



BRIDGE

May 2021

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

Bridge at Coverham

Please cascade 'Bridge' to others.

Please email jervaulxliz@gmail.com if you would like to be added to the mailing list.

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

Letter from the Rectory – Rev'd Liz

Lots of us have been saying, 'I can't wait to we get back to normal.' I have to say that visiting my mum last week, a previously 'normal' experience, was joyous. With the exception of Christmas Day I hadn't seen her for 8 months and I am thankful for a warm, sunny day, so that we were able to sit comfortably outside. It wasn't quite the 'normal' experience, though, as I couldn't give her a hug. But it was still lovely.

As well as talking about 'getting back to normal', people have started talking about 'the new normal'. One of my 'new normals' is Zoom which has enabled me to chat with friends scattered far and wide. I'd never even heard of Zoom till the pandemic.

For others, the 'new normal' has been the flexibility of being able to work from home (acknowledging it doesn't suit everyone) – while others have got into daily walking and feel better for it.



But am I right to look for the positive in what has been such a devastating experience? Or am I just trying to look on the bright side – trying to see the glass as half full as opposed to half empty?

Some of us may not feel ready to see the possibility of anything positive coming out of the last year – the loss of so many things that Covid has brought is still felt too keenly, and the situation we are currently seeing in India and South Asia remind us that the pandemic is still with us and causing deep grief. It is right to lament for the terrible loss that has taken place and is still taking place. But maybe in the not too distant future we can also begin

to hope for the day when we can allow ourselves to recognise that some good can come out of this terrible situation. In the Christian narrative we call this redemption: the belief that God can transform something that seems utterly dark into something of light and goodness. The clearest example of this is seen in Jesus's crucifixion and death followed by his resurrection. We all experience situations in life where we hope redemption can happen.

This isn't a glib optimism that 'everything will turn out ok.' The last year has shown us that for so many people things haven't work out ok. But we continue to hope that darkness will not have the last word, reminding ourselves that in Christ 'the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it'.

For good to come out of this period of human history we will need to reflect on it and learn from our experience – individually, as communities and as a species. Maybe this will also help us as we face the arguably bigger problem of climate change.

The Bishop of Leeds, our diocesan bishop, Nick Baines, asked us to reflect on the following questions:

- What have we lost that we need to regain?
- What have we lost that needs to stay lost?
- What have we gained that we need to keep and build upon?
- What have we gained that we now need to lose for the future?

You may find these questions useful for yourself, or your organisation. Being honest with ourselves about both the good and the bad will help us all to move forward. Blessings to you all.

Verse of the Month: Psalm 107:1-2

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever.

Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those he redeemed from trouble

OPEN PANTRY

Emergency food supplies available:

Please contact 07796 988302 (text/phone. Confidential. Discreet collection/ delivery can be arranged. Or private message Lorna Skelton on Facebook)



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

PLEASE SUPPORT STOREHOUSE
FOOD BANK
IN THESE DIFFICULT TIMES

PLEASE DONATE TO:



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' phoneline.

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>.

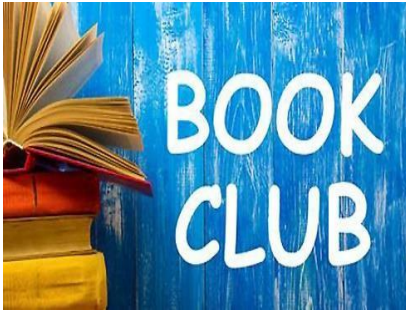


Bridge magazine:

Please forward Bridge to people you think might be interested – and if anyone wants to sign up directly we would be delighted to hear from you – email jervaulxliz@gmail.com

A few hard copies are available for those who do not have access to technology. If you are in that situation and would like to sign up, please write to Liz Moody, Applegarth House, Middleham DL8 4PL . Currently Bridge is available free of charge to those unable to access Bridge technologically, because of the generous underwriting by a donor, and we are thankful for other donations we have received.

The work done to produce Bridge is not done by professional admin staff so we are thankful for your patience!

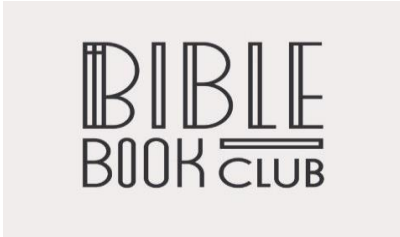


Coverdale Book Club

Our next meeting is on Tuesday May 11th at 11am we will be discussing **Big Sky** by Kate Atkinson.

In the following month we are meeting on Tuesday June 8th at 11am when we will be discussing *Hamnet by Maggie O'Farrell*.

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 [07821 685084](tel:07821685084)



Bible Book Club

Saturday May 22nd at 11.30am – 12.30pm. We'll be looking at 'Jonah'.

We'll be meeting at Applegarth House, Leyburn Road, Middleham (outdoors if the weather is nice) if you'd like to join us



Leyburn Library Services

BROWSING has restarted.

Mondays 10am-12 midday and 1pm-3pm,

Tuesdays 10am-12midday and 2.30pm-4.30pm,

Fridays 10am-12.20pm and 2.20pm-3pm, and

Saturdays 10am-12midday

Come to the door of the library in the corridor and you will be welcome if there are no more than 4 customers in the library already.

To guarantee a time slot, please ring us on 01609 535971

Public Computer times:

Tuesday and Friday, 45 minute sessions at 12.30 and 13.30 must be pre-booked by phoning 01609 535971. Socially-distanced tech advice will be available on Tuesdays.

Leyburn Library is still offering Select and Collect Service for customers who would prefer not to browse: you can reserve books online via your library account, or telephone us on 01609 535971 to tell us what you would like and to arrange a collection time.

An answerphone is available if phonline is engaged, or out of hours.

Books can be returned anytime that volunteers are in the library, into the small green boxes at both doors of the library. We look forward to seeing you at the Library



Bells to mark the death of HRH the Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh

Following the death of HRH Prince Philip, and on the day of his funeral, you may have heard the sound of a church bell tolling in parts of the parish.

With thanks to our bell ringers for helping us to mark these events.

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

Middleham Sports and Community Wellbeing Association (MSCWA)

Spring update:

The sun appears to have brought actions in many ways.

The Community Garden is full of new life be it new helpers and plot tenderers. The centre part has been tidied with the Petanque markers cleared, the spoil moved to the redwood allowing delivery of new manure and wood chippings. The poor ivy on the bank before the entrance on the left has even gained a new friend.... a large holly tree, how appropriate!



Football re-commenced with League matches from Saturday 10th April which will continue with mid weeks matches until June 30th in accordance with FA guidelines.

This will mean the bottom goal posts being removed mid-week to allow cricket from April 24th.

Leyburn Football Club intend continuing with us again next season, but if anyone is interested to re-establish Middleham Football club with a proper committee of Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, groundsman at least as a committee, contact me, please.

Various tidying issues have progressed and we now have a flat surface near the scoreboard pending a storage lean-to and spectating area out of the west wind!

A new set of 5-a-side goals have been purchased and the old 2 sets merged into one.

If any local group wishes to use the main pitch with the nets of 5 a side set for a match, please let me know. Rounders can also be set up/marked out. Hopefully a Petanque court will become available during the summer with croquet.

Contacts:

Community Garden: Nigel or Amanda 07594814524

Messy boot: Kathy Wheeler 07866132787

Cricket: Richard Sanderson (or me 01969 625365)

5 a side football/Senior Football/Rounders/Golf: Nigel / me.

Richard Fletcher (Secretary MSCWA [01969-625365](tel:01969-625365)/rajfsmarden@btopenworld.com

Text-07743018274)



Middleham Cricket Club

Cricket starts again on Saturday April 24th with over a month's worth of ground preparation already done on the wicket (not the **OUT!!**-in joke for anyone interested-see National press re 'the Hundred').

The World Golden Oldies over 50's International Tournament has been postponed again till 2022. However, this will give us time to get the ground looking its best. Drainage in the bottom corner is awaiting quotes and the building of a small extension at the scoreboard end of the pavilion as a store.

Normally, Junior cricket is on Mondays and midweek evening league matches played.

As usual more players (as well as scorers and ground help) for the 1st and 2nd XI are welcome-contact us....

Contact: Richard Sanderson 07710652348 (or Richard Fletcher 07743018274.).





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

Our worshipping life continues in person (outdoors), with a review of our pattern of worship imminent.

So far, our outdoor services have been blessed with fine weather. Here is a flavour of our Easter Service at Middleham, complete with a masked Easter Bunny!



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.

Sunday Worship in person

- Sunday 2nd May: 10am Middleham Churchyard
- Sunday 9th May: 11am East Witton Churchyard
- Sunday 16th May: 11am Horsehouse Churchyard
- Sunday 23rd May: 10am Thornton Steward Churchyard
- Sunday 30th May: 11am Coverham Churchyard

Deanery 'Jervaulx' Ascension Day Service – because of the limit on numbers that can meet in a public/ privately owned venue (as set by the government in law due to the pandemic), this service cannot take place in person, even though it is outdoors. It will therefore be on Zoom at 7pm. If you would like the link, please email jervaulxliz@gmail.com

Weddings and Funerals Update: (subject to change)

Weddings

From **17 May** at the earliest, up to 30 people will be allowed to attend weddings (depending on the size of the building; less if the venue is small)

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 up to 21 June at the earliest, though this could be less depending on the capacity to safely socially 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.



Covid and the Charitable sector

All charities, including the church, have been severely impacted by the Covid pandemic as far as their funds are concerned. Meanwhile, 75% of the population have been able to save due to lockdowns and restrictions inhibiting usual spending – shopping/ socialising/ holidays, for example.

If you would like to support your local churches, maybe as a way to express your thanks to God that your livelihood has been secure, or just as an expression of thankfulness, an easy way to do so is via the links below. All donations are completely confidential – only the church treasurers are aware of any donations.

In anticipation, we offer you our thanks as a parish.

Middleham: <https://www.jervaulxchurches.co.uk/middleham.php>

Coverdale: <https://www.jervaulxchurches.co.uk/coverdale.php>

East Witton: <https://www.jervaulxchurches.co.uk/east-witton.php>

Thornton Steward: <https://www.jervaulxchurches.co.uk/thornton-steward.php>

And our repeated thanks to those who have and do contribute so generously



Bird notes from Richard Wells

For a birdwatcher there is no more exciting time than the spring – the arrival of our summer visitors after long and sometimes perilous journeys lasting thousands of miles.



Just think about birds like **chiffchaff (above left)** and **swallow (above right)** – smaller than sparrows - which have survived the African heat of our winter and then set off over deserts and seas to arrive here...and all we offer them is a lot of depressingly cold weather.

But they are here. Frank Johnston got the ball rolling with two **wheatear (right – female and male)** at Pinkers Pond on the early date of March 18. Three days later a chiffchaff was heard in the garden of the Blue Lion in East

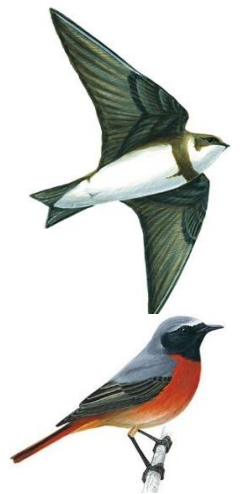


Witton and by the end of the month **blackcap (left, male and female)** and the first **sand martins (right)** were in our parishes.

Swallows were a bit later – the first I heard of was a pair at Sowden Beck on April 9. And Sam Anderson had the first **house martin (below left)** a few days after that.



Then there was a bit of a lull, no doubt caused by those cold days and even colder nights when the migrants held back from venturing further north. So cold was it that winter fieldfares made a brief appearance, no doubt having their last taste of local insects before heading off to Scandinavia for the summer. After that, the next summer migrant to appear was a **male redstart (r)** at the Stepping Stones between Middleham and East Witton on April 20. By my reckoning that is about a week later than when they normally arrive.



In other news, Janet and Robert Harker were delighted to see a **nuthatch (left)** enjoying the bird feeder in their garden in Melmerby in mid-April; I reckon there are at least three pairs of **mandarin duck (right)** looking to nest along the rivers Cover and Ure, a **marsh**



tit (left) singing in Cover Gorge was a highlight for me. And finally, when the Stocken family told me about two **kingfishers (below r)** they had seen on the River Ure at the end of February I assumed that would be the start of lots of sightings of this colourful bird in our parishes. But I haven't seen one this year. Very unusual. Am I alone?



Your sightings are always welcome at rmwellsew14@gmail.com

Unusual-visitor-to-the-garden award for this month must go to Anne Stansfield at Gellpool - a **guinea fowl**. Anyone lost one?

Dales Police Report

Firstly, an update on the planned move of Leyburn Police Station to the shared facility at Leyburn Fire Station. The sharp eyed amongst you will have noticed that this has not happened yet. It is still going ahead but has been delayed due to a technical problem with IT. We will keep you posted as to when we are moving.

The last month has seen little in the way of crime. One stand out offence was the theft overnight on 23rd March of 10 chimney pots, valued at over £500, from outside Cellar Antiques in Hawes. Please contact us with any information.

We have taken a number of reports of attempted scams. Please remember that a genuine bank or organisation will never contact you out of the blue to ask for your PIN, full password or to move money to another account. Only give out your personal or financial details to use a service that you have given your consent to, that you trust and that you are expecting to be contacted by. Also, don't be tricked into giving a fraudster access to your personal or financial details. Never click on a link in an unexpected email or text. And finally, always question uninvited approaches in case it's a scam. Instead contact the company directly using a known email or phone number. If you have been affected by fraud, report it to Action Fraud (0300 123 2040 or www.actionfraud.police.uk).



Retiring

On a personal note, I shall be retiring in May from the police and my role as Beat Manager and Wildlife Crime Officer at Leyburn. I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to the many past and present colleagues who I have worked with in the last 29 years, and whose support and friendship has been much appreciated. Policing is a unique and varied career, with many challenges. When I joined we were largely focused on crime, whereas your average officer today has a wide range of demands, not only investigating crime and disorder,

but also working with partners to safeguard victims and the vulnerable. Personally, when dealing with people I have always tried to work on the principle that behaviour breeds behaviour. This approach must have had some success as I very rarely needed to draw my truncheon, and was only shot at once (he missed!). A big thank you to the dedicated volunteers, such as Dales Watch, who help to keep crime levels low, and Swaledale Mountain Rescue Team, who are always there to help with the seemingly impossible. They are just two examples of the support which is freely given in our amazing Dales. Others, such as my friends in the Yorkshire Dales National Park and RSPB deserve a mention, but this risks becoming an Oscar acceptance speech!

Stay safe, Julian Sutcliffe Northern Dales Neighbourhood Police Team

Zoe Armstrong is the new PCSO officer who has been allocated to Middleham and Lower Wensleydale.

Hospital Transport

Parish support groups may be able to provide transport to local medical/ dental practices. Different parts of the area have their own arrangements so contact your parish council to see if they can support 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.



The Federation of Middleham & Spennithorne Schools

We said 'goodbye' to, Mrs Evans, the outgoing headteacher, at the end of last term, in a gathering on the school playground where she was presented with various gifts and cards by the children, and the Chair of Governors, Lesley Sweeting thanked her and wished her well as she moved to the Bristol area to begin her new job.

We have 'interim' headteachers in place currently, via 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).

A new head has been appointed, and that person will be announced, and introduced to Bridge readers, when all checks and procedures have been completed. For those of you who supported us in prayer through the appointment process, and those who wished us well, we are thankful.



Middleham Key Centre, Park Lane, Middleham DL8 4RA

Tel: 01969 624002 Email: office@middleham-key.co.uk
www.middlehamkeycentre.co.uk

The Key Centre office is open Mon-Thurs 9am-2pm.

The services we offer at present are photocopying, internet access, general information and providing recycling boxes and bags.

We are on the lookout for willing volunteers. 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.

The Hair Shoppe: at Middleham Key Centre. Telephone Claire on 01969 624401 to make appointments.

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

Community Police: If you need to contact our local PCSO please telephone 101 the non-emergency number.

* *We still ask you to wear a mask on entering the building and use the hand sanitiser at the entrance.



Richmondshire District Council

Sheltered Housing, Lifeline and Telecare

Sheltered Housing

Sheltered housing accommodation is designed for older and disabled people. It enables residents to lead an independent lifestyle in a setting which encourages social interaction with the benefits of support from an on site warden and emergency alarm system. Accommodation varies from scheme to scheme, but generally there are one and two bedroom flats, bungalows and fully self contained studio flats available.

Locations - The council has sheltered housing schemes in:

- St Cuthberts Green, Barton Queen's Court, Richmond
- St Edmunds Close and Brompton Court, Brompton on Swale
- Noels Court, Catterick Village Oak Tree Court, Colburn
- Thornborough Hall Gardens, Leyburn Quaker Close and Lanthorne, Reeth

Lifeline

Lifeline is a service run by the council which provides reassurance, emergency support and peace of mind to its users, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.



It is available to anyone over 60, disabled people and residents returning home from hospital who require some back up support during their convalescence.

Lifeline provides people with a special unit which connects them via the telephone network to a call centre. Customers can summon help at any time by pressing either of the alarm trigger buttons supplied with the unit.

The operator at the call centre talks to the caller, giving them reassurance and will summon further help if required. The help the operator can provide ranges from giving verbal reassurance, to contacting a friend, neighbour, relative, mobile warden or the medical and emergency services.

There is a charge for the lifeline service. For more information on the help

available contact **01748 901147**.

Telecare

Telecare also helps people live independently in their home. It may help by fitting some equipment with a wireless link to a lifeline - a type of telephone. This equipment can automatically tell the telephone to make an alarm call if help or support is needed.

Telecare equipment can raise the alarm to a specialist centre 24 hours a day. Trained operators will have users' information and know who to call in an emergency. Like the lifeline system this could be family, friends, carers or the emergency services.

Equipment

Some of the equipment which can be provided and details of how it can help include:

- **Smoke Detector:** wireless smoke detector can raise the alarm in cases of fire
- **Fall Detector:** will identify a fall and get help quickly
- **Flood Detector:** can identify an overflowing bath or sink

There is a charge for the lifeline service. Any additional telecare equipment is also subject to a small additional charge.

For more information on any of the above services contact:

Richmondshire District Council, Mercury House, Station Road, Richmond DL10 4JX 01748 901147
enquiries@richmondshire.gov.uk richmondshire.gov.uk

For the full document, click on: [Sheltered housing, lifeline and telecare \(richmondshire.gov.uk\)](http://richmondshire.gov.uk)

The Dales Countryside Museum in Hawes

...will reopen on 17 May with a special exhibition telling the story of schools in the Upper Dales.



A blockbuster photo mosaic made from nearly 2,300 images of youth and school-life in the Upper Dales will greet you on entry.

A Mosaic of Dales Youth was created by *The People's Picture*, an art and design studio led by artist Helen Marshall. The photo tiles come together to reveal a whole new image selected by Marshall - portraits of David Hodgson of Askrigg School, aged 7 in 1954, and Joan Miller of Yorebridge Grammar, aged 12 in 1946.

'The Story of Schools in the Upper Dales' is also told through interpretation boards, vintage and modern photographs, a short film and oral histories. Themes include the changing journey to school, the tension between learning and earning and the life of teachers, 'Kiddy Catchers' and bus drivers.

Fourteen oral history interviews took place with well-known local people who attended Upper Dales schools from the 1930s onwards.

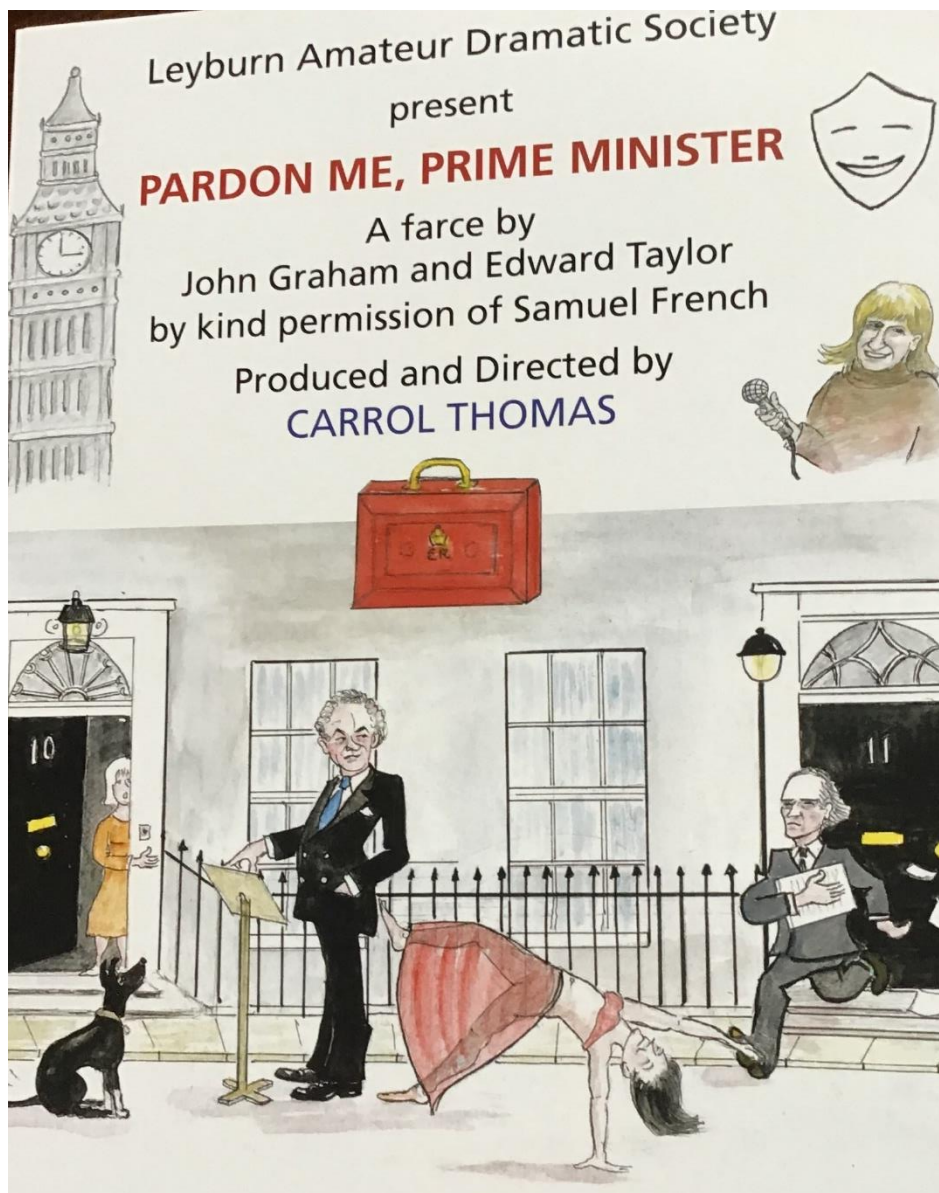
'Recording their stories has been a project highlight,' said project manager, Emily Rowe Rawlence. 'The exhibition is full of anecdotes, from filling pockets with bullets in WWII, to walking alone through brutal weather two miles to school and back at only five-years-old, to being sent down the pub to buy cigarettes for the headmaster at breaktime. Each person had a fascinating story to tell of a Dales childhood in the 30s, 40s, 50s or 60s. Together with the giant photo mosaic that is four and a half metres wide, they bring the last century to life.'

Fiona Rosher, Museum Manager said: "We look forward to welcoming both visitors and local people to enjoy the exhibition and hope they will share their memories of school life with families and friends. There will be family-friendly activities, emotive displays and thought-provoking educational resources'."



The exhibition will open at DCM on 17 May, and run till 18 July 2021.

Visit <https://www.thenashhawes.org/Schools>
<https://www.dalescountrysideuseum.org.uk/> for further information.



Leyburn Amateur Dramatic Society

...have had a very quiet behind the scenes year. After reaching dress rehearsal stage with their production of the comedy "Pardon Me Prime Minister," the plug had to be pulled because of Covid.

Since then the society have relied on zoom meetings, zoom socialising, and had play readings and murder mystery plays for their own enjoyment via zoom.

The producer Carrol Thomas has started plans to resume this very funny comedy to be staged at the Leyburn Arts Centre, October 14th to 16th at 7.30 pm, hoping of course that by that date restrictions will be well and truly over and events can proceed normally again.

LADS member Tony Scully is busy writing the script for the Forties weekend which hopefully will be reinstated once more in Leyburn in July for LADS popular "ELLO ELLO meets Dad's Army" again.

The society are a small group of happy thespians who enjoy live theatre .

Carrol Thomas (chair) would be delighted to have new members to join this happy band.

Please contact her on 01969 640689

Leyburn Band by Sandy Walker

Exciting news! IF . . . the government's "roadmap" continues successfully, then we will be playing in public again in May. This will be our first gig as a band since before the first lockdown.

The Swaledale Festival is organising free Family Fun Days on Reeth Green over the bank holiday weekend at the end of the month and we will be performing on the Sunday.

Our conductor has advised us to start practising regularly at home now, if we haven't already been doing so. Brass instrument players in the band also need to "get their lip back

in" after not playing much for a while, in order to produce pleasant sounds and to prevent discomfort. I would add that we (ok, !!) need to get fitter and build up some stamina, as playing for any length of time can be hard work. All band members need strong lungs, so breathing exercises (good for everyone in these Covid times) are also essential.

Please come to Reeth Green and support us on Sunday 30th May 2021 at 11am and again at 2pm and have some fun!





LEYBURN ARTS & COMMUNITY CENTRE

Tickets / Info: **01969 624510** leyburnartscentre.com

(£6 or 60+/U18 £5. All tickets must be bought in advance – please phone the office)

C I N E M A

- FRI 21 MAY** 6pm **Military Wives** (12A) 1hr 52m
FRI 28 MAY 6pm **Parasite** (15) 2hrs 12m
FRI 4 JUNE 6pm **Love Sarah** (12A) 1hr 37m
FRI 11 JUNE 6pm **Dark Waters** (12A) 2hrs 6m
FRI 18 JUNE 6pm **The Bee Gees: How Can You Mend a Broken Heart** (12) 1hr 51m
FRI 25 JUNE 6pm **The Call of the Wild** (PG) 1hr 40m

O T H E R E V E N T S

PLANT FAYRE

Come along and join us on **May 7, 8 & 9 (Friday, Saturday & Sunday)**. We are open from 10:30 to 3pm (outdoors, so weather permitting). Entry is FREE. Plants for sale. Books, CDs, DVDs, Jigsaws & Bric-a-brac.



Which bridge?

- Do you know which bridge this is?
Which stretch of water does it span?
What year did it open?
How long is it (to nearest 100m)?

Answers at the end of 'Bridge'.

Next Bridge: June 2021

Please send any items to: jervaulxliz@gmail.com by the deadline: 15th May, 2021.

It may sometimes be necessary to edit articles. We will endeavour to liaise with you when this happens, but it may not always be possible.

Please note that the views expressed in the articles are those of the author.

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<i>Which stretch of water does it span?</i>	Firth of Forth, Scotland
<i>What year did it open?</i>	2017
<i>How long is it (to nearest 100m)?</i>	2700m