



Middleham Herald

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From the Mayor

Middleham is a great place to live and the lovely summer weather we are currently enjoying and the prospect of Covid-19 restrictions being lifted on July 19th is hopefully making us feel cheerful and positive. Of course, we still need to be sensible and careful but there is a lot to look forward to. The Feast Committee is planning an event for the whole town on August Bank Holiday Monday. We have missed this popular community day for 2 years due to the pandemic so let's look forward to a great day this year on Middleham Sports Field.

Everyone is invited.

The children's play area at the top of St Alkelda's Road has just been refurbished by a group of volunteers and in the words of my granddaughter it's a new playground!

Many Thanks to all involved in that project and also for painting the Jubilee Lamp in the lower market square: that looks great too.

Many of you will have noticed that work on the extension to the burial ground has started and will hopefully be ready for burials later this year. This project was started by Middleham Town Council some years ago and progress has been slow with legal matters, planning applications etc so it's really great to see that the end is in sight.

As community events slowly start again we are keen to re-launch our lunch club for over 60s. If you were previously involved and would like to come back or if you would like to join please contact Sue Fairhurst or Pam at the Key Centre so we can gauge a level of interest and make arrangements to restart.

Councillor Sue Fairhurst, Mayor

Volunteering in Middleham

Our numerous regular volunteers are continuing to support members of the community with lifts to shops, doctors, dentists; phone calls and now actual visits too as well as running errands and collecting things as and when required. We will continue to provide this help to anyone who needs it at least until the end of the summer

– September. We will then take a view depending on what the circumstances are by then.

If you need help, please don't be afraid to ask, in complete confidence.

<https://middlehamtowncouncil.co.uk/getting-help/>

Councillor contacts:

Councillor Susan Fairhurst: 01969 622993

Councillor Honor Byford: 01969 625304

From the Town Clerk

Council Office Opening Hours and

Resumption of Face-To-Face Meetings

Following relaxation of Covid restrictions, Council has reviewed office opening times. For an interim period the Clerk's Office in the Key Centre will now open once a fortnight as most of Council's day to day business can be carried out by the Clerk whilst working from home, with Councillors dealing with local issues and meeting with residents. The Clerk will attend outside those times, as and when needed. David may be contacted in the usual way by email to

office@middlehamtowncouncil.co.uk or by phone on 07531 580499. Please note this is his personal phone number so please only call between 9am and 6pm. You may also raise issues and concerns with your Town Councillors on the following numbers: please do not call late in the evening.

A temporary exemption from the Law that Council must only meet in person has expired so virtual meetings can no longer be held. Having reviewed the health risks, Council concluded that it was safe to resume its meetings in the Key Centre, the first being held on 23 June. Usually, Council meets on the last Wednesday of each month, other than in August and December, but has agreed to postpone the next meeting until 7pm on Wednesday 8 September, as there are a lot of ongoing actions that Councillors and the Clerk are working on.

Burial Ground – Progress Update

You may have seen the works being undertaken in the open space behind Park Lane as Gavin Smith Ltd has laid the footings for the path from the churchyard and the walls are rapidly appearing – in fact by the time you read this, they may be complete! A wooden gate to match the existing one and a noticeboard will also be installed. Council is drafting up burial ground terms and a scale of charges and will publish these in early autumn when the burial ground opens.

Repainting of the Jubilee Light and Play

Area Equipment

A very big thank you to the team of volunteers who rubbed down and repainted lamp and the play equipment in the Springs. I'm sure you will agree that these all look so much better. The following took part:

Colin Gouk, David Leckie, Steve Byford, Steve Fowler, Richard Tarn and Simon Burren.
Please contact the Clerk if you have free time and some DIY skills as there may be other tasks!

Annual Accounts

Each year Council completes an annual return for the period 1 April to 31 March. This is subject to a review by an independent 'internal' auditor (an unusual description really, as our internal auditor, Kim Duke, is independent of Council). As in the two previous years Council has qualified as a 'smaller authority' and so is exempt from external audit by the government- appointed auditor. It gains this exemption as neither its income or expenditure exceeds £25,000. The Inhabitant Householder's Charity, which owns the Moors, the Town Wastes, The Busks and fields has also completed its annual return to the Charity Commission for the period 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021. These accounts were also subject to review by Kim Duke. Copies of the accounts are available on the Council's website and upon request to the Clerk.

David Keep, Town Clerk

A Councillors Viewpoint

Litter pick

I'd like to just say a huge thank you to everyone of you for your help at the litter pick

we had. You were all amazing and I couldn't believe how much litter we found. I think we could have made half a car and if Ian had had his toolbox handy I'm sure he'd could of fixed the tv we found!!!

A big Pat on the back to you all!

Now who's up for the next one??

I'm going to organise another one in the Autumn when we can get back in the hedgerows and see what treasures we can find! If you like to help let me know and I'll post it on the Middleham residents Facebook page.

lornaskelton@yahoo.com

MIDDLEHAM KEY CENTRE

Hi from Middleham Key Centre everyone!
Following on from our announcements on Facebook etc, we would like to draw residents' attention to the fact that the Centre is open again, bookings are being taken and regulars are returning.

What will you find at the Key Centre right now?

THE HAIR SHOPPE, MIDDLEHAM
A WEEKLY YOGA CLASS
ROOMS FOR HIRE INCLUDING THE LARGE RICHARD III ROOM
STAGE SCHOOL
SUPPORT GROUPS
BOOK SWAP
INFO POINT, INCLUDING TOURISTIC
EMMA'S DALE EVENTS

What is coming soon?

RETURN OF MONTHLY ANTIQUES FAIR, and therefore,

RE-OPENING OF ANGELA WALTON ANTIQUES
LIVE MEETINGS OF THE TOWN COUNCIL ONCE
MORE

Can you help as well as participate?

Yes! Drop in, any time between 9am and 2pm, Monday to Thursday and say 'Hi' to Pam or whoever else is on reception. As things get busier, we would love to see previous volunteers returning and new folk offering their services to the community. Any amount of time that you can give will be gratefully received. We have a building to maintain, conferences to serve and Societies to support! Do mention, or phone on 624 002, or email us at office@middleham-key.co.uk to find out more.

St Mary's and St Alkelda's Church

Rev'd Liz

Biodiversity in Middleham churchyard

You may have seen the 'long grass' areas in Middleham churchyard recently.

Churchyards are small, relatively undisturbed habitat patches and have a particular conservation importance as they act as refuges for biodiversity, which we are trying to encourage by letting the plants grow in some limited areas and seeing what emerges.

We had a wonderful 'Hidden Treasures' afternoon on 12 June which included counting different flowering plants - we identified 39 (you can see the list on the notice board), not including the grasses, and since then more have emerged, including harebells which I can't remember seeing since childhood.

'Our Hidden Treasures' also had different activities for children and families, a short Celtic service, a 'Tour of Ten Tombstones' giving us an insight into some of the past residents of Middleham (there were some characters!), as well as good old Yorkshire tea and buns.

We hope to develop the biodiversity in the churchyard as we seek to care for this beautiful world that God has given us to look after and nurture. If you have any ideas, get in touch - email jervaulxliz@gmail.com or call 01969 326060.

The Bridge Magazine

Is now largely a monthly email edition.

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

If you do not have access to email, and would like a paper copy, please send your name and address to:

Liz Moody, Applegarth House, Leyburn,
Middleham DL8 4PL

Rectory: 01969 326069 or Liz, 07796988302

Jeff, 07443581463

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

Racing Welfare

Racing Welfare provides a wealth of invaluable support and services for those who work within the thoroughbred racing and breeding industry, from counselling or financial advice to supporting those getting back into work after an injury. Horseracing is a big part of the community in Middleham and Racing Welfare are here to support all those in that community who work within the industry.

2020 saw a year like no other. The adverse effect of Covid-19 on people's day-to-day lives resulted in Racing Welfare helping record numbers of people. By the end of the year, a total number of 4,500 people had received support, which equated to a staggering 80% increase in the numbers from 2019. This increase in demand is attributable to issues relating to Covid-19 and a total of 2,965 individuals were supported with issues directly related to

Covid-19 during the period from March 2020 to March 2021.

As demand for our services skyrocketed all our usual fundraising activities were cancelled due to the pandemic. It is only through the generosity of our supporters that we have been able to provide support to racing's workforce when they needed us the most. If you would like to get involved with raising vital funds for Racing Welfare, we have a range of fun and challenging events for you to take part in. Each year we have different challenges available for supporters to get involved with and whether it is running or cycling, we've got you covered. Why not take in the sights of London whilst completing one of the best half-marathons in the UK - the Vitality Big Half? Limited spaces are available for the challenge which takes place on Sunday 22nd August 2021.

Running not your thing? The Great Racing Welfare Cycle is your chance to take on an exceptional challenge and be part of an incredible journey cycling the length of the country over 5 days, raising vital funds for Racing Welfare to support racing's workforce.

You can find out more about all of our challenges here:

www.racingwelfare.co.uk/our-challenges

Malton Open Day on Sunday 12th

September 2021, where we invite you to

come and join us for a day full of fun and laughter with some of the industry's biggest stars, human and equine alike.

For one day only, the trainers in and around Malton will open their doors from 8:45am – 12 noon on Sunday 12th September. This is your chance to go behind the scenes and see what a racing yard really looks like and to meet the amazing workforce that works tirelessly to ensure the sport continues to thrive.

After this, we invite you to Highfield gallops where we have Pony Club Games with children and jockey's teaming up for a fast and furious competition. The popular Linton Pet Shop dog show and inter yard challenges will follow, providing a wealth of entertainment. There will be an opportunity to shop and take part in the raffle where there are 10 fantastic prizes to be won.

TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW at
www.maltonopenday.co.uk

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 The Community Garden

July isn't a particularly colourful month in the garden. Many plants are past their best And have to be chopped back but the Day Lillies and Jackie's enormous Hollyhocks are starting to put on a real show.

The produce in the fruit and veg plots is also really starting to deliver. It's that time when I'm always looking for interesting courgette recipes.

It's been lovely to welcome our youngest gardener, 6 years old, whose enthusiasm for his cucumbers and peas is a real joy. The drought resistant bed around the shed is also looking lovely: the colours are subtle but pretty and the Allium Christophii is splendid. We've planted more species in the Orchard Meadow and the Yellow Rattle, aka the Meadow Maker, is doing its best to make space for wild native species. They seem happy enough to cope with the flooding and drought that we live with in that part of the garden.

I've been working on maintaining the wild parts of the garden this week: clearing StickyWilly or Cleavers before it takes over. Sometimes its so tempting to clear the lot but then I get a reminder about why we need those wild corridors. This morning I met a hedgehog who seemed as surprised to see me as I was to meet it. We stared at each

other for a moment and then he moved at great speed back into the shelter of the undergrowth. It was wonderful.

We are getting our old gate refurbished. It's been lying hidden in the undergrowth for some time. It will be hung at the entrance of the garden, although there will still be pedestrian access.

The extension into the bordering field is still on the cards. The management group have been pricing it up etc and it will be another calm place for people to come and sit and think. A word of warning to the people who like to take a moment on the far bench beside the foxgloves – it is broken at the moment! We are sorry for the inconvenience.

Hope to see you in the garden. We are always looking for volunteers so do make contact if you'd like to help keep this green space going.

Amanda Hopper

hoppern@gmail.com

Mobile Post Office in Middleham

Stops near the Jubilee Fountain:

Monday 11.00 – 12.00

Tuesday 09.30 – 10.30

Thursday 11.00 – 12.00

Friday 10.00 – 11.00

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, hoppern@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 is open, 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

The Summer Yorkshire Quiz

1. When is Yorkshire Day celebrated?
2. The county flag of Yorkshire features a white rose on which colour background?
3. One of the tallest maypoles in Britain stands in which West Yorkshire village?
4. What kind of people does the Jorvik Centre in York celebrate?
5. Where is the highest pub in Yorkshire?
6. To which Saint is York Minster dedicated?
7. Which town on the River Swale is famous for one of England's oldest castles and a well-known folk song?
8. Which city is known as 'The Steel City'?
9. Which famous Yorkshire railway station became 'Hogsmead' in the first 'Harry Potter' film?
10. Through which major Yorkshire city does The River Don flow?
11. Which of these cities or towns is NOT in Yorkshire?
 - A. Chesterfield
 - B. Rotherham
 - C. Leeds
 - D. Middlesbrough
12. Which of these towns is the furthest north in Yorkshire?
 - A. Scarborough
 - B. Northallerton
 - C. Pickering
 - D. Whitby

13. In which Yorkshire town was singer/songwriter Ed Sheeran born?
 - A. Hebden Bridge
 - B. Halifax
 - C. Harrogate
 - D. Huddersfield
15. The world's oldest sweet shop was established in 1827. Where is it located?
 - A. York
 - B. Pateley Bridge
 - C. Whitby
 - D. Skipton
16. In which town/city is the Great Yorkshire Showground situated?
 - A. Harrogate
 - B. York
 - C. Leeds
 - D. Ripon
17. Which Yorkshire Town has a goth festival?
 - A. Beverley
 - B. Holmfirth
 - C. Giggleswick
 - D. Whitby

Answers:

1.	1st August
2.	Blue
3.	Barwick in Elmet
4.	Vikings
5.	Tan Hill, Richmondshire
6.	Saint Peter
7.	Richmond
8.	Sheffield
9.	Goathland
10.	Sheffield
11.	Chesterfield
12.	Whitby
13.	Halifax
14.	Pateley Bridge
15.	Harrogate
16.	Thirsk
17.	Whitby