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THE FOUNTAIN

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

60p



Living (and thriving) in the 'grey'...

How do we cope when things seem unremittingly 'grey'? When I pulled back the curtains this morning, I guess I wasn't too surprised to find another murky morning; and as I carried the kitchen bin bag out to the wheelie bin, neither was

I too shocked that it was raining and gloomy once again – particularly since, apart from the odd half-day of sunshine, it's been like this for weeks. Of course, some parts of the country have had rain *every day* for the last month, while others have had their usual month's rain over a weekend. As a result, there are flood warnings all over the place. It seems we've had the wettest January in well over a century. Will it ever stop, we wonder? I particularly feel for the farmers and their livestock. The sodden fields are increasingly liable to flood and become less and less hospitable for sheep and cattle alike. Then there's the need for additional feed, with associated costs. Yet it's not long since the hose pipe bans were lifted, after one of the driest summers on record. Then, our reservoirs and aquifers were at their lowest for years – and we were all praying for rain! At least, despite it all, we *still* have water in our taps, along with electricity, oil and gas to power and heat our homes.

Maybe we should spare a thought, a prayer and even a gift for those in harder circumstances than our own? I'm regularly reminded of the misery faced by millions of Ukrainians, struggling to survive, in -20 degrees C conditions, without energy to heat their homes, following Russia's cynical and repeated attacks on their electricity generation and infrastructure. It's a repeated and deliberate pattern, it seems, to weaken the morale of the general populace, to force them into accepting 'peace' on

wholly unfavourable terms. So, just the other day, I was delighted to spot a short video clip on the BBC News app. Hundreds of Kiev residents out on the frozen River Dnipro, either skating or throwing some dance moves to upbeat tracks from a DJ's turntables! It might have been -20C, the war may have dragged on for several years, and many there would have lost loved ones and suffered unimaginably. Yet they'd simply dressed up warmly, managed to rig up a PA system and decks, and, in the midst of it all, still found something to celebrate! I guess it's all about attitude...

As you may know, the formal opening of our three *Fountains Ways – Ancient Paths for Modern Pilgrims* is on Saturday March 21st at St Andrew's, Kirkby Malzeard. We're currently preparing the walk brochures and welcome displays, and as we do, we're consciously reminding ourselves that these are pilgrimage routes that we're planning, and not just walks through beautiful countryside. So, the new walk brochures will have suggested places to 'Pause and Ponder', for taking in the beauty of what's around us, and opening ourselves to the possibility of encountering God afresh. Again, it's all about attitude.

John O'Donohue, the Irish spiritual writer, wisely reminds us that, *'What you encounter, recognise or discover depends, to a large degree, on the quality of your approach. When we approach with reverence, great things may decide to approach us.'* Elsewhere, in his classic work on 'soul friendship', titled *'Anam Cara'*, he takes this further, suggesting, *'There is such an intimate connection between the way we look at things and what we actually discover. If you learn to look at your life in a gentle, creative and adventurous way, you will be eternally surprised at what you find.'*

If we can get beyond our annoyance at the weather not being quite as we'd like it, simply pull on our boots and waterproofs, and actually get outside, we may just be surprised. And if we can slow ourselves sufficiently to notice what's around us, we might just notice what we've missed hundreds of times – be it the flutter of the finches at the bird-feeder, the beauty of the snowdrops alongside our weekly walk, the grandeur of the trees above us, or maybe the gentle lapping of the water by the river's edge, while the torrents churn and race downstream. We might just find ourselves unexpectedly filled with awe, bowled over by the sheer wonder of it all, and smiling with delight at this encounter we've experienced at the level of our soul. Before we know it, we might even whisper a wee word of thanks to the Creator of it all, who delights to see his children happy and distracted by it all.

The Bohemian poet, Rainer Maria Rilke, summed up this sense of wonder and well-being rather well, in this simple, yet profound, exclamation, *‘Being here is so much.’* So, in this new season, may God give us freshly-opened eyes and hearts, both good sight and insight; and may we find ourselves ready, as St Paul used to say, to *‘Give thanks in all circumstances’*. For if we do, we might just be surprised at where John O’Donohue’s subtle cocktail of *gentleness, creativity and adventure* might eventually take us!

Revd Andrew Cromarty

Services in Fountains Benefice, March 2026

‘Generous in love – God give grace! Huge in mercy – wipe out my bad record.

Scrub away my guilt, soak out my sins in your laundry.

I know how bad I’ve been; my sins are staring me down.

What you’re after is truth from the inside out.

Enter me, then; conceive a new, true life.’

[The Message: Psalm 52:1-3,6]

1st March	9.00 am Holy Communion, Mickley <i>Andrew</i>
2nd Sunday	10.30 am Holy Communion, Grewelthorpe <i>David Bailey</i>
of Lent (P)	10.30am Holy Communion, Kirkby Malzeard <i>Andrew</i>
	10.30am Morning Worship, Winksley <i>Adrian</i>
	[2.00pm Methodist Holy Communion, Sawley Chapel]
8th March	9.00 am Holy Communion, Aldfield <i>Andrew</i>
3rd Sunday	10.30 am Morning Worship, Kirkby Malzeard <i>Adrian</i>
of Lent (P)	10.30am Holy Communion, Sawley <i>Andrew</i>
15th March	9.00 am Morning Worship, Mickley <i>Adrian</i>
Mothering	10.30 am Methodist Morning Worship, Grewelthorpe
Sunday (P)	10.30am Morning Worship, Kirkby Malzeard <i>Liz</i>
	10.30am Holy Communion, Winksley <i>Andrew</i>
	6.00 pm Evening Prayer, Aldfield <i>Adrian</i>

22nd March 10.30am Holy Communion, Grewelthorpe *Andrew*
5th Sunday 10.30am Holy Communion, Sawley *Cliff Bowman*
of Lent (P) 6.00pm Evening Prayer, Dallowgill *Liz*
(Passiontide)

29th March 10.30am Benefice Holy Communion, Aldfield
Palm Sunday (R) *Andrew, Liz, Adrian*

*For information about services please contact Revd. Andrew Cromarty on
01765 507479 or email parishfountains@gmail.com.org*



From the Church Registers

28th January: Funeral of John Sydney Phillips at St. Lawrence's, Aldfield

2nd February: Abel Atashroo, of Kirkby Malzeard, was buried in Kirkby Malzeard cemetery by an outside minister from a different denomination

4th February: Funeral of Nigel Robertshaw at St. Andrew's Church, Kirkby Malzeard

6th February: Funeral of Brian Peter Richmond at St. James' and the Methodist Church, Grewelthorpe

13th February: Funeral of Margaret Dunn at St. Lawrence's, Aldfield.

New Benefice Administrator Appointment

During the discussions surrounding the process to appoint a new rector, it became evident that an incoming incumbent would benefit hugely from the ongoing support of an established and experienced administrator. Whilst I have been happy to serve in this capacity short-term (and have been grateful for the support of the

Benefice Admin Working Group), it is clearly time to hand over to a specialist in this area of work.

I am delighted to announce that we have now appointed Jane Marlow, who brings many years of experience in administration, both in school and parish council contexts as well as financial experience of budgetary management and has organized significant local events. Jane is a resident of Kirkby Malzeard, so may already be known to some of you.

I, and my colleagues, are grateful for Jane's willingness to take on this important role in the life of the benefice, and very much look forward to working with her, both in this period of transition and subsequently, with the arrival of a new rector, as and when that might occur.

Revd Andrew Cromarty,
Associate Priest Fountains Benefice

Fountains Ways – Ancient Paths for Modern Pilgrims

Formal launch: Saturday 21st March, 2026

St Andrew's Church, Kirkby Malzeard, HG4 3RT

We would love you to be able to join us for this exciting launch of our new *Fountains Ways* pilgrimage routes!

For those wishing to take part in walking either or the two newest pilgrimage routes on March 21st, there will be a brief gathering, prayer and briefing at 10am in St

Andrew's, Kirkby Malzeard. Two groups will then set out at about 10.30am, either walking north on the *Fishers' Way* or south on the *Curlew Way*. Both walks are in the region of 7 miles and taking just over 4 hours, including reflective stops and church visits, where there will be displays and family-style activities.

If you are planning on walking, please bring a day pack, with packed lunch, a drink, waterproof clothing, etc, and wear stout walking

shoes or boots. Please be aware that there are uneven sections on both walks, with various stiles to climb over, and with significantly steeper elements on the *Fishers' Way*.



We will reconvene at St Andrew's. At 3.30pm there will be a short act of Thanksgiving, with a small brass ensemble. +Anna, Bishop of Ripon, will be saying a few words of encouragement and blessing. Those not wishing to walk, but simply to join us to celebrate the inauguration of *Fountains Ways*, will join us at this point. This will then be followed a couple of brief speeches and a reception, with refreshments, celebratory cake, tray-bakes, parkin, etc. Along with yourselves, we are inviting the press and our various benefactors to attend, as well as representatives of the Church, the National Trust and local businesses.

If you would like to attend, please let us know, for catering purposes; explaining whether you intend to walk before the afternoon celebration (and which pilgrimage route you would prefer to walk), or simply to come for the latter at 3.30pm. Please contact Karen Pickles regarding attendance: 07498491191 or karenpickles@btinternet.com stating whether you have particular dietary issues. For those with nut allergies, please note that we cannot guarantee that everything served is completely nut-free.

Revd Andrew Cromarty, Project Lead, on behalf of the *Fountains Ways* Planning Team

Fountains Book Club

'Raising Hare' by Chloe Dalton was our January read. This was a different book for us as it is a non-fiction book and we tend to stay with fiction.

Chloe Dalton rescues a leveret and the book tracks her progress on how she raises the Hare and the impact this has on all areas of her life. As a reader we are taken on her learning journey with her, both in how to care for a Hare and a hare's place in the wild and history of the countryside. Dalton never anthropomorphizes the hare and although her house is given over to the Hare and subsequent hares, she never tries to change their natural course of life. She shares so much of her research and brings to life and beauty the little talked about/known about Hare.

Although a non-fiction book, the style of the writing made it a quick, easy read. The language is poetical, almost lyrical and full of description and detail. The countryside is depicted vividly and the reader could feel as though they are on her walks with her. The book was very well received and

generated much discussion about the countryside and countryside practices. A successful first book for Chloe Dalton.

This month we are reading 'An Unwanted Inheritance' by Imogen Clark and meeting in March at Brenda Holgate's.



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

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

Saturday 7th March
Saturday 4th April
2-4pm

ALL WELCOME

Future Events

We run a few regular fundraising and outreach events through the year, such as 'Kettle's On' and Domino drives. We are always grateful for offers of baking and help with these, as well as for the larger events.

We are hoping to increase the stalls and attractions at our annual Garden Fete at Winksley, so if you have any ideas please get in touch. We are also looking for ideas to bring the communities together and increase the

range of events we can offer, so if you have any ideas, again, please get in touch with your local churchwardens or other members of the church community.

Fountains PCC

We are looking for a Secretary for Fountains PCC. It is a job that mainly involves taking minutes at the 4-5 meetings a year, as well as dealing with correspondence and emails from the diocese, liaising with the PCC Chair, communicating with the PCC members and distributing reports round the PCC before meetings. It is not an onerous task, someone with admin and computer skills would be ideal. Please contact me, or any other PCC member, if you would be willing to volunteer for this role.

Yvonne Fleetham
Lay Chair Fountains PCC
ylfleetham@aol.com

Girlguiding Fountains

All the units have new members and so the units have been looking at the promise, which is central to all we do. 3 guides made their promise whilst at their sleepover and the Brownies and Rainbows will make theirs after half term.

The Rainbows have recently celebrated the Chinese New Year and enjoyed making money envelopes containing chocolate coins. They have also been looking at tools and how to use them in readiness for DIY jobs.

The Brownies have spent time getting to know the members of their new sixes (smaller working groups). They have put together postcards to send to other units for Thinking Day. Hopefully another unit will contact them.

The Guides are just back from an Alice in Wonderland themed two-night sleepover with Nidderdale Guides. What a fun packed weekend, which included making bracelets, bookmarks, hats for the Mad Hatter's Tea party, silhouettes, bake off competition on the theme of Alice in Wonderland, film night and visits to the Cathedral and Spa gardens to see the Ripon links to Lewis Carroll to name some of the activities. The girls all worked with the leaders to keep our venue clean and provide meals for us all. A huge thank you to Rowan for organising and her team for making it possible.

Galphay



Galphay Village Institute Charity Fund Raiser for:



Wednesday April 15th 7:00 pm

Tickets £5 per person

Andy, our speaker for the evening, is a Harrogate medical practitioner and volunteer for Médecins Sans Frontières and a committed fund raiser.

He has experience of working with Doctors Without Borders, helping people all over the world who are suffering through conflict, natural disaster, epidemics or denial of healthcare facilities.

Refreshments available.

For Tickets Contact Tony Marsh by:

Phone/Text – 07496471948

Email – apmarsh10@sky.com

Donations to MSF would be welcome on the night.

Pilates with Dee at Galphay Village Institute

Every Thursday (9am)

Grantley

Grantley Village Hall

Fridays 9.15 – 10.15am - Strength and Conditioning with Sue

Monday 2nd March and 1st Mondays in the month, 7.30pm - Dominoes

Saturday 28th March @ 7.30 pm – Village Ceilidh with Roosters Ceilidh Band

£12.00 per person, under 16's £6.

TICKETS IN ADVANCE ONLY @ ticketsource.co.uk/grantley-village-hall

Or by emailing gvh@live.co.uk or phone 01765 620235

Tuesday 31st March 7pm AGM. All welcome, especially those from Grantley and Winksley.

Grewelthorpe

Grewelthorpe Village Hall March 2026

The Hackfall Café at the Village Hall welcomes customers for indoor and outdoor seating.

OPEN Monday 11.00am-1:30pm – Wednesday and Friday 11:30am – 1:30pm (**Please note revised weekday opening times which are being trialled.**) Saturday – Sunday 11:00 am – 2:00pm as usual.

GREWELTHORPE VILLAGE HALL CAFÉ TALK WEDNESDAY 4TH MARCH at 7.30pm

STEVE KONYA 'THE DIGITAL SWITCHOVER' Steve is a key member of the Masham Community Office's project, supporting local communities with their IT issues and questions. He has been Grewelthorpe's Digital

Champion for some time now, visiting the Café every fortnight to help all of us with our tech challenges. Steve will explain how the digital switchover, a significant transition in the UK, will affect landlines, and will talk through the implications for all of us here in Grewelthorpe.

Entry: £4.00 (includes glass of wine /soft drink

THE BIG GREEN PIZZA TRUCK - GREWELTHORPE VILLAGE HALL
FRIDAY 27th MARCH 5:30 to 8:30pm – Eat in or Takeaway.

Refreshments available at the Village Hall Café for eat in customers from 5:15pm. Hot & cold drinks / Wine and Beer.

MUSIC EVENT DIARY DATE - Saturday 11th April 2026 - Belinda O'Hooley

See the Village Hall website for details.

Mobile Phone and Computer Questions? Help is still at hand

One of Mashamshire's Community Office's Digital Champions has kindly offered to continue to volunteer their expertise in Hackfall café, on alternate Mondays. Please ask in the Café for the dates. No appointment needed and, remember: there is no such thing as a daft question! We now have a Village Hall iPad, so access to the internet is provided, even if you don't have your own device.

Regular Classes

Pilates with Elizabeth Mondays. 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th March. 7:30pm -8:30pm.

Yoga with Jo Parker Tuesdays 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th March. 6:30-8pm

Ducklings Play Group Thursdays 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th. 10:30am – 12:00

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

Pilates with Gill Thursdays 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th 6:30pm-7:30pm.

Earthpath Drumming Circle Wednesday 11th 7pm. All welcome. £5 No experience necessary & spare drums will be available. Contact: Jane 07920196710

Grewelthorpe WI Thursday March 5th. The Woodland Trust and Hackfall. 7:30 for 8pm.

Hackfall is a unique landscape, set in a wooded gorge with spectacular views, along the banks of the River Ure near Masham. David Mason, a Woodland Trust volunteer speaker lives nearby. Using photographs, historical notes and details of the heritage project which put it on the map, will take us through this beautiful location we are lucky to have on

our doorstep. David wants to share his passion for the place and encourage more visitors.

Non-members always welcome £4. Tea/coffee/ biscuits included, raffle and sales table. Contact Mary Wilson 01765 650474 or Terri Duncanson email terridunk@hotmail.co.uk Tel 07821162401

Community Lunch Tuesday 10th March. £6, in the café. A homemade 2 course hot dinner and pudding, served by our friendly Hackfall Cafe volunteers. 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 25th March. Mallard Grange Farm – One Farm's Journey into Regenerative Agriculture. James Johnson. Talk starts at 8pm with refreshments available from 7:30pm. Members free. Guests £5. New members and guests are always welcome. No need to book. Contact Mike 01765 658990 or Delia delia.jerome21@gmail.com for queries/information.

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

Dates for your diaries.....

G Club will be held in Grewelthorpe Church on Wednesday, 18th March. 6-7pm in Grewelthorpe church. Join us for a fun time with games and songs around a monthly theme. All primary school children welcome. Ring Susan Rizos on 07740703868 with any queries.

Jumble Sale in aid of St James and the Methodist Church

At the Village Hall 10:00am-1:00pm on 7th March 2026. Entry £1 (children free)

HELP NEEDED (Please look out for details arriving through your door).

We would be grateful for any wearable clothes and shoes for men, women and children. Also, toys, books and bric-a-brac you could donate for the jumble sale. Donations of handbags, bed linen and curtains are also welcome.

Home baking stall and tombola. Tombola prizes can be delivered to church or the village hall. Produce for the cake stall can be delivered on the day.

We will collect bags on Friday 6th March at lunch time.

If you have more than one bag, just put it in a black bin liner.

Afterwards clothing will be recycled and bric-a-brac distributed to charity shops.



DANCING AROUND THE DALES

**Traditional dances from
the Yorkshire Dales**

Featuring caller **Peter Barnard**
and **The Dales Dance Band**

Grewelthorpe Village Hall
Saturday 21st March 2026
Doors open 6.30pm for 7pm start

Tickets available from Susan Rizos
01765 658200/07740 703868

£15 adults, £7.50 children (12 & under).
Supper included. Family tickets available

**No experience needed – just come
prepared for a lively and fun evening!**
Suitable for all ages

 In aid of St James and the Methodist Church, Grewelthorpe

Lent Lunches continue In Grewelthorpe Church, each Monday throughout Lent. The last one will be 30th March. 12-1.30pm. Enjoy a simple lunch and make a donation which will be shared between Church Funds and the Disaster Emergency Fund.

Words from a letter received from the Children's Society:

"Thank you for your incredible support from St James & The Methodist Church in Grewelthorpe during the Christingle Service and Carol Singing round the village. Last year the Society raised just under £830,000 in total from Christingle Services. This enabled us to provide help and support for many young people."

We sent a total of £311 to the Society from these two events. I echo these thanks to everyone who contributed and took part.

Jenny Bullough

Kirkby Malzeard

Mechanics Institute Village Hall: March 2026

Wednesday 4th: Kirkby Malzeard WI 7.15 pm

Friday 6th: Music Night 7.30 pm

Saturday 7th: Kirkby Green Day 10.30 - 1.30 pm

Friday 27th: Quiz Night 7.30 pm

Sunday 29th: Coffee, Cake and Chat 9.15 am

Friday 27th: Quiz Night 7.30 pm

Monday 30th: Parish Council Meeting 7.30 pm

Regular Classes:

Table Tennis - Monday 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th 10 - 12 noon

Pilates - Monday 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th 4 - 5 pm

Coffee, Click & Connect - Tuesday 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st 10 - 12 noon

Lunch Club - Tuesday 3rd, 17th

Highside Singers - 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th 7.30 pm

Yoga - Wednesday 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th 9.30 - 10.30 am

Table Tennis - Wednesday 11th, 18th, 25th 6.30 - 8.30 pm

Monthly Tunes Evening - Wednesday 18th 7 - 9 pm

WI Scrabble - Thursday 5th 2 - 4 pm
Youth Club - Thursday 5th 6.30 - 8 pm
Fit to be Free - Thursday 12th, 19th, 26th 7 - 8 pm
Yoga - Friday 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th 1 - 2 pm

Kirkby Malzeard WI At The Mechanics Institute

March 4th @ 7.15pm – *Rosemary and Twine*
With Amy Fairburn

April 1st @7.15pm – *AI – Friend or Foe?*
A look beyond the hype – Stuart Ward

Contact: Anne Greenwood 01765 658557



Our Kirkby Green Day! At The Mechanics' Institute

Saturday 14 March, 10:30-1:30

*Organised by "Kirkby in Bloom", to Promote Being Eco-Friendly &
Sustainable in our Community – We are Proud of our Village!*

WI Homemade Soup, Tea, Coffee & Cakes,
Stalls, Local Environmental Groups,
Tombola, Raffle, Plants Sale & Much More!
All Welcome.

ANNUAL CROCUS WALK

The annual Crocus Walk date for 2026 is Sunday 29th March leaving the Highside Pavilion at 1 pm.

As usual there will be a choice of two routes, no registration - just turn up on the day and donate to Breast Cancer Now.

Refreshments served at the finish
(donations of cakes / biscuits gratefully received).

Dogs to be on leads at all times please.



Sunday 7th June- Kirkby Malzeard Family Festival and Crackpots Trail run

An 11-kilometre trail run around the village area that starts from Highside Playing Field. There will be lots of fun for the whole community throughout the day. Cheer on the runners, enjoy the amazing DJ Rory Hoy, live music & the bar. Eat delicious food, browse the stalls and take part in the games.

If you are interested in taking part visit the website [Crackpots Trail Run 2026 - RaceBest](#) to find out more.

To register email hello@crackpots.run

Put it in your calendar!

Kirkby Malzeard Summer Ball



Saturday 13th June 2026

7pm till late

At The Highside Playing Fields (Marquee)

Prosecco on Arrival

3 Course Meal

Entertainment and Live Band

Bar

DRESSCODE: BLACK TIE

----- £75 Per Ticket -----

Tickets from Jane Johnson:

Email: janejohnsonkm@btinternet.com

Phone: 07378252554

All proceeds will go to Highside Playing Fields Association



Kirkby Malzeard Methodists

"Coffee, Cake and Chat"

Do please come and join us for an informal service with Coffee, Cake and a thought-provoking chat by Rev. Ian Pruden in the Coffee Lounge at the Mechanics Institute from 9.15am - 10am on the 4th Sunday of the month.

The next services will be:

Sunday March 22nd

Sunday April 26th

Sunday May 31st

Mickley

Mickley 100 Club

What a long and dreary February it has been already but fear not - brighter, dryer days are just around the corner, the birds are singing joyfully and the snowdrops are brightening our world, lifting our spirits after the long winter darkness.

We at the 100 Club have had some conflabs with talented Villagers as well as others from outside of the Village to bring some interesting days ahead for us Mickleyites and our friends from near and far to sign up to and enjoy!!

So herewith are some dates for your diaries over next two months:

March 11th - Mickley Social Club - Film Night 'En Fanfare' 2024

A very well received French Film (with English subtitles). When acclaimed orchestra conductor Thibaut (Lavernhe) is diagnosed with leukaemia, a DNA test to find a bone marrow donor reveals that he is adopted. Thibaut meets his biological brother Jimmy (Lottin), a cook in a school canteen who plays trombone in a local marching band in Lille. When the band loses its conductor, Thibaut steps in as replacement, and the brothers learn more about the circumstances that shaped each other's lives.

Mickley Village Hall, 7.00 for 7.30 £5.00 donation on the door.

March 21st - Our very own James Platt will give a talk entitled 'My Life in Machines' with Curry Supper. Tickets £15. 7.00pm

April 28th - Enamel Craft Workshop 1.00 - 3.30pm.

Come along and try your hand at making an enamel bowl, Heather Croft, our Tutor will help you to create a beautiful enamel bowl to go home with, all equipment will be provided. £35 to include refreshments. Places are limited to 12 - so do book in early to avoid any disappointment.

Mickley Boys' Club

Having thoroughly enjoyed Chris Tapster's talk on the British soldier in the Boer War, we were properly reminded that this is no long-forgotten war. The City of Leeds, this very July, is commemorating a Leeds born VC from the war, Charles Burley Ward, who was the very last man to have the award presented by Queen Victoria who died a few months later in 1902.

On Thursday March 19th the Club will be enjoying the ever-convivial members' lunch in The White Bear, Masham and then on the 16th of April there is a visit for members and wives to the very striking Palace of the Bishops of Durham at Bishop Auckland. Further information from David Wright (Tel: 634838, email: daviwright275@gmail.com or Paul Kirk (Tel: 635157, email: kirk.c2@sky.com)

Sawley

SAWLEY VILLAGE HALL - MARCH

Dominoes

Tuesday 3rd March 1.30 pm

Friday 20th March 7.30 pm

Bowling Club

Tuesdays 7.30 pm

Wednesdays 1.00 pm

Fridays 9.30 am

Strength and Conditioning Fitness Class with Sue White

Every Monday 9.15am

Saturday 28th March Highside Singers, 7.30 pm

Tickets £10. Proceeds from the raffle and refreshments to St Michael's Hospice. Donations of raffle prizes would be very welcome on the night.

SAWLEY ARTS GROUP NEWS

We have been busy putting together the programme for the first half of the year with some new and different activities. Go on, try it!

Dates for your diary

- **Thursday 12th March 7.30 pm – “Wilfred Owen and his connections to Ripon and How Hill” an evening talk by Ted Flexman** in Sawley Village Hall. Ted’s talk will be a gentle introduction to this amazing poet and his key poems. **Cost £5 incl tea/coffee/biscuit** 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 fabric printing, finger painting, fiction writing, fancy-work or something not beginning with F, we’d love to hear from you.

Wilfred Owen Anniversary Picnic

3pm Tuesday 17th March 2026
How Hill near Fountains Abbey

On March 17th 1918 Wilfred Owen walked from the South Camp at Hell Wath Common to the Studley Estate, Fountains Abbey, viewed Fountains Hall and walked up to St Michael’s Tower on How Hill.

There, exhausted by his climb, he persuaded a cottager to give him tea while he admired the spectacular view. We wish to recreate this occasion on the exact hundred and ninth years’ anniversary. This will be our ninth picnic!



Meet at Fountains Abbey west car park at 2.15pm and walk up to the Tower for 3pm or park on the lay-by near the Hill.

Bring a flask of tea, some cake to share and a poem to read.

Cost £2.00 per person in support of The Ripon Poetry Festival

Book your place at The Little Ripon Bookshop, 13 Westgate, Ripon HG4 2AT. Telephone 01765 606689 or phone Ted 01765 620250

SAWLEY MOOR LANE DIARY MARCH

Grey daze

Give us light we beseech Thee

I have a very precious Almanack published in 1950. For February 2nd it discusses Candlemas.

“The whole church was lit with the flickering light of candles. There were processions in which each worshipper carries a candle or taper. It was also tradition that the use of candles and tapers at vespers and litanies which prevailed in the darkest winter days, ceased from now until All Hallows mass. After the Reformation this feast of candles was regarded dubiously! The two old names for snowdrops, Mary’s Tapers and Candlemas Bells link the plant with this day.”

Wonderful that during this extended dark winter our snow drops give us their candle light to cheer our gardens!

On Feb 8th there were streaks of yellow light through the dark blue grey clouds and later in the morning the sun shone on the garden for an hour and a quarter! This was the first sun we had seen for a month!! Deary me, no wonder the hellebores hang down their purple heads but the white ones have been braver. Feb 1st saw 19 flowering plants in the garden but we had to hunt for them! The Camellias have been wanting to flower since the end of December but still haven't quite made it.

And so, today Feb 13th we had snow. I was about to send this off in time for printing and noticed that the barn owl and kestrel were having a contest of who blinks first. The owl was in the hedgerow on a fallen branch and the kestrel hovering over Butchers Field. After an almost exciting ten minutes they both disappeared. Barn owls, stars!!! Hail glorious Apollo, return of the natives.

This is an almost post script, first both owls appeared quartering Butcher's Field, then in the night I looked out and the stars were still there. We had a proper Valentine's Day sunrise at 7.30 and then a good flock of lapwing flew over.

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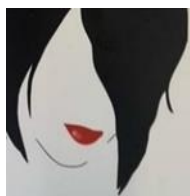
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