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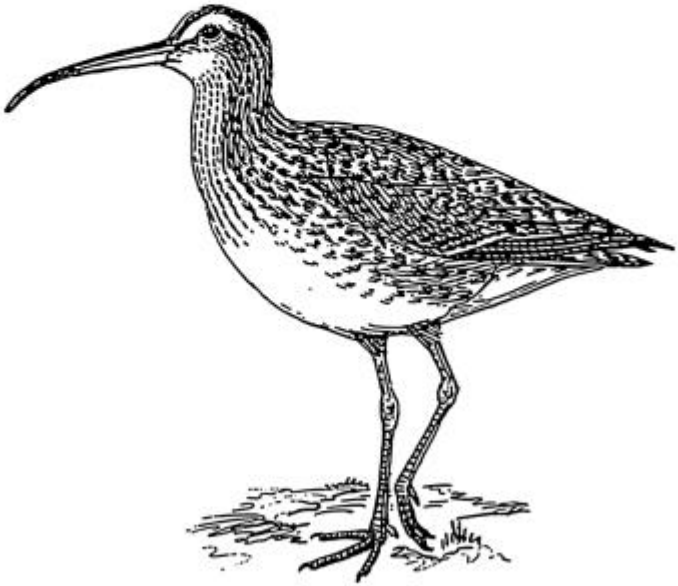

April 2024

St. Michael the Archangel, Kirkby in Malhamdale

is open every day from 9 a.m. until dusk.

The Sunday service at the Church is at 10.00 a.m.

(and 8.30am on first Sunday of month)

All ages are welcome at all our services.

Activities for young children are available in the West End Room.

Full details of all services can be found on the centre pages.

Malham Methodist Chapel

Open Mon-Sat 10am-4pm and on Sunday after morning worship 11-4pm.
May be subject to change but will be publicised at the chapel

Services fortnightly at 9.30 a.m

Further details on centre pages of this Parish News.

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Every Sunday at 2.00 p.m.

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THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

Feeding lambs and sheep



Imagine you have a flock of sheep, and you're responsible for taking care of them. To many in Dale this is their daily work. You have little lambs that are just born, and bigger sheep that have been around for a while. In the Bible, there's a story where Jesus talks to one of his followers, Peter. He tells Peter to take care of his sheep and feed his lambs.

Now, Jesus isn't talking about actual sheep and lambs like we have on farms. He's using them as symbols for people. The lambs represent those who are just starting to learn about faith, anyone who's new to believing in something bigger than themselves. The sheep represent those who have been believing for a long time, people who have been part of a faith community for many years.

So when Jesus tells Peter to take care of his sheep and feed his lambs, he means to look after and help everyone in their journey of believing in something greater. It's not just about making sure they have enough food to eat, but also about helping them grow spiritually, being there to guide and support them through life's challenges.

In our own lives, we can think of ourselves as shepherds too. We help each other grow in faith and understanding of "that something" that is bigger than ourselves, God, Source, the Higher Power, whatever you feel comfortable calling it. Whether we're young in our beliefs or have been believing for a long time.

When Jesus tells Peter to take care of his sheep and feed his lambs, he means to look after and help everyone in their journey of believing in something greater.



And we do this together, as a community, sharing our experiences and supporting one another, just like Jesus did with his followers. So, when we talk about feeding lambs and taking care of sheep, we could really be talking about caring for each other and helping each other grow in our spiritual journeys.

Cindy Metcalfe, Airton Friends

SUMMER CONCERT

VOICES OF CRAVEN

A varied selection of music
performed at
St Michael the Archangel Church
Kirkby Malham
on Saturday June 29th
a mix of styles
from classic to contemporary
film music and Beatles classics



Also at St Alkelda's Church, Giggleswick, Saturday July 13th

MORE LIGHT FOR MALHAMDALE'S QUAKERS

Sunday meetings now at 2PM

Embracing the Daylight Advantage - please come along



KIRKBY-IN-MALHAMDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Children at Kirkby Malham Primary School welcomed Spring by hatching their very own clutch of chicks.



Class 1 took delivery of an incubator and some eggs and watched with delight as the chicks emerged from their shells. They loved caring for the chicks until they were rehomed to a local farm after two weeks.

Birdlife has been at the forefront of our thoughts as the Cry of the Curlew exhibition, featuring some really lovely work by our children, is currently on at the Dales Countryside Museum in Hawes until April 10.

The exhibition is due to visit Kirkby Malham Village Hall on April 12, 13 and 14. Don't miss it!



We also took part in the RSPB's Big Garden Birdwatch, when the children were amazed to discover all the different species which visit our Forest Area.

Art was a focus for the whole school community as we held The Big Draw – a fun full day of art. Parents joined us for the afternoon and the experience was a great success, inspiring our young artists and their families to get creative.

Staying with the Arts, year six pupils spent a day with their peers at Settle Primary School enjoying a film workshop as part of their progress towards the John Muir Award.

It is also a great opportunity to get to know each other ahead of the joint schools' London residential trip in the summer.

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At Kirkby Malham Primary School we deliver a Curriculum for Life Programme across the school in which we try to teach children valuable life skills that encourage a sense of self sufficiency and developing independence.



Learning about animation

As part of this, we spent a day learning and refreshing first aid skills. The children were asked to confront and deal with a range of different scenarios, training which one day might prove useful and help save a life. We were all very proud of the great maturity and focus displayed by the pupils.



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We welcome enquiries from prospective new families at any time of year and we take children from age three – there is no need to wait until the start of a term.

Please get in touch on 01729 830214 or email admin@kim.n-yorks.sch.uk



Richard Wright, Executive Headteacher

ART IN THE DALE 2024

We are looking forward to our third 'Art in the Dale' exhibition in St Michael's, which this year will be for a shorter period of time - **20th to 23rd June, 9am to 5pm.**

We will still have a wide range of artwork on display, including paintings in watercolour and oils, etchings, photography, stained glass pieces, sculpture, and wrought-iron work.

Exhibiting artists confirmed so far are: **Katharine Holmes (seen below in the churchwith a selection of her work)** , Bev Hicks (and her father Peter, and her daughter Phoebe), Stephen Waterhouse, Fiona Armer, Jane Midgley, Mark Pilkington, Cindy Metcalfe, members of the Malham Art Group, and Annabelle Bradley.



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Our special focus this year is on the work of Bill Wild, who was the Malhamdale Blacksmith from about 1946 to 1985. He was also a talented watercolour artist, sculptor, and observer of wildlife in the Dale that he loved, and many of us will have treasured pieces of work by him: wrought iron gates, wood carvings of hares, otters, calves, sheep, birds, and many more beautiful items.

We have a range of cards made from wood block engravings by Bill Wild for sale in church, all for church funds. You can read more about him at https://kirkbymalham.info/KML/malham/billwild.html

Both Annabelle and the Malhamdale Local History Group have a fascinating number of items that he made, and archival material that will form part of a display in the Lady Chapel during the exhibition. Annabelle has also agreed to give a talk on Bill Will on Saturday 22nd June at 4pm in church, so we are in for a treat.



A selection of work by Bill Wild

If any of you have items made by Bill Wild that you would be prepared to loan us for the duration of the exhibition, we'd love to hear from you. We would of course keep a very careful eye on them. We will also need volunteer stewards for the exhibition, donations of home-made cake (especially for the refreshments prior to Annabelle's talk on the Saturday), and people to help make teas and coffees. If you were able to offer an hour or so of our your time to help make this exhibition the success that it has been over the last few years, please get in touch with me. It will be a fabulous celebration of the artistic and creative talent here in Malhamdale, and an opportunity to buy original artwork.

Please put the dates in your diaries and come along! We hope to have live music to accompany the exhibition (watch this space!) and refreshments available each day.

Revd Sue McWhinney

sue.mcwhinney@leeds.anglican.org and 07484 181699.

Art in t' Barn

Drop-In, anytime 10 till 2pm, every Thursday at the Quaker Meeting House- open to all

Come along and Create!



GARGRAVE AND MALHAMDALE COMMUNITY LIBRARY

On **Friday 28th April** we will be showing **The Miracle Club:** This 2023 comedy-drama follows a group of working-class women from Dublin who win a talent competition at their local Church with the prize being a pilgrimage to Lourdes in France, a place all the women have been longing to visit.

The film stars Maggie Smith, Kathy Bates, Laura Linney and Stephen Rea.



The customary Cafe style seating will be in place, so please bring you own refreshments. The Village Hall doors open at 7.00pm with the film starting at 7.30pm.

Tickets are £5.00, cash only, on the Door with under 16s free. Sorry but we can only allow Guide Dogs into the Hall.

All proceeds from the film nights go towards the running costs of the Community Library and the Library Committee thank you for your support.

On the 24th May we will be showing **'Salmon Fishing in the Yemen'** followed by a summer break with the film shows starting again on the 27th September.

To celebrate **'World Book Day'** the Library hosted a visit by 20 Pre-School children and supervisors, all of them dressed up as their favourite characters from literature. John Frankland from the North Yorkshire Library Service read several stories.

Library Opening Times			
Monday	3 - 5pm	Thursday	Closed
Tuesday	10 - 12 noon	Friday	2 - 4pm
Wednesday	2 - 4pm	Saturday	10 - 12 noon

A provisional date of the 20th April has been set for our next joint coffee morning with the Village Hall Committee, but please check publicity material nearer the time for confirmation.

Just a reminder that the Library will close for the Easter break at 4.00pm on Wednesday 27th March and re-open at 10.00am on Tuesday 2nd April.

Dave Smith

St Michael the Archangel Church Fabric Fund 100 Club

February

1st	£75	Ross Dixon and Dorothy Carr
2nd	£50	Joanne Morrison
3rd	£25	Annie Heseltine

Firstly, we would like to thank everyone for their support of the fabric of our beautiful ancient church.

We want to be able to donate a consistent amount to the Fabric Fund, with subscribers having dwindled over the past few years we have not been able to do so. We have taken the decision to make some changes.

The 200 Club has now become the 100 Club. The subscription remains at £50 per year and there are still 12 draws. There are now three prizes - one of £75, one of £50 and one of £25. The winners of the first draw are listed above.

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Thank you - Ali and Sue

MALHAMDALE
Agricultural & Horticultural Society

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Malham Show Committee Meetings

will take place in Malham Village Hall
at the revised time of 7:30 pm
on the following dates:

- Monday 20th May
- Tuesday 2nd July
- Monday 23rd September
- Monday 27th January 2025 (AGM / Committee meeting)

Malham Show 2024 Events

The show field has been booked for the following events & dates:

- Caravan rally Wednesday 17th to Monday 22nd April
- Ultras Saturday 4th May
- Wedding Saturday 15th June
- McMillan Thursday 27th to Sunday 30th June
- Tru - North Saturday 14th September
- Leeds Beckett Uni 8th to 11th October
- Wedding Friday 1st November

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Malham Show welcome new Vice-Presidents

Our Vice-Presidents enjoy

- Free Access to the Show and Parking
- A fantastic two-course lunch with coffee in the President's Luncheon Tent with speeches.
- Subscription £45

If you would like to help/or support Malham Show
by becoming a Vice-President,

please contact Jane Hall
email: c.hall887@btinternet.com

MALHAMDALE
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We are looking for an Assistant Treasurer for Malham Show

You will shadow the current Assistant Treasurer for the 2024 show with a view to taking on this voluntary position from next year.

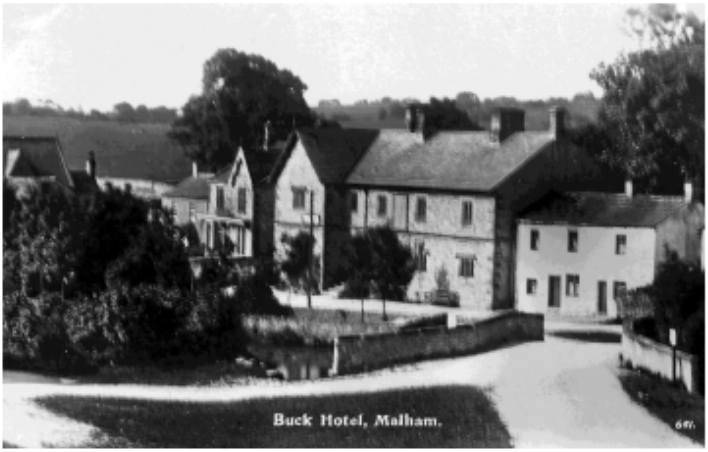
The role includes:

- **Collating prizes for show day**
- **Assisting the treasurer on show day**

Excel knowledge is preferable but not essential as training can be given.

Please contact the current Assistant Treasurer, Rita on 01729 830056

Malhamdale Local History Group



This is the image on a postcard in the digital archive of MLHG showing the Buck Inn, probably in the 1920s.

In February a post card of almost exactly the same view but described as circa 1910 came up for sale on Ebay.

The Local History Group entered a bid of the maximum we felt able to pay but were outbid. We suspect that the successful bidder may be a recipient of this Parish Magazine so if it was you, dear reader, we would be extremely grateful if you would be prepared let us have a scan of the PC for our archive.

If you are able to scan it at 600dpi front and back you could email it to us at mlhgenquiries@gmail.com. Alternatively we could scan it if you would lend it to us.

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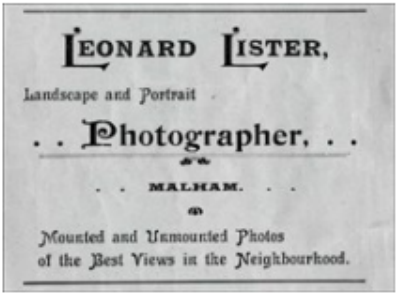
There are several reasons why this image is of particular interest to us. Principally, on the reverse are the words "L. Lister, Photographer, Malham, Leeds".

This was Leonard Lister who at the age of 35 was an overlooker at Scalegill Mill and living in Kirkby Malham with his sister Elizabeth.

By the 1891 census he is living at Clarke's Temperance Hotel in Malham, his sister having married Henry Clarke, and is then recorded as a photographer.

Shortly after he moved to Friars Garth Cottage where he had a studio. This advertisement is from 1903.



He died in April 1915 aged 72 and a plaque in Malham Methodist Chapel records 35 years of faithful service to the Chapel and Sunday School.

In the 1870s he had been the treasurer of a temperance society, the Airton Band of Hope, at Airton Chapel.

We don't know if our postcard image is by Lister as we only have a scan of the face side but being taken from almost the same spot as the Ebay image it seems probable.

In that case the Ebay PC must be earlier than 1910 as there is, we think, much more than 5 years worth of growth on the trees beside the beck between the two PCs.

These postcards are the only images we have seen of the pair of cottages attached to The Buck that were, in 1964, converted to the Hikers' Bar.

One of them had been lived in by John Chester, a joiner, with his sister Jane who moved to the Malham Café, formerly Clarke's Temperance Hotel where Leonard Lister lived for a while.

Linda Hodson

Next meeting – 18th April - A Navvy's Life - see Page 33

Refugees from across the globe plant trees in Malhamdale

- Refugees travelled from their Lancashire base to plant trees for the people of Malhamdale.
- The project is supported by the Malhamdale Environmental Group and the Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust.
- It is also part of Malhamdale being a Dale of Santuary welcoming people from all over the world.
- One of the team, Reverend Gilbert Esambe, from Cameroon, a United Reformed Church minister with the Lancashire East Missional Partnership, wrote the following account of the day.

On Friday the 15th of March 2024, despite the early showers of blessing, some members of the Darwen Asylum and Refugee Enterprise (DARE) assembled at the Central United Reformed Church Darwen to embark on a trip to Yorkshire Dales National Park for an environmental action of tree planting.

"What is it with Lancashire and Yorkshire planting trees every time, everywhere?" was a question that shocked us from someone who saw us embarking on our trip.

It was shocking because the environmental crisis is a much-talked issue worldwide with governments and civil society organisations trying to implement actions to protect the environment.

At DARE, we come from various parts of the world, and we understand that throughout history, from our diverse cultures, trees have played a significant role, providing essential resources such as sustenance, fuel, shelter, clothing, barriers, weaponry, and a wide array of everyday objects.

The UK has been a meeting point of diverse cultures for decades now, with each contributing some unique perspectives and beliefs about the importance of trees.

A minibus with sixteen persons from countries like: Botswana, Iran, Pakistan, Afghan, Egypt, Cameroon, South Africa, and the Netherlands could quickly explain the joy and wealth of knowledge for this trip to plant trees at the Yorkshire Dales National Park.

The day and activity coincided with my birthday. It felt it was an important day in my life and it has helped me to come to understand the complexity of life.

This tree being planted on my birthday is so symbolic for me because I know that the one who plants trees, knowing they will never sit in their shade, has at least started to understand the meaning of life.



This symbolic action of tree planting by members of DARE clearly shows the importance that trees can still hold within public imagination.

At DARE, our conviction is that trees represent connectedness, beauty, nature, and purifying cleanliness. It is therefore important that we keep such values by continuing to plant trees which we believe will one day become landscape icons wherever they are planted.





We planted a little over fifty trees. We were also happy to see that the trees planted in the previous year was doing well. After the tree planting exercise, our guide took us for a walk around the park and to the Malham Cove. We later retired to the village hall where we had a mix of delicious soup and a birthday cake shared.

We remain grateful first to God who made it possible, and then to Judy, Rosie, Nick, Marjan, and Daleen. By God's grace, we are hoping to have another trip as part of our activities geared at protecting the environment.

Reverend Gilbert Esambe

Coniston Cold Young Farmers Club

Young Farmers meet most Tuesday nights throughout the year and new members are always welcome. For more information please text Altie Wright on 07731654343

MALHAM WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

They say that Women's Institute members are a resourceful and clever lot, and this was evident in bucket loads at our March meeting.

We welcomed our lovely guests from Airton WI to listen to the presentation of fellow Malham member Dr Jane Smart OBE to talk about her career as a botanist and wildlife plant conservationist.

We thought we were prepared. Prior to the meeting there were WhatsApp messages flying about as to who was bringing the dips/scones/trifle etc. And we knew that our friends from Airton are early birds who like to catch their worms, so we were ready to be there uber early.

However…….. we didn't factor in that a) Joyce wouldn't be there with the cupboard key, and b) we didn't know the projector had been upgraded. Without giving too much away, if you ever need someone to pick a lock, don't worry the WI can help – no problem!

While Airton patiently chatted away and we plied them with drink, the 'tech team' tried to fathom out how to connect Jane's laptop to the projector.

There were wires this way and that, Vickie did a runner to get her spare monitor, and Rita ran the other way to get her laptop. They did everything bar sticking a wire in their ears and standing on the Village Hall roof! All to no avail.

But honestly, that didn't impact upon Jane's incredible talk in the slightest as she spoke with passion, enthusiasm, and a deep understanding of conservation and the inter connectedness between plants, people and the planet.

Strangely enough, she first visited Malham as a young student based at the Malham Tarn Field Studies Centre in 1978. This was quickly followed by studying botany at university and a career in conservation. We learned of the magic of sphagnum moss and her work on bog surveys and their impact on the climate, and how she greatly valued her friend and television gardener Geoff Hamilton for promoting the use of peat free compost on his Gardener's World programme.

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Jane's amazing career took her to the GLC advising 'Red Ken' on nature management in London, co-authoring with Chris Baines in the 1980s, 'A Guide to Habitat Creation' which is still recognised today as a good practice guide in the planning and construction of habitat management projects.

Jane didn't stop there, she founded and became the first CEO of Plantlife, the wild plant conservation charity campaigning and raising awareness of the need for a focus on plant conservation.

As a strategic organisation Plantlife became the blueprint for future conservation organisations, and with the patronage of King Charles, then Prince of Wales, its influence grew.

And there's more. Jane then went on to work for IUCN, in Geneva. If you want to know what they do, look it up! It's incredible; in a nutshell it's an international organisation that is the global authority on the status of the natural world.

The breadth and depth of Jane's talk was phenomenal. I could go on (and probably fill this edition of the Parish Magazine) so I will stop here. It's rare when those listening to a presentation are of the same opinion, that they want their speaker to continue for at least another hour.

With lots of questions from the audience and a vote of thanks from Jill, Jane deserved her supper. We received a lovely thank you from Airton and the evening continued for a while longer. Nobody wanted to go home!

In April we are looking forward to a presentation by Dr James Powell, entitled Living on the Fault Line – an overview of the geology of Malhamdale.

Tracey Baron

Malham WI normally meets on the second Wednesday of every month, 7.30pm at Malham Village Hall. For more information, please contact Joyce Thacker on 0751 431 7578 or at clachan58@gmail.com .

Airton Women's Institute

Airton WI normally meets on the second Wednesday of each month. For more details contact Emily Warner (secretary) at emily.warner1@btinternet.com or 01729 830692

Malhamdale Church Services for April

Sunday 7th April

Parish Church	8.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
	10.00 a.m.	Family Service
Malham Methodist Chapel	10.30 a.m.	Mr Bill Murfitt
The Religious Society of Friends (Quakers), Airton	2.00 p.m.	Friends' Meeting House

Sunday 14th April

Parish Church	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion
Malham Methodist Chapel	.	No Service
The Religious Society of Friends (Quakers), Airton	2.00 p.m.	Friends' Meeting House

Sunday 21st April

Parish Church	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion
Malham Methodist Chapel	10.30 a.m	Revd Dr Tracey Darling
The Religious Society of Friends (Quakers), Airton	2.00 p.m.	Friends' Meeting House

Sunday 28th April

Parish Church	10 00 a.m.	Holy Communion
Malham Methodist Chapel		No Service
The Religious Society of Friends (Quakers), Airton	2.00 p.m.	Friends' Meeting House

CHURCH ROTA APRIL 2024

Date	07/04/2024	07/04/2024	14/04/2024	21/04/2024	28/04/2024
Season	2nd of Easter	2nd of Easter	3rd of Easter	4th of Easter	5th of Easter
Service	8.30 am Holy Communion	10.00am Family service	10.00am Holy Communion	10.00am Holy Communion	10.00am Holy Communion
Officiant	Revd Sue McWhinney	Revd Sue McWhinney	Revd Sue McWhinney	Revd Sue McWhinney	Revd Sue McWhinney
Sides People		Andrea West + Elizabeth Cummings	Caroline Rosier + Mo Dore	Robin Bundy + Eileen Miles	Ann Chary + Gilly Marsh
Reader		Muriel Bland	Caroline Rosier	Sarah Rycroft	Fiona Armer
Gospel Reader			George Parker	Gilly Marsh	Elizabeth Cummings
Intercessor		Andrea West	Joy Schofield	Sue Bailey	Mark Ashton
Chalice Assistant			Andrea West	Muriel Bland	Lynn Ashton
Key Holder	Revd Sue McWhinney	Andrea West	Andrea West	Gilly Marsh	Gilly Marsh

NEWS FROM ST MICHAEL'S FOR APRIL

One of the privileges of having such a large and beautiful 15th century church is that we have space for community events.

St Michael's is a natural hub for the community, and we love to welcome people in to the church for exhibitions and concerts, as well as services, special occasions like Easter, Harvest, Remembrance, and Christmas, and to welcome those who need a quiet space in which to reflect, or to say a prayer.

In the coming weeks we are looking forward to a number of special exhibitions and events.

Cry of the Curlew exhibition: 12th to 14th April. ***(Details on Page 33)*** We are delighted to be hosting this exhibition, which will come hotfoot from the Dales Countryside Museum in Hawes and will be open from 9am to 5pm each day from 12th to 14th April.



A short film in which local farmers with an interest in Curlew habitats share their experiences will be running throughout the day in the Lady Chapel, and live music and afternoon tea will be available on the Saturday afternoon.

Visitors to the exhibition might like to know about the Friends of the Dales outdoor installation and curlew awareness raising event on Sunday 14th April ***(Details on Page 32),*** which will be held in the field between Malham and Janet's Foss. There will be 20 wire sculptures of curlews in situ. See https://friendsofthedales.org.uk/curlew-awareness-day



Bell Sunday: Sunday 12th May: there will be a bell-ringing theme to the 10am morning service that day, and ringers will be in church during the afternoon ready to talk to visitors about bell-ringing. (***Who rings the church bells - Pages 26/27)***

Art in the Dale 20th to 23rd June: please see the article about this. We are very excited to be holding another art exhibition in church, this time with a focus on the Malham blacksmith Bill Wild. ***(Full details - Pages 6/7)***

Voices of Craven Summer Concert at St Michael's: Saturday 29th June: a wonderful programme of music, including Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring, Adiemus (Carl Jenkins), Imagine (John Lennon), Bright Eyes (Watership Down), Best of Abba, A Gaelic Blessing (Rutter), and The Rose (Bette Midler).**(Details on Page 3)**

Poetry and Music evening Saturday 8th July: following on from the hugely successful poetry and storytelling evening last July, further details will be announced soon.

Chris Bannister Concert Saturday 9th November: Chris is an acclaimed singer-songwriter, and we are very much looking forward to his concert. More details nearer the time!

There are other events in the pipeline too, which we hope will be enjoyable to come to as well as good fund-raisers to help us pay the bills. How do we manage to organise so much, along with regular Sunday services, and keeping church open and well maintained for the benefit of the parishioners of Malhamdale and visitors?

Only by the dedicated support of lots of volunteers, for whom we are so thankful. There will be an opportunity to give thanks for all their work, to review the year gone by, and to elect new members to the PCC at our **Annual General Meeting on Sunday 28th April at 11am**, just after the 10am service. This will be preceded by the Annual Vestry Meeting at which we elect the Churchwardens for the year ahead. Everyone is welcome to come to this meeting. Why not come and support your local church, which is here for the benefit of the whole community of Malhamdale, find out what's going on, and see if you'd like to get involved? We'd love to see you!

Revd Sue McWhinney

Support our Parish News

If you would like to support the publication of this local magazine, printed and circulated 10 times a year, a small donation would be gratefully received to help defray the costs of printing.

Donations can be made by making a payment direct to our bank account at ;

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Send a cheque payable to Kirkby Malham Parish News to Michael Southworth, Lambert House, Airton, Skipton BD23 4AL

WHO RINGS THE CHURCH BELLS?



Who are we? What do we do?

It's a question often asked. Who ring the church bells? What do they do? Thinking about the work we do, I was amused recently to read in a 1944 pamphlet "British Railways in Peace and War" the following reference to so called 'Campanologists'.

"Cheap rates were available for all kinds and conditions of people – for blind ex-servicemen and anglers; for choirs, campanologists and concert parties; for players of games and watchers of games; for ships' crews and parties of whalers; for delegates to conferences and for commercial travellers going home for the week-end, and various others."

Quite apart from wondering why 'blind ex-servicemen and anglers' have been grouped together, when all the other groups between the semi colons clearly have something in common, I suspect I know what the answer would be if a few of our Kirkby Malham bellringers turned up at the ticket office in Skipton and asked for cheaper rail tickets because we ring bells!

Campanologists are people who study bells and although this includes ringing bells bell ringers are not, strictly speaking, campanologists. Campanologists study everything about bells, the history of bells, bell founding, the physics of bell movement, the design of bell frames and much, much more. We call ourselves bell ringers!

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So, who are we?

I am very pleased to be able to say that from the six ringers at Kirkby Malham a year ago we now have five more who stepped forward to volunteer and who, through their own hard work and perseverance, have been elected to membership of The Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers (YACR) and have recently been presented with certificates by Sheila Bloomfield, the YACR Western Branch Secretary to mark this achievement.

- ***Campanology* is a hybrid word**
- **The first half is derived from the Late Latin *campana*, meaning 'bell'**
- **The second half is derived from the Ancient Greek -λογία (*-logia*) meaning 'the study of'**

What do we do? The 'Mission Statement' of The Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers begins:



- *To promote ringing for divine service and to secure recognition of ringers as church workers.*
- *To cultivate the art of change ringing* and to encourage the recruitment and instruction of ringers.*
- *To promote good fellowship amongst ringers and bring all ringers into a closer friendship.*

I think we meet all these aims.

*Change ringing is the science of ringing bells in different orders to create tuneful patterns of notes.

Seven bells can be rung 5,040 times without repeating the order in which the bells are rung!

Malcolm Bland



The bell ringers of Kirkby Malham Church

MALHAM ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP

Malhamdale Curlew Project



We're now an official project! Last year we ran a pilot project with 12 volunteers, surveying land to see if we could map Curlew territories and work out if any breeding pairs were successful.

We have built on this and in 2024 have 22 volunteers and will be surveying land in Malham, Airton, Scosthrop, Calton and Bell Busk. We now have a project leader, admin support and are submitting a funding application for professional help to process figures and write our official report.

Updates will be posted of Facebook and local Whatsapp groups – watch this space.

Volunteers are already watching Curlews arriving back on their patch and official surveying starts in April, carrying on into July – fingers crossed some will be able to fledge chicks this year.

Leigh Weston

Read about this project and other curlew news and events over the next 4 pages

The Herald of Spring has arrived



Curlews are back from the coast! Loads of you will have seen and heard Curlews as you're out farming and walking.

Listen out for that sharp cur-lee call and then the rich bubbling sounds of males soaring over meadows and moors to establish and defend breeding territories. You'll see them fly high then circle over their chosen patch before gliding back to land. Birds are looking for their mates and will be pairing up soon.

Curlew Fieldworkers Conference

The first Curlew Fieldworkers Conference was held in Kings Lynn on 9 & 10 February this year. I was lucky enough to go and met people from all over the UK, Ireland, France, the Netherlands, Germany, Belgium and Poland who are working hard to improve the fortunes of Curlew. Experiences were shared between projects in Europe and UK – many Curlews move between both.

Delegates included volunteers, gamekeepers, farmers, ornithologists and academics. It was amazing to see so many people committed to a bird which means so much to people here in the Dales.



Leigh Weston from Malham speaking at the first Curlew Fieldworkers' Conference



Musician and patron of Curlew Action, David Gray, performed at the conference

We heard from projects in Nidderdale and Cumbria and Pete Webster gave a great talk about managing his dairy farm in Lawkland alongside Curlew conservation. Musician and Patron of Curlew Action, David Gray performed

Why are we doing this?

Curlew may seem relatively common in the Dales but the UK population is falling and they're Red listed by the RSPB; of greatest conservation concern. The birds can live for decades but in general aren't breeding successfully.

Malhamdale Curlew Project continues on Page 26

The biggest worry is that older birds will die off in the next 20 years without producing the next generation. This has already happened in the South of England. We're lucky to still have a population here and if we act now can prevent the same thing happening here

Dales Curlews – Winters at the coast

We know so little about Curlew behavior. The YDNPA in conjunction with farmers, landowners and BTO are running a Curlew project in Wensleydale where 17 birds were fitted with GPS trackers. Surprisingly, the results show that some birds went as far as southern Ireland, Wales, Mersey Estuary and the Wash to overwinter. You can find out more at ...

Take the Lead:

Dogs love to run in open space but Curlews and ground nesters are highly vulnerable to disturbance during the nesting season. Please keep them on leads to keep eggs and chicks safe

Do you have Curlews on your land? If you'd like us to monitor them just get in touch with Leigh on hello@hilltopmalham.co.uk

Leigh Weston

Two curlew events in Malhamdale—see Pages 27 and 28



The Yorkshire Dales National Park has partnered with the British Trust for Ornithology to track curlew using GPS technology.

The Google map (above) shows the route followed by Carlos the Curlew who retured to the Dales after wintering in south-east Ireland. You can find more information about the project at www.yorkshiredales.org.uk (Search for Yorkshire Dales Curlew Partnership)

FRIENDS OF THE DALES

Save the curlew!

With curlew now one of the UK's most critically endangered species, Yorkshire Dales environmental campaigning charity, Friends of the Dales have taken action to make this year's **World Curlew Day on 21 April** really count. Its Creative Campaigners (aged 20-30) and other friends have made in the region of twenty life-size curlew sculptures from foraged and recycled wire - thanks to the expert guidance of Dales based artist, Lesley Knevitt.



Make a date to come and see the team at its one-day outdoor installation and **awareness raising event on Sunday 14 April at Malham**.

The curlew will be placed in the field alongside the pathway that links Malham village to Janet's Foss (by kind agreement of farmers Neil Heseltine and Leigh Weston).

Through information giving, activities and instructions on how to make your own wire curlew Friends of the Dales aims to raise awareness of the bird's endangered status and the things we can all do to help improve their survival rate. There will also be a short online curlew knowledge quiz with the chance to win a year's individual membership to the charity.

Friends of the Dales will also be making available the resources created for this event to village, community and environmental groups wanting to run similar events. www.friendsofthedales.org.uk

Cry of the Curlew - a celebration in art, film and music—see Page 28

Message from the editor



The people of Malhamdale have taken the curlew to their hearts - as reflected in this month's magazine. Read about the project, activities and events dedicated to saving this precious, distinctive bird - from Page 24.

Send all reports and notices for the May magazine to sue.heseltine@btinternet.com or you can ring me on **07443 769215**

Deadline for the **May** edition 2024 **will be Friday April 12th.**

An EXHIBITION at St Michael's Kirkby Malham, April 12th, 13th, 14th



CRY OF THE CURLEW

A celebration of the Curlew including **posters, poetry and paintings** by the children of Settle and Kirkby Malham Primary School created following a visit to Hil Top Farm - together with felted landscapes created with textile artist Sue Harrison

A short film by June Gersten Roberts will be shown throughout the exhibition. Sarah Smith gives Will Dawson of Bleak Bank Farm, Clapham and Colin Price from Longbank Farm, Keasden an opportunity to share their experiences and concerns fo this endangered and much loved wader

Further information on Curlew and other work by Sue Harrison will be shown.

Tea and cake will be served from 3pm on Saturday 13th

The accordion will be played during Saturday afternoon by acclaimed organist Ben Saunders



This education and exhibition work by the Clapham Curlew Cluster is supported by Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust.
With thanks to Dales Countryside Museum, Hawes

Location: www.kirkbymalhamchurch.org open 9am to 5pm daily

CAMEO CLUB

Come and meet each other!

April 2024

March was another great meeting at The Victoria, thank you to Peter and Sue for hosting us. We had a very interesting talk from Petra about making candles for Malham Herbals.

Our next meeting is on Monday 8th April

We will meet from 2pm - 4pm at Kirkby Top Farm, Chapel Gate, Malham where we will be given a talk about bee keeping and making honey. Drinks and refreshments will be served.

Everyone welcome - £7 per person

Tuesday 21st May 2023 at 12.30pm we will be going to The Craven Arms at Giggleswick for our annual meal out, menu choices will be passed around at the April meeting.

For more information on either event or to arrange transport please contact:
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KIRKBY MALHAM PARISH HALL

Film Night
Saturday 13th April at 7pm
'Letters to Juliet'



with Vanessa Redgrave and Amanda Seyfried
Tickets on the door: £7, includes pie and peas supper
Veggie, gluten free, and dairy free options
(please let us know in advance if you need these)
Bar Open

Please look out for news of other events including our regular Film Nights on village noticeboards and our FB page:
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Any enquiries re events or bookings, please email Sue on malhamdaleparishhall@gmail.com **(note new email address)** or call 07484 181699

MALHAM CHAPEL

Drop in for coffee/ or tea, cake and a chat.

Free of charge - all 1-3pm

* **Tuesday 2nd April**
* **Thursday 18th April**





We look forward to seeing you

Revd Dr Tracey Darling.

CRAVEN LAWN TENNIS CLUB

Fancy Playing Croquet this Summer?

Not many people know that, tucked away on the beautiful grass courts of Craven Lawn Tennis Club in Gargrave, is an opportunity to playthe wonderful game of Croquet over the summer months.

This welcoming and social group are currently looking for rew players to join them on Tuesday afternoons at 2pm.

The date of the first session will depend on the weather and the state of the grass courts but is usually late April or early May. The play is followed by tea & cakes in the super clubhouse.

While the group all enjoy the game they do not take it too seriously and play both Golf and Association rules. Beginners are very welcome and all equipment needed is provided by the club.

If you would like to know more please ring the Croquet Section Co-ordinator, Maggs Cakden, on 01756 795886. She would love to hear from you.

Beth Whitley



The Vic Quiz



will take place this month on Wednesday
April 10th and 24th
and thereafter fortnightly
on Wednesday evenings
Come as a team of up to 4 people or just turn up and join a team.
Entry fee £1 each; cash prize for the winning team
For more information please contact:
Steve Whitaker (e-mail: steve.whitaker@outlook.com
or phone **07807 674105**)

Malhamdale Local History Group

Thursday 18th April, 2024

"A navvy's life for me"

The story of the Barden Reservoirs and the people who built them.

A talk by David Turner



The construction of the Upper Barden Reservoir began in 1876 and was completed by 1883. Over those years nearly 500 people lived on the Moor at any one time.

7.30 pm at Kirkby Malham Parish Hall

Visitors welcome. Admission £4 including refreshments. For more information please contact:

mlhgenquiries@gmail.com or tel 01729 830572



SETTLE MIDDLE SCHOOL LEGACY FUND

Settle Middle School Legacy Fund was formed following the closure of Settle Middle School. It's purpose is to advance the education of children within the former catchment area of Settle Middle School, and other closely associated areas, by providing grant support for the provision of educational, recreational, sporting and other activities and facilities as deemed suitable by the trustees.

The Trustees of the Settle Middle School Legacy Fund invite grant applications from individuals, organisations, sports clubs and schools which meet the criteria set out in the grant application document.

Grants will be awarded at the Trustees complete discretion for the specific purposes of widening the educational and life experiences of children aged between 8 to 18, who permanently reside in the catchment area of the former Settle Middle School.

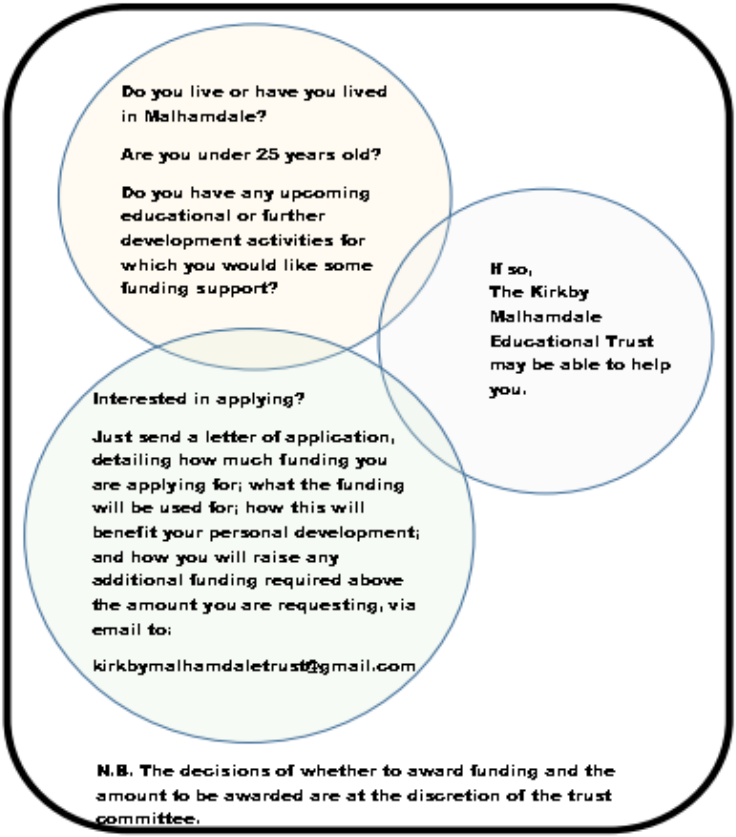
Grants will be made to support activities such as sport, music & dance, adventure, exploration and academic & non-academic skills not covered by formal school-based education.

Schools may also apply for funding to run some types of out-of-school clubs, but not school sports clubs

Schools may also apply in partnership with parents for funding for eligible secondary school pupils in receipt of Free School Meals to go on residential trips outside the UK.

Applications from children with life-limiting conditions will be encouraged and dealt with rapidly.

Application packs can be downloaded from our Facebook page Settle Middle School Legacy Fund or can be obtain from the Clerk to the Trustees of Settle Middle School Legacy Fund via smslegacyfund@hotmail.com. Any questions should also be sent to the same email address.



AWARDS FROM KIRKBY MALHAM SCHOOL FOUNDATION

Anyone who attended Kirkby Malham School and is now in Year12 (or equivalent) of full- or part-time education or is in their second year of full-time Further/ Higher Education may apply for a small award from the Foundation Trustees.

Those interested should apply in writing to:-

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