



The Middleham Herald

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Message from the Mayor

Middleham Key Centre - Update

As you know, the Key centre has always struggled to cover its costs, despite the valiant efforts and hard work of groups of volunteers and trustees over the decades since it was built. We asked you to give us your ideas and suggestions as to how we could achieve this and how you thought the building should be used in future. We have investigated potential uses in detail to ensure that any proposals we bring to the community are both feasible and realistic. We promised that the views of the community would be sought before any decisions are made.

We are now at a point where it is appropriate for us to bring our findings to you and to consult with you as to the next steps. To do this, we will hold an Extraordinary Town Council Meeting at the Key Centre on Monday 11th March 2024 starting at 7pm. At that meeting, we will be providing copies of the relevant papers of the investigations we have undertaken since we took over running the Centre in February 2022. This will include the review report itself and the current running

costs, the minutes of Council Meetings where the report and progress on further work was discussed and illustrations of the two proposals we have worked on in detail with other organisations. These documents will be available at the Key Centre from 6.00pm on Monday 11th March and online on the Town Council website.

Please come to the meeting to find out more about our work to date and help us to decide what the next steps should be.

**Councillor Honor Byford,
Mayor**

**St Mary's & St Alkelda's Church, Middleham
Holy Week and Easter – services and
events**

Maundy Thursday, 28th March

7pm Holy Communion at St Alkelda's – remembering the night before Jesus was crucified.

Good Friday, 29th March

St Alkelda's will be serving hot cross buns/ tea/ coffee in the morning (Stables Open Day)

Easter Sunday

6am Pilgrimage: Middleham Castle to Pinkers Pond

6.30am Sunrise service at Pinkers Pond followed by hot cross buns/ tea/ coffee

9.30am Easter Communion at St Alkelda's, Middleham

'New Life!' Sunday April 7th at 3pm

An informal service with crafts, activities, drama, songs and refreshments. Something for all ages – come and join the fun. We might even have some baby animals....

Easter Message from the Revs (Jeff and Liz)

Holy Week and Easter is the most important time of the year for Christians. We remember all that Jesus suffered, his death, and ultimately his resurrection to new life on Easter Day. As we think about the terrible suffering and anguish taking place in the Middle East today, we see again the darkness of Good Friday. Easter Day looks impossible. The darkness seems triumphant. It is hard to hold on to hope and faith. But God calls us to hold on to both, even in the darkness, which will not have the last word. The tomb of Christ is empty, and the defiant declare, 'Christ is risen. He is risen indeed. Alleluia.'

Good Friday Middleham Stables Open Day

The Stables Open Day will take place this Good Friday, 29th March, raising funds for Racing Welfare charity. We will have yards open within Middleham and at Brecongill and Spigot. A shuttle bus service will run between

the various yards and also between the car park at Tennants Auction House and Middleham. Cars can be parked on the Busks and the Low Moor. Parking for those with a blue badge is available at the Key Centre car park. There will be a Market on the Market Place from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. so please would you ensure all cars have been removed from the Market Place and other taped off areas by 0600hrs Good Friday morning at the very latest.

Our Household Cavalry horse, Trooper Middleham will be here, based at Neil Mechie's Dante Yard and around the town. This will be his final visit to Middleham as he will shortly be retired from active service so please come and see him visit his town for one last time.

There will be activities on the Low Moor from 11.30 through to 4p.m.

11.30 – 1.30 Retrained Racehorses demonstration events

1.30 – 2.00p.m. Retrained Racehorses display

2.00 – 2.15pm Trooper Middleham, our Household Cavalry Horse will be on display in the ring

2.15 – 3.00 pm, Inter-Yard Challenge! Tug of War, Relay Race and Bale Push.

3.00 to 4.00 Fun Dog Show! Looking for the Waggiest Tail, Best Young Handler, Most Handsome Chap and Loveliest Lady. Enter online now or with Racing Welfare on the day.

Thanks to everyone for your cooperation and support for this busy annual day.