Malhamdale Parish News

St Michael the Archangel, Kirkby Malham,

Malham Methodist Chapel

& The Religious Society of Friends,

Airton Meeting House



November 2026

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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Meeting for Worship

Every Sunday at 2.00 p.m.

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Thought for the Month

At our Harvest Festival service at St Michael's last month we thought about 'The Harvest of Community' which happens when people gather together to create something (such as decorating church with locally grown flowers and garden produce). You could also think of people coming together to organise something good for others to come to, such as the Thursday Lunches at Kirkby Malham Parish Hall, or film nights, or the Malhamdale Local History Group meetings as being a sort of 'Harvest of Community.'

This month, the gathering together of community on Remembrance Sunday is also a sort of harvest, a harvest of thanksgiving for those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in war, those who may have lived but have been traumatised and injured by conflict, and those who try to keep the peace today. We owe it to them to be thankful, to pause with respect and gratitude, and to keep the silence at 11am on Sunday 8th November.

At last year's Remembrance Sunday service a Facebook post written by someone who was brought up in a military family but who now farms in Shropshire was read out. Here is an extract: "Remembrance isn't just about the people we knew. It's about the people we never even got the chance to. The boys who left farms, factories, classrooms and never came home. The young men who crossed beaches and oceans and didn't get the chance to grow old. Some of them never even lived long enough to be called men. Some of them died with letters in their pockets that never reached home. Some of them were buried where they fell. Some of them were never found, only written into stone. We don't fall silent because it's tradition. We fall silent because we live in the futures they never got to have. They didn't die for poppies or ceremonies. They died for the ordinary days we don't stop to notice... the warm house, the family table, the right to live without fear, the privilege of getting old. That's the cost. And that's why we stop."

November is a month of reflection and remembrance, a time to pause before we rush in to the excitement and celebrations of the Christmas season. It may be a time of sadness, as you reflect on those who are no longer with us, especially if they died unexpectedly. If this is you, be gentle with yourself, and may the rest of us be the community of kindness, companionship and support that you need.

May God bless us all and give us his peace, Sue.

Revd Sue McWhinney

Advent and Christmas at St Michael's

It may seem a bit early to be thinking about Christmas, but I'd like to give you a heads-up of the special services that will be coming up in December, so that you can pop them in the diary.

They are all carefully planned to work around the other Christmas events in the Dale such as carol singing in Malham, and the visit of a special person…..so we hope you can come. Everyone is welcome; all our services are for the whole community, and they are occasions when we can gather together to sing, enjoy a beautiful candle-lit church, and celebrate the hope of Christmas, Jesus light of the world.



Sunday 29th November at 10am: Advent Sunday, the beginning of the season of expectation, when we will be lighting the first candle on the Advent Wreath and singing some great Advent hymns.

Sunday 13th December at 5pm: Christingle and Kirkby Malham Primary School Nativity. Every child has a part, and there will be some great songs. We will then light the Christingles and head off into the night after the special Christmas blessing. Everyone is welcome.

Sunday 20th December at 5pm: Carols by Candlelight - a traditional service of readings and carols for the whole community, followed by mulled wine and mince pies, finishing in plenty of time for you to go and sing carols in Malham.

Thursday 24th December, Christmas Eve: 3.30pm Crib Service: a short service for all the family in which we re-tell the Christmas story, and sing carols gathered around the wooden Crib made for us by Bill Wild.

11pm Midnight Mass: a candle-lit communion service in which we celebrate the birth of our Saviour, finishing in time to hear the 'Virgin Chimes' at midnight, a wonderful Dales tradition. Everyone is welcome to receive communion, whatever denomination they are, and whether they have been confirmed or not.

Friday 25th December, Christmas Day: 11am Christmas Communion: Christmas Communion for all the family. A short 45 minute service starting at 11am, to give you time to get lunch ready first.

St Michael's will remain open every day during the Christmas season, for those who may wish to come in for some peaceful time to reflect, and say a prayer.

Revd Sue McWhinney

Remembrance Sunday Service

Remembrance Sunday will be held in St Michael's on Sunday 8th November at 10.50am. We will begin with the laying of wreaths at the war memorial inside church, and we will observe a 2-minute silence at 11am.

This service is for everyone in the community of Malhamdale, so do please come and join us.



Advent

Advent is a season observed in most Christian denominations as a time of waiting and preparation for both the celebration of Jesus's birth at Christmas and Jesus's return at the Second Coming.

It begins on the fourth Sunday before Christmas, often referred to as Advent Sunday. The name comes from Latin adventus - meaning "coming" or "arrival'.

The season of Advent in the Christian calendar anticipates the "coming of Christ" from three different perspectives: the physical nativity in Bethlehem, the reception of Christ in the heart of the believer, and the Second Coming.

Practices associated with Advent include Advent calendars, lighting the candles of an Advent wreath, praying an Advent daily devotional, erecting a Chrismon tree, lighting a Christingle, as well as other ways of preparing for Christmas.

Ringing for remembrance



November contains one of the most important duties and privileges of bell ringers in Malhamdale and throughout the world.

Many will remember when on Armistice day at the 11th hour of the 11th month the whole country fell silent to remember & to honour the fallen and those who had them to war for our freedom.

I recall how my whole school filed into the assembly hall and at the broadcast sound of Big Ben stood up, heads bowed for two minutes. At the same time the streets fell still & silent as cars, buses and even trains stopped, pedestrians stopped, men removed their hats, &
in the shops, cafes and offices everyone stood still and silent for two minutes.

Now remembrance is observed on the nearest Sunday and the signal to remember comes from the mournful sounds of half muffled bells wherever there are churches with bells and enough ringers to ring them.

The half muffling of bells produces a loud sound immediately folloew by a quieter, mournful sound and the symbolism is a clear reminder of their purpose. The loud sound is for those who answered the call to take up arms on our behalf, the quieter, muffled sound reminds us of those who did not return.

The purpose of the bells on this day is to broadcast far and wide the significance of their message. They can be heard up dale and down dale from Kirkby Malham to Airton, Malham, Calton, Scosthrop, Hanlith, & all points between. For those unable to go to church to hear the names of the Malhamdale fallen read out and witness the laying of wreaths, our bells carry the message to them, just as they have done for more than a century.

If we have eight ringers available each of the first seven bells will be appointed to represent one of the seven fallen whose names will later be read out and each ringer will know for whom their bell tolls. The eighth bell will ring for all those who have given their lives in war to defend their loved ones and their country. The final ringing before eleven o'clock will be the traditional 'Diminishing Rounds' when the bells fall silent one at a time in memory of the seven who did not return until only the Tenor, the heaviest bell tolls alone in mournful sadness.

Malcolm Bland

Remembering Marjorie Woodhead QAIMNSR

In February, this year, the vicar and I met with Revd. David Long, who is a volunteer researcher for the Imperial War Museum''s Register. His main aim was to take a photo of the Roll of Honour Board in the Parish Hall, to add to the register. However, David also looks for family commemorations on headstones. He pointed out that here in
Kirkby Malham there is a memorial to Sister Marjorie Woodhead QAIMNSR on the headstone of her parents' grave. I thought it would be fitting to find out more about Marjorie, and her service as a nurse, ahead of this year's Remembrance Day.

Marjorie was born in 1911 in and was the youngest child of James Woodhead and Beatrice Nutter. The family moved to Stirton when James became the manager of "Mark Nutter Ltd" in Skipton. The firm produced rayon to be made into umbrellas. Marjorie trained to be a nurse at Leeds General Infirmary and went on to become a theatre sister atLeed sWomen's Hospital, Coventry Place, Leeds.

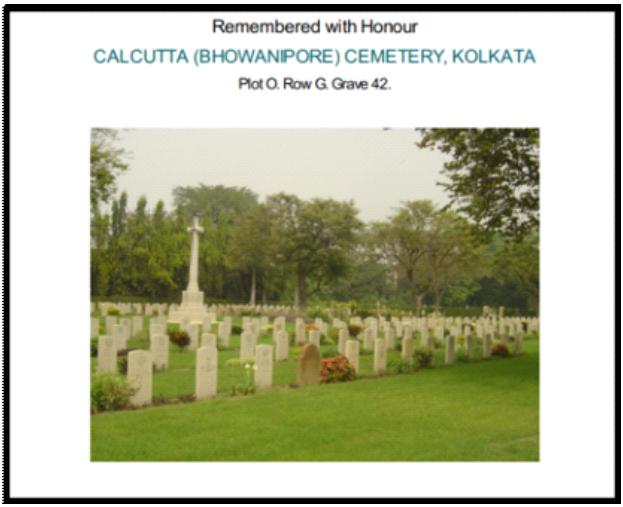


During WW2 Marjorie volunteered to join the Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve and was posted to India.

Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service
The experience of the Boer War in South Africa, led to reorganisation of the Army Nursing Service and in 1902 Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service (QAIMNS) was established, followed by the QAIMNS Reserve in 1908.

These nursing services mobilised for duty with the Expeditionary Force, serving through the war years on every front. In World War II, the QAIMNS & QAIMNSR served in every campaign, nursing the sick and wounded and sharing the hazards of warfare. Many nurses lost their lives, and some spent many years as internees.

During WWII, QAIMNS and reserve personnel served extensively across India in locations like Secunderabad, Gudalur, Nasik, and Wellington, managing tropical diseases, combat casualties from the Burma campaign and later assisting during the –1947 Partition violence.



Marjorie died on active service in India on 17th May 1942 aged 30. She is buried in Calcutta (BHOWANIPORE) cemetery, Kolkata.

In 2018 a Wartime Nurses Memorial was erected at the National Memoria Arboretum in Staffordshire. Marjorie's name has been inscribed there.

Linda Hodson

Santa's Sleigh

We will be again visiting Malhamdale on Christmas Eve



Airton Green - 6.30pm

Kirkby Malham, The Vic - 7pm

Malham, The Buck - 7.30pm

Cash donations much appreciated and needed

Malham Show

AGM/Committee Meeting: Monday 26th January 2027 at 7.30pm at Malham Village Hall

Message from the Editor



I have my fingers crossed that it's not noticeable but this magazine is the first to have been created on new software - so apologies if any errors or anomalies have crept into the pages.

Remember that the next magazine is a double edition for December and January. Please send me your festive and New Year news and eventsr to sue.heseltine@btinternet.com or you can ring me on 07443 769215. Deadline for the December/ January edition wll be Thursday November 12th

Sue Heseltine

Voices of Craven
Christmas Concert
Wednesday 16th Dec 7.30pm
St Andrew's Church, Gargrave, BD23 3NE



A seasonal selection of beautiful Christmas music and carols

Tickets £12 (cash please) on the door (under 16's free)

Refreshments available at the interval (for a donation)

Further details: voicesofcraven.org

Venue: www.standrewsgargrave.org.uk/contact

Parking: on Church Street, and North Street car park (opposite the Village Hall)

Enquiries: voicesofcraven2024@gmail.com

VOICES OF CRAVEN

Gargrave and Malhamdale Community Library

On Friday 20th November we will be screening 'The Choral.'

This is a 2025, British, historical drama film co-produced and directed by Nicholas Hytner and written by Alan Bennett.



Set during World War I in the fictional town of Ramsden, Yorkshire, the film follows the members of the local choral society who, in an attempt to put on a performance of Edward Elgar's The Dream of Gerontis, recruit a disparate group of townspeople to replace their usual members who are away fighting in France

The film stars Ralph Fiennes, Roger Allam, Mark Addy, Alun Armstrong, Robert Emms, and Simon Russell Beale.

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. £5.00 donation 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 18th December our Christmas film will be The Sheep Detectives. This animation features Hugh Jackman as the Shepherd, Emma Thompson as the Police Constable and many famous names speaking on behalf of the sheep !

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Library Opening Times

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

Library news continued from Page 10

- **Other Library News:** Our congratulations to the 30 children who completed The Summer Reading Challenge, their Certificates are ready to collect from the Library.
- **Themed Book Month:** Following a suggestion from the Library Volunteers, from November we will be starting a "Themed Book" month. In November the theme will be Royalty, to coincide with the King's birthday, with several Royal books on display together with a general synopsis.
- **Finally** our next joint Coffee Morning with the Village Hall is on Saturday 21th November from 10.00am to 12 noon. The usual refreshments will be available and the Accordion Group will be playing

Dave Smith

News from Kirkby Malhamdale Parish Council

As many parishioners will be aware the Parish Council owns the toilets in Malham. The only income we receive to run these is from donations from members of the public.

The HF Holidays Pathways Fund has helped to spruce these up. The toilets have now been decorated and are looking much better. If you get caught short in Malham please try them out!

KMPC is most appreciative of this generous support from HF Holidays which is a relationship that we hope will continue to provide benefits for the whole of Malhamdale.

We are also pleased to share that all the tree work has been completed. This was felling or pollarding of ash tree trees that were a danger to members of public on Council owned land. We will continue to monitor the state of trees on our land with an annual survey. We hope we won't have such a large amount of work to undertake in the future. This was the reason why we had to ask for a precept on our rates for the first time in years.

The Council meets normally on the first Monday of the month. All Parishioners are welcome to attend. The next meeting will be in Malham Village Hall on 2 November starting at 7:30pm.

David Howlett, one of the Malham Councillors on behalf of KMPC

Kirkby Malham Parish Hall for hire!





Fully Equipped Kitchen, large hall, bar area, accessible toilet, and newly refurbished upstairs meeting room. Wheelchair access ramp .

A licenced bar can be provided on request.

The ideal venue for: Exercise Classes Children's Parties
Afternoon Teas Talks and P
Evening Socials Exhibitions
Craft Groups Meetings

Standard Hire rate: £12 per hour (unheated) or £17 (with heating)

Upstairs meeting room: £15 per morning/afternoon/evening for Malhamdale residents (up to 3 hours)

Additional charges may be required for large groups or business use.

Contact: **NOTE EMAIL for bookings and enquiries**

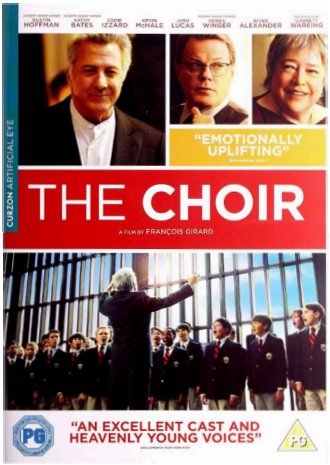
Sue at MalhamdaleParishHall@gmail.com or 07484 181699

Find us on Facebook: **Kirkby Malham Parish Hall**

Saturday Film Night
14th.November at 7pm

THE CHOIR

with Dustin Hoffman, Debra Winger & Eddie Izzard



£8, including pie and pea supper
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BAR OPEN
(Cash and cards accepted)

Please note: the Hall has a ramp and accessible toilet
Contact us on
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Kirkby-in-Malhamdale Primary School

It has been It's a really positive start to the school year at Kirkby Malham Primary School, and we are incredibly proud of how well the children have settled back into school life. There has already been lots going on, with plenty of opportunities for learning, teamwork and new experiences.

Our sporting activities have got off to a flying start, with children taking part in both a netball competition and a football competition. The children represented the school brilliantly, showing fantastic team spirit, encouragement and determination throughout. It has been wonderful to see them supporting one another and enjoying being part of a team.

We also held a successful Macmillan Cancer Support fundraiser, organised by our Year 6 pupils, who raised an impressive £147.10 for this wonderful charity. A huge well done to everyone involved for their hard work and generosity in supporting such a worthwhile cause.



Our Year 4 and 5 children have also recently enjoyed their outdoor residential trip to How Stean Gorge. The children showed a wonderfully positive attitude as they tackled a range of exciting outdoor activities, including gorge walking and caving.

They approached every challenge with gusto and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. It was lovely to see them pushing themselves outside their comfort zones, supporting one another and creating some fantastic memories along the way.

Children in Class 2 have also been to Tropical World in Leeds where they enjoyed an exciting day of exploration

.They had the opportunity to discover a fascinating range of tropical plants and animals, including colourful butterflies, exotic birds, reptiles and other amazing creatures.
The visit provided a wonderful chance to bring their classroom learning to life as they explored different habitats and found out more about the natural world.



It has certainly been a busy and exciting start to the term, and we look forward to sharing more of our school adventures with you in the coming months!

Kirkby Malham Primary School accepts pupils from their third birthday and welcomes in-year transfers. To arrange a visit and find out more please contact admin@kim.n-yorks.sch.uk or call 01729 830214.

Malham Chapel

Drop in for coffee or tea, cake and a chat; everyone welcome.
Free of charge; all 1-3pm



- **Tues 10th November**
- **Tues 24th November**



Malhamdale Church Services for November

Sunday1st November

Parish Church	8.30 a.m. 10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion Family Service
Malham Methodist Chapel	9.30 a.m.	Minister-led Service
The Religious Society of Friends (Quakers), Airton	2.00 p.m.	Friends' Meeting House

Sunday 8th November

Parish Church	10.50 a.m.	Remembrance Servicd
Malham Methodist Chapel	9.30 a.m.	No Service
The Religious Society of Friends (Quakers), Airton	2.00 p.m.	Friends' Meeting House

Sunday 15th November

Parish Church	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion
Malham Methodist Chapel	9.30 a.m.	Local service with T.Perkins
The Religious Society of Friends (Quakers), Airton	2.00 p.m.	Friends' Meeting House

Sunday 22nd November

Parish Church	10 00 a.m.	Holy Communion
Malham Methodist Chapel	9.30 a.m.	No Service
The Religious Society of Friends (Quakers), Airton	2.00 p.m.	Friends' Meeting House

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Parish Church	10 00 a.m.	Holy Communion
Malham Methodist Chapel	9.30 a.m.	No Service
The Religious Society of Friends (Quakers), Airton	2.00 p.m.	Friends' Meeting House

November 2026						
Date	**01/11/26**	**01/11/26**	**8/11/26**	**15/11/26**	**22/11/26**	**29/11/26**
Season	All Saints	All Saints	Remembrance	2nd before Advent	Christ the King	Advent
Time	8.30am	10am	10.50	10am	10am	10am
Service	Holy Communion	Family Service	Remembrance Sunday	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Holy Communion
Officiant	Revd Sue	Revd Sue	Revd Sue	Revd Sue	Revd Sue	Revd Sue
Sides People		Sarah Rycroft Paul McWhinney	Ann Chary Gilly Marsh	Liz Cummings Jan Denholm	Sarah Rycroft Mo Dore	Eileen Miles Gilly Marsh
Reader		Beejaye Preston	RBL	Liz Cummings	Sarah Rycroft	Fiona Armer
Gospel Reader			RBL	Jan Denholm	Muriel Bland	Gilly Marsh
Intercessor			RBL	Fiona Armer	Mark Ashton	Rita Holes
Chalice Assistance				Lynn Ashton	Mo Dore	Eileen Miles
Key Holder	Revd Sue	Sarah Rycroft	Gilly Marsh	Liz Cummings	Sarah Rycroft	Gilly Marsh

Malhamdale Environmental Group

Broughton Hall or Sanctuary, just east of Skipton, is one of the most ambitious nature recovery landscapes in the region, and in September the Malhamdale Environmental Group paid a visit.

We were shown around by River Six, Broughton Hall's ecologist who explained that over the last ten years the estate has begun to shift away from sheep pasture farming towards regenerating a mosaic of wildlife habitats. More than 600 hectares of this 1000-hectare site are under active restoration.

The Sanctuary's vision is simple – to make room for nature. For generations the Tempest family has farmed this land, but 2016 they began a new approach, in response to the biodiversity crisis.



Their restoration programme now includes the re-establishment of natural processes through woodland creation, wetland recovery, and regenerative grazing.

Tree planting has been one of the most visible changes. Since 2021, almost 300,000 native trees and shrubs (to support the maximum number of associated invertebrates) have been planted, increasing tree cover from around 5% to a projected 35% as the young woodland matures.

These new woodlands help slow water flow (reducing flooding), improve soils and connect fragmented habitats across the estate. Natural regeneration is also encouraged, allowing scrub and young woodland to emerge.

Wetland restoration has involved opening up buried drains ("daylighting") and creating shallow pools, creating habitat for amphibians, wading birds and wetland plants - while also contributing to flood management in the Aire valley downstream.

Large herbivores play a key role in shaping the recovering landscape. Riggit Galloway cattle, Iron Age pigs (bred by crossing a male wild boar with a Tamworth or Gloucester Old Spot sow) and Dales ponies (originating in Malham!) graze, browse and root in different ways, visit a varied patchwork of grassland, scrub and open ground. Wildflower meadows are returning too, with harebell, betony and devil's-bit scabious reappearing as soil fertility gradually falls.



Broughton ecologist River Six

MEG members enjoyed some spirited discussions on the approach being taken at Broughton, including on farming – that is not being phased out but rather is shifting from sheep to low intensity cattle and potentially some pigs. Surveyors have already recorded around 1,750 wild species across the site – a sign that recovery is well underway.

For (much) more information search for nature recovery at Broughton Sanctuary

Dr Jane Smart, Chair, MEG

In memoriam:



Malhamdale Curlew Project would like to pay sincere tribute to the significant contribution made by Frank Carr Jnr to our work to survey curlews and other waders in the Dale.

His video recordings of birds on his farm were both inspiring and informative and we greatly appreciated his input at meetings. We will miss Frank and our thoughts and condolences are with his family and friends.

Skipton food bank

Christmas Appeal

Christmas is a time to spread love and joy. At Skipton Food Bank we make special festive food parcels for those in our Craven community who are struggling financially

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CHRISTMAS PUDS SOME WITH NO ALCOHOL
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Tel: 07856 080 194, email food@skiptonfoodbank.org

SKIPTON BAPTIST CHURCH

Skipton food bank

"Thank you everyone for your generosity at harvest. After the harvest festival service we were able to take a good collection of dried and tinned food in to the Skipton Foodbank to help those who don't have enough to eat.

Donations of items on the Skipton Foodbank Christmas list, or on the regular list on their website may also be left at the back of church. Please note that items need to be in date and unopened. Thank you."

Sustainable Church Flowers

A few members of our church flower group recently attended the Sustainable Church Flower Conference at The Priory Church, Bolton Abbey. It was a wonderful and inspiring day, featuring a flower-arranging demonstration by Shane Connolly MBE, alongside valuable discussions about how we can make our church flowers more environmentally sustainable.

In February, the General Synod supported a motion from the Diocese of Worcester, encouraging churches and cathedrals to explore ways of creating beautiful floral displays while caring for the environment. The motion encourages us to use locally sourced and seasonal flowers and foliage wherever possible.

We have already seen how this can work beautifully in our own church. The flowers for Joe Schofield's funeral and our Harvest Festival were lovely examples of sustainable flower arranging. Flowers and foliage were gathered from local gardens, and a variety of reusable containers were used, including jam jars, jugs and buckets lined with chicken wire. These simple, creative ideas helped us to decorate the church beautifully while reducing our environmental impact.

We are fortunate to have an active group of local ladies who enjoy arranging flowers for our church, from small displays in niches to the main altar arrangement. There are plenty of opportunities for anyone who would like to get involved, whether you are an experienced flower arranger or simply keen to have a go. If you would like to help us make our church beautiful while caring for God's creation, we would love to hear from you at jane.rosemount@gmail.com or by ringing 07341 737331

St Michael the Archangel Church Fabric Fund 100 Club

September Draw		
1st	£75	David Ansboro
2nd	£50	Mary Bentley
3rd	£25	Brian Rycroft

WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL THOSE WHO HAVE SUBSCRIBED TO THE CLUB

Account Name – Kirkby Malham Church 200 Club
Sort Code – 05-09-09 (Virgin Money) Account – 17805512.
It would be much appreciated if subscriptions could be paid by bank transfer, but if not, cheques can be given to Ali or Sue.
Subscriptions £50 for 12 draws with monthly prizes of £75, £50 and £25.
Thank you - Ali and Sue
Ali – ali.milner18@gmail.com – 07891 540031
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We do appreciate your continued support of the fabric of our beautiful ancient church.

Skipton food bank

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- Tinned Rice pudding and Custard
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- Instant noodles
- Biscuits
- Pasta Sauces

Scan QR code for link to our current urgent needs

We also accept toiletries and household items

- Washing up liquid and laundry detergent
- Shower gel and Shampoo
- Loo Rolls and Deodorant
- Toothbrushes and toothpaste

All needs to be in date and undamaged

Please see our website and face book page for our current urgent needs www.skiptonfoodbank.org or scan QR code

Thank you for your help to support those referred to us who are struggling in the Craven area, we supply emergency food parcels and also a listening ear, signposting and advice via our partnership with North Yorkshire Citizens Advice and Law Centre

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Spiritual Listening to Self and Others

Listening is one of the quiet gifts we can offer. It's one of the most transformative practices we can develop within ourselves.

At its heart, it reminds us that God is already present and active in every life; and listening becomes the way we can notice that presence, gently and without hurry, as a gift to one another, ourselves and nature.

Listening to ourselves is the first movement. It means paying attention to the inner stirrings we often overlook: the small nudges of conscience, the moments of tenderness, the unease that signals something important.

As Quakers we have a phrase "Take Heed dear Friends of the promptings of Love and Truth in your Heart" Spiritual listening is not self-absorption; it is the patient work of recognising how God's image is alive within us , our dignity, creativity, and moral guidance. When we listen inwardly with kindness, we become more able to meet others witSSh the same God given Grace.

Listening to others is the second mvement. It's a simple remembering that we do not bring God to people; we simply honour that of God within them and where God is already moving.

Spiritual listening in community means creating a space where someone can speak without fear of judgement, where their story is held with reverence, and where silence is allowed to do its gentle work. It is a form of hospitality -a welcoming the truth of another person's experience. And to me is the heart of the Ministry in Quaker Worship.

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In a world full of noise, spiritual listening becomes a quiet act of blessing. It helps us recognise the sacred in ordinary conversations, the depth beneath everyday concerns, and the hope that flickers even in difficult times. When we listen well, we strengthen the fabric of our parish life, becoming companions to another in God's unfolding work.

Cindy Metcalfe, on behalf of Airton Friends (Quakers)

National Trust in Malhamdale

Walks Programme: As part of the National Trust's Group Walks programme, our volunteers guided members of the public on a history-themed walk recently. This was a relaxed, 7km walk with regular stops to talk about the formation of the tarn, early inhabitants, cattle markets, Tarn House history and lots more. We were joined by one of our tenant farmers who shared his experience of living and working here, which everyone found really interesting. Despite the blustery weather we all had a good time learning, chatting and getting some fresh air and exercise.

We will be running more walks in the future. We'd love to hear what sort of walks you'd be interested in attending - any particular themes? Social walks? Accessible walks? Creative walks? Let us know by emailing us at yorkshiredales@nationaltrust.org.Keep an eye on our Facebook page @YorkshireDalesNT and noticeboards locally for more walks coming soon.

An Update on Works at Tarn House: You may have noticed that Malham Tarn House is undergoing essential renovations at the moment. After decades as a field studies centre, it came back under the direct care of the National Trust once again in 2023.



The work needed includes a new fire alarm and fire safety work, and ensuring key external and internal fixtures are repaired to National Trust standards. One particularly exciting update is the repairs to the iron and glass canopies, currently underway. Using Douglas Fir alongside existig struts, the construction team are honouring the heritage of the building by using original materials, including some of the old glass from the canopies.

Later this year, the South Craven Scouts will take over the High Stables building as a base for residential stays, nature days and adventure camps, with a view to signing a lease for Tarn House in due course too.

Facilities Manager Craig Gillon and the National Trust team are excited to get the building ready and compliant, so lots of new memories can be made, as well retelling old stories, continuing the tradition of connecting people with this amazing landscape.

Emmeline Butler

Malham Women's Institute

In October we held our Annual Meeting. As we do every year, we voted in our officials. Rita who keeps the books scrupulously clean was voted in again as Treasurer; as the saying goes with all things Malham, "if you do a good job, they won't let you leave!".

A unanimous vote was recorded to vote in Petra for a second year as Secretary. Petra does an amazing job; as with all things, the real work is carried on behind the scenes sending out the comms, shooing us to order, and keeping us connected with the Federation and other WIs.

On top of this, beyond the WI, Petra is very busy in her professional life so we are very lucky to have her as our Secretary. I was voted in again as President, not sure why – well probably when the music stopped all the chairs were taken. Anyway, that said, I thoroughly enjoy my time on the committee and will continue to rely on our members and the committee to keep me on track.

Also at the meeting, we presented the Malham WI Rose Bowl which is an annual award given to a member recognising their consistent commitment and unwavering support. So, this year the award has gone to Rita. Since Rita joined the committee, she has looked after our finances brilliantly, applying her skills and expertise given the rising cost of speakers, Rita ensures that we aren't doing too badly. Rita is a wonderful support to the rest of the committee and also to me.

As the saying goes for all things Malham: "If you do a good job they won't let you leave."

We also have a wonderful 'lay committee member' in Jill; as our health and safety officer, Jill makes sure we keep safe and stay safe. Jill also has an uncanny ability to turn up to committee meetings just as the chips arrive! Thanks also to Roger (AKA Margaret's Secretary) in WI doings. Roger puts our year's photos together on a montage for our annual meeting and even pops down to help us get started. So, thank you Roger!

We also voted a new member to the committee. So, welcome to Vickie who brings her excellent IT and technical skills to the meetings as we move into the AI world, vastly improving communication with our members . Vickie is already making an impact on our meetings with valuable contributions – long may it continue.

The rest of the evening was spent having a lovely supper and gathering suggestions for an exciting programme for 2027

Tracey Baron

Malham WI *normally meets on the second Wednesday of every month, 7.30pm at Malham Village Hall. 'For more information, please contact Petra Turner on* 07910 758363 or at tidyhen@aol.com

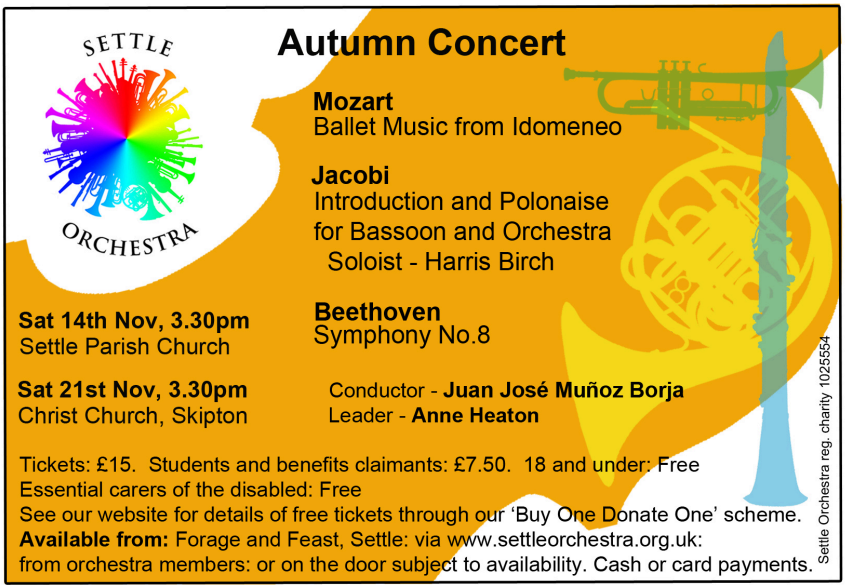
Airton Women's Institute

At our October meeting we welcomed Gill O'Neil from Malham. Gill once again brought lots of different types of pottery for us to paint. There was such a wide variety of things to choose from Christmas Ornaments, Christmas tree plates, and different animals that it was difficult to choose.

We all found it very relaxing and therapeutic. We can't wait to see what the end results are. After a good chat followed by a glass of bubbly we all went home very happy and content. Our next meeting in November is a quiz night.

Cath Crisp

Airton WI *normally meets on the second Wednesday of each month. For more details contact Carol Garside* (secretaryat garside2510@hotmail.co.uk or on 07595653133



Malhamdale Local History Group

Thursday 19th November 2026
7.30 pm at Kirkby Malham Parish Hall

Linda Hodson will present:

"Out of the Archive –

Hanlith and its Hall"



Members free. Visitors £4, including refreshments.
For more information please contact:
mlhgenquiries@gmail.com or tel 01729 830572

Carols at the Cove, Saturday 5th December

12 noon to 1.30pm with Skipton Brass Band



Kirkby Malham Parish Council invite you to the 2026 'Carols at the Cove' with Skipton Brass Band

When: Saturday 5th December, from 12 to 1.30pm

Where: The Cove! Access from the public footpath in Malham, bring your own chairs if you wish.

What: Come prepared to sing carols, enjoy some lively brass band playing, and getting into the Spirit of Christmas with mulled wine and mince pies provided by members of the school PTA

Cost: Cash donations for the band please, and for refreshments

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Any questions?
Please ask Chris at Town End Farm Shop, email Sue at:
sue.mcwhinney@leeds.anglican.org
check www.malhamdale.com and keep an eye on 'Malhamdale' Facebook page nearer the time

Do you or have you ever lived in Malhamdale?

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Email your application to:kirkbymalhamdaletrust@gmail.com

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Those interested should apply in writing to:-

Ashley Caton
Otterburn Lodge, Otterburn
Skipton, BD23 4DBX



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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.

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.



The Vic Quiz

Taskes place this month on

November 4th and 18th



And will then continue with the usual fortnightly quizzes on Wednesdays

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 WhatsApp Group - MCR

The MCR, set up as a response to the COVID pandemic, then became the Malhamdale Community Response group.

It is open to all residents of Malhamdale and Malham Moor to share information on:

- Organising community events
- Sharing lifts
- Finding lost dogs and other pets
- Reporting escaped livestock
- Picking up prescriptions
- Sharing community news
- Responding to emergencies
- State of roads into and out of Dale
- Promoting fund raising events
- Requesting items from flour, tools, to blood pressure monitors!
- Giving away unwanted items

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f you like to join the MCR WhatsApp group, please message either Petra Turner (07910 758363) or David Howlett (07398 148104).

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