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PRICELESS

On a different level:
Open Gardens at
Low Row

Saturday 29th June

Nature enthusiasts and curious minds are invited to delve into the botanical wonders of Upper Swaledale at the upcoming Low Row Open Garden Day. Scheduled for Saturday, June 29th, from 10:30 am to 4:00 pm, *On a different level* will be the first ever open gardens event in Swaledale, providing an opportunity to witness the resilience and variety of plant life thriving in the local climate. Featuring 13 diverse gardens, from the more manicured front lawns to an array of wild flowers, attendees can observe firsthand the wide range of plants flourishing in Upper Swaledale's unique ecosystem.

Neil Jackson, Chair of The Low Row Institute, *"The Open Gardens serves two main purposes. To show that many different types of plants can thrive in Upper Swaledale. And to encourage and inspire people to have a go at developing their own outdoor space. No matter the size or location."*



Tickets and maps for the event are available for £5 per adult from the Low Row Institute. Children are free. Proceeds from the event will be split equally between Low Row Institute and Sustainable Swaledale.

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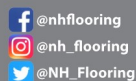
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Summer Sunday DalesBus Services

The popular Sunday DalesBus services are already running in Swaledale for the summer season, continuing every Sunday until 20th October, providing lots of opportunities to visit different parts of the beautiful Yorkshire Dales National Park.

As usual, Northern DalesBus 831 runs up Swaledale from Richmond (departing at 1040) via Grinton, Reeth (1105), Low Row, Gunnerside and Muker (1132), and crosses the spectacular Buttertubs Pass to Hawes, home to the Dales Countryside Museum and Wensleydale Creamery. After a short break, there's an opportunity to catch DalesBus 832 to Ribbleshead, Ingleton or Kirkby Lonsdale.

The return bus leaves Kirkby Lonsdale at 1530 arriving back in Hawes at 1625. The bus continues from Hawes at 1640 for the return journey on Northern DalesBus 831 arriving in Muker at 1702, Reeth at 1730 and Richmond around 1800. These buses also run on Bank Holiday Mondays.

Following many requests Northern DalesBus 830 returns this year, providing

access from Upper Swaledale to Richmond on Summer Sundays. It runs from Ribbleshead Station at 1045 (connecting with the train from Leeds), Hawes Market Place at 1105, Muker at 1132 and Reeth at 1200, returning from Richmond at 1645.

The current national fare cap on bus fares applies to all these services, so each single journey costs just £2 (£1 for under 19s).

These services are run by Arriva North East as part of the DalesBus network managed by Dales and Bowland Community Interest Company, with support from Friends of the Dales, Friends of the Settle Carlisle Line, the Jack Brunton Charitable Trust, North Yorkshire Council and the Settle Carlisle Railway Development Company. Full details are in timetable leaflets available locally and online at www.dalesbus.org



The advertisement features a central graphic with a light blue background and a gold border. At the top, a swallow is in flight. The text reads "ELLERTON ABBEY ANTIQUES & MRS PUMPHREY'S TEAROOM". Below the text are two circular images: one showing a plate of scones with jam and butter, and another showing a cup of tea on a floral-patterned saucer. The background of the graphic is a scenic view of a green valley. Below the graphic, the text states: "Open Thursday, Friday and Saturday 10 - 4", "Ellerton Abbey, Richmond, North Yorkshire DL11 6AN", "Tel: 01748 884321", and "Mobile: 07948 426099". At the bottom, there are logos for "Find us on facebook" and "free WiFi".

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Keld Resource Centre

Events for June and July

9th Jun - Pottery: Sculptured Clay Bowl Workshop 10:00am-15:00pm Keld Resource Centre

Suzie Wright will help you create a glazed/fired bowl sculptured in clay which will be imprinted with leaves and items collected from around Keld. Old clothes and/or an apron are recommended! Your work will be glazed and fired, & returned for collection or local delivery 2-3 weeks later. Please bring a packed lunch.

Refreshments served during the day. Charge: £60.00 pp incs all material

23rd Jun - Wild Flower Walk 11:00am - 15:00pm Meet outside Keld Resource Centre

Join our short, guided walk led by Dr Sue Knight exploring the rich and varied flora of the Upper Dale.

Please bring a packed lunch. Distance: approx 4 miles, Rating: Easy Charge: £7.50 pp

7th Jul - Exploring Kisdon Hill 10:30am - 14:30pm Meet outside Keld Resource Centre

A high-level circumnavigation and crossing of Kisdon Hill outward via the Corpse Route and returning via the Pennine Way. Please bring packed lunch. Distance: approx 4 miles. Rating: Moderate as some steep hillside paths. Dogs welcome on leads. Charge £7.50 pp

14th Jul - Landscape Felting Workshop 10:00am - 15:30pm Keld Resource Centre

Learn how to make a unique felted landscape, with Louise Curnin, inspired by the spectacular scenery of the Upper Dale. Please bring a packed lunch. Refreshments provided during

the day.

Charge £55 pp to inc all materials

21st Jul - An Afternoon with Bob Guy 14:00pm - 16:00 pm Keld Resource Centre

Lifelong Swaledale resident Bob Guy will be remembering his early years farming up on Oxnop Pass as well as his work as a builder. Expect funny anecdotes.

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The Ice Cream Parlour Celebrates 25 Years

In April 1999 Peter and I were married. We were looking for a new business. The plan was that I would carry on teaching and Peter would run the business. I was keen on a place in the Orkney islands but the only properties that came up there were petrol stations!

Then we found Mavis Brown's White House Craft Shop in Reeth. We loved it - the village, the view, the pubs and the people.

It wasn't long before we had come up with the idea of an Ice Cream Parlour.

People tell us now that they thought it was a crazy idea and they thought we would only last a few months.

We took possession of the property in January 1999, married in April and spent our honeymoon decorating and running back and forth to B & Q.

We opened one sunny day in May. I can't remember the exact date. We were all spick and span, dressed in our best with crisp new aprons. We tried to scoop our

first ice cream and to our horror found that it was not as easy as we had imagined. We had a hasty practice and produced such messy ice creams that we shut up shop and took off for the day. We visited as many ice-cream outlets as possible and watched avidly as they skilfully scooped the soft stuff! After an evening of practising we tried again!

We have never looked back. One of the things Peter and I loved best about our new life was meeting such a host of interesting and different people. Ice cream appeals to everyone from all walks of life. Characters from every corner of Britain and indeed the world began to walk through our doors, and we have loved serving them and appreciating their differences. Some have become regulars; others have visited every year and we have made such lovely friends.

After a couple of years, we welcomed our first baby, Eva and three years later, Ralph. I reduced my teaching hours to mornings only. When we got busy in the afternoons I would pop the baby in the pram, run along the cobbles to send them

to sleep, and then grab my scoop. My poor children had terrible sleeping habits!

Scooping ice cream kept us busy, and we didn't have time for many family holidays. However Swaledale is such a beautiful place to live that we really didn't need holidays. We often cooked breakfast at the water splash and



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enjoyed picnic teas in the Orchard.

The Swaledale festival brought talented musicians through our doors and Peter's guitar hanging on the wall provided opportunities for impromptu concerts. I particularly remember when three cellists walking the coast to coast stopped for an ice cream and spent the afternoon playing beautiful music in the sunshine outside the parlour.

Marrick Priory have always been great friends and we have regularly opened in the evenings for parties of children to enjoy an ice cream and play the puzzles and games. One school used to bring their musical instruments and the parlour would burst with the sound of enthusiastic if not tuneful trumpets, flutes and recorders! We have long suffering neighbours!

The Tour de France was a great occasion. There was such an exciting build up. We dressed the parlour up with bicycle wheels and bunting and called on all our lovely student work force to help. When the race came through, we locked up and ran to watch and I remember returning to see a wall of people turn from the road and head in our direction. We served into the evening when people came with beer glasses in hand.

I cannot believe how fast the years have flown by. When Peter passed away in September 2021, I wondered whether it was time to move on. However, it didn't take me long to realise that the Ice Cream Parlour and Reeth was the place where we had been our happiest and so I chose to stay.

I have made a few changes during the past two years. I often smile to myself when I think what Peter would say about my snazzy new till and my host of vintage teapots!

He was always a bit grumpy about serving teas and coffees, especially when someone might want a 'decaf cappuccino with oat milk!' 'You're in bloody Yorkshire now you know' he was once heard to say!

Our coffee continues to be popular and we are really enjoying serving the delicious cakes made by the talented bakers at the Angelshare bakery.

Many of our young student work force have grown up and moved on to successful jobs and new enthusiastic youngsters have replaced them. Maggie and Ann have joined our merry band of scoopers and help me so much in the smooth running of the parlour. We love to provide a place for people to meet up. The Craft Group and the Reeth Writers regularly meet at the parlour, and we have stayed open over the winter months and welcomed hardy locals looking for a treat and a friendly chat.

And so, 25 years have passed and I would very much like to say a heartfelt thankyou to all our lovely customers and friends who have supported us, made us smile and helped to make those years so very happy.

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Thursday 27 June 7.30

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Who among us hasn't fuffed with their foliage or diddled with their dahlias, trying to produce a flower arrangement that looks half decent?

Well, don't despair, help is on hand in the shape of Shannon McIntyre from Fern and Feathers in Hawes. She's going to show us how to create wonderful floral decorations at our next meeting. And all the designs she makes are going to be raffled at the end. If your conscience won't trouble you too much, you could always pass it off as your own, should you be fortunate enough to win one.

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Thank you for giving prizes, and buying ducks and raffle tickets. We raised £1,100 for St Mary's Church in Arkengarthdale, which was a great result. Thank you also to the ladies who did the refreshments.

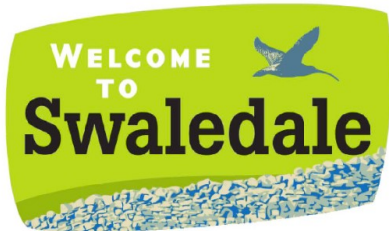
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What's going on at the Hub?

HEARTS AND CRAFTS - Guided and inspired by artists, the fortnightly Hearts and Crafts group have created glazed clay birds, printed cards and clay tiles plus abstract watercolours inspired by Handpan Joe's mesmerising music. Not only is each session a surprise, the hidden talents of this wonderful group have been too! Keep your eye out for news on a community project that's coming up soon.

SELL-OUT CONCERT RAISES £1014 FOR ST MARY'S CHURCH AND ARKENGARHTDALE COMMUNITY HUB

Thank you to everyone who supported Reeth Brass Band, The Pearls, The Hub Pop-Up Choir and The Zumba Flash Mob at their sell-out concert on 6th April. It was a wonderful evening, full of fun and great entertainment for everyone.

Thank you again to all our fantastic performers who gave up their time, the Hub committee for helping with refreshments and to everyone who donated raffle prizes. You will have a chance to hear the groups again on Friday, 11th October when they will be performing as part of Pinktober in aid of Cancer Research. More details will follow soon.

RAISED BEDS PROJECT UPDATE - Our dedicated horticulture group are working hard on the churchyard and raised bed projects. After successfully securing a grant from the Yorkshire Dales National Park's Sustainable Development Fund and with the help of willing volunteers, six raised beds have been assembled and painted for our

community plot next to St Mary's Church. In addition, thanks to Andrew Stones' family who kindly donated seeds and soil, four wooden planters have been painted and sited next to memorial benches outside the church.

The plan is to fill the planters with meadow flowers and bulbs so if anyone has any spare bulbs they will be gratefully received. Our overall vision is to enhance the churchyard for residents and visitors and create areas of interest and enjoyment.

The vegetable garden will be filled with plenty of produce for everyone to help themselves and we also hope you will help us to tidy up and weed the area, as required, please. The adjacent wooden box will be used for displaying the produce for collecting.

This is an exciting project for the whole Dale and we welcome advice, help and support from everyone so please feel free to pop up and join us or donate seeds, plants or time. A huge thank you to everyone involved so far. If anyone would like to take part in this project please contact the hub via a comment on our facebook page at www.facebook.com/groups/arkengarthdalecommunityhub or email arkengarthdalehub@gmail.com.

SAVE THE DATES!

The church will also be hosting the following Swaledale Festival events in June - for further information and to book tickets please visit <https://www.swalefest.org/Whats-On/> Programme

Sunday, 2nd June at 4pm - **NATRIO**
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Tuesday, 4th June at 7:30pm - **REETH**

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Saturday, 8th June at 2pm - **THE PARISH OF SWALEDALE AND**

ARKENGARHTDALE STRAWBERRY AFTERNOON TEA -- The Parish of

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raise funds for the Parish. Full afternoon tea with strawberries and

cream and conversation will be provided for the princely sum of £10! Everyone

is welcome and you can just turn up on the day but if you would like come

please let Penny O'Regan know so the organisers can get an idea of numbers.

Thursday, 20th June at 7:30pm - **YORKSHIRE DALES MOORLAND**

GROUP -Join representatives from The Yorkshire Dales Moorland Group

and hear about the work the group undertakes for our countryside,

highlighting the positive environmental, conservation, economic and social

benefits of managed moorlands. Find out about the roles of moorland

gamekeepers and their duties, conservation projects and successes,

heather management, predation, educational work and much more.

Prepare to be enlightened and entertained. Tickets are £5 (including

refreshments) and are available on the door.

Thursday, 11th July at 7:30pm - **THE LAST YEARS OF THE**

ARKENGARHTDALE LEAD MINES 1891-1914 - Dave Carlisle will talk

about the network of lead mines that once existed in Arkengarthdale. He will

guide us through the last few years of their working life and talk about the

slow demise of an industry which has shaped the Dale. Tickets are £8

(including refreshments) and are available in advance from Reeth Post Office, The Red Lion in Langthwaite, or on the door.

Thursday, 19th September at 7:30pm - **CUTTING IT FINE** -Rebecca and Jane

from "Cutting it Fine" will bring an 1886 Victorian Afternoon Visiting Dress with

all the layers and layers of petticoats, corset and crinoline which goes into this

beautiful silk dress. They research every item in their collection to make

sure it is as historically correct as possible and most of the items are

handmade by Rebecca. They will explain the fabrics used and why the use of

colour changed as well as cut and style over the centuries. Tickets are £8

(including a glass of fizz and nibbles) and are available from the Post Office

and Gift Shop in Reeth, the Red Lion in Langthwaite, or on the door. Please note

this is a ladies' only event.

Thursday, 10th October at 7:30pm - **RARE EARTHS** - Les Knight will reveal

all about Rare Earths - a fascinating and important talk not to be

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Sheila Mitchell would like to thank everyone for their generous donations to her London Marathon fundraising campaign for the Samaritans which raised over £4000. The day was an incredible experience for both Sheila and Robert, and for their family including six grandchildren, who were there to cheer Sheila on along the way.



Sheila finished in 6:30:20 and is pictured at the finish on The Mall, London, April 21st 2024.



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It's a crucial time for the Farmers Arms community purchase. By the time this article goes to press, we should know whether our grant application to the Community Ownership Fund has been successful and therefore whether we can go ahead.

Following a successful pledge exercise, when over 400 pledges were received, the community share offer was launched on the 25th April and is due to conclude on the 25th May. At the time of writing, we are well on our way to reaching our target.

At the same time the grant application for the Community Ownership Fund, made on the 8th April, is being considered by the government. Though we're in the dark about when to expect a decision, we think it will be towards the end of May.

On the assumption our application is accepted the next stage is the actual purchase of the Farmers Arms and the work needed to ensure everything is in place to allow us take over its operation, including finding and appointing an experienced, community minded, tenant. Though it might take time to find the right tenant, we intend to ensure that the pub will still be open, even if it means offering a limited service until the tenant is in place.

If our application is rejected, there may be a final opportunity to re-apply

in June, but this will depend on the reason for the rejection and the timing of the general election. The MCBS Management Committee will make a decision on the best way forward as soon as feasible.

Whichever way the decision goes, we'd like to thank everyone who has given their support over the last eight months, without which we would never have had this opportunity.

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Muker Parish Council Minutes of Parish Meeting Held March 2024

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

Clerk: Mr Michael Cleminson.

Apologies: Cllr Peacock.

Matters Arising

The Parish Council's discussions regarding the proposal to move Senior Upper Dales school children to Kirkby Stephen from September 2025 was fully reported in the May 2024 issue of the Reeth Gazette. Ed.

In summary The Parish Council believe the policy proposal needs to carefully consider each area individually and exceptions in unique circumstances should be catered for by NYC using its discretionary powers. Safety and child well-being must be paramount and financial considerations by NYC should not be the primary concern. It was agreed that the Parish Council should communicate far and wide with Rt Hon Rishi Sunak MP and senior officials at NYC.

Transparency code and Gov.UK domain and email addresses. The Clerk informed the meeting that the Government is trying to move Parish Councils to have their own website with a gov.uk domain and ultimately for Councillors and Clerks to have a Gov.UK email address; this is for security purposes. The Council is required to publish Agendas, Minutes and any Financial Documents and anything connected to the function of the Council. A £100.00 grant is available

from the Government to assist with the purchase of a Gov.UK domain, however it is only available from a Government approved company, of which there are 250. The Clerk has sought quotes from 3 companies on the list with set up costs varying from £400 to £1000.00, add on costs from approx. £200.00 per year. The Parish Council is being moved into this consideration because NYC are ceasing to host Parish documents from 31ST March 2025. At the previous meeting Councillor Metcalfe suggested that we contact Yorkshire Local Council's Association (YLCA) to see if they had any capability of hosting council documents. The Clerk has contacted YLCA, who have said they are considering being able to host documents for councils. One of the companies the Clerk has contacted are believed to engaged with YLCA to try and enable hosting. However, it is likely that a cost will be involved. The Councillors decided that it would be more beneficial financially for the Parish Council to wait until the YLCA proposals are known before committing to one of the approved companies. This should be known by the end of April 2024.

Emergency Planning. The clerk is in the process of arranging a meeting between representatives of Keld and Muker Village Halls regarding submitting grant applications to fund generators. An Emergency Planning Officer has had a meeting with the representative of Keld Village Hall and a further meeting is to be arranged for representatives of Keld and Muker Village Halls to submit grant applications to Northern Powergrid to

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obtain a generator and satellite phone for each one.

Car Parking Muker. The Clerk has received a reply from NYC parking services, who were of the opinion that the land on which a resident received a parking ticket was not common land but belonged to Highways and that the issue of the ticket was valid. The Parish Council is still firmly of the opinion that this is common land. Councillor Peacock pointed out that Highways actually own no land, it seems the only way this can be challenged is by legal process and appeal by anyone in receipt of a ticket. The Clerk to forward relevant emails to Councillor Peacock for any further action. The issue in this case was proximity to the bend and junction with the car park more than land ownership.

Highways

NYC Winter Gritting Policy, as promised a meeting took place between 2 Highways staff, Cllr Rukin and the Clerk on 23rd February 2024. The meeting agreed the movement of grit bins to more suitable locations and the removal of one. It was agreed that all the bins would be replenished more frequently than at present. Councillor Rukin took the representatives to Level Hill Top 90-degree bend on the road to Tan Hill, and it was agreed that barriers and signage would be introduced to make motorists aware of this dangerous bend. Councillor Rukin also noted that some yellow discs have been inserted into the road surface in a couple of locations one of which is where a wall is down near the entrance to Frith Lodge. The only assumption is that these discs are markers for future works.

Highways Inspection Manual - The Clerk has an online copy of the manual and one is available on the NYC website. Key points are the depth of a pot hole should be more than 40mm and have sharp edges. Any road side erosion should be deeper than 250mm. All Grit Bins are not owned and replenished by Highways. There is an online map which identifies Highway's Bins.

NYC: See item regarding schooling proposal

NALC: nothing to report

YLCA: See transparency code above

YDNPA

Full planning permission for conversion of barn to an agricultural worker dwelling at Great Bottom Barn, Muker, Richmond - **R/06/275**. By e-mail the Councillors supported this application

Full planning permission for conversion of traditional stone barn to a camping barn at Barn west of Scarr House Force, Muker, DL11 6DW - **R/06/151C**. by e-mail the Councillors decided again not to support this third application.

Full planning permission for change of use of land to vehicle turning area at The Rash, Muker, Richmond, DL11 6QJ - **R/06/175A**. by email, the Councillors supported this application which has since been approved.

Lawful Development Certificate (Existing Use) in respect of change of use of former agricultural building to form dwelling and associated operational development of Skeugh Head Barn, Skeugh Head Lane, Angram DL11 6DU - **R/06/272A/LDC**. It was the Parish Council that first reported this development without planning permission, consequentially the Parish Council did not support the application,

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which was later refused. Again, Councillors decided not to support this application as it is another example of a traditional barn in the Upper Swaledale Conservation Area being developed into a dwelling, altering its appearance and impacting upon the cultural heritage and beauty of the Dales.

Correspondence/AOB:

Councillor Metcalfe asked if the Parish Council had submitted a letter of support for the Community Acquisition of The Farmers Arms, Muker. To date one has not been submitted, but it was agreed that a letter of support would be forwarded by the Clerk.

Date and Time of Next Meeting:

7.30pm Thursday 23rd May 2024 at Muker Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.25pm.

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Our next study day will be on Thursday July 4th. It will be led by Revd. Michael Pearson who will be acting as Minister in Residence at Keld from Sunday June 29th. His theme is "Five Impossible Things to Believe before Christmas!". Sounds intriguing. We provide the drinks but ask you to bring your own packed lunch. The cost for the day is £10.

If you would like to attend, please email Revd. David Wood at : david.wood4@btinternet.com

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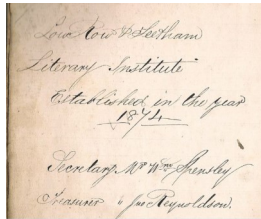
Anniversary Celebrations at Low Row

2024 is the 150th anniversary of the formation of the Low Row & Feetham Literary Institute, so the village is holding a celebration and historical exhibition over the weekend of 6/7th July. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy tea and cake while looking around the historical artefacts that will be on display. The Institute will be open between 10am and 4pm both days.

The Darlington & Richmond Herald for 18th April 1874 reports that "*about eight weeks ago, a reading room was formed at Low Row, by some young men, who were desirous of improving themselves, and of becoming better acquainted with the leading topics of the day. Having hired a cottage, they commenced with three or four daily and weekly papers, and a few books; and so successful has the undertaking been that already there are 65 members enrolled.*"

There was a trend towards Self Help and Adult Education in Victorian times, and so the Low Row community were maybe a little late off the mark in deciding they needed a Literary Institute and Reading Room. The first Literary Institute in the Dale is thought to have been opened in Keld in 1862, and the Institute in Muker dates from 1864, but the Rules for the Mechanic's Institute that was opened in Reeth date from 1878, so the date of 1874 for Low Row & Feetham Literary Institute sounds right. But it would be many years before the

community could raise sufficient funds to erect a building specifically for the purpose.



The Account Book for 1877 shows that there was a membership subscription of one [old] Penny a week to use the rented Reading Room. There were 34 subscribing members at the start of 1877, together with 11 further members who appear to have been in arrears. It is not clear which books and newspapers were provided at the Reading Room, but the Accounts show that £1-3s-1d was spent on newspapers in 1876.

There has been some debate about which cottage in the village was used as the original Reading Room, but it was later described as "*an old miner's cottage*", that was "*small, dark, damp and draughty*". The 1877 Accounts show that a half yearly rent of £1-2s-6d was being "*paid to Mr Birkbeck*", so it would appear that this was to rent the Reading Room cottage. From the census records it would seem that the rent went to **John Clarkson Birkbeck**, a "*Solicitor and Landowner*", who was living at Hazel Brow House in 1871 and 1881.

Other records show that the Birkbeck family owned at least 6 Dwelling Houses in the village. Raymond Alderson has the original 1877 Rate Book for Melbecks, and this shows that the only Birkbeck property that was rented at

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that time was **Ralph Bank**. David Sinker's local history research suggests that Ralph Bank has in fact been 1, 2 and 3 dwellings at different times in the past, so the Reading Room could have been just a small part of the old building when it was what we would now describe as a house in multiple occupation. Local memory suggests that there may once have been an external stairway to an upstairs room at Ralph Bank, so it is thought that that would be the most likely venue for the original Reading Room.

The original Institute also organised community social events with a "Festival" being held every Good Friday. The Darlington & Richmond Herald for 18th April 1874 reports that "*On Good Friday they held their first annual Tea Festival and Concert in the large room kindly placed at their disposal by Mr. William Airey at Haverdale Mill*" and that "*upwards of 400 people partook of tea*". The Concert in the evening commenced "*with the large room being densely crowded with an admiring and well conducted company*". The names of many of the musicians and singers that provided the entertainment are listed, and this first Festival raised a total of £11 towards the purchase of further books for the Institute Reading Room.

The Institute seems to have gone from strength to strength as the Richmond and Ripon Chronicle for 3rd April 1875 reported that the second Festival proceeded "*in a highly satisfactory manner with not the*

slightest disturbance having taken place in a gathering of nearly eight hundred individuals". The article goes on to say that "*a clear balance of near £20*" was made, and "*it is hoped that the day is not far distant when a new Institute will be erected in Low Row*".

In fact it took almost another 25 years before the village was able to open a purpose built Literary Institute and Reading Room.

A plot of pasture land at Pithell Hill was acquired by the community from **Francis Horner Lyell** [the lord of the Manor of Healaugh Old Land], and management trustees for the proposed new building were admitted to the Annual Court Baron and Customary Court of the Manor on 27th May 1907.

The community then launched an appeal for financial assistance to help fund the erection of "*a building which shall serve as a Literary Institute*" and to furnish it. The appeal document stated that "*The Committee are delighted with the earnest interest shown by the people of the district, and especially with that of the young men, who are giving a great deal of time to the work which is preparatory to the actual building, and thus saving considerable expense*".

The appeal also noted that "*the people of this thinly populated neighbourhood are doing what they can towards this desirable object*", and that the Committee would be very grateful for any financial help "*seeing that this is an almost purely working class community, and that the sum required*

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for the scheme is beyond our power to raise without the help of sympathisers and friends at a distance".

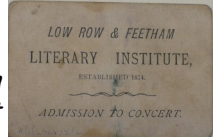
The appeal for public subscriptions was successful, and a "*Specification of the Masons, Carpenters' and Joiners', Plasterers' & Slaters', Painters', Plumbers' & Glaziers' works in the erection of a Literary Institute at Low Row, Swaledale*" was drawn up. The committee of 12 trustees then signed a contract for the building work with **Thomas Brown**, a Stone Mason of Isles, Low Row on 9th January 1909. The Clerk of Works was **William Pratt** of Hazel Brow.

Memorial foundation stones were laid on 14th April 1909 amid great celebrations. Work proceeded apace, and the Yorkshire Observer for 31st March 1910 reported that the "*new buildings of the Low Row & Feetham Literary Institute were formally opened by Miss Dean, the niece of Mr J. W. Close of Leeds*" on Easter Monday 1910 [the 28th March 1910].

The Press Report on the official opening of the Institute records that the Rev. Thomas Clarke [the then Congregational Church minister] said that "*in the erection of this building a long cherished desire had been realised*" and that "*for many years, the people of Low Row and Feetham had been desiring such a place for social intercourse, amusement and instruction*".

The Opening Ceremony was followed by a "*sumptuous ted*" to which "*a very large company sat down*", and then a

concert was held in the new building "*which was again filled to its utmost capacity, while many were unable to gain admission*".



In an opening address before the concert Mr J. W. Close spoke of "*the spirit of unity and determination of purpose which had been shown in the erection of the Institute*" and he urged all its members "*to remain united, to put aside in their relations with it all political and religious bias and to try to make it the means of securing a culture that should be broad enough to include all differences of opinion on these subjects*".

The Low Row Millennium Book recorded that "*the Institute has changed very little by the year 2000*", but the management of the Institute became a registered charity on 19th December 2005.

The Charity Commission Scheme document states that "*the object of the charity is the provision and maintenance of a village hall, for use by the inhabitants of the area of benefit without distinction of political, religious or other opinions. This shall include its use for meetings, lectures, classes, and other forms of recreation and leisure-time occupation, with the object of improving the conditions of life for the inhabitants*".

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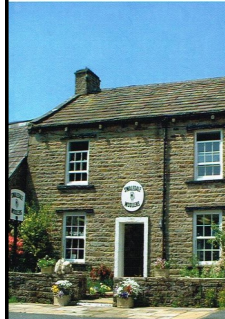
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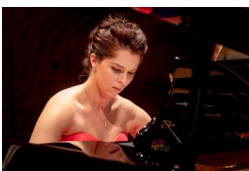
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In the first concert on Sat 15th June Daniel is joined by Australian pianist Yasmin Rowe.



(right) I first met Yasmin before she emigrated to Australia and invited her to play for us, which she did about 6 years ago after her move to Melbourne. Until last year Daniel and Yasmin had never actually met and I suggested they meet and play together last year when she was in the UK. Their first meeting was electric and led to a number of 4 hand recitals and I knew I had to get them to come and play for us as soon as Yasmin was back in the UK. Their programme is incredible: a lovely work by Schubert followed by a sonata by the wonderful, but sadly rather neglected, romantic Anton Rubinstein. The second half will be Stravinsky's Rite of Spring - which they are learning (a truly Herculean task) just for this concert. It was my idea - I hope you enjoy it and they forgive me!

The second concert on Friday 21st June sees Daniel joined by the Azerbaijani-British virtuoso violinist Nazrin Rashidova. (left)



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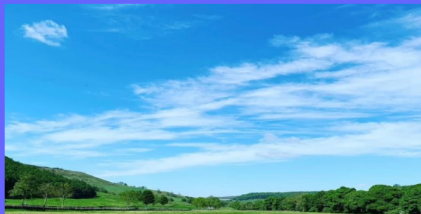
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Heritage Day at St Andrew's Saturday 6th July from 10am to 3pm. There will be a textile/wool crafts stall, cake and refreshments, tours up the tower to the bells, and an opportunity to take part in crafting sessions where you can learn the basics of knitting or crochet. Between 10-11 am there will be visiting bellringers playing.

Conservation Group meeting at St Andrew's will also take place on **Saturday 22nd June.** All are welcome so please come and support our conservation efforts in the churchyard [or cleaning efforts indoors] by joining us for coffee and scones and a bit of 'outdoor gym' activities from 10am - 12 noon.

Bat counts are at dusk on: **Wed 5th June 21.59pm; Wed 3rd July at 22.08pm and Wed 7th August.** Meet on the church path.

ADVANCE NOTICE: St Andrew's is hosting a concert on Saturday 14th September. Further updates and information in future gazette editions. We look forward to you attending and supporting these events.

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	10.30 am	St Joseph & Francis Xavier Richmond	<i>Mass</i>
	10.30 am	Low Row URC	
	11.00 am	St. Edmund's, Marske	<i>Holy Communion</i>
	11.00 am	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
	11.00 am	Holy Trinity Low Row	<i>Eucharist</i>
	4.00 pm	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	<i>Refreshments from 3.45 pm</i>
8th June	6.00 pm	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	<i>Church Festival Service followed by buffet supper</i>
9th June	9.30 am	St. Andrew's Grinton	<i>Eucharist</i>
	9.30 am	St Michael's Downholme	<i>Morning Prayer</i>
	10.30 am	St Joseph & Francis Xavier Richmond	<i>Mass</i>
	10.30 am	Low Row URC	
	11.00 am	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
	11.00 am	St. Edmund's, Marske	<i>Morning Prayer</i>
	11.15 am	St. Mary's Arkengarthdale	<i>Holy Communion BCP</i>
	6.30 pm	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
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	10.30 am	St Joseph & Francis Xavier Richmond	<i>Mass</i>
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	11.00 am	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
	11.00 am	St. Edmund's, Marske	<i>Holy Communion</i>
	11.00 am	Holy Trinity Low Row	<i>Eucharist</i>
	4.00 pm	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	<i>Refreshments from 3.45 pm</i>
23rd June	9.30 pm	St Michael's Downholme	<i>Holy Communion</i>
	9.30 am	St. Andrew's Grinton	<i>Eucharist</i>
	10.30 am	St Joseph & Francis Xavier 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>
	4.00 pm	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	<i>Refreshments from 3.45 pm</i>
	6.30 pm	Gunnarside Methodist	
30th June	10.30 am	St Mary's Muker	<i>United Parish Communion Service. Speaker is Rev Andy Muckle Chaplain to St. George's Crypt Leeds</i>
	10.30 am	St Joseph & Francis Xavier Richmond	
	10.30 am	Low Row URC	
	11.00 am	St. Edmund's, Marske	<i>Morning Prayer</i>
	11.00 am	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
	4.00 pm	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	<i>Refreshments from 3.45 pm</i>

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Leyburn Arts and Community Centre

May was a busy month at Leyburn Arts & Community Centre: a very successful Plant Fayre, a sell-out concert of live music from Chris Bannister with his tribute to John Denver's timeless music followed by 42nd Street, the live event cinema filmed in London's West End. Our Exhibition cinema screenings are proving popular too, the John Singer Sargent one being well-attended. These are filmed at famous Museums & Art Galleries around the world showing their collections without us having to leave Wensleydale! The next is in June, showing some of the masterpieces from London's National Gallery.

We were very pleased to recently receive a cheque for £2000 from Leyburn Rotary group towards our Community Shed. Donations of this kind are very much appreciated, not just for the money but also for the faith they have in our volunteers' efforts to bring new opportunities to the locality.

A reminder that Cuppa Connect, continues to be on the 2nd Friday of the month, between 10-12 where various experts such as Carers Plus and Citizens Advice are on hand to offer help and assistance.

We wish you all a lovely June with lots going on at the Centre and in the area, including the Community Arts Festival in which some of our groups are participating, and our concert, 'My Generation: The Solid Gold 60's Show', plus as always a great selection of films. Take a look at the website or call in for a flyer.

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Concerts Coming Up.....

Saturday 22nd June - Gaelforce - play a mixture of up tempo traditional folk songs plus their own songs and tunes written in traditional style as well as plenty of jigs for an audience in the mood for dancing. Tickets **£15** (£17 door).

Friday 26th July - The Everly Brothers & Buddy Holly Tribute Show - A spectacular two-hour show featuring the UK's Number One tribute to The Everly Brothers along with Buddy Walker with his tribute to Buddy Holly, performed worldwide for more than thirty years. Tickets **£16** (£18 door).

The **Gatehouse** concert on 01st November has been cancelled.

Please see website for further details of all concerts booked. There are some links to videos by some of the performers on there.

Tickets for concerts are available from Reeth PO or phone Glen Steward (01748 884989) or visit www.reethmemorialhall.co.uk - tickets $\frac{1}{2}$ price u16s. All concerts 8pm unless otherwise stated.

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For further information on the role of Scout, Cubs and Beavers Leaders please visit our website or contact me:
<https://www.swaledalescouts.com/>

Nick Caldwell, Group Scout Leader on 01748 884340



**The Arts Society
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The lecture by Mark Spencer will take place at Tennants Garden Rooms, Leyburn, DL8 5SG on Tuesday 25th June at 2pm. Guests welcome, £10.

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The local NHS is encouraging eligible people to come forward before the end of June for the spring COVID-19 vaccination.

People at increased risk from severe illness can get the vaccine, including those aged 75 or over, people with a weakened immune system or who live in an older adult care home.

The virus can still cause serious illness and be life-threatening for some people. The vaccine provides protection against it and helps to reduce the risk of serious illness and hospitalisation.

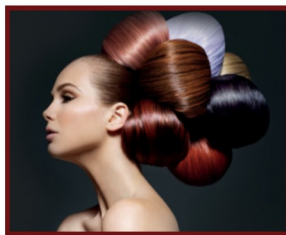
Last year's spring vaccination programme showed that people who received a vaccine were around 50% less likely to be admitted to hospital with COVID-19 for three to four months after vaccination, compared to those who did not receive one.

Spring vaccinations will be available until 30 June 2024. Eligibility is similar to previous years, but those with a weakened immune system are now eligible from six months instead of five years.

Following advice from the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI), this spring's eligible cohorts include:

- Adults aged 75 years and over by 30 June 2024.
- Residents in care homes for older adults.
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The Liberal Democrat candidate for Mayor of York and North Yorkshire, wishes to say THANK YOU to all those who voted for her on 2nd May. She received over thirty thousand votes.

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Richard Hunt



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On **Sunday June 30th at 2.30pm** it plays a Summer concert in Grinton Church. The programme appropriately includes *Summer* from Vivaldi's 4 Seasons, and also contains a brilliantly unusual and entertaining piece by young Bulgarian composer Dobrinka Tabakova. You may have heard her anthem *Praise*, which was sung at the late Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee service). There's also one of Bach's revolutionary Brandenburg Concertos, and three English classics. Elgar's wistful *Serenade*, Gerald Finzi's glorious *Romance*, and Vaughan Williams' *5 Variants of Dives and Lazarus*. You will probably know his *Fantasia on a Theme of Thomas Tallis*: the *Variants* are no less mysterious and atmospheric, and include a harp. There is something for everyone.

Violinist **Philippa Mo**, who directs the

orchestra (above, rehearsing the orchestra in Richmond Town Hall) and has strong Richmond links, has performed all over the world, including at the Swaledale Festival. She has recently recorded a new solo album: her first CD was chosen as *Gramophone Magazine's* Editor's Choice and a 'must hear': 'superbly responsive playing faultless technique and unfailing insight'. She is delighted to be part of the RCO project. 'It is so exciting to be in at the very start of a new musical venture', in which the audience 'can get up really close to all the sound and action!'

Tickets are available now from www.richmondchamberorchestra.co.uk, from www.ticketsource.co.uk or by phone on 0333 666 3366.

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In these rural areas, however, there are fewer opportunities to engage in cultural activities such as music, theatre and art which are also important in helping us experience, process and share our human existence. As long as there have been humans there has been art.

Art serves many functions. It can change your mood, remind you of memories, relate information, transport you to another place, raise questions, challenge your perspective, make you laugh or cry.

Art is there to help process and enhance life and this year's open studios is an opportunity to view a whole host of different work. With over 160 artists taking part there will be something to suit everyone's tastes and needs. One of the functions of Open studios is for you to connect with art that appeals to you with the added benefit of talking to the creatives. In Swaledale you can pick up a catalogue or leaflet at the Two Dales Bakery.

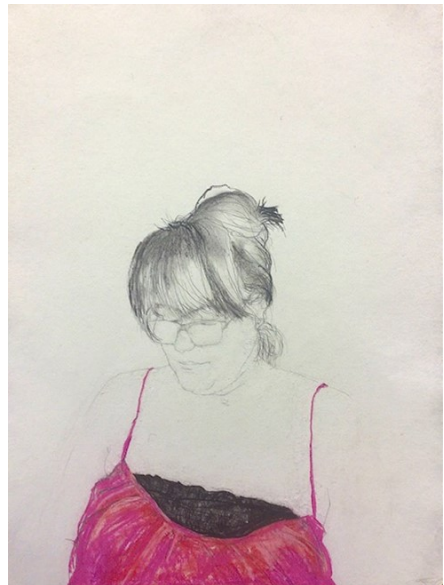
There are four artists opening their studios in Swaledale and each one offers a practice that carries a different aesthetic and purpose. Even if you already know the artists involved the Open studios gives you an

opportunity to see what they have been producing recently and if you feel unqualified to view art, the artists are there to help you learn how to discuss, understand, and connect to visual art.

Here is a little of what you might expect to find at each studio.

Jane Ellis www.jane-ellis-drawing.com

The focus of Janes drawing is the



figure, You will see sensitive and delicately drawn images of interesting characters. Drawings are reworked until the essence of the subject is apparent in the image and this re-drawing creates a fine tracery of lines that moves past creating likeness and finds the human vulnerability and softness of her subjects. You can talk to Jane about how she approaches commissions and what she finds interesting when choosing a subject.

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Micheal's studio is a den of creativity, and his sculptures of animals and plants are made of reworked recycled metal. A sense of magic and mysticism presents oversized plants and quizzical cheeky creatures that are full of joy and playfulness. In his studio you can

see the raw materials, tools and ideas in progress, and he currently has large scale pieces at the Himalayan gardens near Masham.

Rachel Antill www.rachelantill.com



Rachel's painting is based on landscape but are abstract in nature. Abstraction is taking one or more parts of a subject and concentrating on that rather than representing the

whole. Rachel pays attention to colour and marks. In her studio you will see large immersive pieces with complex surfaces that perhaps raise questions of your own relationship and experiences of the environment.

Rachel currently has an exhibition at the Two Dales Bakery.

Martin Lever

www.artbymartinlever.com



We welcome Martin to Swaledale as a new member of our artistic community. He has been living in Hong Kong and he brings the vibrant and complex influence of the Asian aesthetic into his work. You will see bold colourful images that are structured with pattern and tell stories of his observations of the world around him. In his latest work he explores the images of Swaledale and you can talk to him about this and his recent exhibition in Manchester.

Hopefully you are inspired to think about how art might enhance your life. If you would like to investigate the open studios which runs 1-2 and 8-9 June you can find out more at www.nyos.org.uk and we look forward to welcoming you to our studios.

Rachel Anthill

Dales Police Crime Bulletin



Monthly Police Report Apr 6th - May 7th

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

Crime of note; overnight 2nd May a Dark Green 24 Foot Bailey Bale trailer was stolen from the Marske area.

7 - Civil Disputes.

9 - Concern for Safety.

19 - Road related offences (manner of driving/vehicles without tax or insurance and possible OPL).

16 - Abandoned Calls (Pocket dials/ misdials).

19 - Suspicious Circumstances.

6 - Fraud/Forgery (online/phone).

1 - Robbery.

8 - Road Traffic Collisions (minor).

7 - Violence (including dog bites).

6 - Antisocial behaviour (personal).

1 - ASB (nuisance).

1 - ASB (environmental).

5 - Highway disruptions (Floods/Trees/ Animals).

3 - Theft.

2 - Criminal Damage.

2 - Lost/Found.

1 - Wildlife/poaching.

In total 136 calls were received reporting either the above or making general enquiries.

If you wish to receive information and updates of events/incidents, sign up to North Yorkshire Community Messenger by visiting, <https://www.northyorkshirecommunitymessaging.co.uk>.

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Library matters

We've has a couple more "good read" suggestions:

Once upon a River by **Diane Setterfield**, recommended by Felicity Manning

Dawnlands by **Philippa Gregory**, which was enjoyed by Prue Drew.

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Buglife will be running a free “build a bee hotel” event in the Hudson House Orchard on the afternoon of the 14th June. Places are limited so if interested, please contact Sustainable Swaledale or Cheryl (cherylsedge@yahoo.com) to book a place.

Great Big Green Week 8-16th June

Great Big Green Week is the UK's biggest celebration of community action to tackle climate change and protect nature. Richmondshire Climate Action Group has a website listing all the events running locally from 5th June onwards including two talks by authors, Tom Moore: *Elegy for a River* and Roger Morgan-Grenville: *Across a Waking Land* (courtesy of Richmond Walking and Book Festival), and Emma Johnson's Orchestra for the Environment will be playing at St Mary's Church, Richmond (Swaledale Festival event). Details of local events can be found at:

[https://
www.richmondshireclimateaction.org/
great-big-green-week](https://www.richmondshireclimateaction.org/great-big-green-week)

Let it Bloom June

Plantlife, which has been running the No Mow May campaign encouraging people not to mow their lawn allowing more flowers to survive and support pollinators, is hoping that people will

embrace **Let it Bloom June**. Plantlife is keen to encourage people to leave some areas still uncut allowing later flowering plants to prosper and repeat flowering plants to flower again. Information on Let it Bloom June can be found on the Plantlife website: <https://tinyurl.com/ytznx88c>.

Planning permission still required for barn conversions in National Parks

The Government has announced that following responses to a consultation paper on permitted rights, protected landscapes such as National Parks will **remain exempt** from measures allowing for agricultural buildings to be converted to residential use without requiring planning permission.

Source: Campaign for National Parks press release 13/5/2024

<https://tinyurl.com/4ke9tx4v>

Potting tree seedlings into trainers

Sustainable Swaledale has partnered with the Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust (YDMT) on their Seed to Sapling initiative which aims to raise local trees. We collected tree seed and berries last Autumn from local ancient and semi natural woodlands and planted them into seed boxes built at a YDMT workshop. Once potted on, the saplings will be kept in a sheltered enclosure at Reeth Surgery in preparation for planting around the two dales over the winter.

Seedlings large enough to be potted on will be transferred to root trainers at a **workshop on Wednesday 19 June at Hazel Brow Farm**. If you are interested in helping with potting on or would like to find out more about the

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project, please book a place by contacting Naomi (naomijmeredith@gmail.com) or the Sustainable Swaledale email.

Richmondshire Repair and Repurposing Café

Richmondshire Climate Action Group will be running its first **Repair and Repurposing Café** at Richmond Town Hall on Sunday 9th June from 10:00 to 12:30. Experts will be available to help repair clothes, fabrics, electronics, small electricals and jewellery. Refreshments will be available. The event is free but donations are welcome.

Save our Swale talk 4 July

Deborah Meara and Keith Thomas of **Save our Swale** will be speaking on 4th July at Gunnerside Village Hall at 7pm. The speakers will talk about Save our Swale: who they are, what they do, and some results of water sampling along the Swale. The event is free and all are welcome. Refreshments will be available to purchase.

Swaledale Swallow-Cam at Reeth

The Sustainable Swaledale WingIt team has set up a webcam looking at a **swallows' nest** near the Two Dales Bakery. You can view live footage of a pair of nesting swallows at: <http://www.sustainableswaledale.org/swaledale-swallow-cam/>

Warming world oceans

The **world's oceans are warming** with every single day since 4 May 2023 breaking the daily record for the time of the year. According to the EU's Copernicus Climate Service three days

even beat the previous high by as much as 0.34C. Rising sea temperatures have consequences for marine wildlife and food security, and ice-sheets melting and deep-ocean warming is fuelling rising sea-levels. Source: BBC article

<https://tinyurl.com/2sbwyda4>

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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Screen shot of the Swallow webcam



Miniature effects By John Hunter

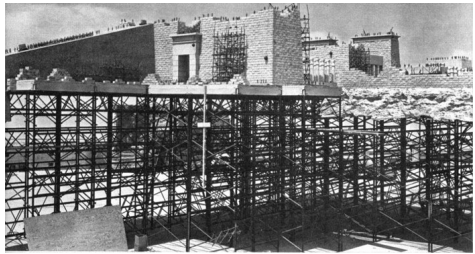
Making small seem large...

Last time we had a brief look at 'Matte' paintings - *how clever '2D' art could deceive your eye* - so this time we'll go '3D' and check out the world of movie miniatures. Since the earliest days of the cinema, 'models' have been used instead of full sized objects for both practical and financial reasons. Crashing a plane into a cliff side or blowing up a mansion could *only* be done in miniature, and again some experts in the field made their name in the early days such as John P. Fulton and A. Arnold Gillespie who headed up miniature departments which oversaw model sets, aircraft, ships (filmed in huge tanks) and vehicles. The Lydecker brothers began working at the 'cut price' Republic studio (home of many westerns and serials) and worked miracles with intricate miniatures almost always filmed outside, thereby creating a naturalistic lighting. In the 50s and 60s LB Abbott contributed to many big budget features like 'Tora Tora Tora' - yet another depiction of the Pearl Harbor attack (after 'From here to Eternity' and numerous others - the later epic 'Pearl Harbor' would still include miniature effects, but the computer was used for the 'money' shots.).

In the UK there were equally innovative effects technicians - in the 40's Percy 'poppa' Day created some amazing matte paintings to enhance miniature work in 'The Thief of Baghdad' and many other 'epics' - and in the 50s both Cliff Richardson and Les

Bowie created some almost imperceptible model work (for the 'Hammer horrors' amongst others). Bowie's disciple Derek Meddings honed his craft in a string of Gerry Anderson 'puppet' shows (Thunderbirds being perhaps the most memorable) where he designed the crafts and sets and oversaw the complex wire work and miniature explosions, which became his trademark. No wonder then, he progressed not only to the original 'Superman' but also those overblown 007 movies of the 1970s where he blew up miniature super tankers, villains' lairs and even a space station.

As with our previous matte article, a picture paints a thousand words, so I'll conclude with some visual examples;



Pictures 1 & 2 - a large miniature built high on scaffolding for 'The Ten Commandments' - in the final film (pic 2) it stands in the background, along with 'live' action in the foreground (both filmed outside in sunlight) - the

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'background' model and foreground action are 'joined' by a matte painting to complete the full illusion.



Picture 3 Stephen Begg and his team's 'miniature' Venice for the climax of 'Casino Royale'



Picture 4 The more traditional use of 'models' - DeLorean and Loco from 'Back to the future III'- they will both shortly crash into a huge ravine!

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D-DAY80

In 2024 the UK will commemorate the 80th anniversary of the Normandy Landings on 6 June 1944 with a series of major commemorations and events across the UK and in France.

Also known as D-Day, the historic operation saw the Allied Forces mount a large-scale invasion of Nazi-occupied France that ultimately tipped the course of the Second World War in the Allies' favour.

Barbara Buckingham (née Place) from Reeth has sent in some of her schoolgirl memories of the time when the Reconnaissance Corps were training in Reeth preparing for D-Day. Ed.

The Recces

One reason for the Reconnaissance Corps training in this area was its similarity to the bocages of Normandy, so with their informal motto "The enemy in front and every other bugger behind" they arrived in the mid-war years.



Soldiers were stationed in the Methodist Sunday School, now the museum, the Congregational Chapel Sunday School and the Woodyard. The officers were in Cambridge House and the administration was organised in Hill House, now the Burgoyne Hotel. Local

ladies provided friendship and whist drives and tea from a canteen above the stables in the snicket by the King's Arms.

They marched to "Left, left, I left my wife and little brown baby, right, right at the top of the kitchen stairs" and sang "She pines for a recce who is far, far away". Some did come back to marry local girls and live here.

Bayonet practice, squirming through gutters, leaping on and off the - now removed - water reservoir, rifle shooting with the brick insert target in the sheepfold were all done on the Arkengarthdale Road. On the banks of the Arkle were dug pits into which they jumped and climbed out, wire and rope bridges - one named the bridge of sighs - crossed the beck by "Smokey Joe's Cabin". Major Parry was hospitalised when, the first to use a steep zip wire, he was injured.

An officer of great resource, he had rescued a pack of beagles in the South of England and got them to Reeth to the grounds of Cambridge House. Any accidentally killed sheep could be exchanged for a bottle of whisky.

Live ammunition was used, nights noisy and lit with mock battles. The following morning meant a search for empty shell cases and parachutes which had carried the signal lights. Village youngsters braved the training obstacles and used them for their own rites of passage.

Just before they left they gave a two performance concert in the Conservative Club, now the Memorial Hall, to thank the local people for their support. Some of the risqué items offended the older ladies of the village!

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Then they went to be part of the invasion that would free Western Europe.

In his book "Bloody Swaledale", "A cornucopia of dire deeds in the Dale from ancient times to the present day", Richard Hunt from Gunnerside corroborates Barbara's account, when he writes:

"The Burgoyne Hotel in Reeth was requisitioned and used as the Headquarters of the Reconnaissance Corps Battle School for the latter part of the war..".

Interestingly, Richard also has something to add concerning last month's query about **Operation Gunnerside**:

"Gunnerside was used as the code name for the operation leading to the sabotage of the German heavy water plant in Norway, carried out in order to delay the development of a German atomic bomb. The name was chosen by the head of the Special Operations Executive (SOE), who used to visit the village before the war for grouse shooting and the story of the raid itself was later made into a film as "The Heroes of Telemark" starring Kirk Douglas, Richard Harris and Michael Redgrave"

D Day Remembered

On the 6th of June 80 years ago more than 130,000 Allied Troops landed on the beaches of Normandy. Amongst them were two Battalions of the Green Howards, the 6th & 7th Battalions who were amongst the first to land on Gold Beach. These battalions were part of the 50th Division which had been personally selected by General Montgomery as he wanted battle hardened men that he could rely on. Only one Victoria Cross was awarded on D Day and that was to Company Sergeant Major Stan Hollis of D Company 6th Battalion whose commendation states "displayed the utmost gallantry". By the end of the day The Green Howards had advanced 7 miles into occupied France further than any other Allied units. The Green Howards lost 180 men that day and they are remembered on a memorial in Crepon, France, which has the simple inscription:

"Remember the 6th June 1944."

Martin Sunderland

Service of Remembrance, D Day 80th Anniversary 6th June 2024

Ed

There will be a short Service of Remembrance at Reeth War Memorial in the morning to which all are invited. This is to mark the 80th Anniversary since the D Day Landings. Please gather at the Memorial at 1:50pm on the Thursday 6th June, for the start of service at 2pm. For any further information contact The Clerk to Reeth, Fremington and Healaugh Parish Council, 07984974755.

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If you think you might have the next budding Andy Murray or Emma Raducanu under your nose - or you just want you or your kids to have a bit of fun, dust off those rackets and get in touch. New annual memberships are now being taken:

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June Update

Wensleydale Community Arts Festival

It's June already, and a month of celebrating all things community arts awaits as the Wensleydale Community Arts Festival gets into full swing. From talks, demonstrations and workshops to theatre, dance and concerts by community groups, established and emerging artists and performers. Our 'Let's Get Creative' competition is open to all abilities and ages to enter. There's even a family fun day on Sunday 23rd June in the grounds of Thornborough Hall with Maypole dancers, Leyburn Band and a chance to enter our Grand Prize Draw.

Some events will be held around the Dales with the majority taking place at St. Matthew's Church, Leyburn Methodist Church Hall, Leyburn Arts and Community Centre, Leyburn Library and Thornborough Hall. Events will again be 'pay what you can afford' with suggested donations and some fixed fee events to ensure we are able to meet costs. Booking is recommended to avoid disappointment. Full details are available at www.wensleydale.org or pick up a copy of the Festival programme at community information points. Our box office and enquiry line is **01969 745810 | info@wensleydale.org**

Workshops

Local Artists will be delivering workshops at Leyburn Methodist

Church Hall where participants can work on their own material and artforms while gaining advice and tips on drawing and painting, sewing and traditional crafts, photography and editing techniques. All levels and abilities welcome from complete beginner to advanced. Places are £20 including materials and refreshments. Booking is essential to avoid disappointment. Thursday 13th June, 10.00am to 12.30pm - *'Painting in Watercolour'* with Nora Yates : Saturday 22nd June, 11.00am to 2.00pm - *'Inspired by the Dales'* with Lynn Ward : Thursday 27th June, 10.00am to 12.30pm - *'Photo editing skills'* with Wensleydale Camera Club (£10) : Saturday 29th June, 11.00am to 2.00pm - *'Exploring Watercolours'* with Maxine Ahmed. : Saturday 29th June, 2.00pm to 4.00pm - *'Creating Yorkshire Buttons'* with Jan Bell at her Garden Studio. (£5 inc. materials).

Here is a flavour of what's in store.

Sunday 9th June: Remembering D Day 80 years on. [MUSIC and SPOKEN WORD]

Join us for afternoon tea, a nostalgic mix of war time and sing along favourites with guest vocalist Rebekah Austin, and words of remembrance from Donovan Leeman at Leyburn Methodist Church Hall, 2.30pm. Tickets £15 per person.

Tuesday 11th June: Holmes and Watson: The Farewell Tour. [THEATRE]

We are thrilled to be bringing live theatre back to the Dales. By popular request we announce a welcome return to Pyramus and Thisbe Productions. Dominic Goodwin and Julian Finnigan

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perform their hilarious *Holmes and Watson - The Farewell Tour*. This comedic tale written by Stuart Fortey recalls one of the detective duos most baffling cases - The case of the Prime Minister, the Floozie and the Lummock Rock Lighthouse! The Performance takes place at Leyburn Methodist Church Hall, 7.30pm. Tickets £15 per person.

Wednesday 12th June: Fun Dance Evening with Joan and Carl Danvers. [DANCE]

Take part in a range of participatory dances such as line dancing, country dancing or just relax and enjoy a sequence dance demonstration. Dance Studio, Leyburn Arts and Community Centre, 6.30pm.

Friday 21st June: Leyburn Recorder Consort. [MUSIC]

Leyburn Recorder Consort present an afternoon concert of popular pieces at St. Matthew's Church, 2.00pm.

Friday 21st June: Richmond School Music Department. [MUSIC]

Ahead of their forthcoming tour to Germany, Richmond School's Choirs, Concert and Jazz bands and ensembles present an evening of music from their summer programmes. St. Matthew's Church, 7.00pm.

Saturday 22nd June: Puppet workshop [STORYTELLING]

Fun for all the family with David Watterson's interactive puppet workshop and performance. Ideal for younger Children to explore and discover storytelling through creative play with puppets. St. Matthew's Church, 2.00pm.

Saturday 22nd June: Dales Variety Show [DANCE, MUSIC and more]

Dales Dance, Wensleydale School Music

Department and BlueBoxt's performers come together to present an evening of entertainment which showcases the variety of performance arts taking place across Wensleydale and Swaledale. St. Matthew's Church, 7.00pm

Sunday 23rd June: Family Fun Day with Leyburn Band [CRAFTS, STALLS, MUSIC]

Fingers crossed for good weather as we transform the grounds of Thornborough Hall into a hub of activity for all ages. From Giant Garden Games and Circus Skills with Edwina and the team from North Yorkshire Youth to 'Printing with Nature' with Matt Magnus. There'll be fundraising stalls and activities including a book exchange, tombola, guess the name and refreshments. There will be performances throughout the day including Maypole dancing with Dales Dance, Storytelling with Rhoda Fraser, BlueBoxt performers and Leyburn Band. From 11.00am to - 4.30pm.

Tuesday 25th June: Words and Music for a Summer's Evening [MUSIC, SPOKEN WORD]

Tony Scully presents a selection of creative writing and prose. The Yoredale Strummers Ukulele group perform a selection of sing-a-long favourites. The evening concludes with

a welcome return by vocalist Liffy (left) who will sing selection of popular songs from



artists such Marti Webb, Dolly Parton and Elton John. St. Matthew's Church, 7.00pm

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Wednesday 26th June: Musicality Matthew's Church, 7.00pm.

Concert [MUSIC]

Enjoy a lively evening filled with FABULOUS SONGS with community choir Musicality, directed by Andrea Rhodes and accompanied by Gillian Ash. From Broadway hits and pop standards (including Paul Simon, Leonard Cohen, Coldplay, Nina Simone) to folk and gospel and so much more! St. Matthew's Church, 7.00pm

Friday 28th June: From Wensleydale to the West End [TALK, DRAMA & SPOKEN WORD]

Enjoy an evening with Nobby Dimon as he recalls anecdotes and insights as a writer, director and actor touring the country from Richmond, North Yorkshire. Donovan Leeman and Ian Caldwell present a selection of their favourite poetry and prose. Jennifer Siggers shares news of our writers project. Tickets £15 per person including buffet supper. St. Matthew's Church, 7.00pm.

Saturday 29th June: Afternoon Concert with Colin Bailey and Fred Norman [MUSIC]

An afternoon concert with Colin Bailey and Fred Norman. Enjoy a selection of popular favourites from the hit parade, stage and screen. Artists such as Lionel Richie, Adele, Ed Sheeran, Elton John and many more. St. Matthew's Church, 3.00pm.

Saturday 29th June: Friends of Dave and Leyburn Jazz Collective [MUSIC]

Acoustic duo Elizabeth Carter and Mick Yare present an eclectic mix of classic songs which have stood the test of time. From Dusty Springfield, Nick Drake to the Police and Bombay Bicycle Club. Leyburn's very own Jazz Collective complete the evening with a selection of Jazz favourites. St.

Sunday 30th June: Light My Choir and the Dales Community Pop Choir [MUSIC]

The festival ends with two of Wensleydale's community choirs directed by Debbie Allenby. Light My Choir - Wensleydale Community Gospel Choir and The Dales Community Pop Choir present an afternoon of uplifting and popular music. St. Matthew's Church, 2.00pm.

Wonky Tree Book Hunt - Tuesday 18th to Saturday 22nd June:

Collect an entry form from the Wonky Tree Book Shop and set off on an adventure around the town to see what hidden gems you can discover.

Let's Get Creative Competition - open to all ages. Closing date: 31st July 2024.

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Sat 15th Jun - 10am to noon, Coffee Morning, Reeth Evangelical Congregational Church

Thur 20th Jun - 7.30, Arkengarthdale Hub, Yorkshire Dales Moorland Group

Sat 22nd Jun - Gaelforce - Reeth Memorial Hall 8pm

Thurs 27th Jun — Gunnerside Village Hall, 7.30, flower arranging demonstration by Shannon from Feather and Ferns in Hawes

Sat 29th Jun - Low Row Open Gardens Day, 10.30—4pm, maps from Low Row Institute

July

Thurs 4th Jul - Over The Moon - Reeth Memorial Hall 8pm

Sat 6th Jul -TLC@Gunnerside village hall - sweet treats, hot drinks, chat and natter. More details in July's Gazette

Sat 6th & Sun 7th Jul - 10am to 4pm: 150th anniversary exhibition and celebration at Low Row & Feetham Literary Institute with Tea and Cake.

Sun 7th Jul - Longest Day service Gunnerside Chapel

Thur 11th Jul - 7.30pm The last Years of Arkengarthdale Lead Mines talk at the Hub, Arkengarthdale, £8pp

Sat 20th Jul - 10am to noon, Coffee Morning, Reeth Evangelical Congregational Church

Sat 20th Jul - 9am to 1pm, mobile skip on the green

Thurs 23rd Jul - TLC@Gunnerside village hall - talk by Wendy Knight: What did we do before plastic?

Fri 26th Jul - Everly Brothers & Buddy Holly Tribute Show - Reeth Memorial Hall 8pm

August

September

Thur 19th Sept - 7.30, Cutting it Fine at Arkengarthdale Hub, £8pp

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