



BRIDGE April 2021

**Newsletter of the parish of Middleham with Coverdale,
East Witton & Thornton Steward**

Bridge over River Cover by David Watterson, East Witton

Please cascade 'Bridge' to others.

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***For those you know without access to technology/ a printer who have requested hard copies,
please let them know we hope they will be soon, depending on how things develop with Covid
restrictions.***

If you have any photos of bridges in the parish, please send them to jervaulxliz@gmail.com

Letter from the Rectory – Hope

I read a news comment a few months ago which surprised me. The journalist was saying that the wave of bad news during the pandemic sometimes felt like a tidal wave that would overwhelm them to despair. The journalist was crying out for some stories of hope and was saying that hope was what the nation needed amid the bad news. Nothing out of the ordinary thus far, but here is the bit that surprised me. They said, it doesn't matter if it isn't true, we just need something to hold on to.

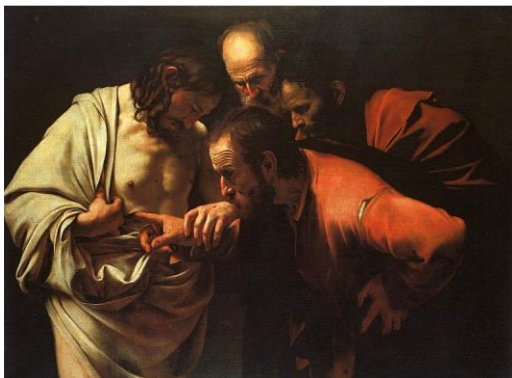
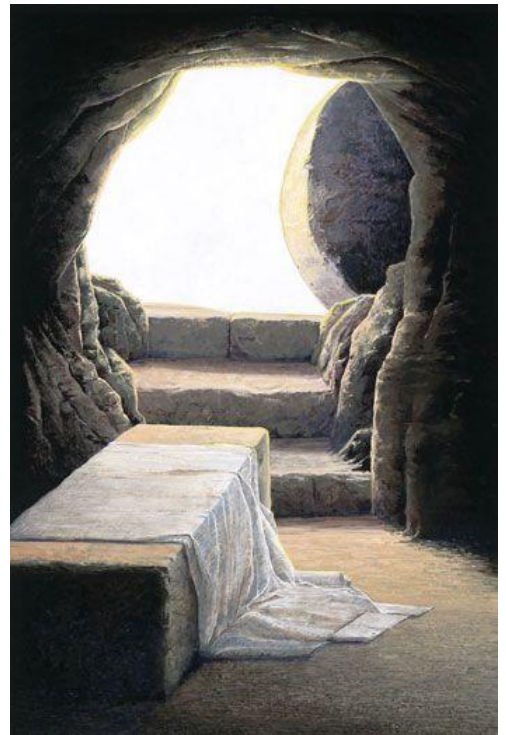
A similar incident occurred in a film that Liz and I watched recently called 'Bridge of Spies.' It's set at the start of the Cold War and an American lawyer is sent to East Germany soon after the construction of the Berlin Wall to negotiate a prisoner exchange between America and the USSR. It's a secret mission so he tells his wife that he is going salmon fishing in Scotland. She knows that this is a cover for something dangerous and as he leaves, she says, 'Give me something to hold on to, it doesn't have to be true.'

This strikes me as remarkable. I understand the need for hope but surely it needs to be true or likely to be true to provide hope. Can we really find hope in something that we know isn't true?

There are those that would say that this is exactly what people of faith are doing, putting their hope in a story which isn't true. Even the word 'faith', that faith is required to believe it suggests that the story isn't true.

How wonderful that the Christian story is true, that our hope of eternal life is certain. On Easter Day, 4th April this year, we celebrate Jesus rising to new life beyond the grave. The need for faith doesn't mean that we know the story isn't true, it means that there is mystery in the story, we don't fully understand it. We don't know how Jesus was raised, we simply know that he was and lives today. Those of a forensic disposition who have tried to disprove the story have found that there isn't an alternative explanation of the case of the empty tomb. They are forced to conclude that Jesus being raised to life is the only explanation.

Rather than letting the bad news overwhelm us to the extent that we're desperate enough to hope in something false, let us tell the good news of the resurrection of Jesus, confident that it is a historically verifiable fact and that eternal life is his gift to us. To a world crying out for some good news, the news of life beyond the grave, proved by Jesus' resurrection, is surely the best news we could hope for.



Verse of the month: John 20:27, Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe."

OPEN PANTRY

Emergency food supplies available:

Please contact 07796 988302 (text/phone. Confidential.
Discreet collection/ delivery can be arranged)



NEW HELPLINE: Citizens Advice Money & Benefits Advice Service, N Yorks

Call 0300 3031 598 Monday to Friday 9.00 to 4.00

Email advice can be requested via the contact form on website cany.org.uk

Citizens Advice Mid-North Yorkshire

Hambleton Office: 277 High Street, Northallerton, DL7 8DW. Tel: 01609 776551

Richmondshire Office: 23 Newbiggin, Richmond, DL10 4DX. Tel: 01748 823862

www.citizensadvicehrs.org.uk

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IN THESE DIFFICULT TIMES

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FOODBANK SUPPORT

If you would like to contribute to the food bank in Richmondshire – please place items (as stated on the can, left) – in boxes located in the following parts of the parish:

The Grange, East Witton;

Top of drive to Coverham Abbey

Applegarth House, Leyburn Road, Middleham

Thanks to Jo Harrison-Topham and Harriet Corner for organising these collections which will go to the Store House which is based in Richmond at Influence Church.

And thanks to everyone who contributes so that hungry families have something to eat.



Hear To Help [Just B](#)

Just B is offering emotional wellbeing support to people in the Harrogate District, Hambleton and Richmondshire, with our new 'Hear to Help' phonenumber.

Available to anyone who may be dealing with anxiety/low mood etc -

children, young people, and adults.

The line is staffed by trained staff and volunteers and is available seven days a week, 8am-8pm.

Please see our safeguarding and information policy: [Click here for our safeguarding and information policy](#)

Call (01423) 856 799.* Calls are charged at local rates and may vary dependent on time of day and or even be included within your call package. Please visit Ofcom for further details <https://bit.ly/localcallcharges>.

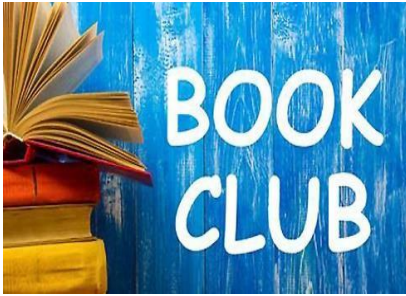


East Witton Women's Institute

It is with regret that, as from the end of March 2021, East Witton WI will no longer formally exist - the correct phrase is that it is "suspended". This is the result of consultation with our members and advice from our WI Advisor.

East Witton WI has had a long history of existence in the village. It was founded on the 15th April 1925, suspended on the 11th November 1983, and the first meeting following reforming was Tuesday 5th May 1987. Over the years, members experienced friendship and fun and have benefited from a diverse programme of events, including talks, trips out, and fund-raising activities. We thank all members past and present for supporting our WI.

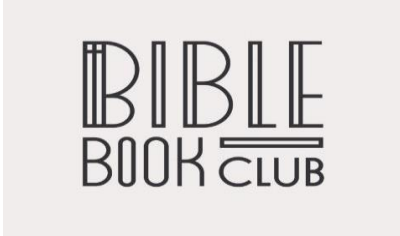
Charlotte Roberts (President), Karen Newsam (Secretary) and Kaye Murphy (Treasurer)



Coverdale Book Club

Our next meeting is on Tuesday April 13th at 11am and we will be discussing **The Journal of Edwin Carp** by Richard Haydn. On Tuesday May 11th at 11am we will be discussing **Big Sky** by Kate Atkinson.

All meetings are currently being held on Zoom for a lively discussion of the book. If you'd like to join us please email martindstott@gmail.com



Bible Book Club

Saturday April 24th at 11.30am – 12.pm. We'll be looking at the **Acts of the Apostles**.

Email Jeff for the link jervaulxjeff@gmail.com if you'd like to join us



BIG Celebrations

We thought it would be nice to celebrate important life events in Bridge.

So if you would like to wish someone a Happy Birthday or Happy Anniversary, when they hit the milestones – including big birthdays like 18, 21, and anything with a '0' on the end – or the milestone anniversaries – let us know, preferably with a photo of the person/ couple. Email jervaulxliz@gmail.com



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Sam & Harriet Mashford have just taken over the Black Bull Inn in Middleham and are looking forward to welcoming you all as soon as they can.

'The next few weeks are going to be a busy time, getting everything ready; stocking local products old and new! In addition, the Black Bull Inn will serve a limited menu of homemade pie and chips, with a view to extending that over the coming months. In addition to adding another menu to the town, we are also working with Russell Home Interiors in Leyburn to refurbish the three letting bedrooms which we are excited to be revealing over the coming months. The rooms are available to book now for June onwards.

We have been living in Wakefield for the last six years, with Harriet being from Leeds and Sam originally from Essex. Between us, we have been coming to the Dales for years, either hiking, cycling or camping. It holds a special place in our hearts having got engaged and married in the Dales too. We always knew we would end up here eventually, but following a

serious cycling accident that Sam was involved in last year it accelerated our desire to move!

Between us we are big football, rugby union & cycling fans so you will be sure to find something on the TV.'

The Black Bull Inn will be opening outside on 12 April come rain or shine, and looking forward to opening their doors fully on 17 May.

EASTER: – Bunny's Birthday and Chocolate Fest?



I remember asking a group of children what they knew about Easter. 'It's the Easter bunny's birthday,' piped up one little girl. Oh dear, I clearly had not been doing my job properly.

I am most definitely not a 'morning person', but Easter is the one day of the year that I can leap out of bed with the words, 'The Lord is risen!' on my lips and Jeff (who IS a morning person) replies, 'He is risen indeed! Hallelujah!'

These are words that have been used for centuries by Christians on what for us is the most important day of the year. It's so exciting! Jesus, who died horrifically on Good Friday rises from the dead in what CS Lewis describes as a 'deeper magic'. Of course it's not magic, but it is miraculous. And we can't wait to celebrate the resurrection in our services this year (10am Middleham Churchyard, 10am Thornton Steward Churchyard, 11am Horsehouse Churchyard, 11am East Witton Churchyard, Easter Day.)

We are also looking forward to partaking of some Easter goodies. Roast Yorkshire lamb and a tad of chocolate. Did you know that in the Guinness book of records the largest ever Easter egg was made in Italy and was 10m high, 20m round, and weighed over 7000 kg. Slightly large for your average Easter bunny to deliver – especially when you think that Easter bunnies grew out of stories from Germany of an egg-laying hare. Ouch!



Bunnies, as we know are rather prolific, and so an appropriate symbol of new life. At its root, that's what Easter is all about – the new life that God wants to give us, and which we see illustrated so powerfully all around us in the joy that is Spring. Light follows darkness. Hope overcomes despair. Resurrection defeats death. Maybe this year in particular, after the events of the last months, Easter, however we celebrate it, will indeed be a wonderful symbol of hope.

Happy Easter. Rev'd Liz



Bells on 23rd March

On 23rd March you may have heard the sound of a church bell ringing in parts of the parish to mark the anniversary of the first lockdown, and to remember all those who have died, or been affected by the Covid pandemic.

With thanks to our bell ringers for helping us to mark the occasion.

If you are interested in finding out more about bellringing please email wensleydaleringers@gmail.com, or via Facebook at Wensleydale Ringers, via twitter at #wensleydaleringers

Community Garden, Middleham:

If you would like to join the Community Garden Team, even if it's an hour or two a week, please contact Nigel Hopper: hoppern@gmail.com or phone 07594814524



Scarlett's run

Local girl, Scarlett, aged 11, is raising money for a great cause:



'I'm taking part in the Race to the Base in support of my local air ambulance service. The Great North Air Ambulance Service provides world-class, critical care across the North East, North Yorkshire and Cumbria. Their doctor-led critical care team delivers life-saving treatments at the scene of an incident whether that is on a fell top, a roadside or in a city centre. The charity responded to over 1,200 emergency call-outs last year, where they performed treatments and procedures which can mean the difference between life or death.

I am joining Team Lee to run 32 miles during March. 32 miles is the distance between the Teeside base and RVI Hospital in Newcastle. Any donations are greatly appreciated.'

You can donate to my JustGiving page by clicking here:

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/scarlettsrun?utm_source=Sharethis&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=scarlettsrun&utm_campaign=pfp-email&utm_term=1d308a80e90a471abdab1db5573024bc

A trip to Middleham costs £1000 – so all donations are greatly appreciated.



A Middleham Councillor's Viewpoint

As I've been out walking around our beautiful Dales I have noticed the amount of litter and rubbish strewn around the hedgerows and verges. We live in a beautiful part of the world (which I'm sure like myself many of us take for granted). Just stop and look around at all the beautiful green fields, trees and beautiful views we have, now take a look in the bushes and along the roads and you will see so much rubbish either thrown from car windows or carelessly left discarded. From McDonald's boxes and pizza

boxes to coke cans and beer cans, it's all unnecessary. This is dangerous for our wildlife who get tangled up in the plastic and suffocate. We need to look after our world, our nature and our small part of the planet.

When lockdown allows us, how many of you would be interested in helping me with a litter pick? We could really do with doing this now before all the hedgerows come into bloom. I myself will be doing a litter pick along the Buses, Middleham. If anyone is interested, please feel free to email me and I'll be in touch when we are able to meet up: lornaskelton@yahoo.com

And please, please put your poo bags in the bin! This is another spoiler of our countryside, tourists can't be blamed right now this is local people walking their dogs and just being lazy! How many dog bins do we need? Poo bag dispensers have been installed and filled, in case you forget to bring a bag; a new bin has been put on the Springs. Let's hope they get used.

PLEASE TAKE YOUR LITTER HOME AND PICK UP AFTER YOUR DOG Cllr Lorna Skelton (Middleham Town Council)



The Parish of Middleham with Coverdale, East Witton and Thornton Steward 'Jervaulx Churches'

Our worshipping life will begin together in person (outdoors) from Easter Day. We are proceeding cautiously, having our services outside in our churchyards, maintaining social distancing, sanitising of hands, and for those able to use them, masks. We continue to pray for the parish, and will also continue to send out email services for Wednesdays and Sundays (see below).

In addition, our churches continue to be open for private prayer on Wednesdays, 9am – 5pm (*unless there is a funeral*).

Parish e-services:

Sundays - a weekly email service of worship

Wednesdays - a weekly email reflection following 'We make the road by walking' by Brian McLaren – pursuing 'aliveness'

Please email jervaulxliz@gmail.com – to be added (BCC) to our email services group.

Easter Day, Sunday 4th April. Outdoor services will take place in the churchyards of our churches at the following times:

10am St Oswald's, Thornton Steward

10am St Alkelda's, Middleham

11am St Botolph's, Horsehouse

11am St John the Evangelist, East Witton

Sunday 11th April: 11am East Witton Churchyard

Sunday 18th April: 11am Horsehouse Churchyard

Sunday 25th April: 10am Thornton Steward Churchyard

Sunday 2nd May: 10am Middleham Churchyard



Our churchyards are very beautiful and peaceful places to pray/ reflect/ meditate/ enjoy the beauty of God's world. We hope you will enjoy them on any day or evening of the week.

On the next page you will see a beautiful picture of a moonrise at East Witton Churchyard at sunset, facing east. With thanks to David Watterson for this evocative photograph:



If anyone has any photos you have of any of our churchyards, including the wildlife, flora and fauna, please send them to jervaulxliz@gmail.com and we'll include them next time.

Weddings and Funerals Update: (subject to change)

Weddings

From **29 March** onwards, up to 6 people can attend a wedding in any circumstances.

From no earlier than

12 April, up to 15 people will be allowed to attend a wedding, potentially rising to up to 30 from **17 May**.

From **21 June** at the earliest, the government aims to remove all limits on social contact, including lifting wedding restrictions.

However, the guidance may be that masks will remain compulsory, and congregational singing may still not be allowed. We await further announcements.

Funerals are limited up to a maximum of 30 throughout this period, though this could be less depending on the capacity to safely social distance in each particular church building or crematorium.

Up to 15 people are allowed at the interment of ashes.

Funerals directors have current information on government guidelines, and parish policies, which vary.



APP to help you pray (free to download):

'Reflect' - Christian Mindfulness

Mindfulness is an excellent way to learn relaxation and to reduce stress levels. This app contains reflections and meditations based on the

Christian principles of biblical meditation and contemplative prayer. Each reflection is a guided audio describing a particular practice to follow. There are four pieces of relaxing music that you add as background to the meditations.

Bird notes from Richard Wells – April 2021



It is only a handful of years ago that the first little egret (left) was reported in our parishes. What a talking point. This flashy all white-plumaged bird with a fine black bill had been seen in Wensleydale! No, not in the Mediterranean in some sun-drenched *etang* – its traditional hang-out - but in a wet muddy field near the Cover Bridge in November. Amazing.

Fast forward to 2021 and there are now sightings on an almost daily basis. The single bird has given way to twos and threes. Even as many as 5 on the banks of the Ure near Harkersbeck. Those of us that walk the Ure will watch in joy as one hoves into view, but it is no longer an exceptional, even unusual, event.

How has it come to this?

John Mather in his 'Birds of Yorkshire' reported that between 1840 and 1984 there were just five little egrets seen in the whole of the county. Then they started to spread their wings from southern Europe northwards.

This has been followed by another surge, this time from eastern Europe, of their close cousin the great white egret (right). This species has been seen in our parishes every month since last July. This is white too but with a yellow bill and the size of a heron.



Now there is evidence of another egret on the move - the cattle egret (left). One has already been seen at Bolton on Swale. So it is certainly worth looking out for here as well. It is shorter and a bit tubbier than a little egret with a touch of orange on its head and back, if seen in summer.

It is hard to argue that these movements north are not in some way due to climate change. They are two of the winners; cuckoo (below), tree pipit and wood warbler three of the losers. We still see cuckoos but not in the same numbers as in the past; tree pipit and wood warblers clung on until 10-15 years ago but are now totally absent.



On an equally sombre note Peta Keeble found a dead barn owl in St John's Churchyard at the beginning of March. The 10 days of wet and cold weather gave the species a rough time after a long cold winter. Not all, I am afraid, can survive.

Yours sightings are always welcome at rmwellsew14@gmail.com

Hospital Transport

Parish support groups may be able to provide transport to local medical and dental practices. Different parts of the local area have their own arrangements, so contact your parish council to see if they are supporting in this way.

In Middleham contact David Keep 07531580499 or office@middlehamtowncouncil.co.uk in the first instance



If you have an appointment at one of the hospitals for our district, and no family or friends are available to help, you will be asked to contact PTS (Patients Transport Service) which is provided by Yorkshire Air Ambulance (0300 3302000 between 8am – 6pm). They accept the most critically ill people within the following criteria: outpatients; admission or discharge from hospital; regular life-saving treatment e.g. dialysis, chemotherapy. PTS are reluctant to speak to anyone but the patient who must have appointment details when they phone. PTS is free of charge.

If none of the above is possible, contact the Leyburn Hub on 01969 624510 or admin@leyburnartscentre.com. The Hub has arranged to provide transport via NYCC Transport Service run by volunteers, but is not free of charge. For journeys up to 44 miles, the charge is 45p a mile. For journeys more than 44 miles, the charge is capped at £20. Pay the driver by cash or cheque at the end of the journey.

Coronavirus vaccinations are free of charge. The NHS will never:

Coronavirus vaccine scams

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- ✗ ask for your bank account or card details
- ✗ ask for your PIN or banking passwords
- ✗ arrive unannounced at your home to administer the vaccine
- ✗ ask you to prove your identity by sending copies of personal documents such as your passport, driving licence, bills or pay slips.

From Dales Police Report:

DOG THEFT: We are aware of an increasing worry amongst dog owners about the threat of dog theft – please can we reassure local residents that these thefts are very rare in the Dales. For further information please visit; [Dog thefts - advice and guidance - North Yorkshire Police | North Yorkshire Police](#)

There are a number of steps you can take to help safeguard your dog:

- Ensure your pet is microchipped – if your dog runs off or is stolen, a vets will be able to identify the rightful owner.
- Don't leave dogs unattended in the street.
- Don't overshare on social media, ensure your privacy settings are secure and don't share details about your home address or regular walking routes.
- Ensure your garden is secure and don't leave them alone for long periods of time.
- If you keep them outside, make sure your property and kennels are secure.
- Always keep them on a lead when walking near roads.
- Ensure your dog has good recall before you let it off the lead.



Regarding Covid; as the weeks go on now, certain restrictions will start lifting and/or changing. For the most up to date information please visit www.gov.uk/coronavirus. If you want to report a breach of the rules please go to northyorkshire.police.uk where there is a specific online reporting form.

PCSO Lucy Osborn 3744

NO HORISING AROUND! AN EASTER STORY - By Mike Sweeting

On Easter Sunday 1972 I was at a big 3 Day Event near where my family farmed in Kent. Both my brother and sister were competing. I had never got the horsy bug, but loved the atmosphere, and strangely enough, the



horses! Really, I was a kind of junior groom to my younger siblings. I would ride the horse if I needed to, bring them in and out of their box or stable etc. I was often roped in as a jump judge since I was already the steady one. My brother certainly could not be accused of that! He started off on fast horses, added fast motorbikes; and by the age of 14, fast young women were added to the package. Andy was the only person I know who got fined for motorbike offences before he was old enough to have one - three up on an uninsured Lambretta on the main road ensured that.

As a jump judge the weekend before that Easter Day, I had had to rescue a young girl who had been rolled over by her horse after a fall. I had also recently seen a woman fatally injured in a similar situation. Andy put up with the dressage (which my sister loved) and rode a remarkably reckless cross-country the next day. Everyone was talking about it as Day 3 began, partly because it put a 14-year-old in the

Me frame for victory. His horse was far too big for him, making Andy look like a cork on the ocean much of the time! Regimental (Reggie) was quiet for a chestnut but could get really roused – the opposite to Andy’s previous horse, called by his Irish breeder ‘Capsicum’ because he was red and fiery, with a Pepper stuck up a certain orifice. My dad sold Capsie on - after Andy had racked up two concussions in Point-to-Points. That horse started hot and then would suddenly lose interest, usually at a high fence!

I had been struggling during this period to grasp the of Christianity. I had been to church once in my life – when I was belatedly christened at nearly the age of 3. (I shouted ‘Quack! Quack!’ as the water was sprinkled on me - very loudly, apparently.) My parents were militant atheists. The combination of annoying my parents and meeting girls was an irresistible one, so I was attending a Christian youth group in the nearest village. I prayed my first ever (sincere) prayer on that 3rd day, Easter Sunday. I went behind our horse box, knelt on the grass and asked Jesus to protect my brother from harm. To add a touch of authenticity (since I was not sure He existed), I said that if Andy got a clear round, I would become a Christian. Andy did – so I rejigged the offer – **two** clear rounds, or the deal was off. Andy got three - and won the whole Event. I caved in and said ‘If you do exist, please take my life, but I refuse to believe in Heaven & Hell or read the Bible. Amen.’ I stood up a changed person, sure Jesus was there, sure about Eternity, and read a modern Bible from cover to cover within a week! It took another 6 months before I was prepared to enter a Christian congregation, but that’s another story. (I laughed at them a lot.) Three years later, I and the Rural Dean conducted my brother’s funeral. He made it through to 17. By then my newfound faith was well-established and God’s faithfulness saw us through.

Me (left) and Andy on our Christening day basics



Rishi Sunak praises test centre at Wensleydale School



Rishi Sunak MP, praised students and staff on the success of their testing centre during a recent visit.

Mr Sunak said he was very impressed with the testing operation he had witnessed at The Wensleydale School and Sixth Form: “The school staff and volunteers have done a great job in setting up the system to make the very welcome return to school as safe as possible for pupils and staff. It was all very calm and smooth and I am sure that helped everyone

involved feel reassured about the process.

“My Q&A with pupils was good fun. They had some probing questions for me. It was refreshing to hear about their issues and I really enjoyed talking to them about my life as their local MP, working in Westminster, and dealing with the Covid-19 pandemic.”

Responding to a question by one of students about proposed summer catch up lessons, Mr Sunak said: “No decision has been made but he [Gavin Williamson] is looking at options such as extra tutoring and summer schools. It’s really important this past year doesn’t end up harming your chances of you being able to do whatever you really want to do, and if we need to catch up a little bit, it’s a really good thing.”

Staff at the school spent the week testing students ahead of a full return to school on Monday (15th March). The school recorded no positive or void results from the two sets of tests given to pupils during the week.

Headteacher, Julia Polley, said: “Students and parents had the opportunity to meet with Rishi Sunak MP today as he held a Q&A session with some of our students and chatted with staff and parents about the testing arrangements. It is an honour to host the Chancellor and we are grateful for the time he has taken out of his busy schedule to visit our school community.

About the testing centre, she went on to say: “During this week we have tested 98 per cent of students with Lateral Flow Tests, which is testament to the continued support from our parents for us to be able to do this. So far, we have had 100 per cent negative Lateral Flow Tests and together with our robust infection management controls and risk assessment, we are confident to get back to face to face teaching from 15th March.

“I would like to congratulate all the students for their mature and sensible approach to testing and I am delighted that they have all reported they are looking forward to returning to school. Finally, I owe a huge debt of gratitude to the senior leaders and testing team who have worked tirelessly to make this happen. I couldn't have done this without them.”





The Federation of Middleham & Spennithorne Schools

Our headteacher, Mrs Evans, is moving to the Bristol area to start her new job after Easter. The governors will be interviewing towards the end of April and wanted to let you know the arrangements for leadership of the two schools, from when the children return to class after the Easter holidays until the new headteacher is able to start. Through an arrangement with the Dales Academy Trust, Mrs L. Proberts (headteacher at St Francis of Assisi CE Primary School) and Mr S. Robson (headteacher at Croft CE Primary School) will be providing us with headteacher support for the interim period. Both headteachers have had experience of working in schools other than their own in the past and they are looking forward to helping us in this way.

We know that our two schools are happy, friendly places to be and we are sure that all our staff and your children will quickly get to know them and make them feel at home. They have both had experience of working on projects together and so are not strangers to each other's ways of working. The governors believe that they will be 'safe hands' for this period for our two schools and will provide a smooth transition for the new headteacher coming in.

At the moment the Covid situation means our schools can't run their normal community events and I know many of you have previously enjoyed our family lunches, church services, summer fairs and fun events like chocolate bingo. Governors and staff sincerely hope that before very much longer our schools will be able to hold some of these activities again and welcome you back. In the meantime, very best wishes for a peaceful and hope-filled Easter break to you all.

Lesley Sweeting, Chair of Governors



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The Key Centre office and other facilities are **CLOSED** due to the current lockdown. We will resume our activities as the Government guidance allows and when it is safe to do so.

Meanwhile you can email us or ring our number and leave a message. E-mails will be dealt with by staff from home and the answerphone will be checked regularly.

Alternatively, if the matter is urgent, you can ring Pam on 07772 736006 or Lesley on 01969 622615. We are happy to help if we can or signpost you to the relevant services. We hope those who are able will keep an eye out for their neighbours. Stay sensible and safe. We are on the lookout for willing volunteers ready for when we are able to open again. If you can spare some time to support our work in the community and the smooth running of the centre, please contact us for a chat. My number is 01969 622615. Thank you, Lesley.

We are still taking advance bookings by email for the **'Emergency First Aid at Work'** which we will be offering a date, as soon as lockdown has eased. The course will be £57.50 which includes VAT and certification.

The Hair Shoppe: at Middleham Key Centre is also CLOSED until Government guidance changes. Enquiries can be directed to the salon's Facebook page or when bookings resume to Claire on 01969 624401.

Changing Minds Psychotherapy: Beverley D'arcy BSc Hons. Psychol. M. A. Psychotherapy, Cert. Coun. Psychotherapy & Counselling – online. www.changingmindspsychotherapy.co.uk or Email: bevdarcy@changingmindspsychotherapy.co.uk Tel: 07900 034481 for further details

Middleham Town Council: If you wish to contact the council telephone 07531 580499 Email: office@middlehamtowncouncil.co.uk Website: www.middlehamtowncouncil.co.uk

Community Police: Whilst we are closed if you need to contact our local PCSO please telephone 101 the non-emergency number directly.



Leyburn Band by Sandy Walker

The number of brass bands in the UK has declined greatly since the demise of coalmining, and the Covid pandemic has delivered another blow. Some bands are really concerned about their existence now. They have reported that many members have decided to quit, having rarely picked up their instruments to play for a year and because they are suffering from other more pressing worries too. This is one of several reasons such bands are wondering whether they will be able to continue at all.

The fact that the virus is spread by airborne droplets (we obviously produce lots of those) has meant that bands have been particularly hard hit by official restrictions. We have only been allowed to play in groups of up to 6 and then only during certain phases in the past year.

Happily, our band is in a stronger position than many. Leyburn Band members are still keen to continue and are eager to play as a group again. We have already been asked to perform at two events, the first of which is well and truly outdoors, so there shouldn't be a problem. The government's "roadmap" and weather permitting, we shall be playing in public again very soon.

Watch this space . . .



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