

April 2026

THE FOUNTAIN

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

60p

Dear All,



Change, often traumatic, is a rule of existence. A child in the womb comes to consciousness in a secure and cushioned world of warmth in which no effort, even the effort to breathe, is needed for survival. At birth they are pushed out into a cold bright realm of noise and panic, and this experience, if we could but remember it, must seem like a kind of death, and yet it is necessary for our real life, life

outside the womb, to begin.

If the child is born in Spring or Summer, they will also feel a kind of death in the increasing cold of Winter, the withering of flowers and the loss of the leaves from the trees. They have no experience of what might come next. Yet here too the death of Winter is needed for the rebirth of the coming Spring.

For all of us, as we grow older, there are permanent losses and temporary gains, loss of health and strength, of those we have loved, of hopes blighted and hopeful possibilities unfulfilled. We may yearn for peace in the world, and see instead men of blatant violence emerging even among leaders of the free world, no longer bothering

even to pretend a justification for their war, gloating over the destruction and death they are causing, changing their war aims on a whim as the world burns.

For me, the only hope in all this is provided by the message of Easter, believe it if you can, or at least allow yourself to entertain its possibility. In the life, death and resurrection of Jesus the rule of Winter was gloriously overcome, ensuring that in all the changes of life and fortunes the final answer will be the final conquest of love over hate, of life over death, not in this world, but in the true and real life to come. And in that light, I wish you all a very Happy Easter.

Adrian

Services in Fountains Benefice, April 2026

*"I shall not die,
but I shall live,
and recount the deeds of the Lord"*

[The Message: Psalm 118:17]

<u>2nd April (R)</u> Maundy Thursday	7.30pm	Holy Communion, Winksley <i>Andrew/Liz/Adrian</i>
<u>3rd April (R)</u> Good Friday	10.30am 2-3pm	Meditation, Aldfield <i>Liz</i> Meditation before the Cross, Sawley <i>Adrian</i>
<u>5th April (W)</u> Easter Day	6.00am 9.00am 10.30 am	Daybreak Holy Communion, Dallowgill <i>Ian</i> Holy Communion, Mickley <i>Andrew, Liz, Adrian</i> Holy Communion, Grewelthorpe <i>Andrew</i>

10.30am	Holy Communion (by Extn), Kirkby Malzeard <i>Adrian</i>
10.30am	Holy Communion (by Extn) Winksley <i>Liz</i>
[2.00pm	United Methodist HC, Sawley Chapel <i>Ian</i>]

12th April (W)

2nd Sunday of Easter

10.30am	Morning Worship, Grewelthorpe <i>Liz</i>
10.30am	Morning Worship, Kirkby Malzeard <i>Adrian</i>
10.30am	Holy Communion, Sawley <i>Andrew</i>

19th April (W)

3rd Sunday of Easter

9.00am	Morning Worship, Mickley <i>Adrian</i>
10.30am	Methodist Holy Communion, Grewelthorpe <i>Ian</i>
10.30am	Holy Communion, Kirkby Malzeard <i>Andrew</i>
10.30am	Morning Worship, Winksley <i>Liz</i>
6.00pm	Holy Communion, Aldfield <i>Andrew</i>

26th April (W)

4th Sunday of Easter

10.30am	Benefice Holy Communion, Sawley <i>Andrew/Liz/Adrian</i>
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Holy Week Reflections - Monday 30th March-Wednesday 1st April, all at 8.00pm: Monday (IP) Village Hall Café; Tuesday (AC) at 1 Hazel Close, Grewelthorpe, Wednesday (AR) Longswales Farm, Main St, Kirkby Malzeard, HG4 3SD.

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



Fountains Parish

Fountains Book Club

'An Unwanted Inheritance' by Imogen Clarke was our March read. What would you do if you found £250 thousand pounds under the bed of your recently deceased father-in-law? This is the premise of the book and the story follows the reactions and behaviour of his three children, son-in-law and daughter-in-law. Their behaviour is determined by their position in life and personal circumstances and a large variation in their moral compasses. Where would you draw the line on the completely honest to completely dishonest spectrum?

The two repeated themes are about feelings of inferiority and of reputation and protecting reputations at all costs, even if it meant morality goes awry. The book also shows the problems that can arise when there is a lack of honest and open communication in private lives and friendships.

It was agreed that it was not a well written book and the writing was quite pedestrian and repetitive. Some of the characters were not developed

sufficiently and were felt to be used more as 'padding' rather than enhancing the story. It was an easy read though and enjoyed for its thought-provoking storyline. It generated a lot of discussion around where our own lines of morality are drawn and what people see as dishonest or merely playing the system while remaining technically legal. A good dinner table conversation starter!

Next month we are meeting at Yvonne's house on April 13th and we are reading 'The Frozen River' by Ariel Lawhon.

Thursday 23rd April 2026 – Winksley Church Room – 7 for 7.30pm
A TALK BY JO CROMERTY “How Can Mindfulness Help Us Live Well in a Frantic World?”

Jo Cromarty is an Occupational Therapist and a Mindfulness Based Cognitive Therapy teacher/trainer. She has worked in NHS mental health services for 30 years. In the last 10 years Jo has set up, developed and managed a unique NHS mindfulness service for public health care staff, service-users living with depression and stressed carers of people with mental health problems or learning disabilities. She also trains up MBCT teachers nationally and internationally. This café talk will explore what mindfulness is/isn't, who it can benefit and how.

Entry: £5 (includes glass of wine/soft drink).

Saturday 23rd May – Fountains Garden Fete – Winksley Church 2pm

We are hoping to increase the stalls and attractions at our annual Garden Fete at Winksley, so if you have any ideas, or would like to help 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.



'Kettle's On'

Winksley Parish Room

Pop-Up Cafe

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

Saturday 4th April
Saturday 2nd May
2-4pm

ALL WELCOME

Girlguiding Fountains

Our units enjoyed the Ripon Division 100 years of Thinking Day celebrations held in Boroughbridge. The theme was friendship and the girls visited a variety of activities from making a friendship knot to exploring the five world centres, their location and the friendship they offer. Units were proud to parade with their flags and renew their promise. Donations were made to the WAGGGS (the **World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts**) World Thinking Day fund. This tradition began in 1932 and collects coins from members around the world, to support their fellow Guides and Scouts. All donations help fund WAGGGS activities and are used where the need is greatest in our global Movement.

All the girls have looked at the many achievements of the women in their lives, especially mums which has led into creating gifts for them.

Games have continued to form a valuable part of our meetings. Not only do girls gain information on a variety of topics, but they help build confidence, resilience, and essential life skills. They foster teamwork, leadership, and social development while allowing girls to be themselves, reducing pressure and promoting physical and mental well-being. It is hoped that we will now be able to spend more time outside as the nights are becoming lighter.

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

Dominoes

Monday 6th April 4th May. 7.30pm. Raffle and light refreshments

Strength and Conditioning Fitness Class with Sue White Every Friday 9.15 – 10.15am

Winksley cum Grantley YFC

The Knaresborough tractor run went through Grantley village as over 300 vehicles took part in raising money for the Yorkshire Air Ambulance. Total to date - £29,237. Thank you for all the support.

Wednesdays. April to July programme to be released soon.

Save the date - Oktoberfest – Saturday 26th September.

Grewelthorpe

Grewelthorpe Village Hall April 2026

The Hackfall Café at the Village Hall welcomes customers for indoor and outdoor seating. **OPEN** Monday 11am-1:30pm – Wednesday and Friday 11:30am –1:30pm Saturday – Sunday 11:00 am – 3:00pm

THE BIG GREEN PIZZA TRUCK - GREWELTHORPE VILLAGE HALL

FRIDAY 24th April 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

An exceptionally gifted pianist, singer, songwriter, and composer who has become renowned for her highly individual, emotional, yet sensitive musicality. Belinda is also, with her wife Heidi, one half of the much-loved Yorkshire folk duo O'Hooley & Tidow together described by The Guardian as 'exceptional songwriters.'

They have been propelled to fame for penning the theme tune to Sally Wainwright's hit BBC1/HBO drama 'Gentleman Jack', earning them global admiration, plus an acting role for Belinda on the iconic TV drama Happy Valley, and concerts that sell out months in advance
Belinda's solo album 'Inversions' showcases her abilities as a composer and pianist with many of the piano pieces inspired by the songs and tunes her father inherited from a long line of male musicians in the hills of the West coast of rural Ireland.

Doors open 7pm for an 8pm start. Tickets £15 from the Village Hall during café opening or online from <https://www.wegottickets.com/grewelthorpe>

GREWELTHORPE VILLAGE HALL CAFÉ TALK - WEDNESDAY 8TH APRIL at 7.30pm - MARK EXELBY – 'A HIMALAYAN ADVENTURE'

Two brothers travel to India for a motorbike tour that takes them from the foothills of Assam to the heights of the Himalayas. Riding Royal Enfield motorbikes the pairs 17-day adventure is full of highs and lows as they navigate the rugged roads and driving styles of India.

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

Regular Classes

Pilates with Elizabeth Mondays 13th, 20th and 27th April. 7:30pm -8:30pm.

Yoga with Jo Parker Tuesdays 14th, 21st and 28th April. 6:30-8pm

Ducklings Play Group Thursdays 16th, 23rd and 30th April. 10:30am – 12:00

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

Pilates with Gill Thursdays 2nd, 16th, 23rd and 30th April 6:30pm-7:30pm.

Let's Bounce Fitness with Anna Baracco Fridays 6pm - 6:45pm. £7 per session. For more details and to book visit <https://goteamup.com/p/9813142-wellness-ems> or phone 07743666481

Grewelthorpe WI Thursday 2nd April. Creative Fabric Upcycling with Glynis Learmonth. 7:30 for 8pm. What do you do with fabric/ clothes you don't use, but don't want to part with?

Glynis will give a talk and some demonstrations for ideas how to imaginatively repurpose them. Light refreshments provided, non-members welcome £4. Contact Mary Wilson 01765 650474 or Terri Duncanson email terridunk@hotmail.co.uk Tel 07821162401

Community Lunch Tuesday 14th April. £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 AGM Wednesday 22nd April 8pm followed by a social gathering and informal quiz. **PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF TIME** from the published programme. 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

Thank you to those that supported our Lent Lunches. We were pleased to have sent a donation to the Disaster Emergency Committee. Also, to those that contributed and helped at our recent Jumble sale.

Dates for your diaries.....

G Club

will be held in Grewelthorpe Church on Wednesday, 15th April
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.

Highside Singers
present
A Harmony of Songs

Join us for an amazing concert with songs from Joseph and Bohemian Rhapsody.



Friday May 8th 7.30 pm in Grewelthorpe church.
Tickets £10 including refreshments and Raffle
Ticket bookings Pauline Broadwith contact 07595 410706.

A Big Thank You.....

I would just like to thank all the many people of Grewelthorpe and the Benefice for all the messages, visits, support and prayers I have received following my accident. I have had wonderful care in both Harrogate, and Ripon Community Hospital and now in the Lascelles Unit, where I am making progress but I am having to learn to be patient! However, with your continuing prayers I hope to be back with you as soon as I can.

Lynette

Kirkby Malzeard

Mechanics Institute Village Hall: April 2026

Wednesday 1st: **Kirkby Malzeard WI 7.15 pm**
Friday 3rd: **Music Night 7.30 pm**
Friday 17th: **Village Quiz 7.30 pm**
Saturday 18th: **Songs for Nigel 7.30 pm**
Monday 20th: **Parish Council Meeting 7.30 pm**
Friday 24th: **Quiz Night 7.30 pm**
Sunday 26th: **Coffee, Cake and Chat 9.15 am**

Regular Classes:

Table Tennis - Monday 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th 10 - 12 noon

Pilates - Monday 13th, 20th, 27th 4 - 5 pm

Coffee, Click & Connect - Tuesday 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th 10 - 12 noon

Lunch Club - Tuesday 7th, 21st

Highside Singers - 14th, 21st, 28th 7.30 pm

Yoga - Wednesday 15th, 22nd, 29th 9.30 - 10.30 am

Table Tennis - Wednesday 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th 6.30 - 8.30 pm

Monthly Tunes Evening - Wednesday 15th 7 - 9 pm

Youth Club - Thursday 16th 6.30 - 8 pm

Fit to be Free - Thursday 2nd, 9th, 23rd, 30th 7 - 8 pm

Yoga - Friday 17th, 24th 1 - 2 pm

BEETLE DRIVE AT THE MECHANICS KIRKBY MALZEARD

Fri 17th April from 7.00 pm

Pie n Peas Supper, Extravagant Raffle (re-routed from the Cancelled Valentine night)

Tickets £10 all inclusive.

Please book - pre payment much appreciated - your tickets early so I have an idea of numbers.

Pre booked table for six -£50

Proceeds in aid of the Village Outing. TBC in the Summer.

Please come and support for a really jolly night with massive prizes!

Please contact : Maxine 07759295989 maxinestirk@outlook.com or Billie Elliott 07977008421 billy [12@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:billy_12@yahoo.co.uk)

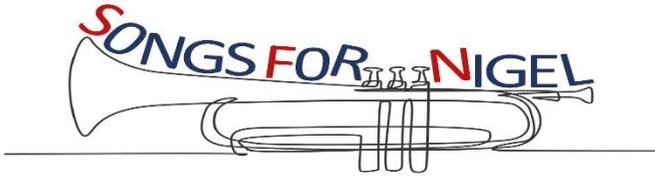
Kirkby Malzeard WI At The Mechanics Institute

April 1st @7.15pm – *AI – Friend or Foe?*

A look beyond the hype – Stuart Ward

May 6th @ 7.15pm – Members' Social Eventing

Contact: Anne Greenwood 01765 658557



**A musical evening in
memory of the late great
Nigel Robertshaw**

7.30pm Saturday 18th April 2026
Kirkby Malzeard Mechanics Institute
Free entry. All welcome.

KMLD GREEN TEAM EARLY SPRING UPDATE

The Green Team held its AGM in February. All officers committed to another year, and all agreed that the first year of activities had gone well.

In December, a working party repaired a stile on Cowscott Lane, and the walk to the Crown in Grewelthorpe was so successful, we hope to do it again! The Map Reading Workshop was well attended, and a few members helped to plant a hedge at the Bowls Club, with plants from the Woodland Trust; however, the miserable weather at the beginning of this year has curtailed activities somewhat. We recently ordered some branded lime green hi-vis waistcoats for our activities, which will be unveiled at the Green Day.

Our surveying work, topped up by referrals from NYC, has highlighted the size of the problems with Rights of Way (ROW) in the parish – at last count we had a spreadsheet/map of 45 issues which needed addressing. These range from lack of way marking and paths not corresponding to the definitive line, to “furniture” (gates, stiles, footbridges etc.) needing improving. To address these issues, we are reliant on developing a good relationship with farmers and landowners. Problems caused by dogs off leads can be an issue generally, and particularly on farms, so we would

encourage everyone to follow the rules here please (and note the law has recently changed). We currently have tasks to complete on the FP to the west of KM and a gatepost to re-set on the BW near Vicar Pasture Farm in Dallowgill, but these are just the tip of the iceberg!

Proposals have been put forward to the PC for some improvements to the conservation/ community benefit of Lamberts Quarry Community Woodland. This area is already well used by local people and we feel that it offers a key opportunity for community involvement in conservation activities. We are suggesting thinning of the woodland to benefit the oak trees, and creating a new winding activity trail through part of the area. More on this in due course.

Here is the draft plan of activities for the year. To keep updated on activities, see below.

Sun 26th April	Great UK Waterblitz walk? (James W)
Sun 17 May	Pathkeepers walk (venue & volunteer needed)
Sun 21 June	Belford Balsam pulling
Sun 19 July	Tree ID Walk (Phil L)
Sun 20 September	Crackpots Mosaic Trail walk & survey (Patrice L)
Sun 18 October	Apple pressing at Laver House (James & Su W)
Sun 15 November	Pathkeepers walk (venue & volunteer needed)
Sun 13 December	Christmas walk to pub in Grewelthorpe
Early 2027	Look out for a Wassailing event! (James & Su)
8 th March 2027	Green Team AGM

Don't forget to check the noticeboard in the Mechanics and follow the Green Team Facebook page for news and events. If you are interested in getting involved with their activities, please email Patrice.lyth@gmail.com with your phone number and you can be added to the WhatsApp group.

Membership of the Green Team is £10 per person or £20 per couple/family, and forms are on the Green Team noticeboard 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 for their support which is enabling us to purchase materials.

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

An 11-kilometre trail run around the village area that starts from Highside

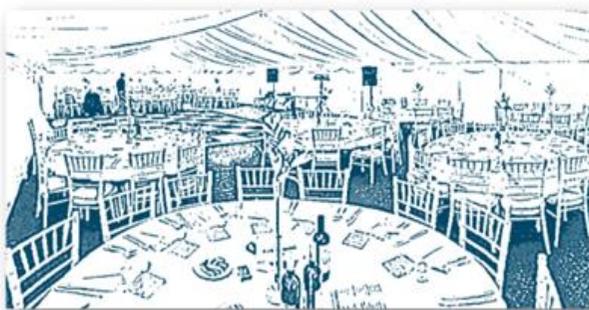
Playing Field. There will be lots of fun for the whole community throughout the day. Cheer on the runners, enjoy the amazing DJ Rory Hoy, live music & the bar. Eat delicious food, browse the stalls and take part in the games.

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

Are you interested in Allotments? We are!

A small volunteer group of residents is exploring the possibility of creating an allotment site in Kirkby Malzeard. We'd love to hear from locals in and around the village to see whether there's enough interest to take this forward.

Allotments are small pieces of land that individuals or families can rent on an annual basis to grow fruit, vegetables, herbs, or flowers for their own use.

They are a great way to get outdoors, grow fresh food, and connect with others in the community.



If this sounds interesting, please fill in our questionnaire, available at <https://bit.ly/4cWMCsv> or via the QR code.



SCAN ME

If you would prefer to fill out a paper questionnaire, hard copies and a drop box are available in the Mechanics Coffee Lounge.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Charlotte & Richard, on behalf of the Kirkby Malzeard Allotments Group.

kmallotments@gmail.com

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 April 26th

Sunday May 31st

Kirkby Malzeard C of E Primary School

World book day was an amazing opportunity for the children to share their many ideas about books and to show so many fantastic and imaginative props inspired by their favourite books. During the day they had time to extend their reading and made 'book blankets' from the books in class. There was a wonderful variety of recommended reads and each child received a world book day token to take home and spend on the next good read.

As part of the Key stage 2 History curriculum, focusing on Monks, the Middle Ages, and the Tudor period, children were taken on an enrichment visit to Bolton Castle. During the day, they took part in a range of interactive sessions bringing this era of history to life, as well as visiting St Oswald's Church.

Acorn Class have started to think about their new writing project and have some great ideas about poems that they would like to write. 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt', has been a great starting point to develop the writing of sentence stacks and using alliteration in their work.

Oak Class recently had lots of fun learning about healthy eating and food groups, especially fruit and vegetables. They learnt adjectives to describe the ingredients that are used in a smoothie, chose ingredients and made smoothies in one of their Design Technology lessons. Palm class have also enjoyed working with food and having cookery sessions with Mrs Brassington -delicious Cottage pie is first on the menu.

Cedar class have recently thought a lot about people who have been forced to leave their homes and make a new home in a different country, They enjoyed a very topical and lovely book about a little girl called Azzi which has helped them understand some of the challenges refugees face.

The school wishes everyone in the community a very Happy Easter.

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>

Mickley

Mickley 100 Club

Our Third season of showing films in the winter months has just come to an end and we would like to thank you all for your support throughout the last 6 months. We will be working in the summer with our Film aficionados on what to present for our 26/27 Season.

The Curry Night and talk from James Platt was a very enjoyable evening for those who were free to come along.

Our April offering is on Tuesday 28th in Mickley Village Hall - -An Enamel Craft Workshop 1.00 - 3.30.

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.

We still have some places available. Get in touch to book your place - l_liddle@yahoo.com

Mickley Boys' Club

With regard to the excellent talk on the Boer War in the last issue, an important detail was regrettably omitted. John May, with his wife, Brenda, pillars of the life of Mickley Village, brought medals, documentation and reported anecdotes of his father's service as a Yeomanry Trooper in that very campaign. How this delightful detail dissolved the intervening years!

This month the Boys are lunching in good number at the White Bear in Masham and on April 16 with their wives, they will be enjoying a visit to the Bishop of Durham's Palace and other attractions in Bishop Auckland. Further details from David Wright or Paul Kirk.

Peter Liddle

Sawley

SAWLEY VILLAGE HALL - APRIL

Friday 10th April - Family Games Night - Card Games

Learn new games/teach your favourite card games.

Dominoes

Friday 17th April 7.30 pm

Friday 1st May 7.30 pm raising funds for churchyard grass cutting

Bowls club meet

Tuesdays 7.30 pm

Wednesday 1.00 pm

Friday 9.30 am

Strength and Conditioning Fitness Class with Sue White

Every Monday 9.15am

For bookings or information please email

sawleyvillagehall@gmail.com or tel no. 07983 256986

SAWLEY ARTS GROUP NEWS

It's early March and Spring is tempting us to be out in the garden, and I hope we can tempt you to burst into creativity at our workshops. Some are at our regular, astonishing price of £5 and some more expensive (but still excellent value) when we have joined forces with professionals but still subsidized the cost for you. Please support us so that we can continue to make arts available to all members at a reasonable price.

Dates for your diary

- **Saturday 25th April 10am-1pm – Linocut Printing.** Sean Willis' workshop proved very popular last year and so we invited him to return for another session in Sawley Village Hall. **Cost £35** incl.

tea/coffee/biscuits. **Please book with Sean** on 07598541640 or seanwillisprints@gmail.com

- **Saturday 2nd May 10am-2pm - Spring Mosaics** at Sawley Village Hall. **Cost £5** incl tea/coffee/biscuits. This features small plaques on a Spring theme. Phone **Arlene 01765 620250** or email.
- **Saturday 6th June 10am – 2pm -- Art from the Start: Simple Acrylics.** Sawley Village Hall. **Cost £5** incl. tea/coffee/biscuits. This will suit beginners and those with some experience of painting in acrylics. Materials provided. **Phone Arlene or email.**
- **Saturday 4th July 915am – 4pmish. Coach Trip to Wentworth Woodhouse.** Some of you may remember our previous visit when the house was not really taking visitors. Now, much work has been done and it will be very interesting to see the changes. The novel “Black Diamonds” tells the story of the rise and fall of the family who built this house with the longest front façade in the UK. We have booked as a group and a guided tour for the afternoon. **Cost £35 incl. entry to house and gardens, the tour and coach; if you are a National Trust member the all in Cost is £28.75 Please book your place with Arlene asap – email or 01765 620250**

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 garden design, glass blowing, graffiti, graphics or something not beginning with G, we'd love to hear from you.

SAWLEY MOOR LANE DIARY

March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb

Well March, you certainly did not come in like a lion but just continued the previous trend. I had had a hope of a St Michael's Tower sunrise when on the 4th the sun rose against the tip of the southern plantation but the next four days were misty or cloudy and so the sight of the sun rising behind the elegant tower was hidden. Then

on the twelfth the month remembered the wind and a few snow flurries but nothing you could call a lion, let's hope it remembers the lamb.

The first of the month flower count scored well – 35 different flowering species helped by the overlap of snowdrops and daffodils. The daffodils in the wildlife garden by the green are particularly lovely and Ripon is turning itself into Daffodil City once more!

A full moon and a fall of rain brought frogs to the pond and next morning there were two full clumps of frogspawn, on the other hand a burst of sunshine brought oyster catchers, great spotted woodpeckers and long tailed tits busy round the garden.

Good to see that a real effort has been made to clear the great flood in the heart of the village, it will be so helpful if it really works this time.

Oyster Catchers, curlew, lapwing, skylarks and snipe are in evidence again and I urge all dog walkers to keep their dogs on leads where footpaths cross open fields. We need to protect our precious ground nesting birds.

Welcome April, welcome some warmth.

Ted Flexman

Sawley Church

Sawley Church has a very dedicated, but small, group of volunteer cleaners who keep the interior of the church clean and tidy for when regular worship takes place (two or three Sundays per month) and for any special events held in the church.

We would very much appreciate it if some additional volunteers could come forward to assist with church cleaning. One hour a month or even an hour every other month would be a big help with vacuuming and dusting. The more volunteers that we have available would help reduce the frequency of undertaking a cleaning duty for all the team members.

If you are willing to help, please contact Christine Dent, Churchwarden, on 01765 620208 or 07983256986

Domino Drive in aid of Sawley Churchyard maintenance

7.30pm Friday 1st May 2026
at Sawley Village Hall

Donations of raffle prizes would be most gratefully received.

DALLOWGILL AND SAWLEY METHODIST CHURCHES

5th April, 2pm at SAWLEY

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12th April, 2pm at DALLOWGILL

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26th April, 2pm at DALLOWGILL

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The hall is available for hire throughout the week and weekends. Please contact Jo Martin if you have questions about using the hall:

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Upcoming Events for April 2026

Friday 3rd, 11a.m.: coffee morning. Everyone welcome.

Saturday 4th, 10:30 – 2:30 Pop-up café. Join us for homemade cakes and treats

Saturday 11th: Punk Panther Race starting at village hall

Sunday 19th, 10:30 – 12:30 Join us for breakfast – bacon and sausage sandwiches available

Every Monday at 11:15 – 12:00 Boogie Moves with Karen Fallis

Hi everyone,

I desperately need help quickly!

I moved back to Yorkshire five months ago in the hope of buying a small rural home for retirement. However, the market has been dead over the

Autumn/Winter and I now have to leave my current rental in Laverton by May.

Since moving to the area, I've fallen in love with it, have integrated quickly, and definitely don't want to leave. I have a part time job in Grewelthorpe which I love, and do occasional voluntary work for Nidderdale Plus as a Digital Champion for those struggling with IT. I'm also involved with other community projects, and most importantly, have made many wonderful new friends. I just don't want to move away!! I love living here and want to continue being a supportive and involved member of the community.

I'm looking for a small rural property away from busy roads, possibly on a farm or just off the beaten track (I have no family, It's just me and two very un-street-wise cats). I'm a cash buyer, so no chain.

OR, as time is now against me, the same type of property as an **unfurnished rental** (my stuff has been in storage for 6 months and I need to get it out). Please, if you know of anyone who is about to sell or let in a 7 mile radius of Laverton / Kirby (**away from main roads**) please let me know.

I don't have the option to extend my existing rental, it's a holiday let, so the prospect of Annie, Chip and me living in my car is looming large 😞

Any help would be much appreciated. 🙏🙏🙏

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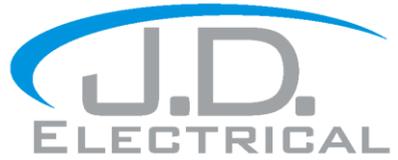
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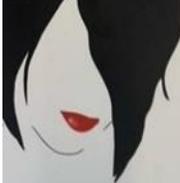
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