

# MIDDLETON MESSENGER



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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.

The cover picture is, once again, from my archives (2010). It is a nostalgic photo for me of the wild cherry tree that was in our garden until it became diseased and had to be felled.

We would like to have your seasonal photos on the front but you do have to send them in!

*Lyn*

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## MIDDLETON VILLAGE LUNCH

**At The Robin Hood  
Tuesday October 3rd  
12.00pm**

**We are holding 'The Village Lunches' once again.  
Please note the next one will be Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October  
[NOT the second Monday for this one]**

**Anyone wishing to join us. Please ring  
Lynn Wooldridge to book or leave a message 217457**

# EDITORIAL



I've just heard on the news that Sunak (I can't dignify him with a title) has blamed striking doctors for the NHS waiting lists not reducing quickly enough. Apart from being flabbergasted by the bare-faced nerve of the man, it got me thinking about how people seem to care less and less about us as a society. It now appears to be the norm for politicians, of all parties, to avoid answering questions, to shift blame on to someone less able to defend themselves, and to blatantly look to feather their own nests. The same attitude of 'I'm all right, Jack-ism' is also evident locally. People give less, or no thought to helping make their own communities better places to live. They are fine in their own bubble which means that it doesn't matter if they drop litter in the street – 'it's not my problem'. It doesn't matter if they don't clean up after their dog – 'it's not my problem'. The fact that it becomes someone else's problem is irrelevant; 'that's (dismissive shrug of shoulders) your problem, innit'.

But why are we, or, at least, some of us, like this? What has turned us from being members of a community into a loose grouping of individuals? (Cue for me to go controversial) In 1987, Margaret Thatcher said:

'...and who is society? There is no such thing! There are individual men and women ... and people look to themselves first.'

It was the 80s that saw the deregulation of the Stock Exchange, allowing brokers to earn huge commissions and bonuses; the era of barrow boys taking on the City gents at their own game – and winning. (Remember Harry Enfield's 'Loads 'a' money'?). It also saw the denationalisation of public services (did you 'tell Sid'? ) so that now, as well as paying for the energy and water we use, we also pay a dividend to shareholders. As long as you've got shares, you're OK; if you haven't, tough.

For over 40 years we have been told that if we look after ourselves then everything will be just fine. But I'll ask you this; if all this was supposed to enrich society as a whole, why do we need Red Nose Day? Why do we need food banks? Why (and this is the most unacceptable) are parents asked to buy books and equipment for their children's schools?

So how is this relevant to Middleton? This ingrained selfishness is reflected both in the way some residents actively treat the village and their neighbours, and in the way some people inconvenience their neighbours without even thinking about what they have done. Now, I firmly believe that there are more good people around here than there are bad; it would just be nice to see more evidence of it – or, at least, a lack of evidence of the opposite. I'm not saying that we should all rush out and join committees, just that we should all consider whether what we want to do will have an impact on others.

Someone once said:

‘The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing.’

A bit over the top, I admit, but if we are all more active in deciding why we do what we do, we can make Middleton an even better place to live.

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).**

## CORRESPONDENCE

Greetings to all Messenger readers from our new home in North Wales. I would like to thank the members of the Parish Council who presented me with a wonderful plaque with regard to my time as a councillor in Middleton. I was very touched to receive the plaque of the village logo and it will be a lovely reminder of the village and all the people I got to know, and will miss, during the 32 years of living in Middleton.

The renegade sheep in the photo just appeared this morning even though the farmer had moved them to another field! We are enjoying our new life here, but then you couldn't fail to with views like this.

*Regards from  
Tina Walker.*



Hi

I thought it might be helpful if you could mention who we are !



The three of us were elected as Liberal Democrat East Riding Councillors at the beginning of May. It goes without saying that we are delighted to have the opportunity to represent the Beverley Rural community. We aim to be conscientious and effective representatives , and to earn your trust.

Because there are 13 or so Parish Councils in the Beverley Rural ward it is not possible or efficient for all of us to attend every one. We therefore share the duty out between us, and focus on the villages nearest to where we each live.

I have the pleasure of attending the meetings in Middleton, my colleague Diana Stewart focuses on villages in the west of the ward, and our other colleague Paul Smith looks after those in the eastern part. However each of us aims to attend all of the meetings at least once a year.

Best wishes

*Councillor Jeremy Wilcock*

*Councillor Paul Smith*

*Councillor Diana Stewart*

To the dog walker along Greenway Road leading to the school end. I picked up your large deposit of dog poo bank holiday Sunday around 9 pm, just in case someone stepped into it Monday morning. What a good thing I was walking my two dogs so had poo bags on my person. It was a disgusting thing to leave in the middle of the pavement.



*Orchard Drive Resident*



# QUIZ PAGE



- 1 What country has won the most football World Cups?
- 2 Who famously crossed the Alps with elephants on the way to war with the Romans?
- 3 How many faces does a Dodecahedron have?
- 4 In what country is the Chernobyl nuclear plant located?
- 5 Which is the only body part that is fully grown from birth?
- 6 Which river flows through the Grand Canyon?
- 7 What is the world's best-selling stout beer?
- 8 What is the national sport of Japan?
- 9 What colour are Mickey Mouse's shoes?
- 10 How many plagues did God send on Egypt?

*Quiz set by Rowland Wooldridge*



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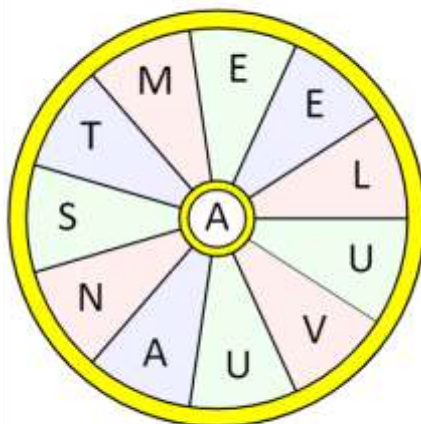
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## SEASONAL WORD WHEEL

Try to find the timely word or words and then create as many words possible with the letters in the word wheel. You can only use each letter once and every word must include the letter in the centre



**All answers on page 19**

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# ST ANDREW'S CHURCH

## Services for October

Sunday 1st	10.30 am	Morning Prayers	Richard Summers
Sunday 8th	10.30 am	Holy Communion	Rev. Jane Anderson
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	Holy Communion	Rev. Canon Kate Goulder
Sunday 22nd	10.30 am	Morning Prayers	Church Wardens
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Benefice Service	Garton Holy Communion

# THE WOLDS METHODIST CHURCH BAINTON

## Services for October

Sunday 1st	10.30am	Harvest Festival Service at St Andrews Church Bainton. Mr John Stephenson
Sunday 8th	10.30am	Service at the Wolds Methodist Church. Rev Colin Barrett. Holy Communion
Sunday 15th	9.00am	Café style worship at the Wolds Methodist Church. Pastor John Gleaves
Sunday 22nd	10.30am	Service at the Wolds Methodist Church. Mrs Margaret Gough
Sunday 29th	10.30am	Service at the Wolds Methodist Church.

## VILLAGE HALL NEWS

If anybody has any donations to use for our Christmas fair tombola stall, it would be much appreciated. Please contact Emily if you have anything to donate.

07847101413 [emily.headley@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:emily.headley@yahoo.co.uk)

Thank you from the Village Hall.







# **Christmas Fair**

**Middleton on the Wolds Village Hall**

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November**

**2pm-4.30pm**



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# A NOTE FROM YOUR VICAR

## A Harvest of the Sea

We have recently been to visit 'Sea Grown' in Scarborough on Vincent Pier. It is an offshore Seaweed farm on board the 'Southern Star' ship. There is a small information centre on board with a short video presentation and info panels.

I did not know how amazing seaweed is.

It can be used in the bio plastic, bio textile and pharmaceutical industries as well as fertiliser for farmers.

It only needs two things to grow – sea and sun (plenty of sea around Scarborough – not so sure about the sun!)

An interesting video shows how spores are attached to ropes then taken to the offshore farm – just 3 months later it can be harvested. The crop itself absorbs tons of carbon whilst producing oxygen and using up excess nutrients. It helps to purify the water and protects the sea bed whilst also creating new habitats for marine life. Scientists estimate that acre for acre seaweed is 20 times more effective at absorbing carbon from the atmosphere than woodland.

Sea Grown also use the kelp to produce their own food seasoning and beauty products, and it is used in locally produced gin and beer.

There is a (limited) café and special events held on the Southern Star as well as 'Seaweed Sundays' during the summer months. Well worth a visit if you are over that way but do be aware that the access to the boat is along a glorified ladder.

We shall be celebrating a less soggy Harvest during October around the Woldsburn Benefice – you are very welcome to come along to any of the services and suppers.

St Andrew, Bainton on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October 10.30am followed by Bring & Share Lunch

St Michael, Garton on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October 6.30pm followed by Harvest Supper (Guest Preacher – Rev Robert Amos)

All Saints, Kilnwick on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October 6pm followed by Harvest Supper in the Village Hall

All Saints, North Dalton on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October 6pm Harvest Service in Church (no food tonight) & Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October 7pm Harvest Supper & Auction in North Dalton Village Hall



*Jane*

# MIDDLETON VILLAGE CHARITY COFFEE MORNING



**At The Village Hall  
Saturday 21st October  
10.00am to 11.30am**

**The Heart of the Matter  
Supporting Castle Hill  
Hospital Cardiology**



# MIDDLETON ON THE WOLDS SCHOOLS ASSOCIATION

Children at Middleton on the Wolds primary school are benefiting from a complete overhaul of their sensory garden thanks to a joint project between MOWSA (Middleton on the Wolds School Association), Middleton on the Wolds Green Group volunteers and Coletta & Tyson.



The school were lucky enough to already have a sensory garden area but it had become overgrown and unloved due to a lack of funding and maintenance.

MOWSA who raise funds for the school throughout the year by running various events to enable the pupils to benefit from extra resources and activities, approached Coletta & Tyson to see if they would be willing to support the sensory garden project by donating a few plants.



Coletta & Tyson kindly offered to supply everything that was needed and planned and designed the full project to include a variety of plants that can be enjoyed throughout the year using all senses. The plants were then planted by the Green Group volunteers with some of the children.

The children are now able to enjoy the area for a peaceful moment in a calm environment.

MOWSA members Rachel, Sarah, Zoe and Karina say that they are so grateful for the support they have received from Coletta & Tyson as without them this project wouldn't have been possible and would also like to thank the Green Group for their help.



# MIDDLETON ON THE WOLDS CE VE SCHOOL



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Hope everyone has enjoyed their Summer – school is now open.

## **Middleton Minis**

Our parent, carer, baby and toddler group runs from **1:30pm 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.

## **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.

## **The Green Group**

A huge thank you to everyone from The Green Group – our school grounds are looking fantastic. We now have a School Gardening Club which the children are enjoying each Monday evening.









## **Senior Citizens Tea-Party - 25<sup>th</sup> October**

We will be having an afternoon tea party at school to welcome people from the village to our school. More details to follow.

## **School Cleaner**

We are looking to employ a school cleaner (key holder). Monday to Friday, 3pm to 6pm, term time only plus 5 days. If you are interested in the position and require further information, please contact the school office on 01377 217323.

## **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 £2.60.
-  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](mailto:middleton.primary@eastriding.gov.uk)
-  Tel: 01377 217323





## Take your Pick?

We hope you have noticed that the Lavender has been full of bees over the Summer – The smell as you walk by is quite heady. The Lavender, Rosemary and Thyme are superb plants for insects especially bees, they create a fabulous fragrance when you walk by or touch them, but they are also great for using when you are cooking.

The Lavender had its first cut on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September and we left a few bunches at the Village Hall during the

Coffee Morning. 😊

When it comes into bloom again next year the Green Group would like to offer our friends and neighbours the opportunity to “Pick your Own”.

So, if you need a bit of Rosemary or Thyme to enhance your meals, or Lavender to use as a natural air freshener around your home please take a sprig or two. Please remember not to cut too much as this may result in the plants dying.

## Did you know?

- Thyme is a herb with a distinctive smell: The flower, leaves and oil are commonly used to flavour foods.
- Rosemary is widely used as a spice when cooking, especially in Mediterranean dishes.
- Lavender is prized for its richly fragrant flowers and aromatic foliage. It is used for fragrance in soaps and cosmetics.



# LOCAL HISTORY PAGE

Last month's Local History Page contained an essay by Mrs T Smith describing memories of the Middleton of her youth. This was one of the winning entries in a Women's Institute competition from the 1950s. The other successful essay, by Mrs H Atkinson, appears below.

*Geoff Wisher*

"One of the most charming villages in the East Riding of Yorkshire is Middleton-on-the-Wolds, with its lovely old church standing sentinel on the hill, like a mother brooding over her chicks, the clock face seeming to look understandingly around on all who dwell there.

The older inhabitants remember with pride and pleasure the days now past when the Hall, the home of the country squire, was the pivot around which the life of the village moved, when an outing to the seaside or a dance in the day school were events to look forward to from one year's end to another, whilst the Club Feast with a parade around the village headed by the Nafferton Town Band, and family gatherings in every home, was the culminating pillar of pleasure and excitement.

Times change and our village has moved along from oil lamps, drawing water from the well and an occasional lift in the carrier's cart to town. We now have electric light, even in the streets, a piped water supply and a good bus service.

Many of the country craftsmen are still carrying on the trade of their forefathers. The last census showed a population of 600 and in no other village of that size would one find more different trades and occupations being carried on. The doctor, the postmistress, a lady butcher, a market gardener, a lady horticulturist, two joiners and wheelwrights, two cobblers, a watch and clock repairer, two friers of fish and chips, a saddler, two dance bands, a milk dairy, a paper shop, grocery and provision shops and the village policeman, all ply their particular trade.

The farmers, a garage, a building firm, the whiting mill, the Wold Carriers and the agricultural workshop all make their contribution to finding work for all.

In our village people may also buy a pedigree poodle, have their wireless or bicycle repaired, their furniture upholstered, or get a hair-cut and order a dartboard, which brings me to the social side of village life. The WI, the WI show, British Legion, Women's Bright Hour, Girl Guides, Youth Club, darts and billiards, cricket, football and tennis, the children's outing, the older people's social fund outing, dances, whist and beetle drives, etc in the splendid Village Hall, make for a full life for the people who are friendly, very generous and industrious and proud of their own village."

# LOCAL BIRDS & WILDLIFE



*Marsh Harrier*

Since the last Messenger, I have had a very polite request to feature something more pleasant than woodlice and slugs. With the garden birds staying out of my way at the moment (see previous Messengers) this could be a challenge. I have been round the garden diligently searching for cuddly koalas, bouncy bushbabies or perhaps adorable armadillos, but so far no luck. Of course, I could bamboozle you into thinking I am coming up with something along those lines by writing about woolly bears? In fact I have discovered an article online saying that as they are safe to handle, easy to take care of and popular with children, they are ideal to keep and observe! “You can pick them up gently with your hands ...” and then “Why is my woolly bear curled up?” What could sound more appealing? Well, as I am sure a lot of you know, woolly bears are actually the caterpillars of clothes moths and carpet beetles, so probably less popular with adults than children. So, back to the drawing board, as they say (sigh).

Luckily Barry and Janny have been having more luck in Middleton and out and about:

“Still large number of birds and young coming into the garden but nothing rare. We have had to go further afield to find the rarer ones. The last few weeks have been great – here are some of the many we have seen. At Blacktoft Sands we got lots of great photos of the bitterns which were very close to the hide for a change as you can see from the photo, and at Bampton we saw lots of different warblers. This is a willow warbler, also we saw a real rarity that was a life time first for us and several other people there – this was a juvenile rosefinch (only the males have red on them).”



*Bittern*



*Willow Warbler*



*Juvenile Rosefinch*

I did get out to Tophill Low a few weeks ago and it is now completely open to the public, with improved paths and a limited number of mobility scooters available for those having trouble getting about.

# MIDDLETON BOOK GROUP



The September choice for the Village Book Group was any publication by Daphne Du Maurier. She had a long life and a long, distinguished publishing career which began in 1931 with “The Loving Spirit” and ended in 1973 with a volume of short stories - the 1st of which, “Don’t Look Now”, was made into a film. We all enjoyed our book choices and would probably choose one of the less well known books in the future. Most of her books were set in Cornwall and everybody was impressed by her vivid descriptions of landscape, weather and mood.



Meetings are usually 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 next books for discussion are:

Eligible by Curtis Sittenfeld and Histories by Kate Atkinson

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You do have to phone in advance to book these, so that they can make sure there is a fully charged one available for you. I was lucky enough to see three marsh harriers, impressively large birds that are quite common at Blacktoft Sands, but not seen so often in these parts. Mind you, I enjoyed watching two buzzards fly over while I was hanging the washing out the other day, so we are very lucky round here!

The butterfly season seems to be coming to an end now, still some around, but not in such great numbers. It has been a wonderful year for red admirals, but personally I haven’t seen many peacocks or tortoiseshells. There seemed to be plenty of brimstones in the spring and early summer, and I have seen a few little blue butterflies lately, but not very many. I shall leave the subject of how many cabbage whites have been around for the gardeners among you to comment on! I would like to know other people’s thoughts on this.

The other thing I have been very happy to see this summer is a much larger number of swallows and house martins than last year. Again, what do you think?

Please get in touch with your thoughts, photos, comments and observations, I love hearing from you!

*Barbara*

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The street scene in Kathmandu is often dominated by the quite unbelievable tangle of wires somehow improbably clinging to electricity poles. Every time somebody wants an internet or telephone connection, along come two young men on a motorbike and up goes a new wire.

Kathmandu Metropolitan City (KMC) recently gave the many internet and telephone service providers (ISPs) 15-days to remove the thousands of cables illegally festooning poles, buildings and anywhere else that they can bang a nail in. On some poles around the city there are so many of these cables hanging down that they catch fire and the pole crashes down into the streets below. However, the chief of the city police says that they were compelled to halt the removal of the cables after they got complaints from the ISPs that the KMC were cutting the cables 'haphazardly'. Managing the collected mess, that is likely to weigh hundreds of tonnes by the end of the campaign, is a new challenge for the metropolis with over 70 truckloads collected in the last four months alone. The city has decided to dump it all at the local rubbish dump but locals are not happy about the dumping of non-degradable waste.

Last year the collected mountain of cables 'caught fire' and produced a huge cloud of toxic smoke. There are two policemen currently keeping guard over the huge pile of cables whilst the city authorities decide what to do. Recycling seems to be a step too far unfortunately. Tom and Jerry cartoons suddenly seem sensible.



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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

## October

2	Parish Council	7.00pm	Village Hall
3	Village Lunch	12.00pm	Robin Hood
10	Book Group	10.30am	Village Farm
20	YCA	7.30pm	Village Hall
21	Charity Coffee Morning	10.00am	Village Hall
22	Litter Picking	10.00am	Lime View
27	Village Hall Committee	7.30pm	Village Hall

## LOCAL CONTACTS

Bell Ringing	Chris Atkin	217285
Book Group	Lyn Dennis	219500
Bowls Club	Rob Bradley	217435
Country Women's Association	Christine Johnson	217374
First Responders	Chris Brent	219469
Line Dancing	Pat Pottage	217516
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