



The Middleham Herald

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Restoration of the Jubilee Fountain

The Richmondshire Building Preservation Trust who restored the Railway Station in Richmond are looking for new projects. Would you like to see Middleham's Jubilee Fountain restored to full working order? Or would you prefer it to retained as a flower bed? The fountain may be a unique feature in a Wensleydale town. What are your views - email, write or phone the Clerk to give your opinion, or speak to Councillors directly.

Recycling Boxes

Richmondshire District Council recently introduced a new system for collecting recycling from households. It's important that you sort your waste properly and place the lid on the boxes otherwise they will not be collected. If you're unsure what should go in which box, and when the bins should be put out, details are displayed on RDC's website at

<https://www.richmondshire.gov.uk/bins-and-recycling/bins/what-goes-in-the-bin/>. The Clerk also has details in the office at the Key Centre. The Town Council encourages residents not to leave general and recycled waste bins outside their homes from one collection to the next as it can look unsightly.

The Mayor, Councillor Fairhurst, is planning a town **Litter Pick** for Saturday 23rd

March, 10.30 to 12.00 noon and is looking for volunteers to help. Please meet for a coffee in the Key Centre at 10.00am on that day.

Vacancy as Councillor

Professor Bryan Shorrocks has resigned as a Councillor to take on a new role as Scientific Editor for the *African Journal of Ecology*. There is therefore a vacancy and any residents interested in being a Middleham Councillor should speak to the Clerk, or a Councillor, to find out more. The Council thanks Professor Shorrocks for his contribution to its work.

Middleham Stables Open Day

This year 12 yards plus the Equine Pool at Park Farm will be opening their doors to the public for the 2018 Middleham Open Day from 9:30am until 1pm. More info can be found at the Open Day website:

www.middlehamopenday.co.uk/open-yards/

or by ringing Racing Welfare on 01969 624123. Car parking is available on The Busks. Tickets are £10 adult, £7 senior citizens and free entry for accompanied children under 16 yrs.

Tour de Yorkshire coming through Middleham

The Tour de Yorkshire international cycle race will be coming through Middleham on Sunday 6th May 2018. The race is

expected in Middleham early to mid-afternoon. There will be some diversions before, and during the time, the cyclists are approaching the town. The slip roads outside the Old School House and Priory Guesthouse, and outside the White Swan, will be closed for the whole day to provide safe spaces for spectators and activities. There will be no parking on the Main Market Square or beside the Fountain. Alternative parking will be provided.

The Middleham Sports Association is planning activities for residents and visitors. These include: fun cycling sessions, a hog roast and a children's disco on the Market Square after the race. A group of volunteers are making bunting and refurbishing banners. Contact Jenny Atkins, via the Key Centre, if you want to help with this. We also want to create a piece of Community Art to show off Middleham from the air – any ideas get in touch with Honor Byford. If you are a business who would like to join in our sponsorship for materials, get in touch.

The Tour de Yorkshire will also be coming through our area on Saturday 5th May meaning some morning closure of the Richmond and Bedale roads.

Contact for this item: Cllr Honor Byford, 01969 625304.

Richard III Festival Friday 6th, Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th July 2018

The annual festival to celebrate King Richard III's links with Middleham will take place on Friday 6th to Sunday 8th July 2018. It's being organised by volunteers, chaired by Tammi Tolhurst and including town

councillors, local residents and business owners, church representatives and the main national and international Richard III organisations working together to make the weekend an event for all the Middleham Community and the many visitors to enjoy.

Friday 6th July: an Education Day for school children to learn about the life and times of King Richard and his wife, the Lady Anne Neville. All the children will attend a short service in the church at 1.00pm and process back through the town to the castle for an audience with the King and Queen.

Friday at 6.30 for 7pm: A Mediaeval Banquet with Minstrels at the Key Centre. Period costume is encouraged. **9.30pm** the Beacon will be lit on the castle tower and the church bells will be rung.

Saturday and Sunday: re-enactment groups at the castle plus. **Saturday:** falconer showing how birds of prey were used for hunting in those days.

Saturday evening – talks and presentations at the Key Centre on The Voice of King Richard – how did mediaeval English sound? What languages did the King speak? How did Shakespeare sound

Sunday afternoon – talks and presentations at the Key Centre about the Family of King Richard, including Lade Cecily Neville and Richard's father, the Duke of Gloucester

Tickets for all these events will be on sale from the Key Centre from Monday 19th March. Tel 01969 624002

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