

November 2025

THE FOUNTAIN

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Sawley & Winkesley (Fountains Parish), Azerley, Dallowgill, Galphay, Grantley,
Grewelthorpe, Kirkeby Malzeard, Laverton, Mickley & Studley*

60p



The Turning of the Season...

Dear Friends,

One of the joys of living in Grewelthorpe is having the wonderful Himalayan Garden and Sculpture Park just up the hill! Before moving

here, I was given annual membership as a farewell gift by the staff and governors of the church primary school in my last parish, after being a Foundation Governor for nine years.

It was a beautiful gift, and I must have used it nearly two dozen times in 2024, enjoying the early delight of azaleas and rhododendrons in full bloom to the end-of-season glory of the handsome maples. Jo and I visited on numerous occasions, regularly inviting family, friends and colleagues along – not to mention the dogs. It was a great place for a refreshing walk, a quiet chat and a tasty lunch; so much so that we re-joined this year – and did it all over again!

So, it was a lovely surprise to be invited to organise and lead a Quiet Day there for the Leeds Diocesan Spirituality Team in June. Thankfully, the weather was marvellous, the gardens – though a little past their late-Spring best – were still lovely, and the helpful staff made the two dozen of us attending very welcome. The feedback was warm and positive, so we plan a repeat in 2026.

During my recent walks there – largely with colleagues and those seeking a

quiet place to walk and talk – it has been very clear that summer is over and autumn upon us. Mercifully, the leaves, though beautiful in their golds and crimsons, have been clinging on, despite the storms of recent days. Perhaps as a result, I've recently found myself reflecting on Autumn, and how its 'closure' impacts our hearts and lives.

Suzannah Lipscomb, a professor emerita of Roehampton University, wrote recently in the Church Times of her struggles to let go of the warmth of summer: The sight of unpicked blackberries withering on the branch, and green acorns turning brown on the paths, is a piquant symbol of the end of summer. ... The swallows will disappear. Autumn will come, and, with it, another beauty arrives: morning mists, low sun, the changing colours of the leaves. Perhaps beauty is partly melancholic; perhaps the very loveliness of anything earthly rests on the fact that it does not last.

How easy it is to cling to the present – especially those things or moments which, though often imperfect, are at least familiar – in our nervousness about the future, simply because we don't know what it will bring. One thing that Nature teaches us about life is that change is normal, and has to be expected.

Without change, and learning to adapt to change, organisms die. As Robert Frost's poem puts it, "Nothing Gold Can Stay". What Nature at large can show us – and not just delicate, colourful butterflies emerging from their tough, drab chrysalises – is that whilst we may not relish change, or understand exactly how it will affect us, we can be reassured that if we actually submit to the process, we usually emerge at the other end better suited to what life then demands of us. Nature reminds us that spring's warmth follows autumn and winter's cold, just as day follows night.

A few niggles recently have caused me to reflect on my own mortality. Even in my early sixties, I'm painfully aware that I'm not as fit as I used to be, and my memory is not quite as good as it was! The media and social media influencers would suggest that my best years are way behind me. Yet I've been reminded recently of a lovely verse from the Old Testament (Isaiah Ch 46 verse 4, NLT), in which God reassures us that He doesn't abandon us in old age, but continues to value us, care for us, and provide for us right to the end of our lives:

“I will be your God throughout your lifetime — until your hair is white with age. I made you, and I will care for you. I will carry you along and save you.”

For those of us who have allowed Jesus’ promise of forgiveness, and his offer of a share in the life of eternity, to become the central truths of our lives, there is this beautiful reality – that our autumn years can be even more fruitful than those of our mid- life; and that the grim inevitability of Death is followed and gloriously surpassed by the Resurrection that He promises us; just as the bleak and killing cold of winter naturally gives way to the beauty and life-giving warmth of spring. And this gift of Life, ‘life in all its fullness’, as Jesus used to call it, is offered freely to us all!

Revd Andrew Cromarty, Associate Priest, Fountains Benefice

Services in Fountains Benefice in November 2025

*‘Even to your old age and grey hairs I am he, I am he who will sustain you. I have made you and I will carry you; I will sustain you and I will rescue you.’
(Isaiah 46.4)*

All Saints’ Sunday 2 nd Nov	9.00 am	BCP Holy Communion, Mickley <i>Andrew</i>
	10.30 am	Holy Communion, Kirkby Malzeard <i>Andrew</i>
	2.00pm	Memorial Service, shared with Methodists, Sawley Church <i>Liz & Ian P</i>
Remembrance Sunday, 9 th Nov	9.00am	Holy Communion, Aldfield <i>Andrew</i>
	10.30am	Service of Remembrance, Winksley <i>Andrew</i>
	10.45am	Service of Remembrance, Grewelthorpe <i>Liz</i>
	11.30am	Act of Remembrance, Kirkby Malzeard <i>Andrew</i>
Sunday 16 th Nov	10.30 am	Methodist Holy Communion, Grewelthorpe <i>Ian</i>

	10.30am	Morning Worship, Kirkby Malzeard <i>Adrian</i>
	10.30am	Holy Communion, Winksley <i>Andrew</i>
Sunday 23 rd Nov	9.00am	Holy Communion, Mickley <i>Andrew</i>
	10.30 am	Morning Worship, Grewelthorpe <i>Adrian</i>
	10.30am	Holy Communion, Sawley <i>Andrew</i>
Advent Sunday 30 th Nov	10.30am	Benefice Holy Communion, Sawley <i>Bishop Anna and the Ministry Team</i>
	6.00pm	Service of Light, Aldfield <i>Adrian</i>
	6.00pm	Contemporary Worship, Kirkby Malzeard

***For further information about services please contact Revd.Andrew
Cromarty (administrator) 01765 507479
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"With you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light." (Psalm 36 v 9)

From the churches' registers

Baptisms

Hector William D'Arcy EWENS - St Andrew's, Kirkby Malzeard, 5th October.

Weddings

Olivia Fiona RILEY and Jack Charrington PRATT 11th October at St Mary's, Studley.

Funerals

Peter Malcolm TRENHOLME 29th September at St James and the Methodist Church, Grewelthorpe.

George Rowand BANHAM 29th September, St. Cuthbert & St. Oswald Church, Winksley.

Barry MARR 6th October at St James and the Methodist Church, Grewelthorpe.

Noreen HUGHES 30th October Internment of Ashes at St. Cuthbert & St. Oswald Church, Winksley.

Mike Harford-Cross

I'd like to thank all Mike's friends and previous patients who have sent letters, cards and messages to me following his death last month, and everyone who came to his funeral.

Your recollections, anecdotes and memories have been truly uplifting and helped me through this difficult time.

Please excuse me for not writing to you all individually, but be assured of my heartfelt gratitude for your support.

Elizabeth Harford-Cross

Mary's meals (marysmeals.org.uk) have approached us, asking if we would be willing to hold a collection in our churches, on their behalf, of unused or returned overseas currency and out-of-date British currency. They sell these at a good rate to raise funds for their charity. They are an increasingly well-known international Scottish-based children's charity (reg no. SCO45223) who are now serving over 3 million free school meals every school day to children in some of the poorest countries in the world. On their website (see link above) they explain:

A nutritious daily meal served at school not only satisfies a child's immediate hunger, but it encourages children to attend consistently, improves their ability to learn and gives them better opportunities through education. Over the years we have witnessed our volunteer-led school feeding programme act as a catalyst for generational change, empowering families and communities to work together in the fight against hunger and poverty.

The churchwardens have agreed to us holding this collection in all of our churches. There will be collecting jars in each church from the 9th to the 23rd November. Let's look out our foreign coinage/notes and out-of-date British money and give to this worthwhile cause!

Fountains Book Club - "The Light Between Oceans" by M.L. Stedman

A lighthouse keeper suffering PTSD after WW1, a very remote lighthouse with deliveries once a season and trips home every 2 years, a young wife who suffers miscarriages and a still birth, a baby washed up in a boat on their island shore and a dead body. If you are intrigued as to how all these things link together then read 'The Light Between Oceans' by ML Stedman.

All of the group enjoyed the book even though it was constantly challenging throughout with so many moral dilemmas. The book is beautifully written with vivid descriptions of both the Australian scenery and the characters. It is because the characters become so 'real' that the book creates such personally challenging questions- the reader can see issues from everyone's perspective and empathy, sympathy and anger keep shifting. Somehow the book manages to be both depressing and yet lined with hope. The only negative was the ending which left some feeling it was too neat whereas others felt it was just right and offered hope after all the trauma.

In summary the book is about what happens when a good, faithful man makes a bad decision and the fallout thereafter. Wholly recommended. Next month we are reading 'You are Here' by David Nicholls.

Libbie Davies

The final 'Kettle's On' of 2025 will be held on Saturday 1st November, 2/4pm in the Winksley Parish Room. Tea, coffee and home-made cakes, plus books to borrow/swap.



Fountains

Christmas Lunch

Saturday 6th December

Grantley Village Hall 12-2pm

Hot Turkey Sandwiches



Mulled Wine and Mince Pies

Hot dogs, teas, coffees, & soft drinks

Home-made Cakes and Produce, Tombola and other stalls

Everyone welcome

Proceeds to Fountains Parish

Galphay

Pilates with Dee at Galphay Village Institute

Every Thursday (9am)



Grewelthorpe

Grewelthorpe Village Hall November 2025

The Hackfall Café at the Village Hall welcomes customers for indoor and outdoor seating. OPEN Monday – Wednesday – Friday 11:00 am – 1:00pm Saturday – Sunday 11:00 am – 2:00pm.

Saturday 8th November 2025 Alligator Gumbo

Alligator Gumbo have been playing together since the summer of 2011. Based in Leeds, they have played extensively around the country to rave reviews - from rowdy bars to some of the UK's most prestigious jazz festivals. Playing jazz from the hey-day of the New Orleans swing/jazz

era Alligator Gumbo strive to keep this style alive in their renditions of popular songs from this unique time and place. A brilliant night in the Hall on their last visit and another much anticipated in November!

Doors open 7pm for an 8pm start. Tickets £14 from the Village Hall during café opening or online from <https://www.wegotickets.com/grewelthorpe>

Indoor/ Outdoor Wreath and Christmas Decoration Workshop T Tuesday 25th November 7-9 pm, Grewelthorpe Village Hall, £16 adults. £8 age 16 and under. Bring own frame, or frames available small charge. Foliage/ materials/ tea/ coffee/ mince pies etc included. Christmas themed raffle and donation bar.

Contact Terri Duncanson for more information or to book a place. 07821162401 or terridunk@hotmail.co.uk

Mobile Phone and Computer Questions?

Help is still at hand. One of Mashamshire Community Office's Digital Champions has kindly offered to continue to volunteer their expertise in Hackfall café, on alternate Mondays. Please ask in the Café for the dates. No appointment needed and remember: there is no such thing as a daft question! We now have a Village Hall iPad, so access to the internet is provided, even if you don't have your own device.

Regular Classes

Pilates with Elizabeth Mondays 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th November - 7:30pm -8:30pm.

Yoga with Jo Parker Tuesdays 4th, 11th and 18th November 6:30-8pm

Ducklings Play Group Thursdays 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th - 10:30am - 12:00. A drink and snack will be provided. £2.00 per session. All welcome.

Pilates with Gill Thursdays 6th, 13th and 27th October - 6:30pm-7:30pm.

Earthpath Drumming Circle Thursday 20th November, 7pm. All welcome. £5 No experience necessary & spare drums will be available. Contact: Jane 07920196710

Grewelthorpe WI Thursday 6th November. Birthday Party (with a surprise guest) Contact Mary Wilson 01765 650474 or

Terri Duncanson email terridunk@hotmail.co.uk Tel 07821162401 New members and guests are always welcome. Guests £4.

Community Lunch Tuesday 11th November 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 26th November. Dried Flowers, a demonstration and talk with Rebecca Crallan from The Green House, Ripon. Talk starts at 8pm with refreshments available from 7.30pm. Members free. Guests £5. New members and guests are always welcome. No need to book.

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.....

We really appreciate your support as we continue our efforts for fundraising for the refurbishment to our Church. We were thrilled that we were able to send £286 to the DEC from our Harvest Collections. Also, many thanks for all those that attended our recent Autumn Lunches. More recently the Grewelthorpe Multi Terrain Run (GMTR) was held in the village and surrounding countryside and a very big thank you to all the many and willing volunteers who helped in the organisation before the event, on the day, checking the course, providing support vehicles, first aiders, marshalling, making soup, baking flapjacks and countless other things. There were 105 runners on the day, proving that this event was very popular. The dedicated team that organised this event on behalf of Church deserve a special thank you.

Dates for your diaries.....

Christmas Fair

Saturday, 22nd November 2025 10-2pm

Grewelthorpe Village Hall

Seasonal Stalls and delicious Turkey Sandwiches with a veggie option.

Please contact Susan Rizos on 658200/07740703868

Christmas Feast

Saturday 6th December 7.30pm

Grewelthorpe Village Hall

Tickets £22.50 per person to include

Mulled Wine on arrival, 3 Course Christmas Dinner, Music

Coffee and mince pies.

For Tickets Contact Susan Rizos on 01765 658200 or 07740703868

Weekends contact Ann Pearson at the café in Village Hall

Curry Night

Eat in or Takeaway

Saturday, 24th January 2026 Grewelthorpe Village Hall

Please watch out for further details

The Epiphany Party 2026

On Tuesday January 6th 2026, at 7pm, we will be holding our Annual Epiphany Party in the Church. This very popular event has been running for 20 years and is the opportunity for Grewelthorpe's musical talent to sparkle and for those with clever or beautiful readings to share them with us all. In addition to the excellent local entertainment, we also offer a wonderful supper and a glass or two of wine. What is more, there is no charge! ('though donations are welcome). Please do mark the 6th of January in your diary.

If you would like to take part and, can offer a reading, or can sing, play an instrumental piece, or any other form of entertainment, please let us know so that we can start organising a good and varied programme. Please contact Judith Beresford (658098), Liz Dixon (658225), or Liz Witton (658670). Thank you.

The Fountain Magazine

Thank you very much to all those of you who have now paid for your magazine. The payments are coming in regularly and we are very

grateful. If you would like to pay but have not yet done so, the collecting box will remain in the Village Hall for another month at least.

The magazines is only £6 per year, and you can leave your envelope with Liz Witton, Susan Rizos, Liz Dixon or your magazine deliverer as well as leaving it in the special collecting box in the Village Hall.

If you prefer you can pay online by subscribing £6 to 'Fountains Group of Parishes' Sort code 54 30 46 account no. 04130219.

Thank you all.

Kirkby Malzeard

Mechanics Institute Village Hall: November 2025

Wednesday 5th: **Kirkby Malzeard WI 7.15 pm**

Friday 7th: **Music Night 7.30 pm**

Monday 24th: **Parish Council Annual Meeting 7.30 - 10 pm**

Friday 28th: **Quiz Night 7.30 pm**

Sunday 30th: **Coffee, Cake and Chat 9.15 - 10 am**

Sunday 30th: **Wreath Making 3 pm**

Regular Classes:

Table Tennis - Monday 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th 10 - 12 noon

Pilates - Monday 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th 4 - 5 pm

Coffee, Click & Connect - Tuesday 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th 10 - 12 noon

Lunch Club - Tuesday 4th and 18th

Highside Singers - 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th 7.30 - 9 pm

Yoga - Wednesday 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th 9.30 - 10.30 am

Table Tennis - Wednesday 12th, 19th, 26th 6.30 - 8.30 pm

Monthly Tunes Evening - Wednesday 19th 7 - 9 pm

WI Scrabble - Thursday 6th 2 - 4 pm

Fit to be Free - Thursday 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th 7 - 8 pm

Yoga - Friday 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th 1 - 2 pm

**PHOENIX BONFIRE
KIRKBY MALZEARD COMMUNITY BONFIRE**

Saturday 1st November 2025 6pm North Close Farm

Bonfire to be lit at 6.30pm by kind permission of the Mawer family

Fireworks, sorry no sparklers. Food, Drink, Everyone welcome

The village community rubbish collection will be taking place on the morning of Saturday 1st November at 10am.

The Kirkby Malzeard WI At The Mechanics Institute
November 5th meeting...

Watching Paint Dry - Ian Scott Massie Paints

VILLAGE OUTING! Thursday 27th November.

**Early Christmas luncheon to the Fauconberg Inn Coxwold
And pre-lunch visit to nearby Byland Abbey**

Enjoy beautiful scenery and take an optional walk round the
lovely village of Coxwold

Followed by a delicious 2 course pre-festive lunch, including a glass of
bubbly on arrival and finishing with tea, coffee, Mince pies etc. etc. and all
the festive trimmings!

Depart at the Mechanics by 10.15 approx. Home by 4.30 latest.

Price: Subsidised to £35 all in.

Please let us know if you have different dietary requirements. We can cater
for this.

**Please contact Maxine on 07759295989 , maxinestirk@outlook.com
Billie 07977 008421 billy_elliott12@yahoo.com**



St Andrew's Church Community

Christmas Fair

Saturday 29th November 10am – 1pm

**St Andrew's Church
Church Street
Kirkby Malzeard**

**FESTIVE CAFÉ
TRADITIONAL STALLS
ARTS & CRAFTS
LOVELY GIFTS
CHILDREN SINGING
VISIT FROM SANTA**



FREE ADMISSION



St Andrew's Church Community Christmas Concert

Reeth Brass



**Friday
12th December
7.30pm**

**St Andrew's Church
Church Street
Kirkby Malzeard**

Tickets £12.50

***Proceeds to Church
Fund***

Doors Open 7pm

Wine & Soft Drinks Available

Electronic Ticket Sales:

www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-andrews-church-kirkby-malzeard

Direct Ticket Sales:

Nigel Robertshaw 07595 151782

thewoodpeckerscottage@gmail.com



Save the date

The Highside Singers

present their

Christmas Concert

Saturday 13th December

at 7.30pm

The Mechanics Institute, Kirkby Malzeard

Tickets £10

including refreshments

Contacts - Rosemary 07485 077064

Kirkby Malzeard Methodists

"Coffee, Cake and Chat"

Please come and join us in an informal service of hymns and a thought-provoking talk by Rev. Ian Pruden in the Coffee Lounge at The Mechanics Institute in Kirkby Malzeard on the last Sunday of the month from 9.15a.m - 10a.m. Coffee and cake will be served mid-way in the service.

The next service will be on Sunday 30th November

Kirkby Malzeard C of E Primary School

The Federation of Kirkby Malzeard and St Nicholas, West Tanfield had the most fabulous residential experience at Bewerley Park in September. 87 Key Stage 2 children enjoyed a wide range of outdoor activities that included a river walk, canoeing, a host of challenges at Brimham Rocks as well as taking part in a night time walk. It didn't stop there and in the evening the games area offered table football, pool and movies. The teamwork and encouragement between the children was so impressive and helped everyone make the most of their time at Bewerley. Thank you to

everyone who made this amazing experience possible.

Our harvest celebration took place in school on Tuesday October 14th October. We invited children, families and members of our local community to come and share their harvest experiences with us. There was very much a focus on local farmers and growers and what the harvest means to them, with some beautiful examples brought into school.

Back in the classroom reading is featuring strongly in the curriculum and we have had lots of recommendations for books to read and it sounds like the new 'Skandar' novel is already a popular Upper KS2 read. For anyone who is a fan of 'The Adventure Mice' there is a new book looming on the horizon, so do check their website.

The school is welcoming prospective parents to visit this term as part of our 'open term'. Prospective parents are invited to book a tour of the school on a day and time convenient to them. Come along and see for yourself how the school gained such an excellent OFSTED report in 2023 when they found that *'Pupils love coming to the school. Pupils are happy and safe in this nurturing environment. Treat one another with a high level of respect. The school is calm and classes have a working 'hum as pupils focus on their learning'.*

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>

The Village Croquet Sessions have now finished for the winter. Sessions will resume in April 2026.
We look forward to seeing you then.

Friends of Fountains

Invites you to our annual

CHRISTMAS WREATH WORKSHOP

Friday, 5th December – 7.00 – 9.00pm

Fountains CofE School Hall

£30 pp, including all materials, a mulled wine and a mince pie

Mickley

Mickley 100 Social Club (previously known as the Mickley Film Club) Season Three

will be meeting in the Village Hall on the 2nd Wednesday of the Winter months and sharing a film. 7.00 for 7.30. If you would like to come along, we ask for a £5.00 donation and there will be a donations bar and refreshments available too.

We had a great turn out for A Complete Unknown last month, if you haven't seen this film and you are a Dylan fan or a child of the sixties - we can highly recommend it.

12th November - The Salt Path 2024 (2024 1hr 50mins)

British biographical drama film directed by Marianne Elliott and written by Rebecca Lenkiewicz, based on the 2018 memoir by Raynor Winn. A heart-warming love story about two people facing adversity, although there is now some controversy over the accuracy of some events!!!! Nonetheless, great performances by both Gillian Anderson and Jason Isaacs and fabulous scenery of the South West Coastal Path.



10th December - Bridget Jones, Mad About the Boy (2025 1hr 58mins) Bridget Jones is back.. diary, pen, and perfectly imperfect self in hand, but Mad About The Boy gives us a more grown-up Bridget, still as hilariously relatable as ever, navigating love, loss, motherhood, and the madness of midlife in her signature quirky way.

Mickley Village Quiz Night - Saturday 22nd November

Tickets are £10 per person to include Pork Pie and Mushy Pea Supper (Veggie alternative available) As usual Teams of 4 - 5. This much awaited event is always a great night out in Mickley playing for the 'Peter Mason Plate' Please book your teams in as soon as you know you can come along, to avoid missing out on a place. We will be Running a Raffle on the evening too, any Raffle Prize donations would be gratefully received.

Mickley Christmas Wreath Making Saturday 6th December 10.00am - 3:00pm £40.00 - SOLD OUT

Set the Tone Fitness - Circuit Training in Mickley. Monday Nights, 6.00 - 7.00pm Suitable for all levels of fitness.

Mickley Boys' Club

In September we had an outstanding visit to The Ryedale Folk Museum in Hutton le Hole. The range of buildings rescued and reconstructed on this site was spellbinding, from the farming cottage revealing so clearly the origin of the word 'threshold', small craft and business premises, to the Manor House, the ancient vestige of glass-making and a good deal more. The local inn, the Crown, served us well with lunch following an absorbing visit.

There will be a lunch in November, which is likely to be at the White Bear in Masham. On 4 December, by coach we will be visiting the hugely impressive 14th century Raby Castle, with its Christmas-decorated special rooms, deer park, gardens, exhibition of the history of the castle and its owners over the centuries, and we shall be enjoying the top range lunch facilities on site.

For information about the Club and this event please contact David Wright, the Secretary.

Sawley

SAWLEY VILLAGE HALL

Dominoes - 4th Nov 1.30 pm & 21st Nov 7.30 pm

Bowls: Tuesdays 7.30 pm

Wednesdays 1.00 pm

Fridays 9.30 am

Strength and Conditioning Fitness Class - Every Monday 9.15am - Booking required (see later ad)

New Pickleball Club on Tuesday mornings

10.00 - 12.00 Starts 4th November £3.00

To book the hall or enquire about available dates please email sawleyvillagehall@gmail.com

Our lovely old card tables

Do you remember when whist tables were beautifully green felted and lovingly made out of jointed, sweetly varnished wood? Well ... we have at least half a dozen tables in need of a little tender loving care and a new home. They have become a little wobbly with age and need new felt but it is not a job beyond many of the noble readers of this splendid magazine. We do not want to throw them away, this could be just the winter project you

are longing for. Come on you practical woodworkers and upcyclers, please contact us and give a table a new life! You don't need to take them all, just one at a time would be grand!

SAWLEY ARTS GROUP

My first words are of thanks to all those members who brought in their work for the Biennial Exhibition and made it such a brilliant success, and then to all those people who came to see what had been produced over the last two years.

The weather was torrential rain on the first day but there were stalwarts who came despite that. In all, the opinions were that it was our best exhibition yet. As well as members' work, we featured examples from seven artists living and working in the village.

The Big Tree, growing from floor to ceiling and covered in creatures who rely on the Oak, was a special feature. The Poetree was covered in nature poems, some firm favourites and many originals brought in by the authors. It was interesting to include creative writing in our arts.

Thank you everyone.

Date for your diary

Saturday 22nd November 10am – 2pm, Sawley Village Hall, Christmas Workshop - several crafts including card printing and mosaics Cost £5 incl tea/coffee/biscuits.

Phone Arlene 01765 620250

Sawley Arts Group AGM will precede the Christmas workshop at 9.30am

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 egg painting, etching, editing, engraving or something not

beginning with E! We'd love to hear from you.

Sawley Moor Lane Diary

Wild Michaelmas Daisies

There is now a 22yd length of wild white Michaelmas Daisies growing joyfully along Marsden Well Road, often alive with the contented murmuring of bees and bright flashes of Red Admiral butterflies. This splendid year they were in full bloom before Michaelmas Day 29th September and adorned the church porch ready for what was once a highlight of the country year. I do hope St Michael was pleased.

How hill sunrises

One of the joys of walking down Moor Lane is the fine view of How Hill and the Tower built by the Aislabies out of the remains of St Michael's Chapel for a view point from the Studley Estate, a viewing point over the old deer park and a place for entertaining. It is capped by a wonderful Vanbrough designed roof.

But for me the most important thing is that two times a year, once after the autumn equinox and once before the spring equinox I can observe and track the movement of the sunrise and sometimes, if I'm very lucky, capture the moment when the sun rises exactly behind the tower. This happened this year!!

We have had an extraordinary run of sunrises for a week, at a most convenient time between 7.13 and 7.31am and for seven days in a row the uneven cloud cover and clear skies have given the best start and promise to the day to come. On Tuesday 7th October at 7.21am the sun rose behind the tower and like Winksley Church it seemed like a finger pointing to God (thanks Rev J.E. Torbett) with two red glowing headlights either side. Wonderful. One day the overhead clouds were lit red and purple for a long time, but on the 5th October there was a gentle morning sunrise just to

the north of the tower and its friendly trees.

This gentle morning

This gentle morning, the morning star
Shone a guiding light
Above St Michael's tower.

And, thinly veiled, the reluctant sun
Rose pale, almost to whisper
A new morning,
Another day won.

No boasting dish of deepest red
No flares streaking across the skies
No fanfares.
But instead, a quiet morning.
Oh, how I yearn for such another sunrise.

Tuesday November 11th 10.45 am

Please come to our time of remembrance at the Picking Gill Memorial and spend a few moments together to remind us of the sacrifice of Our Three Lads from the Village who were killed in the First World War.

Ted Flexman

THANK YOU!

A huge thank you to all who so very kindly donated food etc., to the Harvest Festival Service collection for the Harrogate Foodbank. Truly wonderful the church suggested collecting for this very worthwhile charity. Foodbank stocks have been running lower recently and festival collections help enormously.

Victoria Grafton

SAWLEY METHODIST CHAPEL

November 1st	Coffee morning and Gift Day 10-00 to 11-30. All welcome
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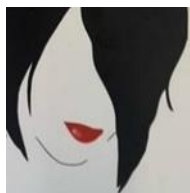
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