

July/August 2025

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

Old dogs, new tricks?

The English language has so many sayings, which try to capture common wisdom.

However, I often find them quite limiting, sometimes subtly discouraging us from expecting change in ourselves. So, the

phrase '*You can't change a leopard's spots*' might cause us to think we could never become anything different from what we've become. To describe someone as '*a one-trick pony*' is a pretty harsh way of implying that their skills are significantly limited. The phrase I rather like – and particularly like to disprove – is '*You can't teach an old dog new tricks*'. Now that I'm a couple of years into my 60s, I'm reluctantly realising that I'm probably in my 'latter years' I guess that means *I could* be described as '*an old dog*'!



One of the things I've really appreciated about semi-retirement has been having a bit more time to try out new things. Over the weekend, my wife, Jo, and I have been concreting in 4"x4" posts to repair a wobbly fence, and re-cementing paving slabs which failed to 'stick' first time. We're in the process of developing the garden in this church property, after years of relative neglect. I've recently taken on an allotment in Masham, and I'm struggling to know how to limit my 'project' ideas, and simply grow some food!

I've recently discovered the delights of all-grain brewing, using some second-hand kit bought on eBay – and finding that it's possible to brew fairly decent IPA, with friendly advice from a bunch of helpful commercial brewers. I'm delighted to discover that there are some other lads around here who'd also like to try their hand at brewing, and might be willing to form a 'men's shed' based on it.

Having somehow failed to dance for 25 years, despite Jo's encouragement to find a ballroom dancing class, a few persuasive conversations locally has resulted in a weekly dance class in Grewelthorpe. We're only a few lessons in, but I'm not the only one in the group really beginning to enjoy it! (There's still plenty of room.)

With my adult acting experience previously limited to playing a pantomime dame a couple of times years ago, it was a surprise to have been invited by Emily to join the cast of her '*All Those On Board*' musical, which, this time last year, saw us performing seven shows in seven venues from East to West. I have to admit it was a very steep learning curve – learning lines, remembering the dance moves, and having the courage to sing in public. During the first few weeks of rehearsals, I really wondered what on earth I was doing there – surrounded by well-seasoned actors, who seemed to pick it all up much faster than me. Yet, in the end, we got there, and, I have to admit, it was one of the most enjoyable things I'd done in a long time! Hats off to Emily for pulling it all together so brilliantly!

Then, when Mike Harford-Cross started talking about this play he was writing, a historical 'murder mystery', based on the assassination of St Thomas a Becket, to be put on locally, in St Andrew's, Kirkby Malzeard, I was quietly intrigued. When he asked me to play a very angry King Henry II – the one who had either deliberately or inadvertently ordered Becket's death – I felt rather shocked. 'It'll only be a few lines', he said, by way of persuasion. A couple of professional actors from down South would be 'doing the heavy lifting', while the rest of us 'rude mechanicals' (as bit-part actors were once

known) would just have a few lines each, to pad it out! Little did any of us know, as we sat round the table in Mike and Liz's dining room on that first night of rehearsals, reading out our few lines, that this new production would take on a life of its own. None of us realised that, along with amazing professional skills from the support team (in terms of staging, lighting, music and costumes), we'd be playing to sell-out audiences on both nights, and raising significant money for both a children's cancer charity and St Andrew's itself. Mike's dream of getting 'more people into church' and of writing and producing an intriguing historical play had paid off, and some twenty very amateur actors discovered the pleasure of participating in something bigger than themselves, and building relationships between church and village along the way. And how many of us ever get to act alongside well-respected professionals, either? This '*old dog*' certainly learned a few '*new tricks*' along the way, and thoroughly enjoyed himself!

You may be wondering why I'm writing this stuff in my Ministry Team letter in The Fountain? Well, I guess it's my way of saying that *new* things don't have to be *scary*. Particularly as we get older, it's very easy to 'stick with what you know', and become rather fearful of anything that's just a bit different – although few of us would acknowledge that it's *fear* that holds us back. One of the things I've discovered over the last 40 years, since I first threw my lot in with Jesus Christ, and allowed his Holy Spirit to influence the decisions I was making, has been that God has consistently encouraged me to break out of my well-worn rut, and to try out new things. What's the worst that can happen? We might make ourselves look silly, and others may laugh at us for wanting God's Spirit to fill every part of our lives. Yet I've usually found that when I approach things with *enthusiasm* (from the Greek *en Theos*, 'in God' – or allowing God to be in it fully), things start to open up, and sometimes other people want to come on board as well.

We recently said a fond farewell to Ian and Helen, after several years of faithful ministry here in this benefice. Our prayers go with them for a long and happy retirement. Now we find ourselves in 'vacancy', that period in

which we try to discern the shape of these parishes as we go forward. During this time, responsibility falls on the shoulders of our Churchwardens, all of whom are volunteers, supported by the Area Dean and Archdeacon; and, locally, by Liz, Adrian and myself, as the remaining members of the Ministry Team, and the PCCS. None of us are getting any younger, and there is a considerable amount of work involved in keeping a benefice like this going. So, you may discover some very modest changes to the frequency and style of our weekly services, given that, without Ian, there are fewer of us to go round!

Many years ago, I was told that the Japanese character for '*change*' consists of two characters written back-to-back – those for '*risk*' and '*opportunity*'. Yes, inevitably, whenever there's change in the air, there is risk. Society is changing, ever more quickly, it seems. The world is increasingly in a state of flux, where old certainties, like '*right*' and '*wrong*', seem to be up for grabs in a way that would have seemed unconscionable even a decade ago. But thankfully, we are *all* known, held, and loved by God – our compassionate God, who cared so much for us that he asked his Son to suffer, in our place, for all the stuff *we'd* got wrong – so that we wouldn't have to. And that same God invites us to call him '*Dad*', '*Father*'; and to confide in Him our deepest concerns and greatest delights. He longs for us not simply to grow old gracefully, but to go on exploring new things, to continue to discover new heights of joy with Him, whilst also finding him present with us in our deepest sorrows – even, perhaps especially, into our old age.

So, if things change a little round here, let's *not* fear it, but be ready to explore it; to be curious about it; and to ask ourselves the vital question, '*Where is God in this?*' You know, we might just be surprised!

Andrew Cromarty, p/t Associate Priest.

Fountains Benefice Services

July 2025

Sunday 6th July	9.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP) at Mickley
	10.30 am	Morning Worship at Grewelthorpe Holy Communion at Kirkby Malzeard
	6.00 pm	Morning Worship at Winksley BCP Evening Prayer at Dallowgill
Sunday 13th July	9.00 am	Morning Worship at Aldfield
	10.30 am	Morning Worship at Grewelthorpe Morning Worship at Kirkby Malzeard
		Holy Communion at Sawley
Sunday 20th July	9.00 am	Holy Communion at Mickley
	10.30 am	Methodist Service at Grewelthorpe Morning Worship at Kirkby Malzeard
	6.00 pm	Holy Communion at Winksley Holy Communion (BCP) at Aldfield
Sunday 27th July	10.30 am	Benefice Holy Communion at Grewelthorpe

August 2025

Sunday 3rd August	9.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP) at Mickley
	10.30 am	Morning Worship at Grewelthorpe Holy Communion at Kirkby Malzeard
	2.00 pm	Morning Worship at Winksley Holy Communion at Sawley Methodist Chapel
	6.00 pm	BCP Evening Prayer at Dallowgill
Sunday 10th August	9.00 am	Holy Communion at Aldfield

	10.30 am	Holy Communion at Grewelthorpe Morning Worship at Kirkby Malzeard Morning Worship at Sawley
Sunday 17th August	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 24th August	10.30 am	Benefice Holy Communion at Winksley <i>Please note that the benefice service has been moved to this weekend due to road closures linked with the Masham Long Course weekend.</i>
Sunday 31st August	10.30 am	Morning Worship at Grewelthorpe Holy Communion at Kirkby Malzeard Morning Worship at Sawley

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

Joint services with Sawley Methodist Chapel

At least for the period of the vacancy, St Michael's Church and the Methodist Chapel will be worshipping more together. Every first Sunday of the month there will be a service at the Chapel's normal time of 2 pm, for both congregations. The venue will alternate between the Chapel and the Church. As you can see in the list of services above, the first of these services will be on 3rd August and will be Holy Communion at the Chapel. On 7th September the Church will host the service. We look forward to creating stronger links between all God's people as we worship together.

Many thanks from Ian and Helen

The early deadline for this magazine means that this is written before our last few days in the benefice, but we do want to say thank you so much to

everyone who has been so supportive and encouraging over the past five and a half years. We have loved our time here.

Leading up to our departure we've also received some very kind comments and generous gifts, for which we are extremely grateful. We will keep you all in our thoughts and prayers, and hope to keep in touch with many.

Our address from this month onwards is 32 South Green, Byrness, Northumberland NE19 1TT. We'd be very happy to see anyone who is heading up in that direction at any stage.

At the moment we have no idea of phone number, but Helen's email address remains nellykitch@gmail.com, and Ian's is now ej.sluggard@gmail.com. If not before, see you on the Resurrection morning.

From the churches' registers

Baptisms

Wilfred James Bell, Anya Roisin Bell and Niamh Juliet Bell, all 8th June at Grewelthorpe

Weddings

Craig Thomson and Olivia Hayward, 26th May at Winksley

Tom Bailey and Lauren Forward, 31st May at Winksley

Funeral

Marion Anne Welford, 30th May at Maple Park crematorium, ashes buried in Kirkby Malzeard churchyard, 5th June

Easy Fundraising

St Andrew's Church, Kirkby Malzeard 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. It's really easy to do, and just by doing your weekly food shop online via Easyfundraising will help us maintain the church's fabric and building for all the community to benefit.

You can find our easyfundraising page

at https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/st-andrews-church-kirkby-malzeard/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=pmc&utm_content=gs-email1

Thank you so much! To access the website easily use the QR code below:



Fountains Parish

Many thanks to all who supported, in any way, the Kettle's On with Fountain's Spring Stalls at Winksley. Although rain was forecast it did not actually arrive, though we had moved inside as a precaution. Special thanks to all who helped organise, run stalls and teas, and assisted with setting up and clearing away. The children had great fun with the games outside and the Church Mouse Hunt inside, the plants also went very well. The cake stall sold out and the Tombola almost ran out of prizes! Teas in the Parish Room were well supported.

We raised over £940.00 for Parish funds, magnificent!!

We look forward to doing even more next year. If we can find some willing volunteers to run a greater variety of stalls, we would like to make it into a proper Parish Fete again. Please contact us if you would be interested in helping in any way, or you have any new ideas for stalls or activities. Email yfleetham@aol.com or speak to any of the church wardens.

'Kettle's On' continues through the summer on the first Saturday of the month, and we have a Domino Drive on Friday 30th August at 7.30pm in the Parish Room.

Again, many thanks to all who support us.

Yvonne

'Becket – A Medieval Murder Mystery'

On Thursday & Friday, 22nd & 23rd May, 12th Century St Andrew's Church, Kirkby Malzeard, was transformed into a creative theatre set for the première and second performance of Mike Harford-Cross' latest work: 'Becket – A Medieval Murder Mystery' – playing before sell-out audiences on both nights. Reviews have been positive, and profits from the production are being shared between the Childhood Eye Cancer Trust and St Andrew's restoration fund.

The 900-year-old St Andrew's Church was almost unrecognisable, with clever staging, full lighting rig, and mobile and realistic sound effects, the action taking place in a number of settings in England, France and Rome. The costumes were creative, as was the medieval-recipe fayre, served by members of the cast during the interval, accompanied by a group playing medieval music.

Formerly a local GP, and now a portrait artist and member of St Andrew's, Mike was looking for ways to bring church and community together. It seems that writing, producing and starring in a new play is a natural way to do so! After historical research, he chose to present a new slant on St Thomas a

Becket's murder in Canterbury Cathedral in AD1170. Members of the Kirkby Malzeard 'Mowbray Theatre Group' were joined by two nationally recognised professional actors, Turkish-born *Gamze Seber* and Mike's nephew, *Ben Elder*.

The story is introduced and narrated by Southwark-born *Ordvig*, a loveable and nervous Blackadder-style *Baldrick* character. He spends the second half of the play accompanying the Papal investigator, *Roger of Hovedean*, on his travels, and half-heartedly trying to avoid the attention of various women, both 'religious' and lay! *Roger* has been called to investigate the heinous murder, after an outburst from the irascible King Henry II prompts four of his knights to take matters into their own hands. The rest is history. A powerful final declaration of unrequited love-turned-hatred towards Thomas, from Henry's Queen Eleanor of Aquitaine, leaves the audience rather stunned, and questioning her motives and even a possible hand in his death. A rather sobering historical wrap-up concludes the piece, but is followed, thankfully, by a final 'call and response' between *Ordvig* and his various lady admirers, which enables the audience to leave smiling!

Andrew Cromarty, Associate Priest (and Henry II)



Fountains Book Club

Book Group did not meet in April so we had two books to discuss- 'A Month in the Country' by JL Carr and 'Instances of the Number Three' by Salley Vickers. The two books provoked polar opposite reactions in a number of the group.

'A Month in the Country' was unanimously enjoyed. It was a delightful wander through a month in the country through the life of a tradesperson who was uncovering a painting on a church wall. It was a gentle story depicting a lovely relationship between parishioners and the land, portraying a rural idyll that we looked back on wistfully with nostalgia. There were lots of interesting characters and the two main characters had a beautiful, endearing relationship. The author showed some lovely differences between 'church' and 'chapel' folk and they brought back fond memories of childhood and Sunday School trips. The only thing that stopped it being 5 stars was that some people were unhappy with the ending but highly recommend it for a beautifully written story and dose of nostalgia.

Moving onto 'Instances of the Number Three' and this provoked words such as 'loathed' and 'hated'- given we have previously read and enjoyed two books by Salley Vickers this was a very different reaction. In simple terms it looks at a variety of 'threes' in relationships, including a ghost. There was very little discussion about the book as people could not get past hating it. Not everybody disliked it quite so vehemently but they were not exactly positive about it and would rather not have read it, so I will leave it there as a 'to read or not to read, that is the question?' (The main character liked Shakespeare)

Next, we are reading 'Cold Comfort Farm' by Stella Gibbons.

Libbie Davies



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

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

Saturday 5th July
2-4pm

ALL WELCOME

Galphay

Seven Twelve Five Pilates at Galphay Village Institute
Every Thursday (9am)



Grewelthorpe

Grewelthorpe Village Hall July/August 2025

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

OPEN Monday – Wednesday – Friday 11:00 am – 1:00pm
Saturday – Sunday 11:00 am – 3:00pm

Digital Champions

Our Digital Champions will continue to offer support, on all IT matters, throughout the summer. Please ask at the Café for details of the visits.

Also, the Village Hall now has its own in-house iPad, for use during Café opening hours. Again, please ask the volunteers on duty, if you wish to use it.'

THE BIG GREEN PIZZA TRUCK - GREWELTHORPE VILLAGE HALL FRIDAY 1st August – 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.

Regular Classes

Pilates with Elizabeth Mondays 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th July and 4th, 11th and 18th August. 7:30-8:30pm.

HathaYoga with Jo Parker Tuesdays 1st, 8th and 15th July. 6:30-8pm.

Ducklings Play Group Thursdays 3rd, 10th and 17th July. 10:30am – 12:00. A drink and snack will be provided. £2.00 per session. All welcome.

Pilates with Gill Thursdays 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th July and 7th August. 6:30pm-7:30pm. This class is now full. If you are interested in joining the waiting list please contact Gill Collinson on 07957371410 or message via my Pilates With Gill facebook page.

Fit to be Free Friday 4th July. 6pm-7:30pm. A high intensity circuit class. Please contact Catherine to book. 07538 403902 / fittobefree83@gmail.com

Earthpath Drumming Circle Wednesdays 23rd July and 13th August. 7pm All welcome. £5 No experience necessary & spare drums will be available. Contact: Jane 07920196710

Grewelthorpe WI Thursday 3rd July 7:30pm – 'The Real Best Marigold Hotel' by Magga Poppa OPEN EVENING. Thursday 7th August 7:30pm - Grewelthorpe by Barbara Bradley (Open to the village) Contact Mary Wilson 01765 650474 or Terri Duncanson email terridunk@hotmail.co.uk Tel 07821162401 New members and guests are always welcome. Guests £4.

Community Lunch Tuesdays 8th July and 12th August 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 Saturday 5th July GALA DAY PLANT STALL. 2-4pm. Come and pick up a bargain plant with no air

miles! Plant donations would be appreciated and can be brought to 'Stone Cats' from Monday 30th June. A selection of Braithwaites plants will also be available to purchase. Children up to 13 years old are invited to enter the 'Make a Vegetable or Fruit Animal Competition'. Entries should be brought to the GGC plant stall between 1.45 and 2pm on Gala Day, For queries contact Carol 01765 658990 or quavercj@msn.com

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..... For all those that took part in our recent Boules evening.

Dates for your diaries..... we really appreciate your support with these events as we continue our efforts for fundraising for refurbishment to our Church.

Grewelthorpe Village Gala 5th July from 2pm

Please come along and visit us in the tent on the green, where we will be serving delicious home-made cakes and scones, tea and coffee.

Next G-Club Wednesday 16th July 6-7pm held in Church. No G Club during August.

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

Cake/Savoury and Produce stall held at Bedale Car boot Sale 19th July

Please support us if you can. This may be weather dependent.

Afternoon Tea served in Church August 2nd

Please look out for more details in the village.

Music By the Pond August 9th

Share Live music and a 2course meal in the marquee on the village green.

Please look out for more details in the village or contact Susan Rizos on 0774073868 or email susan.rizos@btinternet.com

Collectors, Craft and Bric a Brac Fair

Masham Town Hall Bank Holiday Monday August 25th 10.00am – 4.00pm.

50p entrance

WOULD YOU LIKE A STALL? – Ring Gill Lyon to book one on 07957976046

Knitters required Can you help?

Wendy Richardson in Ripon is looking for people to knit trauma teddies, amputation socks, baby clothes or knitted hats for Humanitarian Aid Huddersfield to Ukraine. If you can help, please contact Wendy for details by ringing her on 07507 323344

Maintenance of our Church yard

The Church here in Grewelthorpe is an integral part of our village and as a result we aim to try to maintain the church yard as best we can. We pay for regular grass cuts through the season and are very grateful to individuals that offer their time in helping us in this area. If you feel that you can either help with the maintenance of the churchyard or give a donation towards the grass cutting, then please contact one of our church wardens or Pauline Broadwith our treasurer Tel: 07595410706

Thank you - your support is very much appreciated.

GREWELTHORPE GALA 2025

AN AFTERNOON OF
FUN ON THE GREEN

SATURDAY 5TH JULY
FROM 2PM

FEATURING:

COMPETITION
RESULTS!

ADULTS: HACKFALL HAT
KIDS: WOODLAND TRAY

ENTRIES MUST BE ON DISPLAY
AND READY FOR JUDGING BY
12.30PM

EGG
THROWING

CHILDREN'S
WOODLAND
FANCY DRESS
COMPETITION

PIMMS
STALL

BOOK &
BRIC'A'BRAC
STALLS

BOTTLE &
KIDS
TOMBOLAS

CHILDREN'S
GAMES &
RACES

PET
SHOW

GGC
PLANT
STALL

EVENING BBQ
FROM 6.30PM

GRILL SUPPLIED - BRING YOUR
OWN FOOD AND DRINK

* DONATIONS NEEDED
PLEASE ITEMS TO THE
VILLAGE HALL PLEASE

ENQUIRIES: RUTH ON 07971 871202



Kirkby Malzeard

Mechanics Institute Village Hall: July 2025

Wednesday 2nd: **Kirkby Malzeard WI 7.15 pm**
Friday 4th: **Music Night 7.30 pm**
Friday 25th: **Quiz Night 7.30 pm**
Monday 28th: **Parish Council Annual Meeting 7.30 - 10 pm**

Regular Classes:

Table Tennis - Monday 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th 10 - 12 noon
Pilates - Monday 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th 4 - 5 pm
Coffee, Click & Connect - Tuesday 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th 10 - 12 noon
Lunch Club - Tuesday 1st, 15th
Yoga - Wednesday 2nd, 9th, 16th 9.30 - 10.30 am
Table Tennis - Wednesday 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th 7 - 9 pm
Monthly Tunes Evening - Wednesday 16th 7 - 9 pm
WI Scrabble - Thursday 3rd 2 - 4 pm
Yoga - Friday 4th, 11th, 18th 1 - 2 pm

Mechanics Institute Village Hall: August 2025

Friday 1st: **Music Night 7.30 pm**
Monday 18th: **Parish Council Annual Meeting 7.30 - 10 pm**
Friday 29th: **Quiz Night 7.30 pm**

Regular Classes:

Table Tennis - Monday 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th 10 - 12 noon
Pilates - Monday 4th, 11th, 18th 4 - 5 pm
Coffee, Click & Connect - Tuesday 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th 10 - 12 noon
Lunch Club - Tuesday 5th, 19th
Table Tennis - Wednesday 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th 7 - 9 pm
Monthly Tunes Evening - Wednesday 20th 7 - 9 pm

A Village Croquet Session is held every Sunday from 2-4 pm
on the playing field.
All welcome.

Kirkby Malzeard Bowls Club

Roll Up to try this fun activity for all ages and abilities!!

Experienced or Novice, ALL are welcome.

Tuition and equipment provided.

Open practice Sunday and Mondays from mid-April.

KMBC is located at Highside Playing Fields.

For more information:

ric.hill.4567@gmail.com



The Kirkby Malzeard WI At The Mechanics Institute

July 2nd at 7.15pm

British Sign Language presentation with Fiona Hudson

August 20th Annual Outing

September 3rd at 7.15pm

Medical detection Dogs- a talk- Speaker's name to be confirmed.

HIGHSIDE DUCK RACE

FRIDAY 4TH JULY 2025

FROM 5.00 PM

at

LAVERTON BRIDGE

Highside Playing Field Association is a charitable organization entirely funded by donations and fundraising events. The Duck Race at Laverton is a great way for the Kirkby Malzeard village and the surrounding communities

to raise money towards the upkeep of the Highside Playing Field.

Get your tickets from

**Kirkby Stores,
Highside Butchers
Kutz at Kirby
The Queens Head**

Individual tickets £1 with a 1st prize of £75
Business Race tickets are £20 with a 1st prize of £100!



KMLD GREEN TEAM UPDATE

The first Green Team AGM was held on 14th April with a good attendance, nibbles and a Nidderdale quiz afterwards! As a result, we now have a committee comprising Phil Lyth (Chair), James Wood (Vice Chair), Phil Bowe (Treasurer & Safeguarding Officer), Patrice Lyth (Secretary), plus Claire Walker & Su Wood (Field Officers).

Following the meeting we have launched an events programme for 2025. The aim is to have a public right of way related "Pathkeeper" activity on the first Sunday of the month where possible (1pm or 1.30pm start tba), with additional practical tasks organised on an ad hoc basis.

Sunday 27 April	Great UKWaterBlitz walk and water sampling
Saturday 10 May	Meet at Lamberts Quarry for discussion on projects & an introduction to Wildlife ID apps.
Sunday 1 June	Pathkeepers walk/project
Sunday 6 July	Pathkeepers walk/project

Sunday 20 July	Tree ID Walk
Sunday 3 August	Pathkeepers walk/project
Monday 25 August (Bank Hol)	Farm visit & walk at Castiles Farm with farmer Sean Nicholson
Sunday 7 September	Pathkeepers Annual Crackpots Mosaic Trail Walk & Survey
Sunday 5 October	Pathkeepers walk/project
Sunday 19 October	Apple pressing event at Laver House
Sunday 2 November	Pathkeepers walk/project
Sunday 7 December	Map Reading workshop/ activity
Monday 23 February 2026	Green Team AGM in Mechanics Institute

The Great UKWaterBlitz on 27 April involved water quality sampling Kex Beck & the River Laver at four points and showed generally good quality, although slightly reduced beyond the sewage works. Following the meeting at Lamberts Quarry on 10 May we have a list of potential projects to start there, so more on that soon. Members of the Green Team Pathkeepers also spent half a day replacing a gatepost on the footpath from Greyarth onto Swetton Moor, and learnt that you have to dig a very deep hole for a gatepost!

A membership scheme was approved at the Green Team AGM (£10 per person or £20 per couple/family) and forms are on the Green Team in the Mechanics foyer or from Phil Bowe philrbowe@gmail.com . Please do support us as membership income will enable us to offer more activities, and do more to improve rights of way and the countryside in our local area for the benefit of all. The membership scheme has already enabled us to take out our own insurance cover, and we are also grateful to the Parish Council too for their support which will enable us to purchase materials.

Kirkby Malzeard C of E Primary School

Year 5 and 6 were recently fabulous hosts to our very special visitors from Thailand. The whole school community has made them feel most welcome and invited them to share in many family activities. The visitors are from a school in Thailand and

have been able to take part in new and exciting experiences and allowed our children to make new friendships and learn so much about a different culture.

Sports Day was a resounding success on a lovely sunny afternoon. The children showed great sportsmanship and had a fantastic time. The overall winning dales team was Wensleydale. A big thank you goes to 'The Friends' of the school who organised delicious refreshments.

The school was really proud of the representatives from Kirkby Lions who attended the Derby Tournament recently and showed excellent sportsmanship and determination. Also our teams had great success in the KS2 Striking Games at Outwood and have made it through to the finals. A huge well done to everyone involved.

Preparations for the end of term production of Moana the musical are well underway and rehearsals are in full swing for the event at Masham Town Hall. This year it is another amazing joint production with West Tanfield school. All the children are very excited about their costumes and the special role they will play on the day.

At the end of this term the school will be sad to say farewell to all the Year 6 leavers who have given so much to the school. We wish them good luck in their transition to Secondary school in September.

For more information about the school please email: admin@kirkbymalzeard.n-yorks.sch.uk or call: [01765 658329](tel:01765658329) or follow us on @KirkbyMSchool to see lots of other amazing learning opportunities for our children.

You can also learn more about the school on our website:

<http://www.kirkbymalzeard.n-yorks.sch.uk>

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

Mickley

Mickley Village 100 Club

We finished the 24/25 year with the very successful 80th VE celebrations, supported by most of the village. Steph Ruddy opened our Commemoration with an interesting insight into the use of National Prayers during the 2nd World War. Peter Liddle shared some childhood memories of the war. Adrian Hill organised a great game for all in the Village to be involved with and the BBQ and Salads were delicious

Over the past year the 100 Club of Mickley has raised £4000.00 for the Church and Village Hall - what a fabulous achievement thanks to everyone's continued support. The 100 Club year starts in June and most people have rejoined. Anyone wanting to join, please do get in touch, it is only £24 for the year.

Summer is always a quiet time due to the start of holidays, giving us the opportunity to develop plans for the rest of the year ahead. Usual contenders will be the Quiz Night, Film nights, Wreath making to name a few. Anyone with ideas for a fund-raising event for the Village - please do share them with us. 'Our Village Needs You'.

Wishing you all a very happy Summertime.

The 100 Club Team

MICKLEY BOYS' CLUB

As this issue of The Fountain goes to print members are looking forward to their trip to Beamish Open Air Museum with its vast array of long established and newly installed attractions. All of us 'of a certain age' and familiar with this fabulous development of so imaginative a vision will relish revisiting our past living circumstances and even more distant times.

In July our always well-attended monthly lunch will be held on the 17th but the venue has still to be decided.

Peter Liddle

Sawley

Sawley Village Hall for July & August 2025

Hall floor: We are very pleased with the renovation of the hall floors. The foyer floor, formerly part of the Sawley School is a beautiful rich teak, thank you good old West Riding! And the main floor is pale lime which shines in the sunlight, thank you Chris Pitt for all your work back in 1995 when the new hall opened. We shall be 30 years old in October and very proud of our beautiful hall.

Monthly Family Games Night Fridays July 4th and August 8th
Rounders on the Green at 6.30 pm

Monthly Dominoes Fridays July 18th and August 22nd @ 7.30 pm

Regular Bowls Times Tuesdays at 7.30pm

Afternoon Dominoes Tuesdays July 1st and August 5th at 1.30pm

St Michael and All Angels Church

Afternoon Tea – Saturday 31st May.

A very big thank you to everyone who supported our Afternoon Tea held in the Village Hall and enjoyed a pleasant sociable afternoon. The event raised over £800 for the churchyard summer maintenance. With special thanks to all who baked cakes and biscuits, came to make sandwiches and served food on the day and to those who helped in any way to make this event a success.

Friends of Ripon International Festival at Sawley Village Hall

Friday 11th July 7pm

Supper with The Heritage Boys

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SAWLEY ARTS GROUP

Dear All

Where does the time go? For many of you it's been taken up with workshops on the theme of notable trees in our area, commissioned by the Skell Valley Project which has now come to an end. We put on a display at the lunch to mark the end of the project, and the work was much appreciated by the attendees, indeed, SAG was especially thanked by two of the official speakers. Well done to the artists who contributed and thanks to the Skell Valley Project who gave us a generous grant! The work will get a second showing at our exhibition in September.

Here's our annual trip which promises to be a treat according to the people I've spoken to who have been there. All welcome (including non-members).

- Saturday 12th July, Coach Trip to Bishop Auckland to visit the Auckland Project. 9am start from Sawley village green. The Auckland Project is the development of visitor attractions based on heritage, art and history, and includes the Bishop's Palace and Gardens, The Spanish Gallery, Mining Museum, Faith Museum and The Tower. A ticket including all the Auckland Project attractions costs £30 and lasts for a year so you can return and see more than you're able to in one day. Details can be found on line at aucklandproject.org The cost is £30 total for coach and entry ticket (called a Bishop's Key), or £10 for coach only. If you'd like to join us, Tel: Arlene 01765 620250

Best wishes

Arlene, Rachel, Jo, Jacky, Trevor and Ted

Remember that SAG is an arts group in the very broadest sense and we welcome ideas for activities from members who have a yen to organize something be it dancing, darning, decoupage, drama or something not beginning with D! We'd love to hear from you.

Sawley Moor Lane Diary for July/ August Fountain

Oyster Catchers have successfully raised chicks in the field to the west of us and Curlews have been in far greater abundance than the last few years. A few days ago, their calls changed and I think these were contact calls for their young, which is a great joy. There have been far fewer lapwing and no birds nested in the top field and we missed them!

I have observed many more bees, both numbers and species and also flies, not the best news for everyone but I found a FANTASTIC fly which was *Raphidia Notata* that's a snake fly to you! These amazing creatures have an elongated prothorax or long neck and their heads move around like the predatory creatures they are feeding mainly on greenfly. Their sinuous movement is like a cobra searching for a victim to strike and well worth looking up on Wikipedia (or any other source).

It is a joy of having a garden that every year I discover something new in!

Ted Flexman

SAWLEY METHODIST CHAPEL SERVICES

July 6th at 2pm Rev Gareth Baron

July 20th at 2pm Rev Ian Pruden

August 3rd at 2pm Rev Ian Pruden - Holy Communion US with C of E

August 17th at 2pm Mrs Pam Roberts



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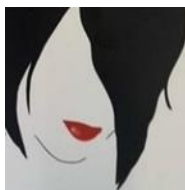
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