

MIDDLETON - CUM - FORDLEY



Northern Lights as seen by Leroy at The Bell ...



...and Gillian from Minsmere Rise on 10th October.



Editorial

A bumper edition this month with photos and reports from October's events and details of events to come. Unfortunately I have had to shrink everything to fit in. In the new year printed editions will have to revert to black and white to cut costs – the email copy can still be in colour. (Perhaps those of you that regularly have paper copies might consider donating to the newsletter funds if you haven't already.) Anyone wishing to post a Christmas Greeting in the December issue please send your wording through with your donation, cash or the BACS options are the best ways as cheque deposits are charged by the bank now.

Any residents wishing to opt for a digital version of this newsletter can contact me on the email below.

Contributions for the next edition by email preferably as a WORD doc please, as usual to: barbara.barker.t21@btinternet.com or dropped in to

6 Meadowview, Rectory Road, by **Tuesday 26th November** .

Spare paper copies will be in the church porch as usual.

Also to be found on the Parish website: www.middletoncumfordley.org.uk

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Donations may be made to:  
HSBC Middleton Newsletter  
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### Thursday Morning VH Group

As from November 7th the Thursday morning group will be offered soup and a roll, along with a hot drink from 11.00 am at the cosy, welcoming Village Hall every week.

Thanks to all the volunteers supporting this project throughout the year.

**Come along and join us.**

Contact Lynda if a lift is required on 07890 067054



## The Autumn



### Pop-up Brunch

Sunday 17 November,  
10-11.45am  
Holy Trinity Church

**Please join us if you are free...**



## Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

Middleton has boxes with poppies and paraphernalia at:  
**The Church** - Please use the wall safe inside the church for your donations.

**The Bell Inn**  
and **The Village Hall**.

This year, we also have a QR code for those who would like to donate cashless .

(Larger version on the back cover)





## ANNUAL VILLAGE HALL QUIZ

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November

7pm

Teams of up to 6   £5 per head   Licensed bar   Raffle   Homemade soup supper

contact [barbara.barker.t21@btinternet.com](mailto:barbara.barker.t21@btinternet.com) to book

(let us know if you can't muster six – we'll try and pair you up)

SATURDAY 23RD  
NOVEMBER

FRIENDS OF MIDDLETON PRIMARY SCHOOL

# WINTER FAYRE

STALLS | TEA & COFFEE | CAKE

Everyone Welcome

Middleton  
Primary School  
Hall  
11am-2pm

To arrange a stall please  
contact  
[middletonpta@gmail.com](mailto:middletonpta@gmail.com)

### BAG 2 SCHOOL

#### FREE FUNDRAISING FOR SCHOOLS

In partnership with your school or organisation

Middleton Primary  
School



Bag 2 School is a company that specialises in the reuse and recycling of good quality second-hand clothing and we have arranged to make a collection from your school. All the bags will be weighed and you will be paid for the total weight collected. Remember, the more you collect the greater the benefit to your school.



PLEASE USE YOUR OWN BAGS (THERE IS NO LIMIT).

*We are collecting good quality items for RE-USE:*

Men's, ladies' & children's clothing, paired shoes, handbags, belts & accessories.

*(No uniforms, workwear, pillows, duvets or pieces of fabric please)*

***The more we weigh the more we pay!***

*Extra bags are welcome - there's no limit*

***Please return your Bag2School on:***

14th November at 9am



[www.bag2school.com](http://www.bag2school.com)



[helpdesk@bag2school.com](mailto:helpdesk@bag2school.com)

## Middleton Community Council Young Person Bursary

Are you a young person under 18 with a hobby or interest you'd like to pursue but need a little financial boost to get started or buy a piece of equipment for instance? Perhaps we can help. Contact Trish for more information [tricia.cooke1@btopenworld.com](mailto:tricia.cooke1@btopenworld.com)

Also let us know if there are any new under 18s moved into the village since last Christmas so they may receive their voucher, or if any have left the village.

## JACK STEPHENSON RECENT WORK

Jack Stephenson  
[jackstephenson@metronet.co.uk](mailto:jackstephenson@metronet.co.uk)  
[portraitartistjackstephenson.co.uk](http://portraitartistjackstephenson.co.uk)

3 Causeway Cottages  
Middleton

Thur 14 - Tue 19 Nov  
11am - 4pm

**COURTYARD  
GALLERY**

152A High Street, Aldeburgh, IP15 5AQ

Jack will be at the gallery  
between 12.00 and 2.00  
and looks forward to  
meeting you

## Holy Trinity Church – Middleton cum Fordley **Dickens and Scrooge: The writing of a classic Christmas story**

An illustrated talk by  
Mark Mitchels

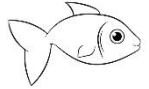
**Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> December 7pm**

Silver collection towards church funds





## NEWS FROM THE BELL



**Fish & chip Fridays £10.99 for locals - eat in - bookings required.**

**New sandwich menu available from £7 - lunchtime only - and new main menu launched Thursday 24th October.**

**FRIDAY NOVEMBER 29<sup>TH</sup> - locals night where you can meet the new owners from 6pm with complimentary nibbles provided.**

### Bell Inn Middleton

#### MENU

##### NIBBLES

|                                                                       |     |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| Gordal Olives <i>(ve, gf)</i>                                         | 3.5 |
| Artisan Bread olive oil, aged balsamic <i>(v)</i>                     | 5   |
| Croquetas jamon & manchego or leek & cheddar, garlic alioli, parmesan | 5.5 |

##### STARTERS

|                                                                               |     |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| Scotch Egg curried mayonnaise                                                 | 5.5 |
| Prawn & Crayfish Cocktail warm sourdough                                      | 7.5 |
| Baked Camembert candied nuts, dried cranberries, focaccia (for 2) <i>(v)</i>  | 9   |
| Roasted Red Pepper Hummus crudites, pomegranate, grilled flatbread <i>(v)</i> | 9   |

##### MAIN COURSES

|                                                                                                                             |    |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----|
| Whole Tail Scampi buttered peas, kofman chips, tartare sauce <i>(gf)</i>                                                    | 14 |
| Beer Battered Haddock kofman chips, pea purée, lime tartare sauce <i>(gf)</i>                                               | 18 |
| 6oz Bramfield Beef Burger bacon & tomato jam, monterrey jack, truffle & chive mayonnaise, red onion, baby gem, kofman fries | 18 |
| Halloumi Burger red pepper hummus, tomato chutney, red onion, baby gem, kofman fries <i>(v)</i>                             | 16 |
| Slow Roasted Pork Belly wholegrain mustard mash, braised red cabbage, tenderstem broccoli, red wine jus <i>(gf)</i>         | 19 |
| Celeriac & Wild Mushroom Pie mash or chips, seasonal greens, red wine jus <i>(ve)</i>                                       | 16 |
| King Prawn Thai Coconut Curry mixed vegetables, basmati rice <i>(gf)</i>                                                    | 18 |

##### DESSERT MENU

|                                                                                              |     |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| Triple Chocolate Brownie salted caramel ice cream, honeycomb <i>(v)</i>                      | 7.5 |
| Burnt Basque Cheesecake blueberry compote, pistachio praline, pistachio ice cream <i>(v)</i> | 7.5 |
| Eton Mess white chocolate, candied fig, passion fruit curd <i>(gf, v)</i>                    | 7.5 |
| Sticky Toffee Pudding coconut toffee sauce, vanilla ice cream <i>(v)</i>                     | 7.5 |
| Banoffee Sundae banana cake, caramel sauce, banana chips                                     | 7.5 |
| Harris & James Gelato <i>(gf, v)</i>                                                         |     |

1 scoop - 2.5 | 2 scoops - 4.5 | 3 scoops - 6

Choose from - pistachio, vanilla, salted caramel, chocolate, banoffee

gfa=gluten free available | gf=gluten free | v=vegetarian | ve=vegan

Every effort is made during kitchen preparation to ensure that all of our dishes, including those made of vegetarian ingredients, are not contaminated by allergens; however, we cannot always guarantee this to be the case. Allergen information is available on request.

### Bell Inn Middleton

#### SUNDAY MENU

##### NIBBLES

|                                                                       |  |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|--|
| Gordal Olives <i>(ve, gf)</i>                                         |  |
| Artisan Bread olive oil, aged balsamic <i>(v)</i>                     |  |
| Croquetas jamon & manchego or leek & cheddar, garlic alioli, parmesan |  |

##### STARTERS

|                                                                               |  |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|
| Scotch Egg curry mayonnaise                                                   |  |
| Prawn & Crayfish Cocktail warm sourdough                                      |  |
| Roasted Red Pepper Hummus crudites, pomegranate, grilled flatbread <i>(v)</i> |  |

##### MAIN COURSES

*(All of our roasts are served with maple glazed carrots, squash puree, braised red cabbage, seasonal greens, confit potato, yorkshire pudding & red wine gravy)*

Slow Roasted Sirloin of Beef served Medium *(gfa)*

Clarks Local Crispy Pork Belly *(gfa)*

Garlic & Thyme Roasted Chicken Supreme *(gfa)*

Bell Inn Nut Roast *(v)*

|                                                                                                                             |  |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|
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### LUNCH MENU

*add fries +2*

|                                                                                                                                   |    |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----|
| Club Sandwich herb marinated grilled chicken, avocado, tomato, Bacon, lettuce, light mustard mayo, white sourdough, salted crisps | 11 |
| Fish Finger Sandwich Ease Up IPA batter, tartare, lettuce, pickled onion, sesame bun, salted crisps                               | 9  |
| Sausage & Onion Suffolk sausage, caramelised blackshore onions, light mustard mayo, ciabatta, salted crisps                       | 8  |
| Caprese fresh basil, Italian mozzarella, beef tomato, pesto, focaccia salted crisps <i>(v)</i>                                    | 8  |
| Ham & Cheese honey mustard glazed ham, mature cheddar, butter, tomato chutney, white bloomer, salted crisps                       | 7  |
| Ploughman's pork pie, ham, sausage roll, Suffolk Gold, picalilli caramelised onions & chutneys, sourdough                         | 12 |

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## MIDDLETON COMMUNITY COUNCIL CHRISTMAS PARTY



CHOICE OF MAIN MEAL, DESSERTS , CHEESE AND BISCUITS

FOLLOWED BY ENTERTAINMENT  
FEATURING

“THE NORTH POLE SAXOPHONE QUARTET”  
(INTRIGUED...?)

COFFEE/TEA AND MINCE PIE  
CHARITY RAFFLE

Saturday 14th December – Village Hall  
Welcome drinks – 6pm.

For those new to the village – this event started life many years ago as a senior citizens and members party. We ceased to have an MCC membership some time ago now and the current event is open to residents over 18, committee members and helpers on a first come first served basis as there is a limit on space. We have unfortunately had to increase ticket prices again as costs continue to rise. This year tickets will be **£12.50 pp** for residents which includes the meal and entertainment. **Tickets will be on sale from 1<sup>st</sup> November** from Richard 648345 [jenricht@btinternet.com](mailto:jenricht@btinternet.com) and will require payment up front please. Cash (or cheque if anyone still has them) in an envelope with your contact details through the door at Threeways, The Street, or given in person. No block bookings, sorry. Please let us know at the time of booking of any special dietary requirements such as vegetarian, vegan, gluten free etc. **There will be some complimentary wine on tables, but feel free to bring your own if you wish. Beer and soft drinks also available.**



### “Santa Boules”

**SATURDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER - MIDDLETON RECREATION GROUND**

**Fun boules pairs competition for anyone to enter. 10.00 am start**  
**Christmas jumpers/hats recommended (and thermals!)**  
**Mulled wine & mince pies (and probably more!) £1 per person entry.**



Register interest on [Barbara.barker.t21@btinternet.com](mailto:Barbara.barker.t21@btinternet.com)



## MacMillan Coffee Morning



### MacMillan Success

Friday the 27<sup>th</sup> September saw the village enjoy another successful Big Macmillan Coffee Morning. The weather was a worry at first with rain forecast, but by 11am the sun was shining and we suddenly found ourselves very busy and people were able to sit outside enjoying the sunshine while sampling all the delicious cakes on offer. There was a great turnout and wonderful to see so many new villagers come along as well this year as a number of visitors to the village.

In total £643.50 was raised, mostly on the day but some others sent in donations for which we are most grateful. Another successful year.

Once again thanks to everyone who came along to make it a great morning and who so generously gave, thanks also for all the donations received both money and cakes. A huge thanks to The Bell, especially Leroy for hosting us again and his nonstop work throughout the morning keeping everyone topped up with tea and coffee free of charge. I would like to personally thank the team who support me each year on putting on this coffee morning, your enthusiasm is infectious.

Fiona Cusack and the Macmillan Coffee morning team



## AUTUMN FAIR REVIEW IN PHOTOS





Many thanks to Charlie and Nigel for the photos of the activities at this year's Autumn Fair. Sorry I didn't have room for them all but these give a flavour. Profits from the day exceeded £600 despite it not being the warmest weather we've had recently but at least the rain didn't come till all was packed away. A big thank you from MCC to all who helped in any way and those of you that came and had good time.

## Middleton Dark Skies

### November Highlights

**Planets on View** Venus is low in the evening twilight at the beginning of the month, but steadily rises higher as the month progresses, and by the end of the month this bright planet will be setting at around 7 pm. **Mars** rises at around 9 pm, so will be low in the eastern sky until around midnight. It will however increase in brightness during the month, and you should be able to make out its reddish colour with the naked eye. **Jupiter** rises at around 5.30 pm, so by mid evening it is high in the eastern sky, shining brightly in the constellation of Taurus. **Saturn** is beginning to slide away into the SW setting just after midnight.

**Constellations** This month's constellation is Aries, The (golden) Ram, from Greek myth. The story goes that Aries, (who could fly!) flew down from the sky to rescue the hero Phrixos, who was so grateful to the ram that he promptly sacrificed it to the gods and hung up its golden fleece, which Jason and his Argonauts sought some years later. The constellation consists of 4 main stars and a number of much fainter stars that are difficult to see with the naked eye. Aries sits almost directly south during the evening, and is well worth the challenge of trying to spot.

**The Moon** The moon this month goes by the name of the Beaver Moon, which is derived from the fact that beavers are preparing their dams ahead of the onset of winter. It is also known as The Frost Moon, due to the first frosts of the winter forming during November. It will be worth looking out for the moon on the 17<sup>th</sup> as it will be sitting next to a very bright Jupiter

**Meteor Showers** Unfortunately this months Leonid's shower peaks just two days after the full moon, so will be all but washed out by the bright moonlight.

**Comets** Comet Tsuchinshan ATLAS did actually put in an appearance during October, but being low down in the twilight was all but impossible to spot without the aid of binoculars. To be fair, although faint, its tail was huge and the nucleus, although small was extremely bright. It was hoped that another comet discovered during October was going to make an appearance during late October/early November, but it disintegrated as it has passed the Sun and was pulled into it.



The Constellation of Aries  
Brian Near



Comet Tsuchinshan ATLAS (from Title Road Middleton)

### **Causeway Farm - 'Hastoe' Field**

As part of future options related to Causeway Farm the field next to our Recreation ground is expected to become available for purchase from Suffolk County Council (the owners of Causeway Farm).

The Parish Council is looking at the possibility of acquiring the field to be developed as community parkland with the aid of the community fund offered by the Sizewell C project.

I have put together a conceptual plan exploring ideas of how the field could be used for our village and the wider community. (see next page)

We will be engaging more widely with villagers over the coming months but in the meantime please do let us know what you think, we would welcome your feedback.

Correspondence please to our Parish Clerk Rachael Salcombe parishclerkmiddleton@gmail.com

Thank you

Steve Thorpe Parish Councillor







At our October meeting we welcomed Andy Malcolm from The Fishermen's Mission who gave us a talk on "The True Cost of Fish". Andy, originally from Whitechapel where he was a BT engineer for 23 years, moved to Suffolk when he answered an advert for the job of a fundraiser for a charity in the east of England and for 21 years he has been raising awareness and funds for The Fishermen's Mission. The charity was founded by Ebenezer Mather in 1881 after 189

fishermen died in a storm off the coast of Eyemouth in Scotland. Originally the charity provided boats filled with needed supplies and essentials that would go out to the fishing boats at sea, now the help is all done on land. After WW 2 there were 75,000 UK fishermen, the number is now 11,500. It is the most dangerous job in Britain with more deaths ( the average age of a fisher lost is mid 30's) and accidents per number doing the job than even in farming. When an incident happens at sea the Mission are informed and are immediately ready to help the victim on arrival on shore and their family with the essentials of life. They will visit in hospital, raise money for the family, help with paperwork and bureaucracy and give moral and spiritual help. The aim is to get them ready for life after the accident. The Fishermen's Mission is at the heart of the fishing community and especially aim to help retired fishermen who maybe are in poverty, ill health and lonely. Fishermen's clubs have been set up to combat loneliness and for health care "Sea Fit" road shows bring health checks, health advice and dentistry to fishermen when they are on shore. Along with some stories of fishermen who have been helped, Andy with a strong deep voice sang a few sea shanties for us. Very enjoyable. He ended his talk with the fact that 380million portions of fish (in fish and chip shops) are eaten every year in the UK and fish is the only food that is still hunted!

Our November 20th meeting is the AGM. This year it was voted to be held in the afternoon at 2:30pm. LV

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### Local artist

Paul is a British artist who paints primarily in oils. Currently based in London and Middleton, he also has connections to Jersey. [paulpodhorskiart.com](http://paulpodhorskiart.com) shows a selection of Paul's pictures. New images are uploaded as they are completed. Paul is happy to discuss commissions.

[paul.podhorski@btinternet.com](mailto:paul.podhorski@btinternet.com)



## THE AUTUMN CONCERT

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October saw a full-to-bursting church enjoy a wonderful Autumn Concert courtesy of a piano trio comprising our own Reiko Fujisawa (piano), Matthew Denton (violin) and Emma Denton (cello). Reiko is, of course, well known to us and is an internationally acclaimed concert pianist, while Matthew and Emma are both members of the highly acclaimed Carducci Quartet. Together they produced a mesmerising programme that explored the relationship between music and nature, and the repertoire focused on both tangible and spiritual aspects of nature through works by Schubert, Beethoven and Dvorak. The audience were transfixed and this absorbing, engaging programme led to a rousing ovation in appreciation of a performance of the very highest quality of musicianship.



The church works beautifully well for such events and the PCC is delighted to see it being used so extensively by – and for – the community. For instance, the following Wednesday saw an equally life-affirming performance by the primary school children for their Harvest Festival celebration which, while as marked a musical contrast from Sunday as you can imagine(!), was an equally joy-filled occasion. And with Remembrance Sunday around the corner and another) Pop-up Brunch on November 17<sup>th</sup>, we hope the church continues to play its part in the life of the village. Sunday, of course, saw the church full to the rafters (literally – the vicar and his children were in the organ loft!) and the PCC were happy to host everyone to a welcome cuppa in The Bell afterwards where we were, as ever, so grateful to Leroy and his team for their warm welcome.

Paul T



## HOLY TRINITY – MIDDLETON CUM FORDLEY

### Church Services during November and ...

*the church is always open if you wish to pause, ponder, play the piano, or pray...*

**Sunday 10 November      10.50am Laying of Wreaths and Remembrance Service**

*Following this Service, please join us for coffee, croissants or a bacon butty\* at The Bell 11.15am-12 noon (our shout)*

*\*To help Leroy, please let him know if you are hoping to come and have any dietary requirements*

**Sunday 24 November      11am Holy Communion at Middleton with Theberton**

*The Benefice service this month is at 10am, Sunday 3 November, Peasenhall  
Please come along*

*To learn more about what is going on across our diocese go to <https://www.cofesuffolk.org>*

### WAITING IN THE DARK

'During Advent, we do not beat back the darkness. We acknowledge it. We wait within it. We listen to what it has to say. We do not fight the lengthening nights—but in an act of daring vulnerability we welcome them. We slow down. We reflect. We rest. Because it is here, while all around us is darkling, that we can find the true meaning of light.' Gideon Heugh

**A candle will be lit for an hour in church every Sunday during Advent between 6 and 7pm. It is hoped that it may offer a space for quiet reflection, an unhurried pause in the short days and long lists that lead up to Christmas. The hour will open and close with a poem from *Darkling: An Advent Journey* by Gideon Heugh but you are welcome to come and go as you please...**

**And, of course, people of any faith or none are warmly welcome**

### **Holy Dusters**

New dusters always invited, of all faiths and none

6 November: Rob Buxton  
8 January - Trish and Graham

20 November: Paul and Amanda

4 December – Mark and Liz



### **Christmas Clean**

11 December 11-12pm

Everyone welcome, mince pies for all comers...




### Thought for the Month

'The arts can be an important ally in recovering some of God's vision for the world and helping us experience the gap between what the world is now and what it can and will be. Let me ask you, why do truly breath-taking things bring tears to our eyes? Why does intense beauty actually hurt a little? ... Art has this power to reacquaint us with our incompleteness and awaken a hunger for more. And, sometimes in the ache of seeing no way out art can remind us that not everything needs to be resolved for it to be beautiful...'

Gary Molander: *Pursuing Christ, Creating Art*

As we move through autumn, the wonder of bird migration is set before us. The arrival of migrating geese is one of the highlights. In Suffolk it is possible to see eight species of goose, although only White-fronted, Pink-footed, Brent and the two species of Bean Goose (Taiga and Tundra) are genuinely wild birds that follow set migration routes from the north to spend their winter here. In Suffolk the most common are Brent Geese, found on all the major estuaries, White-fronted and Bean Geese occur in smaller numbers on coastal grazing marshes. Pink-footed are the rarest in global terms, but winter in large numbers in North Norfolk with increasing numbers now being seen in north Suffolk. The rest, Canada, Greylag and Barnacle Goose breed in the county and are considered feral.



Geese can be divided into two groups, black and grey. The black geese are the easiest to identify, Canadas are the familiar big black and white birds, Barnacles smaller with a distinct white face, and the small dark Brent Goose - not much larger than a Mallard. The grey geese are harder to identify, especially at the distance these wary birds are usually seen, from where, especially in poor light it is hard to distinguish the important bill and leg colours.

Of the grey geese, the easiest to identify is the White-fronted Goose with its conspicuous white forehead. Pink-footed Geese and Bean Geese are very similar, at a distance both can be picked out by the strong contrast between their head and neck and the rest of their body. The colour of legs and beaks is diagnostic. Those of the Pink-foot are not surprisingly pink, with the bill being partially black and much smaller in proportion to the birds head. Bean Geese are larger with orange-red legs and a bill with orange, yellow and black markings. Tundra and Taiga Bean Geese look very similar. Tundra Bean Geese are more common in Suffolk, while the Taiga Bean Geese are rarely seen beyond their main British wintering site in the Yare Valley, Norfolk. The Greylag is also large with a large orange bill and pink legs; it also has a grey forewing, which is prominent in flight. The Greylag is the ancestor of the farmyard goose, and can easily be recognised by the familiar honking call. The calls of the other geese are also characteristic, especially the Pink-foots calls, which has been likened to a pack of barking dogs.

To this list can be added a number of birds that escape to the wild from time to time, such as the Swan Goose, Bar-headed Goose and also the Red-breasted Goose and Snow Goose, although which do occur occasionally as very rare vagrants. The introduced Egyptian Geese are not really geese at all, being a closer relative of Shelduck.

Peter Vincent



**Young People Taking Action** run youth drop-in centres on the High Street in Leiston, the Memorial Field in Saxmundham and Yoxford and Wickham Market Village Halls. The charity's aim is to ensure that all young people living in the area have somewhere fun and safe to go, with opportunities to participate in positive activities, access information, support and/or guidance on issues which may be affecting them. The charity run after school and evening sessions for both juniors and seniors as well as specialised sessions for young people who are not in education, employment or training, and for young parents. Access is also offered to a fully trained Counsellor.

The charity is looking to apply to the Sizewell Community Fund to secure funding to purchase a minibus that will be used to transport young people to the sessions and allow them access to the services on offer.

In the first instance trained youth workers would make contact directly, arrange a visit, seek parental permission and finalise transport arrangements.

Are there any young people living in the parish who might be interested in taking this up if the bid to purchase a minibuss is successful?

If you have an interested young adult please contact the parish clerk, [parishclerkmiddleton@gmail.com](mailto:parishclerkmiddleton@gmail.com) / mobile 07510 155640. For more information regarding the proposed service, please contact Young People Taking Action at [yptafundraising@outlook.com](mailto:yptafundraising@outlook.com)

## **MIDDLETON CUM FORDLEY PARISH COUNCIL**

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON  
TUESDAY 8 OCTOBER 2024 AT 7pm AT THE VILLAGE HALL

"Please note that the Parish Council will be pleased to consider adding additional items suggested by residents to future agendas. If you would like to make such a request or contact the Parish Council on any other matter, please do so via the Parish Clerk on [parishclerkmiddleton@gmail.com](mailto:parishclerkmiddleton@gmail.com).

### **Attendance and Apologies**

#### **Attendees:**

Cllr Lesley Taylor  
Cllr Giles Piercy  
Cllr Kathryn Rowe  
Cllr Chris Reynolds  
Cllr Steve Thorpe

#### **Apologies:**

Cllr Julian Cusack  
Cllr Graham Lacey  
Cllr Charles Macdowell  
Cllr Michele Kendall

#### **In attendance:**

Rachael Salcombe – Parish Clerk  
District Cllr Sarah Whitelock (7pm-7.30pm)  
Members of the public x 3

**Councillors' Declarations of Interest.** None.

**Public Forum.** A member of the public referred to, and raised concern, over the removal of trees and hedges, as part of the archaeological works preceding the SZC link road, Yoxford roundabout, Darsham P&R, Wickham Market P&R and the two-village bypass. It is the PC's experience that protests to date have mitigated little satisfaction, furthermore, where works are being carried out on private land, the PC have no voice. It was agreed that much of the destruction appears unnecessary. The PC continue to ensure that works are carried out in line with the DCO but, unfortunately, the DCO is a vague document and therefore difficult to challenge. District Cllr Sarah Whitelock offered to investigate/make some enquiries.

A member of the public reported that Lionlink have been carrying out trial works on their land and that they have been visited by a senior tunnel engineer who advised that disappointment, destruction and disruption of the environment will be kept to a minimum. An offer of visits to Lionlink in Lincolnshire was also mentioned by the engineer, by way of reassurance.

The request for Lionlink and SZC to work together regarding the link road was highlighted again.

Cllr Whitelock reported the following:

- The proposed recycling scheme (discussed at last month's meeting) has been presented to full council and agreed.
- Wellbeing/mental health leaflets have been distributed throughout the ward. MIND completed a survey that indicated that mental health in this area is lower than the rest of East Anglia, and indeed the country. Training is to be made available to residents of Friston, initially, with regards to talking about mental health issues. Should this be successful it may be extended to other villages. Cllr Whitelock will keep the PC informed.
- A Youth Council has been established, in order that young people can have some influence over what happens at the Council. This will take place via schools, with two representatives from each school in the district.
- Residents are encouraged to complete the Community Safety Survey (details available on the village website and village hall noticeboard). The results of this survey will form a baseline for comparison with the completion of the same survey in several years' time. It is anticipated that this will eventually create a powerful document of evidence.
- A member of the public informed the meeting of a term used by the agricultural community 'Answer as a Percent'; whereby an indication of wellbeing is presented by a number and is used as a conversation starter. ESC is putting together a conference for farmers, recognising current challenges and ways to work in the current environment. More information to follow.

### **Minutes**

The Council approved the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10 September 2024.

#### **Matters arising and Action Points**

- \* Cllr Cusack to arrange for cutting of the hedge at the burial ground c/f.
- \* The Asset Register has been updated and is on the village website.
- \* Information regarding temporary road closure of Fletchers Lane has been sought.
- \* £200 contribution to the Summer Winers has been made.
- \* Upon investigation, the driveway at Moor House does not need works carried out.
- \* A new section on the village website for planning application meetings has been created.
- \* Cllrs Cusack and Piercy are booked on the Emergency Planning Workshop, with a following meeting to discuss an emergency plan for the village, arranged for Monday 4 November.
- \* Necessary contacts have been advised regarding the change of day for the parish meetings (Wednesday, starting 13 November).
- \* A positive response to Middleton Community Hub has been received from the WI and Holy Trinity Church. The Clerk still waiting to hear from the Village Hall Community and Middleton Community Council.
- \* Poppy wreath has been ordered.

- \* Cllr Taylor to write an article for the newsletter regarding interest in public transport for the village c/f. The PC are considering replicating a service that Aldeburgh provides, called Agnes (Aldeburgh Good Neighbours Scheme). Cllr Taylor has researched the workings of Agnes, with an investigation into implementation to follow. Currently, Cllr Taylor is waiting for a response from the individual that set Agnes up. Private residents' cars are used, along with a dedicated phone system. Insurance details are currently unknown, along with feasibility on a smaller scale, under WhatsApp. It was noted that CATS (Coastal Accessible Transport Service) provided an update in the village newsletter, seeking volunteer drivers.
- \* Cllr Cusack has furnished Cllr Taylor with details of the ESC Community Partnership Meetings.

### **Sizewell C and other Energy Projects**

Cllr Taylor to attend the Community Forum on 9 October.

Clerk to attend the Main Development Site Forum on 15 October.

Cllr Lacey to attend the Northern Transport Forum on 6 November.

### **Councillors Reports**

Village Hall. It was reported that the hall has dry or wet rot. Although the hall is owned by the PC, the Village Hall Management Committee are responsible for the upkeep. Cllr Rowe will attend the next VH meeting and discuss further.

Middleton Primary School. An introductory email from the Headteacher was shared at the meeting. The Clerk confirmed that Cllr Cusack has made contact, with a view to visiting the school. Cllr Rowe also offered to visit.

Highways, footpaths and trees. It was agreed that Cllr Thorpe will write to Cllr Whitelock regarding the 'destructive' archaeological works (as mentioned above). **Action: Cllr Thorpe to share the PC's thoughts with Cllr Whitelock.**

Middleton Moor. A member of the public advised that the 'no parking' signs have been destroyed following the topping of the Moor, although it was understood that the signs had been removed prior to the works and stored in a safe place.

Causeway Farm. Deliberations continue. SCC have advised the PC to engage with and include District Councillors regarding this matter. **Action: Cllr Piercy to email Cllr Whitelock an update with the current position at Causeway Farm.**

### **Finance**

The latest financial position was received and accepted by all.

The following payments were authorised.

| Details                                  | Payee            | Amount  | Power           |
|------------------------------------------|------------------|---------|-----------------|
| PC Insurance Renewal                     | CAS Ltd          | £521.15 | LGA 1972 s. 111 |
| P30 Q2 Income Tax                        | HMRC             | £117.00 | LGA 1972 s. 112 |
| Waste Toner Cartridge – TonerGiant.co.uk | Rachael Salcombe | £19.45  | LGA 1972 s. 111 |
| Clerk Expenses                           | Rachael Salcombe | £239.82 | LGA 1972 s. 111 |

### **CIL Spending. c/f**

**Village Path approach to Church**. Cllr Lacey has arranged a meeting, on site, with Nice Touch Landscapes on 12 October. A meeting date with East Coast Landscapes is yet to be arranged.

**Village Green Grass Cutting**. Cllr Piercy was thanked for cutting the village green and has kindly agreed to repeat, if necessary, this year. A permanent solution is yet to be sought, and the contractor for the recreation ground was mentioned as a possible option.

**Flooding/Maintenance/Emergency Plan**. See Matters Arising above.

### **Funding/Grant Opportunities. Middleton Community Hub.**

Cllr Taylor confirmed that an application has been submitted, in the sum of £2,000, to the East Suffolk Cost of Lining Community Grant Fund. It is hoped to hear by the end of this week whether we have been successful. Although we meet the criteria, the grant is heavily over-subscribed and there is no guarantee of success. It was reiterated that this venture is very much reliant upon being a joint working group project.

### **Correspondence.**

Confirmation has been received from ESC that The Bell Inn is now registered as a Community Asset.

Head, Middleton Primary School – see above.

Young People Taking Action. The charity's aim is to ensure that all young people living in the area have somewhere fun and safe to go which gives the opportunity to participate in positive activities and where they can access information, support and/or guidance on issues which may be affecting them. The charity is looking to apply to the Sizewell Community Fund to secure funding to purchase a minibus to transport young people to their sessions and allow access to the services that they offer. It was agreed to put a note in the village newsletter to seek interest. **Action: Clerk to create a piece for the newsletter and respond to the initial contact accordingly.**

Correspondence was shared from The Trust Farm regarding the problem of obscured traffic when exiting onto the B1122 and the possibility of obtaining signage, like that proposed for Mill Lane. **Action: Cllr Macdowell to raise with the Northern Transport Forum.**

**Items for Next Agenda** CIL Spending

**Next Meeting.** The date and time of the next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 13 November 2024, at 7pm, at the Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 8:05pm.

**MIDDLETON CUM FORDLEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING AS SOLE TRUSTEE OF  
THE MIDDLETON RECREATION GROUND TRUST  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 8 OCTOBER 2024  
AT 8.10pm AT THE VILLAGE HALL**

**Attendance and Apologies**

**Attendees:**

Cllr Lesley Taylor  
Cllr Giles Piercy  
Cllr Chris Reynolds  
Cllr Steve Thorpe  
Cllr Kathryn Rowe

**Apologies:**

Cllr Julian Cusack  
Cllr Graham Lacey  
Cllr Charles Macdowell  
Cllr Michele Kendall

**In attendance:**

Rachael Salcombe - Clerk  
Members of the public x 3

**To receive declarations of interest and to consider requests for dispensations.** None.

**Minutes**

- a) Minutes approved of Trustee Meeting held on 10 September 2024.
- b) Matters Arising.  
A Thank you letter has been written to David Bracey.  
Cllr Cusack to provide Cllr Kendall with playground check sheet – in hand.  
Clerk to seek a new playground inspector – see below.  
Cllr Taylor to liaise with the Pavilion Manager regarding the purchase of a janitor’s cupboard c/f.

**To review Safety Inspection Report.** No report provided.

**Correspondence.**

A request has been made to use the recreation ground for D of E camping, this would include use of the toilets and kitchen facilities. The request was agreed. **Action: Cllr Taylor to advise accordingly and erect a notice to advise users of the recreation ground.**  
A thank you was given to the Summer Winers for filling the potholes in the car park and to Bill from Bentwaters for the supply of materials, free of charge.

**Matters for discussion**

Playground Inspector. The Clerk reported that contact has been made with Yoxford, Kelsale and Theberton Parish Councils. Yoxford – David Bracey, Kelsale – Play Inspections and Theberton – ROSPA Play Safety.

Play Inspections offer one annual inspection and three operational inspections, each costing £225, totalling £900 for four inspections per annum.  
ROSPA Play Safety only offer an annual inspection costing £80 to inspect up to 5 items.

Further quotes were sought from Certified Playground Inspections and Playground Inspector but are yet to be received. **Action: Clerk to refer to insurance documentation to establish inspection requirements, in particular quantity per annum.**

Survey. Cllr Rowe provided the meeting with a summary of responses and specific comments/suggestions. Issues raised included play equipment, additional initiatives/further investments, education and wellbeing, a secure dog area and a wildlife/nature area. Improved pedestrian and vehicular access were also raised. The idea of allotments was suggested and favourably received by the PC. This facility could be offered to the school and potential care farm.

**Action: Cllr Rowe to write a thank you to all who responded and an update for the newsletter.**

It was agreed that proposals for the recreation ground need to be linked-in with the purchase of Hastoe Field, which will be accessed from the recreation ground, thus becoming one large area.  
The PC were pleased with the response from the village. Next steps will include putting costs together for the various proposed changes/updates.

**Action: Cllr Rowe to seek ballpark figures for the suggested initiatives.**

A question was raised as to whether CIL may be used towards the improvements to the recreation ground. **Action: Clerk to confirm whether CIL money may be used for this purpose.**

The quantity of bins was raised again, including dog bins. Upon previous enquiries, it is understood that ESC is currently undertaking a bin survey. New bins (purchased out of the Precept) would need to be justified to ESC. **Action: Clerk to contact ESC regarding purchase of new bins.**

Cllr Thorpe provided the meeting with a concept for Hastoe Field, which may be used as an aid in the development of the area.

Sizewell C Grant – Adult Exercise Equipment c/f

It was noted that the Pavilion Manager role has finished for the year (April – September). However, a booking has since been received for the Pavilion, and it was agreed to pay the Pavilion Manager for this work.

Finance

The following payments were authorised.



| Details                                 | Payee            | Amount | Power      |
|-----------------------------------------|------------------|--------|------------|
| Refuse Sacks (Westleton Village Stores) | Rebecca Reynolds | £1.99  | 1972 s.137 |
| Key Cutting (Screwbolt Fixing Ltd)      | Rebecca Reynolds | £5.90  | 1972 s.137 |

Authorisation was given for the payment of £39.60 to EPS Transfers for three signs and train face.

Items for the next Agenda.

**Next Meeting.** Date of next meeting Wednesday 13 November 2024, to follow Parish Council meeting.

Meeting closed at 8.45pm.



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## DIARY DATES 2024

### November

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> "Squit Night" – live music at The Bell – from **8pm** Sunday 10<sup>th</sup>  
 Remembrance Service, Wreath laying **10.50 am** Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> Parish Council Meeting ,  
 Village Hall, **7pm** Friday 15<sup>th</sup>  
 Annual Village Hall Quiz, **7pm** Sunday 17<sup>th</sup>  
 'Pop-up' Brunch, Holy Trinity Church **10-11.45 am** Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>  
 WI – Village Hall - AGM **2.30pm**  
 Meet the new owners – Middleton Bell – from **6pm**  
 Friday 29<sup>th</sup>

### December

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> "Waiting in the dark" candle lighting, Holy Trinity **6pm-7pm**  
 Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> "Squit Night" – live music at The Bell – from **8pm**  
 Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> Illustrated talk on Dickens and Scrooge by Mark Mitchels. Holy Trinity **7pm**  
 Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> "Santa Boules" tournament – Playing Field, **10.am**  
 Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> Vinyl Night – Middleton Bell from **6pm**  
 Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> "Waiting in the dark" candle lighting, Holy Trinity **6pm-7pm**  
 Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> Parish Council Meeting , Village Hall, **7pm**  
 Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> MCC Christmas Party –Village Hall  
 Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> "Waiting in the dark" candle lighting, Holy Trinity **6pm-7pm**  
 Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> WI–Village Hall - End Year Celebrations. Martin & Annie ~ Sizewell Gap- **7.15pm**  
 Friday 20<sup>th</sup> Carol Service, Holy Trinity, **6pm**  
 Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> "Waiting in the dark" candle lighting, Holy Trinity **6pm-7pm**  
 Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> Midnight Mass, Holy Trinity, **11.15pm**

## 2025

### January

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> WI – Village Hall **2.30pm**





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