

# BRIDGE

July 2021

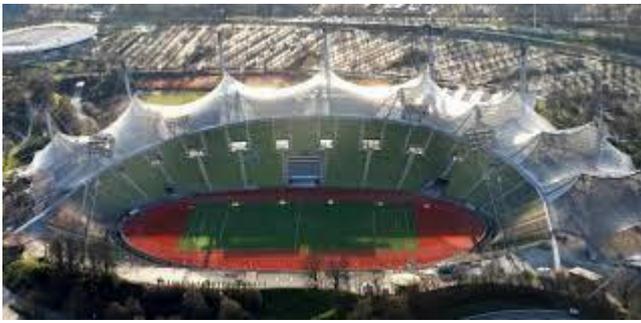
**Newsletter of the parish of Middleham with Coverdale,  
East Witton & Thornton Steward**

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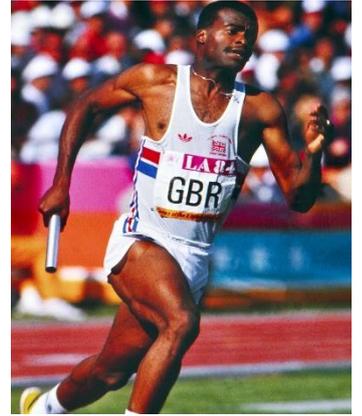
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If you have any photos of bridges in the parish, please send them to [jervaulxliz@gmail.com](mailto:jervaulxliz@gmail.com)



## Letter from the Rectory – Rev Liz

When I was 20, I stood in the stands of the Olympic stadium in Munich, and fantasised about winning a gold medal in the 200m. (That was my best event at school.) I loved running – probably still would if I didn't have to look after my back. But I also love



watching athletics and seeing the excellence of the human body. Who are your athletic heroes? Or sporting heroes generally if athletics isn't your thing? A few of mine are Dina Asher-Smith, Usain Bolt, Jessica Ennis-Hill, Mo Farrah, David Wear and Kriss Akabussi.

I don't think I'd have made it as a professional athlete. I don't like early mornings, and I don't like pain. And I don't think I would have liked being away from my family. The athletes that we will see competing in Tokyo later this month will have made many sacrifices to strive for excellence. I am looking forward to seeing the results of their hard work. No doubt there will be joys and sorrows – but hopefully they will all give their best.

In my list of athletic heroes above I include Kriss Akabussi, an athlete from days gone by. He was a great character – his laugh was epic. But I admire him for two reasons – one, he didn't give up, and two, he was a great team player. His performances in relays are legendary – and eventually, well into his career, he was part of the team that won a 4x400m World gold medal. Kriss, a 400m hurdler rather than a 400m sprinter, was on the last leg of the race. In an awe-inspiring run, he beat the 400m world champion – at the age of 32! Here's the link – I think it's still spine-tingling: [https://youtu.be/9a1r9NC\\_Po0](https://youtu.be/9a1r9NC_Po0)

Not many of us will be Olympic athletes – but we can all strive for excellence in something – practical things like cooking or cleaning or gardening, or the way we approach our work, or excellence in our



relationships – being a better son or daughter or parent or friend, or striving for more excellence in our character. And, like in athletics, it can require hard work and self-discipline, and a determination not to give up, like Kriss. And it might help us if we know that others will benefit from our excellence – as Kriss was inspired by running for others. For some of you reading this, knowing that God is cheering you on in your striving for excellence will also be important – it being part of Jesus's promise that he came that we

might have life to the full – and part of that is being the best that we can be.

We can take some inspiration from the athletes that we see at the Olympic games. I hope you enjoy watching them. I'll be glued to the track and field events, especially the 200m!

**Verses of the month: 1 Corinthians 9: 25-7** Every competitor in athletic events goes into serious training. Athletes will take tremendous pains—for a fading crown of leaves. But our contest is for an eternal crown that will never fade.

<sup>26-27</sup> I run the race then with determination. I am no shadow-boxer, I really fight! I am my body's sternest master, for fear that when I have preached to others I should myself be disqualified.

# OPEN PANTRY

## Emergency food supplies available:

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



## 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](http://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** Monday & Thursday 10.00 – 14.00

Hambleton Office: 277 High Street, Northallerton, DL7 8DW. Tel: 01609 776551

**Richmond** Tuesday 10.00 – 14.00

Richmondshire Office: 23 Newbiggin, Richmond, DL10 4DX. Tel: 01748 823862

[www.citizensadvicehrs.org.uk](http://www.citizensadvicehrs.org.uk)

PLEASE SUPPORT STOREHOUSE  
FOOD BANK  
IN THESE DIFFICULT TIMES

PLEASE DONATE TO:



## FOODBANK SUPPORT

If you would like to contribute to the food bank in Richmondshire – please place items (as stated on the can, left) – in boxes located in the following parts of the parish:

The Grange, East Witton;  
Top of drive to Coverham Abbey  
Applegarth House, Leyburn Road, Middleham

Thanks to Jo Harrison-Topham and Harriet Corner for organising these collections which will go to the Store House which is based in Richmond at Influence Church.

And thanks to everyone who contributes so that hungry families have something to eat.



## Hear To Help [Just B](#)

Just B is offering emotional wellbeing support to people in the Harrogate District, Hambleton and Richmondshire, with the 'Hear to Help' phonenumber. Available to anyone who may be dealing with anxiety/low mood etc - children, young people, and adults. Available seven days a week, 8am-8pm.

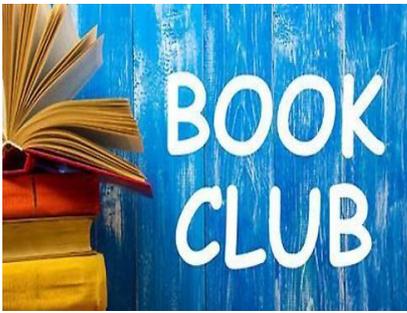
Call (01423) 856 799. Calls charged at local rates/ may vary on time of day/maybe inc in your call package.



## Support with Mental Health – for yourself and for others

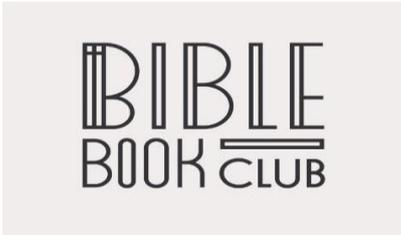
We can all need support at some time or other, and this past year has been especially challenging for many people.

Support and advice for mental health is available and more information can be found by following this link - <https://www.nhs.uk/mental-health/nhs-voluntary-charity-services/charity-and-voluntary-services/get-help-from-mental-health-helplines/>



## Coverdale Book Club

Our next meeting is on Tuesday July 13<sup>th</sup> at 11am when we will be discussing *The Dream That Held Us* by Rhiannon Jenkins Tsang. In the following month we are meeting on Tuesday August 10<sup>th</sup> at 11am when we will be discussing *Becoming* by Michelle Obama. All meetings are being held in The Foresters Arms, Carlton. If you'd like to join us, please email [martindstott@gmail.com](mailto:martindstott@gmail.com)



## Bible Book Club

Saturday September 25 at 11.30am – 12.30pm. We'll be looking at Daniel. We'll be meeting at Applegarth House, Leyburn Road, Middleham (outdoors if the weather is nice) if you'd like to join us



## Leyburn Library Services

**CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES RETURN –**  
Look on our Library Facebook page

### STORYTIME

- alternate Saturday mornings 10.30 – 11.15am  
Stories and Craft activities for 0-5 year olds  
Saturdays 3,17, 31 July, Saturday 14 & 28 August

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

**SUMMER READING CHALLENGE** for 4-11 year olds is back again this year, from 10 July to 14 September - theme of Wild World Heroes - more information will be coming to your Primary School soon!

### LIBRARY OPEN FOR BROWSING

Mondays 10am-12pm and 2pm-4pm

Tuesdays 10am-12pm and 2.30pm-4.30pm

Fridays 10am-3pm

Saturdays 10am-12pm

Come to the door of the library in the corridor and you will be very welcome if no more than 6 customers are in the library already.

### PUBLIC COMPUTER SESSIONS

Mondays: 45 minute sessions at 2pm & 3pm

Tuesday and Friday: 45 minute sessions at 12.30 & 13.30

All must be pre-booked – phone: 01609 535971. Socially-distanced tech advice is available on Tuesdays.

Leyburn Library is still offering Select and Collect Service for customers who would prefer not to browse: you can reserve books online via your library account, or phone us on 01609 535971 to tell us what you would like and to arrange a collection time. An answerphone is available if engaged or out of hours.

Books can be returned anytime that volunteers are in the library.

We look forward to seeing you.



## New Burial Ground construction, Middleham

On Monday 14 June Gavin Smith Ltd commenced construction of a stone wall and paved footpath for the Town's new burial ground adjoining the existing churchyard on the open space behind Park Lane. At some point, it will be necessary to close footpath 14 that runs across the site for up to 5 days when the path is constructed. Details of this closure will be advertised.

During construction, which may take 4 to 6 weeks, please take care when accessing the area as equipment and vehicles may be in use.

David Keep, Town Clerk

*Nathan (left) and Gavin on site*

Middleham churchyard is full (with the exception of one or two reserved plots), so the new cemetery will provide space for those who wish to be buried locally. The cemetery will be council run. Interment of ashes is still possible in the churchyard for residents in the parish and those with a qualifying connection with the parish.



## Middleham Bridge closure

North Yorkshire County Council will be undertaking essential highway maintenance at Middleham Bridge. The work will entail repointing areas of the northwest turret where excess movement at the interface between the parapet and the turret has caused the mortar to crack. The works are currently programmed to commence **on 5th July and may last for up to 3 days**. Every effort will be made to complete the works as quickly as possible in order to minimise disruption. We appreciate that the diversion

route is rather large, unfortunately, due to the nature of this bridge and surrounding roads, there is no other viable option, as we cannot divert traffic down a class of roads lower than the one closed.

The works will be carried out between the hours of 8 am and 6 pm, however, we will be unable to open the bridge out of hours due to the narrow width. Pedestrian access will not be permitted.



## Women in Middleham

Covid restrictions permitting we are aiming to restart our monthly meetings on Tuesday, September 21 at 7pm in the Key Centre, Middleham. We are also aiming to return to activities such as lunches, trips to places of interest and charity coffee mornings.

We are organising two lunches on:

Thursday 22, July at Middlemoor Farm; Thursday 19 August at The Wellington Heifer, Ainderby Steeple (travel will be by car). If you wish to go please contact Kim on 01969 326045 as soon as possible. (Middlemoor is already full). We will be delighted to see anyone who wishes to become a member of Women in Middleham, please watch this space. Looking forward to seeing you all in the near future.



## Messy Boots News:

I have become a freelance Level 3 Qualified Forest School leader "Wild With Nature" which has now landed me a full time job running 9 sessions a week in several local primary schools. I am promoting a programme with mental health at the core, involving lots of whittling, hammering, tree identification, den building and campfires to build an ongoing respect for nature. Due to the increased

workload I was unsure how to fit Messy Boots in, but after much deliberation, I am very pleased to announce we are back! We had our first session on

**Wednesday morning (9.30 - 11.30am)** with lots new faces attending coming from as far as Hawes, so I feel there is very much a demand for these groups following lockdown. The Messy Boots Play area (left) has a fantastic den in the old Elder tree and we have cut a maze through the long grass for our mini explorers! I'm looking forward to updating you all on what we have been busy doing each week. We meet near the community garden in Middleham. More information: Kathy Wheeler 07866 132787



## PLAY AREA EQUIPMENT, Middleham



## Coverdale news:



### Plant and Cake Sale – thank you

'A big Thank-You from Coverdale Churches Committee to everyone who helped with and supported our Plant Sale on 5th June. More than £900 was raised for church funds. A further £100 raised from refreshments has been sent to the Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust, to help plant trees as part of our commitment to carbon offsetting.'



# FLOWER POWER

### Coverham Abbey is hosting a charity plant fair: Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> August, 11am – 4pm

Flower Power Fairs. Refreshments will be available



### Coverdale WI:

The following Coverdale WI events are scheduled to be held at Coverdale Memorial Hall,

details will be shared nearer the event. Please save the dates:

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| Sunday 1st August     | - Yorkshire Day                            |
| Friday 15th October   | - Domino drive (rescheduled from February) |
| Thursday 2nd December | - Coverdale over 65's Christmas supper     |



### Bingo & Curry Evening

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> July – 6 – 9pm Coverdale Memorial Hall**

£5 per adult for supper and 4 games of Bingo, £2.50 for children.

*Prizes for winners*

Refreshments and Raffle tickets will be on sale throughout the evening.

Join Coverdale WI in our first post COVID community activity with the hope of some nicer weather and time for a catchup with friends and neighbours. We are hoping to hold this event outside but subject to Covid rules we may be allowed inside if the weather dictates.

Please book your tickets with Julie Clarke 640271 or Sara 640550

Coverdale WI is always welcoming to new members, maybe join us for one of our scheduled events, for more information please contact Sarah on 01969 640550



### Coverdale Memorial Hall Committee

**Are you a resident of Coverdale, with an interest in local facilities who can commit to a few hours per month and looking for a volunteering opportunity?**

**We Need YOU!**

We have great plans to maintain the Coverdale Memorial Hall to be a venue of choice for our community but we need new people with energy, time, commitment and innovative ideas to implement. If you meet the above criteria and would like more information please don't hesitate to contact: Lea Taylor – 07977007220

## Coverdale Memorial Hall Field



The Coverdale Memorial hall has a sub committee responsible for the field belonging to the hall, which was purchased a couple of years ago. We have re-invigorated this committee and would like to ask local people to be involved in:

- ~ **Deciding its future use** (e.g sport, football, wildlife, boules, park etc)

We'll consult by providing feedback forms at the Foresters Day on the 24th July and Yorkshire Day 1st August as a first step

- ~ **Volunteering** (e.g. either as part of sub-committee, or helping with tasks, doing grant applications, fund-raising etc).

We are very interested in younger members of the dale as this is a long term investment for their future.

Are you a local resident who would like to get involved or are happy to **submit your ideas**? If you require further information please do not hesitate in contacting either:

Andrew Dent - [andrewdent@dent-game-dealers.co.uk](mailto:andrewdent@dent-game-dealers.co.uk) or Lea Taylor - [Taylor.leajay@btinternet.com](mailto:Taylor.leajay@btinternet.com)



## Thornton Steward News:

**Service to commemorate St Oswald, patron saint of Thornton Steward: Sunday, 1 August on the Green at 10am**

**All welcome**

Oswald is a saint, but he was also a king at a very troubled and divided time in our nation's history. As a Northumbrian prince he had been exiled in Dalriada (Argyllshire), and there, among the followers of St Columba, had been converted to Christ. He regained the kingdom of Northumbria at the battle of Heavenfield, near Hexham, raising a cross among his small force prior to the battle against a vastly superior enemy. His desire was to unite his people.

Oswald was a committed Christian who wished to teach his people about Jesus Christ, and so he asked for the help of the monks from the Scottish island of Iona. Unsuccessful at first, Oswald and the monks did not give up, and the arrival of Aidan transformed the mission. Oswald proved himself useful as he translated Aidan's Irish into English as he preached. Oswald also appointed Lindisfarne to be the base for these monk missionaries.

A devout man, Oswald spent much time in prayer, his habitual posture was to have his hands on his knees, palms upwards in a prayer posture. He had a reputation for humility, kindness and generosity to the poor and to strangers. One day, at a feast where St Aidan was his guest, Oswald's steward told him there were beggars seeking food at the palace gate. Oswald not only handed over the meal to them, but instructed that the silver dish be broken up and distributed. Aidan was so impressed that he prayed that that arm of Oswald should never decay. Tradition has it that it remained incorrupt, and is reported by the venerable Bede as being such, centuries later. After Oswald died in battle at the age of 38, the said arm ended up in a chapel at Peterborough Cathedral, where there is still a chapel dedicated to St Oswald. The site of our own church of St Oswald in Thornton Steward may predate Oswald, but its dedication to this devout man shows the esteem in which he was held.

Oswald's invitation to Aidan and the monks of Iona led to establishment of the Christian faith in almost all the Anglo-Saxon kingdoms. We will commemorate Oswald with thanks at the patronal festival of Thornton Steward on 1st August on the green. We hope you can be there.



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

**Private Prayer in Church:** Mondays - Thursday, 9am – 5pm (*unless there is a wedding or a funeral*).

### Parish e-services:

**Sundays** - a weekly email service of worship

**Wednesdays** - a weekly email reflection following 'We make the road by walking' by Brian McLaren – pursuing 'aliveness'. Please email [jervaulxliz@gmail.com](mailto:jervaulxliz@gmail.com) – to be added (BCC) to our email services group.

### Sunday Worship – every one welcome!

Our pattern of worship enters the next 'interim' period. This pattern will be reviewed. Services are indoors unless stated otherwise. Please bring a mask. Congregational singing in church is not yet permitted but we sing outdoors at the end of the service.

<b>Sunday 4 July</b>	<b>10am Middleham Church</b>
<b>Sunday 11 July</b>	<b>11am Jervaulx Abbey - outdoors</b>
<b>Sunday 18 July</b>	<b>10am Middleham Church</b> <b>11am Horsehouse Church</b>
<b>Sunday 25 July</b>	<b>10am Middleham Church</b> <b>11am East Witton Church</b>
<b>Sunday 1 August</b>	<b>10am Thornton Steward – on the Green to celebrate St Oswald's Day (Thornton Steward's patron saint)</b>

### Weddings and Funerals Update: (subject to change)

#### Weddings

Weddings are limited to the size of the building: the capacity is as many as can be safely socially distanced. Guidance for after 19<sup>th</sup> July has not yet been issued – it could be that masks and social distancing will remain compulsory in all services, including weddings. We await further announcements.

**Funerals** are limited to the capacity of the building by which it is possible to safely socially distance. Funeral directors have current information on government guidelines, and parish policies, which vary.



### **Ripon Cathedral Yorkshire Day Lammass Day service.**

Lammass Day celebrates the first loaves of the season, which would be blessed at church services across the land.

This service celebrates the vital role of farming in our lives.

Refreshments will be served following the service (subject to Covid guidelines)

Please RSVP to [judithbustard@riponcathedral.org.uk](mailto:judithbustard@riponcathedral.org.uk) by 9<sup>th</sup> July.

Please note that places will be limited.



### **Please join us at our Jervaulx Abbey Service**

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> July at 11am**

We meet as a parish once a year in this ancient place of worship.

Everyone is most welcome.



### **Covid and the Charitable sector**

All charities, including the church, have been severely impacted by the Covid pandemic as far as their funds are concerned. If you would like to support your local churches, as an expression of thankfulness, an easy way is to do so is via the links below. All donations are completely confidential to the church treasurers.

In anticipation, we offer you our thanks as a parish.

Middleham <https://www.jervaulxchurches.co.uk/middleham.php> Coverdale <https://www.jervaulxchurches.co.uk/coverdale.php>

East Witton: <https://www.jervaulxchurches.co.uk/east-witton.php>

Thornton Steward: <https://www.jervaulxchurches.co.uk/thornton-steward.php>

### **Bellringing in our parish**



*If you are interested in finding out more about bellringing please email*

*[wensleydaleringers@gmail.com](mailto:wensleydaleringers@gmail.com) or via Facebook at Wensleydale Ringers, via twitter at [#wensleydaleringers](https://twitter.com/wensleydaleringers)*

## Bird notes from Richard Wells

The garden is alive with young birds. First up was a family party of song thrush (right), scavenging in the hedges and more moist bits for snails. Then a young robin (no redbreast of course but one flecked with brown



– below left) put in a brief appearance, shortly before a female great spotted wood- pecker arrived on the peanut feeder with a youngster in tow (below right). Pretty clueless it was, hanging precariously from a branch as mum picked out a nut, flew across and offered it up...time after time after time. But oh how those young learn. Within a couple of days a youngster with its red cap was on the feeder helping itself...mum nowhere to be seen. I assumed it was the same youngster but great-spots are a common sight around here so it could have come from a different



nest. Sam and G Anderson across the road have had a family party in their garden too.

Long-tailed tit (below right) and blue tit young (left) have been here, blackbirds (below left) of course and I have picked up from the lawn the white shell of a wood pigeon's egg so they must be around too, somewhere. A pair of swallows in the garage should be feeding young soon as well. Jacqueline is



complaining they are making a mess of her car. But what is a little bird-poo on the bonnet when the perpetrators give so much joy?



The best, however, might still be to come. In an old blackbird's nest in a climbing rose a pair of spotted flycatchers (below right) have laid their eggs and the female is not-so-busily sitting on them as I write. I reckon that the young will hatch in four or five day's time. So, fingers crossed. The species is an unusual site these days.



On the subject of flycatchers I spoke too soon in my notes last month about there being no pied flycatchers in the Cover Gorge this year. Belatedly, I came across one pair (male below left) so

will be on their way to breeding successfully. And thanks to Stephen Simper for telling me about a Mandarin duck with three young downstream of the Cover Bridge.



Your sightings are always welcome at [rmwellsew14@gmail.com](mailto:rmwellsew14@gmail.com)

## Our Hidden Treasures:

What a wonderful afternoon we had to celebrate the life and lives in our churchyard in Middleham on Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> June.

We counted many flowering plant species (see the next page) as we joined in with the national 'Churches Count on Nature.' 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 – you may have seen the 'long grass' areas.

There were also different activities for the children and families, and a 'Tour of Ten Tombstones' giving us an insight into some of the past residents of Middleham.

Here are some photos of this wonderful day:



### Some of the comments from the day:

*"Lovely to see so much interest and enthusiasm. Personally, I would like even more of the churchyard given over to let wild flowers flourish. An excellent project with the young!"*

*"Plant more bee-friendly wild flowers here" (post-it was placed on the land opposite the Church, near the Yew)*

*"I think this is an excellent idea. Go for it!"*

*"I've noticed that swift and swallow numbers are declining in the area. Perhaps you could put up some bird boxes to encourage them, as well as dedicate more space to wild flowers to increase insects/food onsite for them."*



LOVE YOUR  
BURIAL  
GROUND  
WEEK

**39 Flowering Plant Species were identified in Middleham Churchyard 12.6.21**

- Bittersweet
- Blackberry
- Bugle – below



- Buttercup - bulbous
- Buttercup - creeping
- Buttercup - goldilocks
- Cleavers
- Clover - white
- Cow parsley
- Creeping cinquefoil
- Cuckoo pint – below



- Daisy
- Dandelion
- Dead-nettle - white
- Dock - broad-leaved

- Dog rose
- Elder
- Flowering currant
- Forget-me-not - field
- Fox-and-cubs - below



- Garlic mustard
- Groundsel
- Hawkweed - mouse-ear – below



- Herb robert
- Ivy
- Nettle
- Ox-eye daisy - below



- Pellitory-of-the-wall
- Pignut

Plantain – ribwort below



- Ragwort
- Rosebay willowherb
- Sorrel - common
- Sow-thistle - smooth
- Speedwell – germander below



- Stonecrop - white
- Wild garlic

Wood avens - below



- Woundwort - hedge
- Yarrow below



## SCAM: Warning From the NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NETWORK



We have been made aware of a Covid Vaccine Passport scam email going around that purports to be from the NHS and informs recipients that they can apply for their "Digital Coronavirus Passports"

Clicking on the link within the email, takes you to a convincing but fake NHS website that asks for personal and payment details. (For an admin fee)

The website has since been taken down, but in case similar emails/websites appear can you please circulate the attached alert to your residents, members, groups and mailing lists.

And just to reiterate, your vaccination status is obtained FREE through the NHS App, website or by calling the NHS on 119.

More information can be found on the gov.uk website;

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/demonstrating-your-covid-19-vaccination-status-when-travelling-abroad>

Please note that any Phishing scams can be reported to SERS (Suspicious Email Reporting Service): [report@phishing.gov.uk](mailto:report@phishing.gov.uk)





# SCAM ALERT

June 2021

## Covid digital passport scam

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More information can be found on the gov.uk website;  
<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/demonstrating-your-covid-19-vaccination-status-when-travelling-abroad>

**Send suspicious emails to the Suspicious Email Reporting Service (SERS) at [report@phishing.gov.uk](mailto:report@phishing.gov.uk).**

# [www.ourwatch.org.uk](http://www.ourwatch.org.uk)

Neighbourhood Watch Network is a charity registered in England & Wales, CIO no: 1173349



# THE WENSLEYDALE SCHOOL & SIXTH FORM LEYBURN

*Life at The Wensleydale school, post lockdown, is better than 'normal'. The long Covid year and 'on-off' lockdown has made us pause and re-evaluate everything that is*

*important to our school community. Academic teaching is our core purpose but in the post lockdown world, we have invested and establish a wide range of enrichment opportunities, below are snippets of the last few weeks:*



**CCF- a 2 night camp** in the school grounds in which our cadets were put through their paces with intruders, drone pilots and the mysterious group the 'Leyburn Freedom Fighters' who were trying to infiltrate our camp.

**Sailing-** Y8 students have been going to Catterick Garrison Sailing Club weekly to learn how to sail. 5 have now demonstrated the basics of

sailing and have been awarded an RYA stage 1 in sailing. We are looking forward to continuing teaching them towards stage 2 and beyond.



**Astronomy** - Kallie Lawrence Yr8 wrote this short piece about Mr



Ashcroft's astronomy group as they viewed the solar eclipse last week:

'Today was the partial solar eclipse where the moon came across the sun from 10:05 to 12:20. With the moon being over 400 times smaller than the sun and 400 closer to the earth it can only cover the sun in a total eclipse . The next predicted full solar eclipse is in 2090 23rd September. In the photo you can see our astronomy



team with our teacher and photographer Mr Ashcroft. To see this on the laptop we used a camera with a telephoto lens and a special solar filter. This was mounted on a star tracker which followed the sun. To see the sun directly we used special eclipse view glasses as seen in the photo. Remember a safety message NEVER look at the sun without special equipment to protect your eyes.' *Kallie Lawrence Yr8*



Finally- **Geography field trips** are back on. Yr10 enjoyed a fabulous day at **Redcar** examining coastal defences. Ms Huitson- who has been taking students to Redcar for more years than she cares to remember said ' They were the best group I have taken for fieldwork.



They listened attentively and without exception every single one recorded measurements and results accurately and confidently. They made me very proud to be a part of The Wensleydale school.'

*Julia Polley (Headteacher)*



## LEYBURN ARTS & COMMUNITY CENTRE

Tickets / Info: **01969 624510** [leyburnartscentre.com](http://leyburnartscentre.com)

(£6 or 60+/U18 £5. All tickets must be bought in advance – phone the office Mon-Fri 1-4pm)

### **CINEMA** (£6 or 60+/U18 £5)

FRI 2 JULY 6pm Portrait of a Lady on Fire (15) 2hrs 2m

FRI 9 JULY 6pm Just Mercy (12A) 2hrs 17m

FRI 16 JULY 6pm Ride Like a Girl (PG) 1hr 38m

Fri 23 July 6pm Sound of Metal (15) 2hrs 0m

Fri 30 July 6pm The Perfect Candidate (PG) 1hr 44m

### **OTHER EVENTS**

TUE 9 JULY 7pm Matthew Bourne's The Car Man £12

Sensational new dance event filmed live at the Sadler's Wells Theatre.

SAT 31 JULY 7:30pm Jayne Darling: Singalong Supper £10

Also, join us from 11am to 4pm for Cream Teas, the Grand Summer Draw etc.

TUE 3 AUG 7pm Funny Girl: The Musical £12

Acclaimed musical based on film actress Fanny Brice, filmed live at Manchester.

### **1940's Weekend**

Unfortunately cancelled but fans of the popular Jayne Darling can still enjoy a live concert on Saturday 31st July at Leyburn Arts & Community Centre. Please book your seat early! Tel 01969 624510 or

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## **Middleham Key Centre, Park Lane, Middleham DL8 4RA**

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Email: [office@middleham-key.co.uk](mailto:office@middleham-key.co.uk)

[www.middlehamkeycentre.co.uk](http://www.middlehamkeycentre.co.uk)

**Office** is open Monday to Thursday 9.00am – 2.00pm.

The services we offer at present are photocopying, internet access, general information and providing recycling boxes and bags. You can ring Pam on 07772 736006 or Lesley on 01969 622615. We are happy to help if we can or signpost you to the relevant services. We hope those who are able will keep an eye out for their neighbours. Stay sensible and safe.

**Antique & Collectors' Fair:** re-opens Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> July at 10.00am – 4.00pm Refreshments available.

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We are on the lookout for willing **volunteers**. If you can spare some time to support our work in the community & the smooth running of the centre please contact us for a chat 01969 622615. Thank you, Lesley.

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**\*\*We still ask you to wear a mask and use the hand sanitiser when entering and leaving the building.**

**Thank you.**

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## Leyburn & District u3a

Members of the local u3a will be at Leyburn Market on Friday 9th July to promote their sessions which are now gradually resuming. There are a variety of groups now meeting and new members can join on the day or at the monthly meeting the following Friday (16th) at Leyburn Arts & Community Centre from 10am.



## Which bridge?

*Answer at the end of 'Bridge'.*

## Next Bridge: August 2021

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