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The photo is yet another from my archives and was taken in Goodmanham in May 2019.

*Lyn*

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### Middleton Village Charity Coffee Morning

We are pleased to announce that the total amount raised for the Yorkshire Air Ambulance over the past 3 months amounted to a donation of £450 in addition to which the Yorkshire Air Ambulance stall raised £164.

A huge thank you to all who enjoyed meeting together and supporting this worthy cause and many thanks to our helpers. Our next local charity continuing every third Saturday of the month will be for the Bridlington Lifeboats.

# EDITORIAL



All manner of things going on this month, not least a bunch of bank holidays! The new one is, of course, to recognise the coronation of King Charles. I say 'recognise' because it looks like nobody in the village wants to actually 'celebrate' it. A shame, but perhaps it's a sign of the times; maybe the Royal Family hasn't got the magic that it used to, and people are happy to just let it roll along in the background. It will be interesting to see how the role of the monarchy develops, particularly into the next generation.

We also have local council elections on the 4<sup>th</sup>. That includes the election of Parish Councillors. I know I have always said that I try to divorce my role as editor of the Messenger with that as a parish councillor, but this time the two come together a little.

What I want to bring up is that we have the same people up for nomination this time as were at the last PC meeting, and the one before that, and the one before that... you get the picture. Although I think the PC does a good job that's just my view, and that of the other councillors, so I may be wrong. My point is that, unless someone challenges what the PC thinks and does, then there will be no change. It is unhealthy for any organisation to carry on year after year with the same personnel; views become more entrenched, and ideas become stale. It gets more easy, to say 'that's how we did it last year' without looking for a better solution.

Basically, I'm saying that for Middleton on the Wolds to have a more effective, more representative Parish Council, it needs more of you, the residents, to come on to the parish council. The ball is very much in your court. I have heard it said that joining the PC is 'not for the likes of us'. Nonsense! The current PC is as diverse as you could hope it to be in an East Riding village of 850 people but, if you don't think so, get on the council and change it!

Cheers,

*Mike*

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

Sue and Lee Smethurst would like to thank everyone for their cards and kind words on the sad loss of Tony. It is very much appreciated.

# QUIZ PAGE



- 1 What is the name for the art of decorative writing?
- 2 Which legendary surrealist artist is famous for painting melting clocks?
- 3 How many human players are there on each side in a polo match?
- 4 In which George Orwell novel is the idea of Big Brother watching us introduced?
- 5 What does a podiatrist treat in medical terms?
- 6 What are the four main blood types?
- 7 Which country is home to the longest river in the world?
- 8 If someone referred to Uncle Sam, what country would they be describing?
- 9 Complete the song title by Blur: "Country..."
- 10 Who was the Prime Minister of the UK between Boris Johnson and Rishi Sunak?

*Quiz set by Rowland Wooldridge*



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**All answers on  
page 12**

**MIDDLETON GREEN GROUP**



# **PLANT SALE**

**Middleton on the Wolds Village Hall**

**SUNDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> MAY**

**10am to 12 noon**

**Refreshments available**

# A NOTE FROM YOUR VICAR



## The beginning of the new Carolean era

On Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May the King will be crowned during the Coronation Service at Westminster Abbey. The official emblem which has been produced for this occasion was created by Sir Jony Ive who says it is a reflection of the King's love of nature and contains within it the flora of the four nations of the United Kingdom. Together the flowers create the shape of the Crown of St Edward, with which King Charles

will be crowned. The emblem uses the red, white and blue of the union flag.

The fortunate 2000 who will be attending the actual ceremony will receive a beautiful invitation which has been designed by Andrew Jamieson, a heraldic artist and manuscript illuminator.

The official Royal web site [www.royal.uk](http://www.royal.uk) shows a splendid illustration (do take a look – I could not be sure if we be breaching copyright if I included it in this piece!) and offers this explanation of the artwork and its rich symbolism:

*The original artwork for the invitation was hand-painted in watercolour and gouache, and the design will be reproduced and printed on recycled card, with gold foil detailing. Central to the design is the motif of the Green Man, an ancient figure from British folklore, symbolic of spring and rebirth, to celebrate the new reign. The shape of the Green Man, crowned in natural foliage, is formed of leaves of oak, ivy and hawthorn, and the emblematic flowers of the United Kingdom.*

*The British wildflower meadow bordering the invitation features lily of the valley (a favourite flower of the late Queen), cornflowers, wild strawberries, dog roses, bluebells, and a sprig of rosemary for remembrance, together with wildlife including a bee, a butterfly, a ladybird, a wren and a robin. Flowers appear in groupings of three, signifying The King becoming the third monarch of his name.*

*A lion, a unicorn and a boar – taken from the coats of arms of the Monarch and Her Majesty's father, Major Bruce Shand – can be seen amongst the flowers. Her Majesty's arms are now enclosed by the Garter, following her installation as a Royal Lady of the Order of the Garter last summer.*

Our Benefice Church Service to celebrate the King's Coronation will take place at All Saints Church, North Dalton on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May at 6pm followed by refreshments – all are very welcome.

*Jane*

*St Andrews would like to know if anyone would be interested in playing for occasional services at church. Finding organists on a regular basis is quite a challenge, so if you would like to know more, please do contact one of the Church Wardens – Chris or Lesley, their details are on the back of the Magazine.*

*Thank you.*



## **YORKSHIRE COUNTRY WOMEN'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 about 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 insight 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

# ST ANDREW'S CHURCH

## Services for May

Our Benefice Church Service to celebrate the King's Coronation will take place at All Saints Church, North Dalton on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May at 6pm followed by refreshments – all are very welcome.

Sunday 7th 10.30am	Morning Prayers. Roger Lowe
Sunday 14th 10.30am	Holy Communion. Rev Jane Anderson
Sunday 21st 10.30am	Holy Communion. Rev Canon Kate Goulder
Sunday 28th 10.30am	Morning Prayers. Church Wardens

# THE WOLDS METHODIST CHURCH BAINTON

## Services for May

Sunday 7th 10.30am	Service at the Wolds Methodist Church.
Sunday 14th 9.00am	Café style worship at the Wolds Methodist Church. Pastor John Gleaves
Sunday 21st 10.30am	Service at the Wolds Methodist Church. Mrs Irene McGowan
Sunday 28th 10.30am	Service at the Wolds Methodist Church. Holy Communion. Rev Colin Barrett

## COFFEE MORNING

At the Wolds Methodist Church  
Wednesday May 17th 10.00am to 12.00 noon  
ALL WELCOME





# VILLAGE HALL

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



### Helping Hands

The Village Hall can play a vital role in hosting events of all different kinds.

Many of these activities can help combat loneliness and isolation across all age groups in rural communities.

Do you want to make a difference?

If you are interested in joining the village hall committee email [motw.villagehall@gmail.com](mailto:motw.villagehall@gmail.com) or call Sharon on 01377 217254



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Also

Villager of the year. Who deserves your vote. Tell us what they have done for your vote. More details on how to vote and details of the AGM in next month's Messenger.

# LOCAL BIRDS & WILDLIFE



*Chiffchaff*

Here I am, having grappled the computer into submission, intent on doing my homework, sorry, writing my L B & W page, and suddenly there are dunnocks chasing each other up and down the same bit of garden again and again, and an unprecedented influx of house sparrows – well, six, but that’s a lot for here! They are making it very difficult to concentrate, which you would think would only be the case if a flock of flamingos landed in the pond, or an Egyptian vulture swooped down on to one of the feeders.

Well, leaving my personal shortcomings aside, things are definitely hotting up in the gardens. Joanna and Barry report: “We have had a lot of birds in the garden lately including a female sparrowhawk and a blackcap (photos attached). Also marsh tits and stock doves have shown well this week in pairs and a continental robin. (These robins have a lot more grey on their heads than ours). It was too quick to get a picture.



Further afield at Bempton we saw a spectacular male brambling (photo attached) and lots of chiffchaffs, meadow pipits and rock pipits and the black redstart again. The real surprise is the amount of Alpine swifts coming here so keep an eye open for them. They are basically brown on top with white underparts and a brown band across their chest with a wing span of approximately twenty-one inches. Still trying to get a photo.

Swallows, house martins, sand martins and a few swifts have all been seen over the country in the last two weeks and in April alone we have had more Alpine swifts than probably in the last 10 – 15 years which makes it unusual. Maybe it’s global warming or they have got blown off course, as they usually breed in Europe.”

Sadly at present Middleton hasn’t had any of those summer visitors. However we do have chiffchaffs who are usually the first to arrive round these parts. This means that the first time I hear them it is usually on a bleak grey damp day, and I think it is very good of them to forsake the warmth of

Africa to sit on Middleton embankment in an icy wind and herald the spring. I saw in the paper that sand martins have returned to Tophill Low, where a nesting site has been specially built for them, so hopefully the house martins, swallows and swifts will not be too far behind.

Finally, the South Dalton Crocodile seems to have moved on but I understand he did a good job of discouraging ducks and geese from gathering on the road and increasing the skid factor of the road surface, to put it delicately, and he certainly looked surprisingly convincing!

Enjoy the spring, and please let me know about any interesting or entertaining sightings you have on [lavenderbarbara97@gmail.com](mailto:lavenderbarbara97@gmail.com) or text 0777 192 7868 or just collar me around the village – I will try and remember to carry a notebook!

*Barbara*

Hi Barbara.



My name is Josh, I have been living in Middleton for nearly a year and read your section regularly in the messenger. I am also a wildlife enthusiast and am regularly out for walks, bird watching and general wildlife spotting. I currently work for the East Riding Council for the Countryside Access team, I oversee the majority of our local nature reserves, maintaining and recording wildlife. I'm also a part time ecologist for a local consultancy.

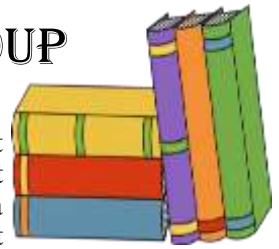
I thought I would let you know of some recent sightings in the area as spring is certainly well under way. Something new this year that wasn't present last year (to my knowledge), is a pair of Mistle thrush in the woods along Goodmanham road, if they are a breeding pair this would be great as there aren't many breeding pairs of Mistle thrush around the uk. I also encountered greenfinch returning to the village calling next to the pub on a regular basis. I saw my first bat (presumably a common pipistrelle), for the year out of hibernation on the 2nd of April. Today I heard the first of spring migrants in the area such as whitethroats, Willow warblers and a lot more singing chiffchaffs.

One thing I used to do a lot of was moth recording in my local area. I intend to get back to doing it again this year and wondered if you would like the results, I also need to find a suitable area to set up my moth traps. Hopefully we will have a dryish spring/summer to be able to carry out the trapping.

Hope this helps. Do you tend to keep any records of birds/wildlife in the area?

*Josh S*

# MIDDLETON BOOK GROUP



## April Meeting

Our two books this month were met with rather different levels of enthusiasm. **Perch Hill**, by **Adam Nicolson** went down well with everyone; we had previously read *Sea Room* by him, about the Shiant Isles in the Hebrides, but this was very different as it followed him and his family taking over a run-down farm in the Sussex Weald. His getting to grips with the realities of keeping chickens (as their idyllic corner of the farm turned into mud and squalor) and sheep (which died, got fly-strike and once escaped to attack a £35,000 car) were gripping stuff, and his lyrical descriptions of the countryside and wildlife, plus the historical background of the area were enjoyed by us all.

**The Phone Box at the Edge of the World** by **Laura Imai Messina** was a more challenging read. After the 2011 Japanese tsunami a man installed a telephone box in his garden at the foot of a mountain in the north-east of Japan, where bereaved people could pick up the disconnected phone and talk to the loved ones they had lost. This book is a novel following a woman who has lost her only daughter and her mother, and a man who has lost his wife and whose little daughter has stopped talking. They meet in this garden, and carry on visiting together to share the long car journey. The author is Italian and has lived in Japan for the last 15 years, so this book was translated from Italian and also contains Japanese names and words, only some of which are translated. Some readers felt distanced from the story by this. To me though it was atmospheric and ultimately optimistic. And, most importantly for a story, I wanted to know what happened to the characters.

*Barbara*

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

The May meeting will be on poetry where each member will choose and read a poem of medium length or a couple of short ones.

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- QUIZ PAGE
- 1 Calligraphy
  - 2 Salvador Dali
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  - 4 1984
  - 5 Feet
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  - 7 Egypt River Nile
  - 8 United States of America
  - 9 House
  - 10 Liz Truss
- Excuse me
  - Made in Great Britain
  - Potatoes
  - Within reason
  - Honour among thieves
  - Good looking

# MIDDLETON VILLAGE CHARITY COFFEE MORNING

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

## **'The Bridlington Lifeboats'**

**Tea/ Coffee and toasted teacakes  
£3.00**

**In addition there will be a raffle**



# LOCAL HISTORY

## VICTORIAN FARM LIFE

“People of the present day often wonder how life could have been endured by the farm servants on one of our Yorkshire Wold farms a couple of generations ago. The isolation, the supposed monotony, the lack of amusement, the general dullness of such an existence, to the young folks nowadays would seem intolerable. In this however they are entirely mistaken.”



So runs the opening of the chapter on farm life in the Victorian period written in the 1920s by the Reverend Morris.

He continues: “ For in spite of the manifold changes that have taken place in the last sixty years or so in every department of life, in means of locomotion, shorter hours of work, higher wages, educational advantages, increased facilities for pleasures and amusements of every conceivable kind - cinemas, wireless telegraphy, football matches, bicycles , motor cars, and all the rest of it, none of which things are to be denounced when used sensibly and in moderation, yet there can be no manner of doubt that there was more contentment, more happiness, joyousness, cheerfulness, friendliness, neighbourly feeling, more consideration for others in the olden days than there is now. This I know by my own observations, and I have been assured of it over and over again by others.

When we come to look into the matter closely, farm life sixty years ago was anything but monotonous. It was infinitely varied – in fact no two days were alike; and what saved men and lads from any feeling of dullness was the fact that they all took a vast deal more interest in their work than is the case at this day. Now all work is done in a more perfunctory manner, simply as a means of earning, with as little trouble as possible, so much money, most of which is quickly spent.” He then goes on to list the distractions of the 1920s and is particularly critical of the fondness for transport other than their own legs.

He continues: “But to return to life on the erstwhile Wold farm. The hours were so long, especially in summer, that there was little or no time for

relaxation, and when the day's work was ended with the 'suppering up' of the horses at eight o'clock, the men felt that bedtime had come. There might be some extemporized cricket in the long summer evenings, but football one never heard of. Quoits would sometimes be played, and if those of the orthodox make could not be procured, the lads would play the game with horseshoes. Games of cards were played frequently when a favourable opportunity occurred. A favourite game was one called 'Luen-dale'; but its rules and history I have not been able to discover.

Our East Riding farm lads were, generally speaking, fond of music, and they often delighted in exercising their voices while at work in the fields, which had a very pleasing effect, for their singing was clear and tuneful, although it seemed that, though their strains were commonly extemporaneous, one could seldom recognise any well known air. Instrumental music among them was rarely heard; occasionally a fiddle was played, but more frequently that very poor affair, the accordion; and this, no doubt, because it took but little time to learn.

Very few of the men ever read; and at the time of which I am speaking a large proportion of them were unable to do so; and as for the rest, they rarely had the time, even if they had the inclination. Some no doubt, who were unable to read had a great desire to do so, and would have been only to glad to learn if they could have had the opportunity”.

What would he have thought of the farming world today!

*Geoff Wisher*

*Advertisement*



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## Team news from Church Hill Farm

### Apprenticeship Success

Congratulations to our Factory Manager, Dmitrijus Solovjovas, who has passed his Level 5 Higher Apprenticeship in Operations with the National Centre for Food Manufacturing at the University of Lincoln. All your hard work has paid off!

### Long Serving Employees

Congratulations to Indre Lee, Piotr Trzeciak, Baby Chako and Simon Atkinson, who have clocked up over 57 years of service between them!

### Welcome to the team, Ryan

Ryan Barratt has joined the Clive Soanes Broilers team to look after the Green Lane 2 farm.

When he's not working, he enjoys spending time with family and football.

### Employees of the Month

Our employees of the months so far this year are Ina Navickienne, Andrew Patterson and Kev Gates. Well done, all.





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There was a time when Nepal was desperately short of electricity and we were buying second hand generators from India and 'clean' diesel from the army. In 2013 the World Economic Forum ranked the quality of Nepal's electricity supply as 143rd out of 144. How times have changed.

Now Nepal has too much of the stuff and they are trying to get people to use more electric cookers. Last year Nepal used about £200 million of liquefied

cooking gas from India. The installed hydropower and other energy sources capacity is currently around 2,000MW but peak hour consumption is around 1,500MW. They asked India two months ago if it wanted to buy some but they are still waiting for a response. Maybe India prefers burning coal.

In order to try and stimulate consumption the Electricity Commission has slashed prices and has fully waived it for low users, which is about 42% of their customers.

Unfortunately, the Nepal Electricity Commission says that it is infrastructure, not prices, that are key to increasing electrical appliance usage. They are blaming the Nepal Electricity Authority for 'erratic and irregular supply with outages for hours without prior knowledge'. There would appear to be little point in giving people free electricity bills for their electric cookers if they then go and turn the supply off.



To be fair, the Electricity Authority is trying to sort out the supply issue and are madly trying to get everybody else's wires off their poles and bury the bigger cables. An interesting process!



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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

## May

??	Litter Picking	10.00am	Lime View
9	Book Group	10.30am	St Andrews Close
10	Village Hall Committee	2.30pm	Village Hall
17	Parish Council	7.00pm	School
18	YCA	7.30pm	Village Hall
20	Charity Coffee Morning	10.00am	Village Hall

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