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Please send in your contributions by the end of each copy date. If I don't acknowledge them please get in touch to make sure they have arrived.



You will probably recognise the cover photo which was taken not too far away at Burnby Hall Gardens last

year. I would love to receive your seasonal photos for the covers (or inside if there are too many for the front).

Lyn

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It's not everyday that we have a Middleton resident who reaches the wonderful milestone of 100 years of age so I thought we should mark this occasion with a message to Carmen who lives near the top of Station Road. and is celebrating her 100th birthday this month.



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Spring has just about sprung; the birds are singing and the daffodils are blooming. But, best of all, the clocks go forward and the evenings grow longer. This means less time on the couch in front of the telly and more time outdoors. I can't wait! Of course, I might miss out

on a few 'unmissable' box sets (or should that be 'boxed'?) but I'm sure I'll live with it. I've got to say, I think the only thing worth watching, just now, is the Great British Menu; is anyone else in total awe of what those chefs can put on a plate, or is it just me?

Because I was late writing this, I had the chance to look at the budget. Apparently, I, as an over 50, am being enticed back to work through an apprenticeship. Better news was that the energy price cap was kept at £2,500 until July and that fuel duty was frozen. Mr Hunt also announced the launch of Great British Nuclear to help bring down the price of electricity. This may be a little controversial, given many people's worries about nuclear power, but I think it is probably the only way we can become energy-independent, certainly in the short term. I just don't think we can rely on renewables, just yet.

But the best news is, of course, that the price of beer sold in pubs will attract lower duty than that sold in supermarkets. It was about time that something was done to level the playing field on this – before more pubs go out of business.

All in all, something for most, lets just hope that most of it goes where it is most needed.

Cheers,

Mike

If you have any ideas, comments or complaints (especially complaints) you want to share then send an email to middletonflyer@yahoo.com.

CORESPONDENCE

Starlings and Evergreens

How many of you have noticed Middleton's very own starling murmuration happening every evening at about 5pm?

When there are thousands of starlings in a murmuration it is a spectacle to behold as the birds fly at speed and seem to meld their movements as if they were one organism.

Middleton's starling murmuration numbers possibly a hundred birds at most,

but is still enchanting. The birds dart above the village for 20 minutes or more. Kids arriving home from school or those out dog walking in the evening will have the best chance of witnessing this spectacle.

I share this with you because I'm concerned about what becomes of the starlings once they have finished their fun. Well, they go to roost, to find shelter where they spend the night together. Importantly, they roost in the evergreen trees that the village has. I've seen them settle in conifers and laurels in gardens on Greenfield Road, Orchard Drive and South Street. My worry is that several of these trees have been removed over the autumn and winter, possibly for good reason, but with home owners unaware of the importance of their garden evergreens to the starling population. There are current planning applications in Middleton's conservation area to remove some further evergreens. I would ask the parish council to take the starlings into consideration if they are asked to consider such an application.

Surveys undertaken by the British Trust for Ornithology (BTO) shows that starling numbers have fallen by 66 per cent in Britain since the mid-1970s. Because of this decline in numbers, the starling is red listed as a bird of high conservation concern.

So please get outside at dusk and watch Middleton's starling murmuration. It's a thrill and will lift your heart. Do what you can to consider these birds when looking at your own overgrown worrisome evergreen, and if you are a community leader with influence please give nature more than a passing thought.

Andrew Naylor

As we get older we sometimes need to make changes to our way of life. My best friend and I have been together living in Middleton on the Wolds for many years. One of the things we have enjoyed together is walking in the lovely countryside. Unfortunately I am now more or less confined to the house but my friend needs her walks.



You may have guessed that my friend has 4 legs. I'm looking for someone with experience of dogs to help by taking my precious companion for walks. She doesn't need long walks as she is coming up to 11 years old but really enjoys her outings.

If you can help I'll be pleased to hear from you.

Sheelah Bamford

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QUIZ PAGE

- In what year was the first chocolate bar produced 1897, 1902 or 1810?
- 2 Who was Prime minister during the winter of discontent?
- 3 Which fruit has a variety called Winter Banana?
- 4 Street artist Banksy is originally associated with which British City?
- 5 What is a group of Pandas known as?
- 6 Who was the last Tsar of Russia?
- 7 Who's nose grew longer every time he lied?
- 8 What is the world's fastest bird?
- 9 Where would you find Loch Ness?
- 10 What city is known as 'The Eternal City'?



Quiz set by Rowland Wooldridge

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All answers on page 15

VILLAGE HALL

We now have a clothes bank next to the hall, for the use of all villagers' family and friends. Please bring along your unwanted CLOTHES, SHOES, HANDBAGS AND BELTS, ONLY. The money we raise will go to the Village Hall maintenance, to the School, the Church and The Green Group. It is there to help the village so the more you can donate the more you are helping the people and groups in Middleton.



The Village Hall Committee Meetings

have been changed to the 2^{nd} Wednesday of the month at 2.30pm. So please anyone who would like to be a part of the committee please come along on the 12^{th} April, we need your help and ideas of how the hall can be used for the benefit of the whole village. **WE NEED YOUR IDEAS and HELP.** *Marie Ley*

To Hire the Village Hall please contact Sharon Roe on 217254 / 07840 150296 email motw.villagehall@gmail.com Hire Charges: £8.50 per hour, £30 for 4 hours, £54 for 8 hours

TAI CHI

Please note that Tai Chi has changed to Thursday evenings from 7.30 to 8.30 (the 3rd week in the month it will be on Friday evening).

IT'S PRODUCE SHOW TIME ONCE AGAIN

Saturday 15th July 2023
Schedules to be delivered in April
Look out for further details
Sue Howden
Secretary





Friday 7th April 10am till Noon





TOMBOLA



EASTER EGG RAFFLE

Stalls including a Preloved Stall

If you have any items that you wish to donate please bring to the village hall on Thursday 6th April between 2pm - 3.30pm or if you would like a table (limited tables available £8 Large £6 Medium) email: motw.villagehall@gmail.com

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MIDDLETON ON THE WOLDS CE VE SCHOOL



Executive Headteacher: Mrs E Harros

Station Road, Middleton on the Wolds, Driffield YO25 9UQ

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Middleton Minis

Our parent, carer, baby and toddler group runs from **1:30 to 3:30pm** every <u>Tuesday afternoon</u> (term time only) at Middleton on the Wolds primary school. Drop in for 20 minutes or the full 2 hours. We look forward to seeing you.

MOWSA

MOWSA are having an Easter Bingo on **Wednesday 29th March** at 6pm in the school hall.

Easter Holidays

School finishes for Easter Holidays on 31st March and re-opens on Tuesday 18th April

Bags2school

We have a collection arranged for **Thursday 20**th **April** – if you are having a sort out of any old clothes, bedding (not pillows or duvets), bags, shoes. Please drop any donations at the school before 9.00am.

MOWSA Summer Ball

Summer Ball at Lund Village Hall – **Friday 16th June.** 3 course meal, bar, raffle, live music from local band Mixtape. To book contact Rachel Brent, Karina Taylor, Sarah Lowsley. Tickets are £32.00

On-going Collections

On-going Collections – We collect used stamps and used batteries. <u>Please note</u> we are not currently collecting used printer cartridges or mobile phones until we can source a new company to collect and recycle them.

Middleton on the Wolds Nursery At Middleton on the Wolds CE (VC) Primary School

- Providing education for 2, 3 and 4 year olds Monday Friday.
- We accept the Government's childcare vouchers for up to 30 hours of free provision for 3 year olds (conditions apply)
- Additional sessions can be purchased for £13.50 per session for 3 year olds and £15.75 for 2 year olds.
- Lunchtime sessions are £1.75 (free if children attend for the whole day) with the option to purchase a school meal for £2.55.
- Children are welcome in the term after their 3rd birthday for funded places.
- For further details, please contact: Sharon Stone
- Email: middleton.primary@eastriding.gov.uk
- Tel: 01377 217323







MIDDLETON ON THE WOLDS C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL PRESENTS

EASTER EGG BINGO

MIDDLETON SCHOOL HALL

WEDNESDAY 29TH MARCH DOORS OPEN 6PM EYES DOWN 6.30PM PROMPT

TEA, COFFEE, CAKES AVAILABLE

6 BOOKS £10 3 BOOKS £5





TO BOOK, PLEASE CONTACT: RACHEL BRENT: 07900 675441 KARINA TAYLOR: 07860 235894 SARAH LOWSLEY: 07743 430584







A NOTE FROM YOUR VICAR



'Hallelujah' - an Easter Chorus

In 1741 the Lord Lieutenant of Dublin commissioned Handel to compose a new oratorio based on a biblical libretto by art patron Charles Jennens. The result of this was Handle's 'Messiah' which made its debut at the New Music Hall in Dublin in 1742.

The following year the piece was performed in front of King George II. Tale tells that Handel practiced over and over with the orchestra and chorus, making changes right

up until the very night of its 'royal performance'. One of the pieces in the work has become known as 'The Hallelujah Chorus' because it uses the word hallelujah – 'praise the Lord'. It was with this element that Handel was not satisfied. He wanted the ending to be awe-inspiring and moving, but he was not sure how to achieve this.

As he stood before the king and directed the chorus that night, he was still not sure he had thought of the right way to express God's power and give God praise. But as the chorus began, it is said, the King was so moved that he rose from his seat with tears streaming down his face.

And because no one was allowed to remain seated if the monarch stood, everyone in the audience immediately stood up. The sound of everyone jumping to their feet had made just the sound that Handel had been seeking.

Ever since that day, whenever *Messiah* is performed, it is traditional for everyone in the audience to stand as 'The Hallelujah Chorus' begins.



We cannot offer you a performance of *Messiah* but, on Easter Day you will find a warm welcome at St Andrew's Church for the 10.30am Easter Service, it would be lovely to see you there.

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A happy Easter to you all

Jane

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH

Services for April

Palm Sunday 2nd	10.30am	Joint service at Methodist Church, Bainton
Maunday Thursday 6th	7.00pm	Service at St Andrews, Middleton
Easter Sunday 9th	10.30am	Holy Communion. Rev'd Jane Anderson
Sunday 16th	10.30am	Holy communion. Rev'd Canon Kate Goulder
Sunday 23rd	10.30am	Morning Prayer. Church Wardens
Sunday 30th	10.00am	Benefice Holy Communion at St Andrews, Middleton

THE WOLDS METHODIST CHURCH BAINTON

Services for April

Sunday 2nd	10.30am	Palm Sunday. United Service at St Andrews Church, Bainton. Rev Jane Anderson and Mr John Stephenson
Sunday 9th	6.00am	Sunrise Service at Bainton Burrows Farm. Holy Communion. Rev Dr Richard Teal and Pastor John Gleaves
Sunday 16th		No Service
Sunday 23rd	10.30am	Service at the Wolds Methodist Church. Pastor John Gleaves
Sunday 30th	10.30am	Service at the Wolds Methodist Church. Miss Margaret Collinson



PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

ELECTIONS

Local elections will be held on the 4th May 2023

THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO DEMOCRATICALLY ELECT YOUR PARISH COUNCILLORS

New requirement for voting

The UK Government has introduced a new requirement for voters to show photo ID at polling stations. This will apply at the local elections on Thursday 4 May 2023.

To make sure you don't lose your opportunity to vote, it's important to know which forms of photo ID are acceptable. If you do not have suitable photo ID, you can apply for a Voter Authority Certificate.

<u>Voter ID - more information on the ERYC Electoral Commission</u> website

Voter Authority Certificate - how to apply on GOV.UK

ARE YOU PASSIONATE ABOUT YOUR PARISH? CAN YOU GIVE SOMETHING BACK? THEN STAND AS A CANDIDATE AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE TO YOUR VILLAGE

To be able to stand as a candidate at a local parish election you must:

- be at least 18 years old on the day of your nomination
- be a British citizen, an eligible Commonwealth citizen or a citizen of any other member state of the European Union
- meet at least one of the following four qualifications:
 - 1. You are, and will continue to be, registered as a local government elector for the town/parish area in which you wish to stand from the day of your nomination onwards; or
 - 2. You have occupied as owner or tenant any land or other premises in the town/parish area during the whole of the 12 months before the day of your nomination and the day of election; or
 - 3. Your main or only place of work during the 12 months prior to the day of your nomination and the day of election has been in the town/parish area; or
 - 4. You have lived in the town/parish area during the whole of the 12 months before the day of your nomination and the day of election or within 4.8 kilometres (3 miles) of it.

If you meet the <u>criteria</u> you can stand for election by completing a nomination pack for the relevant election.

If an election is contested (there are more nominations than seats available), an election (poll) will then take place on a specified date for people to decide who they wish to vote for.

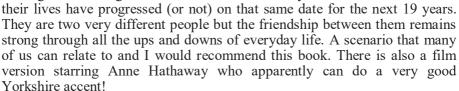
Nomination packs and other information for candidates are now available. If you're unable to print the forms please **contact the East Riding electoral services team** and they will post the forms to you: or your Parish Clerk on pc@middletononthewolds.co.uk or 01262 470496

Nomination packs must be returned to County Hall at Beverley no later than 4.00pm on the 4th April 2023.

MIDDLETON BOOK GROUP

March Meeting

This months read was **One Day by David Nicholls**. This book follows the lives of two young people who meet on the night of their graduation, and forms a diary of how



Pam

Meetings are on the second Tuesday morning in the month. Please get in touch to check - Lyn, 219500 or lyndennis456@gmail.com

The next books for discussion are:

Perch Hill by Adam Nicolson The Phone Box at the Edge of the World by Laura Imai Messina

email: middletonflyer@yahoo.com

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LOCAL BIRDS & WILDLIFE



Starling

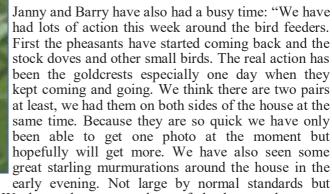
Snowdrops going over – tick! Daffodils coming out – tick! Scrawny forsythia in the garden in flower – tick! And a rather sparce dawn chorus getting tentatively underway! If you ignore the snow showers that are around the country as I write this then it must be spring. "As I write this" being the problem with commenting on nature. I am only writing a fortnight before you read it but, perhaps most noticeably in spring,

things move speedily and you will be scratching your head and trying to remember when the last snow happened as, hopefully, you stretch out in the spring sunshine with a cool drink in your hand and laughter in your heart (perhaps a bit optimistic for the beginning of April, but I am sure you get my drift).

Before we leave winter however, have you noticed the Middleton Mini Murmuration? I think I have mentioned before that most years there has been a group of about 10 starlings doing their best to live up to the species' reputation by being as spectacular as a very small group of small birds can be, but this year there has been a much bigger group shooting across the sky and wheeling and turning above the village — not enough of them to turn back on themselves and make the distinctive shadow patterns in the sky, but enough to be worth a look. Of course they will soon be busy nesting and have to give up their boy racer lifestyle.

Back on the ground the garden birds have been increasing in numbers. Towards the end of February Val reported: "Pigeons, blackbirds, dunnocks, tree sparrows, hedge and house sparrows and robins, although traffic and next door's cat don't help. To my surprise a new regular visitor. After looking it up and finding my binoculars, so excited, a little goldcrest! Put

feeders out and two long-tailed tits and a great tit started coming every day."



great fun to watch. We have also sent a photo of the barn owl seen at Bempton Cliffs." They actually seem to have something of a nature reserve

themselves, as I recently saw a stoat run out from their drive and over the road in front of my car!

My garden is also getting more visitors, though nothing so exotic. I do seem to be collecting pheasants – at least four different ones turning up now. The female pheasants tend to keep themselves to themselves and don't come near the house, but I am getting quite friendly with two of the males. One strides down the garden, stands outside



the patio door and shouts at the top of his voice that he is there and wants food as quickly as possible. He is so loud that he has been heard in Sheffield (over the phone admittedly, but the door was shut, so it was still impressive). Another time he was shouting over me when I was trying to talk to Yorkshire Water, and I had to go out with the house phone to feed him one-handedly, hoping the signal would hold. The second one is a pheasant who I last saw in the autumn – he is much better behaved, but talks constantly with his mouth



full. He obviously remembered me though, rushing down the garden when I went out and not edging away nervously when I got near.

Out and about, apart from the stoat, my other interesting sighting was not in the village, but on South Dalton pond, I don't think any comment is necessary!*

Enjoy the spring when it arrives, and let me know about any interesting things you

see, or perhaps you would just like to write about your favourite wild birds, animals or insects? I look forward to hearing from you.

Barbara

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*Or I might explain next month

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LOCAL HISTORY

BOARD OF AGRICULTURE SURVEY

After enclosure had largely been achieved in the East Riding Henry Strickland was commissioned by the Board of Agriculture to compile a survey of the state of the area. It should be pointed out that his somewhat lofty views were published in 1812 during the Napoleonic Wars when many men would have been under arms.

"FARM LABOURERS HOUSING

The habitations of the labouring class are here more comfortable than in many other parts of England. Their houses generally consist of two lower rooms, with two bedrooms over them. On the Wolds they are most universally built of bricks or mud, and covered with pantiles. Most of the labouring class, however have small gardens attached to their cottages which are cultivated with tolerable care and many have a few fruit trees for the supply of their families, but little of this produce goes to market and cider has probably never been attempted in these districts.

WITH REGARD TO THE QUALITY OF THE WORKERS.

POOR! The high rate of wages proves that the labouring class must be either rich or wasteful. Among the yearly servants, who are almost universally unmarried people a passion for finery prevails so extremely that notwithstanding their exorbitant wages, the whole is commonly anticipated before the end of the year.

The married labourers live with a degree of comfort unknown in many other counties, so much so, indeed, as to have lost in some measure the principal stimulus to industry; for by their great exertions when they do work, and their consequent great earnings, they are enabled to lay by as much during the summer as will keep them through the winter and many choose to pass that season in idleness or mischief, rather than labour for the most moderate wages which can then be afforded. The greater part have gardens attached to their cottages for the growth of vegetables, and are able to feed annually a bacon hog; some have land allotted to them for keeping a cow, and their bread is generally of wheat and homemade. Another consequence of these exorbitant wages is, that it has greatly diminished the industry of women; a labourer who is able to maintain his wife and daughter in ease at home will not suffer them, as formerly, to engage in many of the out-door employments of which they are capable, so that except in hay-time and harvest, little of the agricultural labour is effected by their services, which tends to increase the evil by making greater demand for the men."

Whatever the truth of Strickland's assertions, one man who painted a much less rosy picture of the conditions of labour in 1830 at a time of agricultural depression was that robust chronicler of the rural scene William Cobbett, a southern born force of nature who had a great affection for Yorkshire and its people. Writing in "Rural Rides" the famous account of his travels through England he states:

With regard to the labourers, they are everywhere miserable. The wages for most who are employed on the land are, throughout all the counties that I have come to, twelve shillings a week for married men and less for single ones; but a large part of them are not even at this season employed on the land. The farmers, for want of means of profitable employment, suffer the men to fall upon the parishes and they are employed in digging and breaking stone for the roads."

Later in the century the Reverend Morris had things to say about agricultural work which we can look at in the nexr article.

Geoff Wisher

YORKSHIRE COUNTRYWOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Thursday 15th June at 7.30pm

Middleton on the Wolds YCA are holding a fundraiser at the Village Hall

Our speaker is Rowena Harker-Leder MBE Reminiscences of a Bluebell Girl

Rowena talks abut her days as a Bluebell Girl in Las Vegas in 1958 when she went with the famous troupe of dancers from the Lido de Paris to open the Stardust Hotel - the first European show ever to go to America. She lived there for one year and her talk gives an insite into early Las Vegas and includes some blatant name dropping such as Frank Sinatra, David Niven etc but all told with great humour, verve and panache.



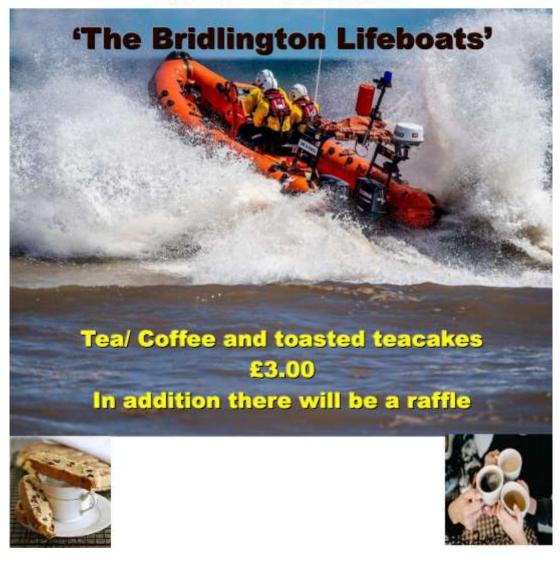
Tickets £10 to include Mocktail or Cocktail and nibbles

For tickets or more information contact

Christine Johnson 01377 217374

MIDDLETON VILLAGE CHARITY COFFEE MORNING

At The Village Hall every third Saturday 10.00am to 11.30am



MIDDLETON GREEN GROUP



PLANT SALE

Middleton on the Wolds Village Hall

SUNDAY 7TH MAY

10am to 12 noon

Refreshments available



Team News from Soanes Poultry

Introducing the new Soanes Senior Management Team: L – R Diana May, Head of Technical; Kevin Holderness, Ops Support Manager; Simon Rodgers, Operations Manager; Dmitrijus Solovjovas, Factory Manager; Claire Wright, FD of Soanes Poultry and MD of Clive Soanes Broilers and Ben Lee, MD. We're looking forward to supporting village projects.



Welcome, Cosmin Vale who has joined the Technical Team and congratulations to Clive Soanes Broilers' Poultry Health Specialist, Emily Hughes who has won a place on the NFU's prestigious Poultry Industry Programme.



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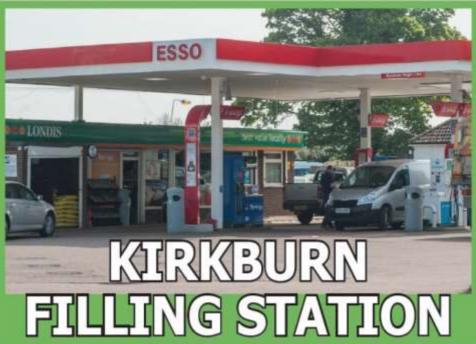
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For all adrenalin junkies paragliding in Nepal must be near the top of the list. One the best and the most accessable places for running off a mountain and flying with the vultures is Pokhara.

Pokhara is Nepal's second city and is on the shores of Phewa Lake in central Nepal. It's known as a gateway to the Annapurna Circuit, one of the best and most popular trails in Nepal. Tourists here can take tandem flights with experienced pilots, or go on a fully certified paragliding course. The best time for paragliding here is between September and July.





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Ne'er cast a clout 'til May be out

Is it until the beginning of April or is it until the May blossoms on the hawthorns appear?

Whichever, it is still cold and its not time for shorts and sun screen yet.

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REGULAR GROUP ACTIVITIES

Weekly Groups

Monday	Pilates	5.00-6.00pm	Village Hall
Wednesday	Line Dancing	7.30-9.00pm	Village Hall
Thursday	Middleton Movers	2.00-3.30pm	Village Hall
Thursday	Tai Chi	7.30-8.30pm	Village Hall

April

2	Litter Picking	10.00	Lime View
3	Parish Council	7.00pm	Village Hall
11	Book Group	10.30am	Greenfield Road
12	Village Hall Committee	2.30pm	Village Hall
15	Charity Coffee Morning	10.00am	Village Hall
20	YCA	7.30pm	Village Hall

LOCAL CONTACTS				
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Country Women's Association	Christine Johnson	217374		
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Middleton Womblers	Andrew Naylor	219072		
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St Andrew's Church Wardens	Chris Brent	07766 162743		
	Lesley Kelly	07907 451046		
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