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Jackie

Cover photo: Sophie Tarran - see article on page 4

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July issue: June 10th

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This Month's Cover Image

This month I am delighted to feature on the front cover a photograph of a forget-me-not love heart, taken on Healaugh Green by young photographer Sophie Tarran.

Sophie lives in Healaugh and attends Richmond School. She is a keen photographer who has recently set up a small business, to promote which she has an exhibition running of her nature photographs at **The Station, Richmond** from 7-20th May.

Sophie is hoping to study Photography at Sheffield starting in 2027, and we wish her every success with her venture



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I'm 16 years old and started photography in 2023. My photos are all taken within walking distance of my house. My desire for my exhibition is to share with people the transient beauty of nature that so often goes unnoticed

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Where hardship means hunger... urban farmers can grow hope.



In the crowded and noisy settlements of Nairobi, most parents wake every single day knowing that they must go and earn money, otherwise their children won't eat that evening. The aching hunger is bad enough. The relentless stress is overwhelming. **'When I wake up, I have a lot of worries. Sometimes I don't have food,'** says Fridah Moraa, a recently widowed grandmother determined to support her family on what little she earns.

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But Fridah's faith in God, and in her own ability to provide, is unwavering. With tools, seeds and specialist training from Christian Aid's partner, Beacon of Hope, Fridah's now making the most of a small space in the city to grow a steady supply of fresh vegetables that she can cook for her family or sell on her market stall.

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We hope you will join us for our **Christian Aid Service on Thursday 7th May at 7.30pm at Gunnerside Chapel.**

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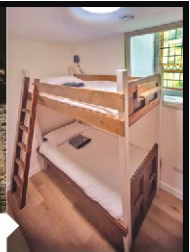


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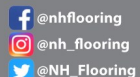
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Going Loco #1 By John Hunter

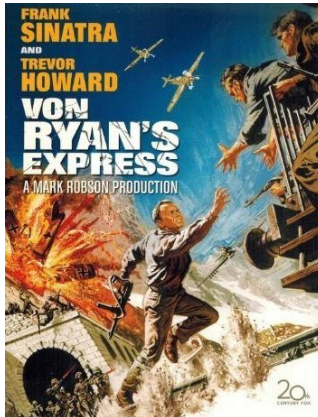
Recent articles featuring planes and automobiles led to me thinking we had rather neglected all things locomotive, so we'll redress that now with a pair of articles looking at railways in film. Fellow musicians will realise there is no shortage of rail related songs (think 'A Train', 'Chattanooga Choo Choo' 'Aitcheson Topeka' etc. and many others) and our first foray into this territory are films where *most* of the action actually takes place on the train itself.

Avalanche Express (1979) stars Lee Marvin and Robert Shaw, (both in the twilight of their careers) and is about a defecting Soviet General. The title says it all really, with lots of spectacular snowy effects. Pre-dating by 3 years and along similar lines is **The Cassandra Crossing**, with Sophia Loren, Burt Lancaster, Richard Harris, Ava Gardner and Martin Sheen riding a train which has a viral outbreak on board. It's the classic 'who will live or die' scenario and indeed at the climactic half the train plunges to destruction, half teeters on the edge!

Back in 1938, an early Hitchcock thriller (remade twice since) dealt with pre-war politics - **The Lady Vanishes** starred Margaret Lockwood and Michael Redgrave in a story about a disappearing English Nanny - Miss Froy - who turns out to be a spy. **The**

Narrow Margin (1952, remade in 1990 with the late Gene Hackman) has Charles McGraw escorting mob widow Marie Windsor to testify whilst fighting off numerous opponents. Film buffs may note it was shot in just 13 days, features extensive early use of handheld cameras (due to the confines of the actual train used) - and an almost total absence of a traditional score.

Silver Streak (1976) is the name of an LA to Chicago express train, the film being a sort of comedic update of the train-based scenes from 'North by Northwest' (see future article) - Jill Clayburgh, Patrick McGeehan and Ned Beatty all feature, but the successful first pairing of stars Gene Wilder and Richard Pryor led to them starring in three further films. Like many of the movies featured in these articles, the climactic crash scenes are most spectacular.



We'll briefly mention **Under Siege 2**, **The taking of Pelham 1 2 3** and Burt Lancaster's superb war movie **The Train**, and conclude with **Von Ryan's express** - the 1965 war epic starring Frank Sinatra and Trevor Howard which used actual Italian locations to create a realistic setting for the plot which featured Allied POWs escaping on a 'requisitioned' train. Incidentally, I can't think of *any* other movie whose beautifully painted and designed poster (by the great Tom Chantrell, who also did the original Star Wars artwork) actually depicts the *final* minutes' footage of the movie.

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Final 2025 best reads

Last month, I said we'd had a "first" in terms of readers' recommendations, with two people suggesting the same book. Blow me down if the same thing hasn't happened again this month!

This time the double-nominated book is **There are rivers in the sky** by **Elif Shafak** with Julie Teasdale and Selina Sinker both being fans.

Selina describes it as "a multi-layered book of stories, past and present woven together by the importance of water flowing through life and how essential it is to existence." She says it's a great book and highly recommends it, but feels it is a bit long. At just under 500 pages it's not quite War and Peace, but it would make an absorbing holiday read.

This may be the last article about your good reads of 2025, and I still haven't managed to whittle my own possibilities down to a single title.

So I'm going to cheat and recommend all **Elizabeth Strout's** novels. She finds profound truths in mundane, everyday life with her simple and restrained writing style. Through her flawed characters - like Olive Kitteridge and Lucy Barton - she explores loneliness, connection and family. Best to read them in the order they were published as some of the stories intertwine and characters from one book pop up again in later ones.

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In this lecture we reminisce over those beautiful graphics, bygone days of railway architecture and travel.

We'll pay homage to the wonderful Tube map by Harry Beck and look to the future of train and station design. So get your tickets ready for inspection: we're on the right track!



The lecture, by Mark Ovenden (above), will take place at Tennants Garden Rooms, Leyburn, DL8 5SG on Tuesday 19th May at 2pm.

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Coffee Morning at Leyburn Methodist Church Hall - Friday 22nd May, from 9.30am. Pop along and enjoy a cuppa and a chat. There will also be a Cake Stall and Raffle.

Wensleydale Community Arts Festival
The fourth Community Arts Festival runs from 5th to 20th June 2026 and features performances by participants from across Wensleydale and Swaledale. Full information and tickets are available at www.wensleydale.org or pick up an information leaflet from community information points to find out more. All events are 'Pay What You

Can Afford' unless stated otherwise. Refreshments available. Here is a selection of some of the programme:

Live Theatre: Twice Nightly - A celebration of the glory days of Variety. Dominic Goodwin is back for 'another titter' as Freddie Francis in his hilarious one man show, *Twice Nightly*. Freddie recalls his life as a second spot comic touring the country for 30yrs on every variety bill going. The show also includes routines from Max Miller, Rob Wilton, Jimmy James and Norman Evans and renditions of many of the popular songs of the time. **Performances take place: Friday 5th June (Askrigg, 7.30pm), Saturday 6th (Leyburn, 7.30pm) and Sunday 7th (Reeth, 7.00pm).** Tickets £15, U18s £7.50 - Bar and refreshments available.

Art Workshops with Lynn Ward (Saturday 6th) and Maxine Ahmed (Saturday 20th) 10am-2pm at Leyburn Methodist Church Hall. Places cost £25 including materials and refreshments.

Evening Concert with Peter Winder, A Rockin' Little Duo (Rod Baxter and Thomas Linckh) and The Pearls - **Friday 12th, 7.00pm at St. Matthew's Church, Leyburn.**

Afternoon Choral Concert with The Wesley Singers - **Saturday 13th, 3.00pm at Leyburn Methodist Church.** Donations in aid of the upkeep of the building.

Dales Variety Show with Dales Dance and BlueBoxt Young Performers - **Saturday 13th, 7.00pm at St. Matthew's Church, Leyburn.**

Afternoon Concert with Leyburn Band - **Sunday 14th, 2.00pm at St. Matthew's Church, Leyburn.**

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Colours Fashion Show - Wednesday 17th June, 7.00pm, at West Burton Village Hall. Back by popular demand so book your tickets early! We have teamed up with Colours, a nationwide retail organisation that specialises in supporting charities to raise funds. "Our ladies fashion show and shopping events are uniquely designed to offer a fun and entertaining experience. We bring premium high street brands to you at great prices!" There will be a Bar and Refreshments, Raffle, local makers stalls and entertainment with vocalist Bee Darcey. Ticket: £8.00 inc. welcome drink.

Evening Concert with local bands, *The 684s* (Jazz Standards and Great American Songbook) and *Somewhere Road* (Stories, Songs and Tunes) - **Friday 19th, 7.00pm at St. Matthew's Church, Leyburn.**

An Afternoon of Music and Spoken Word with The Stanley Duo, Light My Choir!, Donovan Leaman, Colin Bailey, Gail Barlow, Bee Darcey, Lili Bako and The Rodneys - **Saturday 20th June, from 1.30pm at St. Matthew's Church, Leyburn.**

Evening Concert with Jason Isaacs, winner of *Britain's Favourite Crooner* - **Saturday 20th June, 7.30pm at Leyburn Arts and Community Centre | Tickets £15**

Leyburn Jazz Festival - The sixth Festival takes place in October. The full programme is now on sale - visit www.leyburnjazz.org or pick up a programme from community information points.

Regular Activities

Raising Creative Aspirations - We are continuing to welcome applications from

young people aged 16-26 who are interested in working in the Creative Industries Sector. Supported by Youth Music and using public funding by the National Lottery through Arts Council England, we will be able to support 20 young people with coaching and business advice and 3 paid Freelance Creative placements designed to build careers in the music and creative industries. See website for more details or contact us to find out more.

Get Musical Jam Band - What a great four sessions we had before the Easter break! New sessions are running on Wednesdays 4.00pm - 5.30pm at Leyburn Scout and Guide Hall. If you play an instrument and would like to gain experience of being in a band with other young people, this sessions is for you. Current artists being covered include Cold Play, Imagine Dragons and Journey to name a few. Contact us to find out more.

Light My Choir! - Our mixed voice community choir is welcoming new members (16yrs and over). No prior experience required - come and meet our fun and friendly group and give it a try. We meet on Monday evenings 7.00pm - 9.00pm at Leyburn Methodist Church Hall. Contact us to find out more.

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

Local Plan Consultation

A public consultation on the final proposed changes to the Yorkshire Dales Local Plan 2025-40 is now open. This six-week consultation focuses *solely* on the 'main modifications' and associated 'policies map changes' that have been proposed by the Planning Inspector following the examination hearings held in December 2025.

The main modifications are some changes to the text of the policies themselves and the policy justification, glossary and appendices. A small number of the main modifications require changes to be made to the policies maps that accompany the Local Plan. Only representations that relate to a proposed main modification or policies map change will be considered by the Inspector.

The consultation does not reopen or revisit any other parts of the Local Plan.

A full set of consultation documents, including the main modifications schedule, policies map changes, and tracked-change versions of the Plan, is now available online and at National Park offices. Members of the public, stakeholders and interested organisations are invited to comment by 12 May 2026.



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The Hall is a registered charity run by a small and dedicated volunteer committee. You can book the Hall by phoning or texting the bookings secretary **Carol Witham** on **07783 924827** or by email at **c.whitham149@btinternet.com**

MARK Bike and Brew Passport in Reeth

The Copper Kettle in Reeth is an official key destination in the 2026 MARK Bike & Brew Passport. Out of 296 participating cafes across England and Wales, the popular Swaledale cafe holds the distinction of being the second most northern stop on the entire national map in 2026.

The initiative is organized by MARK (Motorbiker Acts of Random Kindness), a charity dedicated to promoting mental health wellbeing and community support through the biking community. The "Bike & Brew" Passport encourages riders to visit independent, biker-friendly venues,



collecting stamps while raising funds for local causes like food banks, hospices, and veterans' support. As a vital link for

riders heading into the northern Dales, The Copper Kettle is expecting a busy season as bikers from across the country travel north to "tick off" one of the trail's highest-latitude stamps.

"Being the second most northern stop out of nearly 300 cafes is a real badge of honour for us" says owner Sarah Gillis. "Reeth has always been a favourite for bikers, but being part of the MARK family adds a deeper purpose. It's about

more than just a pit stop; it's about supporting mental health and being part of a community that looks out for one another. We're ready to put the kettle on for everyone riding north this year."

The Copper Kettle's role in the 2026 Trail:

- A Strategic Landmark: Positioned as a "must-visit" for riders aiming to complete the northern section of the passport.
- Supporting Mental Health: Every passport sold and stamp collected helps MARK fund "Acts of Random Kindness" across the UK.
- A Warm Welcome: Providing a dedicated, friendly space for the 2026 riding season, which officially kicks off on April 1st.
- Local residents and visiting motorcyclists are invited to stop by, see the passport in action, and support a business that is helping put Reeth on the national charity map.

Sarah Gillis

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02 Incidents this edition

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In an emergency DIAL 999 ask for the POLICE then

Mountain Rescue / Cave Rescue / Mine Rescue / Flood Rescue

Incident 15: 28/03/2026: The team are out supporting the Dales Runner event, a few minor injuries dealt with.

Charity Commission Registration No: 1201870, providing Mountain and Cave Rescue in the Northern Yorkshire Dales

Thanks to the volunteers at Woodcraft Studio (Gayle Mill Trust) for their donation of £1000 to the team.

The team is made up of highly trained volunteers available 24/7 in any weather, any time of the day or night.

Huge congratulations to Kathryn and her Hen Party on completing the Dales Runner 20km. Kathryn, who was stretched off the course by the team last year, raised over £600 in sponsorship following her run for the team.

MOUNTAIN & CAVE RESCUE

On average we respond to between 40 and 50 calls each year.

A huge thanks to the Company of Fellmongers Richmond, North Yorkshire for the generous donation of £1000.

In 2025 we attended 52 incidents (including out of area Dog Searches).

Incidents 8th March to 5th April 2026:

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Leyburn Arts & Community Centre

May means enjoying the Spring flowers and tree blossoms and getting stuck in back to our own gardening when the weather has improved (hopefully) for even the most reluctant gardeners! So in preparation for these activities we shall be holding our now annual Plant Fayre on Friday 8th & Saturday 9th May, 10am - 4pm. As usual there will be a splendid choice of plants for every spot. We have some out on display already, if you wish to make an early start!

May also brings, as well as our regular Friday films, live music with the 684's on Saturday 9th; the comedian James Acaster via Cinema Live, filmed at one of his sell-out shows and an Exhibition on Screen of the works of Frida Kahlo. The previous screenings in this series have all be excellent and well attended, with an expert leading us on a personal tour of the artist's works and information about their lives which led them to be so creative. James Acaster, however is something new for us, we don't usually have comedy performances and never someone so well known. The reviews have been very good so come and see what you think! Looking further ahead to June we have National Theatre Live who bring onto our screens Playboy of the Western World. These are now being offered with subtitles - a boon for those with less than perfect hearing, like me! For nostalgia we have Twice Nightly - the Glory Days of Variety, a theatre production.

As always there are volunteer vacancies - this month our cooks have gone on holiday at the same time (which is very bad planning) so we are seeking cooks for the Lunch Club and Tuesday Club! Fancy that - volunteers having holidays?!
Jeannie



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Reeth Medical Centre prime minister said.

The closure of Reeth Medical centre has prompted concern from local residents, forcing them to ask their local MP Rishi Sunak to intervene.

Reeth Medical Centre is due to shut on 29 May after Dr Mike Brookes, who runs the centre with wife Marie, announced his retirement.

Officials from the NHS Humber and North Yorkshire Integrated Care Board (ICB), which commissions NHS services, said efforts to find a GP to take on the Swaledale practice had failed.

Richmond and Northallerton MP Rishi Sunak said he was working with Upper Dales councillor Yvonne Peacock to find a solution.

"It is disappointing, and surprising, that it has not been possible to find a replacement and that is an issue I wish to get to the bottom of," the former

The ICB stressed that no residents would be left without a doctor, with patients set to transfer to neighbouring practices, including the Central Dales Practice in Hawes and Aysgarth, and Leyburn Medical Practice, as well as practices in Richmond.

Joe Willis
BBC Local Democracy Reporting Service

At the time of writing the picture is still unclear. An action group has been set up, a survey sent out and various meetings planned.

Whatever the outcome, Mike and Marie have done a great job for the people of the two dales for many years, and they will be much missed. We wish them well in their retirement.

Jackie



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Church Opening Times and Services in May

3rd May	9.15 am	St. Mary's Muker	<i>Eucharist</i>
	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	
	3.00 pm	St. Andrew's Grinton	<i>A Service of Thanksgiving for the Harvest of Lambs</i>
	4.00 pm	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	<i>Refreshments from 3.45 pm</i>
	6.30 pm	Gunnerside Methodist	
7th May	7.30 pm	Gunnerside Methodist	<i>Christian Aid service</i>
10th May	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>
	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>
	4.00 pm	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	<i>Refreshments from 3.45 pm</i>

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	11.00 am	Holy Trinity Low Row	<i>Eucharist</i>
	11.00 am	St. Edmund's, Marske	<i>Holy Communion</i>
	4.00 pm	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	<i>Refreshments from 3.45 pm</i>
	6.30 pm	Gunnerville Methodist	
24th May	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	
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	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>
31st May	10.30 am	St Joseph & Francis Xavier Richmond	<i>Mass</i>
	10.30 am	Holy Trinity Low Row <i>Also marking 20 years of Rev Canon Caroline Hewlett as Paridh Vicar</i>	<i>United Parish Eucharist and Swaledale Festival service</i>
	11.00 am	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
	11.00 am	St. Edmund's, Marske	<i>Morning Prayer</i>
	4.00 pm	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	<i>Refreshments from 3.45 pm</i>
	6.30 pm	Gunnerville Methodist	

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So we are looking for one or more volunteers who can help us to develop fundraising ideas, resources and events.

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For an informal conversation in the first instance, please get in touch with our Chairman, Dr. Susan Miller – email chairman@swalefest.org, or phone on 01748 886358.

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Keld Heritage Centre

Events for May and June

9th May - Felt Plant Pot Cover Workshop 10.00 - 16.00 Keld Heritage Centre

Learn how to make your own wet felt and then turn it into a plant pot cover.

All materials, including plant pot, included. Can be hung outside or used inside. Please bring packed lunch or sandwiches/salads can be ordered/paid on the day. Refreshments served.

Charge: £60 pp

10th May - Swaledale Geology and Landscape Day 10.00 - 16.00 Keld Heritage Centre

A Morning session comprising of 2 short talks by Stephen Clark and Les Knight covering the geological structure of the Pennines and impact of glaciers. In the afternoon there will be a guided field trip around Keld area looking at the geology and lead mining. Please bring a packed lunch or sandwiches/salads available to order/pay on day. Charge £20 pp

20th June - Soap Workshop 10.30 - 15.30 Keld Heritage Centre

Join Fiona Hughes and learn how to make your own cold process soap from scratch using fats and oils and create your own soaps to take home. Please bring box/tray/old towel to take soap home.

Bring packed lunch or sandwiches/salads available to order pay on the day. Charge: £45 pp

21st June - Glacial Walk 10.00 - 16.00 Meet: Keld Heritage Centre Approx 7 miles (moderate)

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Cheese and butter making in the Dales Thursday 21 May 7.30 Gunnarside Village Hall

TLC@Gunnarside welcomes another popular local speaker in May when Helen Guy will tell us about the **History of Cheese and Butter Making in Swaledale and Wensleydale.**

Her talk covers the rich history and long tradition of cheese and butter making in the dales, going back to the time of the Cistercian monks. The dairy industry was once essential for small farms, providing additional income from the sale of butter and cheese at local markets or to exchange with local trades people for other goods. Almost every farm would produce cheese and butter, with farmers' wives and daughters working long hours using traditional methods that had been passed down through the generations. Helen will bring to life an era when there was little leisure time because of all the work that was needed for a farm to survive and support the family.

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To tackle these wildlife crimes effectively, the charity Friends of the Dales is asking people and supporting organisations to add their name to its Petition to Government seeking **better national recording of wildlife crime, the introduction of sentencing guidelines and the strengthening of penalties for offenders, and more effective regulation for those industries where the crimes often happen.**

Head over to its website at www.friendsofthedales.org to find out more and add your name.

The charity also has the following events scheduled to support its **Eyes on the Skies** campaign speaking out against birds of prey persecution:

Birding for Beginners

Saturday 9 May, 10am - 4pm

Designed especially for 18-35 year olds, this event offered in collaboration with the Upper Wharfedale Field Society, comprises an informal but informative morning

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Our series continues from 20th June with 5 more concerts including two piano recitals, a french horn and piano recital, a cello and piano recital and an early music concert of lutes and viols.

All concerts are at St Andrew's Church, Aysgarth, apart from the concert on 4th July which will be in Carperby Village Hall. Full details and tickets are available at www.wensleydaleconcertseries.co.uk - please do check the website for details of parking and access before travelling. Tickets can be purchased online via our ticket agent or by calling 0333 666 3366 and quoting the concert date and Wensleydale Concert Series. You can also

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On a related theme, SWAAG is planning an archaeological investigation, a 'dig', 8th- 12th June, of a potential Iron Age settlement in Grinton which might even have been used later as a Roman Signal Station! If you are interested in getting involved, please email me at grintondig2026@swaag.org; no prior experience is needed as we will provide any necessary training and support.

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Swaledale Festival 2026 set to begin with a spectacular celebration of music, arts and walking across the northern Dales
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The 2026 Swaledale Festival starts on 23 May, launching two extraordinary weeks of world-class music, creativity and discovery across the northern Dales.

The opening weekend features the dynamic violin and guitar duo **Braimah Kanneh-Mason** and **Plínio Fernandes**, alongside the UK debut of the ethereal vocal ensemble **SYSTIR** in Grinton.

Audiences can also look forward to performances from effervescent pianist **Jeneba Kanneh-Mason** (29 May, Richmond), sitar virtuoso **Jasdeep Singh Degun** (3 June, Arkengarthdale), and master of West Africa's 22-string harp **Suntou Susso** (28 May, Grinton).

Multi-instrumentalist and singer **Eleanor Grant** (top right), described as "one of Britain's greatest talents" (*Hollywood in Vienna*),



performs songs from her new collection inspired by Joni Mitchell, The Carpenters and Simon and Garfunkel. She is joined by North Yorkshire artist **Toby Pearson** (left) for a



special Festival collaboration entitled **Homecoming** (31 May, Grinton).

Renowned baritone **Roderick Williams** joins **Carducci String Quartet** for a programme including Schubert's *Die Schöne Müllerin* and music by Philip Glass (3 June, Grinton). He also performs with visionary pianist **Susie Allan** in *Love Flows* as the *Brook Flows*, a recital exploring the twists and turns of love through music that ebbs and flows like a river (5 June, Richmond).

The Festival welcomes two outstanding female artists to the stage at The Garden Rooms, Tennants, Leyburn: acclaimed jazz vocalist **Clare Teal**, performing timeless jazz and big band classics (30 May), and comedian **Rachel Parris**, presenting her signature blend of humour and piano-powered song (4 June).

Further highlights include the electrifying Afro-Latin percussion and brass duo **Ladies of Midnight Blue** (2 June, Richmond), and a celebration of

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composer **Sally Beamish** at 70, Reeth), and a unique open-air painting featuring conversation, live performance and four world premieres from her forthcoming album *House of Wonder* (6 June, Easby).

This year's programme explores the seasons and rhythms of the Dales, beginning with a series of short talks from local experts including **Swaledale and Arkengarthdale Archaeology Group**, land manager **Robert Frewen**, **Swaledale Mountain Rescue** and **Sustainable Swaledale** (23 May, Reeth).

The seasonal theme continues on 27 May in Richmond with bestselling author **Sally Coulthard** reading from her book *The Wildlife Year*, followed by the family-friendly **All-Age Musical Seasons Safari** that brings together double bassist **Eleanor Grant**, percussionist **Delia Stevens**, violinist **Fenella Humphreys** and accordionist **Valerie Barr** for a lively musical journey through the seasons - featuring excerpts from Vivaldi's *The Four Seasons* alongside other musical gems. The day concludes with a thrilling new interpretation of Vivaldi's masterpiece by the same four outstanding artists.

30 May offers more creative reflections on the seasons. **Beth Daley** leads *Stir the Air*, a relaxed writing workshop inspired by music and nature (Hawes), while shepherdess **Alison O'Neill** shares the "labour of love" behind life on a hill farm in the annual Reeth Lecture (in Reeth, where else?!). A defining feature of the Festival is the interplay between music and landscape. Festival-goers can take part in woodland sound explorations with percussionist **Delia Stevens** (28 May,

and a unique open-air painting featuring conversation, live performance and four world premieres from her forthcoming album *House of Wonder* (6 June, Easby). This year's programme explores the seasons and rhythms of the Dales, beginning with a series of short talks from local experts including **Swaledale and Arkengarthdale Archaeology Group**, land manager **Robert Frewen**, **Swaledale Mountain Rescue** and **Sustainable Swaledale** (23 May, Reeth).

Centuries of Song offers the opportunity to witness the first performance of a new work inspired by the Dales and its rivers in the Festival's first Royal Philharmonic Society Commission. Created especially for the Swaledale Festival by younger-generation composer **Vivek Haria**, the world premiere of *SANGAM: Songs of the River* will be performed by the outstanding young soprano **Margaret Lingas** and Grammy Award-winning pianist **Christopher Glynn** (4 June, Aysgarth).

The much-loved sound of local brass returns, with performances from **Muker Silver Band** (24 May, Muker) and **Reeth Brass Band** (30 May, Grinton), alongside **Leyburn Band** performing a lively programme of classics in the spectacular setting of Bolton Castle (25 May).

Community voices are at the heart of the Festival, from **Marske Choir's** recreation of the traditional 'Concert Party' (23 May, Reeth) to a performance by Catterick's **Military WAGS Choir** (30 May, Aysgarth). **Richmond on Song** will showcase a plethora of local talent, featuring the **Dales Community Pop Choir**, **Catterick Children's Service Choir** and **Swale Singers**, who will be joined by rising soprano **Sophie Montgomery** and baritone **Roderick Williams** in a moving rendition of Fauré's *Requiem* (Richmond, 6 June).

Two free art exhibitions run

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throughout the Festival: Martin Lever's **Into Over Beyond** offers an abstract journey through Swaledale's landscapes (22 May to 3 June, The Station), while **Composed by the Land** showcases photographers Gray Walker and Debbie Allen capturing the beauty and rhythm of the Yorkshire Dales (22 May to 7 June, Hudson House).

The Festival closes with an electrifying finale as **Mishra** (below) join forces with international fusion vocalist **Deepa Shakthi**, bringing the 2026 celebrations to a joyful conclusion (6 June, Grinton).



Beyond the stage, the **Four Seasons Poetry Call** will showcase poems from the community, inspired by the natural world and appearing in inventive ways throughout the Festival.

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particularly in peat and other highly organic soils. Disturbing these soils during planting or through changes in hydrology can release carbon that has been stored for centuries, leading to losses that may exceed the carbon taken up by young trees.

By measuring soil organic carbon stocks across planted and unplanted plots at Snaizeholme, the research team found that following England's new woodland creation guidelines had steered planting away from high-carbon organo-mineral soils, reducing the risk of unintended carbon release to the atmosphere. This is encouraging news: As woodland expansion continues, ensuring that planting happens in the right places, not just the available places, will be essential for balancing carbon goals with biodiversity and land-use priorities.

Read the full Leeds University blog here: <https://tinyurl.com/mv9e5xjf>

Right tree, right place: Thoughtful woodland design avoids soil carbon losses (Snaizeholme Case Study)

A Leeds University study has found that England's new woodland creation guidelines can help to reduce soil organic carbon losses. The research team focused on Snaizeholme, one of the largest upland woodland creation projects of its kind in England, at over 529 hectares, to assess how effectively the guidelines targeted planting to appropriate locations.

While new woodlands can reduce flood risk, improve air quality, support biodiversity, and capture carbon from the atmosphere; these benefits depend heavily on where trees are planted. In upland areas, soils often contain large stores of organic carbon,

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will need to be given over to nature, forests and renewable energy, to meet the UK's environmental targets; with enough land leftover to grow the food needed, and to house a growing population.

Read more on the Defra blog here:
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Margaret and Liz

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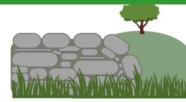
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New Summer Route for LWB

**New Friday Summer Bus links
Wensleydale and Swaledale:**

Hawes - Reeth service starts 15 May

A new once-per-week Friday bus service connecting Hawes in Wensleydale and Reeth in Swaledale via Arkengarthdale will run this summer, operated by Little White Bus as part of the Upper Dales Community Partnership Ltd. The new Friday route will provide a direct connection between Hawes and Reeth, supporting access to the Reeth Friday market, local pubs, cafes and shops, appointments, social activities, and visitor travel, while helping reduce car dependency on one of the region's most scenic corridors.

The service begins on Friday 15 May and will run most Fridays (roadworks dependent), until Friday 25th September. Stephen Stubbs, Chair of Arkengarthdale Parish Council, said: "This new Friday link between Hawes and Reeth is a positive and practical step for public transport in the Upper Dales. It will make it easier for residents and visitors to access services, stay connected, and support local businesses by improving cross-Dales travel."

Susan Hudson, Fleet Operations Manager at Little White Bus, added: "We're pleased to launch this summer Friday route. The timings are set to make the service genuinely useful, including a connection at Reeth for onward travel to Richmond and Tesco, as well as encouraging people to come over to Hawes and explore all the wonderful independent shops there are here. We'd encourage people to use it

regularly so we can demonstrate demand."

Murray Anderson-Wallace, a volunteer driver with Little White Bus and an Arkengarthdale resident, said: "It's an absolutely wonderful journey – genuinely one of the most beautiful scenic drives in the whole country. Perfect for walkers, but even if you don't need to travel, it's worth it just for the views."

Each Friday, the first bus will leave Hawes at 09:00 from outside The Board Inn pub and travel over into Swaledale via Simonstone Hall, the Buttertubs, Thwaite, Keld and on into Arkengarthdale by Tan Hill, Whaw Village, CB Yard/CB Inn and Langthwaite, and finally arriving in Reeth at 10:30. This will be in time to connect with the Swaledale Shuttle for onward travel to Richmond and Tesco. After a short turnaround the bus leaves Reeth at 10:45 and returns along the same route, arriving at Hawes at 12:15. The service then runs again in the afternoon, departing Hawes at 13:00 and leaving Reeth at 14:45, calling at all the same stops. Full fare information, accessibility details and any booking guidance will be published via Little White Bus and shared through parish councils, noticeboards, local businesses and community channels.



Diary Dates

May

Sat 2nd May - The Bar Stewards Sons of Val Doonican, Reeth Memorial Hall

Sat 2nd May - Jazz Night - Saturday 2nd May 2026 - The Good Vibes Trio + 2-course evening meal

@ The Station CafeBar, Richmond to book Call 01748 825967 or email reservations@thestation.co.uk

Tues 5th May - Heart and Craft, Low Row Institute, 10am

Tues 5th May - Heart and Craft, Arkengarthdale Hub, 2pm

Wed 6th May - Workout Wednesday, Low Row Institute, 6.30pm and Functional Strength 7.45, £8 per class

Sun 10th May - Yoga for all Low Row Institute, £10 with Deborah Meera

Tues 12th May - Heart and Craft, Muker public Hall, 10am

Wed 13th May - Workout Wednesday, Low Row Institute, 6.30pm and Functional Strength 7.45, £8 per class

Thurs 14th May - Heart and Craft, Reeth Memorial Hall, 2pm

Sat 16th May - Coffee morning 10-12 noon, Reeth Evangelical Church

Tues 19th May - Heart and Craft, Low Row Institute, 10am

Tues 19th May - Heart and Craft, Arkengarthdale Hub, 2pm

Wed 20th May - Workout Wednesday, Low Row Institute, 6.30pm and Functional Strength 7.45, £8 per class

Thurs 21st May - TLC@Gunnerside Cheese and Butter Making in the Dale,

talk by Helen Guy, 7.30 Gunnerside Village Hall.

Fri 22nd May - Over the Moon, Reeth Memorial Hall

Sun 24th May - Muker Silver Band Concert, 15:30 to 16:30, tickets £12 from www.swalefest.org Tel [01748 880018](tel:01748880018)

Tues 26th May - Heart and Craft, Muker public Hall, 10am

Wed 27th May - Workout Wednesday, Low Row Institute, 6.30pm and Functional Strength 7.45, £8 per class

Thurs 28th May - Heart and Craft, Reeth Memorial Hall, 2pm

June

Thur 25th June - TLC@Gunnerside , Felt Workshop with Cath Monks, Gunnerside Village Hall 7.30pm

Fri 26th Jun - Lino Printing Workshop, Low Row Institute 9-1pm

Sat 27th Jun - Low Row and Feetham Open Gardens

Sat 27th Jun - Dixon County, Reeth Memorial Hall

July

Fri 10th July - Everlys and Friends Tribute Show, Reeth Memorial Hall

Sat 18th July - Sherburn, Bartley Sanders, Reeth Memorial Hall

Sat 25th Jul - Lino Printing Workshop, Low Row Institute 9-1pm

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