



# **BRIDGE**

**September 2022**

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

*Bridge over River Cover*

## Letter from the Rectory – Listening to the Voice of Creation *Rev Jeff*

From 1<sup>st</sup> September to 4<sup>th</sup> October, we celebrate Creation tide. This formalises the time when for many years we give thanks to God for our food in our harvest thanksgiving services.

### **Our harvest services this year are:**

- Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September at 6:30pm at Horsehouse Church
- Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September at 11am at Thornton Steward Church
- Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September at 3pm in Middleham Community Garden
- Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm in East Witton Church

As the impacts of climate change increase it is a good opportunity to think about how dependent we are on creation and how to look after it. Psalm 19 says:

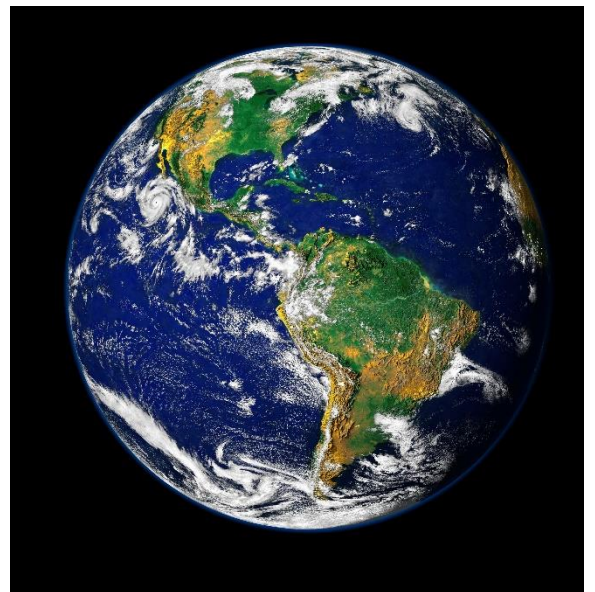
*The heavens are telling the glory of God,  
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.*

<sup>2</sup> *Day to day pours forth speech,  
and night to night declares knowledge.*

<sup>3</sup> *There is no speech, nor are there words;  
their voice is not heard;*

<sup>4</sup> *yet their voice goes out through all the earth  
and their words to the end of the world.*

The theme of Creation tide this year is 'Listening to the Voice of Creation.' I wonder what the voice of creation is saying? Maybe it screams in pain at being burned. Maybe its cries are drowned out in floods.



It is easy for us to feel powerless and anxious in the face of climate change. It is a complex issue and sometimes it feels like you can't do right for doing wrong. Therefore, here are some tips to help you get to grips with the biggest emissions in our lives.

In order to calculate your carbon footprint, Liz and I use Climate Stewards, <https://www.climatestewards.org/offset/> It is easy to use and translates your litres of oil, for example, into tonnes of carbon dioxide and translates that into cash at £20 per tonne which you can then donate via their website to projects which take that amount of carbon out of the atmosphere. Their projects have an independent Seal of Approval which verifies that they do what they claim because there has been adverse press about rogue projects.

For Liz and I, 90% of our emissions come from two sources, the heating oil and car diesel. Targeting these two is a good place to start.

If you can improve your home insulation or turn down the thermostat a degree or two (without jeopardising your health) then you're making a difference. For example, 3,000 litres

of oil produces over 11 tonnes of carbon and costs £232 to offset. This is a lot but as a portion of the cost of the oil much less and reflects the true cost of oil. As a nation we aim to be carbon net zero by 2050 so offset a portion for now and build up over the years.

If you can reduce car journeys or hypermile i.e. driving as economically as you can it makes a difference. I recently did a 100 mile journey largely on the A1 and found that cruising at 56mph. achieved a 40% reduction in fuel use.

Switching your electricity to a renewable energy tariff is another quick win.

If we do these things then maybe we can turn creation's cries of pain into songs of joy.

NB. 24<sup>th</sup> September to 2<sup>nd</sup> October is Great Big Green Week, <https://greatbiggreenweek.com/> which further actions we can take to help the planet.

**Verse(s) of the month** – Psalm 19:1-4 (see above)

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**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.*



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**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)

**Citizens Advice Pop-up Desk at the Key Centre, Middleham:**

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

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



# Warm & Well in North Yorkshire

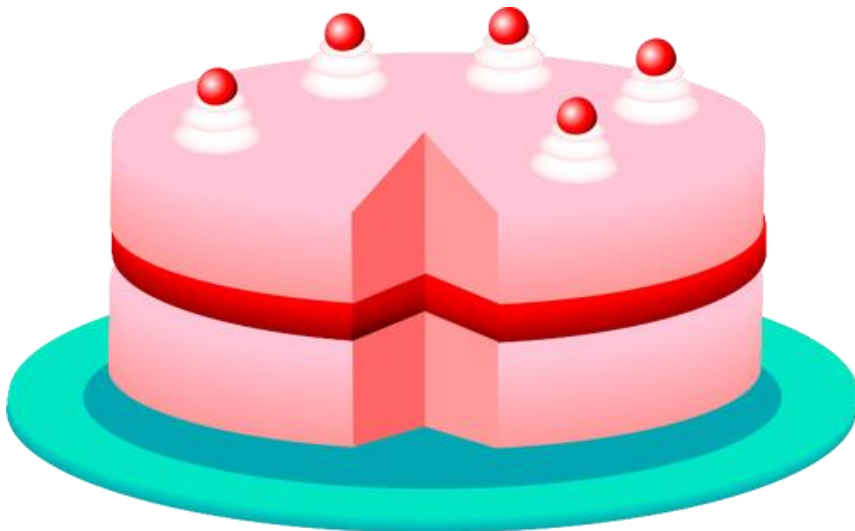
children. Anyone with

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 children. Anyone with physical or mental health issues. **Phone 01609 767555**

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## Middleham News

### Middleham Twinners (twinned with Azincourt in France)



### ‘Let them eat cake’

Key Centre, 3pm – 5pm

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September

After a great summer BBQ enjoyed by all, the group is sending a warm invitation to all interested families, as well as existing members to their September event ‘Let them eat Cake’.

This will be held in the Key Centre, 17th September from 3pm until 5pm. Admission is only £5 pp or £10 per family and includes a slice of cake and a glass of fizz. Refills and a raffle will be offered to raise funds.

The group supports members to host French friends from Azincourt in France for a weekend and then the following year there is the opportunity to travel to France and spend a similar weekend immersed in French family life and events arranged by our French friends. In the meantime, thanks to the support of the ‘The Two Ridings Communities Fund’, a programme of local events is planned. This gives an opportunity to get to know fellow members and welcome anyone else who would like to join the group.

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](mailto:lcmonaghan11@gmail.com) 07503 075530

# QUIZ NIGHT

### Date for your diary:

Quiz Night at the Key Centre, Middleham

Friday 28th October, 2022

More details: 01969 624002



## Tracy and the Great North Run – for her brother

You might have seen Tracy Bowe delivering the post locally. With her job, she walks about 10 miles a day, but she has taken up the challenge of tackling The Great North Run on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September, in support of her brother who was given months to live after an incurable brain tumour diagnosis.

She will be running to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support because of the help the charity has given her brother, Paul. Paul, who lives in Darlington, was diagnosed with incurable brain tumours in 2021.

Tracy said: 'Our brother was diagnosed with terminal brain cancer in November 2021 at the age of just 43. This has shocked our family to the core. Unsure of where to turn to, what

to do, Macmillan Cancer Support have been there for him right from the start. This is our way to give something back.

"My sister Leanne and I will be running together, we wanted to do something for Paul so he can see what he means to us, I want him there on the finish line in South Shields waiting with a bottle of wine."

"I know times are tough for everyone at the moment, but the generosity of people has amazed me, I want to say a big thank you to my supporters. Any donation no matter how small makes a difference.'

To support Tracy's fundraising visit her justgiving page:

[Tracy Bowe is fundraising for Macmillan Cancer Support \(justgiving.com\)](https://www.justgiving.com/tracy-bowe)

**MACMILLAN  
CANCER SUPPORT**



## WIMS – Women in Middleham

**Tuesday 20th September at 7pm**, in the Lady Anne Neville Room, Key Centre

**Barbara Phipps will tell us the story of Charles Waterton of Walton Hall**, West Yorkshire who created the first Yorkshire nature reserve.

Thursday 22 September there is a trip by car for lunch at the Boars Head, Ripley.



## **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](mailto:jonwatkins202@outlook.com) Thank you.

### **Middleham and The Dales Local History Group**

#### **The Walls Clan Of Coverdale (and friends) - from The Foresters' Arms to the Somme by Val Slater**

Middleham Key Centre, Tuesday 20 September 2022 at 2.00pm

Val tells the story of her family's connection to the Coverham pub, church and chapel and how the five Walls brothers and their friends fared when called to war. The talk is an introduction to the exhibition *Coverdale WWI Veterans Remembered* - which will be at Carlton Memorial Hall on Saturday 1 October, 10.30 - 4.00.

For more information contact Tony Keates 01969 640436, [dotandtonyk@btinternet.com](mailto:dotandtonyk@btinternet.com)

Annual membership is still only £10; visitors are welcome at £3 per meeting.

## **Middleham Community Harvest Service**

at

Middleham Community Garden

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September at 3pm

*Activities for the children. Everyone is welcome.*

If you can, please bring an item for the foodbank.





## **The Future of the Key Centre, Middleham**

The Key Centre Trustees have made the following statement:

Earlier this year, after the Key Centre Trustee Board stood down, 5 Town Councillors came forward to ensure continuity. The initial priority for the new trustees has been to carry out a business review and, whilst this is not yet complete, it has become clear that following Covid, demand for business office space in rural areas and use by community groups has significantly reduced. As things stand, the Key Centre spends more money than it currently earns and whilst, fortunately, there are no debts, this position is clearly unsustainable and at some point funds may run out.

The Trustees have successfully renegotiated contracts to reduce outgoings and continue to let function rooms to residents and others alongside our current regular groups. A more radical solution however is required to ensure longer term viability and the Trustees and Council are exploring all options, including potential for sharing use of the building. These investigations are at an early stage – please be reassured that the aim is that these will continue to include a community space, albeit a smaller and hopefully more sustainable one.

The Key Centre is Middleham's community centre. Council and the trustees intend to share their thoughts and plans and seek feedback from residents, current user groups and potential users. Feedback may be sought in the form of a questionnaire. It is also planned to organise a town meeting; many residents will remember the very well-attended public meeting 5 years ago to discuss the future of the playing fields which led to a rejuvenated Sports and Community Wellbeing Association.

Further announcements will be made when there is more to report and the Trustees and Council are in a position to recommend a plan.

In the meantime, the Key Centre is mostly run by volunteers: are you able to give up some of your time to, for example, maintain the front garden, help with laying out chairs and tables for events? If you are able to help, in any way, please contact Pam Avison (01969 624002 – during Key Centre opening hours) Sue Fairhurst (07896 321348) or Honor Byford (07849 918215) for an initial chat.

## Middleham Key Centre

Park Lane, Middleham DL8 4RA 01969 624002

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

[www.middlehamkeycentre.co.uk](http://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 17<sup>th</sup> September 3.00pm – 5.00pm

A social event with a slice of cake and a glass of Fizz!

Entry is £5.00 per person, or £10.00 per family. More cake, fizz and a raffle will be available.

**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. For further details or to book a place, contact with 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.

**Citizens Advice Pop-up Desk:** usually here 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month - 12.30pm to 2.00pm.

**Middleham & Dales Local History group:** Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September at 2.00pm. Lecture “the Walls Clan of Coverdale (and friends) – from the Foresters Arms to The Somme” speaker Val Slater. For further information ring Tony Keates on 01969 640436

**Women in Middleham:** Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September at 7.00pm in Lady Anne Neville room.

Lecture: “Charles Waterton of Walton Hall, West Riding of Yorkshire” speaker Barbara Phipps. For further details ring Liz Stocker on 01969 625260

**Antique & Collectors’ Fair:** Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September from 10.00am – 4.00pm

Refreshments available.

**\*\*Date for your diary: Key Centre Quiz on 28th October.....watch this space!**

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

**Middleham Town Council:** The next Council meeting is on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September.

Email: [office@middlehamtowncouncil.co.uk](mailto:office@middlehamtowncouncil.co.uk) Tel: 07531 580499 during office hours.

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

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



# East Witton News

From St John the Evangelist:

## COFFEE DROP-IN

Pop in for coffee and chat at the Coffee Drop-In, in The Parish Room, East Witton, on Wednesday 14 September, 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. If you would like to contribute to the contents of the hampers, this would be much appreciated.

Contact Karen Newsam (01969 622395) or

Mary Fawbert (01969 623007) for tickets or further information.

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

## SOUP AND SWEET - Saturday 10th September from noon until 2 p.m.

The lunch will cost £5 with the proceeds going to St. John's Church. There is no need to book a place – just come along, you will be very welcome!

## Quiz Night & Pie & Pea Supper

Friday October 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

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

Admission is by ticket only and these will be available from September 1st.

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 and 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 7.30am.

For more details please visit the Thornton Steward Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/908155472988654/>

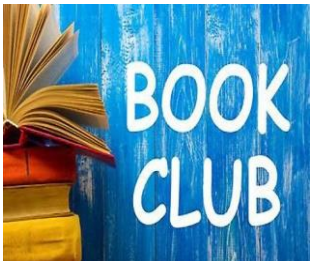
### Thornton Steward Harvest Festival Service

at St Oswald's Church

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September at 11am

*If you are able, please bring an item for the foodbank*

## Coverdale News



### Coverdale Book Club

Our next meeting is on **Tuesday September 13th at 11am:**

**'We have always lived in the castle' by Shirley Jackson**

Tuesday October 11th at 11am - 'Wild Swans' by Jung Chang'

All meetings are being held in The Foresters Arms, Carlton.

Everyone welcome. Please email: [dinah@travelcounsellors.com](mailto:dinah@travelcounsellors.com)

### Coverdale Harvest Festival Service

at St Botolph's, Horsehouse

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September at 6.30pm

*followed by supper and harvest sale in the school room*

*If you are able, please bring an item for the foodbank.*

# 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

[dotandtonyk@btinternet.com](mailto:dotandtonyk@btinternet.com)

**Wild Flowers and Art Festival, Coverham – weekend of 7 – 9 October. Postponed.**



## To Autumn by John Keats 1795 -1821

Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness,  
Close bosom-friend of the maturing sun;  
Conspiring with him how to load and bless  
With fruit the vines that round the thatch-eves run;  
To bend with apples the moss'd cottage-trees,  
And fill all fruit with ripeness to the core;  
To swell the gourd, and plump the hazel shells  
With a sweet kernel; to set budding more,  
And still more, later flowers for the bees,  
Until they think warm days will never cease,  
For summer has o'er-brimm'd their clammy cells.

Who hath not seen thee oft amid thy store?  
Sometimes whoever seeks abroad may find  
Thee sitting careless on a granary floor,  
Thy hair soft-lifted by the winnowing wind;  
Or on a half-reap'd furrow sound asleep,  
Drows'd with the fume of poppies, while thy hook  
Spares the next swath and all its twined flowers:  
And sometimes like a gleaner thou dost keep  
Steady thy laden head across a brook;  
Or by a cyder-press, with patient look,  
Thou watchest the last oozings hours by hours.

Where are the songs of spring? Ay, Where are they?  
Think not of them, thou hast thy music too,—  
While barred clouds bloom the soft-dying day,  
And touch the stubble-plains with rosy hue;  
Then in a wailful choir the small gnats mourn  
Among the river shallows, borne aloft  
Or sinking as the light wind lives or dies;  
And full-grown lambs loud bleat from hilly bourn;  
Hedge-cricket sing; and now with treble soft  
The red-breast whistles from a garden-croft;  
And gathering swallows twitter in the skies.

### Autumn by T.E Hulme 1883 - 1917

A touch of cold in the Autumn night—  
I walked abroad,  
And saw the ruddy moon lean over a hedge  
Like a red-faced farmer.

I did not stop to speak, but nodded,  
And round about were the wistful stars  
With white faces like town children.





**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](mailto:jervaulxliz@gmail.com) for details.

**Sunday Worship – everyone is welcome to all of our services**

<b>Sunday 4 Sept</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Middleham</b> Holy Communion
	<b>11am</b>	<b>East Witton</b> Morning Worship
<b>Sunday 11 Sept</b>	<b>11am</b>	<b>East Witton Climate Sunday</b> Holy Communion
<b>Friday 16 Sept</b>	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Horsehouse Harvest Service and supper</b>
<b>Sunday 18 Sept</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Middleham Church</b> Holy Communion
	<b>11am</b>	<b>Thornton Steward Harvest &amp; Baptism</b>
	<b>3pm</b>	<b>East Witton Church</b> BCP Evensong
<b>Sunday 25 Sept</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Middleham Church</b> Holy Communion
	<b>11am</b>	<b>East Witton Church</b> Holy Communion
	<b>3pm</b>	<b>Harvest Celebration Community Garden</b>
<b>Sunday 2 Oct</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Middleham</b> Holy Communion
	<b>11am</b>	<b>East Witton</b> Morning Worship
<b>Friday 7 Oct</b>	<b>7pm</b>	<b>East Witton Harvest Service at St John's</b> <i>followed by supper and sale, parish room</i>

**Weddings/ Funerals/ Christenings/ 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 take place during the main Sunday services



## Methodist Services in Coverdale in September:

Sunday 4 Sept 10.30am	Carlton Chapel	Rowland Dent
Sunday 11 Sept 6.30pm	Evening Harvest Service at Melmerby Chapel	Chris Carruthers
Tuesday 13 Sept 7.00pm	Evening Harvest Service and Sale Melmerby Chapel	Rev Kathy Couchman
Sunday 18 Sept 10.30am	Morning Worship and Baptism Carlton Chapel	Rev Melanie Reed
Sunday 25 Sept 10.30am Holy Communion	Melmerby Chapel	Rev Melanie Reed

*Walk with Jesus, witness to others, worship the Lord*



## 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 9<sup>th</sup> September 2022 7pm – 9pm**

**Speaker: Matt Hirst, Hawkshead, Cumbria**

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

Contact: 07714 204024 [mikehirst3@gmail.com](mailto:mikehirst3@gmail.com)



## Ripon Cathedral celebrates 1350<sup>th</sup> anniversary:

**Sept 10 – 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 incredible life.

**Autumn Lecture series: 'Wilfrid's World' beginning on:**

22 Sept 7.30 – 9.30pm Prof Joyce Hill 'Creation of Rome in Ripon'. Free event.

29 Sept 7.30 – 9.30pm Prof Sarah Foot 'Ripon & Wilfrid's Monastic Empire'. Free event.

Further dates on 6 and 13 October.

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

Full details and tickets: [www.st-cecilia.org.uk](http://www.st-cecilia.org.uk)

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

**More details: [www.riponcathedral.org.uk](http://www.riponcathedral.org.uk)**



## The World of Jesus [The World of Jesus – Diocese of Leeds Learning \(anglican.org\)](https://learning.leeds.anglican.org)



*This is a free course for anyone who is interested (by Zoom)*

John's Gospel captures the amazing truth: 'And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us'. Jesus came and lived on earth in 'time and place'. He stepped into 'our world' so that we can step into his.

But those were different times, and different places, and with people who lived in a very different culture. Indeed

in 30 AD people who lived in what we describe as 'The Holy Land' lived in a wide range of contrasting cultural and geographical settings. If we are to gain best insight from a study of the Gospels we need to get to grips with the context in which Jesus was immersed.

'World of Jesus' will offer an opportunity to explore these things over eight sessions. Drawing from scripture, other contemporary writings, and extensive archaeological evidence, we'll gain a better grasp of the social, political and geographical context of Jesus' ministry. Not only will this be fascinating, it will also enable the scriptures to come alive – indeed 'the Word will be made Flesh' afresh for God's people today.

### Course Sessions (via online Zoom classroom)

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|---------------------------------------|--------------|---------------|
| • <b>JESUS OF NAZARETH</b>            | 27 Sept 2022 | 19:00 - 21:00 |
| • <b>JESUS AND THE SEA OF GALILEE</b> | 4 Oct 2022   | 19:00 - 21:00 |
| • <b>JESUS AND THE DECAPOLIS</b>      | 11 Oct 2022  | 19:00 - 21:00 |
| • <b>JESUS AND SAMARIA</b>            | 18 Oct 2022  | 19:00 - 21:00 |
| • <b>TWO WEEK BREAK</b>               |              |               |
| • <b>JESUS AND THE JORDAN VALLEY</b>  | 8 Nov 2022   | 19:00 - 21:00 |
| • <b>JESUS AND JUDEA</b>              | 15 Nov 2022  | 19:00 - 21:00 |
| • <b>JESUS AND THE COASTAL PLAIN</b>  | 22 Nov 2022  | 19:00 - 21:00 |
| • <b>JESUS AND JERUSALEM</b>          | 29 Nov 2022  | 19:00 - 21:00 |



### Speaker

The course will be led by Canon Gordon Dey. Gordon has led many pilgrimage groups to the Holy Land over the past 25 years and is the Regional Co-ordinator of [Jesus Shaped People](#) – a discipleship programme that springs from grasping more fully the life and ministry of Jesus.

**Details of how to access** this will be emailed out to participants before the first session. Additional handouts will also be available to members of the Digital Learning Platform. More details: <https://learning.leeds.anglican.org/course/the-world-of-jesus-2/>  
You will have to sign up and make an account to access the course, but it's all free.

## Bird notes from Richard Wells

It's not often that Wensleydale writes itself into the ornithological history books. So news that a pair of ospreys (r) have raised two young on the Bolton Estate is a delight.

They are the first known pair of ospreys ever to have bred in Yorkshire and records go back into the 18<sup>th</sup> century.

Even in our parishes we can share in the joy.

The adults passed over our patch on many occasions during the summer while hunting for fish, first for themselves and later for their growing son and daughter. I saw one languidly flying over Braithwaite Moor one morning, no doubt on its way to Leighton Reservoir to catch the family lunch. Nosterfield Nature Reserve was another fish restaurant that was visited and I suspect that Thornton Steward was too, though I never heard of one being seen there.

In fact it has been a summer for birds of prey. A pair of hen harriers raised one young on one of our moors and a pair of hobby spent much of the summer near the River Ure in the Jervaulx/Thornton Steward area. Flashy, dashing falcons capable of catching sand martins and even dragonflies on the wing. (See right). I strongly suspect that they have bred also, but I cannot be sure. If they have, that would be a first for the area too.

What could be less good news is the status of our swift (left) population. The birds left incredibly early, in July rather than their usual mid-August, which I have never known in my

30-plus years living here. Why I have no idea. And did they actually fledge their young before leaving or was it a blank breeding season? We can only hope they return in the same numbers in 2023.



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



# Biodiversity in the Churchyard

## Harebells - *Campanula rotundifolia*



You may have seen the harebells in Middleham churchyard this year. One or two appeared in our 'protected' areas last year, but this year they have multiplied.

Harebells are a delicate flower, light blue in colour, and flower between July and September – preferring undisturbed ground, and tolerating dry conditions.

They are regularly visited by bumblebees and honeybees, providing a good source of nectar for these insects.

In Scotland, the harebell is sometimes known simply as the 'bluebell' and it is this flower that appears on Scottish bluebell matches (see below).

Elsewhere, the harebell has picked up various local names, including 'witches' thimbles' and 'fairy bells' and 'cuckoo's shoe' and in days gone by they had a strong connection to fairy folklore.



In the past in Scotland, harebells were used to produce a blue dye for tartan.



Today, some people add the flowers to a salad.





## Future of Bridge

The Bridge has been a wonderful communication tool for the churches and communities in our parish for many years, containing local information and a showcase for local events and news stories.

With the pandemic in 2019, a change in format from paper to email version was

the only way the information could continue to be distributed and Liz has worked very hard in editing and circulating the email version to an ever-growing list of community members. Liz decided in April that it was time to step away from this role with effect from the end of the year, and so we are in **NEED OF A NEW EDITOR**.

If you are interested in this (voluntary) role, please contact Liz (details at the end of Bridge) and she will be able to tell you more about what it entails. Briefly, you need to be able to have a PC, be able to use Word or Publisher, have 15 – 20 hours a month available, have a creative eye for layout, and be able to work to a deadline. We will need to hear from you by the end of August so that a transition period can begin in September, with the new editor taking on the role fully from January 2023. Should we be unable to find a new editor, we regret to say that the December 2022/ January 2023 issue will be the last edition.

Should an editor come forward, and we are able to continue, we have also been considering the viability of reinstating a hard copy version of the Bridge to be delivered to each household. The costs and logistics of producing Bridge in paper format are enormous and rely on many hours of volunteers' time. Costs of production are rising all the time and volunteers are becoming increasingly hard to come by, so the workload for the handful left is just too onerous. After much research and discussion, it has finally been decided that, if Bridge continues, as from the February 2023 edition, Bridge will be distributed solely in an online version.

We realise that this will come as a blow to those who would prefer to have a hard copy, but we will ensure that the printing facility of the email version is straight forward so that it can easily be printed at home. 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.

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.

We thank you for your understanding and cooperation. We would also like to thank the team of volunteers who over years have helped to produce and distribute the paper version and hopefully this publication can continue, albeit in a different format.

PCC of Middleham with Coverdale, East Witton & Thornton Steward

**Postscript:** Our decision not to continue providing any hard copies has had to be brought forward with immediate effect. This is because since the above article was written, the printers which was used has folded due to increasing costs.



**Leyburn Group:** u3a Group:  
at the Arts and Community Centre, Leyburn

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September 10.00am Speaker, Philip Caine on 'Barrow To Bagdad And Back Again!'**

Future meetings:

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October 21st: Jenny Blackburn - Life on the High Seas.

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November 18th: Helen Keep - The Wensleydale Project.

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

## LEYBURN ARTS & COMMUNITY CENTRE

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

All tickets must be bought in advance – phone the office Mon-Fri 1-4pm)



**CINEMA** (£6 or 60+/U18 £5)

**FRI 2 Sept 6pm The Outfit (15) 1 hr 45 m**

**FRI 9 Sept 6pm The Worst Person in the World (15) 2hr 8m**

**FRI 16 Sept 6pm Downton Abbey: A New Era (PGA) 2 hrs 4 m**

**FRI 23 Sept 6pm 2040 (PG) 1hrs 32m**

## OTHER EVENTS

**THU 8 Sept 7pm Much Ado about Nothing £12 (£6 for our volunteers)**

Irresistible comedy broadcast to our cinema LIVE from the National Theatre stage.

**FRI & SAT 29 Sept and 1 Oct 7.30pm Two One-Act Plays £10**

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

## VOLUNTEERS – We need you!

DVD projectionists, young or not so young. See the film for FREE. Full training given.

## SEQUENCE DANCING: Ever wanted to give it a go?

Every Thursday. New partners welcome. First session FREE. Thereafter £10 per couple.

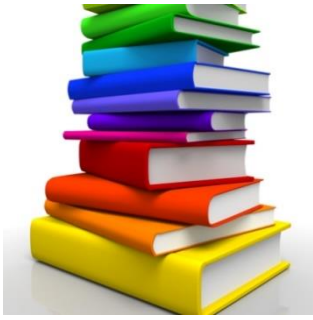


## The Knit'N Natter group at Leyburn Arts & Community Centre

... 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.

[www.leyburnartscentre.com](http://www.leyburnartscentre.com) has details of all films, groups and events, or pop in to collect a flyer.



## Leyburn Community Library Services

Mondays 10am - 4pm

Tuesdays 10am - 6pm

Fridays 10am-3pm

Saturdays 10am-12noon.

Public computers available when library is open, no booking required

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

### Storytime

Stories and craft activities for 0-5 year-olds, alternate Saturdays 10.30am - 11.15am - look at the Library Facebook page to check

**Book Reservations** etc Books can be reserved and renewed online via your library account or by phoning 01609 535971 - direct to the library desk at Leyburn.



### Why not become a “Friend” of Swale Singers? *by Jackie Pope*

The Swale Singers are cranking up to start their autumn term rehearsals on **Sunday 4 September**.

We meet every Sunday until early December from **3pm to 5pm in Reeth Memorial Hall**. We'll be practising the pieces for our Christmas concert on Saturday 10 December at St Mary's, Arkengarthdale: Haydn's *Nelson Mass* - subtitled *A Mass for Troubled Times*, and John Rutter's *Magnificat*.

Everyone is very welcome even if you haven't sung for a while – or ever before.

If you're convinced that singing really isn't your bag, but you're keen to support the Swale Singers, we would like to offer you the unmissable opportunity of becoming a Friend of the Swale Singers.

For a modest donation of at least £25 a year, you can bask in the warm glow that comes from knowing you are supporting a very worthwhile charity, one that is part of the musical fabric of the Dales. There are also other benefits from reserved seats to being invited to being involved in all the choir's activities. Recent highlights have been a summer garden party, and celebrating special choir anniversaries by going up and down the dale singing. And maybe partaking of a local beverage at one or two hostelries en route.

For more details please contact Jill or Paul Adamson [jandpra@btinternet.com](mailto:jandpra@btinternet.com)

### General announcement from Yorkshire Water

There is now a hosepipe ban in this area.

More information: <https://www.yorkshirewater.com/your-water/is-there-a-hosepipe-ban/>



# LEYBURN JAZZ FESTIVAL

Following the success of the first Leyburn Jazz Festival last year, the organisers have lined up a programme of top jazz performers for the 2022 Festival which will take place at venues in Leyburn Town Centre on

**Friday to Sunday, 21 to 23 October, 2022**

## 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



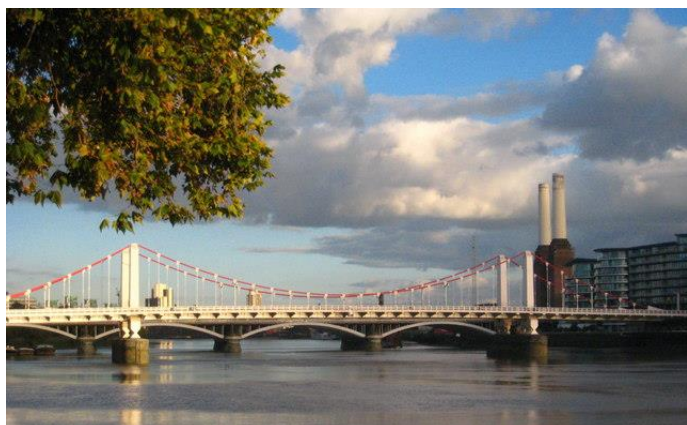
and educator will make this a really beneficial and rewarding experience for young people looking to start or develop their skills playing jazz".

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](http://www.leyburnjazz.co.uk)

The Matt Anderson Trio will be playing an enjoyable selection of jazz standards at the Cabaret session in the Golden Lion Hotel on Sunday lunchtime at the Festival.

For further information, contact Gerald Hodgson 01969 624761 or [geraldhodgson@gmail.com](mailto:geraldhodgson@gmail.com)



**Which bridge?**

*Answer at the end of 'Bridge'.*

## Next Bridge:

Please send any items to: [jervaulxliz@gmail.com](mailto:jervaulxliz@gmail.com)  
by the **deadline: Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September**

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**ANSWER: Which bridge?**

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