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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

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Dear Friends,

From here to Eternity...

One of the joys for me of this current term has been the privilege of meeting on a weekly basis with two small groups. On Mondays, several of us have been gathering to watch a short video helping us to get an overview of the Bible, and to discuss its content. The discussions have been lively and wide-ranging, and, whilst we're only $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way through the 8-week 'Bible Course' – as it's called – it has been encouraging to see folk growing in their confidence about voicing opinions. On Tuesdays, a number of us who completed The Bible Course last term have now turned our attention to the subject of Prayer – our conversations with God. Again, imaginatively titled, 'The Prayer Course', this 8-week series, presented as a conversation around the words of the Lord's Prayer, comes from the 24/7 PRAYER movement, and is supported by a book, 'Why Pray?', written by Pete Greig, the movement's founder. Those who have bought the book and been reading along have found it remarkably readable.

Prayer is one of those things which, surveys show, almost everyone does at particular moments of their lives – whether they would describe themselves as people of faith or not. These may include the 'highs' of welcoming a new baby into the world or when awestruck by a beautiful sunset, or the 'lows' of job- or relationship crises, or the death of a loved one. So, if we're moved to pray at those moments – and many would attest to having found comfort and hope in those



moments – why don't we, Pete Greig would ask, allow that to become a more regular part of our lives? Dr Andrew Ollerton, the main presenter of the Bible Society's 'Bible Course, would challenge us *all*, at some point in our lives, to spend some time finding out more about Jesus, and to discover the truth of his promise of '*life in all its fulness*', offered freely to those who throw their lot in with him. It would be fair to say that getting hold of a copy of the New Testament in a contemporary language translation and reading Mark's Gospel (or maybe Luke's account), recording Jesus' life, death and resurrection, isn't a bad place to start! Then seeking out others who are interested in doing the same, and having a chat about what you've discovered, is a really good second step! It's amazing how people's lives are often changed – sometimes quite dramatically – when they start to encounter Jesus for themselves. If you're interested in doing that, why not get in touch?

This morning I opened the Bible App on my phone, to find a 3-minute talk given by guest presenter, Pete Greig (mentioned above). He was speaking about the impact of an encounter with Jesus on the life of an Australian from Sydney, a man who became a legend in his own lifetime. Arthur Stace had had a troubled early adult life, struggling from the effects of longstanding alcoholism. However, he experienced a dramatic turn-about following his conversion to faith in Jesus Christ at the age of 40. From then on, until his death, 36 years later, he chose to go out at night with yellow chalk and to write graffiti on municipal buildings and other public structures throughout the city. He wrote calligraphically, in beautiful 'copper plate', and limited his graffiti to a single word: '*Eternity*'. It was estimated that during those 36 years, he wrote that word publicly over half a million times. So what was all that about?

From the ancient Jewish Wisdom tradition, we read in the book of Ecclesiastes that God '*has put eternity*' into our hearts (Ch 3 v11 CEV). When confronted by a vocal religious group, angry at Jesus for challenging their religious rules, Jesus replied, '*Very truly I tell you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be judged, but has crossed over from death to life*' (John's gospel Ch 5 v 24 NIV). Elsewhere, Jesus explained that he had come to offer us '*a rich and satisfying life*' (John Ch 10 v10 NLT). In this encounter with Jesus, Arthur Stace discovered that Jesus' promise of forgiveness – offered from the Cross – was genuine and proved true. He experienced a new relationship with God as a result, and discovered that he had been given that '*rich and satisfying life*', which is

genuinely a foretaste of heaven, the promised life of eternity. Maybe he was inviting his fellow Australians to reflect on their lives, and on what they anticipated would happen to them when they died? I don't actually know. However, what I understand is that his quiet witness had a profound effect on that city, and spoke a word of hope into many people's lives.

If we were given the gift of yellow chalk, and invited us to write a message of hope to our contemporaries, particularly during this time of political and environmental turmoil, I wonder what you, or I, might write? Maybe we'd discover the courage to write something equally enigmatic, yet, at the same time, uplifting - something truly hope-filled? I hope so!

Revd Andrew Cromarty, Associate Priest, Fountains Benefice

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:

Account name Fountains Group of Parishes

Account number 04130219

Sort Code 54-30-46

(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 March 2025

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| Sunday 2nd Mar | 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 |
| Wednesday 5th Mar Ash Wednesday | 7.30 pm | Benefice Holy Communion with Ashing at Grewelthorpe |
| Sunday 9th Mar | 9.00 am | Holy Communion at Aldfield |
| | 10.30 am | Morning Worship at Grewelthorpe Holy Communion at Kirkby Malzeard Holy Communion at Sawley |
| | 8.30 pm | online Compline via Zoom |
| Sunday 16th Mar | 9.00 am | Holy Communion at Mickley |
| | 10.30 am | Methodist Service at Grewelthorpe Morning Worship at Kirkby Malzeard Holy Communion at Winksley |
| | 6.00 pm | Evening Prayer (BCP) at Aldfield |
| Sunday 23rd Mar | 10.30 am | Holy Communion at Grewelthorpe Holy Communion at Sawley |
| | 6.00 pm | Songs of Praise at Kirkby Malzeard |
| Sunday 30th Mar | 10.30 am | Benefice Holy Communion at Aldfield |

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

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 **Saturday 1st March**, at **The Rectory** in Kirkby Malzeard. Light breakfast is available. We would love others to commit to this important time. See you there!

After this, there will be **no meeting in April** because of the Lent series (see below). In May we will meet on the **second Saturday, 10th May**.

Lent

The season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on 5th March, and we will be sharing Holy Communion together (for all our benefice) at St James, Grewelthorpe at 7.30 pm. There will be an opportunity, for those who wish, to have our foreheads marked with a cross of ashes: a traditional sign of taking seriously the need for repentance for our sins, which led Jesus to the cross.

Questions from Jesus: Together in Lent

Our Lent devotional series this year will focus on some of the questions which Jesus asked the people around him. We'll look at the Bible passages and also think about what our own answers to those questions may be. The purpose of the questions was to help people draw closer to Jesus and we hope this will be true for us as well.

We will run the sessions in two forms. On Saturday mornings, beginning on 8th March, Liz Jarvis has again kindly invited us to her home at Rose Farm, Low Grantley. These sessions will begin at 10.30 and last an hour or so. There will be further sessions on 15th and 29th March, and 5th and 12th April (nb not on 22nd March).

We will also run the sessions online on Zoom on Wednesday evenings at 7.30, beginning on 12th March for 5 weeks ending with 9th April.

For Zoom links, contact ian.kitchen@leeds.anglican.org

If anyone would like to participate but cannot make those slots please have a word with Ian.

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.

'Occasional Preachers' – training available

There are people in our congregations who are faithful Christians and have gifts from God which would make them helpful in occasionally delivering teaching in services but who are unable to commit at this stage to the responsibilities of becoming Licensed Lay Ministers (the role which Liz and Adrian fulfil). The Diocese provides training which would help these gifts to be developed and used, to a maximum of four times in a year. The training commitment is to eight evenings and one Saturday.

Preaching is an influential part of the Church's ministry and a privilege not to be taken lightly, so anyone undertaking the training needs consent from the Rector and the PCC. If you think this may be a suitable step for you to take, please contact Ian in the first instance, to talk it through.

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. The day (venue to be announced) will be designed so that anyone can drop in at any stage and stay for as much or as little as desired. More details will follow nearer the time but 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.

From the churches' registers

Funerals

Ronald Herrington, 23rd January at Maple Park crematorium
Barrie Morris, 3rd February at Kirkby Malzeard cemetery
Sallyanne Graham, 11th February at Grewelthorpe

Fountains Parish

The Fountains Christmas Lunch on 7th December was again a great success, with delicious turkey sandwiches and all the trimmings, mulled wine and mince pies, as well as all the usual stalls. Many thanks to all who supported this event in any way, we raised over £700 for Fountains Parish.

We had a lovely Plough Service at Winksley on January 19th, followed by lunch in the Parish Room, which was enjoyed by all who joined us.

Our regular events are still well supported, with Kettle's On on the first Saturday of each month (1st March, 5th April and 3rd May), and Domino Drives where there is a 5th Friday in the month, both held at Winksley Parish Room.

We are very grateful for the support given for all these events, we welcome anyone who would like to join us in helping with any of our outreach and fundraising events in any way.

Easyfundraising

Just letting you know that Fountains Parish are now registered with Easyfundraising, which means you can raise FREE donations for us every time you shop online. Over 8,000 retailers will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself!

These donations really mount up and make a BIG difference to us, so we'd really appreciate it if you could take a moment to sign up and support us. It's completely FREE and only takes a moment. All you need to do from there is go through our site to any of the many online shopping sites that participate in this scheme. So,

whether it is a trip on a train (Trainline), a birthday present from Argos, a weekly supermarket shop, or some tools from Screwfix, just get into that habit and we will receive a little cash back from the retailer.

You can find our Easyfundraising page at <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/fountains-parish/>
Thank you so much to those who have already signed up!

Please contact Yvonne on yfleetham@aol.com if you need help setting up or would like further information.

Benefice Book Group

Where to begin with Book Group? We have been left reeling and devastated with the sudden death of our dear friend, member and The Fountain book reviewer Anne Carrick. The October meeting finished in high spirits having all enjoyed the book and planning a get together to celebrate Anne's 90th birthday which was the following week. Sadly by the next meeting Anne was no longer with us, so although there was some discussion about 'Monsieur Linh and his Child' much of it was spent sharing our memories of Anne. Incidentally, the book received quite differing reviews with some really enjoying it and others not at all. Such was the difference of opinion we couldn't even agree where the book was set!

The December meeting was spent enjoying the remains of Anne's birthday cake, more reminisces and then a lovely time sharing Christmas extracts, short stories and poems.

Our book for January was 'The Uncommon Reader' by Alan Bennett. This was Anne's last book choice and several of the group wished she was there to justify her choice! They found the characters unrealistic and the storyline weak and quite pointless. Others read it as a light-hearted novella but one that raised some deep and interesting questions and thoughts about reading-why do we read? What is its purpose? How are readers viewed by others? Is reading a less worthy activity than writing? Clearly, we all believe reading is a worthwhile activity (and Anne certainly did) but then we are a Book Group after all.

At the next meeting we will be discussing 'Elizabeth is Missing' by Emma Healey.



'Kettle's On'

Winksley Parish Room
Pop-Up Cafe



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

Saturday 5th April
Saturday 3rd May
2-4pm

ALL WELCOME

Galphay

Seven Twelve Five Pilates at Galphay Village Institute
Every Wednesday (6pm) and Thursday (9am)



Grewelthorpe

Grewelthorpe Village Hall March 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 – 2:00pm

DIGITAL INCLUSION PROJECT

Mobile Phone and Computer Questions...? Help is at hand!

Mashamshire Community Office's Digital Champions will be in Hackfall Café, on Mondays 10th March and 24th March 11:00 am – 1:00 pm.

No appointment needed.

They will be here to help people in our community benefit from using technology and to help with technical questions relating to mobiles, computers, printers etc. No such thing as a daft question, and it will be fun! We have been given our own Village Hall iPad, so there will be access to the internet provided, even if you don't have your own device.

THE BIG GREEN PIZZA TRUCK - SATURDAY 1 ST MARCH – 5.30pm 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.

GREWELTHORPE VILLAGE HALL CAFÉ TALK – WEDNESDAY 19TH MARCH - 7.30pm

JUDITH O'SHAUGHNESSY – 'A WALK IN THE PARK? EVEREST BASECAMP – ALTITUDE WITH ATTITUDE'

The Everest Basecamp Trek is probably the World's most famous trek. Reaching an altitude of 5364m, it is both physically and mentally challenging. In March 2024, Judith, together with her son, undertook (and survived) the challenge. How difficult is the trek? How far and how many hours walking each day? What sort of equipment / clothing is needed? Is there a recommended training plan? What is it like to trek at high altitude? What can be done to reduce the chances of developing altitude sickness? What are the toilet and shower facilities? What types of food are available? Is it possible to charge cameras / mobile phones

If you want to know the answers – join us at the café talk!
Entry: £3.50 (includes glass of wine / soft drink)

Regular Classes

Pilates with Elizabeth Mondays 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st March. 7:30-8:30pm

Hatha Yoga with Jo Parker Tuesdays 4th, 11th, 18th, and 25th March. 6:30-8pm

Ducklings Play Group Thursdays 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th March. 10:30am – 12:00 A drink and snack will be provided. £2.00 per session. All welcome.

Pilates with Gill Thursdays 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th March 6:30pm-7:30pm.

Grewelthorpe WI Thursday 6th March. 7:30pm Phone and Tablet Digital Champions. Nidderdale IT

Contact Mary Wilson 01765 650474 or Terri Duncanson email terridunk@hotmail.co.uk Tel 07821162401

New members and guests are always welcome. Guests £3.

Community Lunch Tuesday 11th March 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 26th March. Composting. Jeff Coates 'Rotters. 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 12th March. 7pm All welcome. £5 No experience necessary and amp/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

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

St James' and the Methodist Church Grewelthorpe

Thank you.....

A BIG THANK YOU to all those that supported our recent Pop-up Moroccan evening. A special thank you to those that prepared the delicious food.

Dates for your diaries.....

Coffee Morning, Saturday, 8th March, 9.30-11.30am in the Village Hall. Join us for a chat over coffee and biscuits.

Lent Lunches Start 10th March for 6 weeks, 12noon – 1.30pm served in Grewelthorpe Church.

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 19th March 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

Jumble Sale to be held in the Village Hall, Saturday, 22nd March 10-12noon. If you are having a declutter, please bear us in mind. Children's books and toys, Adults, children's clothes and shoes. Home furnishings, Books, Bric-a-brac. Brand new, unused goods Cakes and Home Produce and Tombola. More details to follow about where and when to leave your contributions. Thank you.

Highside Singers performance to be held in the Church, Saturday, 3rd May. More details to follow.

Kirkby Malzeard

Mechanics Institute Village Hall: March 2025

Wednesday 5th: **Kirkby Malzeard WI 7.15 - 9.15 pm**

Friday 7th: **Music Night 7.30 pm**

Saturday 8th: **Gaelforce Celtic Rock Band 7.30 pm**

Saturday 15th: **Kirkby in Bloom Green Day 11 - 2 pm**

Monday 24th: **Parish Meeting 7.30 - 8.30 pm**

Thursday 27th: **Coffee Morning 10.45 - 12.30 pm**

Friday 28th: **Quiz Night 7.30 pm**

Monday 31st: **Parish Council Meeting 7.30 - 10 pm**

Regular Classes:

Table Tennis - Monday 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st 10 - 12 noon

Pilates - Monday 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st 4 - 5 pm
Coffee, Click & Connect - Tuesday 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th 10 - 12 noon
Lunch Club - Tuesday 4th, 18th
Highside Singers - 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th 7.30 - 9 pm
Yoga - Wednesday 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th 9.30 - 10.30 am
Art Class - Wednesday 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th 1.30 - 4 pm
Table Tennis - Wednesday 12th, 19th, 26th 6.30 – 8.30pm
Monthly Tunes Evening - Wednesday 19th 7 - 9 pm
Fit to be Free Circuit Training & Boot Camp - Thursday 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th 9.30 - 10.30 am
Youth Club - Thursday 6th 6.30 - 8 pm
Yoga - Friday 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th 1 - 2 pm

The Kirkby Malzeard WI 2025 Programme
At The Mechanics Institute

- **March 5th at 7:15pm** Open Evening Skelldale group + Village
James Johnson -Mallard Grange Farm
 - **April 2nd at 7.15pm**
“Retirement, what Retirement?” with Maggie Poppa
 - **May 7th at 7:15pm** Members social evening

Contact Anne Greenwood 01765 658557



GAELFORCE

HIGHLAND BAGPIPES & FIDDLE
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Winners of The Great British Folk Festival
Introducing Stage, by public vote Jan 2023

**KIRKBY MALZEARD
MECHANICS INSTITUTE**

**Nr. Ripon HG4 3RS
SAT 8TH MARCH**

Doors 7:00pm. Onstage 7:30

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<https://gaelforcecelticrock.co.uk>

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Kirkby Green Day
Organised by Kirkby in Bloom, Proud of our Village

Mechanics' Institute on Saturday 15th March, 11am-2pm

Ripon Men's Shed, children's activities and art competition, KMLD Green Team/ Path Keepers, up-cycling, recycle electric cables, books, plants. Soup, tea, coffee and cakes from the WI. Tombola, Raffle and much more! All welcome!

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!

COFFEE MORNING!
In aid of the village outing

Thursday 27th March
Mechanics Institute Kirkby Malzeard

10.45 - 12.00 (ish)
£5 all proceeds to the village outing

Please come and enjoy a convivial tea or coffee and much more, with friends.

Any donations of cakes and biscuits gratefully received. Can bring on the day. Plus help in the kitchen would be a bonus!

Contact Billie/ Helen/Maxine.

Posters will be out soon, with contact details.

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

Put it in your calendar!

Kirkby Malzeard C of E Primary School

As always there is a very busy and productive atmosphere at Kirkby Malzeard School this term. Key stage 2 pupils were extremely excited about attending the Young Voices at Sheffield arena in February. It was an absolutely amazing experience where pupils can join together in a choir with other primary school children to ignite their love of music and enhance their creative skill. The pupil's energy and enthusiasm truly shone through during the day. The experience was incredible, and it was wonderful to see everyone coming together to create such a memorable performance. They should be so proud of their hard work and dedication that they all put into the performance and a big thank you to everyone who made it happen. We can't wait to experience many more amazing moments like this.

Emma from Love Science visited the school for immersive science workshops and spent time with Acorn and Oak Classes, then returned to work with Palm and Cedar Classes on sedimentary rocks and fossils with exciting hands-on activities to create rock formations and volcanoes. Cedar class are very busy learning about rivers this term and how the different parts affect the flow and journey the river takes. There was

some fabulous drawing work done by the pupils to illustrate how the geographical aspect can be seen in real life.

Acorn have recently had Forest School sessions and wow, it has been fun! They have had to wrap up warmly but have enjoyed every Wednesday exploring the great outdoors around the school grounds.

The school recently took part in an intra school bench ball tournament where the children competed in their Dale Teams working on sportsmanship skills. It was a close competition, but Wensleydale took the lead in the end.

For more information about the school please email: admin@kirkbymalzeard.n-yorks.sch.uk, call: 01765 658329 or follow us on @KirkbyMSchool to see lots of other amazing learning opportunities for our children.

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 BIG SPRING SPRUCE UP!

Let's get our playground **READY** for the better weather & beyond!

Join us for an hour or 2 or the full day!
Families welcome with lunchtime refreshments being served.

Sunday 2nd March 2025
10.00am - 4.00pm

COMMUNITY EVENT

WHAT WE NEED

A merry band of **volunteers** ready to roll their sleeves up & get stuck in to make our school an even nicer place to be! Whether it's just an hour or for the full day, 'many hands make light work' as they say!

Tools - everything from trowels, sweeping brushes, rakes, spades, drills, saws, levels, wheel barrows, tubs, bags - if you think it'd be handy please do bring it along with you! The more we have on hand the better. **Pressure washers!**

Materials - we've been fund raising and have some money in the budget however, as with all charity efforts, the more we can get donated the better. Wood, screws, post mix for fencing, benches, planters etc.... Compost, plants & bulbs.

Safety Equipment - E.g. gloves, overalls, glasses etc...

Disposal Trailers/Vans/Pick Ups - We envisage there'll be a fair bit of material (rotten wood, leaves, broken equipment) that will need disposing of over the course of the day. Any help in this department would be **MUCH** appreciated.

If you can help, in whatever way, shape or form, please let the PTA know asap!

Fountains CE Primary School PTA

Mickley

Mickley 100 Film Club

Our next film is not only the most popular French comedy, but the most successful French film of all time.

In *Welcome to the Sticks (Bienvenue chez les Ch'tis)* a Post Office manager finds himself moved from sunny Provence to the sticks- a town near Dunkirk where it's cold, wet, and people talk funny.

The film will be shown on Wednesday 12 March in Mickley Village Hall. Bar opens at 7pm, film starts at 7.30. 100 club members £5, Guests £7.50.

This is the last film in the present season. Hope to see you there!

Mickley Boys' Club

Our membership has been greatly saddened by the news of Neil Spedding's loss of his dear wife, Bobbie, and also the loss of Derek Burton, who shared his motorbike stories with us all. We were relieved to hear that John Way is now recovering at home following a prolonged period in hospital. We wish him well for a full recovery.

After Antony Prince's enthralling February talk on Ripon Camp and a lunch in March at The Bruce in West Tanfield, our eagerly awaited lambing time farm visit near Felixkirk on April 3rd will certainly be a Spring highlight.

Sawley

Sawley Village Hall for March 2025

Tuesday Afternoon Dominoes - 4th 1.30 pm

Monthly Family Games Night – Friday 7th Board games, Pool, Darts and Table Tennis, Bar Open £1.50 for adults, 50p for children still attending school. 6.30pm onwards

Monthly Dominoes Friday 21st. 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 11th 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.

Clothes Sale in Aid of Fountains and Nidderdale Brownies Units

Saturday 15th 10.30 am – 12.30

If you have good quality clothes or tombola prizes you wish to donate, please bring them to the hall

Tea, coffee and tombola.

All items £2

Contact joharris48@hotmail.co.uk tel. 07494613283

Highside Singers

“A Century Full of Songs”

Saturday 29th 7.30pm

Come and support our fabulous Highside Singers in this Spring concert

Raffle in Aid of St Michael’s Hospice

Tickets £10 from Sandra 01765 620691

Or

Jackie sawleyvillagehall@gmail.com

SAWLEY ARTS GROUP

Dear All,

Is Spring in the air yet? Are you feeling creative and would like having a sociable session of fun? Here are dates for your diary:

Saturday 1st March, Mosaic Workshop Big Tree 1, 10am – 3pm in Sawley Village Hall. Cost £5, materials/coffee/tea/biscuits incl. If you would like to come along, please Telephone Rachel 01765 620373.

Saturday 29 th March, Outdoor/Indoor Sketching and Painting, 10am – 3pm, Sawley Village Hall and local outdoors with shared cars, Cost £5, basic materials/tea/coffee/biscuits incl. Led once again by local artist Julia Collins. Suitable for all ages. Telephone Arlene 01765 620250.

Saturday 12th April, Quilling, 10am – 2pm, Sawley Village Hall.
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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 zither playing, zouk, Zen, zoo visiting, anything zany or something not beginning with Z! We'd love to hear from you.

Sawley Moor Lane Diary for March Fountain

Our garden finally lost all its snow on Monday 10th February! Albeit it had been a big heap and was in partial shade, but oh it's been cold. The woodshed is filling up ready for next winter.

There are however definite promises of spring, the slow thaw has given us superb snowdrop displays all over the village, the *autumnalis* outside the old Parish Room is in blossom and in the wild life garden the first of the beautiful and gentle wild native daffodils are in flower.

The barn owl and pestral (not a spelling error) continue their battle for food in the back field and on several occasions we have seen two barn owls sharing the hunting duties between them.

We have seen one tree sparrow on the bird feeders and hope for more. They lost some of their shelter from the holly on the track due to electricity work, new fencing and a big tree falling. They are such jolly friendly cooperative birds, so unlike their house sparrow cousins. Please come back to our nest boxes, they are waiting for you. Happy spring to all.

Ted Flexman



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

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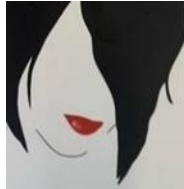
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