



Middleham Herald

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From the Mayor

As 2020, the most challenging of years, moves into the autumn we are starting to see more freedoms with pubs restaurants and other businesses reopening, hopefully children returning to school and the opportunity to do more socialising with friends and family.

This is a great move forward from the early months of this year but we still need to follow the guidelines to stay safe and healthy.

Looking forward let's hope we can restart some of our community activities. Seniors Luncheon Club, subject to volunteers and participants feeling comfortable should be a possibility for the not too distant future.

Just a quick mention of the local government reform which is scheduled for 2023 whereby the existing structure of district and county council in North Yorkshire will be replaced by

one unitary council operating from Northallerton which will run all our services. It is important that all communities are given the opportunity to give their views on the reform and that their views are listened to. MTC will be ready to get involved in the debate. Look on our website for the links, also on our noticeboards and information is available in the Key Centre reception or get involved with our council meetings to have your say.

We are still conducting our meetings via Zoom but hopefully will be back to normal Key Centre Meetings soon,

Councillor Sue Fairhurst, Mayor

Volunteering in Middleham

We still have a group of local residents who are willing to help anyone who needs support with shopping, errands, dog walking or lifts to appointments. Please don't be afraid to ask and don't think you are being a nuisance; our volunteers are ready and waiting to help you.

We anticipate that there may be some people who will have to quarantine themselves on return from holiday if the rules have changed whilst they were away.

Our volunteers can help you through the quarantine fortnight if you need shopping or other help.

You can telephone me on 01969 625304 or 07849 918215 or Cllr Nigel Hopper on 07594 814524 or contact our rectors via the Rectory. All calls will be treated in absolute confidence.

Other contact numbers are further on in this edition so please keep it for reference.

Thanks again to everyone

Councillor Honor Byford, Deputy Mayor

Town Council update

David, our Clerk, is continuing to work from home and can be contacted by email office@middlehamtowncouncil.co.uk and phone 07531 580499. Residents have recently asked David to look into a variety of matters, including cars driving the wrong way through the one-way section between St Alkelda's and the Springs. If you witness this, please try and note the registration number (or the business name if it is a commercial vehicle) and let David know; this can then be reported to the Police for possible action to avoid an accident.

The Council has a new website - the same address www.middlehamtowncouncil.co.uk but the appearance and much of the content is new. There is a section called 'Reporting It'

which lists contact details for many matters, some of which are not the Town Council's responsibility, such as waste collection, dog bins, lighting defects. Council hopes that residents will find the website informative. Please take a look and give any feedback to David.

The civic burial ground that will be built on the open space adjacent to the churchyard has now received planning permission and Council will seek tenders for construction of a matching stone wall and paved footpath. It is hoped that it will be completed and open before the end of this year.

In June the Council held its first virtual meeting. A second virtual meeting was held at the end of July and meetings are likely to be held this way for the foreseeable future. Please remember that the public may attend Council meetings, either by phone or by computer. Details of how to access the meetings are shown on the Notices, displayed on the website and the notice board.

You may have seen that the Wensleydale Hotel has been permitted to place additional tables and chairs behind a low fence outside their premises. Although tarmacked, this area is actually part of the Town Wastes.

Working in conjunction with Richmondshire District Council Licensing Officers and North Yorkshire Highways to ensure a safe layout and management scheme, the council has approved this request for a temporary expansion for an initial period of 3 months (the new legislation permits temporary expansions for a period of up to 12 months). This is in line with the Business and Planning Act 2020 that permits licensed businesses to utilise additional outdoor and pavement space so that they can carry out more of their trade outdoors, which is safer for customers and staff and helps support the businesses that have been closed during the Covid 19 restrictions. The Post Box will continue to be accessible at all times. We have waived Town Wastes Rental payments for all the licensed premises and cafes that use them for this year.

Council will soon post notices for a **'Town Clean Up'**; basically, this will be the delayed Spring Clean that was cancelled earlier in the year. Volunteers are welcome to take part to litter pick and gloves and litter pickers will be provided.

Council is also ordering some replacement parts for the swings and other equipment in the play areas as well as some paint to spruce things up. A group of volunteers who have also worked on the church tower have

come forward to carry out these tasks.

Thank you so much!

David Keep, Town Clerk

Letter from the rectory

I've got to be truthful; I feel I lost a bit of my mojo during lockdown. It's never my favourite thing, but I couldn't be bothered to do any cleaning for a start. Thankfully, my mother and my sister (one household, just in case you were wondering) came up from West Yorkshire for lunch last week, so in preparation, me and Jeff dusted, hoovered and scrubbed to within an inch of our lives. I've had arthritic hands all week as a consequence. But I'm loving having a clean house, and it was nice to welcome my mum and sis into our spruced-up abode (and garden), and what is more, I'm determined to keep up with it (famous last words)! I guess the point of this little story is that some of us need other people to motivate us.

I really enjoyed the few hours that we spent with my mum and sister that afternoon in a way that I probably took more for granted before Covid 19. It felt like precious time to be savoured, not a quick snack before going on to the next thing, or assuming there'd be other times like this in the future. I suppose one thing we've all learned a bit more this year is that we

just do not know what the future holds, so appreciating the good we have now is important. But the not knowing can also make life feel very insecure. One thing I keep returning to when life looks uncertain is the poem (by ML Hopkins) that King George VI quoted in his Christmas speech 1939:

'I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year:

"Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown."

And he replied: "Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God.

That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way."

So I went forth, and finding the hand of God, trod gladly into the night.

And He led me towards the hills and the breaking of day in the lone East.'

Here's hoping and praying that your mojo is intact, and that we may have the faith to put our trust in the God who sees the future.

Rev'd Liz

Church Information:

Services - we do two services a week by email - on Wednesdays and Sundays. If you

would like to be added to the mailing list please contact jervaulxliz@gmail.com

Prayers - As a church community we continue to hold the whole parish in our prayers. If you would like us to pray for something specific please contact Liz or Jeff (confidentially) - either

jervaulxliz@gmail.com or

jervaulxjeff@gmail.com or phone 01969 326069

Weddings and Funerals

Weddings are not currently permitted.

Funerals can take place either at the graveside for a burial, or at the crematorium.

Immediate family only are permitted to attend (spouse/ partner; parents; children; siblings). Funerals directors have current information.

Open Pantry food bank

The Church runs a 'mini food bank' in Middleham. If you or someone you know is in difficulty, especially in these uncertain times, please contact the rectors in complete confidence and they can help with food supplies, all fully quarantined.

Ring us at the Rectory: 01969 326069

Liz 07796988302 or Jeff 07443581463

The Bridge Magazine

We are currently producing a monthly email edition of the Bridge Parish Magazine. If you

or someone you know would like to be added to the mailing list, please contact Liz on jervaulxliz@gmail.com

Rectory: 01969 326069 or **Liz,** 07796988302
Jeff, 07443581463

The Community Garden

It's been great to see that the warm weather has encouraged more people down into the garden. The whole area is looking really colourful at the moment and the veg patches are proving very productive. It's a lovely place to sit and unwind, or meet friends for a socially distanced catch up.

We are so grateful for the continued support from residents and non-residents and we are always grateful for more volunteers, just contact Nigel Hopper if you are interested.

Just one sad thing has been the loss of fruit from the trees. I've been watching the pears like a hawk and today I noticed that they had disappeared – and they weren't even ripe.

Just a polite reminder that the fruit and veg belong to the people who are growing them.

The Summer edition of the Castle Garden will be out towards the end of the month with news and views, available from Central Stores.

Many thanks for all the nice comments on social media.

Amanda

Messy Boots

Messy Boots is hoping to commence in line with the schools starting again in September. We are very much looking forward to seeing everyone again and hope we can all begin to enjoy the play space once more. We will have limited access to the pavilion, making the most of the outdoor areas we have and request that everyone brings their own drinks and snacks. We will be following the latest guidance enabling us to operate safely.

There is still plenty of work to be done to the Play Area, having been slightly restricted over past few months, but we hope to resume in the Autumn with lots more projects and activities planned.

We will also be altering the time of our weekly sessions to Tuesdays 1pm - 3pm.

**For further information please contact
Kathy Wheeler 07866132787**

**MSCWA – Middleham Sports and Wellbeing
Association**

Our main contacts are:

Community Garden-contact Nigel or
Amanda 07594 814524

Messy boots-Kathy Wheeler 07866 132787

Cricket-Richard Sanderson 01969 625365

5 a side football/Senior

Football/Rounders/Golf-Nigel.

From Councillor Lorna Skelton

I'm sure you are all aware by now that I was voted onto the Middleham Town Council back in June.

So far so good! I'm enjoying find out more about Middleham, including places I'd never heard of!

There's definitely more to being a town councillor than I first thought but I like a challenge.

A few people have approached me in the last month with minor concerns or maintenance that needed doing around the village which I can happily report I have passed on and some have already been dealt with.

Regards Lorna

Plantations

We are pleased to see a lot of interest from local residents with regards to the plantations in the West End of Middleham. The council has been working closely with our contractors to maintain and improve the area and we are now in a position to launch a Middleham survey to help develop and improve these areas further. With this renewed interest and recommendations

from local residents, we are looking to form a 'Friends of the Plantations' group that can help maintain and enrich the open spaces further – so if you're interested, please reach out to the council and offer your support.

Councillor Greg Fortune

Racing Welfare

VIRTUAL YORKSHIRE OPEN DAY SET TO SHOWCASE RACING'S HISTORIC COUNTY

We are delighted to announce that we are holding a Virtual Yorkshire Open Day on Sunday 13th September. The showcase of racing in Yorkshire is being held in place of Middleham and Malton Open Days which were sadly cancelled this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We would like to thank Arena Racing Company (ARC) for their continued support which will enable us to make this year's event one to remember.

What can you expect..?

Watch video tours and get other behind-the-scenes insights from racehorse trainers from across the county

Meet a section of Yorkshire's equine superstars

Look ahead to horses to follow for the Doncaster St Leger Festival and the Ayr Gold Cup Festival.

Hear from stellar racing personalities with some special interviews on what makes racing in Yorkshire so special

Get involved...

Enter our online dog show from home and vote for your favourites, all winners will be decided by a public vote

Enter our online art competition – entries will be judged by Racing Welfare ambassador and artist Darren ‘Birdie’ Bird

Register your interest and sign up for our special brochure...

Make sure you register your interest and sign up for the Virtual Yorkshire Open Day brochure that will feature exclusive content. Racing Welfare provides a wide range of advice and guidance services, all of which are completely confidential and non-judgmental. Support is available for physical and mental health, bereavement, careers advice, housing, money advice, illness, addiction, relationships and retirement.

All of Racing Welfare’s services are accessible 24hrs a day online at

www.racingwelfare.co.uk

Racing’s Support Line: 0800 6300 443

Careers Advice and Training Service:

www.cats-racingwelfare.co.uk

Gail Burton-Pye, Welfare Officer, Racing Welfare, tel 07788184140

Middleham Safer Roads for Horses Project

We applied for a second grant of research funding through the Royal Veterinary College to pay for their next step research.

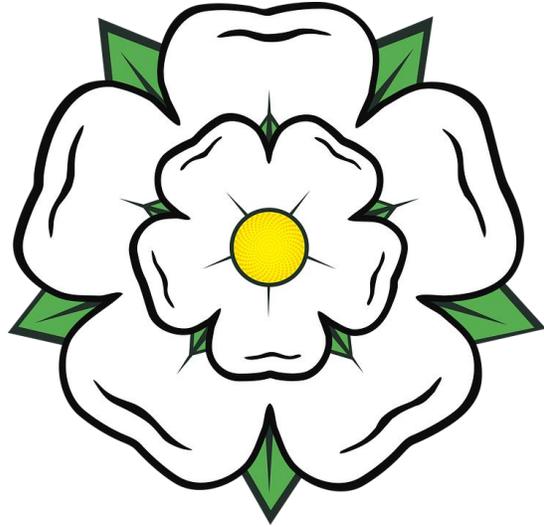
Unfortunately, we were not successful this time. We will keep looking for other funding sources to support their work for us. Aston University already has funding so they will resume work as soon as they are able to get back into their laboratories.

In the meantime, you will have noticed that the roads from Middleham to the Low Moor and from the top of Spigot to the High Moor have been surface dressed (tared and chipped). This should have improved the grip for horses going up and down both roads. Further work to improve safety for all road users, especially ridden horses, is going on behind the scenes and with North Yorkshire Highways and we will report back to you when we have further developments.

Councillor Honor Byford

Quick Quiz with a Yorkshire theme

1. In which town was Ed Sheeran born?
2. Which Yorkshire author wrote "Villette"?
3. The world's oldest sweetshop was established in 1827 and is still in business. Where is it?
4. What cake is traditionally served on Bonfire Night in Yorkshire?
5. Which Yorkshire town did Charles Dickens describe as: "The queerest place with the strangest people in it, living the oddest lives"?
6. Where is the Captain Cook Memorial Museum?
7. Former Prime Minister Harold Wilson was born in which Yorkshire town?
8. In which year was the Yorkshire Dales National Park established?
9. How long are York's Mediaeval city walls (in miles)
10. How many gold medals were won by Yorkshire athletes in the London 2012 Summer Olympics?
11. In which year did Emmerdale first go on air on television?
12. Where is the Great Yorkshire Showground?
13. Which James Bond film starred Yorkshire actor Sean Bean?
14. In which Yorkshire town is the James Herriot Visitor Centre?
15. On which day of the year is Yorkshire Day?



Quiz Answers, see below

1. Halifax
2. Charlotte Bronte
3. Pateley Bridge
4. Parkin
5. Harrogate
6. Whitby
7. Huddersfield
8. 1954
9. 2 miles
10. 7
11. 1972
12. Harrogate
13. Goldeneye
14. Thirsk
15. 1st August

Update on offers of help and services from local

businesses:

Central Stores, Middleham

For those isolating or housebound, will take orders and deliver locally, free of charge, groceries and other goods. Tel 01969 623224. You may get the answerphone, so leave your name and tel number and they will get back to you.

Campbells of Leyburn are very sorry that they had to stop doing deliveries as they simply couldn't keep the store stocked, customers served AND sort orders and make deliveries.

Andersons Takeaway, Middleham

Tel 01969 629290

Andersons have closed their Takeaway service but they are still providing outside catering and their increasingly popular mobile sandwich delivery service to workplaces around the area. They are also still supplying the Age UK meals service for this area. A nutritious two course meal for one person costs £5, safely delivered to your door seven days a week, between 12 noon – 2.00pm. You can order these by phoning Age UK on 01325 741492 or email them at catering@ageuknyd.org.net

Fairhursts at Berry's

The café at Berry's is now open from 09.30 to 3.00pm daily. Indoor and outdoor service plus takeaway.

Fairhursts are still offering a main meals delivery service bringing traditional pre-cooked meals to your door. Special diets (gluten free etc) can be catered for. Other groceries can be added to your order from Berry's Farm Shop. Tel 01969 624668

Wensleydale Hotel

Take away menu, home baked bread (Thurs & Sat only) and vegetable boxes. All to pre-order the day before by phone and collect on Thurs – Sun. Menu on Facebook and website and can be delivered on request for those self-isolating. Tel 01969 622093

Yorkshire Dales Meat

Delivering meat, eggs and milk
01748 810042

Leyburn Pets

Delivering pet food and supplies
01969 622953, or mail@leyburnpets.co.uk

Car Servicing, Repairs and MoTs are available from:

R&S Motors, Middleham Road, Leyburn
Tel 01969 624681

and

Middleham Motors, Leyburn Road, Middleham,
tel 01969 623283

Ravensworth Nurseries

Have reopened with strict controls and limited customer numbers, maximum of 2 x people per household, please to reduce waiting times. Open 10.00 am to 3.00 pm daily. Also still delivering plants and gardening supplies.
01325 718370

Braithwaites Nurseries, Leeming Bar

Now open with strict limits to numbers of cars and customers. Open between 10.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. Very limited delivery of plants and

gardening supplies for those isolating only, now they have reopened. If you need to keep minimal contact they recommend you order ahead and then collect your prepared order:

enquiries@braithwaitesnursery.co.uk

01677 422861

House & Home, Leyburn

Now open with strictly limited customer numbers and one-way system. Opening Monday –

Saturday 9.00 – 5.00.

Sunday 10.00 – 4.00

Wray's giftware and toys is open Thursday –

Sunday 10.00 – 4.00

Still delivering home fuel, gardening supplies, outdoor maintenance materials. Order by email:

houseandhomeleyburn@gmail.com

or ring them on 01969 625471

Sanderson's Decorating

Delivering decorating supplies and calor gas

01969 623143

Some other local shops and businesses are also offering deliveries or an Order and Collect system, so it's always worth ringing and asking.

Internet and computers

Whilst you are at home, if you would like to make more use of your computer or mobile phone but aren't sure how to do this safely, there are people around who can help. One useful website recommended by Charlotte Strickland, that takes you through things step by step is:

www.boldnewworld.co.uk/get-connected/

If you are having difficulty with your laptop or pc, contact Ed Davies at ed@builtbyed.co.uk or via Facebook or Instagram.

Who to contact for help or if you are worried for yourself or someone else:

The Town Clerk, David Keep, is working from home, contact him by e-mail:

office@middlehamtowncouncil.co.uk

or tel 07531 580499. This is David's home mobile and he is happy to be contacted outside normal hours.

Councillor Honor Byford, 01969 625304 or 07849 918215. shbyford@yahoo.co.uk

Councillor Nigel Hopper, 07594 814524,

hoppenn@gmail.com

St Marys & St Alkelda's Church,

Reverends Liz Moody and Jeff Payne

01969 326069 or Liz, 07796 988302

Jeff, 07443 581463

Racing Welfare

Gail Burton-Pye, 07788 184140,

gburtonpye@racingwelfare.co.uk

The Middleham Key Centre office has reopened, Monday – Thursday mornings 9.00 – 2.00. You can email us on office@middlehamkey.co.uk or ring our number 01969 624002 and leave a message outside of opening hours. Alternatively, you can ring Pam on 07772 736006 or Lesley on 01969 622615