall where tea will be served.

Service of Remembrance, Friday 11th November 2022.

There will be a short Service of Remembrance at Reeth War Memorial in the morning to which all are invited. Please gather at the Memorial at 10.50am.

For any further information contact The Clerk to Reeth, Fremington and Healaugh Parish Council, 07984974755.



Cover Photo: the winner of the Reeth and District Gazette Shield and prize at the Muker Show on 7th September was James Barton, age 5, who took this picture of his cousin Phoebe Guy.

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The deadlines for the next two months are:

November issue: October 10th
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Food Bank Collection Point at Hudson House

Gazette readers may like to know that a food bank collection point has been opened at Hudson House in Reeth. Donations will go to The Storehouse food bank in Richmond run by the Influence Church. Please note that because of the time required to transport, sort and pack food parcels, the food bank can only accept long-life items such as those on the list below. Readers may also find it helpful to know that the Storehouse is open to new enquiries on Thursday afternoons between 4.00pm and 6.00pm and that no proof of need is required for a first visit. The food bank is located in the Influence Church building, which is the old cinema opposite the cricket ground (DL10 4AS). If transport is a problem, you can always contact Reeth and District Community Transport at Hudson House on 01748 884485 (choose option 3 for RDCT). You can find out more about the Food Bank at www.influencechurch.co.uk/storehouse or if you don't have access to the internet, by ringing the church office on 01748 823161.

Mike Evershed, Chair Hudson House

ESSENTIAL ITEMS

Tinned meat or fish	Cereal
Tinned vegetables and fruit	Porridge
Tinned meals (eg. chilli, stew)	UHT milk
Tinned Soup	Rice
Pie in a tin	Squash
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Reeth Bonfire Night

Autumn is upon us and it's time to announce Reeth's Bonfire and Fireworks Display on Saturday 5th November commencing at 6pm with the judging of the Guy competition.

The winner will receive a prize and the honour of having their Guy placed on top of the bonfire which will be lit at 6.30pm. The Firework Display will follow at 7pm.



On the evening collectors with buckets will be in attendance for donations of your choice.

We hope to see you all there for a fun and enjoyable evening.

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**Reeth Green, Saturday
22nd October 9am-1pm**

The following household waste is accepted at all mobile centres:

- furniture (including beds, mattresses, sofas and chairs), bric-a-brac;
- paper, cardboard, telephone directories, books;
- glass, food and drink cans, foil, scrap metal;
- mixed textiles and clothes;
- fluorescent tubes, TVs and monitors, fridges and freezers, large appliances, small appliances;
- wood.

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Support Group expands

Northallerton & District M.E. Support Group are now offering support to Fibromyalgia and Long Covid sufferers. They are currently the only such group in North Yorkshire and Durham.

Sufferers, carers and family members are welcome to come along for an informal chat, cup of tea and biscuits. They meet once a month on the first Monday of each month in The Cottage meeting room at the Methodist Church in Northallerton, between 1.30pm and 3.30pm.

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'Autumn Leaves' Concert

Join us at St Andrew's Church, Grinton on Saturday 8th October at 7.30pm when Swaledale's own Jazz group 'The Good Vibes Trio' will be presenting a concert, 'Autumn Leaves', to brighten the spirits as the nights draw in!

Pianist John Hunter has performed in many prestigious venues including the Richmond Georgian Theatre Royal, alongside his wife Jane on Vibraphone. It is here they met clarinettist Adam Bradley who completes the instrumental trio.

Vocals are courtesy of Gracie Will, who has also starred in several musicals locally and further afield.

There will be a retiring collection and refreshments will be available.

John Hunter

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MOUNTAIN AND CAVE RESCUE TEAM

2 Incidents this edition

On average we respond to between 50 to 60 calls each year.

Incident 31: 02/09/2022: North Yorkshire police called us to assist with the evaluation of a casualty near Hudswell. Unfortunately, the casualty was pronounced dead at the scene & was evacuated by the team.

During August the team also attended a multi team underground rescue exercise in the northern Pennines.

Incident 30: 30/08/2022: Called to

assist the Ambulance and fire service with the extraction of a casualty in a difficult location. As the first team members arrived it turned out that our services weren't required.



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Food waste and composting

More than 60% of the contents of an average rubbish bin is biodegradable and over a third could be composted at home according to the **North Yorkshire Rotters**, who came to speak to the Sustainable Swaledale Group. The Rotters volunteers can speak to groups (no charge) about reducing food waste and increasing home composting. www.northyorks.gov.uk/north-yorkshire-rotters

North Yorkshire County Council offers discounted compost bins: www.northyorks.gov.uk/composting

Peat compost to be banned for domestic use and paludiculture

The government announced on 27th August that **peat-based composts will be banned for domestic use** from 2024. According to government figures, bagged retail growing media accounts for 70% of the peat sold in the UK. The government is also working with horticultural firms to phase out peat-based composts in their sector. It has launched a £5 million fund to promote paludiculture (farming on rewetted peatland).

Source: DEFRA press release 27/8/2022 <https://tinyurl.com/yc3susvc>

Content collected in the green bins is used to create peat free compost sold

at the Leyburn Household Waste Recycling Centre.

Peat bog restoration

Hear how peatland restoration has seen a return of sundew to Fleet Moss (between Buckden and Hawes). Listen to the Dales Countryside Museum (DCM) Blog at:

<https://tinyurl.com/yeaetzfk>

Last chance to see "The Give Peat a chance" exhibition at the DCM which closes 9th October.

Seed Collection Walk

Ancient woodland contains trees best adapted to local conditions. Help us create a tree nursery using seeds from established local trees by joining us on a **seed collection walk on Thursday 13 October 10:00 to 12:30**. The walk will be led by Alasdair Fagan from the Woodland Trust and Carol Douglas from the Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust. Swaledale location to be advised. To register interest, please email info@sustainableswaledale.org or phone Rob on 886 381.

Wing It

Sustainable Swaledale Group has received funding for its **Wing It** project for swifts, swallows and martins in Arkengarthdale and Swaledale from the YDNPA Sustainable Development Fund. The project will run for 2 years and aims to

- create 25 new nest sites each year
- establish an inventory of nest boxes, bricks and cups
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- collect data about nest sites and bird gatherings
- increase public awareness and engagement with the birds
- make the project sustainable going forward.

Watch out for further information.

Clickable links available via the Sustainable Swaledale website

Margaret

Sustainable Swaledale Group

Find out more and join in:

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

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Our next drop-in flu clinic will be held in **Reeth Memorial Hall on Thursday 3rd November** between **10.00am-11.30am** - no appointments, just turn up!

On the day please remember the following:

- Do not attend if you are feeling unwell or have been asked to self-isolate
- Attend ready to receive your vaccination - wear a short-sleeve, loose-fitting top
- Bring a bag for any coats or jumpers as there will be nowhere to put items down
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Muker Parish Council Minutes of Parish Council Meeting Held June 2022

Present: Cllr Calvert, Cllr Porter, Cllr Peacock, Cllr McMullon and Cllr Whitehead presiding.

Apologies: Cllr Metcalfe and Cllr Reynoldson.

Clerk: Michael Cleminson.

Matters Arising:

Signage - Awaiting a reply from Ian Beighton from Highways. Cllr Peacock reported that from her contacts with Ian Beighton it is likely that two signs will be fixed to the wall which Highways own, Cllr Peacock to make contact to establish progress concerning installation.

Memorial bench Occupation Lane Muker - awaiting a response from Muker commons Committee Adam Hunter

Farmers Arms - sales of premises and premises across the road. Cllr Whitehead reported that the properties cannot be sold separately. It was agreed that the Premises should be registered as a Community Asset. Clerk to register with Richmondshire District Council.

Minutes of previous meeting:

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 19 May 2022, have been circulated. The minutes were approved as a correct record. Proposed by: Cllr Whitehead, Seconded by: Cllr Porter.

Finance: Nothing to report

Highways:

Gutter and offsets on Crowtrees Hill. Cllr Peacock said she had been in

contact with Highways, who think a site visit would be appropriate to establish what needs doing and whose responsibility it is. Cllr Porter agreed that he would attend, when arranged with Steve Barker from Highways, who is currently on leave until 7th July.

Cllr Porter reported that the weak bridge sign at Ivelet Bridge is lying in the roadside. Clerk to report to Highways.

Richmondshire D.C:

Cllr. McMullen has been pursuing the defective light in Muker and a diffuser for one light in Thwaite. Unfortunately, there has been a change in personnel with RDC and these matters seemed to have been neglected. Cllr. McMullen is now in contact with the new member of staff and will update on the situation.

NYCC: - Nothing to report

YDNPA:

Ref. R/06/37B Householder planning permission for erection of two-storey extension to rear (east elevation) of property at Frith Holme, West Stonesdale, Richmond, DL11 6EA - The Parish Council supports this application, Cllr. Peacock advised that the Parish Council should outline its reasons for supporting. In this case it is to provide extra accommodation for 3 local young children and the extension is not visible from the road and is in keeping with existing buildings. Clerk to submit comments to YDNP Planning Dept.

YLCA:

Platinum Jubilee grant funding for village halls. The Parish Council considered that there were ample funding schemes available. Cllr. Peacock pointed out that some funding may still be available up to the end of September.

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Correspondence/AOB:

Tree-planting on Kisdon Side, near Keld:
Cllr. Calvert reported the recent planting of trees on Kisdon Side, no consultation had taken place with the Parish Council. The concerns are:-

- a. The trees are planted in a stark grid formation, with no consideration to blending into the natural beauty of the dale.
- b. Some of the trees planted are not indigenous to the local area
- c. Planted at the wrong time of year ie. May 2022 disturbing the nesting season for birds and wildlife.

It is reported that this planting took place with the approval of the Yorkshire Dales National Park. The land in question has been purchased by someone not local to the area, who seems to have recklessly planted trees without considering the impact of their actions, namely the beauty of the dales and destruction of flora and fauna. Clerk to correspond with Mr. Rishi Sunak MP, Yorkshire Dales National Park, & DEFRA.

Date and Time of next meeting:
7.30pm Thursday 11th August in
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We are delighted to have secured the next stage in the life of the Swaledale Museum Collection. Acquired from the early 1970s, it comprises over 1,000 objects covering 300 million years of Swaledale and Arkengarthdale history, from rocks, minerals and fossils, stone age tools, leadmining equipment, knitting sticks and quilts to 1950s home-made toys. We have been looking after and growing the Collection for nearly twenty years, and as responsible caretakers we are planning for its future. The recent development of Keld Resource Centre [KRC], and the acquisition of the School Room, with the intention of developing a museum that explores life in Swaledale, seemed a perfect opportunity to pass the responsibility of the Collection on to a safe, professional and dedicated venue. We feel that the Collection will comfortably move from one village school to another, continuing its work educating and entertaining visitors and locals alike. Most importantly the Collection will stay in the Dale.

Though much of the Collection is moving, the Swaledale Museum is staying in Reeth. We are committed to keeping it as a place for the enjoyment, gathering and dissemination of local history. The space offers opportunities for us to develop more focused themes, to borrow objects back from the KRC

Collection, and deploy twenty years of experience working with local artefacts and archives in the investigation of related subjects. We are thinking about writing an historical guidebook to the dales, (starting with Reeth), and also pursuing collaborative research ventures. We hope to host exhibitions, workshops and school parties and groups, and develop local historical walks. Our shop will be open as usual. We will let you know how our plans shape up as we work on ideas and projects and look forward to seeing you when we re-open, as usual, in the Spring. The Friends of Swaledale Museum is supporting this development and excited about the new opportunities it presents. We thank them, and all those who have sent their good wishes.

Meanwhile research into our local history continues. We were thrilled to meet Mrs Mylle West who came to the Museum last month. She is the grand-niece of Mrs Bennison who donated a splendid silk and velvet patchwork quilt in 1975. We have always wanted to know more about the donor of this elegant piece of stitching made by someone who clearly had access to rather luxurious fabrics. The textiles, though expensive, are in a poor condition as the finish on the surface, used to create a glossy sheen, has eaten into the fibres. After her visit Mrs West kindly sent us a photograph of her grand-aunt Mrs Hilda May Bennison (1887-1990), who lived to 103. She was the daughter of John Dunn, who came to Battersby, on the Esk Valley line, as a Station Master. She trained as a teacher, became the

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headmistress of the school at Bransdale, Helmsley, and married William Bennison, a solicitor in Stokesley. After becoming a widow, Mrs West notes that, 'Auntie May wanted to come back to her beloved Dales and had always loved tramping over the 'tops' with those stunning views'. To get better views 'she often moved, after a gentleman from Norman Brown's would come and take her out for a drive to look at selected properties'. In the 1950s she was in Gunnerside, but also lived for a time at Crackpot. Her tombstone in Grinton Churchyard records her as 'a remarkable lady of the Dales'. Does anyone remember Mrs Bennison? If you do, we would love to hear from you. We think that the patchwork might have been made by Mrs Bennison's mother.

The Bothroyd (also Boothroyd or Botheroyd) clock we have had mended is now ticking happily away. It will be staying where it was made, in Reeth. The clockmender had some interesting things to say about its construction. Though the exterior and the painted spandrels are c.1840, elements of the interior including the escapements are from the 1790s. It looks as if the Bothroyds of High Row, Reeth made use of old clock parts to create fashionable contemporary pieces. James Bothroyd, who was probably responsible for this clock, is buried, like Mrs Bennison, in Grinton Churchyard. He died in 1875 aged 63, joined by his widow Ann, in 1890.

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Despite the difficulties of the last two years, House Box collections like ours have helped raise more than £1 million for young people who need support.

One of the young people who has been helped is Alyssa. When she was younger her dad used to hit her mum. Eventually they managed to escape from him and move to a new town. But at school she was bullied and started to have panic attacks. She didn't want to bother anyone.

Eventually she told her mum and they got in touch with Kerry, one of the Children's Society project workers. Alyssa and Kerry met for therapy sessions every week and Alyssa was finally able to look at herself in a different way and get back the hope and confidence she'd lost. Your House Box collections help the Society provide therapy and well-being support just like this for thousands of children every year.

It is now time for the annual opening of our boxes. This will take place on **Wednesday 26th October from 2.00 pm - 4.30 pm at the Vicarage, Langhorne Drive** when the money will be counted.

We appreciate that many of you have not been using cash over the last year so may not have any money in your box. If you would like to make a donation, you could put it in an envelope with your name on it and leave it at the Vicarage. If it is not possible for you to come with your box or donation that afternoon, please contact Pauline Oldershaw on **01748 886790** for other arrangements to be made. Thank you so much for your support. Further details of the Society's work may be found on www.childrensociety.org.uk/.

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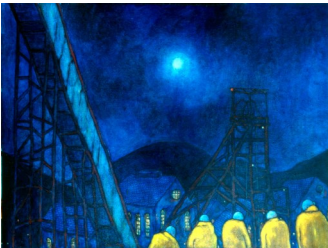
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underground and in the pit yard that they wanted to express in art. We find no similar bodies of experiential work from the other heavy industries, such as steel making or ship-building, which surely must have been more persuasive to the artist's eye than the arcane underworld of the miner. But the coalminer had more to tell. This is experiential art - what it felt like to be a miner. Who better to tell the tale? Nor did the story just end at the pit gates. Mining artists take us to their homes and their communities and totally absorb us in their whole way of life. Some moved on to become

professional artists but none forgot their main inspiration and have left us with a uniquely powerful first hand record of a mighty, all consuming industry - now consigned to history.

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Our big news this month has been the installation of our new sprung floor in the Studio. After much hard work and fund raising the volunteers set to and stripped out the room and prepared the floor ready for the specialist contractors, saving both time and money. The new floor is now level, very smart, the room re-decorated, ugly piping has been boxed in and will benefit the groups who use the room for their activities. In particular it will benefit young dancers by being kinder on the ankles. At the opening event demonstrations were given by Dales School of Performing Arts & two volunteers, Joan and Carl from the Sequence Dancing sessions held in the Centre.

Our next major project is the Community Shed which began with the proposal for a Men's Shed way back in 2019. More research and evaluations have taken place during our Covid years and the plan is now for a multi-use shed with disabled access. It seems a long time in the planning, But as always, what's the usual saying? Watch this space!

We have a busy period from now until Christmas, last of the plants for sale at reduced prices, and with a variety of events, including our own favourite LADS productions who always entertain. We are also part of two festivals; we are very pleased to offer in Leyburn, the Yorkshire Silent Film and the French Film Festival. See our website for more information or call in.

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	10.00 am	St. Joseph & Francis Xav. Richmond	<i>Mass</i>
	10.30 am	Low Row URC	
	11.00 am	St. Edmund's, Marske	<i>Holy Communion</i>
	11.00 am	Holy Trinity Low Row	<i>Eucharist</i>
	11.00 am	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
	6.30 pm	Gunnarside Methodist	<i>Harvest Festival</i>
	6.30 pm	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
9th Oct.	9.30 am	St. Andrew's Grinton	<i>Eucharist</i>
	9.30 am	St Michael's Downholme	<i>Morning Prayer</i>
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	11.00 am	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
	11.00 am	St. Edmund's, Marske	<i>Holy Communion</i>
	2.00 pm	Gunnerside Methodist	<i>Holy Communion followed by Church Council meeting at 3 pm</i>
	6.30 pm	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
23rd Oct.	9.30 am	St. Andrew's Grinton	<i>Eucharist</i>
	9.30 am	St Michael's Downholme	<i>Holy Communion</i>
	10.00 am	St. Joseph & Francis Xav. Richmond	<i>Mass</i>
	10.30 am	Low Row URC	
	11.00 am	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
	11.00 am	St. Edmund's, Marske	<i>Holy Communion</i>
	11.15 am	St. Mary's Arkengarthdale	<i>Holy Communion BCP</i>
	6.30 pm	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
30th Oct.	10.00 am	St. Joseph & Francis Xav. Richmond	<i>Mass</i>
	10.30 am	St. Andrew's Grinton	<i>United Parish Eucharist</i>
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The Tees-Swale: naturally connected project has started work with farmers and large landowners interested in enhancing and extending our meadowland and is also working with Sustainable Swaledale on 'Meadow Magic': aimed at helping people with small parcels of land (including gardens) learn how to introduce or improve the wildflower coverage of their immediate environment.

For the first year, six parcels of land have been identified. In each case, a soil sample has been taken and analysed (meadow flowers prefer low nutrients levels and a neutral pH). Work planned to allow volunteers to develop the necessary skills and understanding to manage the sites as meadow areas is now under way:



1. A field occasionally grazed by sheep will introduce a grazing plan to allow flowers to grow, and will be treated with green hay.
2. An existing paddock will be redesigned to include wildflower areas as part of a natural horsemanship scheme.
3. Wildflower 'islands' will be created in a garth with a stream running through it. The islands will be scythed and then managed to see how flower species develop in different levels of moisture.
4. A spring grazing plan will be introduced to a juvenile meadow, aided by some liming and plug planting to expand the richness and diversity of its existing flora.
5. An acidic, nutrient rich lawn area will be limed (and one section scarified), wildflower seeds introduced and then managed with a mowing programme.
6. A control area with the 'right' conditions will be left to itself.

An annual survey programme, conducted by volunteers trained by Tees-Swale: naturally connected, will monitor and report on progress.

It is hoped that more parcels of land will be added to the project in future years, and it will be extended to include gardens (of any size). If you would like to be involved in any way, please get in touch with Sustainable Swaledale.

Tees-Swale: naturally connected is led by North Pennines AONB and YDNPA and is supported by the National Lottery Heritage Fund.

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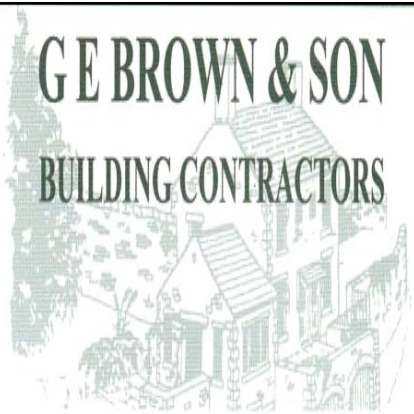
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As part of the Festival, enjoy complimentary cake and coffee with a selection of standards, songbook favourites and rarer gems celebrating the music and the artists of the Jazz



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Look out for cheesey bites and themed dishes in local cafes and restaurants, demos using local produce, cookery courses, dining experiences, Yorkshire gin and ales, specially created dairy ice

creams and sorbets, jams, jellies and chutneys, locally-reared meat on menus, and the chance to meet the makers.

Events will be held within businesses located around the Yorkshire Dales and a list of what's happening can be found on the YDNP website. Details are also listed on the Yorkshire Dales Cheese Festival Facebook page.

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Twelve-year old scoops first place in national Dressage competition

A 12-year-old student has scooped first place after beating competitors five years older than her to win a national dressage tournament.

Annabelle Hird, a Year 8 at Richmond School and Sixth Form College, trains with Bedale West of Yore Pony Club and The 3 Valleys Riding Club. Annabelle took home the individual and team dressage win at the British Riding Club National 5-star Championships at Lincoln Showground and was also crowned the Overall British Riding Clubs Junior Dressage Champion out of 116 competitors.

Riding her pony Meg, Annabelle worked really hard over the summer to prepare for the championships. Her fantastic test was rewarded with her win in the individual section and contributed to a team win for the four members of The 3 Valleys Riding Club. In addition, Annabelle was part of the Bedale West of Yore Pony Club team who came first out of 21 teams at the recent Pony Club Championships.

Annabelle, who lives on a remote farm

at the top of Arkengarthdale, has been riding since the age of three around the farm but has only been competing seriously since Spring 2020 when she got Meg, her new pony. Meg is a 14hh Connemara-Cross Thoroughbred and together they have created a winning partnership. Annabelle loves being a member of the pony and riding clubs and is a great all-rounder, participating in all activities. She particularly enjoys show jumping, however over the summer Annabelle concentrated on her dressage skills and this has paid dividends with her tremendous national successes.



Annabelle said: "I am really proud of everything I have achieved with Meg. She is a very special pony and we work really well together and have a lot of trust in each other. I was excited to attend the National Championships as it is such a big event, I knew we had a good team that would hopefully get placed but to win both individually and overall was unexpected. I am very grateful to my coaches especially my Aunt Sally Richardson and Robert Blane from the Bedale West of Yore Pony Club who



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helped me achieve this success. It was a fantastic feeling to be awarded three sashes and rosettes, not forgetting a rug for Meg during the prize giving and I particularly enjoyed the lap of honour."

Jenna Potter, Headteacher, said: "With only two years of experience in dressage under her belt it is amazing that Annabelle outclassed 116 competitors, many of whom were much older than her. Annabelle's passion and dedication to her riding is admirable and she is a great example to our students demonstrating so many of our School CREDIT Values, including excellence, teamwork, determination and independence."

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It's Showtime! Reeth Show 2022

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Arlo from Grinton, bottom left, won the hearts of the crowd as he soldiered on to finish the fell race

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Muker Show 2022

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Why creating is so good for you...

Definition Creativity: the use of imagination or original ideas to create something; inventiveness

During lockdowns I tried lots of creative activities. I sought out online textile courses, wrote some stories (and dodgy poetry), joined Postcrossing, messed about with clay and I even found myself using felt tip pens for colouring in. I found it all engrossing: it diverted my mind from the frustration of isolation.

Post pandemic, life has returned to its busier state, and I have neglected my creative side. As the nights draw in, and in an attempt to resist my "no time to sew" attitude, I am preparing my nest of fabric and oiling my sewing machine to make something this winter.

As co-creator of Reeth Makers Markets, I asked a couple of our lovely makers what makes them create beautiful things...

"My Mum was given a Singer sewing machine in in 1937 for her 21st birthday and this is the one I use for all my work. I've been working with fabric since I was 30 and this wonderfully cumbersome cabinet machine has endured 6 house moves. Having a workroom is to me such an important part of the house!"

Jenny

"I came across macramé by accident in 2021 having never knitted or crocheted. My first creation was a huge wall hanging; deciding to Go Large

and following an online tutorial I realised I love Macrame. Since then, I have moved onto dreamcatchers, plant hangers, crystal bearers..and now teach Wellbeing Workshops." Ness

You can come and chat with these and many more of our lovely makers at Reeth Makers Market Christmas Fair on 19 November 10-4pm in Reeth Memorial Hall.

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It was wonderful to resume singing at the beginning of September, and to welcome some new members to our friendly choir. Unfortunately, the first week saw a music library malfunction when we realised a little too late that we had been sent Haydn's Creation rather than Haydn's Nelson Mass - "despairing cursing rage" indeed (if you know your Creation), but we enjoyed a good sing anyway and got our brains tuned into Haydn. The following weeks went much more smoothly, and we are now enjoying working on Haydn's Nelson Mass as well as John Rutter's Magnificat for our **concert in St Mary's Arkengarthdale at 3pm on 3rd December**. Tickets will be available at Reeth Post Office, on WeGotTickets.com and on the door.

It's not too late to join us if you would like to sing with us weekly, or if singing is not your thing but you would like to support music in the dales please consider becoming a Friend of Swale Singers by contacting Jill or Paul Adamson on jandpra@btinternet.com.



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u3a celebrates 40 years during u3a Week 17th - 25th September

u3a used to be known as University of the Third Age but is now abbreviated to u3a, partly because the former was a little confusing. Third age tended to imply the age of participants and university suggested it was academic but it's more accurately the university of life and there isn't a strict age requirement to join.

u3a week in September was an opportunity to showcase what we do. From the start, the guiding principles have been to promote lifelong learning through self-help interest groups covering a wide range of topics and activities as chosen by their members. There is no minimum age, but a focus on people who are no longer in full-time employment or raising a family. Its founders envisaged a collaborative approach with people learning from each other rather than a teacher/pupil set up. The u3a movement was to be self-funded, with members not working towards qualifications but learning purely for pleasure. There would be no distinction between the learners and the teachers - everyone could take a turn at being both if they wished.

It's all voluntary, with a low-cost annual membership, which locally is £16 and a small fee to pay for some classes or pursuits. A typical u3a like the Leyburn & District one, which formed in 2015, is home to various activity groups covering lots of different subjects. Every u3a is

unique in what is on offer as it's driven by its members. If a particular subject or topic is not yet on offer, members can put the suggestion forward or even offer to start such a group. Depending on the topic, indoor classes might take place locally at Leyburn Arts & Community Centre (LACC) or the home of a member.

Topics and interests on offer locally currently include Art Appreciation, Bell Ringing, Birds, Book Group, Cribbage, Current Affairs, DIY For Beginners, Drawing and Painting, Garden Visits, Laptops & Technology, Science, Ukulele, Walking/Rambling. Not yet A-Z but a fair try!!

In addition to this, each month an interesting talk by an invited speaker takes place and is held at the Community Centre on the third Friday of every month at 10.00am, to which visitors are always welcome. u3a is a great way to meet like minded people and to enjoy meeting socially, even just for a chat over a cuppa.

Annual membership at Leyburn & District u3a is a bargain at just £16. If you'd like to discover more, come along to one of our monthly talks or check out the website at <https://u3asites.org.uk/leyburn/welcome>

Leyburn u3a Group October Meeting

The October meeting of Leyburn u3a is on Friday 21st October, 10.00am for 10.30am at the Arts & Community Centre, Richmond Road, Leyburn. The speaker is Jenny Blackburn—"Life on the High Seas". Future Meetings: Friday November 18th: Helen Keep - "The Wensleydale Project."



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Sat 8th Oct - 'Autumn Leaves' concert by the Good Vibes Trio + vocalist - St Andrew's Church, Grinton , 7.30pm

Fri 14th Oct - 8pm Andy Irvine, one of the great Irish singers, musicians and teller of tales. Reeth Memorial Hall. Tickets £15 PO or hall website.

Sat 22nd October - **Mobile Skip**, Reeth Green, 9am-1pm

Sat 22nd Oct - **Colin Bailey & Friends** Leyburn Methodist Hall 10.45am www.leyburnjazz.co.uk

Tues 25th Oct - **Swaledale Scouts Beetle Drive** 6.30pm Fremington Village Hall with pie & pea supper. Fun for all ages

Thurs 27th Oct - **TLC @Gunnerside** our annual quiz night with quizmaster Bob 7.30 - Gunnerside Village Hall

November

Fri 4th Nov - **Domino Drive** Muker Public Hall, 7.30pm

Sat 5th Nov - **Reeth Bonfire and Fireworks Display**, commences 6pm Reeth Green

Sat 12th Nov—**Blueboxt Quiz Night** Falls Café and Gift Shop, Aysgarth 7pm

Sat 19th Nov - **Reeth Makers Market Christmas Fair** 10am - 4pm in Reeth Memorial Hall for lots of lovely locally made goodies..

Thurs 24th Nov - **TLC @Gunnerside** Kathryn Guy shows us how to make a felted bauble for the Christmas tree 7.30pm Gunnerside Village Hall

December

Sat 3rd Dec - **Swaledale Scouts Big Breakfast** Reeth Memorial Hall 9.30-12 noon

Sat 3rd Dec - **Swale Singers concert**, 3pm St Mary's Arkengarthdale

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