March 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

60p



Dear Friends

It's wonderful when one is caught up in contagious laughter, or a wave of happiness which one just cannot resist. Perhaps it happens often for you or perhaps it is rare. It's happened to me on all sorts of occasions (especially the laughter) and I've just been helpless, giggling idiotically along with others who have shared the moment.

Most of those occasions have been utterly trivial, but the sharing of joy happens at important moments, too, filling our lives and sweeping us along. For me, that relates to Easter above everything else.

As St Paul said, if Jesus did not rise from the dead then Christians are the most pitiful, deluded people in the world. But if (as I firmly believe, on historical grounds) he did... Then everything is transformed!

The trials of life, the evils of humanity, the uncertainties of the future,

our own sinfulness and weakness and everything else which can unsettle or threaten us – all are relegated to second-rate powers which will join death in the rubbish bin when Jesus, raised from the dead as he promised, returns in glory, as he has also promised. That is good news (which is what 'gospel' means) which can sweep us into a whole different experience of life.

So on the last day of this month, I shall be setting aside my deep resentment at losing an hour's sleep because of the clocks changing, and will rejoice in the glorious sharing of the words which traditionally herald the life-changing and joy-filling events of Easter day.

We are told that all nations and tribes and peoples and languages will one day unite in praise of the risen Christ, so:

Kristos tenestwal! Bergit tenestwal!

Christus ist auferstanden! Wahrlich Er ist auferstanden!

UKristu uvukile! Ngempela uvukile!

Khristus zmartwyckwstal! Zaprawde zmartwyckwstal!

Harisutos Fukkatsu! Jitsu ni Fukkatsu!

Khristos voskres! Voistinu voskres!

Kristus telah bangkit! Benar dia telah bangkit!

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

Alleluia!

Ian

(If you'd like to know which languages are represented above, have a look at the end of the list of services for the month.)

Fountains Benefice Services March 2024

Sunday 3rd March 9.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) at Mickley 10.30 am Holy Communion at Grewelthorpe

Morning Worship at Kirkby Malzeard	d
Morning Worship at Winksley	

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Sunday 10th March	10.30 am	Holy Communion at Aldfield Holy Communion at Grewelthorpe Holy Communion at Kirkby Malzeard Morning Worship at Sawley online Compline via Zoom		
Sunday 17th March	10.30 am	Holy Communion at Mickley Methodist Service at Grewelthorpe Informal Worship at Kirkby Malzeard Holy Communion at Winksley Evening Prayer (BCP) at Aldfield		
Sunday 24th March	10.15 am	procession from Grewelthorpe School,		
followed by Palm Sunday	10.30 am	All-Age Service at Grewelthorpe Morning Worship at Kirkby Malzeard Holy Communion at Sawley		
Monday 25th	8.00 pm	brief Reflection and Compline, 1 Hazel Close, Grewelthorpe		
Tuesday 26th	8.00 pm	brief Reflection and Compline, Maryfield Farm, Grewelthorpe		
Wednesday 27th	8.00 pm	brief Reflection and Compline, venue tbc		
Maundy Thursday 28th 7.30 pm Benefice Holy Communion at Kirkby Malzeard				
Good Friday 29th	10.00 am	Service of Meditation on the Cross at		
	2.00 pm	Aldfield 'The Last Hour' at Sawley		

NB - the clocks change

Sunday 31st March $\overline{7.00}$ am Holy Communion at the Chapel of the Resurrection, Dallowgill

EASTER DAY!! 9.00 am Holy Communion at Mickley

10.30 am Holy Communion at Grewelthorpe

Family Holy Communion at Kirkby

Malzeard

Holy Communion at Winksley

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

The languages in the Rector's letter are, in the order they appear: Amharic, German, Zulu, Polish, Japanese, Ukrainian, Indonesian (and English). If you happen to know that any of those are wrong, please tell Mr. Google, not lan.

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.

The Lent group meeting replaces this session in March, but we will meet for prayer again at **9.30 am on Saturday 6th April, at The Rectory** in Kirkby Malzeard. Light breakfast is available. It's been a real encouragement to see more people at recent gatherings and we would love others to commit to this important time. See you there!

<u>Donations to the Fountain</u> Thank you to those who have already given their distributor a contribution towards printing costs of the Fountain. We are extremely grateful to everyone who makes a donation, as well as to our advertisers and other donors, such as Grantley Hall and one local charity.

We want to continue providing The Fountain as widely as possible across our villages and wouldn't want anyone to stop receiving the magazine because they can't pay the suggested donation, but we do need to encourage all who can do so, to make a contribution. Costs have risen considerably over the past year.

If you can help and have not already done so, please pass a donation to your distributor or send it to Ian Kitchen at the Rectory.

Alternatively, you can make a payment direct to the benefice bank account:

Account name Fountains Group of Parishes

Account number 04130219 Sort Code 54-30-46

Very many thanks.

Lent Course

Our Lent course this year is focusing on the idea of pilgrimage. Meetings, which began last month, last about an hour and continue in March:

On Wednesday evenings, <u>online via Zoom</u> at 7.30 pm, on 6th, 13th & 20th March.

For Zoom links, contact ian.kitchen@leeds.anglican.org

On Saturday mornings at Liz Jarvis' house, Rose Farm, Low

Grantley, at 10.30 am on 2nd, 9th & 16th March. This is the last house going east through Low Grantley. We will make sure it's obvious, for those who have not been here before! If you would like a lift, please contact lan on 650369

Confirmation

Confirmation can be a very important time in our Christian lives and church experience. It's a time when we declare our commitment to God and, if we were baptised as children, make for ourselves the promises which were made for us then. We are hoping to have a Confirmation service in the summer of 2024, and anyone from any of our villages who thinks they may be interested in taking this important step should contact Ian (01765 650369, ian.kitchen@leeds.anglican.org) to have an initial chat about what is involved and to find out about preparation sessions. No one is committed to anything by this. Adults and young people are all welcome: the latter should be no younger than the top year of primary school. There is absolutely *no* upper age limit!

Safeguarding

Making sure that everyone is safe in our activities is crucial for the life of our churches. All church officers and members of the church councils, as well as the ministry team, are obliged to keep up regular training in different aspects of safeguarding. It is not just a box we need to tick but an expression of our love for one another.

The most basic level of training is a very short, online course. It is very helpful and can be quite an eye-opener as to why this topic is so important. If anyone in our parishes would be interested in going through this course to expand your understanding, please have a word with your Parish Safeguarding Officer (details in church) or with Ian.

Dallowgill service

Our Easter morning service at the Chapel of the Resurrection this year will take place at 7.00 am rather than the usual 6 o'clock. This is because the clocks go forward that morning (March 31st) and to stick to the usual time would feel unreasonably cruel to those who like to attend. It is always a great occasion. Last year more than 30 of us gathered to worship as the sun rose and we hope to welcome even more this year. 7 o'clock, remember!

Fountains Parish Events

Friday 22nd March 7.30pm - Domino Drive - Winksley Parish Room

Girlguiding Fountains

Our units all enjoyed the Burns Night celebrations with thistles and flags for craft items and shortbread and haggis tasters, which went down well. The girls received a Girlguiding Scotland badge, 'let's get mooving' featuring a Highland cow – very appropriate for our leaders Beth who lived in Scotland and Hayley, who had highland cows.

The Chinese/ Lunar New Year also provided a lively celebration, with dragon keyrings, dragon making and dances as well as making dog, rooster and pig masks to represent the years in which the Rainbows were born. Girls received this year's fun Lunar badge, collecting badges for our camp blankets is important as we attend County and National camps where we all wear or snuggle into camp blankets for the campfires.

All the units have worked on unit meeting activities and skill builders which will enable us to earn badges as we achieve 'Know Myself' in Brownies and Rainbows, while the Guides work on 'Express Myself' or 'Skills for my Future'.

We are all looking forward to the lighter nights and planning sleepovers and camps for next term. The girls take an active role in preparations, they generally have some exciting ideas for activities.

'Kettle's On'

Winksley Parish Room





Pop-Up Cafe

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

Saturday 2nd March Saturday 6th April 2-4pm

ALL WELCOME

Fountains Benefice invites you to a

Spring Away Day at Parcevall Hall

Tuesday 9th April
10am – 4pm

The theme of the day will be 'Draw closer to Jesus'

We are hoping that the day will be one of reflection and relaxation, with some teaching, worship, and time to stroll around the beautiful gardens at Parcevall Hall, Appletreewick.

Lunch will be included, costs to be confirmed. For more information, or to book a place, please contact Billie Elliott (church warden, Kirkby Malzeard) on billy_elliott12@yahoo.co.uk

Galphay



Galphay Village Institute Pop up Café Come and join us at Galphay Village Hall on Saturday 23th March, from 10 am to 1pm,

to enjoy a breakfast butty, home baked cake, coffee, and tea.

The café is well established and is an ideal place to meet up and chat to other locals whilst enjoying a freshly prepared breakfast and mouthwatering cake.

For more information, visit our website at www.galphay.org, or just pop in and receive a warm welcome and table service.

On 23rd March, at the village hall, there will be an EASTER BONNET/ HAT COMPETITION with prizes for the most creative.

Bring along your entries for the competition by 11.30 on 23rd.

The winners will be announced at 12.30 pm, followed by the awarding of prizes.

You know the old saying:

'You've got to be in it to win it!'

Galphay Village Hall is for hire. It's an ideal venue for children's parties and events.

Either visit the website @ www.galphay.org or contact Claire Marsh on 07958135389, email ATHA2@sky.com

Grantley

Help Wanted

We very much need someone to take over the delivery of the Fountain magazine in Grantley (just under 40 copies) each month. A little stroll around the village, bringing interest and information into people's lives - what could be nicer? Please get in touch with Ian Kitchen if you would be willing to help with this. We would like to have someone new in the role for delivering the next magazine, at the end of March.

A Ceilidh, featuring The Roosters Band, will be held on Saturday 23rd March in the Village Hall.

Contact Stuart Wicks for tickets (07485 638131/ stuartwicks64@btinternet.com.

Grewelthorpe

Grewelthorpe Village Hall March 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)

THE BIG GREEN PIZZA TRUCK IS BACK! GREWELTHORPE VILLAGE HALL - Friday 8th March - 5.30 to 8.30pm

Refreshments available at the Village Hall Café
Hot & cold drinks / Wine & Beer / Eat in or Takeaway

Future dates: 5th April, 10th May, 14th June

Earthpath Drumming Circle - Connect to the heart-beat of the Earth, raise your vibration & experience healing energy as we drum to nature's rhythm. Wednesday 27th March 7-8pm £5.

No experience is necessary and spare drums will be available.

All welcome. Contact Jane: 07920 196710.

<u>Saturday 30th March Greaves and Feltham</u> Nine Below Zero's founding members were a smash hit when they performed in Grewelthorpe in 2022. Dennis Greaves and Mark Feltham have gone back to their blues roots to perform as a duo, covering songs by some blues legends. They also play unplugged versions of well known Nine Below Zero tracks from their new album.

Doors open 7pm for an 8pm start. Tickets £20 available from Grewelthorpe Village Hall during café opening hours or visit

https://www.wegottickets.com/grewelthorpe

A DATE FOR THE DIARY- Grewelthorpe Village Hall will be holding our AGM on Tuesday 16th April, at 7.00pm, at the Hall. Please come along if you can. Everyone welcome!

Regular Classes

<u>Pilates with Elizabeth</u> Mondays 4th,11th,18th and 25th March. 7:30-8:30pm <u>Yoga with Jo Parker</u> Tuesdays 5th, 12th, and 19th March. 6:30-8pm <u>Ducklings Play Group</u> Thursdays 7th, 14th, and 21st March. 10:30am – 12:00

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

Pilates with Gill Thursdays 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th March. 6:30pm-7:30pm.

Music Interest Group Tuesday 5th March. 7:00pm - 9:00pm in the café

area. As always just bring along any music you wish to share. For more information contact David Coates 01765 658741 or musela@btinternet.com

<u>Grewelthorpe WI</u> Thursday 7th March. Visit to Uredale Glass, Masham. Contact Mary Wilson 01765 650474 or Terri Duncanson email :<u>terridunk@hotmailco.uk</u> Tel 07821162401

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

<u>Community Lunch</u> Tuesday 12th March 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.

<u>Grewelthorpe Gardeners' Club</u> Wednesday 20th March. Diaries, Dahlias and Deadlines. Peter Mathers will talk about the gardens associated with famous literary figures. Members free. Guests £3 Refreshments available from 7:30pm. New members are always welcome. Contact Delia 01765 609930

<u>VILLAGE HALL WEBSITE</u> For more information about activities, events, facilities and to access our online booking system visit

www.grewelthorpevillagehall.co.uk

<u>WHAT'S ON IN GREWELTHORPE</u> If you would like to be kept up to date you can subscribe to this e-newsletter by request at <u>whatsongrewelthorpe@gmail.com</u>

St James' and the Methodist Church

Dates for your diaries.....

Next G-Club Wednesday 13th March 6-7pm held in Church.

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

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

Lent Lunches in Grewelthorpe Church continue each Monday 4th, 11th,18th March. The last one will be 25th March. 12.00-1.30pm.

Enjoy a simple lunch of delicious home-made soup, bread roll and cheese and biscuits.

Donations to be shared between Christian Aid and Church funds.

Jumble Sale in Grewelthorpe Village Hall, 23rd March, 10am-12noon.

Please think of us if you are having a Spring clear out.

We would be grateful for any clothes and shoes for men, women, and children. Also, toys, books, and bric-a-brac. Donations of handbags, bed linen, towels and curtains are also welcome.

More details to follow regarding collection etc.

In aid of Church Funds.

Kirkby Malzeard

Events at the Mechanics' Institute March 2024

Friday 1st: Music Night 7.30 pm Wednesday 6th: KMWI 7.15 pm

Friday 8th: 80's Night 7.30 pm - 80's playlist, live band, bar, cocktails,

80's dress! Tickets £10 on the door.

Wednesday 13th: Himalayan Gardens Talk by the Head and Deputy

Gardeners **7.30 pm**. Tickets £5 on the door.

Monday 25th: Parish Council Meeting 7.20 - 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, 10 - 12 noon **Lunch Club** - Tuesday 5th, 19th **Highside Singers** - Tuesday 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th - 7.30 - 9 pm

Yoga - Wednesday 6th, 13th, 20th 9.30 - 10.30 am Table Tennis - Wednesday 6th, 20th, 27th, 7 - 9 pm Monthly Tunes Evening - 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

Kirkby Green Day Organised by Kirkby in Bloom

At the Mechanics' Institute on Saturday 16th March, 11am-2pm. Barn owl nest-box building, Mini Wormery/Composting, Recycling and Upcycling, Children's activities. Preloved items for sale. Soup, tea, coffee and cakes from the WI. Tombola, Raffle and much more! All welcome!

The Annual Crocus Walk, in aid of Breast Cancer Now

Sunday 17th March at 1pm from Highside playing field. A choice of 2 routes (3 or 5 miles) no registration needed - just a donation on the day, please turn up, join a walk and enjoy refreshments in the pavilion at the finish. A regular village event in aid of a good cause - please join us.

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 information:ric.hill.4567@gmail.com



Kirkby Malzeard WI

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

March 6th Seated Yoga (subject to change)

April 3rd "From Trash to Treasure"
May 1st Blue Mouse Textile Felt
June 5th Flourish and Forage
July 3rd "Slow Boat to Ripon"

August 7th Outing – arrangements to be confirmed.

Anne Greenwood

Crafty Mondays

Fund raising for village events
Come and spend a few hours of
Art and Craft
9.30am - 2pm
Woodpeckers Cottage, Kirkby Malzeard

Refreshments & Light Lunch included £25 per person, per session Monday 8th April

Make an Heirloom Bunny

Monday 29th April

Crafting Flowers

Monday 13th May

Pretty Boxes

Please Contact Fiona for more information and day itinerary

Mobile: 07940 176981 or Email: fjrobertshaw@gmail.com Book early to avoid disappointment as ONLY 10 spaces available.

(Over 16's only please)

Kirkby Malzeard C of E Primary School

The school has had an exciting start to the Spring term and is building on the excellent Ofsted report achieved in November. Children love coming to the school and this is evident in all the community activities they so ably take part in, particularly a whole host of activities at the end of the autumn term.

Key stage 2 pupils were really excited about the Science Workshop in January on Electricity with Wild Science. The children discussed how to be safe around electricity, making and testing different circuits and investigating different electrical components with lots of hands-on activities.

New learning to read resources are in place for KS2 pupils which are in line with the approach currently used in EYFS and KS1. Children across the key stage are reading in small mixed age groups closely matched to their learning to read needs. This approach to learning to read includes not only decoding but fluency, prosody, comprehension, connection to reading and building confident readers with a life-long love of reading. They are all really looking forward to world book day on March 7th when they can explore their favourite literary characters.

Recently **Cedar class** have created David Hockney inspired pictures. The results are beautifully drawn using pastels with lots of vibrant colours and certainly reflect the panoramic scenes used by Hockney in his Yorkshire landscape work. Art lessons in **Oak class** have focused on colour theory with lots of practical learning. They have made colour wheels and studied how primary and secondary colours are used and mixed to make amazing designs. Acorn class have also loved painting to explore how they can use primary and secondary colours in their pictures.

There are a wide range of clubs running this term- netball for Year 3 and upwards, French with Ellen from Kidslingo, Music with Mrs Harris, Book and Biscuit club. Shine which is our planning club for whole school Collective Worship time will be meeting to look at how we will be celebrating our values of love, kindness, patience and peace: all faiths and non are welcome.

For more information about the school please email: admin@kirkbymalzeard.n-yorks.sch.uk or call: <u>01765 658329</u> 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 Preschool

It's been a busy 5 weeks back at preschool; we've spent lots of time talking about and looking at different types of weather. Fortunately enough for us, Mother Nature has lent a hand by sending, wind, rain, sun, ice, frost, fog and for the final week even some snow! The children have explored ice, made their own indoor snow gloop, blue ice decorations, wind socks and weather clocks.

We have been out in the snow to explore and the children enjoyed building our own preschool snowman.

We have some exciting events coming up in our fundraising bid for a new building:

Kirkby Bunnies – see separate poster.

Kirkby Malzeard Preschool Easter Draw tickets are £1 each. Prizes are Easter egg hampers. Tickets are available from preschool or any committee member. The draw will take place on Friday 22nd March.

Samantha Carson

Methodist Service in St. Andrews Lady Chapel

There will be a Methodist Service in the Lady Chapel on Sunday 31st March at 10.30 am. The preacher will be Richard Clark.

Dallowgill Chapel Methodist Services

Sunday 10th March Rev Ian Pruden at 2.00 pm Sunday 24th March Rev Gareth Baron at 2.00 pm Dallowgill Chapel invite everyone for a special Easter Sunday service at 4.00pm on 31st March. A bring and share tea will follow the service.

Kirkby Bunnies 2024

Who wants to go on a Bunny hunt?

There are 36 wooden Bunnies hidden around the Village, can
you find them all?

Find the bunnies, fill out your form and hand it back in to receive some sweets and be entered into a prize draw to win a hamper.

All of the bunnies are designed by the wonderful children in Kirkby Malzeard.

SATURDAY 23RD MARCH TIL SATURDAY 6TH APRIL

Forms are just £2 and can be bought in advance from Monday 11th March from Pre-School or during the event from Kirkby Stores. The Queens. Kirkby Fisheries and Highside Butchers.

All proceeds from the hunt will go to Kirkby Malzeard Pre-School as they raise funds for a new building.



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Mickley

MICKLEY NEWS

MICKLEY 100 CLUB

Wednesday 13th March

The March Film offering from the Mickley Film Club is Aftersun

This thought provoking coming of age film had its world premiere at the <u>Cannes Film Festival</u> on 21st May 2022, where Charlotte Wells, the Director, was nominated for the Golden Camera.

'Twenty years after their last holiday at a fading vacation resort, Sophie reflects on the rare time spent with her loving and idealistic father Calum. At 11-years-old, as the world of adolescence creeps into Sophie's view, Calum struggles under the weight of life outside of fatherhood. Sophie's recollections become a powerful and heartrending portrait of their relationship, as she tries to reconcile the father she knew with the man she didn't.'

This is the last in the series of Film Nights in Mickley. We will start again in October with some interesting offerings for you to come and enjoy.

Mickley Film Club, Mickley Village Hall, 7.00 for 7.30pm start. £5.00 for 100 Club Members, £7.50 for Visitors. All are welcome, pay on the door, donations bar and Ices available.

Friday 26th April

Back by popular demand, a **Bring and Share Indian Curry Night** will be held on Friday 26th April. Get creating your favourite curries to share with your neighbours and friends! Hopefully with some authentic Bollywood Dancing too.

MICKLEY BOYS' CLUB

We had almost a full house of members for our January lunch at the Staveley Arms, and a new member too, John Way. In February, as this issue goes to print, we shall be hosting Roger Chapman's talk on an expedition to Greenland and then on March 13th, we look forward to visiting Tennants in Leyburn. Our trip is timed to coincide with the week of the Spring Fine Sale, so we have reason to expect a fascinating experience as we enjoy a 'behind the scenes' tour.

Sadly, this report of interesting plans must conclude on a very different note; the loss of a greatly respected and popular member of our fraternity, Bill Carr. Bill had battled so bravely against his cruel cancer. We will certainly miss him and his capacity to speak knowledgeably about any topic. We offer our sincere condolences to Bill and Eleanor's family.

NATURE NOTES

What a wet winter, streams coming down our hill on the south, four lakes flooding to become two at Nosterfield Nature reserve, the river Ure going up and down like a roller coaster, the flood plains working overtime.

How has the barn owl fared given this rain and wind as it does not have waterproof feathering and relies on sound to hear it's dinner. Not seen since early December, then a large one was quartering south of the village in early February. Hurrah!

We had 3 visits from waxwings in the garden in December/January. This is because they love orange berries, such as the Rowan 'Joseph Rock', we have 3 of them. Fascinating battles between the berry police (2 mistle thrushes) and the wax wings. I think it was a draw! The berry police kept defending these trees until there were no berries left, so blackbirds, tits, sparrows had no chance.

The song thrush started singing at the end of January, about time too as it nests in Feb / March. By mid February, the garden chorus joined in especially the dunnocks and robins. In the fields the bull finches and long tailed tits are calling with their lovely song. The bird feeders remain busy as the temperature wobbles in single figures, so I hope we are all feeding the birds where we can. But don't forget to clean the feeders weekly to reduce any infection especially fungal.

MICKLEY OPEN GARDENS will be on SUNDAY JUNE 23rd.

Come and enjoy spectacular midsummer floral magic and delicious refreshments. Please make a note of the date and mark it in your diaries.

Full details will be published in the spring.

Sawley

Sawley Viilage Hall for March 2024

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 1st, 8th, 15th,22nd, 9 am

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

Dominoes Monthly Dominoes Friday 15th 7.30 pm **Table Tennis** – Mondays, 7.30pm

The Pool table – We now have a pool table in the committee room. On Mondays it is possible to play table tennis and pool and on <u>Friday 8th March</u> we shall have a games night including pool, table tennis, darts and board games and access to the bar!! 7.30 all welcome. £1.50.

50/50 Attic Sale

50 % to TWO RIDINGS COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

ANYTHING GOES: CHILDREN'S CLOTHES & EQUIPMENT, BRIC-A-BRAC, FAMILY HEIRLOOMS, ETC, ETC, ETC

SATURDAY 16TH MARCH 10AM – 4PM REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

TABLES £10

Email: pippanaylor@googlemail.com

Another special event

A brilliant Wednesday night theatre night out!!!!

Other Lives Productions

Around the World in 80 minutes.

Other lives productions present an evening of facts, fun and fast paced theatre including their adaptation of Jules Verne's classic novel.

WEDNESDAY 20TH MARCH 7.30PM

TICKETS £10. 01765 620250 or email sawleyvillagehall@gmail.com

Even another special night out!

Highside Singers – "Songs from the Shows!"

FRIDAY 22ND March 7.30pm

TICKETS £10. 01765 620250 OR email sawleyvillagehall@gmail.com

Bar and raffle in support of St. Michael's Hospice

Advanced notice

Saturday 6th April Fountains pre school Fashion Show!

Sawley Moor Lane Diary

We had a thick layer of snow which fell dramatically, lasted two days and then thawed steadily. Our reward was sightings of both barn owls once there was plenty of green, and the triumph of the snowdrops, happy in their survival.

They are the stars of the garden at the moment along with hellebores, some vinca, a few white and blue pulmonaria, the crocus which survived raids by mice and squirrels, a stubborn daisy, the promise of daffodils and magnolia stellata and the flowering of witch hazel, tinus and sarcococca. Our prunus autumnalis is full of pink blossom, hazel and alder catkins are in profusion in the hedgerows so maybe spring is really on its way!

Some birds are clearly starting to pair up and the robins are very protective of their territory.

Up Moor Lane there are graylag geese in some of the fields and we have seen passing flocks of lapwing and, the thrush has started singing from the top of our tallest tree!

SAWLEY ARTS GROUP

Dear All

This weather is preventing me from tackling the garden but thank goodness there are a couple of workshops for fun and distraction. The April one is new and I'm looking forward to having a go.

 Saturday 9th March. Mosaics for Easter Workshop. 10am – 2pm in Sawley Village Hall.

Cost £5 including all materials and tea/coffee/biscuits. If you'd like to come along, please telephone Rachel 01765 620373 or Arlene 01765 620250.

Saturday 13th April, Try your Hand at Patchwork. 10am – 2pm in SVH. The idea is to make a panel of patchwork – an easy one for beginners or something a bit more complex for those with sewing experience - which could be framed, used to make a cushion cover, canvas bag, etc. Cost £5 including materials and tea/coffee/biscuits. Arlene 01765 620250

Best wishes Jacky, Arlene, Jo, Rachel, 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 singing, scarecrow making, sculpture, salsa dancing or something not beginning with S! We'd love to hear from you.

Sawley Methodist Church Centenary in 2024

Sawley Methodist Church is 100 years old this year! We are planning a series of events between April and September this year to celebrate.

We are launching the centenary on Sunday 7 April at 2pm with a special service. I am writing now as we plan over the actual 100-year anniversary, 18 and 19 May to hold an exhibition of history. Sawley residents, do you have any pictures or artefacts you could lend us over that weekend? If so, can you get them to Janet Watson in the village? The plan is to have the chapel open between 1pm and 5pm on Saturday 18 May. Then we will be holding our centenary service at 2pm on Sunday 19 May when the preacher will be the Rev Richard Teal, past President of the Methodist Conference. We would love to see the chapel full that afternoon.

We are also inviting some former ministers back to lead worship this year. Watch out for details. We are also planning a reunion service for those baptised or married in the chapel on the first Sunday of July. More details will follow.

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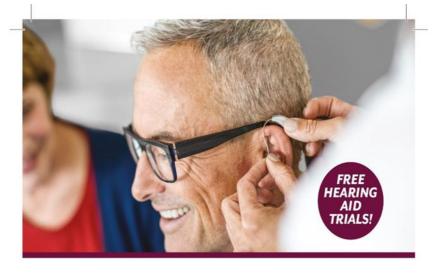
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