



BRIDGE

March 2022

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

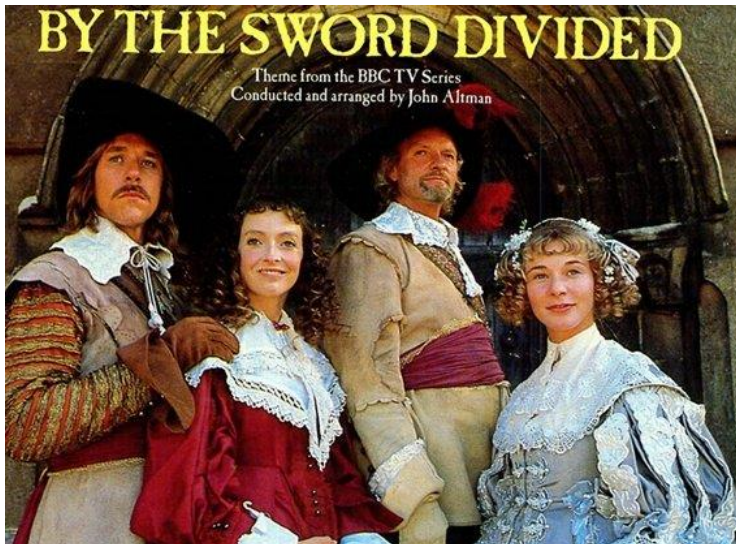
Bridge over River Cover – with thanks to Dave May

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 – Mending Relationships - Rev'd Jeff



Between 1983 and 1985 there was a historical drama showing on television called 'By the Sword Divided' which you may remember. It was set in the English civil war and told the story of the fictitious Lacey family who were torn apart by their conflicting views, some being Royalists and others being Parliamentarians. It sticks in my mind because it had never crossed my mind as a teenager that a family could be so divided and hostile against each other.

In more recent public discourse families have found themselves similarly divided but thankfully without violence. I wonder if families have had a chance to heal and to put their differences aside or whether they continue to lurk not far below the surface? There has been talk of attempts to heal the rifts in society but I'm not sure if much progress has been made. There are factions that profit from division and chaos in society so healing the divisions will be very difficult. This takes place largely online where information is sent with the intention of inflaming anger, entrenching views and pitting people against different groups in society.

The Church is a family and occasionally finds itself divided on issues, notably sexuality in recent years. Therefore, the Church of England has produced a course which we shall be doing this year for our Lent Course called Pastoral Principles for Living Well Together. The course seeks to give us principles by which we can address six issues which cause division among people. The issues we will seek to address are ignorance, power, fear, prejudice, silence and hypocrisy. The purpose is to examine our lives afresh, as is traditional in Lent, and learn together so that we are better prepared for when we encounter difference and diversity. These issues hinder our growth as Christians, hurt others and create barriers between people.

The sessions will be held in Middleham Church Tower Room on Tuesday afternoons at 1:30pm starting on 8th March. We do hope that you can join us as we build bridges with others.

Also in March are our Mothering Sunday Services on 27th March which are wonderful opportunities to thank God for our mothers and important mother figures in our lives, and to pray for them. Please see later in Bridge for the details.

Verse of the Month:



But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

Galatians 5:22-23

OPEN PANTRY

Emergency food supplies available:

Text/ phone 07796 988302 Or pm Lorna Skelton on Middleham Residents Facebook page. Confidential **Food Collection:** There is a collection box in St Alkelda's, Middleham, if you are able to contribute

an item or items of food for those in food need. Please leave them in the box at the back on the left as you go in. The doors are open daylight hours (with the exception of Saturdays).



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

Extra Legal Help for North Yorkshire Residents ... for those who need

it to solve problems in their everyday lives, and support for those representing themselves in court. Three newly recruited legal advisers are already helping clients with issues around housing, family and discrimination.

Office Opening times

Citizens Advice Offices in Mid-North Yorkshire are open for emergencies or for clients unable to access online or telephone support.

Northallerton Mon & Thur 10 – 2pm Hambleton: 277 High St DL7 8DW. Tel: 01609 776551

Richmond Tuesday 10.00 – 14.00 Richmondshire: 23 Newbiggin DL10 4DX. 01748 823862

www.citizensadvicehrs.org.uk

Warm & Well in North Yorkshire

Who is eligible for help? Anyone who is unable to afford their energy bills or worried about heating their home. People on low incomes or benefits Families with young children. Anyone with physical or mental health issues. **Phone 01609 767555**

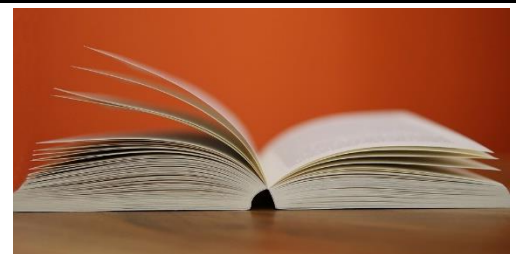
Leyburn Library Service

STORYTIME

Stories and craft activities for 0-5 years

Alternate Sats 10.30am-11.15am – check our Facebook page

BUZZY BEE for 0-4 year olds - collect your Goody bag when you register, stickers to collect every time you visit the library and take books home to read.



LIBRARY OPEN FOR BROWSING

Mons 10am-12pm & 2pm-4pm Tues 10am-4.30pm Fri 10am-3pm Sat 10am-12pm

We are OPEN for customers to Browse, to pick up reservations, and to return books. You are all very welcome.

PUBLIC COMPUTERS: Available whenever the library is open. No booking required.

Technical advice Tuesdays 12.30-2.30pm, just drop-in

East Witton News



COFFEE DROP-IN DATES 2022

Pop in for coffee and chat at the Coffee Drop-Ins, in The Parish Room, on Wednesday 9th and 30th March, 10.30 a.m.-11.30 a.m.

St. John's Church, East Witton Quiz Night and Pie and Pea Supper



Our next Quiz Night for teams of 4 people is on March 18th at 7:30 pm in East Witton Parish Room.

Tickets, costing £7.00 per person will be available from February 1st, from Pam and Graham on 01969 625434. As there is no bar, please bring your own drinks.



Lent Lunch

A joint venture with Middleham Church – please join us for a soup, bread and cheese lunch on

**Wednesday 2nd March 12- 2 pm in
The Parish Room** Donations to Christian Aid

Mothering Sunday Service at St John the Evangelist 11am 27th March, 2022

Everyone is warmly welcome



Elizabeth Barnett Charity, East Witton

Elizabeth Barnett was a clergyman's wife who left money in her will dated 1765 for the education of the children of East Witton. The current trustees of the Elizabeth Barnett Charity award income from investments to benefit the schools attended by children from the parish, but also for the education, including social and physical training, of children or young people under the age of 25 who are resident in the parish of East Witton.

The trustees normally meet twice per year and welcome applications from individuals or groups. If you run a group or club which benefits children from the village, or if any child or young person from the village has the chance to go on an educational trip, or needs help with the cost of education or training in its widest sense, you may wish to apply to the trustees for a contribution.

The next meeting of the trustees is likely to be in early April. To make an application please send a short letter to the trustees c/o Catherine Whitbread 29, East Witton, Leyburn DL8 4SH or catherinewhitbread@hotmail.com Or please speak to Catherine on 01969 624186 for further information or advice.



Thornton Steward News

Walking Church in Thornton Steward was a soggy affair – but spirits were high. Rev Jeff led a mini-pilgrimage from the green to the church and back, followed by hot chocolate in the rain.

With thanks to Neil for working out the route.

A stalwart group!

Mothering Sunday Service at St Oswald's

9.30am 27th March, 2022

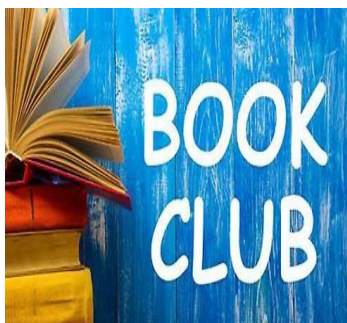
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Coverdale News

Coverdale WI 20th March Sunday Spring lunch for over 65's
Coverdale Memorial Hall, Carlton in Coverdale, Leyburn, DL8 4AY – details will be shared nearer the event:

To reserve your space for the above please contact either Kimberley 01969 640487 or Sara - 01969 640550



Coverdale Book Club

Our next meeting is on Tuesday March 8th at 11am when we will be discussing *A Street Cat named Bob* by James Bowen.

On Tuesday April 12th at 11am we will be discussing *In the place of fallen leaves* by Tim Pears.

All meetings are being held in The Foresters Arms, Carlton. If you'd like to join us, please email martindstott@gmail.com



Mothering Sunday Service at St Botolph's, Horsehouse

Sunday 27th March at 3pm.

Everyone is warmly welcome

Date for your diary: Wild Flowers and Art Festival at Coverham Abbey – weekend of 7 – 9 October. More details to follow.

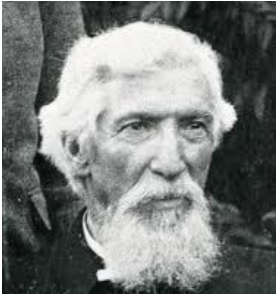
Middleham News



CONGRATULATIONS to Margaret and Barrie Dawson who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in February.

If you know anyone who is having a significant celebration, please let us know at Bridge so that we can send our best wishes

Women in Middleham – WIMS



Our March meeting is on Tuesday 15th at 7pm. The speaker is Jane Ashby who will tell us the story of her Great Grandfather George Piercy, a Yorkshireman who founded a Wesleyan Mission in Canton, China, in the second half of the 19th century.

On Thursday March 24th we have an outing by car for lunch at the Kings Head, Masham.



SPRING CLEAN SUNDAY 27 FEBRUARY 2022

Middleham Town Council is taking part in the Great British Spring Clean 2022.

If you are free from 10am for an hour or two, please turn up at the Key Centre. Gloves and other

items will be provided, as will some refreshments during well-earned breaks! This is open to adults and, under supervision, children of all ages.



Mothering Sunday Service at St Alkelda's, Middleham

9.30am 27th March, 2022

Everyone is warmly welcome

Raye's Books

Raye Wilkinson has donated his collection of books, which he has read over the years, at Middleham Key Centre from 1st March.

Please come and peruse the books and feel free to take them

away to read & return or pass on to others who you think would enjoy them. Thank you.

For further details ring Pam at The Key Centre on 01969 624002





MIDDLEHAM OPEN DAY

Middleham Open Day 2022 – Good Friday 15th April – Racing Welfare are once again organising and running the Middleham Open day after a 2 year break.

The format of the day will remain unchanged with stables opening for the public between 9.30am – 1pm followed by afternoon events on the moor from 1.30pm – 4pm. There will also be a market running in and around the market square and town throughout the morning.

Racing Welfare would like to offer Middleham Residents discounted ticket prices for this event.

Tickets go on sale from the 1st February and can be purchased online (using code RESIDENT), at Middleham Key Centre or the Racing Welfare office prior to the event.

Ticket Costs for Middleham residents are as follow:

Early Bird – 1st Feb to 1st March – Adults **£5**, Concessions **£3.25**

Advanced – 2nd March – 14th March – Adult **£6.25**, Concession **£4.25**

On-the-day – Adults **£15**, Concessions **£11**

Under 16's – Free

For non-residents that would like to attend there are also Early Bird and Advanced booking discounts as follows:

Early Bird – 1st Feb to 1st March – Adults **£10**, Concessions **£6.50**

Advanced – 2nd March – 14th April – Adults **£12.50**, Concessions **£8.50**

On-the-Day – Adults **£15**, Concessions **£11**

Under 16's – Free

Any questions please feel free to call into the office or call Gail on 01969 624123.

RACINGWELFARE 
SUPPORTING RACING'S WORKFORCE

Become a bellringer!

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

Free Bell Ringing Lessons

the opportunity to intersperse online training with hands on experience in the tower. No experience is necessary and children as young as ten ring bells so it's skill not strength that is required. All are welcome but we are particularly keen to find new ringers for East Witton, Aysgarth and Askrigg. We also know that our ringing friends at Grinton, Richmond, Masham and Kirkby Malzeard would like to attract new ringers and all are very welcome to join our course and get introductions to ringers from these towers. David Scrutton our course presenter would be delighted to hear from you and answer any questions you might have. To find out more email David at wensleydaleringers@gmail.com





Candlemas Celebrations at St Alkelda's
The children of Middleham and Spennithorne schools joined together with the congregation of St Mary and St Alkelda Church for the Candlemas Service. Mrs Mann, the headteacher, reports, 'The children who took part did an amazing job leading prayers and retelling the story of Jesus being presented at the temple 40 days after his birth. Thank you to Revd. Jeff and Revd. Liz for inviting us to be part of this special occasion, to all those who came and supported us and also to Mrs Bowkett for preparing the children for the service.'

As Mrs Mann says above, Candlemas commemorates when Jesus was brought by his parents into the temple, to give thanks to God. In days gone by it was also a time when candles which were to be used in the coming year were blessed –remembering that Jesus is described in the Bible as 'the light of the world.'



Fairtrade Fortnight Mon 21st Feb – Sunday 6th March

This happens each year to raise awareness of Fairtrade products and the work of the Fairtrade Foundation to help farmers in developing countries to receive just reward, enabling them to educate their children and provide clean water and health facilities. The foundation is also helping with the crisis in farming many are facing with the effects of climate change.

Tea, coffee, chocolate, bananas and sugar with the Fairtrade label are all readily available, and there are other products such as wine, honey, and olive oil.

Fairtrade challenge: Swap at least one of your products for at least a fortnight.





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

Private Prayer in Church: Horsehouse, Thornton Steward, and East Witton are now open every day for private prayer. Middleham is open Sunday – Friday.

Parish e-services:

Sundays - a weekly email service of worship

Wednesdays - a weekly email reflection Please email jervaulxliz@gmail.com – to be added (BCC) to our email services group.

Sunday Worship – everyone is welcome to all of our services

We are using 'restaurant rules' ie asking people to wear face masks when moving around in church, though they may be removed when seated during the service.

Wednesday 2 Mar	10.30am	Middleham Ash Wednesday Communion & Ashing
	7pm	East Witton Ash Wednesday Communion & Ashing
Sunday 6 March	9.30am	Middleham Church Holy Communion
	11am	East Witton Church Holy Communion
Sunday 13 March	9.30am	Middleham Church Morning Worship
	11am	East Witton Church Holy Communion
Sunday 20 March	9.30am	Middleham Holy Communion
	11am	East Witton Church Morning Worship
Sunday 27 March	9.30am	Middleham Mothering Sunday Morning Worship
		Thornton Steward Mothering Sunday Holy Comm'n
	11am	East Witton Mothering Sunday Morning Worship
	3pm	Horsehouse Mothering Sunday Family Service
Sunday 3 April	9.30am	Middleham Church Holy Communion
	11am	East Witton Church Morning Worship



Lectio 365 is a free daily devotional resource that helps you pray.

[Lectio 365 - 24-7 Prayer International](http://Lectio365-24-7PrayerInternational.com)



Methodist Services in Coverdale in March:

Sunday 6 March	10.30am	Melmerby Chapel	Howard Thomas
Sunday 13 March	10.30am	Carlton Chapel	Liz Haythornthwaite
Sunday 20 March	10.30am	Melmerby Chapel	locally arranged
Sunday 27 March	10.30am	Carlton Chapel	Rev Melanie Reed

Holy Communion

.Walk with Jesus, witness to others, worship the Lord

Ash Wednesday Services: Wednesday 2nd March

St Alkelda's, Middleham
at 10.30am



St John the Evangelist
East Witton at 7pm

Lent Course: Pastoral Principles for living and learning well together

This Church of England course is to help church communities to examine afresh their life and learning together in the face of difference and diversity. Although the Pastoral Principles were developed to encourage better inclusion of LGBTI+ people, they can be



applied to other differences within our church communities.

In this course, we are invited to think about the things which impair relationships. The Pastoral Principles identify six 'pervading evils': prejudice, silence, ignorance, fear, hypocrisy and power, which hinder our personal growth as Christians, hurt other people, and create barriers that stop our

churches from growing into Christian communities of welcome and belonging. They are the opposite of the fruit of the Spirit. It is easy to see these 'evils' in others; the hard work is to see them within ourselves.

When there are strongly held differences among us, we are tempted to form like-minded groups or factions. Communities that become divided in this way is one of the greatest challenges for our Church and society today. We can all play a part in seeking unity in our Church as well as in the wider community. This course encourages us to find creative ways to grow and learn together in the love of Christ.

The course will be on Tuesdays, 1.30pm – 3pm at St Alkelda's, Middleham on the following dates: 8, 15, 22, 29 March and 5 April.

Everyone is welcome, whether you come to church or not.

More details from Liz or Jeff 01969 326069

Biodiversity in our parish



The snowdrops in Middleham churchyard have been looking glorious. Snowdrops are also known as 'Candlemas bells' because traditionally they flowered around the Christian festival of Candlemas, 2 February. They are not a native plant, but in the last few centuries they have been recognised as one of the first signs of Spring. Recently, however, there have been reports of even earlier flowering – December, and even November.

Because they flower early, snowdrops do not rely on pollinators, though on a particularly warm winter's day they may be visited by insects.

In days gone by, snowdrops were used to treat headaches and as a painkiller. Apparently, there is a compound in the bulb which has been used to develop a dementia treatment. But beware – the bulbs are poisonous if eaten.



RHYTHM OF LIFE RETREAT

SATURDAY 5TH MARCH 2022

9.30am (for coffee) 10am start - 1pm

Thorpe Prebend House (and Ripon Cathedral)

Also available by Zoom.

In the midst of our busy schedules it is good to make space to bring God more fully into our everyday rhythms of life. This quiet morning is an opportunity for reflection and prayer to deepen your own

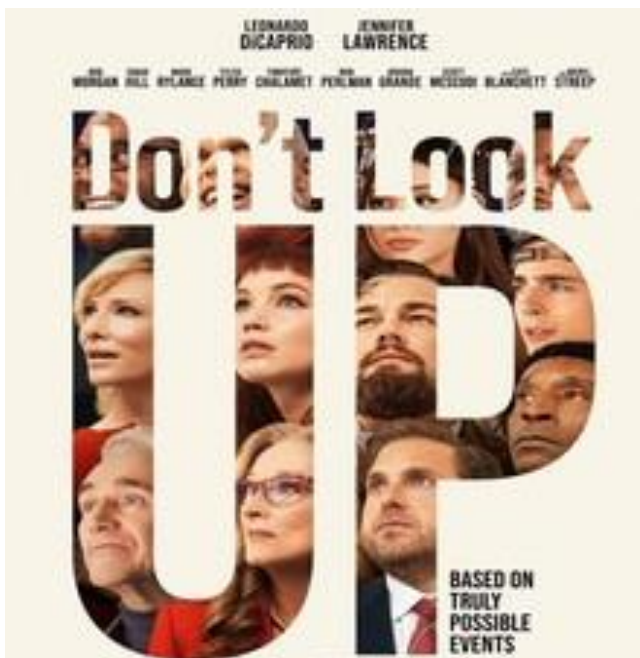
understanding of how you respond to God's rhythms within you.

Bishop Helen-Ann will give a keynote address to start our reflection. Then, through the morning there will be various prayer materials available to help explore the 7 threads of the Rhythm of life, as well as a chapel in the cathedral set apart for use, a noon eucharist, the opportunity to talk one to one with a prayer guide and suggested local walks for reflection. Thorpe Prebend House and its garden will be available through the morning for hot drinks and quiet space.

Suggested contribution (on the day) £5. Hot drinks and flapjacks will be provided

To book a place, please email charlie.scott@leeds.anglican.org

Further information or for the zoom link, please email canonailsa@riponcathedral.org.uk



"Don't Look Up": Or Perhaps We Should

by Rev Dr Jan Goodair (Joint Leeds Area Environment Champion), serving in Headingley

Over Christmas and New Year I had time to enjoy watching a film or three (or four ...). The one that remains with me bears the title that appears at the top of this article, "Don't Look Up", and can be viewed on Netflix, should you have access to that. At first glance, it appears to be a standard disaster movie: two scientists discover a comet that is on a direct collision course with earth and yet their warnings are ignored, despite the fact that the comet is so large that impact would constitute an 'Extinction level event'.

I didn't realise as I started viewing that the film had

been deliberately produced as a satire on why it is that we are being so slow to respond to the existential threats of climate change and the ecological emergency. It is, without doubt, a very funny film in places. (Hang on in there for a bit of poetic justice meted out to the American President as the credits roll.) Yet it also conveys a message: we ignore the climate science at our peril, & we do that because we find the facts to be inconvenient, uncomfortable, even threatening, so we would rather not 'look up' & see what's coming.

Here is a little glimpse for you of some of the reasons the characters in the film don't take the scientists seriously:

- The American President is firstly distracted by a sex scandal, then decides to take time to assess matters since the likelihood of impact is 'only' 99.78%. She then moves on to worry about the impact (no pun intended) that releasing the news might have on mid-term election results.
- When the scientists decide to take the story to the media, it isn't given the airtime it merits as there are other stories that people would prefer to hear, like celebrity gossip.
- Then the economy comes into play! The world's 3rd richest man – an IT developer – realises that there will be precious metals on the comet that he can utilise and profit from. So the film moves on to a 'technology will save us and we can make money out of this' trajectory (again, no pun intended), with plans to blast the comet into smaller pieces and bring them safely to earth.
- The people of the world are divided. Some want the comet totally destroyed, others accuse the powers that be of alarmism, and yet others say the whole thing is a hoax.

Does any of this sound familiar? I won't spoil the film by telling you how it ends, but it is worth watching. I came away from it with a fresh realisation of just how important it is that we try to get the 'messaging' right about the realities of climate change. It may be that it is a message that some would still rather not hear, but the reluctance of some to hear does not free us from the responsibility to speak and – more importantly – to act. One big difference between the plot of the film and the reality of climate change is this: whilst there is little that any individual can do about a comet hurtling towards the earth, there is a great deal that individuals, communities and governments can do in the face of climate change. We still have the chance to mitigate disaster.

"They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of God, as the waters cover the sea." Isaiah 11:9



The Federation of Middleham (VA) and Spennithorne (VC)
CE Primary Schools
Executive Headteacher – Mrs Marie Mann
A PLACE TO LEARN, LOVE & GROW

At The Federation of Middleham (VA) & Spennithorne (VC) CE Primary Schools this half term the children have been focusing on the Christian Value of courage.

The children in Foxes Class had an amazing three days at Marrick Priory in the beginning of February. The adventure included: archery, orienteering, night-walking, canoeing, climbing, abseiling and high ropes. Every child stepped out of their comfort zone and displayed courage throughout the visit. The children were also challenged to make their own beds and sandwiches – quite an entertainment for Miss O’Neill and Mrs Mann!



Midday Supervisor

Required for The Federation of Middleham and Spennithorne Primary Schools

Part Time (1 hour per day, 12 noon-1pm, Term time only)

Fixed Term Contract to 31.08.22, Starting as soon as possible

£9.43 per hour

The Federation has a vacancy for a part-time Mid-day Supervisor based at Spennithorne school. Applicants must be able to come into School for an hour at lunch time for five days per week. It may be possible to offer the post as a job share, whereby two people or more, share the five hours per week. You will be required to supervise the children during their lunch and then during lunchtime play. You will be required to undergo training relevant to the role.

An enhanced DBS Check will be required.

If you are interested, please call Mrs Durrant or Mrs Ramsay for an application form.

Bus Supervisor

Part Time (30 minutes per day, 3.15 -3.45pm, Monday & Tuesday)

£9.43 per hour

Required for The Federation of Middleham and Spennithorne Primary Schools at the end of the school day. This post is open to a job share.

If you are interested, please contact Mrs Mann for further details.

This post is subject to satisfactory references and a DBS.



THE WENSLEYDALE SCHOOL & SIXTH FORM LEYBURN

Our student press pack has taken some time off to focus on our new online school newspaper. The project has all stemmed from our enrichment offer and students are now busy polishing and perfecting our online newspaper site. We hope that we will be able to share it externally in the future.



Things are slowly getting back to some sort of normal, however we were only fully staffed this week since Christmas due to covid. After the mock exams Year 11 are now settling into their routine of regular revision and exam preparation. We have split the year group into very small tutor groups of about 6 students and allocated them to our senior leaders and teachers. The senior staff will mentor students 3 times week over the next 3 months to help motivate, calm and inspire the students to plan revision and exam preparation. We have to remember that this is the first time in 2 years that students have sat national exams and they're feeling the pressure. The exam boards have now

released the modifications for 2022, but it can still seem daunting, which is why we have made the decision to mentor them in this way.

We have been able to offer 3 overseas trips this month, which again is a sign that things are returning to normal. Year 7 are looking forward to the week-long trip to France in June, Year 9 and 10 are able to look ahead to a trip to the battlefields in Belgium in September and Berlin in November.

Finally, this week I interviewed students for the position of Senior Student. It is a pleasure to interview young people who have passion and enthusiasm for leadership. In the end Molly Hunter-Year 10 was appointed as Senior Student Leader and Jessica Tattershall-Weaver Yr 11-Deputy Student Leader. Both girls will now become the link between students and the Senior Leadership team, as well as supporting in a range of activities and events in school.

Julia Polley, Headteacher
The Wensleydale School and Sixth Form

01969 621007
07808209365

Bird notes from Richard Wells

A short bird notes this month because I am off to the North Norfolk coast for a spot of winter birdwatching in one of my most favourite spots. Lots of geese and hopefully a crane or two.

Mind you, we have not been short of geese ourselves. I counted more than 750 in the fields between Jervaulx and Thornton Steward in mid-February with 5 smaller pink-footed geese among them. Plus a handful of Canada geese. On the same day a great white egret was also in the same area.

It is amazing that this species is now being seen in the area on several months of each year. A decade ago it would not have been in the country, let alone the north of England.

Several of you have reported seeing barn owls during the day, particularly after wet nights which have made their hunting impossible. Three were spotted on one morning between the Cover Bridge and Jervaulx.



Finally, if you are desperately in search of something spring-like, take a walk along the banks of the Ure between the Cover Bridge and Middleham. It is a good place to see a build-up of pre-breeding oystercatcher (below) before they disperse in pairs into the fields of upper Wensleydale. And it has already started. On Feb 14th I saw a flock of 125, which is a large number for so early. The peak record number is 297. Can anyone beat that in 2022?

Your sightings are always welcome at rmwellsew14@gmail.com

Middleham Key Centre, Park Lane, Middleham DL8 4RA
01969 624002

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



GREAT NEWS: MKC now has a dedicated BT Super-Fast Broadband line. If you are a technically driven small business looking for facilities contact us to find out what offices we have available. Contact Pam on the number above or by email. The office is open Monday to Thursday 9.00am – 2.00pm. The services we offer are photocopying, internet access, providing recycling boxes and bags, general information and local bus time tables.

The Hair Shoppe - To make your appointment ring Claire on 01969 624401.

Women In Middleham: Evening event on Tuesday 15th March at 7.00pm in The Garden room. Lecture: "George Piercy's Mission in Canton China 1851" Speaker: Jane Ashby. For further details contact Liz Stocker on 01969 625260

Yoga Class: Tuesdays at 6.30pm – 8.00pm. For further details or to book a place, contact with Karen on 07825 554284

'T' in the Afternoon: Wednesdays 2.00pm – 3.30pm in the Garden room. All welcome and bring a craft if you wish. Everyone welcome.

Coffee Mornings: On Saturdays in The Garden room 10.30am-12noon. Everyone welcome.

Middleham Quilters: Every Monday 11.00am – 2.30pm. Welcomes new members.

Over 60s Luncheon Club: Every Thursday at 12noon. Ring 01969 624002 to book, or inform us you can't attend.

Middleham & Dales Local History Group: Tuesday 15th March at 2.00pm in Richard III hall. Lecture: "The History of the Swinton Estate at Masham" Speaker Dame Susan Cunliffe-Lister. For further information ring Tony Keates on 01969 640436

Antique & Collectors' Fair Sunday 27th March at 10.00am – 4.00pm Refreshments available.

Stage School: Learn to act, sing & dance. Sundays at 10.00am – 12noon. For details on joining, ring A. J. Theatrical Productions on 07369 205764 or 07999 428171

Email: contact@ajtheatricalproductions.com

Our Book Swap is working well and has a lot of choice, but we can only accept *paperbacks* in reasonable condition. Thank you.

Middleham Stables Open Day 2022: Good Friday 15th April – Racing Welfare would like to offer Middleham Residents discounted ticket prices available from 1st FEB. Tickets can be purchased from The Key Centre, Racing Welfare office or online (using code RESIDENT). Also "Early bird" tickets available to purchase for everyone else.

Middleham Town Council: Email: office@middlehamtowncouncil.co.uk

Tel: 07531 580499 during office hours. www.middlehamtowncouncil.co.uk

Next meeting planned for Wednesday 23rd March.

Community Police: If you need to contact our local PCSO ring 101 or we can contact them.

LEYBURN ARTS & COMMUNITY CENTRE

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

All tickets must be bought in advance – phone the office Mon-Fri 1-4pm)



CINEMA (£6 or 60+/U18 £5)

FRI 4 Mar 6pm **Supernova** (15) 1hr 35m
FRI 11 Mar 6pm **King Richard** (15) 2hrs 24m
FRI 18 Mar 6pm **The Gentlemen** (18) 1hr 53m
FRI 25 Mar 6pm **Camino Skies** (12) 1hr 37m

OTHER EVENTS

THU 10 MAR 7:30pm **Three Men in a Boat** £12

Live drama. Amazing, energetic and totally engaging! Adapted for the stage from the hilarious books by Jerome K Jerome.

SAT 19 MAR 7:30pm **Patrick Green** £10 (Includes a light supper)

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JAZZ FANS SOUGHT

The first Leyburn Jazz Festival in 2021 was organised by a team of three, Colin Bailey and Neil Dutton bringing musical expertise and Gerald Hodgson. "It was a pleasure working together as we did in complete harmony (pun intended!)" says Gerald Hodgson, "but it was a lot of work for three volunteers so this year we are looking for one or two more to spread the load. Interest in jazz may provide the incentive to help but what we are seeking are

reliable people to help with the administration and event management."

The second Leyburn Jazz Festival will be in a different format this year with a series of concerts taking place at venues in the town. Anyone interested in helping is asked to contact Gerald Hodgson geraldhodgson7@gmail.com or 01969 624761 *Above left: Hot Club du Nord*



Leyburn Group: Friday March 18th at 10.00am at the Arts & Community Centre, Leyburn. Speaker tbc. Meetings are usually held the third Friday of every month. however please note due to easter falling on the third Friday in April, the meeting in April will be on Friday April 22nd. Visitors welcome.



WENSLEYDALE TOURNAMENT OF SONG

We are pleased to announce that the Tournament will now take place over four days.

Tuesday 29th - Wednesday 30th March Speech Classes in Leyburn Methodist Hall.

Thursday 31st March Music Classes at Leyburn Methodist Hall, and on Friday 1st April at Tennants.

Middleham and The Dales Local History Group

Middleham Key Centre, Tuesday 15 March 2022 at 2.00pm

The History of the Swinton Estate of Masham by Susan Cunliffe-Lister

Susan Cunliffe-Lister will describe the history of Swinton Park and the Swinton Estate.

Molly, Countess of Swinton had inherited the Swinton estate in 1924 from her



grandfather, Samuel Cunliffe-Lister, 1st Lord Masham.

After her death in 1974 the house was let and then sold to a management training college. It subsequently changed hands and was put on the market in 2000 with planning permission for a hotel. At that time Susan's son Mark was inheriting the estate from his uncle and it was decided to buy the house back and reunite it with the estate. This was achieved and Swinton Park opened as a hotel in 2001.

Susan Cunliffe-Lister has written *Days of Yore – a history of Mashamshire, 1978*

Members, new members and visitors are always welcome, membership is only £10 for 9 meetings and visitors can attend for £3 per meeting.

For more information contact Tony Keates 01969 640436 dotandtonyk@btinternet.com

Bellerby Study Group

2 March 2022: How did we manage before SatNavs – the story of

the humble milestone Hilary Jones has recently been rescuing and restoring local mileposts in the Richmondshire and Hambleton area.

She will be tracing their origins and explaining what's involved in trying to preserve these iconic roadside features.

9 March 2022: Birds of the Yorkshire Dales Ian Court, the Wildlife

Conservation Officer for the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority.

16 March 2022: Wayward Wynyard Ron Tempest, post retirement, took over responsibility for ramshackle historic family properties on the former Wynyard Estate; being taught farming by neighbours, and breeding a local endangered horse, the Cleveland Bay. Ron will speak largely about its families, with tales of turbulent Tempests, volatile Vanes, & stormy Stewarts.

Meetings are on Wednesday, 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall, Church Street, Bellerby DL8 5QL Talks are followed by refreshments and a chance to chat.

Cost £10 to join as a member for the 8 talks scheduled for this term, or £2 for a single visit.

Any queries can be directed to Steve Akrill on 07812 983283





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Next Bridge: April 2022

Please send any items to: jervaulxliz@gmail.com by the **deadline: Saturday 19th March.**

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