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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.

Geoff is taking a break this month so Barbara has stepped in with a very different historical article - see page ?????

Thank you to Amanda and Jim for sending in photos - keep them coming.

Lyn

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The cover photo was taken by Amanda Fisher at the Village Farm Coronation Street Party. (More photos on page 5)

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EDITORIAL



Well, that's the last of the bank holidays for a while still, I don't know about you, but I absolutely love this time of year! Maybe there's something in seasonal affective disorder (SAD. I checked!) and that having lots of sunlight makes you feel better; it certainly works for me, anyway. Days are long, temperatures are rising, the village is looking a picture, everything is fresh and green, and , at the time of writing, bunting is still flying here and there. Aren't we lucky to live in such a great place where we can take advantage of the, hopefully, wonderful weather we'll get this summer? It just makes me want to spend as much time outdoors as I can. I only hope that the barbeque isn't too smokey!

What, no politics this month? I know, maybe I just don't want to sit too long on the laptop right now and, instead, get out and

Enjoy the summer!!

Cheers,

Mike

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

There has been a broken top rail in the Children's Play Area (off Orchard Drive) for many weeks now even though it has been reported to the Parish Council. Why? Surely this is a health and safety matter and also following an increase in the precept the money should be available to fix it.



Madelaine Dewar

Hi Madelaine,

Thank you for bringing this up.

I had a look this morning and saw a rail was missing and I agree that it should be replaced. However, the rest of the fence looks to be in good condition and I do not see how this is a health and safety matter.

You are also right in saying that the precept has increased, but so has everything else. The increase means that the parish council can continue to operate at the same level as before; not that we now have spare funds.

I hope this goes some way to address your concerns.

Mike Kelly

QUIZ PAGE



- 1 Where in the world would you expect to find a car with the vehicle registration code 'V'?
- 2 Which was the first James Bond film to feature Roger Moore in the title role?
- 3 Suncrisp', 'Golden Russet' and 'Braeburn' are all varieties of which fruit?
- 4 In which century was the first 'Grand National' horse race?
- 5 What was Baroness Thatcher's middle name?
- 6 Bright Eyes' by Art Garfunkel was used in the soundtrack to which 1978
- 7 Lemurs are native to which island?
- 8 Who is older, Theresa May or Jeremy Corbyn?
- 9 Which London Underground line has the most stations?
- 10 In which sport could you win the Davis Cup?



Quiz set by Rowland Wooldridge

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**All answers on
page 12**

CORONATION CELEBRATIONS



Friends of The Paddocks celebrated on Coronation Day afternoon outside until rain forced us inside to continue our tea and cake.



Residents of Village Farm took advantage of the better weather on Sunday to meet outside. All ages came and went throughout the afternoon and evening, enjoying the shared buffet.

A NOTE FROM YOUR VICAR



Cows in the Hedgerow

As I drive around the Benefice I really like to see the delicate, lacy flowers and fern like leaves of the cow parsley which grows in our hedges and along the verges of our lanes between April and June. Around the country this pretty plant is also named 'Fairy lace', 'lady's lace', 'hedge parsley' and 'Queen Anne's Lace'.

It is a source of early pollen to insects, including bees and hoverflies, as well as providing food for the moth *Agonopterix heracliiana* and nectar for orange-tip butterflies.

In traditional medicine it was thought it could treat various ailments, such as stomach and kidney problems, breathing difficulties and colds. It has always been used as mosquito repellent, however, due to its similarity to hogweed, the sap of which can cause severe burns, scars and sun sensitivity it is best avoided.

It is thought this is the reason for another of its names 'Mother die' or 'Mummy die', which was used to frighten children into thinking that if they picked cow parsley, their mum would pass away. This was intended to deter children from potentially picking deadly hemlock, which is also a similar looking plant.

Of our 1,407 native species of wild flowers, 20% are threatened.

Writer Richard Jefferies invites us to ponder this:

If we had never before looked upon the earth, but suddenly came to it man or woman grown, set down in the midst of a summer mead, would it not seem to us a radiant vision?

The hues, the shapes, the song and life of birds, above all the sunlight, the breath of heaven, resting on it;

the mind would be filled with its glory, unable to grasp it,

hardly believing that such things could be mere matter and no more.

Like a dream of some spirit land it would appear,

scarce fit to be touched lest it should fall to pieces,

too beautiful to be watched lest it should fade away.

Before it does 'fade away' - forever let us do all we are able to support, nurture and increase the diverse habitats on our doorsteps – and beyond.

If you are able, do pop over and visit Kirkburn Church Yard this month where you may be fortunate to see many wild flowers, butterflies and insects thriving in this beautiful little corner of our benefice.

Jane

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH

Services for June

Sunday 4 th	10.30 am	Morning Prayers	Roger Lowe
Sunday 11 th	10.30 am	Holy Communion	Rev. Jane Anderson
Sunday 18 th	10.30 am	Holy Communion	Rev. Canon Kate Goulder
Sunday 25 th	10.30 am	Morning Prayers	Church Wardens

THE WOLDS METHODIST CHURCH BAINTON

Services for June

Sunday 4th	10.30am	Service at the Wolds Methodist Church. Pastor John Gleaves
Sunday 11th	10.30am	Service at Wetwang Methodist Church.
Sunday 18th	10.30am	Service at the Wolds Methodist Church.
Sunday 25th	9.00am	Café style worship at the Wolds Methodist Church. Pastor John Gleaves

COFFEE MORNING

At the Wolds Methodist Church
Wednesday June 21st 10.00am to 12.00 noon
ALL WELCOME



ALTERNATIVE HISTORY PAGE

Do you fancy a bit of time travel today? Don't worry, you won't need to reach for your Kwells (or your copper bracelets or crystals) and it will be completely free. Let me invite you between the yellowing pages of Ogilvie's Encyclopaedia and World Atlas, published in 1895, which will whisk you into what most people seem to think of as simpler times.



Perhaps we should start with Etiquette as we want to fit in with our new Victorian friends. 'Ladies should avoid walking rapidly upon the street, as it is ungraceful and unbecoming.' 'When crossing the pavement, the lady should raise her dress with the right hand, a little above the ankle. To raise the dress with both hands is vulgar, and can be excused only when the mud is very deep.' And while I am sure you wouldn't behave like this: 'Swinging the arms while walking, eating upon the street, sucking the parasol handles, pushing violently through a crowd, very loud and

boisterous talking and laughing on the streets and whispering in public conveyances are all evidence of ill-breeding in ladies.' 'Allowing a dress to trail on the street is in exceedingly bad taste. Such a street costume simply calls forth criticism and contempt from the more sensible people.' Oddly enough, the advice to gentlemen is almost totally to do with aiding ladies to alight from omnibuses or carriages, and behaving politely towards them. Otherwise they seem to be able to behave and dress as they wish although 'No gentleman should stand on the street corners, steps of hotels or other public places and make remarks about the ladies passing by.' Quite right too!

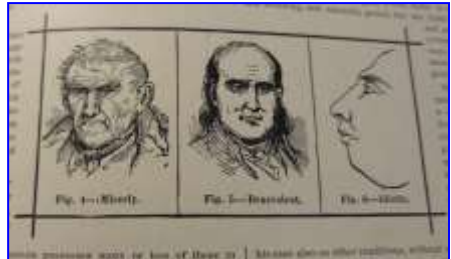
Hopefully, after negotiating the mud and social pitfalls of our walk, we will be invited to dine with the family, and the advice here is interesting not so much for what we might inadvertently do as for the fact that it has to be given at all. 'Never wipe your fingers on the table-cloth, nor clean them in your mouth. Use the napkin.' 'Never allow butter, soup or other food to remain on your whiskers. Use the napkin frequently.' 'Never make a display when removing hair, insects or other disagreeable things from your food. Place them quietly under the edge of your plate.' (What happens when the plate is cleared away before the next course?) And finally of course 'Never allow the conversation at the table to drift into anything but chit-chat; the consideration of deep and abstruse principles will impair digestion.'

Speaking of which, there is a long and comprehensive "Medical Department" in the book. This reminds me of why the past might be a nice

place to visit, but that I wouldn't like to live there. There is a cold remedy involving morphine, recipes for gargles to relieve tonsillitis, which 'is scarcely ever fatal' and what seem like rather optimistic claims for some prescriptions: 'Cholera Cure' (one ingredient for this being opium) and 'Prevention of Pitting in Smallpox' catching my eye. There is, interestingly, a section on smallpox vaccination: 'The bovine ... can usually be obtained on quills or ivory points ... rub the lymph contained on the point well into the arm ... if the bovine matter cannot be obtained, a fresh crust from the arm of a healthy infant may be used.'



Well, I haven't even touched upon the Trade Department in the book – how to make glaziers' putty, or artificial gold for example. Or Rules that Lead to Success, not to mention The Temperaments, with interesting illustrations! Or how about the Fashion Section including 'Fashion – Why Does it Change?'



I think it is time to head back to the present day though because it is lunch time; I will leave you with another instruction for when you are eating with others: 'Never wear gloves at table, unless the hands, from some special reason are unfit to be seen.'

Barbara Lavender



**Middleton Village Charity
Coffee Morning**
Every third Saturday of the month
The charity benefiting this month is again
The Bridlington Lifeboats.

A huge thank you to all who enjoy meeting together and supporting this worthy cause and many thanks to our helpers.

LOCAL BIRDS & WILDLIFE



Lesser Whitethroat

Right, who has eaten the flowers off my pansies? I can see you out there, looking smug – is it any of you, you five wood pigeons waddling round the lawn? Is it you, little innocent-looking bunnies, frolicking at the end of the garden? Could it even be you, cheeky squirrels, keeping a wary eye on me but not moving until I get within a couple of feet of you? I suppose that is the penalty for having a wildlife garden; I will have to go back to ignoring the pretty little flowers in front of Tesco's in Market Weighton and only plant big, muscular plants that can stick up for themselves. Triffids, possibly.

Speaking of science fiction, I have recently been invaded by Creeping Slime, which seemed to appear suddenly and inexplicably on the patio. I looked it up and it is really Nostoc, also known as star jelly, troll's butter, spit of moon, fallen star, witch's butter, and is apparently harmless to plants and animals.



The first baby birds are begging from their parents around the garden now. Mainly blackbirds with me, and Barry and Janny have a nest of bluetits. Actually I have got another nest; starlings under the roof at the side of the house. My car is cowering as far under the car port as it can creep to avoid the attendant droppings, and I was feeling quite smug that it seemed to be out of the firing line, then I parked in Driffield and it was splattered with what, from the quantity, seemed to be the product of an ostrich, or possibly an albatross (actually probably a gull).

Birdwise, the summer visitors are arriving in larger numbers now. Of course the chiff-chaffs have been here since the last Messenger, but as Barry and Janny report: "Been a difficult spring this year with migrants coming in later because of the weather, but here is a photo taken at Blacktoft Sands last week of a sedge warbler singing it's heart out on a lovely warm day." Josh has noted "A few more lesser whitethroats this year as per the normal amount. Also a lot of swifts and swallows have arrived in the last 2 weeks." He heard the first swifts calling on 5th May and I heard them for the first time on 12th. Fiona got in touch on 2nd to say "I've just seen the first swallows of the season at my field – very busy skimming along the ground looking for food I guess." I have seen house martins over the village as well, but no swallows for me yet. Hazel reported that a few greylag geese have been seen on the school field but as far as I know there haven't been skeins of geese flying over.





Humming-bird Hawk-moth



Elephant Hawk-moth

Has anyone thought about taking part in Josh's moth count? I don't know much about moths, but I do know there are some pretty spectacular ones – I have had an elephant hawk moth in the house, which was really beautiful, and Amanda gets hummingbird hawk moths on the red valerian in her garden in the village, looking like tiny hummingbirds as they hover while drinking nectar through their long proboscis. Please let me know if you

are interested, or perhaps you have room for a moth trap (and don't worry, no moths would be harmed in the process!) and I will pass it on.

So the summer is hotting up (hopefully) and even the ash trees on the embankment are looking less wintry. Butterflies are appearing, though not in very great numbers yet, and by the time you read this Springwatch will be back on BBC 2 with another couple of weeks to run.

I look forward to hearing about anything interesting, exciting or just plain odd seen around the village, please email on lavenderbarbara97@gmail.com or text on 0777 192 7868

Barbara

MIDDLETON RECREATION CLUB

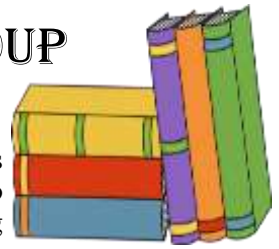
Latest update

We have been successful in getting a grant for a defibrillator to be installed outside the clubhouse for the Community and accessible when required as “minutes matter “in an emergency.

A huge Thank you to Driffeld Wolds Weekly .Ashcourt Group and other financial contributions for this vital equipment.



MIDDLETON BOOK GROUP



May Meeting

At a well attended meeting of the Book Group members had selected some of their favourite poems for us all to share. This resulted in an amazingly eclectic mix, ranging from humour, through every subject imaginable, wonderful nature poems recalling times past and expressed in such descriptive and sensitive ways to animal poems about birds, cats and of course, horses, always great favourites. Many varied poets were represented, ranging from T.S.Elliot, John Masefield, Max Boyce, Philip Larkin, Rudyard Kipling, Joyce Grenfell, R.L.Stephenson, W.H.Davies and the Psalms and others. All led to animated discussion in the group and perhaps an incentive to discover the output of some previously not as well known poets who covered present day social problems.

After the meeting we enjoyed an excellent lunch together at ?The Stove Café at Cranswick Garden Centre, when the discussion no doubt continued.

Jean

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:

The Vanishing Tide by Hilary Tailor

The Reading List by Sara Nisha Adams

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QUIZ
PAGE
 Fork in the road
 Postman
 Son of a gun
 Mother-in-law
 A time and place
 It's a small world
 after all

- 1 Vatican City
- 2 Live and Let Die (1973)
- 3 Apple
- 4 19th century (1839)
- 5 Hilda (Margaret Hilda Thatcher)
- 6 Watership Down
- 7 Madagascar
- 8 Jeremy Corbyn (Born 26th May 1949, Theresa May was born 1st October 1956)
- 9 District Line (60 stations)
- 10 Tennis

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Middleton Minis

Our parent, carer, baby and toddler group runs from **1:30 to 3:30pm** every Tuesday afternoon (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.

Coronation Celebrations

The children all enjoyed a Coronation picnic lunch and created some Coronation Crafts. Each child was given a commemorative coin from school and a stationery set from the Parish Council.

Half Term Holidays

School finishes for the half term break on Friday 26th May and returned on Monday 5th June.

Bags2school

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Bags2School in April. All donations are much appreciated.

MOWSA Summer Ball

Summer Ball at Lund Village Hall – **Friday 16th June.**

On-going Collections

On-going Collections – We collect used stamps and used batteries. Please note 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

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CORRESPONDENCE

The Yorkshire and Humber areas now have many well-established Armed Forces & Veteran Breakfast Clubs serving our communities. These include AFVBCs in Bridlington, Beverley, Driffield, Market Weighton etc., which meet regularly, but I am increasingly aware of a significant number of veterans and retired members of our blue-light emergency services who, for various reasons, cannot attend any of the above-listed or have other commitments on the days these groups currently meet. I have therefore been toying with the idea of forming another club where new members could meet with a more flexible rota. AFVBC's experience over the years has shown small groups of six or seven people meeting socially and conveniently, even in different places, can be a vital first step forward in reducing social isolation.



At the moment I have in the region of twenty veterans interested and aim to talk with various rural venues to see what could be arranged on days during the week (mid-week breakfasts are always a treat) instead of fixed meetings at weekends.

These are early days and I have to emphasise that, if successful, I do not believe our new venture will adversely affect any other group, rather, it should bring the many benefits of the AFVBC within the reach of a wider and much-valued membership.

If anyone is interested in this project, please contact me at the numbers shown below.

Regards,



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THE GREEN GROUP



Wild Privet



Jim Wales sent in these photos of the eastern part of the railway embankment showing how it looked last June. Why not take a walk there this month to see how it has developed?

**Middleton on the Wolds YCA
are holding a fundraiser at the Village Hall
on Thursday 15th June at 7.30pm**

Rowena Harker-Leder MBE Reminiscences of a Bluebell Girl

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Soanes Poultry's drive towards sustainability goals

The team at Soanes Poultry has made its whole chicken packaging 100% recyclable and has launched a range of products with recyclable trays and cardboard sleeves. The new portion packs of chicken breast fillets, thighs, diced chicken, drumsticks, oyster legs and wings have been designed for convenience stores, farm shops and delis.

The initiative is the latest in a series of measures towards Soanes Poultry's ESG (Environmental, Social and Governance) goals that include biomass boilers and renewable energy on all the farms, a heat recovery system in the factory and the MDs of the Poultry and Broilers divisions have made the personal choice to move to all-electric vehicles.

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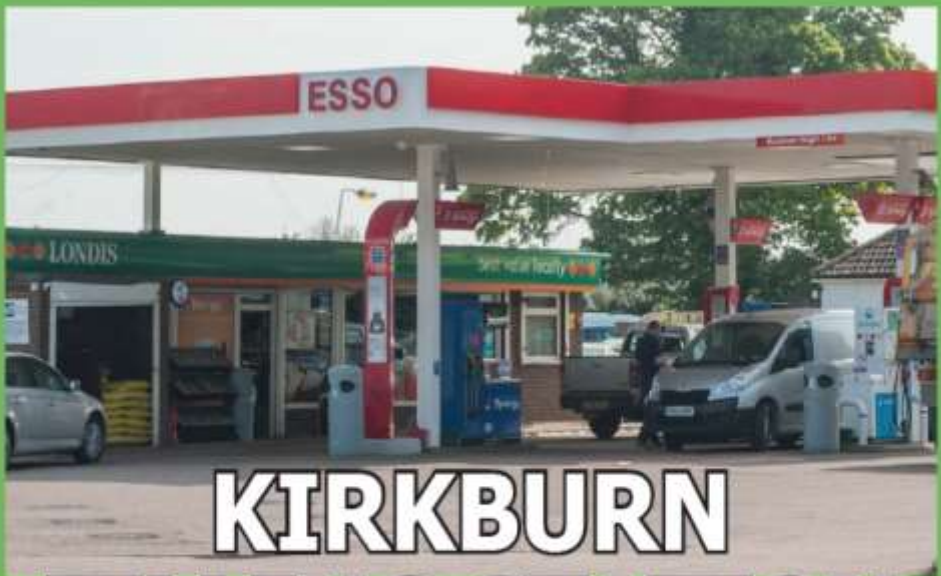
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Spring is always a time to look forward to and nowhere more so than in Kathmandu when the jacaranda trees come into bloom. Previous royal rulers of this Himalayan kingdom originally planted these trees in their capital city. Now each spring the whole of the city centre turns a lovely shade of purple for a few days.

Spring is also time for livestock to be on the move and sheep flocks are now being taken up to their summer pastures. Since

the sheep cannot survive the summer heat and get sick, the herders take them to the highlands from the month of May and bring them back to the lowlands around October. These hardy sheep graze at an altitude of 3,200 to 4,000 metres above sea level and they and the herders shelter in high altitude caves for 6 or 7 months. Just for reference Middleton is at 54m, the peak of Ben Nevis is at 1345m and Mont Blanc tops out at 4807m.



Several top politicians in Nepal, including an ex-home secretary, pictured here, and an ex deputy prime minister have had arrest warrants issued against them for their part in a scam involving a great deal of money and the forging of papers to incorrectly identify people as Bhutanese refugees which the USA and Canada then quite happily takes in. The ex-home secretary is now in police custody and the ex-prime minister has taken to his



heels somewhere. These lads found a way to get rid of unwanted immigrants and to make money out of it at the same time. I guess that prison ships and Rwanda look a bit simplistic now. Should we tell Westminster or can they figure out their own dodgy wizard wheezes?



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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

June

5	Parish Council	7.00pm	Village Hall
13	Book Group	10.30am	Station Road
14	Village Hall Committee	2.30pm	Village Hall
15	YCA	7.30pm	Village Hall
17	Charity Coffee Morning	10.00am	Village Hall

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