

**THE PARISH CHURCH OF  
ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL, KIRKBY IN MALHAMDALE**

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## THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

As we move into the month of December, 2014 is rapidly coming to an end, and it does seem to have flown by. Indeed a month ago I marked the end of my first year with you as vicar; time which seems to have gone remarkably quickly. I was bemoaning the speed with which time passes recently to someone of 'senior years'. She nodded heartily in agreement, at the same time advising me comfortingly: 'Yes, time does go quickly when you're old.' That certainly told me!

Every year though I think it behoves us all, whether we are young or old, to use Advent to metaphorically slow the passage of time down a bit. For obvious reasons this is not an easy time of the year to do this. But let me tell you why I feel this so strongly.

Advent is the season observed by the Church ahead of Christmas and it starts with Advent Sunday which this year is on the 30<sup>th</sup> November. I find it a very special time. I like the anticipation and the sense of expectant excitement over what God might have in store for us. Also, mindful that this is the start of the Church year, I appreciate that 'new year' feeling about Advent, a chance to take stock, to reflect and ask questions of myself about where I currently am on the journey of life. I am conscious, however, that there is a challenge in Advent, to face up to some difficult questions about how I might contribute to bringing about the coming of God's kingdom. Like all challenges one can duck out and avoid it, or rise to the challenge.

I suppose a reason for ducking the challenge is that at one level the world seems to offer us disturbingly little evidence of the coming of God's kingdom. As this particular year comes to an end, there are many things to make us despondent. The world seems greatly troubled. We are aware of so many places of war and conflict around the world, most notably in Syria and Iraq. There is also across the globe deep division between rich and poor nations. This manifests itself in many ways, but is particularly evident in the abysmal conditions under which many people live, particularly on the continent of Africa. All then is not right with the world. And this can all seem beyond our control. God can at times seem very distant from us as we survey the world about us.

Those emotions of being out of control and out of the reach of God, I am sure must have been shared by the Israelites exiled in Babylon at the time when part of the biblical book of Isaiah was written about 550 BC. Readings from Isaiah are integral to our church services during Advent. The Israelites felt in a total wilderness, literally and metaphorically, and yet Isaiah proclaims with

great hope for the future: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.' In his writings he points out that there is a transience about human life, but the word of God will stand for ever, and God's kingdom is coming.

That message is at the heart of Advent. God is coming amongst us as we know only so well in the imminent birth of the Christ child on Christmas Day. But Advent operates at two levels. There is also the coming kingdom of God. Advent looks forward to the truth proclaimed in the gospels that there will be a second coming when God's kingdom on earth will be perfected. There is a danger that we avoid this double message of Advent. Firstly, the expectancy of the coming of Jesus can get squeezed out through over familiarity, and secondly the coming of God's kingdom can be negated by a sense of unease over what this really means.

We really need to focus on the message that we cannot cope on our own. We need God. And the great message of this Advent season is summed up in the expressive Aramaic word 'Maranatha' which means 'Come, Lord'. That is something to which we must respond. So I come back to my sense of challenge about Advent. We need to use this time of waiting for the coming of God amongst us in the person of the Christ child, to pause and reflect, not just about the fact that the world needs that presence, but how we need it individually. Every year we are beset by the same pressure to slide into Christmas amidst a helter skelter of shopping and material concerns. But Advent, if it is about anything, is about resolutely stepping aside from that process for a while. I am a realist. I know we cannot escape it entirely, but we can make a space even in our busy lives to hear Isaiah and make a place in our hearts for the way of the Lord.

It is so important that we start our Church year with that resolve. I suggest we all need to create a daily space within our busy schedules to do this, a space which we know is manageable for us and in which we quietly meet with God. Choose the time and place that best suits you. Then, if like me, as I described in my opening comments, you are a bit breathless at the passing of yet another year, or you are daunted at the rush of the closing weeks before Christmas, you may then find the resolve to slow the pace as we await the coming of our Saviour in the person of Jesus. That will be time well spent!

*Michael Jackson*

## **CONISTON COLD YOUNG FARMERS' CLUB**

On Tuesday the 14th of October Coniston Cold Young Farmers joined fellow clubs Burton, Rathmell and Lawkland for the annual Settle District YFC quiz. The venue was North Ribblesdale Rugby Club and the quiz master for the evening was Robert Polkinghorne, with questions ranging from agriculture, pop music, general knowledge and sport. Members competed in teams of four. Settle District Presidents John and Ruth Dugdale presented the trophy to winners Lawkland with Coniston coming fourth. District Chairman James Bolland gave the vote of thanks.

On Tuesday the 21st of October Coniston Cold Young Farmers held its annual public speaking competition at The Richard Tottie Memorial Hall. Twenty members gave speeches ranging from butchery, favourite pets, holidays and school trips. The judge for the evening was Miss Isobel Perrins. The results for the night were:

**Juniors** 1st: Paddy Capstick      2nd: Thomas Beresford

3rd: Holly Brennan      Joint 4th: Charlotte Lancaster and Georgiana Foster.

**Intermediates** 1st: Matthew Wallbank.

A business meeting followed with Cameron Walton in the chair and the vote of thanks was given by Robert Capstick.

During half term break forty members of Coniston Cold Young Farmers travelled to Blackburn for an evening of ice skating at the town's Ice Arena. Members met up with fellow club Rathmell and also Cartmell Young Farmers from Cumbria.

The following week's meeting was held at High Ground Farm at Hellifield for a bonfire and fireworks night hosted by the Beresford family. A business meeting and supper followed and the vote of thanks was given by Declan Hoare.

On Tuesday members met at Slack Farm, Newshome by kind permission of the Newbould family. Mr Newbould gave a tour of his dairy system of loose housing and robotic milking machines.

On the 25th of November Coniston Cold members will join fellow clubs Rathmell, Burton and Lawkland for The Annual Settle District Public Speaking Competition to be held at Rathmell Primary School.

On Tuesday the 16th of December Coniston Cold YFC will hold their Annual Whist Drive at the Richard Tottie Memorial Hall at Coniston Cold. Everyone is welcome for a few hands of Whist, raffle and refreshments it will start at

7.30pm.

The first meeting in the New Year will be The District Bingo to be held on 13th of January at North Ribblesdale Rugby Club.

*Peter Walton*

## **AIRTON W.I.**

### November Meeting

Our AGM this year was held again at the Friends Meeting House in Airtton. The topic of celebrations was heavily on the agenda as Airtton WI celebrates our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2015 and it is the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of the WI nationally. Plans are afoot for an outing which may (or may not!) involve hats..... We also hope to leave a lasting memorial in the village that will benefit everyone for years to come and will be working with our friends in Malham to celebrate the WI Centenary.

We said goodbye to two principle officers this year; our President, Jan Willingham, who'd gallantly carried on for another year, but is handing over the reins this year to new blood – in fact – myself! I will have something of a learning curve, but if I can do half as well as Jan, I'll be happy. Alison Crisp has also retired as Treasurer, leaving the books firmly balanced, and handing over to Norma. Flowers and huge thanks to those retiring.

Our next meeting is the December Quiz, where we will be testing our knowledge of Quotations at Sue Yule's home on 10<sup>th</sup> December. Our January meeting is a social evening at Sharon's house on Wednesday 14th.

Visitors are always welcome, if you'd like to join us, or have any queries about the WI please call me on 830035. Merry Christmas to everyone!

*Lisa Leddicat*

## From the Belfry

Tuesday night bellringing practices continue to be well attended with good help from regular visitors from Settle and Giggleswick and occasionally Barnoldswick; some of our ringers reciprocate by helping at their practices in return. With such help we are now moving on to more adventurous (for us anyway) methods, while always catering for new recruits and beginners.

During August and September we had a new beginners' band from Rylstone coming to learn on our bells as they are a bit easier to ring than the Rylstone bells. Now that they have learned the basics of bell control they are continuing to ring on their own bells with our assistance with Gillian from Settle being the chief instructor, She has set them the target of ringing their bells for their Christmas Eve Service, which they look set to achieve.

Back on our own territory, during October we had visiting ringers from Durham University and Dalton in Furness, with some excellent ringing from both bands.

The last two weeks of November saw the Yorkshire Association of Bellringers quarter peal fortnight, during which we attempted to ring a couple of quarter peals; unfortunately our first attempt failed after about 20 minutes ( about half way through), and at the time of writing we have not yet tried again.

With Christmas approaching we are planning our Christmas services ringing along with the Christmas parties. This year we are joining David Humphreys' celebrations in Otley as well as Settle and Horton in Ribblesdale's parties. And of course the Virgin Chimes at midnight on Christmas Eve.

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

from the Kirkby Malham Bellringers.

**MALHAMDALE'S GOT TALENT!**

**Saturday 6th December, 7.30 pm**

**Kirkby Malham Parish Hall**

Singing . . . . Dancing . . . . Reading . . .

Musical performance . . .

Recital . . . Comedy . . . . Juggling . . .

Plate spinning . . . Acting . . . . Mime . . . Puppetry . . .

Magic . . . Storytelling . . .

**What can YOU do?!**

**Come and join in or just sit back and enjoy the entertainment!**

**Further details from**

**Muriel Bland 01729 830277**

or Michael Jackson

01729 830144

No bar - please bring your own drinks.

**Entry free but donations to the St. Michael's Church Roof Fund  
would be very much appreciated.**

## **MALHAMDALE OVER 60s CHRISTMAS PARTY**

This year's Christmas party will be held on

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December**

at the River House Hotel, Malham, from 2-4pm.

Join us for an afternoon of carol singing with the Staincliffe Singers, followed by seasonal refreshments.

Remember to bring a small wrapped gift!

### **January Session**

Our first session of the New Year will be on **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January**

at Tudor House, Bell Busk from 2-4pm.

Join us for a talk by Anne Read, Curator at The Museum of North Craven Life followed by afternoon tea.

All over 60s most welcome.

For more information and to arrange transport contact

Angela Barnes 01729 830532

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## **THE NATIONAL TRUST**

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December**

**Christmas Concert**

2.30pm-4pm. Join us for mulled wine and mince pies while Skipton Brass Band play some seasonal favourites in the awe-inspiring setting of Malham Cove. Free entry, but there will be a charge for refreshments. Parking in Malham car park (pay & display, not NT). Please allow 30 minutes to stroll down to the Cove, wrap up warm and bring a torch for your walk back.

For more details, Tel; 01729 830416. Email [malhamtarn@nationaltrust.org.uk](mailto:malhamtarn@nationaltrust.org.uk)

**Tuesday 16th December**

**Christmas wreath and table decoration making**

1.30pm-4pm. Pop in to the Quaker Meeting House in Settle and make a festive decoration with National Trust rangers. £7 including a warm drink and sweet treat.

For more details, Tel; 01729 830416. Email [malhamtarn@nationaltrust.org.uk](mailto:malhamtarn@nationaltrust.org.uk)

Peter, Vera and  
Colin Sharp  
wish all our friends in Malhamdale a  
Merry Christmas  
and a Prosperous New Year.

David and Heather Cook  
wish everyone  
a very  
Happy Christmas.

Betty Hargreaves  
would like to wish all her friends in Malhamdale  
a Happy Christmas.

Mike and Vicky Spence  
would like to wish friends and neighbours  
in Malhamdale  
a very Happy Christmas and New Year.

Dorothy Rathmell would like to wish everyone in  
Malhamdale a very Happy Christmas  
and a prosperous New Year.

HERE'S WISHING EVERYONE  
UP AND DOWN DALE A  
VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND  
HEALTH AND HAPPINESS FOR 2015.  
FROM MICK AND CATH BRIGGS  
AND FAMILY.

Stuart Maria and Duncan  
Would like to wish all our friends and neighbours in  
Malhamdale peace and happiness this Christmas  
and for the coming year

**KIRKBY MALHAM SCHOOL PARENTS' ASSOCIATION**

**CHRISTMAS FAIR**

**Kirkby Malham School**

**Friday 12th December**

**1.30 p.m.—3.30 p.m.**

Lots of Stalls      Refreshments

**Everybody welcome!**

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**GARGRAVE AND MALHAMDALE COMMUNITY LIBRARY**

One of our greatest successes this year has been the Summer Reading Challenge 'Mythical Maze', which is targeted at primary school children. Numbers joining the scheme were well up on last year and NYCC have informed us that, in percentage terms, we were the best performing library within North Yorkshire. Our thanks and congratulations go to the local schools, parents and the Library Volunteers for their efforts in promoting the scheme.

For pre-school children the Library runs the 'Book Start Bear Club' reading scheme for 0-5 year olds. If you've got a toddler in tow please bring them down to the Library and ask one of the Library Volunteers to enrol them onto the scheme.

Those of you who attended the showing in October of the film Educating Rita will know that the change in format from theatre seating to café style seating proved very popular. Using the same format, we will be showing the classic film "White Christmas" on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December.— please see page 11 for details.

Finally Seasons Greetings to all our Volunteers, Borrowers and Supporters and special thanks to the Parish Council for their financial support.

**GARGRAVE AND MALHAMDALE COMMUNITY LIBRARY**

**FILM NIGHT**

**Gargrave Village Hall**

**Friday 19th December**

**Doors open 7.00pm, Film starts 7.30pm**

A social evening with café-style seating -  
please bring your own refreshments.

Short interval and Raffle

**Tickets £5.00 each - pay on the door**

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**CAROL SINGING**

**Dec 21<sup>st</sup> at 7.00 p.m**

at the pubs in Malham – we are starting at the Listers and then moving on to  
the Buck.

The collection is for Action for Children.

**Christmas Eve at 5.00 p.m.**

Please meet at the Bunk Barn in Malham.

A short meeting for worship (about 30 minutes)

will be held at

**Airton Friends Meeting House**

**on Sunday the 21<sup>st</sup> of December at 3:00 pm.**

This will be followed by a lively performance of seasonal music and readings, some traditional and some unexpected, and then by tea and refreshments.

Anyone who would like to join us is warmly invited to do so. It will be a particularly suitable occasion for visitors who have never been to a Quaker meeting, have wondered what it is all about, but doubted if they could sit through an entire hour of silence.



### **CHRISTINGLE MAKING**

**12<sup>th</sup> December 10.30am – 3.00pm**

**Airton Quaker Meeting House**

This year we are delighted that a group of Mums and their children are coming to the Dale from Leeds to enjoy a day out making the Christingles we will use at our Christingle service. We hope to make this a fun event for the women – many of whom are asylum seekers who have sought refuge in this country but face constant hardship.

If you would like to join us then please let me know (01729 830 372). You can join for part of the day, make some soup or cakes for lunch, or spend the whole day. Whatever, please let me know.

*Judy Rogers*

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### **ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL'S CHURCH WEBSITE**

Ted Ellis has worked hard to create a splendid website for our Church. It is now live

and can be found at [www.kirkbymalhamchurch.org](http://www.kirkbymalhamchurch.org)

Do have a look at it—it has a lot of information about the church and its history, services and local events, and much, much more.

## **CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT ST. MICHAEL'S**

We do hope that you will be able to celebrate Christmas with us at St. Michael's Church. In addition to our usual Sunday services at 10.00am, you might like to make a note of the following services:

5.00pm Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December.....Christingle Service

6.00pm Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December.....Carol Service followed by

mulled wine and mince

pies

11.00pm Christmas Eve.....Midnight Mass

11.00am Christmas Day.....Christmas Day Family Holy Communion

We look forward to welcoming you as together  
we celebrate the birth of Christ amongst us.

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## **DIARY PAGES**

It was suggested that having the centre page of the Parish News as a list of events taking place in Malhamdale for the next month might be useful: you can pull out the centre page for easy reference and the rest of the magazine will look exactly as before with church, chapel and meeting house services and rota at the centre; to avoid duplication, only additional services will be included in the diary pages — normal Sunday services and meetings will just be in the centre of the magazine.

This month, of course, covers December and January, one on each side of the page. The print size is smaller than it will be in future but there was a lot to fit in!

**We hope you will find this useful but would like feedback from you so that we know whether to continue with this or not.**

Please e-mail [kmparishnews@btinternet.com](mailto:kmparishnews@btinternet.com) or ring 01729 830885  
and let us know what you think.

## **MALHAMDALE CHURCH SERVICES FOR DECEMBER**

### **7TH DECEMBER**

<b>Parish Church</b>	10.00am	Holy Communion
<b>Malham Methodist Chapel</b>	9.30 a.m.	Rev Janet Clasper— Communion

### **2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

### **14TH DECEMBER**

<b>Parish Church</b>	10.00am	Holy Communion (With Sunday Kids' Club)
	5.00 p.m.	Christingle Service
<b>Malham Methodist Chapel</b>	9.30 a.m.	Mrs. R. Wells
<b>The Religious Society of Friends (Quakers), Airton</b>	3.00 p.m.	Friends' Meeting House

### **3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

### **21ST DECEMBER**

<b>Parish Church</b>	10.00am	Holy Communion
	6.00 p.m.	Carol Service
<b>Malham Methodist Chapel</b>	9.30 a.m.	Mr. B. Murfitt
<b>The Religious Society of Friends (Quakers), Airton</b>	3.00 p.m.	Friends' Meeting House

### **4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

### **WEDNESDAY 24TH DECEMBER**

<b>Parish Church</b>	11.00 p.m.	Midnight Mass
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### **CHRISTMAS EVE**

### **THURSDAY 25TH DECEMBER**

<b>Parish Church</b>	11.00am	Family Holy Communion
<b>Malham Methodist Chapel</b>	9.30 a.m.	No service - but services at 10.00 a.m. at St. Andrew's Church Skipton and Grassington chapel

### **CHRISTMAS DAY**

### **28TH DECEMBER**

<b>Parish Church</b>	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion
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### **1ST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS**

<b>Malham Methodist Chapel</b>	9.30 a.m.	No service
<b>The Religious Society of</b>		

**Malhamdale Open Gardens**

It is proposed to hold this event on the weekend of 27th and 28th June 2015. Ideally a total of 6 to 8 gardens and allotments conveniently located in the Dale are required.

All proceeds from the event will go towards the Church's 'Building Repair Fund'.

If you are willing to show your garden/allotment to the general public then please get in touch with me. David Humphreys e-mail [ljhumphreys@hotmail.com](mailto:ljhumphreys@hotmail.com) or tel 830494. We can then all get together in the New Year to discuss details.

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**ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL FABRIC FUND 200 CLUB**

**DRAW PRIZE WINNERS**

**October Draw**

1 <sup>st</sup> PRIZE	£100	Dennis Waite
2 <sup>nd</sup> PRIZE	£50	Mike Dibb
3 <sup>rd</sup> PRIZE	£25	Joy Schofield
4 <sup>th</sup> PRIZE	£15	Margaret Thompson
5 <sup>th</sup> PRIZE	£10	Peter and Shirley Chatterton

We are able to contribute £3,000 to the church at a time when serious renovation of the roof is needed. A big thank you to all – and especially to those who have encouraged others to join!

The 200 Club is an effective and fun way of maintaining the fabric of the church and attracts the support of a wide circle of friends within and without the dale. It is open to all who wish to support the fine building which is so central to our community here in Malhamdale.

Wherever possible the draw takes place on the last Sunday of the month. A £50 annual subscription enters you for 12 draws of £100, £50, £25, £15 and £10. Subscriptions are due and all new members would be very welcome. Please contact one of the following as soon as you can and thank you all those who have already subscribed.

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| Joy Schofield      | 830463 | Ashley & Rachael Caton |
| 830250             |        |                        |
| Bernadette Schutte | 830322 | Ali Milner 830588      |

You could really help by letting one of us have your subscription and email address for receipt, payable to 'Kirkby Malham Church 200 Club'. Or if you prefer – by BACS.  
Thank you all.

## **SWADFAS**

### **Skipton & Wharfedale Decorative and Fine Arts Society**

Monthly illustrated lectures of wide ranging subjects.

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2014, 7.30p.m.**

In the **Town Hall, Skipton**

### **FABULOUS JEWELS AND THEIR FAMOUS OWNERS**

Speaker **John Travis**

Mince pies and mulled wine will be served from 7 pm

**No meeting in January**

For further information contact Mary Richardson on 01729 830517

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**The Kirkby Malhamdale Educational Trust** is a well established but little known local charity. We have limited funds to support educational and further development activities for local residents. The following is a guide to help you to meet our criteria and for you to consider whether you are suitable for funding:

1. You must reside in Malhamdale.
2. You must be under 25 years of age when you apply.
3. We will only consider a personal application from the person applying and it should be personally signed by you.
4. The amount of the award will be at the discretion of the Committee.
5. You should include a clear statement of the amount you are requesting, the reasons for the funds and a plan of action, including your overall costs

and how you will obtain additional funds where the costs are greater than the requested amount.

6. If funding is granted, we would appreciate a brief letter once your project/task has been implemented to inform the Committee as to how the grant helped you.

The Committee meets in April and October to consider applications which should be made to:-

Liz Hesleden, Pirie Martins, Watery Lane, Airton, Skipton, BD23 4AG

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**SANTA'S SLEIGH** will again be visiting Malhamdale

on **Christmas Eve**

**Airton Green                      7.30pm**

**Kirkby Malham - The Vic        7.50pm**

**Malham - The Buck            8.10pm**

**SAVE SANTA'S SLEIGH!**

Christmas 2014 will be my last year of Santa's Sleigh, so volunteers required to take over please. 07977 511487/01729 830766 or [sue.bailey@mb6.co.uk](mailto:sue.bailey@mb6.co.uk)

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**QUIZ AT THE VIC**

2014 - 2015

Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday, 8:30 start,  
£1.50 including supper,

Nothing too serious, just good fun!!

Why not set a quiz to test out the opposition!

10<sup>th</sup> December

17<sup>th</sup> December

CHRISTMAS BREAK

7<sup>th</sup> January

21<sup>st</sup> January

4<sup>th</sup> February

8<sup>th</sup> February

4<sup>th</sup> March

8<sup>th</sup> March

**Items of dried/long life foods always welcome as donations to:**

**SKIPTON FOOD BANK**

skiptonfoodbank.org

Please leave your contributions in the box at the back of Church  
and we will deliver regularly to Skipton.

**Thank you!**

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**MALHAMDALE LOCAL HISTORY GROUP**

**Dates for your diary**

**2014**

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December**

Annual Dinner at Newfield Hall - Members and Guests

**2015**

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January**

Members evening

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February**

A talk by John Sheard about "Joseph Paxton, a humble gardener from Chatsworth to outstanding builder, railway enthusiast, MP and designer of the Crystal Palace".

Visitors welcome.

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March**

AGM followed by wine and cheese. Members.

Malhamdale Local History Group is friendly and sociable. Talks are held at Malham Village Hall starting at 8pm. Coffee or tea and biscuits are served. New members are warmly invited, annual membership £12. Visitors are welcome to individual meetings, £3. For further information, please contact **Robin Bundy Tel 01756 748220 or Sue Lugton Tel 01729 830201**

[www.kirkbymalham.info/](http://www.kirkbymalham.info/)

**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 Education may apply for a small award from the Foundation Trustees.

Those interested should apply in writing to:-

**Tony Cawthorne**

**Listerhill Cottage, Malham**

**Skipton, BD23 4DB**

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**SAFARI**

During the Safari A.G.M. held at The Lister Arms on 3<sup>rd</sup> November I (Geoffrey Swales) was fortunate enough to be re-elected as Chairman along with John Mitchell as Treasurer and Nick Bradley as Secretary.

I would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to all the individuals and businesses that donated both time and resources. It is heartwarming that in these harsh economic times the people of Malhamdale are united in their generosity.

Despite the poor weather which we experienced during this years Safari we almost achieved the same total as last year. It was decided that the Safari will donate £2,500 each to St. Michael's Church, Kirkby Malham, The Methodist Chapel, Malham and Kirkby Malham V.A. School. In addition; this year we have retained some funds which we will make available for local community projects to apply for.

After a heated debate it was decided that the theme for the Safari 2015 is to be ***“Malham Safari's Pennine Pantomime”***...Oh no it isn't! Yes, actually, it is.

In order to ease staffing issues the Safari will be held over 5 days from **Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> to Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May**, so mark it in your calendar now.

The next Safari meeting is on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 8:00pm at the Buck Inn, Malham. I would encourage **everyone** to attend as we are always in need of volunteers to help keep the Safari the much-loved family/community event it has become.

Wishing you all the best for the New Year,  
Geoffrey Swales  
Malham Safari Chairman.

**CRAFT AND CONVERSATION**

**Airton Friends' Meeting House**

**10-12am, Thursday 4th December**

**January:** please contact Floe for date

Everyone welcome

£1.50 for coffee and biscuits

For more information, or if you would like transport ,  
please contact Floe on 01729 830263

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**LUNCH AT THE MEETING HOUSE**

Everyone welcome

**12-1:30pm, Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December**

**January:** please contact Floe for date

Airton Friends' Meeting House

£3.50 for a home cooked meal and lovely company

For more information, or if you would like transport,  
please contact Floe on 01729 830263

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**MALHAM SHOW**

The Malham Show Annual General Meeting will be held on

**Monday 26th January 2015**

in Malham Village Hall at 8pm.

To be followed by a Committee Meeting.

All are welcome.

## ENERGY EFFICIENCY SELF-HELP GROUP

One problem with living in Malhamdale is that most of us live in centuries-old stone-built houses, many of which are listed buildings and being in a National Park, even those that aren't are still subject to planning constraints. Being off the gas grid doesn't help - heating by burning oil, gas or electricity is expensive - bad for the environment and our bank balances.

Having spent the last 10 or so years trying to reduce my own energy bills, with some success, I would like to start a self-help group to share ideas and experience in making our homes more energy efficient.

The group would meet monthly, in local pubs or in members' homes as necessary. The emphasis would be on low capital outlay and DIY although we would look into more technical solutions such as solar panels, heat pumps, low energy lighting, etc. and we would also try and help each other carry out practical tasks such as loft insulation, draught proofing, etc.

Subject to there being enough interest I would like to hold the first meeting in late January. If you are interested in joining the group please give me a call on 830690 or email me on [jamestod@btinternet.com](mailto:jamestod@btinternet.com).

Meantime, enjoy the festive season and wrap up!

*Sandy Tod*

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## MALHAMDALE OIL CONSORTIUM

For a number of years a community fuel oil ordering system has been working successfully in the Dale. I co-ordinate this and place the orders for oil every 5 or 6 weeks. I am sure there are newcomers to the area and other folk who are unaware of our efforts to:

1. help reduce the carbon footprint within the Dale by having one tanker making multiple deliveries, and
2. help reduce our fuel costs by getting better prices by ordering in bulk.

Individuals are invoiced separately by the supplier, the scheme is very simple and there is no cost to participate. Would you like to join us? Do you need

more information?

**If so contact:** Wendy Carr by email only please to: ***wendykarr@gmail.com***

DATE	7th December	14th December	21st December	28th December
SUNDAY	<b>2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>	<b>3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>	<b>4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>	<b>1st SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS</b>
SERVICE	COMMUNION SERVICE	COMMUNION SERVICE	COMMUNION SERVICE	COMMUNION SERVICE
KEY- HOLDER	G. Parker	M. Bland	M. Dore	G. Parker
SIDES PEOPLE	C Cribb M. Cribb	R. Carson P. Carson	M. Hindle E. Hindle	P. Bamford E. Bamford
READER	P. Dore	M. Leeming	P. Dore	G. Parker
INTER- CESSOR	J. Schofield	V. Leeming	S. Rycroft	M. Ashton
ALTAR ASSISTANT	C. Cribb	M. Bland	M. Dore	L. Ashton
ORGANIST	L. Denholme	M. Ellis	M. Gledhill	L Denholme
SUNDAY KIDS' CLUB		Becky & Diane		

