

December & January 2024

THE FOUNTAIN

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

50p

Hello!

Ian has asked me to write a few words for this edition of 'Fountains', as a way of introducing myself and my wife, Jo.



We recently moved into Grewelthorpe, prior to my licensing as the new House for Duty Associate Priest in the Fountains Benefice. Jo and I have been overwhelmed by the very warm welcome we've received, both in Grewelthorpe and elsewhere – and huge thanks to everyone who generously contributed to the lovely hamper which greeted us on our arrival! We've really loved getting to know the local area and attending some great local events; and I look forward to joining in the work of the ministry team in these parishes.

We've just finished 9+ years in Catterick Garrison, where I was Vicar of the Hipswell Benefice. Jo manages a Mindfulness service for the NHS mental health trust. We have two children, a son of 22 and a daughter of 20 – both currently away at university, in Leeds and Brighton, respectively.

It's that time of year when the trees have shed their leaves and the evenings are really drawing in. It's easy to let the lack of light cause us to feel down, particularly when there's also so much heartbreak

splashed across our TV screens – the wars in Ukraine/Russia and Gaza/Israel, numerous other conflicts raging worldwide, and a host of natural disasters threatening the earth. One could be forgiven for thinking that it's all just darkness & gloom!

Yet this is *also* the time to remember that God took the darkness seriously, and the plight of the human race very much to heart; so much so that he chose to intervene personally and did so compassionately and decisively. And it all started with a young unmarried Jewish girl being visited one night by an angel. His message was that she would conceive miraculously and give birth to a son, who would become the Saviour of the world. Astonished and perplexed, Mary wanted some answers, yet finally said 'yes', agreeing to play her vital part in God's mission to save the world. Mary's encounter with Gabriel must have thrown her into months of darkness and discomfort. Yet eventually, in a distant town and after a long and painful journey, she was delivered of a beautiful boy. After all the waiting and not-quite-knowing, Mary's patient obedience was rewarded, as she welcomed Jesus into the world he had come to save. In his arrival, and soon that of shepherds also telling stories of angel messengers, she discovered God's light bursting through in all its hope and brilliance.

So, what is it that we're waiting for this Christmas? Or, maybe, *who* is it that we're waiting to welcome? Perhaps, as we gaze into the face of the baby in the manger, we might discover something of God's transforming love for us, too – a love which brings hope and light into even the darkest, most fear-filled corners of our lives?

With warm wishes,
Andrew Cromarty

Fountains Benefice Services

December 2023

Sunday 3rd Dec Advent Sunday	9.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP) at Mickley
	10.30 am	Holy Communion at Grewelthorpe
		Holy Communion at Kirkby Malzeard
		Holy Communion at Winksley
	6.00 pm	Advent Service of Light at Aldfield
Sunday 10th Dec	9.00 am	Holy Communion at Aldfield
	10.30 am	Family Service with Baptism at Kirkby Malzeard
		Carol Service at Sawley
	6.00 pm	Carol Service at the Chapel of the Resurrection, Dallowgill
		Christingle Service at Grewelthorpe
Sunday 17th Dec	10.30 am	Carol Service at Kirkby Malzeard
		Carol Service at Winksley
	4.00 pm	Christingle Service at Sawley
	6.00 pm	Carol Service at Mickley
	6.30 pm	Carol Service at Grewelthorpe
Sunday 24th Dec Christmas Eve	4.00 pm	Crib Service at Kirkby Malzeard
	11.30 pm	Holy Communion at Kirkby Malzeard
		Holy Communion at Winksley
Monday 25th Dec CHRISTMAS DAY	9.00 am	Holy Communion at Aldfield
		Holy Communion at Mickley
	10.30 am	Family Holy Communion at Kirkby Malzeard
		Family Holy Communion at Sawley
Sunday 31st Dec	10.30 am	Benefice Holy Communion at Grewelthorpe

January 2024

Sunday 7th Jan	9.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP) at Mickley
	10.30 am	Morning Worship at Grewelthorpe Holy Communion at Kirkby Malzeard
	11.00 am	Plough Service at Winksley, followed by lunch
	4.00 pm	Family Service at Sawley
Sunday 14th Jan	9.00 am	Holy Communion at Aldfield
	10.30 am	Holy Communion at Grewelthorpe Morning Worship at Sawley
	11.00 am	Plough Service at Kirkby Malzeard, followed by lunch
	8.30 pm	online Compline via Zoom
Sunday 21st Jan	9.00 am	Holy Communion at Mickley
	10.30 am	Methodist Covenant Service at Grewelthorpe Holy Communion at Kirkby Malzeard Holy Communion at Winksley
	6.00 pm	Evening Prayer (BCP) at Aldfield
Sunday 28th Jan	10.30 am	Benefice Holy Communion at Mickley

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

Praying for our benefice

Prayer is crucial for everything we do; so, we meet to pray for the life of our villages and our churches on the first Saturday of most months. Everyone is welcome to come and share this time – it doesn't matter if you've not prayed with others before, and if you're not confident in praying aloud no one is going to make you do so! God hears silent prayers as well as those that are spoken out loud.

Our next meetings are at **9.30 am on Saturdays 2nd December and 6th January, at The Rectory** in Kirkby Malzeard. Light breakfast is available. It's been a real encouragement to see new faces at recent gatherings and we would love more people to commit to this important time. See you there!

The chalice at Holy Communion

Those who worship with us will be aware that over the past year or so we have been brushing the wafers at Communion with wine, for the benefit of those who felt too vulnerable to share the chalice. Our recent churchwardens' meeting agreed that, given the current state of public health, we would discontinue this practice and return to standard practice from before the pandemic. If anyone has particular concerns about this please let Ian know and we will see what arrangements may be possible. The church's teaching is that receiving just the bread, for those who do not feel safe with the chalice, is full communion.

Quiz and Carols

Take a step back from the pre-Christmas rush with the Fountains Benefice light-hearted, Christmas-themed quiz for all ages. There will also be a chance to sing a few favourite carols in between the rounds. We'll be starting at 6.30 pm in Grantley Village Hall, on Monday 18th December. Come as a team (up to 5 people) or join with others on the night. We will be providing food – details will be publicised nearer the time of the event.

As Christmas is an expensive time we won't be making a charge for the evening – just make a donation if you can.

Awe and Wonder

We'd love to give people a chance to enjoy the artistic skills God has given us. There are some great artists and photographers in our villages and we invite you to bring your pictures on a theme of 'Awe and Wonder' for others to enjoy before Christmas. Bring them along to Kirkby Malzeard church on the morning of Saturday 23rd December, and everyone is welcome to come and wander round to see them in

the afternoon and on the morning of Sunday 24th.

The pictures don't have to be linked to Christmas: anything which 'Awe and Wonder' suggests to you is fine.

This is not just a Kirkby thing – it's for anyone from any of our villages. All are very welcome, as exhibitors or to look at what has been brought.

At 4.30 on Saturday afternoon and 12 noon on Sunday we will have a short, impromptu service, based on whatever pictures we have been entrusted with.

Pictures can be reclaimed by their artists or will be removed to somewhere safe before the Crib service on Sunday afternoon.

Not-so-Blue Monday

The third Monday in January (15th, this year) has been christened Blue Monday and is meant to be the most depressing day of the year. Probably nonsense, but just in case ... Come and enjoy yourself at this lunchtime get-together!

A bit of refreshment, a lot of friendship and a glimpse of how the Christian faith brings us joy and hope. We will be providing soup, rolls and cake at Grantley Village Hall.

Absolutely everyone is welcome to come and join us for as long or short a time as you like.

Watch out for posters and online posts with full details..

From the churches' registers:

Baptism:

Pennie Primrose Ann Tombling 19th November at Kirkby Malzeard

Funerals:

Rod Mason 18th October at Kirkby Malzeard Cemetery

Tim Stebbing 7th November at Grewelthorpe

The Benefice Book Group

This month we have been reading "Under Their Very Eyes" by Tom Hamblin, not a novel this time, but an account of the author's life which he spends as a missionary, openly taking Bibles to give away in countries where Christianity is against the law and, in some cases, punishable by imprisonment or even death.

The style is not attractive or particularly easy to read; it is episodic and lacking in emotion but the subject matter and the sincerity of the writer compel one to go on reading. We all were impressed by the fact that the writer never in any way criticises or passes judgement on other ways of life or other faiths, but is completely focused on trying to convey to the rest of the world, the faith which sustains him. He makes no provision for his daily needs but is certain that God will provide him with food and shelter. This only scratches the surface of this remarkable account of a remarkable life.

I think that we all went home rather soberly, wondering afresh at the power of faith and praying that, given the opportunity, we would be enabled to live up to Tom Hamblin's high standard.

This month we are reading "The Last Runaway" by Tracy Chevalier which I suspect will prove to be a very different kettle of fish!

Anne Carrick

Fountains Parish Events for December/January

Saturday 2nd December 12-2pm Christmas Lunch at Grantley Village Hall - Turkey Sandwiches (with vegetarian/children's options), Mulled Wine and Mince Pies, Stalls and Tombola.
Grantley Village Hall 12-2pm

Friday 29th December 7.30pm - Domino Drive at Winksley Parish Room

Sunday 7th January 11am - Plough Service at Winksley Church
followed by a hot lunch in the Parish Room. If you would like to join us
for lunch, please contact Yvonne on 01765 658419 or
yfleetham@aol.com or Bridget northbridget@yahoo.co.uk

Plough Service
At
Winksley Church
Sunday 7th January 11.00 am

**Please join us after the Service for hot Lunch served in the
church Room.**



Actually, it really WAS the
Ploughman's Lunch

Grewelthorpe

Grewelthorpe Village Hall December 2023 January 2024

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

OPEN Monday – Wednesday – Friday 11am - 1pm
Saturday – Sunday 11 am – 2pm (Note earlier closing for Winter)

NEW TREASURER WANTED

Grewelthorpe Village Hall is looking for a new Treasurer. After two years at the helm, Tim Harrison will step down at the next AGM, in February 2024. Tim has done a marvellous job, and we will miss him, but difficult to replace as he is, we need somebody else to take up the role and carry on the good work.

Key responsibilities:

- Annual and quarterly budgeting
- Compiling and presenting the accounts
- Ensuring monies are collected and paid

As a member of the Village Hall Board of Directors, the Treasurer contributes to the overall management and development of the Hall, and offers timely financial guidance to ensure its success.

After 10 years at the heart of the Village, the Hall continues to expand its activities and the Treasurer is a key figure in this process.

This is a voluntary role. Bookkeeping experience will be useful, but not essential.

If you are interested in joining us, please email or phone Deborah Hodges (Chairman), on debalho@aol.com or 01765 658474

Regular Classes

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

Yoga with Jo Parker Tuesdays 5th and 12th December. 18:30-20:30pm
Ducklings Play Group Thursdays 7th, 14th and 21st December and 11th and 25th January. 10:30am – 12:00 A drink and snack will be provided. £2.00 per session. All welcome.

Pilates with Gill Thursdays 14th and 21st December and 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th January. 6:30pm-7:30pm.

Grewelthorpe WI Thursday 7th December. Christmas Party and Supper.
Contact Mary Wilson 01765 650474 or Terri Duncanson email :terridunk@hotmail.co.uk Tel 07821162401

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

Community Lunch Tuesday 12th December will be a special festive menu and the cost will be £9 on this occasion.

January 9th, in the café. A homemade 2 course hot dinner and pudding, served by our friendly Hackfall Cafe volunteers. £6 per person. Extra portions for freezing can be ordered in advance. Call Susan Rizos on 01765 658200 to order your meal. Please state any dietary requirements.

Grewelthorpe Gardeners' Club Wednesday 13th December. 7pm

Christmas Social and Quiz. Food donations by arrangement with Delia. Members free, guests £5. Contact Delia 01765 609930

Wednesday 17th January 8pm. Gillian Hovell. Ancient Roots- How the Romans set the seeds for our Garden Designs. Gillian will tell the fascinating tale of *why* we have gardens at all. She is a freelance ancient historian, archaeologist and Latin expert and has featured on BBC news and radio programmes. Members free. Guests £3 Refreshments available from 7:30pm. New members are always welcome. Contact Delia 01765 609930 or Carol 01765 658990

RE-CYCLING OF BLISTER PACKS / READING GLASSES & HEARING AIDS

These are no longer being collected. Thank you for your support to date.

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

The Big Grewelthorpe Quiz – Saturday 27th January

The annual Grewelthorpe Village Hall quiz will take place on **Saturday 27th January**. Prizes galore, supper will be provided and a bar available. Watch out for more details.

St James' and the Methodist Church Grewelthorpe

Wishing you all a Happy Christmas and New Year.

We are very grateful for all the help and support that the community has shown to the church over the last year.



Thank you.....

Thank you to those that attended our recent Christmas Fair.

Dates for your diaries.....

Next G-Club Wednesday 13th December 6-7pm. This will be a special G Club as we will be celebrating Advent and possibly some other treats!

The children's monthly club at St James and the Methodist Church Grewelthorpe is called G-Club and is open to all children of primary school age. Come and join us in Church for fun, games, singing, stories, and a snack.

Contact Susan Rizos on 07740703868 or email susan.rizos@btinternet.com

[Christmas Feast Saturday, 2nd December 7.30pm in Grewelthorpe Village Hall.](#)

Tickets £22.50 per person to include mulled Wine, 3 Course Christmas Dinner, coffee and mince pies and Music. **If you haven't already got your tickets, please do so quickly by contacting.**

Susan Rizos on 01765 658200 or 077407038

Our services over Christmas are as follows. Please join us if you can.

Christingle Service, Sunday, 10th December 6pm

Methodist Carol Service, Sunday, 17th 6.30pm, followed by mulled wine and mince pies.

School Carol Service, Tuesday, 19th December 2.30pm

Epiphany Party 6th January 2024, 7pm

This is a fun evening of wonderful entertainment provided by people from the village and the surrounding local area, followed by a delicious supper, wine and soft drinks.

Entry is free, but we do ask for a donation.

Contributions towards the supper are most welcome.

If you need to know more, please contact please contact Liz Witton (658670), Peter Beresford (07738546400) or Liz Dixon - Thank you.

Burns Night- Grewelthorpe Style, 20th January 2024 in Grewelthorpe Village Hall.

This event is still in the planning stages, but please look out for further details.

Kirkby Malzeard

Kirkby Malzeard with Dallowgill Church Treasurer

Our church is still in considerable need of someone to take on the voluntary role of treasurer for Kirkby and Dallowgill. Might it be you?

Training is provided as necessary, and advice and support is on offer from previous holders of the post.

You don't need to be an accountant, but able to keep books and use a computer.

You don't need to be a church member, but sympathetic to the church's work.

You don't need to devote your life to it, but some times of the year are busy while others may require only an hour or so a month.

If you think you might be able to help, please contact Ian Kitchen at ian.kitchen@leeds.anglican.org or on 01765 650369 for an exploratory chat. Thank you.

Are you a budding florist?

Calling all flower lovers – flowers brighten a church and make it look more attractive for visitors and acts of worship. In order to do this we rely on volunteers, which at the present time are particularly depleted. Can you lend your green fingers and time to arrange flowers around St. Andrew's church in Kirkby Malzeard? We'd welcome any help, and you may just unearth a new creative talent. Some reimbursement is available. If you are interested or want more information, please contact Carol Pickles on 01765 658368.



KIRKBY MALZEARD, LAVERTON AND DALLOWGILL NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Draft Plan will be ready for residents of the Parish to read and comment on from 1st December onwards. The full version is available on the Neighbourhood Plan pages of the community website

www.kirkbymalzeardarea.org.uk alongside a shorter summary of Policies and Parish Actions.

There is also an on-line questionnaire for you to complete – please take the time to consider the proposals and let us have your views so that we can make amendments before it is sent, in the Spring, for formal Consultation with statutory bodies etc.. It will also be on display in the Mechanics Institute, with paper copies of the questionnaire to complete, if you do not have access to the Internet.

It is essential that the Plan reflects what the community wants, so it is important that we hear back from you before the end of January.

December Events at the Mechanic's

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

Saturday 2nd: **Parish Council Meeting 0930 am**

Saturday 2nd: **Kirkby in Bloom Meeting 12 - 1 pm**

Saturday 2nd: **Cheese and Wine Evening 7 pm**

Wednesday 6th: **KMWI 7.15 pm**

Saturday 9th: **Highside Singers Concert 7 - 10 pm**

Monday 11th: **Parish Council Meeting 7.20 - 10 pm**

Wednesday 13th: **Skelldale Carol Service 1 - 4 pm**

Regular Classes:

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

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

Lunch Club - 5th

Highside Singers - Tuesday 5th, 12th 7.30 - 9 pm

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

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

Monthly Tunes Evening – Christmas Special Wednesday 20th 7 - 9 pm

Art Class - Thursday 7th, 14th, 21st 9.45 - 12.15 pm

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

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

Highside Singers concert Saturday 9 December

Kirkby Malzeard Mechanic's Institute at 7.30.

Tickets £8 to include refreshments

Tickets from Rosie 01765658262 or Ruth
01765658401, from any choir member or on the door.

Mechanics Institute Village Hall KIRKBY MALZEARD

.....would like to invite you to join us for a...

**‘Whose Wine is it anyway?’
WINE TASTING EVENING**

**Saturday 2nd December 2023
7pm for prompt 7.30pm start**

**A very light hearted and entertaining evening,
pitting your wits, wisdom and wine knowledge
against the lying, nefarious and cheating experience
of our wine merchant Yorkshire
Vintners!**

(No wine knowledge required)

**£15.00 per head
(Includes 5 tasting glasses of
the wines and a cheeseboard)**



Numbers strictly limited

RSVPjanejohnsonkm@btinternet.com

January 2024 Events at the Mechanic's:

Wednesday 3rd: **KMWI 2 pm**

Friday 5th: **Music Night 7.30 pm**

Tuesday 9th: **Kirkby in Bloom 0930 - 11 am**

Saturday 20th: **Ceilidh 7.30 pm**

Friday 26th: **Quiz Night 7.30 pm**

Monday 29th: **Parish Council Meeting 7.20 - 10 pm**

Regular Classes:

Table Tennis - Monday 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th 10 - 12 noon

Pilates - Monday 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th 4 - 5 pm

Highside Singers - Tuesday 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th - 7.30 - 9 pm

Yoga - Wednesday 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st 9.30 - 10.30 am

Table Tennis - Wednesday 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st 7 - 9 pm

Monthly Tunes Evening - Wednesday 17th 7 - 9 pm

Youth Club - Thursday 11th, 18th, 25th 6.30 - 8 pm

Yoga - Friday 12th, 19th, 26th 1 - 2 pm

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



Phoenix 2 Bonfire

A big thank you to everyone who attended and supported the Kirkby Malzeard Phoenix Bonfire. The morning wood collection was a great community spirited village clean up and helped us to build a fabulous hedgehog friendly bonfire.

Despite the best efforts of the weather to dampen the party, the firework display was great. It was lovely to see so many people braving the walk and attending; another fine example of our community coming together for the enjoyment of all.

Looking forward to next year.

Marlon Johnson

Kirkby Malzeard C of E Primary School

There was certainly a lot going on at Kirkby Malzeard School this half term with Christmas looming and the prospect of lots of festive fun and a big fund raiser for Children in Need on Friday 17th November. The children were invited to dress up for the day with a theme of lots of spots and lots of yellow and then to enjoy the delicious cakes that were available at the bake sale at the end of the school day. The school also collected for the Poppy appeal and Cedar class were busy creating their own imaginative remembrance activities during forest school. Cedar's Art studies have involved looking at paintings by local artist David Hockney, one of the most influential British artists.

The curriculum focus on Science and animals has continued to be at the forefront of many activities. Oak class had a 'busy end' when parents came into school to see the science work and the pupils were eager to share their knowledge about the animals and birds they had studied. The parents gave many positive comments and were delighted to see their children enjoying this topic and so focused on their learning.

Acorn class have also loved being scientists during independent learning time. They have been having a really busy term as readers, geographers, mathematicians and architects. During their recent trip to

Whitby they enjoyed seeing the beach and sea and visiting the Abbey, It was a great opportunity to use their new found geography skills. Palm class have been working as historians and thinking about the similarities and differences that would have faced humans living in Nidderdale thousands of years ago; they loved the Stone Age learning. Representatives from Palm Class attended a football festival at Bishop Monkton. They had a fabulous time and were true ambassadors for the school, showing great respect and teamwork.

The school is very excited to have won a competition for an author to work with the children in Year 2 and KS2. Gabrielle Shewhorak will be talking about her writing and working with the children in lessons.

The school wishes everyone in the community a very Happy Christmas and peaceful New Year.

This is the Open Term at the school so if you would like a personal tour at a time convenient to you please get in touch.

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>

Kirkby Malzeard Pre-School

Well where do I start? What a fantastic jumble sale - thank you so much for all the donations and people turning out for the actual event. We raised a whopping amount of £1292!

We are having our Christmas hamper draw again this year, tickets are £1 each and are available from preschool or any of our fantastic committee members.

This term the children have been looking at colours and bonfire night and now autumn before moving onto Christmas activities.

We have spaces available for children 18 months to 4 years and our opening hours are 8am to 5pm Monday to Thursday and 8.30am to 4.30pm on a Friday. If you would like to come and look round telephone Tracy Sidgwick on 01765 658080.

Samantha Carson



Dallowgill Methodist Services

Sun 10th December Rev Gareth Baron 2.00 pm

Sun 24th December Carol Service 6.30 pm Rev Ian Pruden

Henry Jenkins campaign gathers pace as Government approves £330,000 grant.

Well, it's been a rollercoaster ride ... but the prospects are now better than ever for realising our dream of bringing back the Henry Jenkins - and making it even better than before.

The Government's decision to approve £330,000 grant funding for the Henry Jenkins Community Pub project has given a major boost to our long-running campaign. It means the Government is satisfied our business plan for the purchase and refurbishment of the Jenks - vetted by local experts in the hospitality sector - are credible. With £330k grant funding, another £330k anticipated capital from community share

purchases plus planned low interest loans, we are in a very strong position to create an exciting new social space.

There is just one major obstacle to overcome: The unwillingness of the owner to sell to us. That's why we've now begun discussions with the new North Yorkshire Council over a proposed compulsory purchase order to break the deadlock and secure the pub. Local councils have the power to make compulsory purchases where community assets are at risk, where a credible community group is willing to buy and where the owners refuse to sell. If we are successful, NYC would buy the pub on our behalf at a price set by an independent valuer.

Our latest plans for the refurbishment of the Henry Jenkins as a community-owned pub, bistro and coffee shop were set out at our annual general meeting in September. Committee members explained how the revival of the Jenks should benefit other local businesses as well as providing greater choice for villagers. The need for more facilities has been made more urgent by the village's continued expansion, with many more new houses being built or planned. A revived Henry Jenkins is part of wider plans supported by the parish council for regeneration and greater social inclusion in rural communities around Ripon.

The great thing about community-owned pubs is that all the profits go back to the local community. And because they're owned by local people, they're more responsive to what people actually want; no surprise then that not a single community pub has failed!

We believe 2024 could be a pivotal year and that with the continued support from our growing membership base, we can do something exceptional - by bringing people together and transforming the whole feel and atmosphere of our village.

We'd like to wish everyone a Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Richard Sadler, Chair, Henry Jenkins Community Pub Ltd

Mickley

MICKLEY NEWS

Mickley 100 club

Our thanks to Andy, Mel and Rosie Lyall for running the Mickley Village Quiz night last month - a good time was had by all.

Wed 6th December

Wreath making

We are completely sold out for this event but have a waiting list. Once again, we are all looking forward to getting creative together. We will be approaching folks in the village to ask for permission to do a garden raid for some extra greenery and foliage - Thank you in advance.

Mickley Film Club:

Wednesday 13th December

The 12th Man

In 1942 twelve Resistance fighters are sent back to their native Norway to sabotage German military installations. They are betrayed and only one, Jan Baalsrud, escapes the German net.

Pursued by Sturmbannfuhrer [Kurt Stage](#), Baalstrud's escape becomes a cat and mouse game of survival against the odds, played out against the spectacular Norwegian landscape.

Baalstrud's true story, and the heroic efforts of locals who helped him, became the stuff of Norwegian legend.

Wednesday 10th January

Cinema Paradiso.

An instant and beloved classic since its release in 1988 and winner of numerous awards including Cannes Grand Prix and Oscar for Best

International Feature.

Salvatore, a famous film director, returns to his hometown for the funeral of the local theatre's film projectionist, Alfredo. He reminisces about his life as a young boy falling in love with cinema.

Films are shown in Mickley Village Hall.

Bar Opens at 7pm, film starts 7.30.

100 club members £5, Guests £7.50. All welcome.

Mickley Village Christmas Supper

Saturday 16th December 6.30 for 7.00pm.

At the time of going to print we still had one or two spaces available for this special Village event.

Dig out your posh frocks and best bib and tucker - The Mickley Boys Club have joined the 100 Club this year to hold a Village Christmas Dinner in the Village Hall on Saturday 16th December.

£30.00 per ticket.

Please book your place through Paul Kirk - kirk.c2@sky.com

Mickley Village Christmas Raffle

The Christmas raffle has been a great success in the past and this year should be no exception. We will be drawing the raffle at the Inaugural Mickley Boys/100 Club Christmas Dinner, on Saturday 16th December 2023. Proceeds from the sale of tickets are to help raise funds for the Church/Village Hall and the Ichthyosis Support Group – a serious incurable skin condition.

As in previous years, the raffle will be based on selling numbered squares at £1 each. Please book your tickets through Dot and Reg Merrin at Eton House or by emailing Dot at: dorothy.merrin@btinternet.com. Pay online making sure you label the payment Raffle

Account name: Mickley Village 100 Club , Sort code: 54-30-46 , Account number: 41158210

Remember you don't have to be going to the social event to purchase any tickets. Any winners not at the event will be advised afterwards. If you would like to donate any items for a hamper – food, smellies or alcohol, then please deliver these to Mel and Andy Lyall's house (a basket will be placed at their back door- Manor Farm - opposite the Village Hall) between now and Saturday 9th December 2023. The donations will be made up into hampers by Mel and Andrea to then be drawn on the night.

The BIG Christmas 100 Club Draw will take place in the Village Hall after the Carol Service on Sunday 17th December. Mulled Wine and Mince Pies will be served.

Our thanks also to the Thackray Family for once again providing the Village Christmas Tree.

The 100 Club Team would like to thank everyone for their continued support and we send our Good Wishes for Christmas and the New Year ahead.

Mickley Boys' Club

Two car loads of members were undeterred by dreadful weather and thoroughly enjoyed a visit to Eden Camp where original Second World War PoW huts are fitted with themed information and photocopied archival material and scenes of war experiences are recreated, complete with sounds and smells! British and American tanks, including the huge Sherman tank, a Spitfire and a Hurricane, even a German 'Doodlebug', were there to enthrall us.

Since then, we have been awaiting our visit to Castle Howard to see their Christmas decorations.

We're also planning, with the support of the Mickley 100 Club, the Village Christmas Dinner on 16 December.

January will see us taking stock with a lunch on Thursday, 25th and announcing plans for 2024 (venue, date and time to be confirmed).

The MBC Committee would like to thank members for their support throughout the past year and we look forward to more fun and fellowship in the New Year.

Happy Christmas to all.

Paul Kirk, David Wright, Peter Harling and Peter Liddle

Sawley

Sawley Village Hall for December and January

December

Tuesday Afternoon Dominoes - 5th 1.00 pm

Bowls - Tuesdays 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th, 7.30 pm

Wednesdays 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th, 1.30 pm

Fridays 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th 9 am

Yoga – Wednesdays 9.30 am – 10.30 £10 for a drop in session or £8 a session if a full term booked

Dominoes – Friday 15th Christmas Dominoes 7.30 pm

Table Tennis – Mondays, 7pm Juniors, 7.30pm seniors

Christmas Family Quiz – Friday 8th December

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January

Tuesday Afternoon Dominoes 2nd 1pm

Bowls – Tuesdays 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th, 7.30pm

Wednesdays 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 1.30pm

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Sawley Moor Lane Diary

It is nearly two months since the swallows were gathering on the electricity wires on the track before setting off south. We counted a wonderful host of over 120, many of which had been entertaining us for days with their spectacular and joyful flight.

A month later, on 20th October another joy was a pair of bats, bigger than pipistrelles, flying in between the trees at the top of Moor Lane reminding how mild it was still well into October. On Nov 4th a group of four brambling visited the bird table for the morning along with all our regulars.

After dispersing into the fields, the tree sparrows are increasing in number again and with the tits, dunnocks and robins, sometimes queue up in anticipation of their morning 8 o'clock bounty. We had a brief invasion of redwing and fieldfares making a smash and grab raid on the prolific hedgerow berries and every now and then flocks of starlings sweep past in groups of 50 – 100.

Among visitors to the bird table – it sits on an old coal bunker adjacent to the back hedge – is a brave and persistent vole and, sometimes a field mouse. If the blue tits could raise an indignant eyebrow they would! As the evenings draw in, gangs of jackdaw fly back to roost after a day over in Nidderdale, telling us firmly it is time to stop working outside, go in and have a cup of tea. They are often followed by the calls of not so secretive pheasants disturbing the peace and a scolding blackbird telling them to be quiet.

Sawley Methodist Chapel Services

Dec 3rd at 2m Carol Service with Rev Ian Pruden

Dec 17th at 4pm United Christingle service at Sawley Church

2024

Jan 7th at 2pm Covenant service with Rev Ian Pruden

Jan 21st at 2pm Rev Gareth Baron

The members of Sawley Chapel would like to thank everyone who supported our Coffee and Gift morning, and those who have helped in any way over the past year. It is much appreciated.

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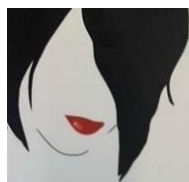
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