

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

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## THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

On a rainy and cold February night it is good to think of spring! Easter is just round the corner and of course Palm Sunday is the last Sunday in March marking the beginning of Holy Week. For me, this means that my sabbatical is just round the corner too, beginning on April 7<sup>th</sup>!

In the Jewish tradition the Sabbath day of rest would be the seventh day.

Ancient Jewish custom was that every seventh year the fields were left untilled and debtors were to be released!

The meaning of the sabbatical stems from this idea of rest and freedom.

This is a gift that the Methodist Church gives to ministers every seven years and each person can choose how to spend that time but it is expected that the benefits of the sabbatical will be shared within the churches upon returning to duty.

I'm on the District Sabbatical Committee as it happens and find it quite interesting that sabbatical time is often used to catch up with family and friends and also to embark upon some creative activity.

I am no exception I'm afraid and that is why part of my time will be spent looking at healthy lifestyles and the benefit of contemplative prayer! I shall be exploring various discipleship resources too, as well as "catching up with family and friends!"

Many of us are too busy these days and we would do well to remember that we need a "Sabbath" day in our week and Sabbath moments in our day!

I hope you do manage time out in Holy Week and there is a warm welcome to our joint services in Malham on Maundy Thursday evening and Kirby Malham on Good Friday.

Shalom.

*Janet Clasper*

## HYMNS

The singing of hymns forms an integral part of our worship at St. Michael's. Hymns can move people and lift them nearer to God. In consequence we all have firm ideas about what we like and perhaps also what we don't like! Maria Gledhill carries out a much appreciated task in choosing hymns with some input from Margaret Ellis, Lawrence Denholm and from me. She keeps a record of what we have sung and when, so as to ensure we get a reasonable spread through the year. An important factor in the choice of hymns can be the words and how they reinforce the liturgical season or theme for worship.

People sometimes say that we have not sung their favourite for some while. Don't forget that if you are not in Church every Sunday, it might have been sung whilst you were not there! That said, you may want to sing hymns which we do not sing, or not often. With this in mind, at a recent PCC meeting we agreed to organise a questionnaire to give people an opportunity to highlight hymns which they would like to sing but feel may not have been in our recent repertoire. This is your chance to flag these up. The organists and I will review the feedback and do what we can to reflect your wishes. If hymns are not known to the wider congregation, then bear in mind that we may have to find a moment to learn them. That said, it is no bad thing extending the range of what we sing.

Whilst carrying out this survey I thought it might be fun to conduct a poll of what your favourite hymns are. I will collate the feedback and let you know the results. A couple of years ago I was involved in some research about hymns and I will be interested to see how your top ten compares with what we found then! I would also add that we are thinking of holding a Songs of Praise service later in the year which will be a chance to celebrate what hymns mean to us all.

If you are interested in taking part, there are copies of the questionnaire at the back of Church and a box for completed questionnaires. We are asking for these to be completed by 29<sup>th</sup> March.

*Michael Jackson*

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

The church website 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.

## STEWARDSHIP

Early in February we held a Stewardship Sunday at St. Michael's when we considered the important subject of how we steward our resources of money, time and talent. We noted that stewardship is rooted in an awareness of how much we are blessed by God. How we give in response needs to be seen as an act of thanksgiving. It is about what we want to do for God, not just what we feel we ought to do.

I said then, and I repeat now, that I want to say thank you wholeheartedly to all who give of their time and money to support the Church. It is deeply appreciated. We went on to explore some issues for us as a church community. Financially, I think it should be the aim of all parish churches to pay their full diocesan parish share each year. We fell short last year by over £3,000. Whatever criticisms we may have about the parish share system, for all its imperfections this is the way we contribute to the Diocese's support of us and the wider work of the Anglican church, and we need to strive to meet it.

And then there are all the demands on us as a community responsible for our magnificent Church. They are large, and at times seem daunting. We have to pay for the day to day running of the Church and parish which is running at well over £700 a week, and there are big challenges in addition of which you are all aware over the roof and fabric. We are making inroads into what we need to raise to reroof the church. Everyone can take a bow for the fundraising efforts of last year, but there is more to do. We have a big grant application submitted to the government which may if successful secure the balance of funds. However, even when we have raised the funds to reroof, there are other pressing areas of work to reduce condensation and improve drainage and heating which we have to move onto.

So, against that backdrop we do, as part of our own personal stewardship, need periodically to review what we give individually and how we give it. Has what you give kept pace with inflation? Let me say straightaway that I appreciate that for some it may simply not be possible to increase their giving, but good stewardship is about at least reviewing it. And then how we give is as important as what we give. Ideally it needs to be regular, week on week, whether we're at church or not. The most tax efficient way if you are paying tax is to pay by way of Gift Aid declaration so that the Church can recover the tax without extra cost to you. If you can set up a standing order you make our Treasurer's job much easier too. If you don't already pay this way, do please think about the possibility and have a chat with Chris Darling.

The other challenge for our stewardship is to ask yourself whether there is anything practical you could do for the Church which you're not already doing, a role which you could assume or a job you could do. We need volunteers for a range of things from flower arranging to cleaning, from reading and intercessing to service on the PCC. Do

please think on such things. Feel free to talk to me about any way in which you think you might be able to help.

God has given generously to us. Let us prayerfully ask what we can give in his service. As St Peter writes in his First Epistle, we are all charged to be 'good stewards of the manifold grace of God'. So the great challenge of stewardship is about using our gifts quite simply to bless the world about us, which is at the heart of God's will for us. There is an old saying which perhaps we should all remind ourselves of: 'What you are is God's gift to you; what you become is your gift to God'.

*Michael Jackson*

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

### **DRAW PRIZE WINNERS**

#### **January 2015**

1 <sup>st</sup> prize £100	Mike Schofield
2 <sup>nd</sup> prize £50	Tony Cawthorne
3 <sup>rd</sup> prize £25	Vera Sharp
4 <sup>th</sup> prize £15	Sue Harland
5 <sup>th</sup> prize £10	Ashley and Rachael Caton

We would like to extend our thanks to all existing members for their support and remind the few 'stragglers' that payment for 14/15 is overdue. Please send cheques payable to 'Kirkby Malham Church 200 Club' or cash or by BACS – Yorkshire Bank, a/c 17805512, sort code 05-09-09 – thank you.

Prospective new members, remember 'you've got to be in it to win it!' Subs until end of October 2015 are at a vastly reduced rate of £37.50. Please contact any of the following for further information.

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

We look forward to hearing from you.

## FROM THE BELFRY

Teams of bellringers from other churches will be visiting St. Michael's during March and April.

The first two groups, who are coming on Saturday 14th March, are a team from the Keighley/Oxenhope area who will ring 10.00—10.45 team and a team from Silsden who will ring from 12.00—12.45. Both are young learners' teams looking for experience on other towers bells than the ones they are familiar with.

A team are coming from the Guildford area on the Thursday 30th of April at 2.15 and hoping to ring a quarter peal. These are all experienced ringers so it should sound good. A quarter peal usually takes about 45 minutes.

*George Parker*

## **CAKES & COOKIES, PIES & PUDS**

### **Do you bake cakes, cookies, pies or puds?**

If so, we'd like to hear from you!

St. Michael's Cake Stall at Malham Show is always well-supported, and is an important source of income for the church. Malhamdale folk and visitors from other places are always impressed by the quality and variety of the produce on sale. This year, we thought we'd branch out a bit . . . and so the idea of a Malhamdale recipe book was born.

We'd like to include recipes from as many people as possible - including children and gentlemen bakers of course! If you have a favourite recipe for a cake, cookies, sweet pie or pud (or several) please would you e-mail them to [kmparishnews@btinternet.com](mailto:kmparishnews@btinternet.com) or post/deliver to Carol Ballard, Lambert House, Airton.

It is important that all recipes are original and don't break any copyright conditions, so please don't copy a recipe exactly from a printed recipe book - a small change here and there to make it your own individual recipe should be fine.

## **MALHAM PARISH MEETING**

Will be held on

**March 25<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm in Malham Village Hall**

Our once yearly meeting is open to all residents of Malham Parish and is an opportunity to discuss anything to do with Malham village.

Please come along and share your ideas or issues. This is not a Parish Council meeting but any matters arising from the meeting can be taken up with the Parish Council. Newcomers to the village are most welcome.

If you cannot attend but have anything you would like to raise please contact either

Imogen Swales tel 830662 or Sandy Tod tel 830690

## **Malhamdale Trail Challenge**

### **HAS A CHALLENGE!**

We really need help from generous volunteers to help marshal the trails and provide sustaining tray bakes for the entrants!

If you are able to help, please contact David or Karen on:

Tel: 830950

Email: [info@malhamdaletrailrunning.co.uk](mailto:info@malhamdaletrailrunning.co.uk)

**Please remember that ENTRIES ON THE DAY ARE NO LONGER ALLOWED, due to Insurance restrictions, so please do enter online beforehand!**

Full details **AND ONLINE ENTRY:** [www.malhamdaletrailrunning.co.uk](http://www.malhamdaletrailrunning.co.uk)

## JOHN VICTOR BROWN, SHOEMAKER OF AIRTON, 1887 - 1977

While working on a learning outcome for a Family History course I attend in Harrogate, I came across the following poem.

*"Bless this little Chapel  
And may it ever be  
A place where reaching hearts may find  
A closer bond with Thee.*

*Bless this little Chapel Lord  
Let all who enter feel  
Within the quiet of these walls  
Thy presence close and real.*

*Make it a shrine of love  
A friendly warm retreat  
Where weary souls may rest awhile  
From the turmoil of the street.*

*Say Thy benediction  
On each service that it sees  
That it may be a hallowed place  
Of sacred memories.*

*Bless this dear old gentleman  
On reaching this great age  
His life and years in Airton  
Surrounded this hallowed place.*

John Victor Brown

1887 to 1977"

The chapel in the poem is the 1896 Wesleyan Methodist Chapel (now closed), in Airton, but I would like to know more about John Victor Brown. The son of Edward & Sarah Brown, he came from Sutton Mill, Keighley but by 1911 he was living, with his parents, in Airton, and working with his father as a boot & shoemaker. I have no

details of his marriage but his wife, Eleanor, died in 1978 and is buried in Kirkby Malham churchyard. I have no idea where John Brown is buried.

As he was born before the new Wesleyan Methodist Chapel was built he may have worshipped in the 1833 chapel which preceded it but although an Estate Agent claims that John Brown was responsible for converting that building into two cottages he would only have been nine years old when it closed. Of course, it might have been empty for a few years before it was made into the two dwellings. However, one of those two houses bears his name... John Brown's Cottage.

I would be grateful for any information about John Victor Brown, who died less than 40 years ago. I arrived in the dale only two years before he died and did not know him but there must be several people who remember him, who attended Airton Chapel with him perhaps, who may have stories to tell or even photographs in which he appears!

If you can help me to know more about John Victor Brown, Shoemaker, 1887 -1977, please get in touch with me via e-mail, [BlandTree@aol.com](mailto:BlandTree@aol.com), by telephone 01729 830383 or 07963 534344, or pop a note through my door, Airton Cottage, Airton. I would love to know more about "this dear old gentleman".

*Malcolm Bland*

### **GREETINGS CARDS**

Take a look at the card stall in St. Michael's -  
there is a fresh lot of cards in stock, suitable for a wide range of occasions  
Easter cards will be on sale from March onwards.  
All proceeds go to Church funds.

### **MALHAMDALE LOCAL HISTORY GROUP**

**Thursday 19th March**

**AGM** for members only

Followed by Wine and Cheese

**8pm at Malham Village Hall**

For more information contact:-

Robin Bundy (Chairman) Tel. 01756 748220

Sue Lugton (Secretary) Tel. 01729 830201

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

## MALHAMDALE CHURCH SERVICES FOR MARCH

### 1ST MARCH

Parish Church  
Malham Methodist Chapel

### 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

10.00am Holy Communion  
9.30 a.m. Mrs. R. Coombes

### 8TH MARCH

Parish Church  
Malham Methodist Chapel  
The Religious Society of  
Friends (Quakers), Airton

### 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

10.00am Holy Communion  
(With Sunday Kids' Club)  
9.30 a.m. Rev. J. Clasper  
3.00 p.m. Friends' Meeting House

### 15TH MARCH SUNDAY

Parish Church  
Malham Methodist Chapel

### 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT - MOTHERING

10.00am Holy Communion  
9.30 a.m. Mrs. E. Appleby

### 22ND MARCH

Parish Church  
Malham Methodist Chapel  
The Religious Society of  
Friends (Quakers), Airton

### 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

10.00 a.m. Holy Communion  
9.30 a.m. Mr. A. McAdam  
3.00 p.m. Friends' Meeting House

### 29TH MARCH

Parish Church  
Malham Methodist Chapel

### PALM SUNDAY

10.00am Holy Communion  
9.30 a.m. Mr. J. Tomlinson

### 5TH APRIL

Parish Church  
Malham Methodist Chapel

### EASTER SUNDAY

10.00 a.m. Holy Communion  
9.30 a.m. Rev. M. Greenwood

*Details of services during Holy Week will be in the April issue of the Parish News.*

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<b>SIDES PEOPLE</b>	G. Bolland R. Bundy	M. Hindle E. Hindle	R. Carson P. Carson	C. Cribb M. Cribb	P. Bamford E. Bamford	T.B.C.
<b>READER</b>	B. Schutte	J. Cunnington	G. Bolland	J. Darling	R. Bundy	P. Dore
<b>INTER-CESSOR</b>	J. Varney	R. Carson	J. Schofield	S. Bailey	M. Ashton	S. Rycroft
<b>ALTAR ASSISTANT</b>	M. Bland	S.Rycroft	M. Dore	C. Cribb	L. Ashton	M. Dore
<b>ORGANIST</b>	M. Gledhill	T.B.C.	T.B.C.	T.B.C.	T.B.C.	T.B.C.
<b>KIDS' CLUB</b>		Gill & ?				

**Looking further ahead . . .**

<b>20 April</b>	Craven Dragons' Den event	Council Offices, Skipton
<b>Friday 24 April</b>	Talk by Prof. Susan Parry , forensic scientist and author	Gargrave Village Hall
	Visiting Bell ringers	St. Michael's Church
<b>Saturday 25 April</b>	Concert by the Langcliffe Singers	St. Michael's Church
<b>Saturday 9 May</b>	Malhamdale Trail Challenge	Malhamdale
<b>Saturday 23 May — Wednesday 27 May</b>	Malham Safari	Malham
<b>Friday 19th June (postponed from March)</b>	Film Show: The 100 year old man who climbed out of the window and disappeared	Gargrave Village Hall
<b>Saturday 27th June &amp; Sunday 28th June</b>	Malhamdale Open Gardens	Various

## March Diary

Day	Event	Time	Place	Page
<b>Sun 1</b>				
<b>Mon 2</b>				
<b>Tues 3</b>				
<b>Wed 4</b>	Quiz Night	8.30pm	Victoria Inn, Kirkby Malham	20
<b>Thurs 5</b>	Craft & Conversation	10.00—	Friends' Meeting House, Airton	18
	Lunch	12.00	Friends' Meeting House, Airton	18
	SWADFAS: The St. Ives Artists	12.00—1.30 7.30pm	Skipton Town Hall	15
<b>Fri 6</b>				
<b>Sat 7</b>				
<b>Sun 8</b>				
<b>Mon 9</b>	Over 60's—Malham	2.00—4.00 no details	Meet Malham Car park 1.45pm no details	14 15
	Tarn Field Studies Centre			
	Malham Show			
	Committee Meeting			
<b>Tues 10</b>				
<b>Wed 11</b>	Airton WI & Malham WI joint meeting	7.30pm	Malham Village Hall	12

<b>Thurs 12</b>	<b>Deadline for material for inclusion in April issue</b>			
<b>Fri 13</b>				
<b>Sat 14</b>	Visiting Bell Ringers	10.00— 12.45	St. Michael's Church	6
<b>Sun 15</b>				
<b>Mon 16</b>				
<b>Tues 17</b>				
<b>Wed 18</b>	Quiz Night Community Energy Meeting	8.30pm 7.30pm	Victoria Inn, Kirkby Malham Buck Inn, Malham	20 17
<b>Thurs 19</b>	MLHG: AGM (members only)	8.00pm	Malham Village Hall	9
<b>Fri 20</b>	<b>No film night—now postponed to 19th June</b> Deadline for applications to Craven Dragon's Den			12 19
<b>Sat 21</b>	National Trust Night Sky Walk	8.00- 10.00pm	Malham Tarn Estate	15
<b>Sun 22</b>				
<b>Mon 23</b>				

<b>Tues 24</b>				
<b>Wed 25</b>	Craven Community Transport meeting Malham Parish meeting	10.00— 12.00 7.30pm	Staincliffe Room, Belle Vue, Skipton Malham Village Hall	19 7
<b>Thurs 26</b>				
<b>Fri 27</b>				
<b>Sat 28</b>				
<b>Sun 29</b>	Deadline for hymn questionnaires to St. Michael's			3
<b>Mon 30</b>				
<b>Tues 31</b>	National Trust Introduction to Geocaching	1.00— 3.30pm	No details	15

### DIARY PAGES

The Diary Pages are at the centre page of the Parish News. It is a list of events taking place in Malhamdale for the next month. 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.

## **LOOKING FURTHER AHEAD . . .**

This page is for information about events that are planned to take place in the following months.

### **TO ALL ORGANISERS**

For the Diary Pages to be useful, they need to include Information about as many events as possible.

If you know of any planned local event, both regular meetings and 'one-off' occasions, please send information to the editor including

\* date \* event \* time \* place

so that they can be included in the diary page, or in the 'Looking further ahead' page.

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

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## **AIRTON WI**

Our February meeting transported us to the Himalayas, with stunning scenery and intense blue skies against the snow! We were hosted at 'The Knot' by Kathryn Brown, who did a great job of fitting 24 of us into her living room, and we enjoyed a fascinating talk from Helen Parsons about her years of working as a librarian in Nepal. Helen introduced us to the people so thoughtfully, and to the country, with beautiful slides, which she had taken over many years. Her work in Nepal extended beyond the norm of librarian activities in many ways, and has left a legacy of charitable support for disadvantaged children, which is proving most successful. The evening continued with refreshments, including some wonderful examples of Kathryn's baking.

Our next meeting will be the annual visit to Malham W.I. The speaker will be Bill Mitchell MBE, known to so many as the editor of the Dalesman, who will be talking about his career with that publication. We shall meet at 7.30 pm in Malham Village Hall.

## **AIRTON WI 60TH ANNIVERSARY**

For our summer meeting on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> August we shall be celebrating our birthday, in this the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year of the WI nationally. Details of the event are being decided, but we shall hold it at the Quaker Barn and would like as many past members as possible to join us. If you are a past member of Airton WI and would like to be included, please would you contact Sharon Williams on 830988 or [sharon.williams12@hotmail.com](mailto:sharon.williams12@hotmail.com)

*Vicki Leeming*

## **GARGRAVE AND MALHAMDALE COMMUNITY LIBRARY**

In our article in February's edition of the Parish News we announced that our next film night was on the 20th March. As this clashes with the Tribute to Dennis French being held in Gargrave Church,  
we have decided to postpone the film until the **19th June**.

Arrangements for **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April** are unchanged;  
crime writer **Professor Susan Parry**,  
will entertain us with the stories behind her books  
and give an insight into the world of Forensic Science.

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

On Tuesday the 6th of January Coniston Cold Young Farmers joined fellow clubs Rathmell, Burton and Lawkland for the Settle District YFC Bingo night. The Event was held at North Ribblesdale Rugby Club at Settle. The Caller for the evening was District Chairman James Bolland and the teller was Lucy Nowell. The members played six games and had a raffle. James Bolland gave the Vote of Thanks.

On Sunday 18th of January several Coniston members joined fellow Settle District YFC speakers to compete at The Yorkshire YFC county public speaking competition at Harrogate. Paddy Capstick came 1st in the six minute Speech, and Ellie Saxby, Anna Booth and Paddy Capstick won the Hayes Trophy for the overall Junior team. Gemma Darwin, Millie Brennan and Georgiana Foster came 4th in the Junior Reading Competition. Cameron Walton, Jodie Bolland, and Aimee and Kate Beresford came 3rd in intermediate Brains Trust.

On Tuesday 20th January members met at The Richard Tottie Memorial Hall to practice the indoor events for the forthcoming Settle District Hedging and Walling competition to be held at Burton on the 14th of February.

On Friday the 23rd of January Coniston members met with fellow clubs for the Settle District Bowling evening held at Matrix Bowling in Skipton. The senior team won with top scores from Will Throup and Angus Walton. The junior team came second with Jack Walker coming third in the individual points.

On Tuesday the 27th of January Coniston Cold Young Farmers met at The Richard Tottie Memorial Hall at Coniston. Mr. Alan Poxon of Gargrave gave a talk and demonstration on the history and art of kites and kite flying. Members found the subject very entertaining from the the birth of kites in China to kite fighting in India to modern day kite surfing. A Vote of Thanks was given by Gemma Darwin.

On Tuesday the 3rd of February Coniston members met at The Richard Tottie Memorial Hall for the annual Advisory and Show meeting with Chairman Cameron Walton and Show secretary Rory Smith in the chair. Plans were made for the upcoming Annual Show to be held on Saturday the 15th of August at Coniston. Future meetings include Pancake night at Coniston and Dry Slope Skiing at Rossendale.

*Peter Walton*

**MALHAMDALE OVER 60s**  
**March Session**

The next session will be on **Monday 9th March**  
at Malham Tarn Field Studies Centre from **2-4 pm**

Please join us for a talk on the life of a ranger  
and find out more about the estate – followed by afternoon tea.

We will meet in Malham Car Park at 1.45pm  
where a minibus will take us up to the tarn.

**All over 60s most welcome.**

**For more information and to arrange transport  
contact Angela Barnes 01729 830532**

**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**

## THE NATIONAL TRUST

**Saturday 21st March 8.00pm – 10.00pm.**

### **Night Sky walk Malham Tarn**

Join us to marvel at the wonders of the night sky within the glorious setting of Malham Tarn - a beginner's guide to identifying some of the constellations led by a local ranger. This event is weather dependant so if we can't see the stars we will take you on a night walk instead. £5 per person. Booking essential.

**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March 1.00pm – 3.30pm.**

### **Introduction to Geocaching in Upper Wharfedale**

Fancy having a go at geo-caching but not sure how to go about it? Join us to learn the basics and then put it into practise. A great fun day out for the family. Booking essential. £5 per adult and £3.50 per child.

For more details or to book for either of these events,

tel: 01729 830416

Email: [malhamtarn@nationaltrust.org.uk](mailto:malhamtarn@nationaltrust.org.uk)

## MALHAM SHOW

### **Dates of Committee Meetings for 2015**

Monday March 9<sup>th</sup>

Monday May 18<sup>th</sup>

Monday July 13<sup>th</sup>

Monday September 21<sup>st</sup>

The first meeting in 2016 will be on Monday January 18<sup>th</sup>.

## SWADFAS

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

Monthly illustrated lectures of wide ranging subjects.

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2015 7.30 pm

Skipton Town Hall,

subject

### **CREATING A SPLASH:**

### **THE ST. IVES SOCIETY OF ARTISTS – THE FIRST 25 YEARS**

Speaker **David Tovey**

Coffee will be served from 7 pm

For further information contact

Mary Richardson on 01729 830517

## **COMMUNITY ENERGY IN MALHAMDALE**

The Malhamdale Renewable Energy Group (MREG) was started in November 2003 at a meeting in Malham Village Hall with the aim of drawing attention to a looming national energy crisis caused by the depletion of North Sea oil and gas reserves as well as the global threat of climate change.

You can read about the group's aims and activities up to 2010 at <http://www.malhamdale.com/energy.htm>. and download the group's energy survey funded by the Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust's Sustainable Development Fund which is still relevant to anyone considering renewable energy technologies. The survey found that, on average, residents in the Dale spend £630 each annually on electricity and heat, or roughly £1300 per household at 2007 prices. That works out at around £400,000 (more at today's prices) going out of the Dale every year on electricity and home heating. Some of that money could be saved or provide benefit to our community by generating electricity and heat from our own renewable energy resources.

Since 2010 with the introduction of feed-in-tariffs (FIT's) solar PV (electric) panels have appeared on roofs up and down the dale, and two small wind turbines. Last year the introduction of the Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI) increased demand for air source heat pumps and a small number of biomass boilers. However the high up-front cost and lack of south facing roof space suitable for solar panels, planning consent for wind turbines and storage for biomass fuel, etc., means that many in the Dale cannot benefit directly from these technologies.

The answer to this is to set up a collective renewable energy project that would benefit the whole community. Community owned projects contribute more effectively to decarbonising our energy supply, and are less dependent on subsidies. Community energy groups normally own and operate either a single project or multiple smaller projects, that generate electricity for sale to the grid or they can operate a heating source such as a biomass boiler installed in a community building or serving several homes. A company or legal entity needs to be formed whose primary function is to benefit the community. Many groups around the country are doing this and most are funded and owned by shareholders. The idea is to earn a profit which is shared between shareholders and the community. Settle Hydro Ltd is a local

example.

The government supports community projects because they engage the general public, getting us involved and supportive of the transition away from centralised fossil fuel and nuclear power stations. The government's Rural Community Energy Fund provides grant funding up to £20,000 to qualifying groups to pay for an initial investigation into the feasibility of a project and further loans up to £130,000 for development are available if the scheme is proved viable.

Proceeds can be used to improve village halls, maintain the fabric of churches, contribute to libraries and other amenities while earning a dividend for investors. The project would also provide a valuable education resource ... and a shelter for sheep!

To get it going we need a group of individuals interested in working together to scope the project and set up a legal entity to manage it. Over the next few months I will follow this up with a series of articles, dealing with different technologies and how we can develop them.

If you are interested please join me in the Buck Inn, Malham on Wednesday March 18th from 7.30pm, to answer questions and discuss ideas.

Sandy Tod      Tel: 830690      Email: [jamestod@btinternet.com](mailto:jamestod@btinternet.com)

## **MALHAM WI**

At our February meeting, Trevor Kent gave a talk on his escapades as a meter reader in and around West Yorkshire during the 80s and 90s. After qualifying as a baker, Trevor decided he wanted to do something completely different and became a meter reader. You can't choose two careers so dissimilar can you? As Trevor described some of his exploits including using the rights of power to enter homes and his various exotic customers including the lovely Miss Olga..... his tales began to resemble a 1970s sitcom! Everyone

enjoyed his talk and Muriel Bland gave the vote of thanks. During supper, Trevor explained that every year he baked all of the scones for the WI tent at the Great Yorkshire show; this year he is hoping to bake a record 7,000 in 3 days! I am sure we all wish him every success.

At the end of this month Malham and Airton WI members will get together to decide how we will jointly celebrate the national WI Centenary this coming September, something which we will all look forward to participating in.

*Tracey Baron*

### **CRAFT AND CONVERSATION**

Airton Friends' Meeting House

**10-12am, Thursday 5th March**

Everyone welcome

£1.50 for coffee and biscuits

### **LUNCH AT THE MEETING HOUSE**

Everyone welcome

**12-1:30pm, Thursday 5th March**

Airton Friends' Meeting House

£3.50 for a home cooked meal and lovely company

For more information about either of these, or if you would like transport, please contact Floe on 01729 830262

### **IMPROVING COMMUNITY TRANSPORT IN CRAVEN**

North Yorkshire County Council's Integrated Passenger Transport and Stronger Communities Teams are working together to address the need for improved community transport provision across Craven. We have organised an initial open workshop for 10-12:00 25th March at the Staincliffe Room, Belle Vue, Skipton which you are invited to attend.

The purpose of the meeting is to begin to:

- Map current community transport provision (car schemes and minibus services)

- Find evidence of gaps in provision by: type / location / user groups
- Identify concerns / issues of current providers

If you can't make that date and would like to contribute your thoughts and ideas please email or telephone Marion or Lucy:

[Marion.tweed-rycroft@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:Marion.tweed-rycroft@northyorks.gov.uk)

e-mail to: [Marion.tweed-rycroft@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:Marion.tweed-rycroft@northyorks.gov.uk) tel. 01609 532263

[Lucy.Moss-Blundell@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:Lucy.Moss-Blundell@northyorks.gov.uk)

e-mail to: [Lucy.Moss-Blundell@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:Lucy.Moss-Blundell@northyorks.gov.uk) tel. 01609 798904

## **CRAVEN DRAGONS DEN 2015**

**Do you have an idea for a community project  
that will improve the community we live in and benefit young people?**

Community groups in Craven are being invited to bid for funding at a Dragon's Den style event which will be held on the 20th April 2015 at the Council Offices, Skipton. The event run by Craven District Council will mirror the BBC 'smash hit' show. Five 'dragons' will be giving out £2,600 of funding to local projects who can apply for up to £500 towards projects which will benefit young people and improve the local community. You can find out more at the website:

[www.cravencd.gov.uk/dragonsden2015](http://www.cravencd.gov.uk/dragonsden2015)

All completed applications should be submitted by **5pm, 20 March 2014** to Policy Development Officer, Council Officer, 1 Belle Vue Square, Broughton Road, Skipton, North Yorkshire, BD23 1FJ. Alternatively you can apply online at

[www.cravencd.gov.uk/dragonsden2015](http://www.cravencd.gov.uk/dragonsden2015)

# 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!

4<sup>th</sup> March

18<sup>th</sup> March

*From the Editor . . .*

*Any material for inclusion in the April issue of the Malhamdale Parish News should be with me before **Thursday 12th March** - thank you.*

**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*