

# December/January 2024/5

# THE FOUNTAIN

The Parish Magazine serving the communities of the Fountains Group, Aldfield, Sawley & Winksley (Fountains Parish), Azerley, Dallowgill, Galphay, Grantley, Grewelthorpe, Kirkby Malzeard, Laverton, Mickley & Studley

60p



Dear Friends,

You may have all your Christmas shopping done and dusted (congratulations!) or it may be hanging over you like a black cloud. Or perhaps you're not bothered. Whatever your approach, none of us can avoid the idea of presents as we go through December – advertisers won't stop trying to entice us to buy more and more, even if family members are well trained and have realistic expectations.

The great thing to remember, as we are bombarded from all sides with suggestions for this, that or the other 'must-have' (dreadful concept!) present, is this – life is a gift.

Our very existence is a gift to us. As one old prayer says, "Not of my own will am I here, not of my own will shall I soon pass hence." But God gives us life, and offers us eternal life, and every good thing we enjoy day by day is a gift from him.

So, every time we find something to enjoy in the day, it is a gift. Every time we meet with someone we love, or speak on the phone with a friend, or make a new friendship, it is a gift. Every meal, every night's sleep ... you get the idea. So, if the world seems particularly threatening, or our circumstances particularly harrowing, let us focus our minds on all the good things that have been given to us, as lavish presents from a loving God.

Most of all, at Christmas, we remember that God's Son came as a gift to meet our deepest needs: for forgiveness and renewed relationship with God, whose perfection we cannot by nature approach. Let us be truly grateful for that, above all other gifts, this Christmastime.

And there's one other slant on this. Life is a gift – so let us live our lives as gifts to other people. In our gift-list this December, let's think not only of what we'd love to receive but of all we can do for, and give, to others. We may not come gift-wrapped but we can be priceless presents to those around us.

May your Christmas be filled with all the best gifts.

**Ian**

### **Fountains Benefice Services December 2024**

Sunday 1st Dec 9.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) at Mickley

Advent Sunday 10.30 am Holy Communion at Grewelthorpe

Morning Worship at Kirkby Malzeard

Holy Communion at Winksley

6.00 pm Advent Service of Light at Aldfield

Sunday 8th Dec 9.00 am Holy Communion at Aldfield

10.30 am Holy Communion at Kirkby Malzeard

Carol Service at Sawley

6.00 pm Christingle Service at Grewelthorpe

Sunday 15th Dec 9.00 am Holy Communion at Mickley

10.30 am Morning Worship at Winksley

2.00 pm Christingle Service at Sawley Methodist Chapel

6.00 pm Carol Service at Dallowgill Chapel of the

Resurrection  
Carol Service at Grewelthorpe

Sunday 22nd Dec 10.30 am Holy Communion at Grewelthorpe  
Carol Service at Kirkby Malzeard  
4.00 pm Carol Service at Winksley  
6.00 pm Carol Service at Mickley

Tues 24th Dec 4.00 pm Crib Service at Kirkby Malzeard  
11.30 pm Holy Communion at Kirkby Malzeard  
Holy Communion at Winksley

Wed 25th Dec 9.00 am Holy Communion at Aldfield  
Holy Communion at Grewelthorpe  
Holy Communion at Mickley  
10.30 am Family Holy Communion at Kirkby Malzeard  
Family Holy Communion at Sawley

Sunday 29th Dec 10.30 am Benefice Holy Communion at Sawley.

## **January 2025**

Sunday 5th Jan 9.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) at Mickley  
10.30 am Holy Communion at Grewelthorpe  
Morning Worship at Kirkby Malzeard  
Holy Communion at Winksley  
4.00 pm Family Service at Sawley

Sunday 12th Jan 9.00 am Holy Communion at Aldfield  
10.30 am Morning Worship at Grewelthorpe  
Holy Communion at Sawley  
11.00 am Plough Service at Kirkby Malzeard  
8.30 pm online Compline via Zoom

Sunday 19th Jan 9.00 am Holy Communion at Mickley  
10.30 am Methodist Service at Grewelthorpe  
Holy Communion at Kirkby Malzeard  
11.00 am Plough Service at Winksley

6.00 pm Evening Prayer (BCP) at Aldfield

Sunday 26th Jan            10.30 am Benefice Holy Communion and Covenant Service  
at Grewelthorpe.

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

### **Holy Communion at home**

If anybody would like to receive Holy Communion for Christmas but is unwell, or cannot come to a church service for another reason, please get in touch with Ian and we can come to you.

### **Praying for our benefice**

Prayer is crucial for everything we do; so, we meet to pray for the life of our villages and our churches on the first Saturday of most months. 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.

We will meet for prayer again at 9.30 am on Saturdays 7th December and 4th January, at The Rectory in Kirkby Malzeard. Light breakfast is available. We would love others to commit to this important time. See you there!

### **From the churches' registers**

#### **Funerals**

Nigel Roberts, 22nd October at Grewelthorpe

Peter Bolam, burial of ashes, 9th November at Sawley

### **Benefice Book Group**

This month we have very much enjoyed reading "The Book of Beginnings" by Sally Page. A long and complex novel, it is concerned with human relationships at many levels and the ways in which they develop.

Only a few of the settings are described in detail but a very clear picture is presented in a few words, as is the case in the stationery shop which Jo, the central character, is looking after for her uncle.

Parts of the novel are very much concerned with Highgate Cemetery; the ease with

which we come to know in detail some of those buried there must have involved painstaking research. All of us shared Jo`s love of beautiful paper and elegant fountain pens and it was fascinating to see how she changed the stock while she was in charge.

All of this is peripheral however to the changing and developing relationships. A happy ending? We can only strongly advise you read "A Book of Beginnings " and see for yourselves; It will make you think.

Our next month`s read will be "Monsieur Linh and His Child" by Phillipe Claudel.

**Anne Carrick**

### **Fountains Parish**

Many thanks to all who were able, in any way, to support the Autumn Supper at Sawley. It was a great evening and lots of people said how much they had enjoyed it. Thanks to those who provided food and helped with the setting up, washing up and clearing up. Many thanks to Peter Fleetham for a musical end to the evening. We raised £547.00 to be shared between Yorkshire Cancer Research and Fountains Parish. **Future events:**

**Saturday 7th December** – Fountains Christmas Lunch – Grantley Village Hall 12 – 2pm Turkey Sandwiches with all the trimmings, tea, coffee, mulled wine, mince pies and a variety of stalls, cakes, tombola, books and jigsaws etc.

There will be no 'Kettle`s On' at Winksley in December, please join us for Turkey Sandwiches at Grantley instead.

### **2025**

**Saturday 4th January** - Kettle's On - Winksley Parish Room - 2-4pm (weather permitting)

**Friday 31st January** - Dominoes - Winksley Parish Room - 7.30pm

**Saturday 1st February** - Kettle's On - Winksley Parish Room - 2-4pm

**Sunday 19th January** - Winksley Plough Service at 11am followed by lunch in the Parish Room. Please let us know if you would like to join us for the lunch.

### **Advent Reflection/Contemplation**

**Loving attentiveness to God** - A time for reflection and contemplation during Advent.

*'Take nothing for the journey'* (Mk 6:8), just ourselves, as we come together for 20

minutes on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday at 9.30am this will be an open meeting on Zoom using a computer, iPad, or any compatible smartphone.

If you do not receive an email link, access via:

**Zoom ID 5131040615, Passcode 456807**

Join as and when it suits; each morning offers a new start to the day. First session:

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December** last session: **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December**. If you would like to know more, contact Liz Jarvis [liz@piarvis.net](mailto:liz@piarvis.net).



*Fountains*



*Christmas Lunch*

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December**

**Grantley Village Hall 12-2pm**

*Hot Turkey Sandwiches*



*Mulled Wine and Mince Pies*

*Hot dogs, teas, coffees, & soft drinks*

*Home-made Cakes and Produce, Tombola and other stalls*

*Everyone welcome*

*Proceeds to Fountains Parish*

## **Girlguiding Fountains**

The leaders and girls of the Fountains units would like to thank everyone who supported the coffee evening. We enjoyed manning stalls and serving coffee and biscuits and hope you enjoyed the songs we sang. We raised almost £294.80, which will be divided between the units to help pay for badges and disposable resources. Several girls received bronze and silver awards for their progress through the programme.

We are pleased that adults are also rewarded for their contributions. Alex received a VERA award for her exceptional work with the unit and Gillian Wilkinson received her 30-year service award, an amazing number of hours volunteering for a well loved and respected member of the team. Thank you, Gillian.

The units attended the Remembrance Day service at Kirkby Malzeard. This year we learned about the work of the ATS and the 'Ack Ack' girls. The Girlguiding badges reflect their effort and bravery and the acceptance of black women from the Caribbean into the ATS.

The Division swimming gala was well attended, with the Rainbows placed second and Brownies third. There are plans to attend the Division silent disco, in Ripon, where we will meet girls from the other units in our area. This is to raise money for Birk Crag, which is a modern, multi-purpose and environmentally friendly, in need of funding to complete the upstairs for residentials.

We will be preparing for Christmas soon with a variety of crafts and carols. We wish you all a very happy and relaxing Christmas.

**Galphay**

### **Recharge Pilates at Galphay Village Institute**

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



**Grantley**

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**Joint us on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December**

**Friends of Fountains PTA**

**CHRISTMAS WREATH WORKSHOP**

£30 including all materials, a mulled wine  
and mince pie

Limited availability! Get your tickets via the link on the Friends of Fountains PTA  
Facebook page

**7.00 – 9.00pm at Fountains School**  
**An event for Grown-ups**



**Grewelthorpe**

**Grewelthorpe Village Hall December/January 24/25**

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 – 2:00pm.

## **THE BIG QUIZ Saturday January 25<sup>th</sup>**

It's time to get your team together - the 2025 Big Grewelthorpe Quiz is back! An evening of quizzing, prizes, supper and a drink (or two). Play the joker and win prizes galore!!! Doors open 7pm, quiz starts 7.30pm. £8.00 per person inc supper (vegetarian option). & bar. Maximum 6 adults per table. Table reservations will be available in the New Year – watch out for details.

## **GREWELTHORPE VILLAGE HALL CAFÉ TALKS**

### **WEDNESDAY 4<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 7.30PM. ALAN HODGES '10 WINTER PAINTINGS'**

Weather in November has been gentle so what better way to warm up for winter than seeing how painters, ancient and modern, have portrayed winter. '10 Winter Paintings' brings you sun, snow, animals, sports and people carving out their lives in hostile conditions. Different artists, different themes. Come and enjoy these winter scenes – form your own view on how winter is painted. Entry £3.50 (includes glass of wine / soft drink).

### **WEDNESDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY - 7.30PM**

#### **ALISON SUTCLIFFE – 'LIFE AS A TRAILING SPOUSE IN INDONESIA – A FEW YEARS OF LIVING DANGEROUSLY'**

What's it like to find yourself unexpectedly required to uproot from a quiet village life in Aberdeenshire to the hustle and bustle of Jakarta, Indonesia? Alison will talk about her life as a 'trailing spouse' following her husband's job in the oil and gas industry. She will share some of the ups and downs of life in the Big Durian from living with a small army of helpers to learning how to navigate the traffic in Jakarta. Why is it always 'macet'? What is a 'kaki lima'? Who is the 'jamu lady'? She will cover life from the early 90s up to the end of the collapse of the Suharto regime and their flight from the Big Durian in 1999. Entry £3.50 (includes glass of wine / soft drink).

## **THE BIG GREEN PIZZA TRUCK – \*CHRISTMAS SPECIAL\***

Grewelthorpe Village Hall – **SATURDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER** – 5.30 to 8.30 pm (**PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DAY**)

Refreshments available at the Village Hall café from 5.15pm.

Hot & cold drinks / Wine and Beer / Eat in or Takeaway.

## **Regular Classes**

**Pilates with Elizabeth** Mondays 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> December and 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> January. 7:30-8:30pm

**HathaYoga with Jo Parker** Tuesdays 3<sup>rd</sup> ,10<sup>th</sup> December and 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> January. 6:30-8pm

**Ducklings Play Group** Thursdays 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> December and 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> January. 10:30am – 12:00

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

**Pilates with Gill** Thursdays 5<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> January. 6:30pm-7:30pm.

**Grewelthorpe WI** Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December. Christmas meal out. Thursday January 2<sup>nd</sup> A Games Evening. 7:30pm. 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 10<sup>th</sup> December and Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 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** Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January. 'Goldsborough Hall Gardens'. A talk by the owner, Clare Olgesby. Refreshments from 7.30pm for an 8pm talk. 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 11<sup>th</sup>** December and Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January. 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.....**To all of you that supported and enjoyed our lovely Autumn lunches and more recently our Christmas Fair.

## Dates for your diaries.....

### **Christmas Feast in Grewelthorpe Village Hall Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> December 7.30pm**

#### **Tickets £22.50 per person to include: -**

Mulled Wine on arrival, 3 course Christmas Dinner, coffee and mince pies and music.

For tickets contact Susan Rizos on 01765 658200 or 07740703868  
Weekends contact Ann Pearson at the café in the Village Hall.

### **Next G-Club Wednesday 18th December 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](mailto:susan.rizos@btinternet.com)

We hope that you all have a Happy Christmas and look forward to seeing you on the 15<sup>th</sup> January.

### **The Epiphany Party**

On Monday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 7pm, we will be holding our Annual *Epiphany Party in the Church*.

This very popular event has been running for 20 years and is the opportunity for Grewelthorpe's musical talent to sparkle and for those with clever or beautiful readings to share them with us.

In addition to the excellent entertainment, we also offer a wonderful supper and a glass or two of wine. What is more, there is no charge! (though we do ask for donations). Please do mark the 6<sup>th</sup> of January in your 2025 diary or calendar. Thank you very much.

There is still time, if you would like to take part and can offer a reading, or can sing, play an instrumental piece, or any other form of entertainment, please let us know so ASAP Please contact Judith Beresford (658098), Liz Dixon (658225), or Liz Witton (658670). Thank you.

### **Don't forget to join us for our Advent and Christmas services**

- Christingle Service Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> December 6pm. This is a lovely service to share with children.
- Methodist led Carol Service, Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> December 6pm. Please stay for Mulled wine and mince pies after the service.
- Christmas Day Service at 9am will be Methodist led by Revd Ian Pudon

**GSSA presents Father Christmas, Mince Pies, Mulled Wine and Carol Singing  
Friday 20th December 2024**

**Grewelthorpe Village Hall from 6:30pm**

Santa is coming to Grewelthorpe! He and his helpers will be handing out gifts for the children of the village and surrounding area, outside the village hall. Mulled wine and mince pies will be served, whilst Mike and Carol Johnson lead us in some festive carol singing!

Everyone welcome - wrap up warm, the more the merrier!

**Kirkby Malzeard**

**Mechanics Institute Village Hall: December 2024**

Sunday 1st: **Wreath Making 3 pm**

Wednesday 4th: **Kirkby Malzeard WI 7.15 pm**

Friday 6th: **Music Night 7.30 pm**

Friday 13th: **Highside Singers Concert 7.30 pm**

Monday 16th: **Parish Council Meeting 7.20 - 10 pm**

Friday 20th: **Quiz Night 7.30 pm**

**Regular Classes:**

**Table Tennis** - Monday 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd 10 - 12 noon

**Pilates** - Monday 2nd, 9th, 16th 4 - 5 pm

**Coffee, Click & Connect** - Tuesday 3rd, 10th 17th 10 - 12 noon

**Lunch Club** - Tuesday 3rd

**Highside Singers** - Tuesday 3rd, 10th, 17th 7.30 - 9 pm

**Yoga** - Wednesday 4th, 11th, 18th 9.30 - 10.30 am

**Table Tennis** - Wednesday 4th, 11th, 18th 7 - 9 pm

**Monthly Tunes Evening** - Wednesday 18th 7 - 9 pm  
**Youth Club** - Thursday 5th, 12th 6.30 - 8 pm  
**Yoga** - Friday 6th, 13th, 20th 1 - 2 pm

### **Mechanics Institute Village Hall: January 2025**

Friday 3rd: **Music Night 7.30 pm**  
Wednesday 8th: **Kirkby Malzeard WI 2 - 4 pm**  
Saturday 25th: **Ceilidh 7.30 pm**  
Monday 27th: **Parish Council Meeting 7.20 - 10 pm**  
Friday 31st: **Quiz Night 7.30 pm**

### **Regular Classes:**

**Table Tennis** - Monday 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th 10 - 12 noon  
**Pilates** - Monday 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th 4 - 5 pm  
**Coffee, Click & Connect** - Tuesday 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th 10 - 12 noon  
**Lunch Club** - Tuesday 14th  
**Highside Singers** - 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th 7.30 - 9 pm  
**Yoga** - Wednesday 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th 9.30 - 10.30 am  
**Table Tennis** - Wednesday 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th 7 - 9 pm  
**Monthly Tunes Evening** - Wednesday 15th 7 - 9 pm  
**Youth Club** - Thursday 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th 6.30 - 8 pm  
**Yoga** - Friday 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st 1 - 2 pm

## **HIGHSIDE SINGERS 40th Anniversary Christmas Concert**

FRIDAY 13 DECEMBER 7.30PM

MECHANIC'S INSTITUTE KIRKBY MALZEARD

Tickets £10 (includes light refreshments)

Available from choir members or Ruth on 01765 658401

BAR & RAFFLE

**Save the Date... Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2025  
Kirkby Malzeard Family Festival and Trail Run**

Crackpots Trail Run  
Live Music  
Street Food  
Stalls  
Games and lots of fun  
On Highside Playing Field

The Kirkby Malzeard WI  
2025 Programme



January 8<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00pm - Members Social Afternoon

February 5<sup>th</sup>, at 7:15pm - Morris Dancing  
Ripon City Morris Dancers

Held at The Mechanics

All Welcome!



# SAVE THE DATE

## **Ceilidh with Fish & Chips**

7pm Sat 25<sup>th</sup> January 2025  
Kirkby Malzeard Mechanics

Tickets on sale early  
December @ Ticketsource

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

There is certainly a lot going on at Kirkby Malzeard School this half term and the Christmas festivities are looming.

The school has been very thoughtful about others and made a massive contribution to several charities, starting with the collection for the Royal British Legion poppy appeal in support of our Armed Forces community. On the 15<sup>th</sup> November the school supported the Children in need appeal and pupils were invited to come to school in non-school uniform and go for an outfit with lots of spots and lots of yellow and also embrace the theme of 'Challenge Yourself'.

The school is also supporting 'The Clothing Bank' - Christmas Donation appeal. This is a collection of new pyjamas and outfits that will be given to a child, from newborn to teenagers, who are supported by this charity at Christmas.

Pupils in Year 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 were proud to show their parents and carers round their classrooms and talk about all the things they have been learning this term at the recent busy end. It was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the amazing work they had all achieved.

Children from across the school are having fun playing Tag Rugby this term. This is a minimal contact team game in which each player wears a Velcro patch with two tags attached and defenders must try to pull the tags off the attackers as they attempt to pass the rugby ball.

**The school is welcoming prospective parents to visit this term, as part of our 'open term'. Prospective parents are invited to book a tour of the school on a day and time convenient to them.** Come along and see for yourself how the school gained such an excellent OFSED report in 2023 when they found that *'Pupils love coming to the school. Pupils are happy and safe in this nurturing environment. Treat one another with a high level of respect. The school is calm and classes have a working 'hum as pupils focus on their learning'.*

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>

We currently have a vacancy on our Governing Body for a new school governor. This is a very rewarding role and the time given is hugely appreciated by the school. Please contact the school by email or phone to find out more details.

The school wishes everyone in the community a very Happy Christmas and peaceful New Year.

## **KMLD GREEN TEAM**

*"KMLD Green Team is a group of local people, engaging with the wider community, carrying out practical conservation work to improve wildlife, the landscape and the countryside in the parish of Kirkby Malzeard, Laverton & Dallowgill. All welcome".*

After a well-attended meeting to discuss the NYC Path Keepers Scheme in the Mechanics in September, 12 Green Team members spent the following Sunday afternoon walking a series of well-used footpaths close to the village, surveying for any improvements needed and clearing any overhanging

vegetation. This work is done by the group on behalf of NYC. We found a surprising lack of waymarkers, and that the official line of the right of way was not always the obvious one! We aim to follow up these initial Sunday afternoon “survey” walks by going out to improve waymarkers and offering to help farmers with improvements to stiles and gates where appropriate. We will also be following-up any reported issues sent through to us by NYC.



If anyone wants to get actively involved with the Path Keepers Group please let me know. Members were also keen to have a map reading & OS app training session, so this is something we plan to organise - watch this space.

Finally, Phil Bowe has offered to join Patrice & I and James & Su Wood on the organising committee, so thanks to him for stepping up!

To keep up to date with the Green Team, sign up to the “KMLD Green Team” group on Facebook, or if you prefer, email me at [phil.lyth@farmingandwildlife.net](mailto:phil.lyth@farmingandwildlife.net) and we'll keep you updated with the occasional email.

# Mickley

## **MICKLEY VILLAGE 100 CLUB**

We are looking forward to the events that we have planned for December.

Thanks to all in the Village who have once again supported the Village Calendar Fundraiser by buying it and/or sending through photographs. We think it looks up to our normal standard - showcasing all the beauty that Mickley brings to each and every one of us.

Also, at the time of writing, we are looking forward to the Annual Mickley Quiz Night, and once again, we have lots of teams already signed up and ready to do battle, playing once again for the honour of winning the Peter Mason Memorial Plate.

If you were to be out walking in and around Mickley on Wednesdays - then do pop into The Pickled Radish pop up café for a tasty wholesome lunch. Kimberley also has lots of other really interesting foodie things going on. Take a look at her website <http://www.pickledradishfeasts.co.uk> and support this local independent enterprise.

**Sunday 1st December** - the Village Christmas Tree will be going up opposite the Village Hall, our thanks to Tom Ramsden and Mel and Andy Lyall for their generosity.

**Wednesday 4th - Wreath Making with Festive Lunch** is now fully booked and we look forward to welcoming all who have signed up for this event and getting our Christmas preparations underway.

**Wednesday 11th - Mickley Film Club** - A Cuban Night in Mickley, with Wine and Nibbles and the Music of the Buena Vista Social Club, more of a Social foot tapping, hip swaying evening, with the iconic Movie providing a backdrop to our evening. Join us from 7.00, Members £5.00, Non-Members £7.50.

**Mickley Christmas Raffle** Please support the raffle by buying numbers and donating a prize. Dot and Reg have the numbers available at £1.00

per number. Please pass your donated raffle prizes to Lou, Dot or Andrea, or leave them in the Basket at the back door of Manor Farm (opposite the Village Hall, Mel and Andy's home) please remember to close the gate securely. The Grand Mickley Raffle will be Drawn on Friday 20th December during the MBC Christmas Dinner.

**Village Carol Service, Sunday 22nd December**, followed by our Grand Christmas 100 Club Draw, with Mince Pies and Mulled wine.

### **MICKLEY BOYS' CLUB**

Having been enthralled by an excursion to the huge I'Anson Mill development near Thirsk and then enjoying a talk about Peter Liddle's Lifetime in History, a talk resulting in a cheque for £300 being sent to the Second World War Experience Centre in Otley, members look forward to visiting Harewood House to see the display of its Christmas Lights on November 28th.

This year the Club has its Christmas Dinner celebration on Friday 20 December at the Bruce Arms. Reservations to be booked through David Wright. Tel. 634838

### **Nature notes from Mickley November**

What a late autumn....we still have lots of colour in the trees and shrubs especially field maple, hazel and cornus, although as usual the ashes are dark skeletons already. With the piles of leaves everywhere I always wonder where the humming bird hawk moth finds its pile of leaves to hibernate in; if you do not know it look it up, a real stunner in colour and design. And the butterfly numbers increased a lot in early October...phew! The European hornet nested in next door's roof, as they come out at night was a bit of a shock to see such a large bee like insect in one's bedroom!

Our garden birds were very quiet in early October, but in mid November they are all back. The hawthorn berries have gone already, some of the rowans are stripped as well. The mistle thrush has returned to mount guard over our Joseph Rock rowan trees that have orange berries. Last year the local thrushes had to defend the rowan berries vs the gorgeous waxwings that suddenly arrived at the end of November. So if northern Scandinavia is having a really cold time like -40C they will appear again. Jays have reappeared busily planting acorns and other nuts.

The barn owl has reappeared on the hill south of Mickley....hurrah! as not seen since the spring, the tawny owls are hooting away as usual, and short eared owls have been seen at Thornborough Henges. Wonderful..alongside about 500 curlews at Nosterfield in early November, Wensleydale being a hot spot for them. Whooper swans went overhead today on a clear blue sky, whooping as they were flying, such a lovely sight. Pink footed geese are already going overhead as well as greylags. The starling murmurations are starting too so hopefully they will congregate at Ripon Wetlands as spectacularly as in earlier years.

Meanwhile the more challenging side of having hens and large compost bins, ie Rats, are in great evidence. We put out a trap and killed a young wren. So back to bait temporarily as they have been trying to get into the hen feed. They have been unsuccessful as we put the hen feed bins in Alcatraz overnight, so the rats are seriously thwarted. The kestrel is back across the village no doubt too hoping to take food off the barn owl as the owl hunts the field voles. It promises to be an exciting raptor feed watch and so do avoid rodent bait use as the raptors are often poisoned through eating poisoned rodents.

Meanwhile the sparrow hawk keeps its 9.00 am hunting appointment most mornings on the birds feeding on the heavily defended feeders. Great tits are occasionally taken successfully for breakfast. Meantime buzzards wheel overhead in trios and the kestrels police the fields which are well dotted with vole/mice holes.

Moths remain fascinating, we have had 2 species, linked with woodland in serious decline, possibly due to our planting of trees and shrubs in quantity. Talking of which, we tend to leave the garden shrubs untrimmed until March to let the insects have a winter home, this year we have drilled holes in birch stumps and a vertical insect hotel awaits!

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## December

**Tuesday Afternoon Dominoes** - 3<sup>rd</sup> 1.30 pm

**Monthly Family Games Night** – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> Board games, Pool, Darts and Table Tennis, Bar Open. £1.50 for adults, 50p for children still attending school. 7pm onwards

**Monthly Dominoes** Friday 20<sup>th</sup> Christmas Dominoes 7.30 pm

### Regular Bowls Times

Tuesdays Start at 7.30pm

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Fridays Start at 9.30am

**Village Hall Committee Meeting** Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm all welcome

**Table Tennis and Pool night** Mondays. 7.30pm

We have had the village hall piano tuned so if anyone would like to come and practise on it we would be delighted. Please contact [sawleyvillagehall@gmail.com](mailto:sawleyvillagehall@gmail.com) or if you want further information about bookings etc.

## **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December Carols in the Hall. 6.30pm**

Join us for a range of jolly and poignant carols with mulled wine and mince pies, in Aid of St Michael's Hospice. Also please bring an offering for the Food Bank and we will take it up to the box in the church porch. This keeps us in the fine Christmas tradition of giving as in the first verse of *The Carol of the Kingdom*

When Jesus was a baby and born to mortal men,  
The first who came to see him came straight from their sheep pen.  
So let us all remember as each his offering brings  
That Jesus loved the shepherds as well as the three kings.

## January

**Tuesday Afternoon Dominoes** - 7<sup>th</sup> 1.30 pm

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## **SAWLEY ARTS GROUP**

We wish all our Members and Readers a very Happy Christmas and a creative New Year. SAG was formed so that members could share their talents and interests with others and, most importantly, have fun! Many thanks to everyone who has supported us by attending or leading an event or workshop.

Next year will be our fifteenth year in existence! We hope to mark the anniversary in our biennial exhibition by showcasing, among other things, work that members have produced over the years. More of that nearer the time.

Thank you again.

Best wishes

Jacky, Jo, Rachel, Arlene, 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 zinnia raising, zymurgy, zither playing, zinfandel appreciation or something not beginning with Z! We'd love to hear from you.

### **Sawley Moor Lane Diary**

#### Plums and Custard

A lovely surprise was waiting for us in the wood, a large beautiful fungus -red in colour with strong yellow edges, we looked it up and yes, you've guessed right, it was plums and custard, no messing about with peaches and cream when these were given their name. It turned and folded and then another grew from the tree stump and kept us amused through the endless grey days that defined the end of October and dominated the beginning of November. But now! all that seems forgotten, swept away by a few days of clear blue skies and sunshine albeit with a nip in the air.

Good times for hedge cutting and oh so tidy our lanes and roads are looking.

Where there have been berries the thrushes have been busy, Fieldfares made quick work of any red treats on Marsden Well Road and for the last few days a strong group of Redwing have been foraging and flying in exuberant bursts and swoops from the higher hedges at the top of Sawley Moor Lane. The sheep and two groups of cows were all sitting down like toy models, as if having a well-deserved break from their busy task of eating grass, while a family of wrens fed freely in and out of the dry-stone walls.

At Picking Gill Nature Reserve we marked Armistice Day with a dedicated number from the village and beyond. It was peaceful and calm and only three cars on the Pateley Road invaded the silence briefly. Three days later and the digger was at work resculpting the ponds and, through the help of the Skell Valley, keeping within the site a wonderful wide and diverse range of habitats. The oaks are particularly impressive whether you look down on them from the top of the old quarry or up into their branches from the track below.

Winter is very nearly here, may fine puddings like plums and custard keep us fortified through the season and as we look towards the next issue of *The Fountain* in February!

## **SAWLEY METHODIST CHAPEL**

### **December**

Dec 1st at 2pm Rev Ian Pruden - Holy Communion

Dec15th at 2pm United Carol and Christingle service with Sawley church led by Rev Ian Pruden

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