

# April 2025

# THE FOUNTAIN

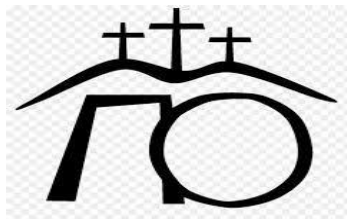
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Dear All,

Can anyone fail to be overwhelmed by the promise and glory of Spring? The climate may be uncertain: as I write this in March it's quite bright and warm, but I'm aware of course that by the time you read this in April we might have reverted to some unseasonably extreme weather. Or it might still be quite nice, perhaps even warmer. But either way the buds are out, daffodils on their way, the air filled with birdsong at all hours, and the lambs being born. For me as a Christian, the seasons are in harmony with the Creator God who ordained that it should be so. It is no accident that Jesus, that holy man whose life was filled with love, died and rose again in the Springtime of the year, during a Jewish Spring festival of new life and liberation.

How can I speak with such confidence? Surely, it's all a matter of struggling faith and a dim historical record. But for two hundred years or more people have battered at the New Testament accounts of Jesus' life, death and resurrection in an attempt to discredit them, and though understood in a variety of ways by different Christians, the fundamental witness still comes out as perfectly credible, carefully written down well within the lifetimes of



the people involved in the actual events. I sometimes get a little tired of having to defend this belief against the supposition that it's just a whacky superstition. The whole thing, surprising and wonderful as it is, makes a certain kind of sense to me.

Does this mean I can then despise people with different beliefs?

Not a bit of it. I'm happy to join hands with pagans or those with no particular beliefs about anything in celebrating the wonders of new life, warmth, and the growth of all that sustains us and enhances our appreciation of the beauty around us.

However, I would want to share with all these people the possibility of something more. For otherwise, we just have to face the fact that all the wonderful cycles of nature will end with the triumph of darkness and death, as our earthly lives end in extinction, or until ultimately the sun itself goes out. As truth and love too are under threat in these increasingly dark times, we might have reason also to fear the ultimate triumph of evil. But in the resurrection of a loving saviour, who called himself the way, the truth and the life, we are given the invitation to hope for the final overwhelming of darkness by his glorious light.

I wish you all a very happy Easter.

**Adrian**

### **Donations to the Fountain**

Thank you to those who have already given their distributor a contribution towards printing costs of the Fountain for this year. We are extremely grateful to everyone who makes a donation, as well as to our advertisers and other donors, such as Grantley Hall and one local charity.

This is not a subscription which anyone has to pay. We want to continue providing The Fountain as widely as possible across our villages and wouldn't want anyone to stop receiving the magazine because they can't pay the

suggested donation, but we do need to encourage all who can do so, to make a contribution. Costs have risen considerably over the past year.

If you can help and have not already done so please pass a donation to your distributor or send it to Ian Kitchen at the Rectory.

Alternatively you can make a payment direct to the benefice bank account:

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Account number 04130219

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(Occasionally a bank will query that account name and suggest a bizarre alternative. We don't know why, but rest assured that the account number and sort code given here are correct.)

Very many thanks.

### **Fountains Benefice Services April 2025**

Sunday 6th April	9.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP) at Mickley
	10.30 am	Holy Communion at Grewelthorpe
		Holy Communion at Kirkby Malzeard
		Morning Worship at Winksley
	4.00 pm	Family Service at Sawley
	6.00 pm	Evening Prayer (BCP) at Dallowgill
Sunday 13th April	10.15 am	procession from Grewelthorpe School, followed by Palm Sunday Family
		Service at Grewelthorpe
	10.30 am	Morning Worship at Kirkby Malzeard
		Holy Communion at Sawley
	6.00 pm	Evening Prayer (BCP) at Aldfield

### **HOLY WEEK**

14th, 15th and 16th April, 8.00 pm Reflection and Compline

On 14th at Grewelthorpe Village Hall, café area; 15th at 1 Hazel Close, Grewelthorpe; 16th at the Rectory, Kirkby Malzeard.

17th April Maundy Thursday	7.30pm	Benefice Holy Communion at Kirkby Malzeard
18th April Good Friday	10.00 am 2.00 pm	Meditation on the Cross at Aldfield 'The Last Hour' at Sawley
Sunday 20th April EASTER DAY	6.00 am 9.00 am 10.30 am	Holy Communion at Chapel of the Resurrection, Dallowgill Holy Communion at Aldfield Holy Communion at Mickley Holy Communion at Grewelthorpe Family Holy Communion at Kirkby Malzeard
		Holy Communion at Winksley
Sunday 27th April	10.30 am	Benefice Holy Communion at Sawley

If you have any questions about the services please contact Ian.

### **Praying for our benefice**

Prayer is crucial for everything we do; so most months we meet to pray for the life of our villages and our churches. Everyone is welcome to come and share this time – it doesn't matter if you've not prayed with others before, and if you're not confident in praying aloud no one is going to make you do so! God hears silent prayers as well as those that are spoken out loud.

Having said that, there will be no meeting in April because of the Lent study series! In May we will meet on the second Saturday, 10th May, at 9.30 at the Rectory.

## **Fountains PCC need a secretary!**

The parish of Fountains, which covers the churches in Aldfield, Sawley and Winksley, needs a secretary for the Church Council.

This role is unpaid and requires little time commitment, but is essential. It covers things like sending agendas and taking minutes for the council meetings every 3 or 4 months; collating and sending some information online to the diocese; and forwarding occasional emails with information to the members of the council.

The secretary does not have to be a member of the PCC or even a church member but needs to be at home on a computer and willing to give up a little time and the occasional evening for the meetings. Experienced people will be able to give all the guidance needed.

If you think you may be able to help us, please contact Ian Kitchen or one of the churchwardens for the parish.

## **Electoral rolls – all change!**

Any baptised person who lives in a parish or who attends a church regularly is entitled to be on the Electoral Roll for that church and to have a say in various aspects of church life. (This is completely different from the Register of Electors for local and national government elections, by the way.)

Every few years we have to scrap the existing Electoral Roll and compile a new one, and this is one of those years.

We'll be trying to get in touch with everyone who has been on the old rolls, but others who qualify are very welcome to join the new roll – there are forms in the churches together with more details and information on where to return the form to.

## **Keyboard skills**

We're not thinking about computers but pianos and organs. Do you play? Might you be willing to join the list of those who play our hymns on a Sunday, at any of the churches? You don't need to be a professional, and pianists can make a perfectly good sound on the organ even if the pedals are

a complete mystery (just ignore them!). We do need more people to come and join in this important role, so please get in touch with Ian or Andrew if you are at all interested – help and guidance from our existing players will be arranged.

### **Looking ahead**

We will be having a Day of Prayer on Tuesday 13th May, to give thanks and to look ahead with a particular view to what happens during the vacancy once Ian retires. Full details of venue and timing will be in next month's magazine. The day will be designed so that anyone can drop in at any stage and stay for as much or as little as desired. Please note it in your diary now.

Ian's last service will be a Benefice Holy Communion on Sunday 15th June (Trinity Sunday). This will be held at Kirkby Malzeard church. Other services during the month will be adjusted to take account of bringing the benefice service forward.

## **Fountains Parish**

**Saturday 5th April** - 'Kettle's On' - Winksley Parish Room 2pm till 4pm

**Thursday April 10th** - Winksley Parish Room 7.30pm - An Illustrated talk by James Platt, recounting his adventures with machines from the gold mines in Australia to converting Land Rovers to run on rails in Yorkshire.

**Friday May 30th** - Domino Drive - Winksley Parish Room 7.30pm

**Saturday June 7th at 2pm** - Fountains Spring Stalls at Winksley Church – plants, cakes, books, as well as afternoon teas.

## **My life in Machines An illustrated talk**

James Platt relates his first attempts at making agricultural machines, spending 10 years in Australia, from gold mines to golf courses.....

And so, to Yorkshire,  
converting Land Rovers to drive on the railways....

**Winksley Parish Room  
Thursday April 10th, 7.30pm  
Admittance £3.00 (Refreshments available)**

For information/booking please contact  
Bridget 07740 423138 or Yvonne 07889 927785 email:  
yfleetham@aol.com



**'Kettle's On'**  
**Winksley Parish Room**  
**Pop-Up Cafe**

**Tea, Coffee and Home-Made Cakes**  
**Books to borrow/swap**

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April**  
**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> May**  
**2-4pm**

**ALL WELCOME**

**Benefice Book Group**

'Elizabeth is Missing' by Emma Healey, such an unassuming title hiding a book of such depth. There was certainly nothing missing from the quality of the writing or the storyline. The main character, Maud, is suffering memory loss and cannot remember what has happened to her friend Elizabeth. She is desperately trying to find her but keeps forgetting what she has already done in order to do this. The reader is led to believe this is the main storyline but there is an unexpected twist as another story becomes apparent and one which Maud has greater memories of as she delves into her past. The two stories are interwoven so cleverly and give the



book a sense of mystery and intrigue. Healey's way of describing how thoughts slip away from people with dementia and the difficulty to separate time is very accurate and she portrays effectively the struggle Maud has just to cope with everyday life. The writing is detailed with interesting, believable characters and evokes many emotions.

As a group all bar one (who didn't like the first person narration) wholly enjoyed this book. Most found it slow at the beginning but were soon hooked. It brought out lots of emotions and some found it challenging when having to confront the fear of memory loss and this was very pertinent given the age of most members being closer to Maud. We had a lively discussion around this topic. Given this was Healey's debut novel it was agreed by all that it was a great success.

Next month we are reading 'The Red Notebook' by Antoine Laurain.

### **Girlguiding Fountains**

All our units have continued to grow in numbers and we are pleased to welcome some young volunteers who are doing their D of E Award. The guides are also welcoming a Young Leader, who came through the Fountains units.

This term the Rainbows have been developing their skills in planning a healthy plate and making purchases within a budget. Games have looked at what is fun and fair, improving opportunities to be inclusive. They have enjoyed celebrating Thinking Day and tasting their pancakes, which were served with a scrumptious choice of fillings. At last, it has been sufficiently light to take a wander round the village and look at its features.

The highlight for the Brownies has been the trip to Lime Tree Farm – a perfect night to see Jupiter, Saturn and Mars as well as many constellations through the telescopes. In the planetarium they travelled to Mars and along the dry riverbed to discover it was longer than the US is wide. Pancakes also featured and the girls have looked at food groups before increasing fruit and vegetable intake with smoothies. The Brownies explored different ways to develop confidence, especially when public speaking or faced with a tricky situation.

The Guides have been completing the Take Action- Influence section, building on the girls' values and passions. They have participated in a flash mob in the unit to

showcase plastic pollution, written letters to convince others to support their charity projects and learned the history of votes for women and the suffragettes. They have also practised shadow puppetry and developed their creative ideas through dance, short dramas and architecture.

## Galphay



### Seven Twelve Five Pilates at Galphay Village Institute

Every Wednesday (6pm) and Thursday (9am)

## Grewelthorpe

### Grewelthorpe Village Hall April 2025

The Hackfall Café at the Village Hall welcomes customers for indoor and outdoor seating. OPEN Monday – Wednesday – Friday 11:00 am – 1:00pm  
Saturday – Sunday 11:00 am – 3:00pm

### **LIVE MUSIC Sam Kelly and Jamie Francis Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> April**

We are pleased to welcome Sam and Jamie back to Grewelthorpe.

Sam is a singer and multi-instrumentalist who was awarded the prestigious Horizon Award for emerging artists at the BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards 2016. In addition to international gigging, Jamie has played live sessions on BBC Radio 2 and 3, played in Seth Lakeman's band and supported numerous folk legends such as Cara Dillon and Sean Lakeman & Kathryn Roberts. From the duo show, expect to hear haunting harmonies, soaring tunes and melodies, charming anecdotes and instrumental performances of the highest calibre, all led by Sam's unmistakable vocals.

Doors open 7pm for an 8pm start. Tickets £15 available from Grewelthorpe Village Hall during café opening hours or visit

<https://www.wegotickets.com/grewelthorpe>

Tickets sell out quickly so be sure to buy yours soon!

### **THE BIG GREEN PIZZA TRUCK - GREWELTHORPE VILLAGE HALL SATURDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> APRIL – 5.30 to 8.30pm – Eat in or Takeaway**

(Please note change of day)

Refreshments available at the Village Hall Café for eat in customers from 5.15pm. Hot & cold drinks / Wine and Beer

### **GREWELTHORPE VILLAGE HALL CAFÉ TALK 16<sup>th</sup> April 7:30pm**

#### **Trevor Phillips -THE RAILWAY THAT NOBODY WANTED TO BUILD'**

In celebration of the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the opening of the Masham line, an amusing talk on the extraordinary history of possibly the daftest railway ever built!

Doors open at 7pm to allow viewing of a display of related artefacts.

ENTRY: £3.50 includes a glass of wine / soft drink.

### **Regular Classes**

**Pilates with Elizabeth** Mondays 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> April. 7:30-8:30pm

**HathaYoga with Jo Parker** Tuesdays 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> April. 6:30-8pm.

**Ducklings Play Group** Thursdays 3<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> April. 10:30am – 12:00

A drink and snack will be provided. £2.00 per session. All welcome.

**Pilates with Gill** Thursdays 3<sup>rd</sup> April. 6:30pm-7:30pm.

**Grewelthorpe WI** Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April. 7:30pm.

Therapeutic oils by Tamara Heppell Contact Mary Wilson 01765 650474 or

Terri Duncanson email [terridunk@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:terridunk@hotmail.co.uk) Tel 07821162401 New members and guests are always welcome. Guests £3.

**Community Lunch** Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April in the café. A homemade 2 course hot dinner and pudding, served by our friendly Hackfall Cafe volunteers. £6 per person. Extra portions for freezing can be ordered in advance. Call Susan Rizos on 01765 658200 to order your meal. Please state any dietary requirements.

**Grewelthorpe Gardeners' Club** AGM starts 7pm followed by the welcome return of Doug Stewart to entertain with a talk on 'Gardening for Tired Joints'. Talk start at 8pm. Members free. Guests £5. New members and guests are always welcome. No need to book. Contact Mike 01765 658990 or Delia 01765 609930 for queries/information.

**Set the Tone Fitness** with Stu Fridays. 6:30-7:30pm

**Earthpath Drumming Circle** Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April. 7pm All welcome. £5 No experience necessary & spare drums will be available. Contact: Jane 07920196710

**VILLAGE HALL WEBSITE** For more information about activities, events, facilities and to access our online booking system visit [www.grewelthorpevillagehall.co.uk](http://www.grewelthorpevillagehall.co.uk).

**WHAT'S ON IN GREWELTHORPE** If you would like to be kept up to date you can subscribe to this e-newsletter by request at [whatsongrewelthorpe@gmail.com](mailto:whatsongrewelthorpe@gmail.com)

## **St James' and the Methodist Church Grewelthorpe**

**Thank you.....**

A BIG THANK YOU to all those that supported our recent events including a very busy Jumble Sale.

**Dates for your diaries.....**

Lent Lunches continue each Monday throughout Lent 12noon – 1.30pm served in Grewelthorpe Church. The last one will be 14th April.

Enjoy a simple lunch of soup and roll, tea/coffee and make a donation which will be shared between church funds and DEC (Disaster Emergency Committee).

Next G-Club Wednesday 23rd April 6-7pm held in Church.  
The children's monthly club at St James and the Methodist Church  
Grewelthorpe is called G-Club and is open to all children of primary school  
age. Come and join us in Church for fun, games, singing, stories, and a  
snack. Contact Susan Rizos on 0774073868 or email  
susan.rizos@btinternet.com.

Highside Singers will perform A Century full of Songs to be held in  
Grewelthorpe Church, Saturday, 3rd May. Please mark this in your  
diaries. More details to follow.

### **IT COULD BE EWE !**

**Can you guess the last sheep to lamb!**  
**Tickets £5 per sheep.**

Get your tickets from  
Judith Beresford 07484 055077  
Liz Dixon 07792 982597  
Gillian Lyon 07957 976046

Look out for when tickets can be purchased in the Village Hall café.  
250 sheep all ready to lamb on 26th April for approx. 3 weeks. All sheep  
have been scanned to ensure they are in lamb. Each sheep has an ID tag  
from 1-250. Pick your number.

1st Prize (last sheep) £100  
2nd Prize (2 nd to last) £50  
3rd Prize (3 rd to last) £25

Thanks to Lyn and Mark Exelby for their support in this event.  
All proceeds towards church restoration funds.

**Kirkby Malzeard**

**Mechanics Institute Village Hall: April 2025**

**Wednesday 2nd:** Kirkby Malzeard WI 7.15 - 9.15 pm

**Friday 4th:** Music Night 7.30 pm

**Friday 25th:** Quiz Night 7.30 pm

**Saturday 26th:** Spring Bop 3 - 6 pm

**Monday 28th:** Parish Council Meeting 7.30 - 10 pm

**Regular Classes:**

**Table Tennis** - Monday 14th, 21st, 28th 10 - 12 noon

**Pilates** - Monday 14th, 21st, 28th 4 - 5 pm

**Coffee, Click & Connect** - Tuesday 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th 10 - 12 noon

**Lunch Club** - Tuesday 1st, 15th

**Highside Singers** - Tuesday 1st, 22nd, 29th 7.30 - 9 pm

**Yoga** - Wednesday 2nd, 23rd, 30th 9.30 - 10.30 am

**Table Tennis** - Wednesday 16th, 23rd, 30th 7 - 9 pm

**Monthly Tunes Evening** - Wednesday 16th 7 - 9 pm

**Youth Club** - Thursday 3rd 6.30 - 8 pm

**Yoga** - Friday 4th, 25th 1 - 2 pm

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The Kirkby Malzeard WI 2025 Programme  
At The Mechanics Institute

- **April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7.15pm**

**“Retirement, what Retirement?” with Maggie Poppa**

- **May 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:15pm Members social evening**
- **June 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:15pm**

**Cuban Salsa presentation with John Hansard**

**Contact Anne Greenwood 01765 658557**

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**Annual Crocus Walk on Sunday 6th April in aid of 'Breast Cancer Now'**

Leaving Highside pavilion at 1.00pm with a choice of two routes.

No entry fee just donations on the day.

Refreshments served in the pavilion at the walk finish (donations of cakes / tray bakes very welcome). Dogs on leads please.

Come along and enjoy a good walk for a worthy cause!

*Becket*



**— A Medieval Murder Mystery –  
St Andrews Church, Kirkby Malzeard  
7:30 pm 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2025**

**Ticket information coming soon. Facebook &  
kirkbymalzeardarea.org.uk**

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**Date for your Diary**

**Sunday 8th June- Kirkby Malzeard Family Festival and Crackpots Trail Run**

There will be lots of fun for the whole community throughout the day. Cheer on the runners, enjoy live music, eat delicious food, browse the stalls and take part in the dog show and games.

The Crackpots Trail Run award-winning event will also take place in Kirkby Malzeard, on Sunday 8th June, 2025. It is an 11-kilometre trail run around the village area that starts from Highside Playing Field. If you are interested in taking part visit the website [Crackpots Trail Run 2025 - RaceBest](#) to find out more and to register email [hello@crackpots.run](mailto:hello@crackpots.run)

**Put it in your calendar!**

## **Kirkby Malzeard C of E Primary School**

British Science Week is entering its third decade in 2025 and Kirkby Malzeard school embraced the many opportunities that were available. The theme was 'Change and adapt'. The NFU introduced Key Stage 1 to Farmer Lutfi and Ruby, their amazing family of change champions and their cheeky gang of chickens, goats and sheep! The Change Champion family showed us all the ways they fight climate change on their farm and joined Tom the food-waste fighting chef in his kitchen to whip up a delicious, zero waste delight and learnt how we can become change champions ourselves!

Key Stage 2 children enjoyed an Amazing Adaptions Day when they looked at how existing animals and crops have adapted to their environments and how farmers are adapting to the effects of extreme weather brought about by climate change. They also heard from scientists who are working with them to plan and innovate for the future.

A number of successful poets from Cedar Class won prizes in 'Power down Pete' for their work relating to environmental awareness. Very well done everyone.

All children enjoyed World Book Day with time to extend their reading and explore a few book surprises in the school library. Each child received a world book day token to take home and enjoyed sharing their many new ideas about books and show their homemade props and costumes with the class.

To coincide with International Women's Day Key stage 2 children have been invited to join other young writers to take part in the 'Inspirational Women Essay Competition' run by Harrogate Ladies College. This is a really creative project with some great prizes so good luck to everyone who takes part.

The school wishes everyone in the community a very Happy Easter.

For more information about the school please email: [admin@kirkbymalzeard.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin@kirkbymalzeard.n-yorks.sch.uk) or call: [01765 658329](tel:01765658329) or follow us on @KirkbyMSchool to see lots of other amazing learning opportunities for our children. You can also learn more about the school on our website: <http://www.kirkbymalzeard.n-yorks.sch.uk>



## **Nearly £130,000 raised in community shares towards purchase of Henry Jenkins**

Supporters of the Henry Jenkins Community Pub group have deposited £129,500 in share purchases over the past month - more than half the £250k target. The group started calling in share pledges from nearly 180 residents last month as part of its latest strategy to buy and refurbish the Jenks as a community-owned pub, bistro and coffee shop. Most investors are local but some are from people with local connections living in other parts of England and Ireland. One recent investor is leading gin distiller Masons of Yorkshire, Leeming Bar.

Group chair Richard Sadler says: "We're delighted to have had this fantastic response in such a short time. It confirms the depth and breadth of support we have in the village, means we're taken more seriously as a business and it'll put us in prime position for future match grant funding."

The group is now encouraging more supporters to buy shares and plans a series of trips to established community-owned pubs to learn more about what a revamped Henry Jenkins might offer. This follows a packed public meeting at the Mechanics in November attended by ward councillor Felicity Cunliffe-Lister and representatives of four community-owned pubs. Among speakers was CAMRA's community pub specialist, Paul Ainsworth. He said there were now 180 community-owned pubs nationally including 21 in Yorkshire and not a single one had failed. He said many co-existed happily alongside other pubs - and he saw no reason why the Henry Jenkins shouldn't thrive again in a village like Kirkby.

\* Anyone interested in buying shares can do so by visiting the Henry Jenkins website (search "Save the Henry Jenkins") or by emailing [hjcp ltd@gmail.com](mailto:hjcp ltd@gmail.com). If the group is unsuccessful in securing the pub, share money will be returned in full.

**Mickley**

## **News from Mickley 100 Club**

We had a great audience for the last movie showing of our Second Film Club Season - a French Movie - Welcome to the Sticks, and we would like to thank all those from close by and across the villages for coming along

and supporting this Community venture throughout the Winter. We may not be as comfy as a sofa at The Everyman - but we are much more affordable.

Our next Village 'Do' will be a Celebration of the 80th Anniversary of VE Day on Monday 5th May. We are hoping to hold a Village BBQ and we actively encourage dressing up in period costume, and festooning the Village with Bunting of garden gates and the Village Hall etc . The last time we did this we had a Mr Churchill, and a Spitfire going up and down the Village along with some Land girls - and that was in Lock Down - so we are hopeful of quite a celebration this time.

More details re timings will follow by email. Dancing in the Village Hall with the Lindy Hop etc are also actively encouraged - but afraid there is no expertise in this on the Committee!! Does anyone in the Village have this expertise?? Do get in touch.

Also, we were sad to read that Stu's Set The Tone Fitness Session has come to an end at Grewelthorpe on Friday nights - but do please head down to join the friendly lot in Mickley Village hall on Monday nights from 6.00 - 7.00pm. It is always accessible for all abilities and Stuart has never run the same routine twice - keeping us all on our toes.

### **Mickley Boys' Club Report**

The daffodils and slightly warmer weather are raising the spirits of even our most senior members and as this issue of The Fountain goes to print there is a very special and appropriate Spring visit for the members to anticipate. As lambs and calves are born on a farm near Thirsk, the Mickley Boys' Club, Wellington wearing of course, will have a privileged, expert-guided tour. A full report will follow on what promises to be an entrancing experience followed by lunch at the well-reputed Carpenters Arms.

# Sawley

## Sawley Village Hall for April 2025

**Tuesday Afternoon Dominoes** - 1st 1.30 pm

**Monthly Family Games Night – Friday 11<sup>th</sup>** Board games, Pool, Darts and Table Tennis, Bar Open £1.50 for adults, 50p for children still attending school. 6.30pm onwards. Last month's was a very jolly affair, however please note this month's will not be on the first Friday in the month by special request.

**Monthly Dominoes Friday 18<sup>th</sup>** - 7.30 pm

### Regular Bowls Times

Tuesdays Start at 7.30pm

Wednesdays Start at 1.00pm

Fridays Start at 9.30am

**Village Hall Committee Meeting Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm**

**Table Tennis and Pool night** - Mondays 7.30pm. Good for your physical and mental health, improves your ability to score and remember who plays next. Oh, and a jolly good laugh too.

### Hall Heating

We have had troubles with our heating recently and apologise to our users for any inconvenience caused but I'd like to thank our very thorough treasurer for persisting until the problems were fixed!

### Forward notice:

**Afternoon Tea in aid of Churchyard grasscutting** - Saturday May 31<sup>st</sup>

Best Sawley Cakes, tea to your taste, 2.30 – 4.30

## SAWLEY ARTS GROUP

Dear All,

The mosaic workshop was great fun and produced marvellous results for everyone. No experience is needed to come to one of our sessions. Here are more dates for your diary. Book yourself in and have a go!

- Saturday 12th April, Quilling, 10am – 2pm, Sawley Village Hall. A return of this fascinating and rewarding workshop. Don't miss it. All materials/tea/coffee/biscuits incl. Cost £5. Tel: Arlene 620250
- Saturday 17th May, Painting with Wool, Needlefelting, 10am – 2pm, Sawley Village Hall. Beautiful, colourful results possible. Tea/coffee/biscuits incl. Cost £5. Tel: Arlene 620250

Best wishes

**Arlene, Rachel, Jo, Jacky, Trevor and Ted**

Remember that SAG is an arts group in the very broadest sense and we welcome ideas for activities from members who have a yen to organize something be it auctioning, astronomy, architecture, acrylic art or something not beginning with A! We'd love to hear from you.

## **Sawley Moor Lane Diary**

### **Marching towards April**

A little sunshine warmed the soil in the field to the east of us and while standing at the kitchen sink, as I do, I notice a large mob of approximately 400 starlings on the ground feeding. At some instinctive signal they all rose about 3 foot off the surface together and moved to another area. This way, like some kind of black duvet, they covered the whole area of the field section by random section, as if lifted and gently shaken they settled once more on their grassy bed! After about ten minutes another flock half the numbers joined them, settled, then again they all rose and gave a mini murmuration folding and twisting in the air until settling on a shared direction they flew off towards Fountains Abbey.

A few days later another welcome burst of sunshine persuaded all the tear shaped snowdrop flowers in the garden to change to spring parasols announcing to all suitable insects that they were open for business!

The purple and white crocuses on the verge of the village green have given us one of their better displays and the roadside daffodils are shaping up nicely to change the colour palette again.

In the middle of a field left to permanent grass since the second world war, when it was used for growing cereals as part of the war effort, there has been a little strip of unusual daffodils which have survived harrowing, rolling, cattle and haytime/sillaging for over fifty years. They are a type with a split corona, that is have a cluster of petals within the trumpet or no trumpet at all. The only other place I've noticed them is by the path from the abbey towards tent hill at Fountains. If you have any like this, please get in touch, I'd love to know what they are. Perhaps their agricultural treatment has meant they have not cross pollinated and so remain an old variety.

To finish and welcome April – a stanza from W.H.Davies and a couplet from Shakespeare:

*When April scatters coins of primrose gold  
Among the copper leaves in thickets old,  
And singing skylarks from the meadows rise,  
To twinkle like black stars in sunny skies ...  
When proud-pied April, dressed in all his trim,  
Hath put a spirit of youth in everything.*

P.S. The pestral mentioned in last month's Fountain was of course the pesky kestrel as the barn owl names it. The owls have had better hunting this month and twice we have seen one swoop down, settle, mantle and then fly off to a fence post with vole in claw, to swallow it whole, gulp it down with a satisfied smile on its beak.

## **SAWLEY METHODIST CHAPEL SERVICES**

April 6th at 2pm Rev Sarah Caddell

April 20th at 2pm Rev Ian Pruden (Holy Communion)



### **Harrogate Easier Living Project (HELP)**

Harrogate and District Community Action (HDCA) are a charity supporting people across the Harrogate district and offering services to the outlying villages around Ripon. HDCA will be visiting the Kirkby Malzeard Lunch Club and doing

some leafleting around the local villages in the next few weeks. Below are details of two of their services which may be of interest to readers.

#### **Here to HELP**

We know many people across the district are in need of practical and emotional support in their day to day lives but don't necessarily know where to turn. Our Here to HELP team are available from 9am to 3pm Monday to Thursday on 01423 813090 to share information and signpost people to local services and activities. We can also share details of community groups and events you might be interested in joining. For those who are digitally connected we have an online directory 'Where To Turn' [www.hadca.org.uk/wheretoturn](http://www.hadca.org.uk/wheretoturn)

#### **Help at Home**

Our Help at Home service helps people across the Harrogate district have a safe, accessible and secure home environment to support their continued independence. Our part time handy man and volunteers support people with practical help around the home including gardening, decorating and odd jobs. It's often the smaller tasks that prey on the mind of people struggling to maintain their property themselves. By removing slip and trip hazards, and making spaces more accessible, we also help to improve residents' living environments and their confidence to live independently. We do have a waiting list for jobs but are able to fit smaller, odd jobs around the larger jobs. If there's a job you need help with, please call the Help at Home team on 01423 813096 or visit [www.helpripon.org.uk](http://www.helpripon.org.uk)

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