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THE FOUNTAIN

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

60p

Dear Friends,



Reading an article about how trees are able to ‘talk’ to each other reminded me of those first school science lessons. Apart from drawings of amoebas or dissecting worms (probably no longer allowed), it was learning about the vast, hidden world of

microorganisms beneath our feet that captured the imagination.

Examining the intricate ecosystem within soil was fascinating, as was understanding its essential role for the growth and survival of countless plant species, including trees. Through a symbiotic relationship between roots and mycorrhizal fungi, trees communicate and share vital resources, forming a hidden network that sustains entire ecosystems. Nutrients pass from one tree to another along these fungal highways, enabling stronger trees to support weaker ones. Also, when a tree is under attack by pests, underground signals travel along the same highways, warning other trees of the danger. The largest mycorrhizal network discovered so far connects 47,000 trees.

Below ground, a quiet, deliberate rhythm of growth, decay, and renewal continues - one that predates us as humans. We need only consider the ancient oaks to be reminded that nature is both enduring and complete.

This manifestation of nature’s creative power suggests a deeper sense of meaning: a glimpse of divine care woven into creation. Unlike human life, so often driven by ambition and desire, a tree simply exists as part of a greater natural plan. Perhaps that is the lesson for us. The same divine power that gives the oak its beautiful majesty also enables humans to connect with it.

Next time you walk through a wood, pause for a moment. Listen. Imagine the underground world of activity beneath your feet—a quiet, steady exchange of communication older than human language. To rest against a tree is to encounter a different perspective on God’s attentive care and provision for everything on our planet: one that invites us to see the world not as separate parts, but as a profoundly interconnected whole.

With love and prayers,
Liz

Services in Fountains Benefice, May 2026

**“Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.”
[the Message: Book of Common Prayer]**

3 rd May	9.00 am	Holy Communion, Mickley
5 th Sunday		<i>Andrew</i>
of Easter (W)	10.30 am	Holy Communion
		Grewelthorpe <i>Andrew</i>
	10.30am	Morning Worship, Kirkby
		Malzeard <i>Liz</i>
	10.30am	Morning Worship, Winksley
		<i>Adrian</i>
	[2.00pm	Methodist Service, Sawley
		Chapel] <i>Ian P tbc</i>
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10 th May	9.00 am	Holy Communion, Aldfield
6 th Sunday		<i>Andrew</i>
of Easter (W)	10.30 am	Holy Communion, Kirkby
		Malzeard <i>Andrew</i>
	10.30am	Morning Worship, Sawley <i>Liz</i>
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17 th May	9.00 am	Holy Communion, Mickley <i>Andrew</i>
7 TH Sunday Easter (W)	10.30 am	Methodist Service, Grewelthorpe <i>tb</i>
	10.30am	Morning Worship, Kirkby Malzeard <i>Liz</i>
	10.30am	Holy Communion, Winksley <i>Andrew</i>
	6.00 pm	Evening Prayer, Aldfield <i>Liz</i>
24 th May	10.30am	Morning Worship, Grewelthorpe <i>Adrian</i>
Pentecost (R)	10.30am	Holy Communion, Sawley <i>Andrew</i>
Whit Sunday	6.00pm	Lambing Service, Dallowgill <i>Adrian</i>
31 st May	10.30am	Benefice Holy Communion Mickley <i>Andrew, Liz, Adrian</i>
Trinity Sunday (W)		

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



Church Notices

Burial of Ashes – Barry Marr on 24 March

Funeral and Burial – Francis David Marsden 14 April

Fountains Parish

Garden Fete

Saturday 23rd May

Winksley Church at 2pm

Toys, Books and Jigsaws
Cake stall, Raffle, Tombola
Children's Games
Plants and Teas

All Welcome



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

We are hoping to increase the stalls and attractions at our annual Parish Garden Fete at Winksley. We need ideas for new (or old) stalls and sideshows, and volunteers to help set up and run them. If you are able to help, in any way, please do get in touch: Yvonne 07889 927785 email yfleetham@aol.com or Bridget on 07740 423138 email northbridget@yahoo.co.uk or Christine on 01765 620208.

Friday 29th May 7.30pm – Domino Drive – Winksley Church Room



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

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

Saturday 2nd May
2-4pm

ALL WELCOME

Fountains Book Club

For March we read 'The Frozen River' by Ariel Lawhon and it provoked a good deal of quite diverse topics of discussion. How has America really developed since the American War of Independence? How does America of the time compare with Britain of the time? We compared American health care with our NHS (with a genuine gratitude for it!). We talked about justice systems through the ages and areas. All these prompted by the book and we even managed to discuss the book too.

The book opens with a body, presumed murdered, found frozen in a river and the story unfolds with finding the murderer as its loose central theme. It

follows the life of a real-life woman, Martha, the town midwife and her pioneering work and behaviour, protecting women and fighting for justice in a male centred judiciary system. Many topics are covered including murder, rape, baby 'disposal', the justice system, the midwife role, attitudes towards women and the daily life of remote American civilisation at the time. This led some to find the book 'long, slow and grizzly' but others could not put it down and finished it in a couple of reading sessions despite it being over 600 pages long. Some struggled with the beginning and others with the lack of 'neat' resolution at the end. Some found the characters too good to be true and a bit caricature like but all found Martha a real inspiration.

Despite provoking many different reactions the book was enjoyed. Many would not have chosen it off the bookshelf but were pleased to have read it.

Next month we are reading 'Vianne' by Joanne Harris and meeting at Claire Wakefield's on 11th May.

Girlguiding Fountains

Our units have all been busy completing badges this term. Girls work towards badges for skill builders on one of six themes, when added to the games and activities around the theme counts towards a theme award. This can be completed with an interest badge, which is normally completed at home. Interest badges have ranged from drawing, growing and family tree in Rainbows: imagination, aviation, baking, animal helper and crafts in Brownies and mixology, stitcher and code breaking in Guides. Girls can then work towards completing two themes to achieve a bronze award, four themes for a silver award and all six themes plus an extra section to achieve a gold award. We have been very excited to present some of these awards to the girls, representing all their hard work, skills and achievements over a wide range of topics.

The girls have all enjoyed creating gifts for their mothers on Mothering Sunday. They also celebrated Easter through a variety of challenges, crafts and games.

We are now looking forward to enjoying the lighter evenings which gives us the opportunity to spend more time outside.

Galphay

Pilates with Dee at Galphay Village Institute

Every Thursday (9am)



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Grantley

Grantley Village Hall

Dominoes

Monday 4th May and 1st June 7.30pm. Raffle and light refreshments

Strength and Conditioning Fitness Class with Sue White

Every Friday 9.15 – 10.15am

Dance

Saturday 30th May. Raffle and light refreshments

Winksley cum Grantley YFC

May is a busy month for the Young Farmers with a lot to prepare for the District Rally at Scarah Bank farm on 9th May and then the County Rally on 23rd May at Thirsk Auction Mart. We send all the competitors our best wishes for enjoyable and successful days at the Rallies.

Save the date

Oktoberfest – Saturday 26th September.

Centenary Plans

We are looking to collect photos, stories and memories of the life of our Village Hall and its part in the community. We'd then like to put all the information together as a part of the hall's centenary in 2029.

If you know of anyone who has anything they'd like to share, please do get in touch with Alison Locke or via the Grantley Community fb page. We'd love to hear from you.

Grewelthorpe

Grewelthorpe Village Hall May 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 29th May 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 16 May 2026 - Hot Club Du Nord

Emma Fisk's Hot Club du Nord brings to life the classic 1930s and 40s repertoire of Django Reinhardt and Stephane Grappelli's Hot Club de France. Featuring British Jazz Awards Nominee Emma Fisk on violin and the exceptional talents of James Birkett and David Harris (guitars) and Bruce Rollo (double bass). The band encompasses a wealth of experience, knowledge and love of the hot club/ gypsy jazz style.

A treat for connoisseurs of swinging, string jazz and lovers of all things vintage!

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

Regular Classes

Pilates with Elizabeth Mondays 4th and 18th May 7:30pm -8:30pm

Yoga with Jo Parker Tuesdays 5th, 12th and 19th May. 6:30-8pm

Ducklings Play Group Thursdays 7th, 14th and 21st May. 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 May.6:30pm-7:30pm.

Earthpath Drumming Circle Wednesday 13th May. 7pm. All welcome. £5 No experience necessary & spare drums will be available. Contact: Jane 07920196710

Grewelthorpe WI Thursday 7th May. Veronica Bird OBE - Talk entitled 'Prison to Palace '

Veronica is one of the 1st female prison governors of a male prison, and co-author of a book reflecting her life and career. We will hear about her experiences, transforming failing prison institutions, meeting some of the 20th century's most notorious inmates, and much more.

Open to non-members £4. 7.30 for 8pm start. Light refreshments provided. Contact Mary Wilson 01765 650474 or Terri Duncanson email terridunk@hotmail.co.uk Tel 07821162401

Community Lunch Tuesday 12th May. £6, in the café. A homemade 2 course hot dinner and pudding, served by our friendly Hackfall Cafe

volunteers. Extra portions for freezing can be ordered in advance. Call Susan Rizos on 01765 658200 to order your meal. Please state any dietary requirements.

Grewelthorpe Gardeners' Club Wednesday 27th May. Wartime Gardening with Marilyn Elm. Refreshments available from 7:30pm with talk start at 8pm. Contact Mike 01765 658990 or Delia delia.jerome21@gmail.com for queries/information.

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

www.grewelthorpevillagehall.co.uk

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

St James' and the Methodist Church, Grewelthorpe

Dates for your diaries.....

G Club

will be held in Grewelthorpe Church on Wednesday, 13th May 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.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Tuesday, 19th May 2026 at 7.00 pm in the Church

All members of our congregation and those on the electoral roll are most welcome to attend the meeting

Find out what is going on in your Church.

Tractor Run in aid of the Church Restoration Project 14th June Meeting on the Village Green and travelling around the local area.

Look out for further details.

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.

Kirkby Malzeard

Mechanics Institute Village Hall: May 2026

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

Monday 4th: **KM Flower & Produce Show Plant Sale 10 am - 12 noon**

Wednesday 6th: **Kirkby Malzeard WI 7.15 pm**

Monday 18th: **Parish Council Meeting 7.30 pm**

Friday 29th: **Quiz Night 7.30 pm**

Sunday 31st: **Coffee, Cake and Chat 9.15 am**

Regular Classes:

Table Tennis - Monday 11th, 18th, 25th 10 - 12 noon

Pilates - Monday 18th 4 - 5 pm

Coffee, Click & Connect - Tuesday 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th 10 - 12 noon

Lunch Club - Tuesday 5th, 19th

Highside Singers - 5th, 12th, 19th 7.30 pm

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

Table Tennis - Wednesday 13th, 20th, 27th 6.30 - 8.30 pm

Monthly Tunes Evening - Wednesday 20th 7 - 9 pm

Youth Club - Thursday 7th 6.30 - 8 pm

Fit to be Free - Thursday 14th, 21st, 28th 7 - 8 pm

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

Kirkby Malzeard WI At The Mechanics Institute

May 6th @ 7.15pm – Members' Social Evening

June 3rd – Harrogate Theatre Through the Years with Hannah Draper

Contact: Anne Greenwood 01765 658557

KM FAMILY FESTIVAL

Sunday 7th June 2026

With Award-winning Crackpots Trail Run

Back for another Family Day at the
Highside Playing Fields in Kirkby Malzeard!
This is for everyone - Come Along and Enjoy!

If you are interested in taking part in the run visit the
Crackpots Trail Run 2026 - RaceBest website to find out more
and to register email hello@crackpots.run

Also so much to enjoy during the day with Food, Bar,
Music, Stalls, and games

Do not miss the amazing set from DJ Rory Hoy- as he
returns for another year of fabulous music &
entertainment



St Andrew's Church Community

Art Exhibition & Flower Festival

St Andrew's Church
Kirkby Malzeard

Fri 8th May 1-4

Sat 9th May 10-4

Tea and Homemade Cakes

Kirkby Malzeard Summer Ball



Saturday 13th June 2026

7pm till late

At The Highside Playing Fields (Marquee)

Prosecco on arrival

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Bar

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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 service will be Sunday May 31st.

Kirkby Malzeard C of E Primary School

As always, it was a very busy end to the Spring Term. It has been a really productive time with so much going on and all the pupils working exceptionally hard. The enthusiasm the children have brought into the classroom was wonderful to see.

Many parents, carers and family members attended our Easter celebration to share a special achievement chosen by each pupil and enjoy tea and special Easter treats.

This year the theme for Comic Relief, Red Nose Day was 'Take Yourself Funny for Money' by taking life a little less seriously and poking fun at ourselves. The school council decided to invite everyone to dress-up for the day with the children coming dressed as adults and adults coming dressed as children for the day! They also hosted some fantastically funny taskmaster inspired activities over the lunch time. The total raised was in excess of £140 which was amazing. Well done everyone.

Acorn Class have been busy making castles and applying for a job in a castle! I wonder who will get the role of Minstrel, Knight or Cook? They also decorated a beautiful Easter tree. Palm Class have also reflected on their talents and about the jobs they might do. They found there was so much variety from spies to singers, gymnasts to engineers, music producers to NASA scientists and more. Oak Class have studied shapes in maths and children have enjoyed investigating 2D polygons and 3D shapes, including learning about polyhedrons and Cedar class were inspired by the artwork of Frida Kahlo and enjoyed experimenting with colour and objects.

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

Twelve of us thoroughly enjoyed our craft session last month and all came away with an individual piece of enamelling aided by the skills and gentle tuition from Heather Croft.

We had hoped to host a Mickley Walk in May, but sadly our lead walker has taken a tumble, so we will have to defer that outing.

Old Sleningford Hall Gardens, Mickley, will once again be open for visitors on Saturday and Sunday 30th and 31st May as part of the National Garden Scheme. Entrance fee is £7.50 and can be prebooked on the NGS Website (ngs.org.uk)

The main thing that Mickley is getting busy with is preparing for MICKLEY OPEN GARDENS - this will be taking place on Sunday 14th June, (please see the Poster in the Magazine with full details). We do hope you are free to come and have a wander through the village, enjoying all that we will have on offer from 11.00 - 4.00pm. There will be around 20 gardens for you to view and gain inspiration from. We hope you can come along and enjoy the day.

A little reminder from Brenda May, that the Annual £6.00 payment for The Fountain is due, please drop off any money with Brenda. Many thanks.

Louise Liddle

Mickley Boys' Club

As this issue goes to print, the Club looks forward to its April visit to Bishop Auckland, the Palace and the Gardens, the Spanish Gallery with its famous paintings and the Faith Museum. That is not all, because there is the Mining Art Gallery and the Town Observation Tower, treats in themselves. We may be spoilt for choice. In May there will be the monthly lunch, again at The White Bear, Masham.

Peter Liddle



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14 June
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Sawley

SAWLEY VILLAGE HALL – MAY

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.

Friday 8th May Family Games Night 6.30pm Rounders and Jigsaws (weather permitting)

Friday 15th May 7.30pm Dominoes

Saturday 16th May Sawley Big Quiz

£5 per person

7.30pm

Tables of no more than 6

Cash prizes

Raffle

Food will be available on the night to purchase.

(donations of raffle prizes on the night please)

Thursday 21st May - The Parish Council is holding a meeting at Sawley Village Hall. Sawley parishioners are encouraged to attend from 7.00pm until 7.15pm prior to the Councils main meeting.

Studley

Studley Roger and Aldfield Village Hall

The hall is back up and running very successfully. If you have any enquiries about events in the hall, or if you wish to make a booking, please contact jomartinbloodgood@gmail.com

The events for May are as follows:

Friday, May 1st 6:30 – 8:30 Pizza Night. Come over and order your pizza from Bonnie and Clyde then enjoy your meal at the hall or take your pizza home.

Tuesday May 2nd 7:30 Friends of Studley Roger and Aldfield Hall. Everyone welcome to hear what has been happening in the hall and planning for future events.

Wednesday May 20th 2 – 4 pm A chance to plant up a hanging basket or pots with materials from Tate's Garden Centre.

Every Monday 11-11:45 am Zumba.

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