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First Thoughts

Many thanks to all of you who have made donations throughout the year, either through our collecting tins or by bank transfer. The tins have recently been emptied again adding a total of £321.96 to our funds. The individual contributions were as follows:

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As a result, we are managing to carry on producing the high quality and much appreciated Reeth Gazette within our budget and the committee have taken the decision to keep advertising rates the same for another year, mindful of the difficulties some of our local businesses face. Please try to support the businesses that advertise in the Gazette and perhaps mention that that's where you found out about them if appropriate!

We are still waiting to hear whether we have been granted Charitable Status. Work on the new website is continuing. As usual this time of year can I ask that you think ahead to the January issue? The deadline for the December issue is fairly normal, 10th November,

but the deadline for the January issue is then 24th November. Please do let me have any notices or articles appropriate to January by this early date.

On a final, sad note, we were very sorry to learn that Trevor Brown died on 15th August 2025. Trevor had been a huge supporter of the Reeth and District Gazette over the years, being one of the team when it was produced and printed on our own equipment in the early days. He had been a Director of the Reeth Gazette since 2015, and over the recent years had been key to the distribution of the Gazette throughout the two dales. Trevor was a pleasure to work with, bringing an efficiency and good humour to the task, and he will be greatly missed.

Jackie

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The deadlines for the next two months are:

December issue: November 10th

January issue: November 24th

Please Note: We will endeavour to publish all suitable items submitted by the deadline date this is at the sole discretion of the editor.

Posting The Gazette: Summer issues are often a little larger and so heavier. It will require a Large Letter size and will likely cost £2.00 2nd class, or £3.60 1st class but different sized issues may vary. Check with the PO.

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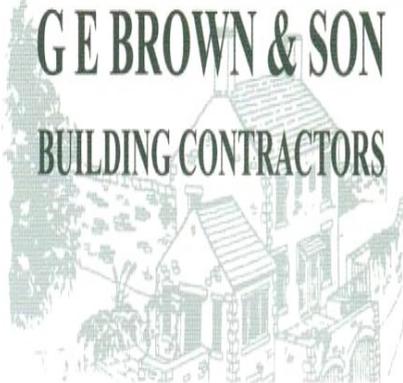
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November's cinema and events mean a full month for our volunteers as the 100 Years of Community Cinema celebrations continue. We also have our usual Autumn French Film Festival with a range of well recommended films with subtitles. It is also a busy month for events with two cinema live productions - Radiohead and Nosferatu: A Symphony of Horror and John Cleese packs It In. The folk rock band Gaelforce make a welcome return for which tickets are selling fast. Not forgetting a National Theatre Live production of The Fifth Step. Details of all our activities can be found on our website, www.leyburnartscentre.com. Coming in December are two Christmas themed workshops, so have a look at those as we expect them to be popular.

November is often cold, dull and grey - look us up for ideas on how to cheer yourself up! It is not the best time of the year for getting out and about, much easier to stay in and enjoy our own homes, however if you do want company and

would like a wider social life we are always recruiting for volunteers! The Centre is busy and you may also discover a group or activity you would like to join. Some online tasks can also be done from home and do not entail a lot of time, just a regular hour or so at a time to suit yourself. Just get in touch if you would like more information, no obligation to take it further if you change your mind!

If you want to pop in and meet our reception volunteers, do take time to have a look in our Little Shop. There is an excellent range of books and jigsaws, cards for all occasions and often homemade Jams and Marmalades. The Tuesday Club has vacancies at the moment, an afternoon's social event from 1 - 4pm, with food and a talk or activity and the Community Shed is open on Friday & Saturday mornings for visitors who wish to see what is going on. Carers Plus meet on the 1st Thursday morning of the month and specialist advisors are available on the 2nd Friday, 10am - 12.

Enquiries can be made on 01969 624510 or see our Facebook page. **Jeannie Bishop**

  LEYBURN ARTS AND COMMUNITY CENTRE 	
<p>Tuesday 4 November 6pm - French Film Festival screening - see special flyer for full festival details</p>	<p>Sunday 2 November 7.30pm Ghostly Tales by David Brown 2 hrs 30m</p>
<p>Friday 7 November 6pm - Celebrating 100th Anniversary of Community Cinema - **Ticket price of £3** (see special flyer for further details) Muriel's Wedding (15) 1hr 41m</p>	<p>Thursday 13 November 7pm Cinema Live: Radiohead X Nosferatu: A Symphony of Horror (PG) 1hr 35m</p>
<p>Friday 14 November 6pm Cinema Live: Grow (PG tbc) 1hr 55m</p>	<p>Saturday 15 November 7.30pm Gaelforce Folk Rock Band 2hrs 30m</p>
<p>Friday 21 November 6pm Nine Queens (2002) (15) 1hr 54m</p>	<p>Sunday 23 November 2pm Cinema Live: John Cleese Packs It In (12A) (with subtitles) 1hr 21m</p>
<p>Friday 28 November 6pm White Bird (12A) 2hrs 01m</p>	<p>Thursday 27 November 7pm National Theatre Live: The Fifth Step (with closed captions) (15) 1hr 40m</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You can book and pay online via our website. Our licensed cafe/bar opens 30 minutes before all events and screenings. For a full list of what's on, head to our website or give us a call. 	
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More Familiar Faces By John Hunter



Also appearing in 'Ride the High Country' as the elder member of the outlaw family is John Anderson (left) probably lesser known than Mr Buchanan, but still recognisable from countless

We recently looked at one of my favourite westerns, 'Ride the High Country' - and left you all with a picture of one of its leading players. A very familiar face, and a star of several TV comedies, one of which I



clearly remember - 'Petticoat Junction'. His name is Edgar Buchanan and he specialised in playing drunk judges or officials (see above) and appeared in over a

hundred films spanning 'Texas' (1941) playing a dentist, 'Shane' (1953) as a crusty settler, through to the romantic comedy 'Move over Darling' (1963) with Rock Hudson and Doris Day. Most at home in westerns however, he found a new fan base in the 1960s appearing in TV shows 'The Rifleman', 'Hopalong Cassidy' and 'Maverick' with James Garner - and if you think 'crossover' episodes between different shows is more of a recent thing on TV, well there was a 'Petticoat Junction' and 'Beverly Hillbillies' crossover back in 1968. His last featured role was a recurring part in the Glen Ford starrer 'Cade's County' in the early 70s.

movies and TV shows. After serving in the US coast guard in WWII, he started out on Broadway (in the original 'Paint your Wagon' cast), then progressed to Hollywood, playing the man who sells a car to Marion at the start of Hitchcock's 'Psycho' in 1960. Other notable films from this period include 'The Satan Bug', 'The Hallelujah Trail' and controversial western 'Soldier Blue'. Another US TV stalwart, his many appearances included 'Sgt Bilko' 'Have gun, will travel' 'Perry Mason' 'Laramie' 'Bonanza' 'The Fugitive' and 'The Untouchables'. He played 'Grandpa' in five episodes of 'MacGyver' and his last appearance was in 'Star Trek, the next generation'. He had a strong similarity to Abraham Lincoln, and played the great man no less than three times.

I often wonder if any of today's character actors will be remembered so affectionately in fifty years' time? I *may* have cited John Cena until recently, when he has been promoted to some more high profile' starring' roles, but maybe Michael Ironside, Glen Moreshower, Paul Guilfoyle and Xander Berkeley could soon join our illustrious list? (*check them out on google!*).

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David Hughes

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Melbecks Parish Council October 2025

Notice Boards The notice board in Low Row has been repaired, and it was agreed for the same to be done in Gunnerside

Finance The precept will be agreed at the next meeting in November

North Yorkshire Council Councillors noted the new Assertion 10 in the Annual Governance and Accountability Return for the year ended 31 March 2026 - Digital and Data, which requires new email addresses etc. Work is ongoing on this

Highways The clerk was asked to report the following issues: near Rowleth Bottom, Low Row - the road is falling away, in Gunnerside opposite the electric gate, the wall is dropping down. Near Robin Gate, issues with the bollards at the side of the road

Consultation on proposals relating to Reeth and Gunnerside Schools Federation Councillors received the consultation document and noted the public meeting date of Tuesday 14th October at 6pm

YDNPA planning applications: Householder planning permission and listed building consent for erection of a stone boundary wall with pedestrian gates at Jingle Pot Lodge, Gunnerside, DL11 6JG - R/05/67G, and Section 73 application to vary conditions 2 (approved plans) and 17 (roofing slates) of R/05/252 (Full planning permission for re-occupation of a former dwelling and installation of sewage package treatment plant) in respect of the amended location of the fuel tank, generator and heat pump and for the use of weathered Indian stone slates for any additional slates required at Mount Pleasant, Low Row, Gunnerside,

DL11 6PU - R/05/252B. There were no comments or objections raised

TPO/Conservation Area applications: Brockma Gill, Kearton, Low Row - fell 1 ash tree and Thistlebout Farm, Gunnerside -fell 1 pine and crown lift 1 elm, there were no objections raised.

Housing Needs Survey Results These had been shared with councillors

Dales Police Reports: 9th June 2025 to 7th July 2025 and 6th May 2025 to 8th June 2025. Both these reports had been shared. PC Heather Campbell provided an update. There has been an incident of fly-tipping which was reported to the police and North Yorkshire Council

Complaints Procedure This was reviewed and adopted unanimously

Date of the next meeting Thursday 27th November 2025 at Low Row Institute at 7.30pm



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The Volunteer group has now been running for 3 years, and currently stands at 32 Volunteer members. In times of Storm, flooding, power cuts etc, the volunteers action the MELBECKS CIVIL EMERGENCY PLAN. We have Generators which will supply power to the Low Row Institute and Gunnerside Village Hall in the event of protracted power outages, giving residents somewhere to go in order to stay warm, get hot food and drinks, plus advice and internet services. We have sandbag stores located at the rear of the Low Row Institute, and also behind the Gunnerside Village Hall.

The role of our volunteers is simple; We open up and operate the village halls as emergency rest centres; we check that the routes in and out of the dale are clear in order to support the emergency services; we knock on doors to check on potential vulnerable residents; we liaise with the Resilience Emergency Team at Northallerton, and we can (if conditions allow) transport people to the emergency rest centres. Over half of our volunteers are now registered first aiders, and our skill base is growing. As residents, you do not have to worry about the intricacies of the emergency plan. The plan, as it were, will come to YOU! However, it is beneficial to everybody in the Melbecks Parish (and Crackpot which is

included in the plan) to be aware of the following;

In relation to storms, prolonged power cuts or flooding, it is good practice to use the Sandbag stores BEFORE storms or flooding hits. It is safer, and a lot easier than waiting until torrents of water are cascading everywhere around you! The bags are free, and you don't need permission to use them, as long as the use is for emergency situations or preparedness. As said, sandbag stores are located behind the Low Row Institute and the Gunnerside Village Hall. At a recent meeting, the subject of Holiday Home (HH) occupiers was raised. At the time of writing, the emergency volunteer group has absolutely no way of knowing if HH are occupied, and will therefore only visit properties that we know have people in them. This reduces the risk factor to our volunteers.

However, visitors to the dale will have no idea of what happens, or what to do in the event of power cuts or emergencies and this is of great concern to us. As a rule of thumb, the emergency group will not deploy in the hours of darkness unless there is a specific threat or dire situation developing, as people are generally safer in their own homes. If power is lost at night, and is still off in the morning, then the generators at the Low Row Institute and the Gunnerside Village Hall will be started circa 08:00am to provide, heat, lighting, hot drinks and internet facilities for anyone that needs them. This is particularly good information to have at hand in the event that telephone communications are lost as well.

For Storms/flooding situations, the decision to activate the emergency

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group will always depend on local knowledge, the immediate weather conditions and relevant agency alerts at the time. **It's good for EVERYONE to know all this, but it would be great if HH owners could advise their visitors that these arrangements are in place for an emergency, especially if any of their visitors may require assistance.**



For daytime power outages, the decision to deploy the volunteer group and/or start the generators will depend on the time of year, local knowledge, weather conditions and information provided by the utility companies & NYCC.

For vulnerable residents, we will always



try to utilise volunteers that reside where you live to check that you are ok. **The volunteers are easily recognised by their red waterproof jackets with the group logo on the front and 'Melbecks Emergency Volunteer' on the back.**

Please also remember, that a situation

can make you a 'vulnerable person', regardless of your age, health, ability or inability. (If your home is liable to flooding for example, then you are classed as vulnerable.)

So, if you get a knock from our volunteers during times of emergency, please don't be affronted by it, we are there to help.

The Group would like to thank Councillor Yvonne Peacock MBE, and North Yorkshire County Council for all their continuing support, and in particular for the recent purchase of the waterproof group PPE jackets, which have been very well received. Thanks also to Jonathan and Lousie Baltesz for the purchase of Winter equipment and Grit storage facilities; your support, as always, is very much appreciated.

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November Update

That's a wrap on Leyburn Jazz Festival for another year which means our attention turns to the Festive period and planning for 2026 with plenty of opportunities for all ages to enjoy and take part. Registration is open for all upcoming events and activities so please book early and support our volunteers and performers who work tirelessly to keep community arts happening in the Dales.

EVENTS

Christmas Together Concert - Join Light My Choir!, Musical Director Colin Bailey, and special guests The Stanley Duo, Gail Barlow and Bee Darcey, for an afternoon of classic Christmas songs and festive cheer with a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie. The concert takes place at St. Matthew's Church, Leyburn on **Saturday 6th December at 2.00pm** (doors open 1.30pm). Tickets: Pay as you feel (suggested donation £10.00). The concert follows the Church's Christmas Coffee morning with local craft stalls. All Welcome.

A Christmas Cracker - The Garden Rooms at Tennants, Leyburn.

BlueBoxt are thrilled to be joining the Service Children's Community Choir and friends for a heart-warming evening of festive music and community spirit. The concert takes place on **Wednesday 17th December, 7.30pm**. Tickets are available from www.tennantsgardenrooms.com or

from the reception and cost £10.00 - Adults, £5.00 - Children.

FEAST Christmas Party: Start the holidays with some festive fun for ages 4 to 12 on **Monday 22nd December from 11.00am - 3.00pm** at Leyburn Methodist Church Hall. Enjoy an action packed few hours as a family or, let them have all the fun while you sneak in some last-minute preparations for the big day! There will be festive activities including Christmas cards and decorations to make and take home. A family friendly disco with traditional party games, challenges, and plenty of singing and dancing. All fuelled by healthy snacks, biscuit icing, and a chance to prepare the party tea. The session will finish with a visit from Mother Christmas for a special festive story time and a gift to take home. Places cost £20 inc. gift and party tea. FEAST voucher places available from Schools or North Yorkshire Together - contact us to find out more.

ACTIVITIES

NEW DAY, NEW VENUE! - **Play, Record, Perform (11-19 years, other ages considered)** - Sessions now take place on Wednesday evenings 6.30pm - 8.30pm at Leyburn Scout and Guides Hall. We cover different styles of music and it is a great to meet and make music with other young musicians.

Get Musical Jam Band (6-11 years, other ages considered) - Fridays 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th November from 4.30pm-6.00pm at Leyburn Methodist Church Hall. Bee Darcey returns with a fun series of FREE music-making activities including Boomwhackers, Bucket Beats, Sing-along-a Jam Band. The sessions are kindly supported by funding from AMP, Youth Music and

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Arts Council England.

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

FUND RAISING

Thank you to everyone who supported us in October for our Coffee Morning, Quiz night with Simon Eastwood, Grand Prize Draw (winning numbers available on our website or by request).

Coffee Mornings - Our final coffee morning of the year takes place at Leyburn Methodist Church Hall on Friday 28th November. Enjoy a cuppa and a chat. Cake Stall and Raffle.

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

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Reeth Bonfire and Firework Display will take place on **5th November** on Reeth green.

The bonfire will be lit at 6.30 and the fireworks start 7.00.

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When Isla was 10, she was exposed to sexually explicit content by someone she trusted. This is a form of sexual abuse. It made her feel uncomfortable, angry and unsafe. Soon severe anxiety and distressing thoughts affected every aspect of her life. She was experiencing symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder.

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Friends of the Dales launch Eyes on the Skies campaign

The Friends of the Dales has launched a campaign called Eyes on the Skies, speaking out against the criminal killing of birds of prey. The campaign has the support of several partners including the RSPB and the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority. Birds of prey are in catastrophic decline, especially in the Yorkshire Dales which continues to be a black spot for this type of wildlife crime.

The campaign was announced shortly after the RSPB revealed a hen harrier it monitored had gone missing under "suspicious circumstances" while at a roost site on moorland between Reeth and Redmire (the 29th hen harrier to 'suspiciously disappear' in the National Park since 2015.) In addition, figures from the wildlife charity show that between 2015 and 2024, 67 confirmed or suspected raptor persecution incidents were recorded in or near the Yorkshire Dales National Park.

Friends of the Dales is hoping its Eyes on the Skies campaign will teach people about the importance of the birds to the ecosystem and how to spot suspicious activity. Find out more about their campaign at: <https://tinyurl.com/5895565c>

Renewables overtake coal as world's biggest source of electricity

For the first time ever, renewables have replaced coal as the world's

leading source of electricity. However, it's a mixed picture globally according to the data: Developing countries, especially China, led the charge in clean energy, while richer nations including the US and EU relied more than before on planet-warming fossil fuels. This divide is likely to get more pronounced as a result of the policies of President Donald Trump's administration which are focused on increasing oil and gas exports.

Source: BBC News

<https://tinyurl.com/mu5pumnb>

Swaledale & Wensleydale Environmental Farmers group to help clean up local rivers

More than £1.5m worth of fines issued to Yorkshire Water for sewage leaks will be spent on clean-up projects across the region, including £220,000 awarded to the Swaledale and Wensleydale Environmental Farmers Group (SWEF) for improving land around the Swale and Ure. Defra said the projects would "tackle pollution and support long-term plans for nature restoration."

Source: BBC News

<https://tinyurl.com/ty9knum8>

Yorkshire Dales National Park pressing ahead with plans for new Garsdale to Hawes trail

The National Park Authority is pressing ahead with plans to create an accessible trail along the disused railway line between Garsdale Station and Hawes. In 2022, over 2,300 people took part in a public consultation—one of the most engaged in the Authority's history—with nearly 80% backing the idea of a safe, inclusive route for walkers, wheelchair users, cyclists, and horse

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riders.

To keep the project moving, the dedicated Steering Group is now considering a formal Public Path Creation Order under the Highways Act 1980. This legal process would seek to establish the proposed route as a bridleway. Interested parties can submit objections to the Order at this stage.

Source: YDNPA

<https://tinyurl.com/38psc4ns>

Sign up for Sustainable Swaledale's winter volunteer activities

Sustainable Swaledale's winter volunteer schedule is now live and all helping hands are most welcome. Planned activities include wildflower plug planting, hedge laying, woodland maintenance, and hedge and tree planting; at a variety of lovely sites from Muker to Marske to Langthwaite, across a mix of weekend and weekday dates. Two planting sessions in Gunnerside will also be in conjunction with children from Reeth and Gunnerside Schools under full teacher supervision.

Please sign up via the online spreadsheet using the link: <https://tinyurl.com/3m2sjvup>

Alternatively, please email info@sustainableswaledale.org with any questions and we can book you in.

Thank you to the Church of England churches in Swaledale and Arkengarthdale

We are grateful to the local churches in Swaledale and Arkengarthdale who nominated Sustainable Swaledale as the recipient of the monetary donations at this year's Harvest Festival services. Thank you for both the nomination and

the donations.

Liz & Margare



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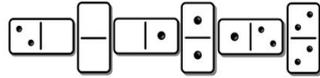
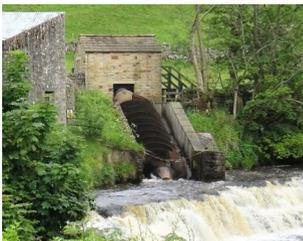


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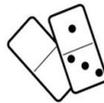
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The archaeology and local history group has now moved into its winter programme where our talks are on Zoom and so open to members only. The November talk, on Tuesday 11th is on the Roman Villa excavated recently at Carlisle; 11th December is our Christmas social - soup & puds at Marrick Priory, while the talk in January is about the Archaeology of Peru. More details are on the website at <https://new-swaag.org/our-events-diary/> . You may join the Group using the form on the website at <https://new-swaag.org/join-us/> . The fee is £20 per year, falling to £10 in January for the remainder of the membership year. Most of our talks are recorded and available to members a week or so after the talk.

Last month I looked at the local medieval field systems. Another landscape feature, prominent on Fremington Edge, is the spoil heaps above the White House. Many think these are the remains of lead mining. They are not. They are spoil from the underground Chert Quarries. This was quite big business here and in Arkengarthdale from the early 20th C until the mid-1950s. Chert is a very hard flint-like rock which was used in the manufacture of porcelain in the Potteries. It was also used in prehistoric times to make tools, knives, scrapers, arrowheads. To learn more about chert simply enter 'chert' in the search box on SWAAG's home page at new-swaag.org .

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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>Service of Light</i>
	11.00 am	Holy Trinity Low Row	<i>Eucharist. Service remembering those whom we love but see no longer</i>
	11.00 am	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
	4.00 pm	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	<i>Refreshments served from 3.45</i>
9th Nov.	10.30 am	St. Joseph & Francis Xavier Richmond	<i>Mass</i>
	10.50 am	St Michael's Downholme	<i>Marske and Downholme joint Remembrance Service</i>
	10.50 am	St. Mary's Arkengarthdale	<i>Remembrance Service followed by an Act of Remembrance at the war memorial</i>
	10.50 am	Keld War Memorial followed by Keld Chapel	<i>Keld and Low Row Remembrance Service</i>
	11.00 am	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
	2.30 pm	St. Andrew's Grinton	<i>Remembrance Service (Parade gathers at Reeth 2 pm)</i>
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16th Nov.	9.15 pm	St. Mary's Muker	<i>Holy Communion BCP</i>
	10.30 am	St. Joseph & Francis Xavier Richmond	<i>Mass</i>
	10.30 am	Low Row URC	
	11.00 am	Holy Trinity Low Row	<i>Eucharist</i>
	11.00 am	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
	11.00 am	St. Edmund's, Marske	<i>Holy Communion</i>
	2.30 pm	Gunnerside Methodist	
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23rd Nov.	9.30 am	St. Andrew's Grinton	<i>Baptism</i>
	9.30 am	St Michael's Downholme	<i>Holy Communion</i>
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	10.30 am	Low Row URC	
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	11.15 am	St. Mary's Arkengarthdale	<i>Holy Communion BCP</i>
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27th Nov	7pm	Low Row URC	
30th Nov.	10.30 am	Low Row URC: Christians Together in Swaledale	<i>Advent Service</i>
	10.30 am	St. Joseph & Francis Xavier Richmond	<i>Mass</i>
	10.30 am	St. Andrew's Grinton	<i>United Parish Service with a speaker from Mary's Meals</i>
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If there's an author you particularly like you can add them to our "wish list" in the library and we'll look for them when we go on one of our three or four monthly visits to choose new stock from County Pool in Northallerton.

If you'd like to join our team of library volunteers you'd be very welcome. The duties aren't onerous - just popping



into Hudson House once or twice a month to change the date stamp (yes, we still use one!) and reshelve returned books. You can also come to County

Pool with us and choose some of the books to replenish our stock.

We were delighted to welcome a couple of colleagues from North Yorkshire County libraries recently. Philippa Abbott, Area Librarian, came along with Hazel Smith, Head of Libraries to see how we operate. And another visitor popped in while they were with us - pictured is Hazel with Mabel the cat! Dogs are always welcome at Hudson House, but I don't think we've ever had a cat before.

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The Yorkshire Dales came alive on the last weekend of September with a wave of pink as the first event of this year's PINKtober took place. Titled Two Dales, Three Peaks and a River, the challenge brought walkers together from across the region to take on the rugged beauty of Swaledale and Arkengarthdale – all in aid of Cancer Research UK.

Against a backdrop of sweeping heather moorland, winding paths and stone-walled villages, the walkers made steady progress, their pink shirts standing out boldly against the autumnal landscape. The atmosphere was one of determination, camaraderie and reflection, with every step taken for a cause that has touched so many lives.

The event was more than just a walk. It was a show of solidarity, with groups supporting each other up the climbs, sharing laughter along the way and taking in the breathtaking scenery the Dales are so well known for. The message on the back of their shirts – "Together we will beat cancer" – felt especially powerful as the group stretched out along the trails.

As the walk drew to a close, some participants celebrated their achievement in the most refreshing way possible – a dip in the River Swale. Their cheers and splashes captured the spirit of the day: a mixture of challenge, joy and hope.

Events like this highlight the power of

community, proving that when people come together for a shared cause, something truly inspiring happens. PINKtober in the Dales was off to a strong start, and with more events ahead, the fight against cancer continues step by step, stride by stride.

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The Yorkshire Dales Rivers Trust Rivers4Life autumn stage photography competition is now open. The charity is looking for the best photographs of Yorkshire Dales rivers and wildlife this autumn, to be included in its Rivers4Life exhibition which will be mounted at the Dales Countryside Museum in 2026 and will also feature in its 2027 calendar - all funded by The National Lottery Heritage Fund.

For an entry form visit: www.ydrt.org.uk/photography-competition/

The autumn stage of the competition closes 5 December.

Remember to include the location of your photographs, taken in the catchments of the Yorkshire Dales Rivers Trust which includes the rivers Swale, Ure, Nidd, Wharfe and Ouse and their tributaries.

The Yorkshire Dales Rivers Trust was established in 2004 as a Registered Charity, working to enhance and protect the rivers of the Yorkshire Dales for the benefit of everyone. By working in partnership with landowners, businesses, land managers and the public, it aims to care for the rivers, streams and catchments of the Swale, Ure, Nidd, Wharfe and Ouse as sources of pure water, as habitats for aquatic and other wildlife, and as havens of quiet recreation for anglers and everyone to enjoy. It also works with schools and communities to inform children and the wider public, to

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Muker Parish Council Minutes of Parish Meeting Held August 2025

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

Clerk: Mr Michael Cleminson.

Apologies for Absence: None

Matters Arising:

a. NYC School Proposals. A number of appeals have been heard and most rejected with further ones taking place prior to the September intake, there are so many appeals across the County that some may take place after the start of the school term. Cllr Peacock said that some County Councillors are beginning to recognise the negative impact that this is having on families, she said that some children from Settle may have to attend schools at Hawes travelling over Fleet Moss, again another example of a high, dangerous route for children to attend school. Parish Councillors said that there was a resignation amongst parents that they will inevitably have to pay for transport to Richmond School. The Councillors are aware that there are at least 4 children in the Upper Dale that this will have an impact on. Cllr Reynoldson pointed out that even though parents will be paying, there is still no guarantee of a place on the bus. This is a ridiculous situation of uncertainty, for both children and parents. Cllr's discussed the possibility of the 'Little White Bus' being used to transport children to school. Cllr Peacock said she would explore the possibility. Rishi Sunak MP did respond with a letter,

stating that he had done everything possible to make sure that NYC understands and acts upon the strength of feeling, and also that NYC can use its discretionary powers to provide free home to school transport in a variety of different ways. In particular, that the policy works practically for the unique geography of the upper dale of Swaledale. Cllr Peacock confirmed that meetings had taken place between Rishi Sunak MP and NYC Councillors, unfortunately without success to date.

The Clerk said that a complaint had been made to NYC about the conduct of Cllr Dadd at the Extraordinary meeting on 21 May 2025. The complaint was not upheld and no apology was made by Cllr Gareth Dadd.

b. Grass Cutting at Muker and Angram - A meeting was held at Angram on Sunday 13th July, attended by local residents; the Clerk also attended to represent the Moseley family. The late Keith Moseley carved and installed the Millennium Monument on the green by the phone box in Angram. It had been said that Sustainable Swaledale, Friends of The Dales and Gunnerside Estate supported not cutting the green at this location. Enquiries by the Clerk and a Councillor revealed that none of these parties knew about the meeting. The Chair, Cllr Calvert said that the Parish Council should have been informed and the matter discussed at a Parish Council meeting. Cllr Peacock pointed out that legally the Parish Council is the correct authority to make these decisions for the Community. The Clerk reported that an agreement was reached over the area to be mown. Cllr Metcalfe had reported to the Clerk that the grass by the benches in Muker had not been cut. The Clerk reported

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this to NYC, who replied on 8th July, that Muker had been missed off the list provided to the contractors, and that the grass would be cut as soon as possible, and included in the remainder of the 2025 programme. It was noted that the grass had still not been cut.

c. Salt Bins at Keld - Only one of the three salt bins at Keld are filled by the NYC. Councillors discussed a range of options to provide salt for the other 2 bins to ensure that in inclement weather the road can be made safe. It was decided that the Parish Council will pay NYC this Winter for the bins to be refilled at a cost of £90.00 per bin. At the end of the Winter an assessment will be made on whether this has been a success and should continue. Clerk to inform NYC Highways.

d. Housing Needs Survey - The Clerk said that an invitation had been sent inviting Councillors to attend a meeting on 10th September for the results of the survey to be discussed. Cllr Peacock said that the survey had shown that there was a need for affordable housing in the dales, and that she would provide a copy of the conclusions to the Parish Council. It was decided there was no need for anyone to attend the event.

Finance. Nothing to report

Highways. Damage to Scarr House and Usha Gap Bridges and the cattlegrid on The Buttertubs. The Clerk contacted Highways to see if the cattlegrid was being repaired at the same time as the Buttertubs road closure, he was informed that there was insufficient funding for this financial year and that it would be repaired in the next financial year 25/26. All Councillors reported that the grid was sinking deeper and will

need repairing soon, pointing out that if it breaks, it would have to be repaired immediately. Cllr Reynoldson reported that cyclists often use the gate at the side and then leave it open. The bridges were due to be repaired in January to March 2025, however other urgent bridge works in the County have delayed this. Usha Gap bridge was first damaged in December 2022 and Scarr House bridge in the Spring of 2023. Cllr Peacock said she would contact Highways to progress this, the Clerk will also report this.

Cllr Rukin said that the potholes at West Stonesdale had still not been repaired, Clerk replied that they had been reported twice now and he will try to establish when they may be repaired.

NYC - School transport - see above

National Association of Local Councils - The Government are progressing policy to permit remote meetings and proxy voting.

YDNPA - Section 19 application to vary Condition 6 (roofing material) of R/06/114K/LB (listed building consent to re-roof and underfelt the existing cart shed lean-to roof and to flush point the east elevation of the cart shed and byre) in respect of changes to the roofing material from natural stone slate to artificial slate of 'natural weathered stone' at Angram Farm, Angram, Richmond, DL11 6DT - R/06/114J/LB. Dealt with By email supported by the Council.

Full planning permission for construction of low-level bridge to create a river crossing over the beck at Cliff Beck, east of Thwaite, Muker (GR:389403, 497832) at Cliff Beck, east of Thwaite, Muker, (GR: 389403, 497832) - R/06/199B. The Councillors understand why a

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bridge is desired at this location, however, at this stage, the Council is not able to support the plans submitted, because the proposed 3 ton weight tolerance is insufficient for farm vehicles and equipment. The Councillors believe that the bridge should be able to withstand weights of 10 tons to accommodate all uses. The ford is currently used by a number of farmers and others have rights of access across the ford. There is also concern that the bridge may not be wide enough.

YLCA - Nothing of relevance

Other Correspondence/AOB: The Chair, Cllr Calvert brought a book to the meeting, titled Muker Valuation 1856 written by James A Clarkson, Smithy Holme, Swaledale. The book is a comprehensive list of all property and land within Muker Parish showing estimated rental values and rateable values. Each field and property is numbered, but unfortunately we do not possess the map which corresponds to these numbers. Cllr Calvert said the book was purchased at auction, in a 'lot' of books. The purchaser only wanted one book in the 'lot' and made enquiries for the book to be returned to Muker Parish. The book will be retained by the Parish Council.

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm.





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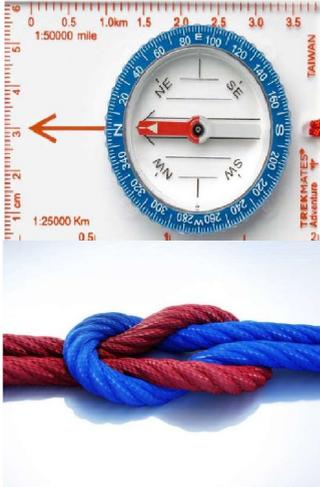


Results of an Important Meeting

If you are interested in attending the 'Opening Morning' previously advertised in the October Gazette, please sign up as soon as possible so we know numbers and interests.

For further details about the status of the Scout Group see the article in this month's Gazette.

Nick Caldwell
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Swaledale Scout Group

Potential Closure of the Group and Status of Funds and Equipment

As many of you will have read in the Gazette in October there is a very real possibility that the Scout Group in Swaledale and Arkengarthdale will have to close soon due to a lack of interest in people coming forward as Leaders and Parent Helpers.

You will also know that the funds and equipment that the Scout Group hold have been raised in the community and for the community in terms of both use by the young people in the Group and by the community - for barbecues, tents and equipment for local events, stalls on the Green and many other activities locally.

If the Group closes the Scout Rules mean that Richmond District holds these assets of the Group for 2 years after which if the Group fails to get going again it distributes those assets to other Groups in the District.

This would be a very sad way for Scouting in the Two Dales to finish and deprive the community of assets that are valuable to a lot of activities within the community. It would also deprive our young people of an important learning and social experience.

It is your choice whether you wish to come forward to help get the Group going again so we appeal to your sense of community to help in this critical time.

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The lecture, by Lars Tharp, will take place at Tennants Garden Rooms, Leyburn, DL8 5SG on Tuesday 25th November. Visitors are welcome at £10 each. Café and easy parking. For further details visit our website: Theartsociety.org/wensleydale

This lecture is The Arts Society Read Memorial Lecture honouring two of our founders, Brian and Letitia Read, and there is a special two course lunch available in the Versailles Room prior to the lecture. Please see this link for more details:
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For those who would rather not join the parade on foot, a bus will also set off from Reeth Green at 2.00pm. The bus will then return after the service to Reeth Memorial Hall, where tea will be served.

**Act of Remembrance,
Tuesday 11th November
2025.**

All are invited to a short Act of Remembrance at Reeth War Memorial. Please gather at the Memorial at 10.50am.

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

**RBL POPPY APPEAL
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Dales Police Crime Bulletin



Monthly Police Report

6th Sep - 9th Oct 2025.

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

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

Incidents of note:

Reported 8th Sep Premises under renovation in Healaugh had been broken into and a quantity of contractors' tools had been stolen. Reported 12th Sep a Yamaha Kodiak Quad bike had been stolen from Hudswell.

Overnight 19th Sep an Ifor Williams small plant trailer had been stolen Airedale Mill carpark Askrigg. Reported 20th Sep Theft of Power tools and cash stolen from West Shaw Cote Farm.

27 - Suspicious Circumstances (Door to door sellers/Vehicles parked etc).

17 - Abandoned calls (misdials/pocket dial).

16 - Highway disruption (Floods/Trees/Animals).

2 - Burglary.

4 - Missing Person.

14 - Road Traffic Collision (Minor).

1 - RTC (Serious).

3 - Theft.

14 - Concern for Safety.

10 - Road Related Offences (manner of driving/vehicles without tax/possible OPL).

12 - Violence.

1 - Fraud/Forgery (online/phone).

2 - Lost/Found.

1 - Antisocial Behaviour (Nuisance).

1 - ASB (Personal).

3 - Civil Dispute.

2 - Wildlife.

4 - Criminal Damage.

4 - Stalking/Harassment.

In total 180 calls were received reporting either the above or making general enquiries.

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5 Incidents this edition

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Incident 41: 3-4/10/2025: Called by Upper Wharfedale Fell Rescue Association (UWFRA) to assist with the rescue of 3 exhausted cavers. 3 of our team initially spent 21 hours underground followed by a replacement team spending another 7. Supported by 5 surface members too. An excellent outcome in challenging conditions.

Incident 40: 01/10/2025: Called by the Police to rescue Cia the sheepdog who, while working, had become crag fast. Team abseiled in and recovered Cia safe and well

Incident 39: 21/09/2025: Called by the Police following reports of an abandoned rucksack near the river Swale. Given the high-water last night a search was immediately started, fortunately the rucksack owner was located safe and well and the team stood down.

Incident 38: 08/09/2025: Called by the Ambulance to assist with the treatment and evacuation of an injured walker near Hackfall Woods. Treated on scene by Ambulance service and team medics, then stretchered to the ambulance.

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ADVANCE NOTICES:

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Our chosen charity this year is Mary's Meals which is involved in feeding children a daily meal at school in some of the world's poorest countries, and currently they are serving 2.4 million young people each school day across the globe. It costs just £19.15 to feed a child with a daily meal for a whole school year,

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Gunnerside Chapel News

On 13th September last, over 60 people gathered in the Chapel to participate in an evening of Sankey hymns and choruses under the able chairmanship of Andrew Geary, a sheep farmer from "down south", former Mayor of Milton Keynes, and a lay reader at St. Peter and St. Pauls in Olney, (the church of slaver turned abolitionist John Newton, the composer of "Amazing Grace").

The singing was assisted by the "Cousins in Common" choir, accompanied by Andrew Sowter on the organ and concluded with a rendition of "Swaledale" followed by refreshments. As usual at these events it was difficult to get everyone out of the Chapel afterwards, (but then that is entirely as it should be)..

Richard Hunt



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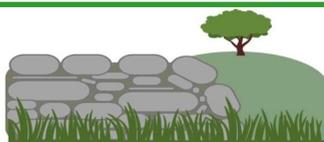
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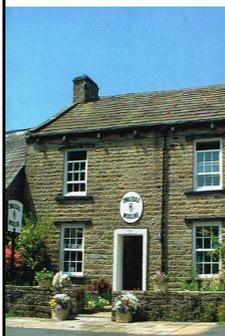
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Tues 4th Nov - Tai Chi and Qigong taster session, £8, Low Row Literary Institute.

Wed 5th Nov - Workout Wednesday, 6.30pm Flow, 7.45pm Tabatha, £5 per class, Low Row Literary Institute

Fri 7th Nov - Muker Domino Drive, 7.30pm, Muker Public Hall

Sat 8th Nov - Bacon Buns at Low Row Literary Institute, 10am

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

Sun 9th Nov - Remembrance Day Parade and Service, 2pm, Reeth Green

Tues 11th Nov - Heart and Craft, 10.30am. Low Row Literary Institute, free

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

Fri 14th Nov - Film Night, Low Row Literary Institute

Fri 14th Nov and Sat 15th Nov - Immersive dining experience @ The Station CafeBar, Richmond to book Call 01748 825967 or

email reservations@thestation.co.uk

Sat 15th Nov - Coffee Morning, 10-12noon, Reeth Evangelical Congregational Church

Sat 15th Nov - Swale Singers concert, St Oswald's Askrigg, 4pm

Sat 15th Nov - Ripon Choral sing Vaughan Williams, Ripon Cathedral 7.30pm

Sat 15th Nov - Quiz night The Hub, Arkengarthdale, 7.30

Sat 15th Nov - The Finklepickers plus pie and peas supper, Reeth Memorial Hall, 7.30pm

Wed 19th Nov - Workout

Wednesdsy, 6.30pm Functional Strength, 7.45 Cardio Dance Party, £5 per class, Low Row LI

Tues 25th Nov - Heartband Craft, 10.30am Low Row Literary Institute, free

Tues 25th Nov - The Arts Society Read Memorial Lecture, 2pm Tennants Garden Rooms

Fri 28th Nov - Domino and Whist Drive, Keld Public Hall, 7.30pm

Sat 29th Nov - Low Row Christmas Fair, Low Row Institute, 10-4

Sat 29th Nov - Musicality Christmas Concert 2.30-4.30. Northallerton Methodist Church

December

Tues 2nd Dec - Wreath-making workshop with Mandy Kilner from Swaledale Botanical. 1.30pm Low Row LI

Fri 5th Dec - Felting Workshop with Harriet Morley, 1-4pm, Low Row Literary Institute

Sat 6th Dec - The Wilderness Yet (seasonal concert), Reeth Memorial Hall 8pm

Sun 7th Dec - Richmond Orchestra Christmas Concert, Tennants Garden Rooms, 4pm

Sun 7th Dec - Come and sing Carols, St Andrew's, Grinton 4pm.

Wed 17th Dec - A Christmas Cracker, Blueboxt join the Service Childrens' Community Choir, Tennants Garden Rooms, 7.30

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