



BRIDGE

October 2022

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

Bridge over River Cover by D Pugh

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Letter from the rectory Rev Liz

How quickly life changes sometimes. We wake up in the morning and by the time we get to bed the world is a different place. When we sent out the last edition of Bridge, we had no idea



that 8 days later our late Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II would have died. The outpouring of love and respect, tributes and emotion testify to a person who lived her life faithfully to God (we know that Queen Elizabeth's faith was foundational to her), who lived faithfully to her family, and who lived faithfully to the people of this nation and the Commonwealth. People have spoken of her character and sense of duty – she will continue to be an inspiration. In our small way, here in our parish, we have marked her death by the ringing of church bells, services of thanksgiving, signing of books of condolence and lighting candles in memory, as well as the thanks and celebration that has gone on in families, with friends, or alone, in our own unique ways.

La reine est morte. Vive le roi. The queen is dead. Long live the king. We must pray for our new king, Charles III, as he continues his life of service in a new way, aged 73, an age when most people think of retirement. Someone once told me that there is no retirement in the Bible. A quick google search tells me that Otto von Bismarck, the first Chancellor of a united Germany, invented retirement, 132 years ago which makes it relatively new concept in human history. We may have mixed feelings about retirement – some can't wait, some dread the prospect. I wonder what Abraham's first thought was, aged 75, when he received a calling to go to pastures new in service of God? Or Moses, aged 80, when from a rural life of farming God sent him off to challenge Pharaoh, the leader of the world's biggest super power at the time. God equipped both Abraham and Moses for the tasks, and was present with them, and we trust that the same will be true for our new king. But we must pray for him, as we prayed for our late queen. Maybe God is calling you to a new venture, or will do, at an unexpected time in your life. We have the choice to embrace such challenges or not, but always with the underpinning of prayer and God's presence.



Charles III becomes king at a volatile time, domestically and internationally. Our late queen offered us some stability in the midst of this, and we pray that King Charles will offer us the same, in his own way. We acknowledge, whatever our own beliefs may be, that Charles takes encouragement and confidence from his faith, a faith which he shared with his mother, a faith that is open to all of us, that **'the eternal God is our refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms.'** (*Deuteronomy 33: 27*)

OPEN PANTRY

Emergency food supplies available:

Text/ phone 07796 988302 Or pm Lorna Skelton on Middleham Residents Facebook page. Confidential

Food Contributions: 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.

Thank you so much to those of you who have made contributions. If you can donate 'just one thing' each week or month that would add to the collection available for those who need it.



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 Pop-up Desk at the Key Centre, Middleham:

4th Thursday of the month 1.00pm to 2.30pm: Next is 30th June

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. Help with issues around housing, family and discrimination.

Office Opening times

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

children. Anyone with

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

physical or mental health issues. **Phone 01609 767555**

Middleham News

WIMS – Women in Middleham



Tues 13th Oct: Trip by car for lunch at the Bolton Arms, Downham

Tuesday 18th October at 7.00pm in Lady Anne Neville room, Key Centre:

Lecture: **“A Village School Master”** speaker **Dr John Ridley.** (Left)

John will speak about his 21 years as a village headteacher.

Non-members are always most welcome. There is a nominal charge of £1 which includes tea and coffee and a raffle ticket.

For further details ring Liz Stocker on 01969 625260

Middleham Twinners (twinned with Azincourt in France)



We are very much looking forward to seeing everyone at our next event:

our 'Let Them Eat Cake' afternoon. Balloons and simple activities will be available for all younger members and even a little entertainment for those not so young.

It would be really helpful if you could let Catherine know if you are coming. However, please don't let that stop you from coming along if you make a last minute decision - all are welcome!

Raffle

There will be a raffle as usual (if you have any unwanted items which could go in the raffle, we are always happy to receive these).

Car boot items wanted

In addition to this event, we are arranging to have a table at the Bedale car boot sale on the Sunday after our event to try to raise more funds. If you have any

'reasonable condition items' and can pop them in a box and bring them along to the above event at the Key Centre on Saturday 8th October, that would be fabulous. Please, no furniture and if items fail to sell we will take them to a charity shop.

If you are interested in joining the group or finding out more about our links with Azincourt, please do not hesitate to contact the secretary:

Catherine: lcmonaghan11@gmail.com 07503 075530

QUIZ NIGHT

Date for your diary:

Quiz Night at the Key Centre, Middleham

Friday 28th October, 2022 £5 Bring and share buffet

More details: 01969 624002

Middleham Harvest Festival *Revs Jeff and Liz*



We were blessed with fine weather for our harvest thanksgiving in the Community Garden in Middleham in September.

We had readings and prayers from local children and their families, and other adults were involved too.

Thanks to everyone – you read so well and helped us all to say thank you to God for the harvest. We also thought about

how much God loves the world he has created and especially with the increasing problem of climate change and its impact on farmers and animals.

Thanks to Kathy for organising fun craft activities for the children, and to everyone who brought contributions for local foodbanks to help people in our communities at this difficult time.

And thanks also go to the people who work so hard to keep the Community Garden so beautifully.

The school harvest festival will be at St Alkelda's on Thursday 20th October at 2pm.

our responsibility to look after it,



Tracy and the Great North Run - She did it!



Tracy Bowe, Dales postwoman and Middleham resident, and her postwoman sister, Leanne, have raised well over £7,000 for Macmillan by completing the Great North Run. Tracy completed the race on Sunday, September 11 with sister Leanne and finished the 13.1-mile course in two hours and 34 minutes.

The reason Tracy and Leanne decided to run was because of the help that Macmillan Cancer Support has given their brother Paul.

Paul, aged 44, was diagnosed with incurable brain tumours in 2021. Left you can see Leanne, Paul, and Tracy. Paul was there waiting at the finishing

line with his two daughters.

Tracy wants to offer a massive thank you to everyone for their generosity and support. She said, '[At the last count]: To date we've made £7423 [*update at time of going to press: £7878*] which has taken us all by surprise. We are so very humble and we can't thank people enough.'

You can still donate: [TEAM PAUL - GNR 2022 fundraising for Macmillan Cancer Support on JustGiving](#)

Middleham and The Dales Local History Group



**Middleham Key Centre,
WEDNESDAY 19 October
at 2.00pm**

**William Aislabie and the
designed landscape of
Kirkby Hall, Kirkby Fleetham
by Gail Falkingham**

Father and son John and William Aislabie were gentlemen landscape designers of the 18th century. The water gardens of Studley Royal are their most famous creation, along with the

nearby rugged woodland landscape of Hackfall.

Less well known is the designed landscape of William's Kirkby Hall estate at Kirkby Fleetham near Northallerton, which he worked on after his father's death in 1742.

As a member of the Yorkshire Gardens Trust (YGT) Research and Recording Group, Gail researched Kirkby Hall in the YGT *Hambleton District Historic Designed Landscape Project*. This talk will explore the development of the estate through a variety of archival and documentary sources.

Gail works at the N Yorkshire County Records Office which holds an extensive range of archive material relevant to garden history. She has a background in ancient history and archaeology & a particular interest in the influence of Classicism in C18 landscape design.

N.B. this lecture unusually is on a Wednesday and as always visitors are invited at £3 per meeting, for more information contact Tony Keats 01969 640436, dotandtonyk@btinternet.com

ALL GARDENS GREAT AND SMALL



We are hoping to hold an Open Gardens and Allotments Day in Middleham next year, probably in June. The event will be an important fundraiser for Saint Mary and Saint Alkelda's church.

If you would be kind enough to consider opening your garden or would be prepared to help on the day, please email me for details:

jonwatkins202@outlook.com Thank you.

Middleham Key Centre

Park Lane, Middleham DL8 4RA 01969 624002

Email: office@middleham-key.co.uk

www.middlehamkeycentre.co.uk



We are an information point & have a selection of brochures for the surrounding area, including bus timetables. We have recycling boxes, blue bags available and green gardening bags for sale.

Town Twinners: are holding a “**Let them eat Cake**” Saturday 8th October 3.00pm – 5.00pm
A social event with a slice of cake and a glass of Fizz! Entry is £5.00 pp, or £10.00 per family.
More cake, fizz and a raffle will be available.

QUIZ NIGHT: Friday 28th October. ‘Bring & Share’ buffet. Raffle. £5.00 inc Tea & Coffee. Teams of up to 6 people. Tickets available from 1 Oct. You are welcome to bring your own ‘Tipple’

Middleham Antiques at the Cubby Hole: open on Wednesdays & Thursdays 1.00pm – 2.30pm.
Ring Angela for further details 07917 571180

Yoga Class: Tuesdays at 6.30pm – 8.00pm. Details or to book, contact 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, price £7.00. Ring 01969 624002 to book or inform us you can’t attend.

Flu Clinic: Thursday 27th October after lunch club. Appointments should be made with the surgery in Leyburn. Tel: 01969 622391

Citizens Advice Pop-up Desk: usually here on Thursday 20th October - 12.30pm to 2.00pm.

Middleham & Dales Local History group: Wednesday 19th October at 2.00pm. Lecture “William Aislabie and the designed landscape of Kirkby Hall, Kirkby Fleetham” speaker Gail Falkingham.
For further information ring Tony Keates on 01969 640436

Women in Middleham: Tuesday 18th October at 7.00pm in Lady Anne Neville room. Lecture: “A Village School Master” speaker Dr John Ridley. For further details ring Liz Stocker on 01969 625260

Antique & Collectors’ Fair: Sun 30th October from 10.00am – 4.00pm Refreshments available.

Middleham Town Council: The next Council meeting is on Wednesday 26th October.

Email: office@middlehamtowncouncil.co.uk Tel: 07531 580499 during office hours.

www.middlehamtowncouncil.co.uk

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

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



ENGLISH HERITAGE

Come and join us for our Christmas celebration at

Middleham Castle

Medieval home of King Richard III



Castle Hill, Middleham DL4 8QG

December 10th and 11th 10am - 4pm

**Free mince pies and mulled wine
& maybe a song or two!**

Entry to the gift shop is free.

**A ticket is needed for entry to the grounds
You do not need to book in advance.**

East Witton News

From St John the Evangelist:



Summer Service on East Witton Green

It feels a long time ago...it was a wonderfully warm day for our outdoor service on the green on the last Sunday in August.

COFFEE DROP-IN

Pop in for coffee and chat at the Coffee Drop-In, in The Parish Room, East Witton, on Wednesdays 5th October and 26th October, 10.30 a.m. – 11.30 a.m.



GRAND AUTUMN PRIZE DRAW

Tickets are now available for St. John's Church Grand Autumn Prize Draw.

Tickets are £1 each and can be bought individually or in books of ten. The prizes are food hampers and wine.

Contact Karen Newsam (01969 622395) for tickets or further information.

The **draw** for this raffle will be made at the Coffee Drop-In on **Wednesday 5th October**.

Quiz Night & Pie & Pea Supper

Friday October 21st at
7.30pm, Parish Room,
East Witton

Our next General Knowledge Quiz will be held on Friday October 21st in East Witton Parish Room at 7:30 p.m. Teams are limited to tables of four people – but we will allocate you to a team if you are not a 4.

Tickets are £7 per person and include a pie and pea supper.

Please contact Graham or Pam on 01969 625434 to order tickets. Thank you.

East Witton Harvest Festival Service

at St John the Evangelist, East Witton

7pm Friday, 7 October



*Followed by supper & harvest sale in the parish room
If you are able, please bring an item for the foodbank.*

Thornton Steward News

Social Get-Togethers on 1st Saturdays in the month,
in The Institute, at 7.30pm.

For more details please visit the Thornton Steward Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/908155472988654/>



HEALING SERVICE

**Sunday 9th October
at 11am
St Oswald's,
Thornton Steward**

**Holy Communion with
prayers for healing**

Food Glorious Food – stopping food waste with Food Waste Hero, Michele

Michele de Vaal from East Witton and a growing number of people locally, nationally, and worldwide, are doing something about the colossal food waste that goes on in our world.

Michele is a 'Food Waste Hero' for OLIO, whose mission is to establish a community to help 'rescue and redistribute 200 million meals over the next year.'

Food waste is massive in our world: here are some shocking facts:

1. A third of all food produced globally goes to waste.
2. The value of wasted food is nearly £1 trillion per annum
3. There are nearly 1 billion hungry people in the world. They could be fed on a quarter of the food that is wasted in the UK, US and Europe.
4. If food waste were a country, it would be the third biggest CO₂ emitter after the US and China.

Find these, and other facts at: [10 food waste facts you need to know | OLIO \(olioex.com\)](https://www.olioex.com/10-food-waste-facts-you-need-to-know)

OLIO was set up by Sacha Celestial-One and Tessa Clarke (a farmer's daughter from North Yorkshire) to try and do something to stop food waste.

Though it's a global problem, local people are getting involved. Michele got involved when she retired earlier this year. She collects goods from supermarkets which would otherwise go in landfill. She then posts them on the OLIO app and people can request them (this can be via your smartphone, laptop or pc). If they are allocated to you, you go and collect them. You can also post things yourself – those things which you thought you needed and find you don't. People then make a request directly to you. More details: [About \(olioex.com\)](https://www.olioex.com/about)



Michele says, 'OLIO is not a foodbank. It's for anyone and everyone, whatever their circumstances, and its primary aim is to stop food waste. I collect all sorts of things from supermarkets - fruit, vegetables, bread, sandwich fillings, ready meals – the list goes on. This is food that is destined for the bin. But there's nothing wrong with it. So via the OLIO app you can make a request for items and stop food waste. If the items are allocated to you, you go and collect it from the Food Waste Hero. It is such a shame when food is wasted – not to mention the way it would make the farmers and food producers feel to think the food they have worked so hard to produce has simply ended up in landfill. I'd recommend downloading the app and trying it out. As well as stopping food waste, I've met some great people. It is a great way to make a contribution to the local community.'

There are other benefits too – apart from stopping good food going to waste, it will save you money and cut down the amount of CO₂ that goes into the atmosphere. To try OLIO, or for more information: <https://olioex.com>

Coverdale Veterans Remembered



Images of Coverdale in days past -
curated by Chris Hogg, author of
"Wensleydale and Coverdale Through Time."



A Display of Photographs
and Profiles of WW1
Veterans

*John 'Butcher' Simpson outside Middleham House in
Carlton - just one of many old photos on display*

Saturday 1st October, 10.30 a.m.- 4 p.m.

Coverdale Memorial Village Hall, Carlton in Coverdale, DL8 4AY.

Free Admission

Refreshments on sale
in support of Carlton and
Melmerby Methodist Chapels.
(Bacon sandwiches 10.30 - 12)



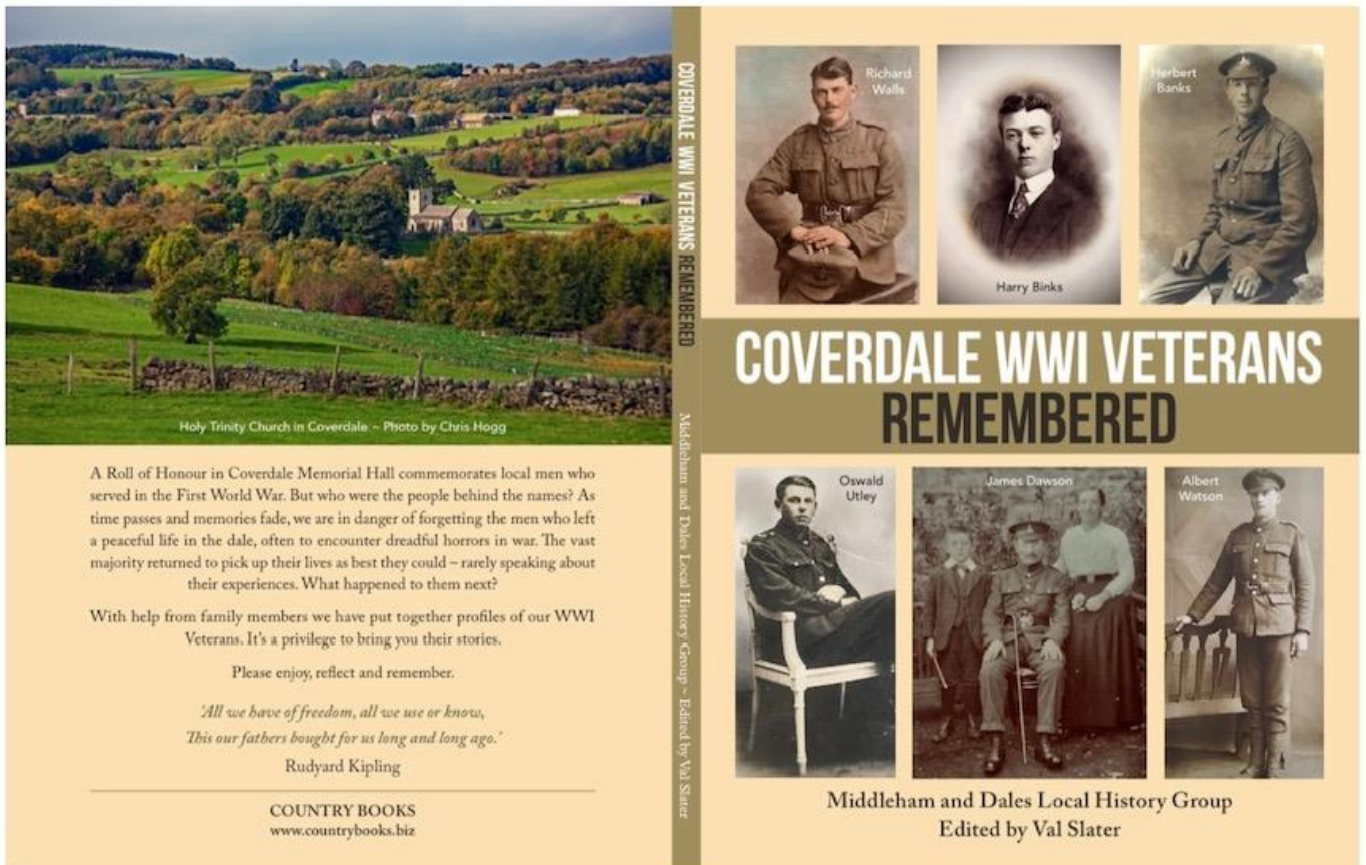
Organised by
Middleham & Dales Local History Group
Secretary: Tony Keates

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The exhibition reflects research by Val Slater and her colleagues Jane Simpson and the late Isobel Jenkins of Middleham and the Dales Local History Group into the lives of these men. It will also be illustrated by local historical photographs collected by Chris Hogg.

For more information contact Val Slater 01609 770524 vgslater55@icloud.com

Middleham and Dales Local History Group presents a limited edition book ...



Copies available at the exhibition

'COVERDALE WW1 VETERANS REMEMBERED'

in Carlton Memorial Village Hall, Saturday 1 October 10.30 - 4

and afterwards at Middleham Key Centre, Mon to Thurs, 9 - 2
throughout October

or from Val Slater 01609 770524

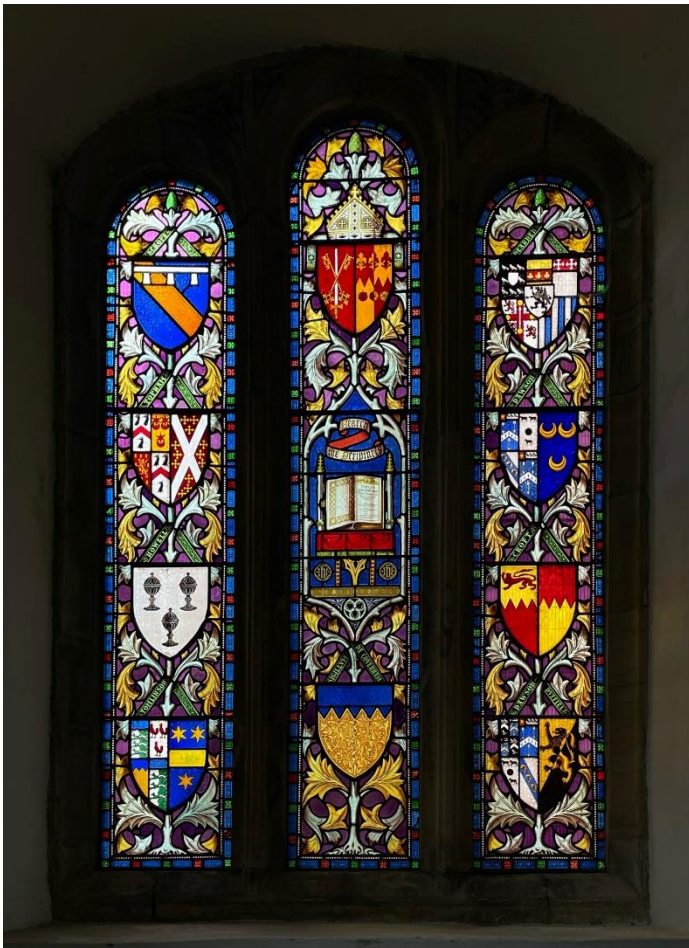
Discounted price of £15 at the exhibition on 1 October (otherwise £20)

Praise for the book - '*I'm very impressed with your book, it's so nicely presented and looks really good.*'

'A fantastic tribute to give recognition to those who stepped up to the plate.'

'So many photographs and an amazing amount of research.'

DON'T MISS OUT !

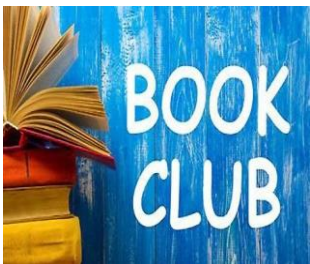


Coverham Church

stained glass window

by Barbara Thompson

If anyone would like to email in and help explain the heraldry, please email bridgemagazine@outlook.com



Coverdale Book Club

Our next meeting is on **Tuesday October 11th at 11am – when we will be discussing 'Wild Swans' by Jung Chang**.

Everyone welcome. Please email: dinah@travelcounsellors.com

The next few books we plan to read are:

8th November – My name is Why by Lemn Sissay

13th December – The Man who planted Trees by Jean Giono

We will be meeting at 11am at The Forester's Arms, Carlton

And hopefully followed by lunch, for those who wish to join us.



Methodist Services in Coverdale:

Sun 2 Oct 10.30am	Harvest Service	Carlton Chapel	Rev Melanie Reed
Mon 3 Oct 7pm	Harvest Concert	Carlton Chapel	Leyburn Ladies Choir
Sunday 9 October 10.30am		Melmerby Chapel	Mrs Rachel Martin
Sunday 16 October 10.30am		Carlton Chapel	Mr Rowland Dent
Sunday 23 October 10.30am		Melmerby Chapel	locally arranged
Sunday 30 October 10.30am		Carlton Chapel	Mr Rowland Dent

Walk with Jesus, witness to others, worship the Lord



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

Private Prayer in Church: Our churches are open daily for private prayer.

Parish e-services: Sundays - a weekly email service of worship

Wednesdays - a weekly email reflection Please email jervaulxliz@gmail.com for details.

Sunday Worship – everyone is welcome to all of our services

Sunday 2 Oct	9.30am	Middleham church Holy Communion
	11am	East Witton church Morning Worship
Friday 7 Oct	7pm	East Witton Harvest and supper
Sunday 9 Oct	11am	Thornton Steward Holy Communion & Healing Service
Friday 16 Oct	9.30am	Middleham Church Morning Worship
	11am	Horsehouse Church Holy Communion
	3pm	East Witton Church BCP Evensong
Sunday 23 Oct	9.30am	Middleham Church Holy Communion
	11am	East Witton Church Holy Communion
Sunday 30 Oct	11.am	Middleham United parish Holy Communion
Sunday 6 Nov	11am	East Witton Church Holy Communion
	3pm	Middleham Memorial Service – to remember our loved ones who have died



New Bible study/ discussion group

We are starting a new home group meeting at Revs Jeff and Liz's house – to discuss, agree and disagree or just listen. Come whether you are connected to a church or not. Fortnightly on a Monday 7.30pm – 9pm with coffee and cake to begin. Meetings in October are 10th and 31st. More details 01969 326069

Weddings/ Funerals/ Christenings (baptisms)/ Confirmation

For more information please get in touch with the rectors, Jeff or Liz: 01969 326069 – or via contact details at end of Bridge.

Christenings (aka baptisms) take place during the main Sunday services



Wensleydale Filling Station [Every second Friday - not August /Jan]

Thornborough Hall, Moor Road, Leyburn DL8 5AB 7.00 – 9.00pm

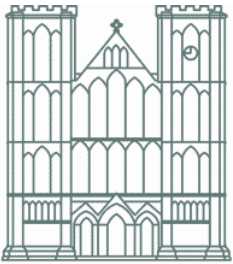
These are monthly meetings where we can celebrate our Christian faith in an informal manner and provide an opportunity to hear more about the love of God for our lives.

Next meeting: Friday 14th October 2022 7pm – 9pm

Speaker: Mark Glew

<http://thefillingstation.org.uk/station/wensleydale/>

Contact: 07714 204024 mikehirst3@gmail.com



Ripon Cathedral celebrates 1350th anniversary:

Until Oct 6: Great Northern Art Show <https://greatnorthartshow.co.uk/>

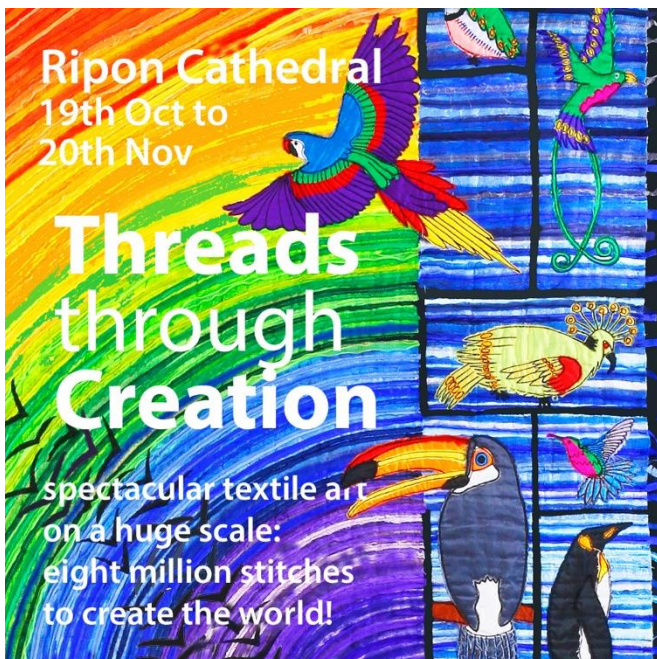
Until 31 October: The Adventures of St Wilfrid Family Trail

Discover the story of St Wilfrid and find bits of the Ripon Jewel hidden around the cathedral to find out more about his life.

St Cecilia Orchestra: Rachmaninov Festival: Oct 8 and 9 at 7.30pm

Full details and tickets: www.st-cecilia.org.uk

Services: Sunday Eucharist 10.30am Daily services: [Worship | Ripon Cathedral](#)



'THREADS THROUGH CREATION' EXHIBITION

"Threads through Creation" is a spectacular display of twelve huge panels of textile art. It is here at Ripon as part of a three year tour of twenty cathedrals.

The sequence of panels follows the description at the start of Genesis, the first book in the Bible. It tells the story of creation, of God creating the world and the universe in seven 'days'. Free admission. **Oct 19 – 20 Nov**

More details: www.riponcathedral.org.uk

Bird notes from Richard Wells



I abandoned my summer-stalwart shorts on Sept 16th. The morning dog walk was too chilly for them and trusty jeans were preferred. Confirmation that I had done the right thing came from the bird world just two days later when I heard my first skein of pink-footed geese. Autumn had well and truly arrived. Not sure how many there were but they had said goodbye to their breeding grounds in Iceland, headed for the Solway Firth on the

south-east coast of Scotland no doubt and after a few days of feeding up there had taken to the skies again to fly over our parishes aiming for The Wash and Norfolk.



Mistle Thrushes are more active (*left*), jays are collecting for their winter larder (*right, with walnut*) and making a great deal of



grumpy-sounding noises while doing so, and on the same

day as I saw the geese, I heard the plaintive call of a bullfinch hidden atop an elderflower bush. The first I had heard for several months.

For those rueing the passing of summer there are the consolations of still having swallows around (they could be here until mid-October if the weather doesn't turn too unsettled), maybe a chiffchaff or willow warbler (*below right*) passing through our gardens, and kingfishers can still be seen on the Ure, even the lower reaches of the Cover if you are lucky.

9 little egrets were seen together near Harkerside Beck at the beginning of September and a hobby was observed hunting near Thornton Steward. For much of the time it was being harried by a male sparrowhawk.



Your sightings are much appreciated at rmwellsew14@gmail.com



Biodiversity in the Churchyard

Acorns – food for all? *(Left: Acorns from an English Oak)*

Many woodland creatures are busy foraging for their winter stores at the moment, and acorns are a favourite for many animals, among them squirrels, mice and birds.

But humans can also eat acorns - though not raw as raw acorns contain tannins which can be toxic and also bitter to taste. They are also toxic to dogs, horses and cattle.

However, you can remove the tannin to make acorns safe to eat by a process called 'leaching' – in either hot or cold water. (Do some research to find out how to do this effectively.)

Make sure acorns are ripe and have turned brown before you consider collecting them. (And always forage sustainably to leave plenty supply for wildlife.) Edible options are grinding the acorns into flour for bread, pancakes, pastries, biscuits and pasta; roasted acorns, acorn brittle, and even acorn coffee.

The Woodland Trust has a range of recipes if you are adventurous:

[Are Acorns Edible? And Other Acorn Facts - Woodland Trust](#) Enjoy!



Update on the Future of Bridge Editor?

We have some good news regarding the immediate future of Bridge. As we have reported previously, we are in need of a new editor from 2023. We are delighted that someone has offered to take on this role as an interim measure, and so Bridge

will be produced until at least next summer. We will be looking for someone else to continue thereafter, so please do consider it if you have the skills and the time. (This is a voluntary role). Briefly, you need to have a PC, be able to use Word or Publisher, have 15+ hours a month available, have a creative eye for layout, and be able to work to a deadline.

On line Bridge

Bridge is now only available on line: as an e-Bridge document direct to your email (please request at jervaulxliz@gmail.com) or via the Middleham Town Council website, or the parish website.

For those who do have printers we would ask you to please consider printing out a copy for anyone you know who finds accessing technology difficult as some people find it hard to ask. Or if you already print the online version at home, perhaps you could pass it on to someone else after you have finished with it? That way we can spread the task of distributing the Bridge among the whole community. For those who do not have a printer at home or access to a computer, we would urge to you to ask a friend or neighbour to print it for you.

Bridge is produced in the bookfold format to ensure that the printing facility of the email version is straight forward so that it can easily be printed at home.

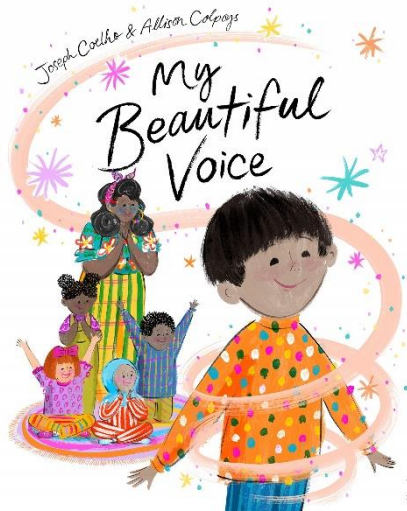


The Federation of Middleham (VA) and Spennithorne (VC)
CE Primary Schools
Executive Headteacher – Mrs Marie Mann
A PLACE TO LEARN, LOVE & GROW

Middleham: [01969 623592](tel:01969623592) Spennithorne: [01969 623474](tel:01969623474)

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

It has been a busy first few weeks across our federation. The children have settled well into their routines and it has been wonderful to see them working together in their new classes and helping each other to, learn, love and grow.



This year, we have all launched with the book, **'My Beautiful Voice'** written by **Joseph Coelho** Children's Laureate for 2022-24 (if you ask a child in Oak Class they should be able to explain what a laureate is!), focusing on the theme of hope, which we will continue to explore throughout the half term.

Religious Education

This week it was a pleasure to welcome

Imran Kotwal from Muslim Learning Centre to lead workshops with both children and staff to develop further our knowledge of Islam. Imran said, "It was a pleasure to work with both children and staff, thank you for a lovely day."



Craft Club

Meanwhile, it has certainly started to feel like the seasons have turned this week. The children in craft club were adding to the autumnal feeling creating these wonderful Owls.



Harvest

Some of the children and their families took part in the Community Harvest service in the community gardens in Middleham in September, and we look forward to holding our school harvest

festival in St Alkelda's in Middleham at 2pm on Thursday 20th October.



THE WENSLEYDALE SCHOOL & SIXTH FORM LEYBURN

Wensleydale School received 'Good' at their Ofsted inspection back in June, following the hard work of staff, pupils, governors, and families.



Julia Polley, the headteacher reports on recent news:

'At Wensleydale we have had a busy summer, as we have been fortunate to have another North Yorkshire Capital project going on. We now have some new staff toilets, additional entrance ramps, doors, and a garden for our students with additional needs. We are delighted with the new facilities. More work has also been completed on the playing fields. The Leyburn Football clubs have been refurbishing the old pavilion and it now has toilets, a small kitchen, new roof, patio and a beautiful bench in memory of Tracey Webb. Tracey was a passionate football supporter and now our community has a superb new facility to make sure football clubs can use the area whatever the weather. In addition we are very grateful to Joe Willis for securing additional funding to help us replace and improve the football pitches, which had been damaged in recent

years. Our thanks to everyone involved in improving our school facilities.

As the Head, I was asked by Middleham Town council to attend a meeting with the Police Commissioner for North Yorkshire, to discuss police and community actions and reactions to crime in our area. The meeting was very successful and over the coming months we will be working together to raise awareness across all sectors of our community about the role of policing, and other issues. I am pleased that our school will be a part of such an important community project.

In school we have once again welcomed our new Year 7s, who are settling in and finding their way around, as well as welcoming back all our 'old' students. This term we have introduced something called the 'Quality audience'. This follows Mr Barnett's secondment to a group of schools based in Bristol to help us further develop our teaching strategy and improve learning behaviours, as well as allowing Mr Barnett to share some of our processes with other schools. The concept of Quality audience is that we introduce focused silent working time in each and every lesson, to allow students the opportunity to really think and stretch themselves in written work. This may seem like a simple thing to do, but it has already had a huge impact and students are reporting real improvements in engagement and pace of learning.

Finally, The Wensleydale School & Sixth Form community is deeply saddened by the news of the passing of Queen Elizabeth II. Her lifetime of service is an inspiration to us all. We offer our sincere condolences to the Royal Family. Rest in peace Your Majesty.

Julia Polley, Headteacher

The Wensleydale School and Sixth Form 01969 621007 07808209365

Wensleydale School Postscript:

Consultation on suspending 6th form for 2 years:

Please email admin@wensleydaleschool.net for the document giving information as to why the governors are making this proposal. Written responses can be emailed to the same email address or sent to:

Sixth Form Consultation Response

Wensleydale School and Sixth Form, Richmond Road, Leyburn DL8 5HY

The closing date for responses is Monday 24th October



Leyburn u3a Group:

at the Arts and Community Centre, Leyburn

Friday 21st October at 10am:

Jenny Blackburn - Life on the High Seas.

Friday 18th November 18th:

Helen Keep: The Wensleydale Dormouse Project.

Meetings: 3rd Friday of every month at 10am. Visitors are always welcome.

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 7 OCT 6pm **Elvis** (12A) 2hrs 39m

FRI 14 OCT 6pm **Give Them Wings** (12) 1hr 32m

FRI 21 OCT 6pm **Departures** (12A) 2hrs 10m

FRI 28 OCT 6pm **Brian and Charles** (PG) 1hr 30m

OTHER EVENTS

SAT 1 OCT 7:30pm **LADS: Two One-Act Plays** £10

Two short comedies: Blue Swede Blues and Lockdown in Little Grimley.

THU 6 OCT 7pm **Live Event Cinema: Jack Absolute Flies Again** £15

SAT 22 OCT 7:30pm **LADS: Two (different) One-Act Plays** £10

SUN 23 OCT 9:30am **Youth Music Workshop (Jazz)** Free Entry

TUE 25 OCT 2pm **Silent Film: The Mysterious Lady (1928)** £12

SAT 29 OCT 7:30pm **Live Country Music: Dixon County** £10

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The Knit'N Natter group at Leyburn Arts & Community Centre

... are busy knitting and crocheting poppies for the British Legion display being planned for Leyburn. If anyone would also like to contribute they could drop their poppies into the Centre, or to the British Legion, or join the sessions which **meet on a Wednesday fortnightly from 7pm - 9pm**, coffee and biscuits included, fee £2 towards the Arts Centre's funds.

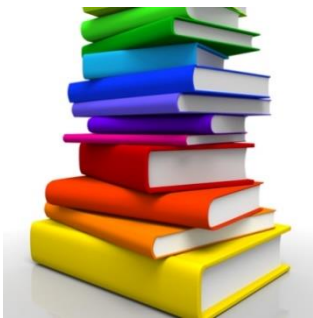
For future dates of Knit'N Natter contact 01969 624510.

Leyburn Arts & Community Centre: News *Jeannie Bishop*

Our big news this month has been the installation of our new sprung floor in the Studio. After much hard work and fund raising by volunteers, specialist contractors installed the floor. The new floor will particularly benefit young dancers by being kinder on the ankles. At the opening event demonstrations were given by Dales School of Performing Arts & two volunteers, Joan and Carl, from the Sequence Dancing sessions held in the Centre.

Our next major project is the Community Shed which began with the proposal for a Men's Shed in 2019. The plan is now for a multi- use shed with disabled access. Watch this space! www.leyburnartscentre.com has details of all groups and events, or pop in to collect a flyer.

Leyburn Community Library Services



Mondays 10am - 4pm

Tuesdays 10am - 6pm

Fridays 10am - 4pm

Saturdays 10am - 12noon.

Public computers available when library is open, no booking required

Technical advice Tuesdays 12.30pm - 2.30pm, drop-in, or call 01609 535971 to book a slot.

Storytime Stories and craft activities for 0-5 year-olds:

Weekly on Saturdays 10.30am - 11.15am- look at the Library Facebook page to check

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Which Bridge? *Answer at the end of Bridge*

Next Bridge:

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by the **deadline: Sunday 16th October.**

It may sometimes be necessary to edit articles.

Sometimes space is limited so not all articles can be included. Please note: The views expressed in the articles are those of the author.



Bellerby Study Group: meets on Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm at Bellerby

5th October Lucy Atkinson - Education In Emergencies

As an undergraduate, Lucy volunteered with refugees living in Norwich. After work with the British Red Cross, she moved to the Middle East, where she followed the education of young Palestinian refugees in Jerusalem

and later in Jordan. Lucy completed her MA on teacher development in such a crisis situation. The current crisis in Ukraine has, of course, brought such educational problems to the forefront again.

Lucy currently works with the Science Education Group at York University.

12th October Linda Robinson – The Botany Of North West Yorkshire

Linda is the recorder for the Botanical Society, with responsibility for the Dales district as a whole and will talk about the flora of our area and its relationship with the local environment.

19th October Catherine Mason – The Yorkshire Dales Rivers Trust

Catherine is the Education and Engagement Officer for this Charity. A qualified teacher, Catherine's background is in Zoology, but she has also worked in outdoor and forest education. She is ideally placed to speak about the work of the YDRT, which focuses on the catchments of the Rivers Swale, Ure (*above left*), Wharfe, Nidd & Ouse.



Energy Rebate SCAM

Warning from North Yorkshire Police:

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The text message encourages the user to click on a link and is then asked to input banking details. I

suspect the format will then follow similar scams (Royal Mail Delivery/Covid contact) where the victim will subsequently receive a call claiming to be from their bank telling them they are monitoring suspicious activity on their account & they need to move their money to protect it.

Remember, the police or bank will NEVER ask you to move money to a safe account.

You can report scam text messages by forwarding them to 7726 which is a free service



LEYBURN JAZZ FESTIVAL

Friday to Sunday, 21 to 23 October, 2022

JAZZ FESTIVAL CABARETS @ Golden Lion

A new feature of this year's Leyburn Jazz Festival will be cabarets in the concert room at the Golden Lion Hotel in Leyburn Market Place.

Saturday October 22 (lunchtime) the Nicki Allan Trio (*below right*) will be playing. Nicki is a highly talented vocalist and

keyboard player, a previous Jazz Yorkshire Vocalist of the Year noted for her bluesy phrasing and vocal improvisation.

Sunday October 23 (lunchtime) the band is the Matt Anderson Trio North. Matt is a distinguished saxophonist who is a jazz tutor at both the Royal College of Music in London and the Leeds Conservatoire. He is also the tutor for the Workshop session that morning and will be playing in the Golden Lion with his Yorkshire based colleagues who make up the Matt Anderson Trio North.

Food and drink are available at these lunchtime sessions but visitors can just order what they want from the hotel. Booking in advance is for the music only and to secure a place at a table.

To book for the cabaret sessions and all the other bands at the Festival visit www.leyburnjazz.co.uk or call at the Leyburn Arts and Community Centre in Leyburn.



Top Tutor For Free Jazz Workshop

An important part of Leyburn Jazz Festival is the Workshop for aspiring young jazz musicians. This year, the tutor of the session is exceptionally well qualified. Matt Anderson is Jazz Ensemble Tutor at the Royal College of Music in London and also runs the jazz course at Leeds Conservatoire in his native city. Jazz Festival Steering Group member and former professional jazz musician, Neil Dutton, says "We're sure that Matt's considerable experience as a musician and educator will make this a really beneficial and rewarding experience for young people looking to start or develop their skills playing jazz".

To book for the free Workshop on Sunday on October 23 and for all the music at the 2022 Leyburn Jazz Festival, visit www.leyburnjazz.co.uk

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