

November 2024

THE FOUNTAIN

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

60p



Dear All,

The mellow season of autumn is a good time for thinking about all sorts of changes which take place in life, not least the ripening of fruits, the gradual dying back of vegetation and the cooling of the air around us.

It is no accident that the beginning of November is used in church tradition for the commemoration not only of all the holy people who have gone before us and set us an example of the Christian life in the feast of All Saints, but for the commemoration of all those we have lost from our own lives, in the feast of All Souls. This year there will be a special service at 3pm on Sunday 3rd November in St Andrew's church, Kirkby Malzeard at which those who have lost loved ones, however long ago, will be invited to take part in prayer and reflection. I lost my own Father, peacefully and at a great age, a few weeks ago at this time of the turning of the year, and so for me and my

family the reflections this year will be especially poignant.

It is of course a coincidence that it was also, at this time of year, that World War I came to an end, and as a result, November is a time when we remember all those who have served in, lost their lives in, or been harmed as a result of both that war and all the wars which have happened since. This year we are witnessing a significant increase of warfare across the world, affecting many people terribly and directly, and creating anxiety even for us who live so far away from the action itself. In addition, we continue to see the effects of climate change: no hurricanes have yet swept across the Fountains Benefice, but flash flooding has revealed weaknesses in road systems, causing both significant inconvenience and further anxiety. By the time most of you read this, the American election will have taken place, another event which will be bringing unknown changes and worry about the future.

It is easy in all this for a loss of morale and a sort of collective depression to creep over our lives. But I want to end with two reflections. Even a cursory study of history will reveal that turmoil and anxiety were the default positions of most people in most eras, and if they managed to get on with their lives as best they could, so can we. Secondly, many people in the past put their faith in God, not to make their lives easier, but to guarantee them after death the life of resurrection through Christ, whatever had gone before. Many still do so today, and even if it's the only hope, it's the best one we are offered and a wonderful one indeed. I pray that my Father may be destined for that resurrection, and that all those others we have lost may be so too.

Adrian

Fountains Benefice Services November 2024

- Sunday 3rd Nov 9.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) at Mickley
10.30 am Holy Communion at Grewelthorpe
Holy Communion at Kirkby Malzeard
Morning Worship at Winksley
3.00 pm Service of Remembrance and
Thanksgiving, at Kirkby Malzeard
(this is a service for the whole benefice - see details below)
4.00 pm Family Service at Sawley
- Sunday 10th Nov 9.00 am brief Holy Communion at Aldfield
Remembrance 10.30 am Remembrance Service at Kirkby
Malzeard
10.45 am Remembrance Service at
Grewelthorpe
11.30 am Act of Remembrance at Winksley war
memorial
8.30 pm Compline via Zoom

Remembrance Sunday

**Wreath laying will take place after services at Kirkby Malzeard and
Winksley**

- Sunday 17th Nov 9.00 am Holy Communion at Mickley
10.30 am Methodist Service at Grewelthorpe
Holy Communion at Kirkby Malzeard
Holy Communion at Sawley
6.00 pm Evening Prayer (BCP) at Aldfield
- Sunday 24th Nov 10.30 am Benefice Holy Communion at Mickley
- Sunday 1st Dec 9.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) at Mickley

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 2nd November, at The Rectory** in Kirkby Malzeard. Light breakfast is available. We would love others to commit to this important time. See you there! The next prayer breakfast will be on Saturday 7th December.

From the churches' registers

Baptism

Stanley Clifford Dixon, 6th October at Grewelthorpe

Funerals

Dorothy Kitching, burial of ashes, 26th September at Chapel of the Resurrection, Dallowgill

Bridget (Biddy) Gibson, 28th September at Winksley

John Gibson, burial of ashes, 30th September at Mickley

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 to 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



'Kettle's On'

Winksley Parish Room
Pop-Up Cafe



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

Saturday 2nd November
2-4pm

ALL WELCOME

Girlguiding Fountains

It's been another busy month for our units as we have all looked at the 'reflect' skill builder. The Rainbows enjoyed a sleepover at Hazel House, spending time in a magical forest leading to activities. They also created a tree picture, which now hangs in the Church Room in Winksley. The girls enjoyed a creative evening exploring pendulum painting and have worked on fitness.

We are sad to say good luck and farewell to Bea, albeit temporarily, who has worked with the Rainbows since lockdown. She has been an incredible asset to the unit and has brought lots of ideas. We wish her well as she begins her university course and look forward to her return for sleepovers and holiday events.

The Brownies have visited the Nidderdale unit to share in a special evening learning about hedgehogs from the Happy Hedgehogs and Small Animal Rescue. The girls held baby hedgehogs and discovered how we can help the species to survive. Fitness has also been important; Ripon Martial Arts visited to develop fitness and give some tips for self-defence. This was enjoyed by all the Brownies and was certainly an active session.

Creativity and recycling were brought together as the girls designed crazy golf courses; however, the best part was trying them out.

The Guides have held an outdoor cook session, producing a 2-course meal, which they all enjoyed. A variety of games and activities have continued with some highlights being

- a visit to the Harrogate climbing wall, where all the girls managed the tricky assents and developed skill to build on in the future. The guides were complimented on their politeness and the encouragement they gave to others.
- an escape room challenge, created by Alex, their leader. The girls solved puzzles and riddles, found mystery items and completed challenges in an attempt to escape from a themed room. What a meeting! The Guides made it to the end with minutes to spare, saving the day.

If you know of any girls or adults who would like further information or join us, please contact Beth Lockwood 0785559324 riponwestdistrict@outlook.com

Anne Harrison

Galphay

A poster for Galphay Village Hall Pop Up Café. The background is a light brown color with a repeating pattern of coffee beans. In the center, there is a white coffee cup with steam rising from it. To the right of the cup, the words "POP UP CAFÉ" are written in large, bold, black letters. Below the cup and text, there are two horizontal lines. Between the lines, the text "every last saturday of the month" and "10-1pm" is written. Below the second line, the text "Everyone welcome for a coffee and a chat" is written. At the bottom, the words "BREAKFAST BUNS & HOMEBAKED CAKES" are written in bold, black letters. Below that, the text "all proceeds in aid of the hall" and "check galphay.org for dates" is written.

Galphay Village Hall

**POP
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CAFÉ**

every last saturday of the month
10-1pm

Everyone welcome for a coffee and a chat

BREAKFAST BUNS & HOMEBAKED CAKES

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Recharge Pilates at Galphay Village Institute

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

Grantley

Grantley Village Hall (www.grantleyvillagehall.co.uk)

November

Fridays, 9:15 - 10:15 - Grantley Circuits with Set The Tone Fitness

Friday 1st November, 7:30 - 9:00pm - Village Hall Dominoes

Friday 22nd November 7:30-10:30 - Christine Tassan et Les Imposteures

Also in November we are hosting yet another fantastic Rural Arts event. This time we are privileged and excited to host **Christine Tassan et Les Imposteures** at the hall.

Christine Tassan et Les Imposteurs are visiting the UK from Quebec, Canada. Christine Tassan and her quartet are bringing their special blend of Gypsy jazz and revisited cover songs to a handful of lucky rural venues across the north of England and one of them is Grantley! It's been 20 years now since the Imposteurs started making their mark around the world. Reminiscing about this incredibly rich and adventure-filled journey the musicians came up with the concept of taking the audience with them, on the road during their tours, through magnificent landscapes and delightful anecdotes. Get ready for the ascent of the Great Wall of China, a bike ride in Stanley Park in Vancouver, crossing the Rockies in a snowstorm, and visiting Samois-sur-Seine, Django Reinhardt's village.

Check them out at www.christinetassan.com

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"The preparation for school in the last year is gentle but children do start school with a solid foundation."

FOR MORE INFO OR TO BOOK A VISIT CONTACT DAWN:

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✉ fountains.preschool@btconnect.com

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Grewelthorpe

Grewelthorpe Village Hall November 2024

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

Live Music Chris Bannister - Saturday November 2nd

An evening with Chris Bannister is an evening of rare quality and it is easy to see how he has gained an international reputation and has delighted fans for over two decades. Chris made his debut sell-out appearance at the VH in 2021, with a performance based around the songs of John Denver.

We are pleased to welcome him back again for a combination of well-known covers and his own material. Doors open 7pm for an 8pm start. Tickets £12 from the Village Hall during café opening or online from

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

GREWELTHORPE VILLAGE HALL CAFÉ TALK on WEDNESDAY 6th November

JAMES PLATT – ‘LAND ROVERS ON RAIL’ James will give a short history of his work - from an overly optimistic 20 year old agricultural machinery maker to running his own railway company and all the chance meetings that helped it happen along the way.

Cost: £3.50, which includes a glass of wine or a soft drink

THE BIG GREEN PIZZA TRUCK IS BACK!

GREWELTHORPE VILLAGE HALL Friday 15th November 5.30 to 8.30pm

Refreshments available at the Village Hall Café from 5:15pm. Hot & cold drinks / Wine & Beer / Eat in or Takeaway.

Syrian Pop-Up Food Night Saturday November 23rd

‘Road to Damascus’ is a local business run by a wonderful Syrian refugee family. They make delicious Syrian food and run Pop-Up and private catering

events. On Saturday November 23rd they have been invited to share a 'Taste of Syria' with the Grewelthorpe community. This will be a three-course meal, a slide presentation and a quiz. (£20 per person) Please do come along and support them. Further details and how to book, available from Deborah Hodges, on 01765 658474 or deboeah@grewelthorpevillagehall.co.uk

GREWELTHORPE WI WREATH MAKING WORKSHOP Wednesday 27th November

Grewelthorpe Village Hall 7pm-9pm. £15, under 16's free. Materials are provided and frames will be available for a small charge or bring your own. Bar and snacks.

Contact Terri Duncanson to book a place on 07821162401 or terridunk@hotmail.co.uk

SPANISH CLASSES

Spanish classes will continue in the Café at Grewelthorpe Village Hall. The final session is on 7th November; 7.00pm-8.30pm. Cost: £3.50 per class, which includes a glass of wine or a soft drink. For further information, please contact Deborah Hodges on 658474 or email at deborah@grewelthorpevillagehall.co.uk Hasta la vista!

Regular Classes .

Pilates with Elizabeth Mondays 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th November. 7:30-8:30pm

HathaYoga with Jo Parker Tuesdays 12th, 19th and 26th November. 6:30-8pm

Ducklings Play Group Thursdays 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th November.

10:30am – 12:00 A drink and snack will be provided. £2.00 per session. All welcome.

Pilates with Gill Thursdays 7th, 14th and 28th November. 6:30pm-7:30pm.

Grewelthorpe WI Thursday 7th November. Card Design and Making.

Contact Mary Wilson 01765 650474 or Terri Duncanson email terridunk@hotmailco.uk Tel 07821162401 New members and guests are always welcome. Guests £3.

Community Lunch Tuesday 12th November 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 20th November. Gardening for a Changing Climate'. Cathy Kitchingman and Georgina Borderwitch. 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 13th November. 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

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

Thank you.....

To all those that continue to support our events in Grewelthorpe. Some of our fund-raising events are for vital restoration work in church, which is not an easy task. We are pleased to say that our new heating boiler has been fitted and we now have a warm church!!!!

Dates for your diaries.....

Next G-Club Wednesday 13th November 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 07740703868 or email susan.rizos@btinternet.com

Christmas Fair, Saturday, 16th November 10-1pm in Grewelthorpe Village Hall

Christmas themed stalls and delicious turkey sandwiches will be served.

Autumn Lunches will continue on Monday, 4th November in Grewelthorpe Church 12.00 – 13.30

Please join us for homemade soup, bread roll and a pudding, with tea or coffee

Donations to Church Funds.

Xmas Feast in the Village Hall Saturday, 7th December

Delicious food, bar and raffle. Tickets £22.50 on sale soon. Please reserve the date.

Epiphany Party Monday, 6th January 2025

Early days butwe are planning for our Epiphany Party 2025.

This is a fun evening of wonderful entertainment provided by people from the village and the surrounding local area, followed by a delicious supper. This is held in the church.

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 that we can start organising a good and varied programme. Please contact Judith Beresford (658098), Liz Dixon (658225), or Liz Witton (658670).

Thank you.

Kirkby Malzeard

Silent Auction at St. Andrews Church

This beautiful painting of Myton on Swale was one of two paintings, kindly donated by Stephen for St Andrews Church Fair last year. The smaller one was put in the raffle, it was thought this larger of the two needed a separate special auction instead.

If you would like to place a bid please put your name, address and contact number, along with the amount you wish to bid inside an envelope, labelled **Silent Auction** and pop it into the black post box, by the side door at the Mechanics or bring to the fair on the day, Saturday 30th November before noon.



Landscape Watercolour by Local Artist Stephen Weld

Size unframed and mounted 21 x 28 inch (53 x 71 cm)

The Painting will be on display in the Coffee Lounge at the Mechanics from Friday 1st November.

All bids must be in by Noon 30th November 2024

Mechanics Institute Village Hall: November 2024

Friday 1st: **Music Night 7.30 pm**

Wednesday 6th: **Kirkby Malzeard WI 7.15 pm**

Friday 8th: **Dixon Country Band 7.30 pm** (see following poster)

Monday 25th: **Parish Council Meeting 7.20 - 10 pm**

Friday 29th: **Quiz Night 7.30 pm**

Saturday 30th: **Christmas Fair**(see following poster)

Regular Classes:

Table Tennis - Monday 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th 10 - 12 noon

Pilates - Monday 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th 4 - 5 pm

Coffee, Click & Connect - Tuesday 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th 10 - 12 noon

Lunch Club - Tuesday 5th, 19th

Highside Singers - 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th 7.30 - 9 pm

Yoga - Wednesday 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th 9.30 - 10.30 am

Table Tennis - Wednesday 13th, 20th, 27th 7 - 9 pm

Monthly Tunes Evening - Wednesday 20th 7 - 9 pm

Youth Club - Thursday 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th 6.30 - 8 pm

Yoga - Friday 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th 1 - 2 pm

KIRKBY MALZEARD COMMUNITY

Bonfire NIGHT



6.30PM
LIGHT FIRE

7.00PM
FIREWORKS

02 NOVEMBER

NORTH CLOSE FARM – KIND COURTESY OF THE MAWER FAMILY

FIREWORKS * FOOD & DRINK * EVERYONE WELCOME * NO SPARKLERS ALLOWED

VILLAGE COMMUNAL RUBBISH COLLECTION - 10AM, 2ND NOVEMBER

DONATIONS PLEASE TO HELP KEEP THIS BONFIRE ALIVE FOR FUTURE YEARS

LIVE FIVE PIECE COUNTRY BAND

DIXON
COUNTY



Keepin' it country

7.30PM FRIDAY 8TH NOVEMBER
KIRKBY MALZEARD MECHANICS
TICKETS £12 [TICKETSOURCE/DOOR](https://www.ticketsource.co.uk)

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas!

St Andrews Church Community Fair



Saturday 30th November 2024

10am-1.30pm

The Mechanics Institute
Kirkby Malzeard

Lovely stalls for your Christmas presents

Festive food and tempting cakes

Fun side stalls including Raffle & Tombola

Silent Auction

Special visit from Santa

Kirkby Malzeard WI

We meet the first Wednesday of the month at 7.15pm in the Mechanic's Institute and have a varied programme, detailed below. New members are very welcome.

Nov 6th The History of Buttons with Michelle Horton
Dec 4th KMWI Christmas Party

Anne Greenwood

Kirkby Malzeard C of E Primary School

The first half of the Autumn term has been packed with a wide range of exciting activities for the pupils at Kirkby Malzeard School.

Key Stage 1 were excited to take part in the Wild Workshops when they did an immersive session to learn about animals and their habitats and spent time foraging around the school grounds to find resources to make a home for a mouse. While the weather was so good Year 6 took to the village street as part of Bikeability, a government national training programme. The aim of the course is to teach cycling skills to equip young people with confidence to ride safely on today's roads.

On Thursday 10th October pupils thoroughly embraced World Mental Health Day by wearing something yellow and donating money to Young Minds. Right now the world is a really tough place for children and young people to grow up in. Young Minds want young people to know that they don't have to go through this alone and Kirkby Malzeard school wants to be part of this and stand brighter, together.

Recently a team of pupils from Year 5 and 6 participated in a Netball Tournament. They were absolutely brilliant and managed to achieve second place; they played with such energy and enthusiasm and so we are so proud of all of them. Well done everyone.

At our harvest festival Cedar Class shared their learning and research about the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution (RABI). This charity is very important to us as a school due to the many farming families that make up our community. We have chosen to support this charity this harvest and instead of bringing in tinned goods we asked families to donate money.

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 and 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 or call: 01765 658329 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.

Kirkby Malzeard Preschool

The children have well and truly settled in. This half-term the children are looking at colours, doing different activities then moving on to autumn colours, looking at the change in how colours relate to the changing seasons... autumn and Halloween.

We still have some spaces for children from 18 months to 4 years. For more information or to book a viewing please contact preschool on 01765 658080.

Our infamous jumble sale is back on Saturday 23rd November at St Andrews Church 10am till 12.30pm - donation bags will be through your doors soon and donations will be collected from your gate from 9am on Friday 22nd November. If you would like any more information or are out of the village and would like a collection please contact preschool on the number above.

We are also having a stall at the St Andrews Community Fair on 30th November so please pop along and support your local charity committee-run preschool. To further raise funds, we are hosting The Solway Saxophone Quartet on Sunday 8th December (see following poster).

In Aid of Kirkby Malzeard Preschool

Concert

The Solway Saxophone Quartet

in the Mechanics Institute, Kirkby Malzeard

on

Sunday 8th December 2024 at 4pm

Tickets: £10.00 including mulled wine and a mince pie

For tickets and further information please contact:-

Sophie Stephenson Tel: 07469895056

email: s.stephenson456@gmail.com

Programme to include:

Jazz, popular classics, Christmas tunes
and much more.

Soprano Saxophone: Justin Kent

Alto Saxophone: Jane Bagot

Tenor Saxophone: Stephen Bagot

Baritone Saxophone: Melanie Thorne



THE PRE-CHRISTMAS VILLAGE OUTING!



Wednesday 27th November

Coach trip to The Crown Inn, Lofthouse via Pateley Bridge.
Coffee and shopping stop at Pateley followed by a warming and tasty
Autumnal Lunch at the Crown Inn.

cost: £35.

Info and application forms available from Highside butchers, The Mechanics
and the Church.

This is a community outing. All welcome . If you need a little help with costs
this is not a problem. Just let us know on the application form and we can sort
it !

Dallowgill Methodist Chapel

Sunday 10th Nov 2.00 pm Rev Ian Pruden

Sunday 24th Nov 2.00 pm Rev Gareth Baron

Mickley

MICKLEY VILLAGE 100 CLUB AND FILM CLUB EVENTS

Mickley Film Club - After the success of our Film Club last year, we are running Six films again through the winter months, now sticking with our original 2nd Wednesday of the Month, £5.00 for 100 Club Members and £7.50 for non-members – All are most welcome. All film nights are from 7.00pm meet for a 7.30 showing.

MONTH	EVENT
November	<p>Wednesday 13th, Film Club, Past Lives, 2023.</p> <p>Friday 22nd, Mickley Village Quiz Night, Teams of 4 with Pie and Pea Supper, £10</p>
December	<p>Sunday 1st, Village Christmas Tree Dressing</p> <p>Wednesday 4th, Wreath Making in the Village Hall to include Morning Coffee and Mince Pies, Hot Festive Lunch and Full Tuition, £35 (book early to avoid disappointment)</p> <p>Wednesday 11th December, Film Club with a difference, showing Buena Vista Social Club, and sharing all things Cuban: food, Mojitos. dance and a social get together with the movie playing along in the background</p> <p>Friday 20th December, Christmas £50 Draw, BIG Village Christmas Raffle with Fizz or Mulled Wine and Mince Pies.</p>

We look forward to seeing friends and neighbours at some or all of the above planned events.

Mickley's nature notes for September

What a year..... the butterflies at last got going in September with red admirals,

peacocks, small tortoiseshells, meadow browns and brimstone appearing, as was the constant visitor all summer, the large and small whites! So glad to see them. The moth recorder remains very happy with 2 increasingly rare species appearing here.

The other group that has been a bit quiet are the birds. Our garden birds i.e. tits, robins etc., have had a very long holiday only returning home in the last half of September after their moulting break. The goldfinches are having a great time on the scabious seeds, the woodpecker is still attacking the ants, the tits are doing their acrobatic moves when getting the fly nests from various parts of the buildings.

Meanwhile the dragonflies and damsel flies have been prolific over our pond, (and at the local nature reserve so the hobbies have been busy!).

The return of rain has cheered many plants up, with the heat and drought of August and early September having challenged a number of plants. So those still flowering rudbeckia, echinacea, persicarias, nepeta etc. look very happy.

We put geotextile over our brassicas to protect them vs the dreaded white butterflies (who have been as prolific as usual this summer, unlike the others). They also have drip irrigation so have been steadily watered during the dry periods. Having just removed the textile covers, they look spectacular, no white or black fly, caterpillars or pigeon attack (yet!). So, although it has looked a bit odd with white domes in the veg patch it has worked. The -2 degree frost in early September was a bit of a shock but the courgettes and french beans coped being in a sheltered area. However they have not survived the frosts of early October nor have the runner beans.

A disaster happened with our old apple tree. Given the huge number of apples this year, one of the main branches gave up the ghost and landed on the lawn spilling hundreds of apples everywhere. We then discovered that the local delivery drivers liked taking the windfalls. Wonderful, as everyone in Mickley also have too many apples.

Sawley

Sawley Village Hall for November 2024

Tuesday Afternoon Dominoes - 5th 1.30 pm

Monthly Family Games Night – Friday 1st Board games, Pool, Darts and Table Tennis, Bar Open £1.50 for adults, 50p for children still attending school. 7pm onwards

Monthly Dominoes Friday 15th. 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 AGM Tuesday 12th 7.30pm all welcome

Table Tennis and Pool night Mondays. 7.30pm

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

Sawley Moor Lane Diary – Looking back

July and August

How enjoyable July and August have been, frequent sunny days, some quite hot, a splattering of rain often at the most inconvenient times, but something has been missing ... the whole network of insect and small invertebrate life. WHERE HAS IT ALL GONE? Is it just me who can't see the numbers of hoverflies, bees, butterflies etc that used to fill my summer days? Is there a collapse in that whole tier of life or am I imagining it?

Our swallows returned to their nest in the porch; she sat for several weeks, he perched on the wires in the lane and then they gave up. No eggs, no hatching for them. We have had gatherings of juvenile and adults swallows, occasionally up to 35 on some very rare days before swooping off over the fields but often the skies have been empty and their twitterings absent.

This may just be a dip and there will be a bounce back next year but for now I remain "Worried of Moor Lane."

September

However, Sandra's moth count on a warm night produced one of the highest readings yet and many new species not recorded on previous counts. Our neighbour's swallows fledged well. All the wasps in the area seem to have made a nest in the Vicar's roof!! And, the warm and wet September have produced a more noticeable mass of insects from the smallest flies on the Autumn Hawkbit in the verges to the emergence of bumbling crane flies and subsequent interest of many corvids.

We've seen a few token butterflies on the later purple buddleia and some large and small white managed to lay eggs on my beautiful kale ... To top it all this has been the best blackberry year for as long as I've lived in Sawley, something must have pollinated the brambles – maybe all those night flying moths, although we've only had a few bats.

Nature, I'll never understand it but never underestimate it either.

Sawley Moor Lane Diary

October

I was raking up Cherry leaves yesterday and it doesn't seem any time at all since I was smiling at the bows covered in white blossom and holding such promise. How mixed the results of that promise has been – no great bee buzzing days, carpet blossom fall, some fruits, lovely leaves into a very brief autumn and now work for the rake and a feed for the leaf mould heap, with very good leaf mould underneath. As the tree closes down and goes into winter mode I wonder what next spring and summer will bring?

Rudbekia and Sedum Spectabile are giving cheery colour to the garden and in the Lane the wild Michaelmas Daisies are wilder and fuller and more merrily wild! The hanging baskets have looked lovely all summer, as have the flowering tubs throughout the village with everyone doing their bit. We'll have a winter project to replace many of the tubs and try to keep the village looking cheerful and optimistic all next year! Thank you to all who help.

There was a session of Defibrillator training and twenty people took part. We hope their new learned skills will not be needed but it is good to be well prepared

Ted Flexman

Remembrance Day at Picking Gill

Monday 11th November 2024

10.45

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To mark the 125th anniversary of Remembrance Day and especially Leonard Watson, Mark Maude and Wilfred Wood from Sawley Parish who were killed serving in action during the War.

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From the Parish Magazine November 1919

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