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NEXT COPY DATE

10th May



Due to long standing personal commitments I have had to bring the next copy date forward by a few days. Please send in your contributions by the end of Friday 10th. If I don't acknowledge them please get in touch to make sure they have arrived.

Thank you

Lyn

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Cover Photo

Thank you to Pat Pottage for the lovely photo of the Village Green with the tree in full bloom.

MIDDLETON VILLAGE LUNCH

**At The Robin Hood
Monday May 13th
12.00pm**

'The Village Lunches' take place on the second Monday of the month the Following lunches being Mondays 10th June, 8th July and 12th August

Anyone wishing to join us for the first time Please ring Lynn Wooldridge to book or leave a message. Any regular person unable to attend please ring to cancel in advance.

Mobile number: 07790 230174 (please note that old landline number 217457 is no longer available)

EDITORIAL



I honestly don't know where to start this month.

I know I've covered it before, but the sheer scale of the alleged (do I have to say 'alleged'?) injustice revealed by the Post Office debacle just keeps getting more and more jaw-droppingly astonishing. And then there's the £54 million (£54 million!!) benefit fraud perpetrated by a group of Bulgarians. How can so much money be paid out incorrectly?

Two different stories, and two different ways in which the relevant organisation handled their problem. The Department for Work and Pensions identified a problem and it was the work of their own fraud investigation section that resulted in the conviction of those found guilty. There we have it. The responsible entity recognised that they had a problem; they found the cause; then they set about solving it. Quite simple, really.

So, how did the Post Office deal with their issue? Again, it is quite simple; you deny the possibility of error, on your part, and hang the blame squarely on the shoulders of those less likely, or able to fight back. Even if those who carry the can are the least likely set of people to commit such an offence. Sub Postmasters are all strictly vetted to assess financial propriety and many of those accused had been doing the job for years with no suggestion of wrong doing. It appears that some senior leaders at the Post Office decided that the best way forward was to bully those unable to defend themselves. That they have been found out gives me some hope that the country hasn't gone completely to the moral dogs!

Cheers,

Mike

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

Remember, we can't respond unless we receive your message.

QUIZ PAGE



- 1 What is the capital of Denmark?
- 2 What is the currency of Slovakia?
- 3 What is a Vital body fluid?
- 4 Whats 3/5 of 20?
- 5 Crackling Rosie was the first British hit for which American singer?
- 6 How many people have played M in the James Bond films?
- 7 If you are running out of patience you are said to be at the end of your what?
- 8 How many times a day does the average heart beat 72,300, 86,400 or, 89,200?
- 9 Which is Britain's smallest city?
- 10 Who was the last Tsar of Russia?

Quiz set by Rowland Wooldridge



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<p>Thames d o w n</p>	<p>1st. Q</p>

All answers on page 17

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

MURDER MYSTERY NIGHT



Are you the next **Miss Marple**?? Are you the next **Poirot**?? Come along to the **Murder Mystery** evening in the village hall this summer and find out. Can you work out the clues at '**St Peters Close**' who did it. Bring your own drink nibbles or picnic basket and have a fun night. Prize for the winning table and don't forget the raffle.

£8 per person with a complimentary drink.

The date is yet to be announced - look out for the posters. Then you can buy your tickets from Committee Members or at the Breakfast morning on Saturday 4th May, Saturday 1st June or at the Charity Coffee Mornings. Or motw.villagehall@gmail.com.

Marie Ley

Middleton On the Wolds Village Hall



Breakfast Morning

Saturday 4th May

10-12 am

Come & join us for bacon, sausage, egg butties. Tea & Coffee

Eat in or takeaway

£3.00 - £4.00 depending on sandwich filling



PLANT SALE

Middleton on the Wolds Village Hall

SUNDAY 7TH MAY

10am to 12 noon



Refreshments
available

Raffle Prizes too!

Have you been spring cleaning in your garden and
have any unwanted plants or garden equipment?

Please contact Andrew on 07825 882972



Easter Egg Hunt



We had an "EGGcellent" time when the Easter Bunny and Bill and Ben the flower pot men came to town.

Thank you to the Parish Council, the Green Group, the Recreation Club and the Village Hall for supporting the day.

We received a lovely comment from a mum: "Could I say a big thank you to everyone who was involved with today, my kids loved it and we had a great time. Looking forward to the Christmas one"

No pressure Elves 😊!!!

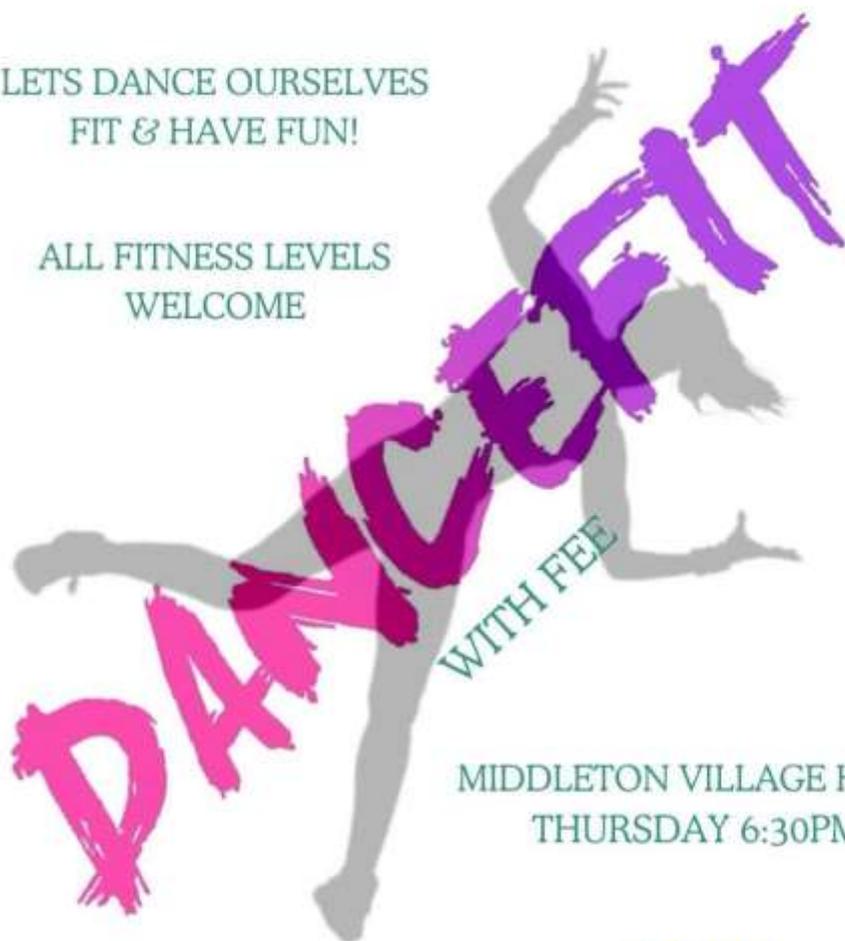


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in The Village Hall**

Speaker: Sally George

"Walking the Holderness Coast"

Non members welcome £5 admission

For further information contact Christine Johnson 01377 217374

YCA are hosting a
*"Flower Arranging
Demonstration"*
with Kevin Hara



**on Thursday 20th June 7.30pm
in The Village Hall**



**Tickets are £10 each
and include 1 cocktail
or mocktail and nibbles**

Tickets are available from Linda Jones 01377 217512 or
Christine Johnson 01377 217374

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH

Services for May

Sunday 5th	10.30 am	Morning Prayers	Richard Summers
Sunday 12th	10.30 am	Holy Communion	Rev. Jane Anderson
Sunday 19th	10.30 am	Holy Communion	Rev. Canon Kate Goulder
Sunday 26th	10.30 am	Morning Prayers	Church Wardens

THE WOLDS METHODIST CHURCH BAINTON

Services for May

Sunday 5th	10.30am	United service at St Andrew's Church Bainton Miss Margaret Collinson
Sunday 12th	10.30am	Service at the Wolds Methodist Church. Rev Colin Barrett. Holy Communion
Sunday 19th	9.00am	Café style worship at the Wolds Methodist Church. Mr Peter Rogers
Sunday 26th	10.30am	Service at the Wolds Methodist Church. Pastor John Gleaves

A COFFEE MORNING

will be held at

The Wolds Methodist Church Bainton

on Wednesday 15th May

10.00am to 11.30

All Welcome





Join Our Cricket Club!

Middleton & North Dalton CC are looking for new players ahead of the 2024 season!

Why Join Our Club?

Variety Of Formats: We offer different opportunities with Thursday (T20) & Saturday teams!

Whether you haven't played for years or are new to the game, we welcome all ability players!

Social Events: Off the field we host various social events such as Golf Days & Social Dinners.

We hold practice sessions weekly, for more details please contact:

Shaun Tate: 07917 854003

Ed Keyes: 07469 717278

Harry Newlove: 07716 682884

LOCAL BIRDS & WILDLIFE



Long-tailed Tit

Let's not start with creepy crawlies this month, let's get properly into the spirit of spring, with the chiff-chaffs yelling at the tops of their voices on the embankment and flowers bursting out all over the place (including Chinese Lanterns pushing up through my lawn, not so keen on that). There's something pretty creepy to come though ... but I

will leave that until later.

Early in April, Lyn hosted a fashion show held by female pheasants in her garden, showing the in vogue plumage for this season, in various tasteful shades of brown with assorted patterns. She also reported a greenfinch on the niger seed "...



he sat on the feeder for quite a while – much more laid back than the other small birds that flit around. We also had a wagtail on the conservatory gutter, we could see him

walking along from inside – now that's very unusual!". She has also had a pair of long-tailed tits feeding together, and I have seen a pair in my garden as well; the large groups of them that we see and hear calling to each other in winter have paired off and gone house-hunting.

In mid-April Janny and Barry reported that "Things are getting busy now with the migrants starting to come in. In the last month a lot more birds coming to our feeders, especially siskins – we have been seeing them every day. Yesterday we had two male bramblings in the garden together (photo 1),



it's been a good year for both of these species.



"We have been to Tophill Low a few times this month and had some great days seeing the kingfishers (photo 2). It's well worth a visit especially this time of year with all the activity going on. Then further afield to



Bempton, where we saw the firecrest (photo 3) the same day that we were at Scarborough seeing the red-necked grebe (photo 4). That was a very good day seeing two not so common birds. Looking forward to seeing more migrants in the next month!”



I am still getting the usual suspects in the garden, but I have just seen something I have never seen before, a wood pigeon ‘paddling’ as some birds do in order to get worms to rise to the surface. I always thought they were vegetarian, so I looked it up and they usually are, but do occasionally eat insects and worms. There again, I suppose it could have been a wildly optimistic effort to shake the ground in the hope that sunflower seeds would fall out of the feeder above ...

Now we come to the Strange Case of the Dismembered Limb (you might prefer to look away now!).

Pat reported that she had found three individual bird legs on her walk, one outside the school, one in the recreation field and one on Orchard Drive. She then brought one round in a plastic bag so we had a good look, photographed it and totally failed to identify its previous owner. It is also mystifying that there were three of them (unless a bird of prey picked one up and kept dropping it in front of her as she walked round!) So, any Sherlock Holmes who might be passing, have you seen a dog/sparrowhawk/misguided child carrying a severed bird’s leg around the village? Can anyone identify the species that has mislaid it? And I am very sorry to end with a gruesome photo, go back and look at the earlier ones to cheer yourselves up!



Please send any photos, observations, suggestions as to this month’s Mystery Item or comments about my columns to

lavenderbarbara97@gmail.com or text 0777 192 7868

Barbara

LOCAL HISTORY

Shops, Services and Businesses

We are focussing again this month on the recollections of Pam Linford. She was born in 1946 and has many memories of the village as it was in the 1950s and 1960s. Her account was written in the 2000s so many of the commercial premises mentioned below are now occupied by different businesses or householders.

Middleton, like all villages, had been completely self-contained with all trades and services catered for. When I was small some of the shops and trades had closed down, but some were left:

STATION ROAD

Coalman	Mr Wilf Soanes (house next to Anvil House)
Seamstresses	Misses Agatha and Clarice Towse (The White House)
Saddler	Mr Soanes (where Haystacks & Pickering Park are)
Joiner	Mr Lewis (where Betty and Roger Lowe live)
Blacksmith	Mr Dove, (behind Anvil House)
Fish and chip shop	Sybil and Cecil Milner – where the Chinese take away is. For a short time in the old saddlers shop – run by Mrs Burnett.

FRONT STREET

Haulage firm	Mr Massey (where the Industrial Estate is)
Building firm	Mr Eastwood (next to Fliss Primmer's house)
Cobbler	Mr Towse (Second cottage after the chapel)

CHURCH HILL

Piano teacher	Miss Moate (next house after Roger Soanes's)
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FRONT STREET

Newsagents, tobacco, sweets, soft drinks etc	Mr Cliff (The Brailsford's house & Hairdressers was the shop. Mr Cliff also delivered all the papers)
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Draper's shop	Part of the Co-op. Only opened 1 day a week when a lady from Driffield came to look after it. (Where the Post Office is)
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Co-op shop	General stores (where the now-closed shop is) Mr Moate ran the shop with an assistant. Mr Moate delivered orders. I remember my mother making a list each week, and, I think Mr Moate delivered on Mondays.
General store	(The house next to the industrial estate going up Front Street.) Run by the Dixon family, and later by the Firth family. There were two houses, the one nearest to the industrial estate was the shop, and the family lived in the other one.
Small general store	In Station Road. After the Saddler's shop and house were sold Mr & Mrs Kirby and Ann (Dennis) moved in, and the front right hand room was a shop but only for a short time.
The Post Office	Just above Steel Walk. It was run by Mr & Mrs Noble until their retirement when it was moved to its present site. It consisted of two rooms – one behind the other – counter in the front room, all forms, etc in the back room Hazel Hutchings delivered the mail to the village. The mail was brought to the Post Office, sorted, and Hazel delivered it on her bicycle.

There were certain mobile shops that called regularly in the village.

Butcher	Eric Bradley from Lund (We had Mr Bradley, and he came on Saturday).
Butchers	Fred Foxtan from Kirkburn
Fishmonger	I can't remember where he came from
Ice Cream	Burgess Ice Cream came on Sunday and Tuesday evenings.

LAUNDRY - A laundry service operated from Drifffield. Most people did not have washing machines and so this firm collected and returned laundry (in brown paper parcels, as I remember).

GARAGE - This was owned by Jack Soanes who was still running a taxi service when I was small. The garage provided car maintenance, petrol, and dealt with car sales. During the years the building was extended and improved.

The small one up, one down building next to the Post Office was where Jack Soanes started his business as a cycle maintenance shop. When he opened the garage he continued to use that building as a store house.

When Jack Soanes retired the closing of the garage with the loss of petrol sales was a great loss to the village. Richard Briggs only continued petrol sales for a short time.

Geoff Wisher

RECREATION CLUB

Since the demise of the tennis club, the Recreation Club committee have been looking to make the best use of the grass courts that are now no longer used. We are happy to report that we have agreed to rent the courts out to Rogue Wolves, a dog training enterprise owned and operated by Leigh Foster, who lives in the village. Leigh has the training, experience and, reassuringly, the insurance to operate a professional and, more importantly, safe business.

So, what does this mean for you? Firstly, Leigh will have exclusive use of the grass courts, which will be locked to ensure the integrity of the training environment. He will be working mainly at the weekend and also on some evenings, but not on Thursdays. To be clear, this agreement only relates to the grass courts, and will not affect your use of the hard court, which will still be always available for your use.

As well as making best use of a now redundant village asset, this is also an opportunity to help a Middleton-based enterprise get off the ground and the Rec Club sees this as a win-win situation both for the village and for Leigh and his new business.

CHARITY COFFEE MORNING

Thank You

We are pleased to announce that the total amount raised for Motor Neurone Disease Hull and East Yorkshire over the past 3 months amounted to a donation of £662 including £248 raised by the MND stall holders.

A big thank you to all who enjoyed meeting together and for supporting and to those making donations who were unable to attend. Thanks also to all our helpers.

Our next local charity continuing every third Saturday of the month will be for Dove House Hospice.

MIDDLETON VILLAGE CHARITY COFFEE MORNINGS

At The Village Hall
Saturday 18th May, 15th June
10.00am to 11.30am

In aid of



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hospice

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Tea / Coffee and Toasted Teacakes
£3.50 In addition there will be a Raffle

- 1 Copenhagen
- 2 Euro
- 3 Blood
- 4 12
- 5 Neil Diamond
- 6 Four
- 7 Tether
- 8 About 86,400
- 9 St. Davids [Wales]
- 10 Nicholas II

- Dingbats
- Top Gun
- Wait for nobody
- Wet behind the ears
- Burn the candle at both ends
- Down by the riverside
- First in the queue

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QUIZ PAGE ANSWERS

VILLAGE EVENTS GROUP

THE FIRST OF MANY GET TOGETHERS –

PUT THESE DATES IN YOUR DIARY!!

This is hopefully the first of many events where members from various groups in the village come together to organise events for us all to enjoy.

We want you, your families and friends to join together to remember and say thank you to the thousands of men and women who fought and lost their lives fighting for our country. Life today would be very different if it wasn't for the thousands of men and women who fought and lost their lives fighting for our country.

Thursday 6th June 2024

- The village hall will be open from 3.30 pm for tea and cake.
- There will be a talk from a Mrs Brown on being a special agent and codebreaking
- The beacon will be lit after dark with a poignant reading and songs. If you would like to attend but are unable to get to the Beacon Fields please contact Vanessa, Elizabeth or Andrea, who can arrange a lift.

Saturday 8th June 2024

- From 10 am the village hall will be open and you will be able to view displays – get yourself refreshments, buy raffle tickets for the evening's entertainment.
- From 7.30 pm there will be a 1940's Dance with songs performed by a duo called the Mood Swings. They will be supported by a Lindy Hop Dance group. Bring your own picnic, drinks and glasses to enjoy an evening of dancing.

Tickets for the Dance are £10 per person and can be brought from:

Vanessa: 07837668275

Elizabeth: 07787483498

Andrea: 07432835315



Get these early to avoid missing out on a fabulous evening!!

Sunday, 9th June 2024

- Special Sunday Service at St Andrew's Church from 10.30 am

Support and Memorabilia

We want the village to be part of our celebrations and if you have any photos, memorabilia from ration books to uniforms and would be willing to loan these for the displays please get in touch with either Elizabeth or Vanessa on the numbers above. If you are a member of club in the village and you want to be part of our event why not give us a call to get involved.

MIDDLETON BOOK GROUP

April Books

“All the Light we cannot see” by Anthony Doerr

This is a moving and poignant story written from both sides of WW2. A French girl - blind from the age of 6 years and a sensitive German boy move towards each other throughout this powerfully written book through the beautiful imagery of Anthony Doerr's writing.



“The Last List of Mabel Beaumont” by Laura Pearson

This book was a lovely read - a beautiful, heartbreaking in parts but uplifting story of later life. After her husband, Arthur, dies Mabel realises she must track down her friend, Dot, from 30 years ago. She finds her true self by helping other people in her life to solve their problems.

June



New members are always welcome to our friendly and informal meetings where we discuss the chosen books, plus others we are reading, while enjoying coffee, cake and a chat. Meetings are usually on the second Tuesday morning in the month at the home of one of the members. Please get in touch to check. *Lyn* 219500 or lyndennis456@gmail.com

The next books for discussion are: “Shrines of Gaiety” by Kate Atkinson

“The Invisible Hour” by Alice Hoffman

A yellow flyer with a sunburst background. The text is as follows:

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CORRESPONDENCE

NEWS RELEASE 22nd March 2024

NEWS: Graham Stuart MP Graham Fighting for Middleton Bypass



Graham Stuart, Member of Parliament for Beverley and Holderness, attended a meeting in Middleton about resurrecting plans for a bypass.

Graham attended the meeting following discussions with Beverley Rural councillor Jeremy Wilcock (Lib Dem) about how the transformational £168 million Local Transport Fund could be spent.

Following the announcement of the fund by the Department for Transport, which includes a requirement to consult MPs on the spending plans, Graham is determined to put local priorities at the top of East Riding Council's list.

He has launched a survey to ask residents for their views on how the money should be spent, which has seen almost 200 responses so far.

Graham has also sought the views of parish council clerks across Beverley and Holderness to get a complete picture of what communities want from this extraordinarily huge sum of transport funding for our area.

The responses received so far include fixing pot holes and improving cycle routes, but also larger projects such as York to Hull Rail and bypasses.

Graham, alongside Lib Dem councillors Jeremy Wilcock and Diana Stewart, met Middleton-on-the-Wolds Parish Council to hear about their ambition to revive a bypass for the village, to deal with the numerous articulated lorries passing through the village every day.

The plans, created with the support of East Riding Council at the turn of the century, are detailed and thorough, showing a range of possible options. Graham is encouraging Middleton to form a committee to advance and update the plans and lobby East Riding Council to look again at their ideas, which were rejected due to no money being available in 2002.

A bypass would help reduce articulated lorries coming through the village, which often cause gridlock on Front Street and bring down bollards and even cause damage to buildings.

Several options were put forward twenty years ago, which members of Middleton-on-the-Wolds Parish Council showed Graham, Jeremy and Diana. They include smaller options which bypass Middleton only, and larger ones which take Bainton and North Dalton into account.

Residents of Beverley and Holderness can put their own ideas forward at www.grahamstuart.com/EastRidingTransportFund. Graham will present these ideas to Leader of the Council Anne Handley in the coming weeks.

Beverley and Holderness MP Graham Stuart said: “I’m delighted to have had the chance to go to Middleton-on-the-Wolds and hear the ambition for a bypass, as well as to see the problem for myself.

“Middleton has a great parish council, highly motivated to improve the lives of residents.

“That’s why I’m grateful to the village and to Cllr Jeremy Wilcock for inviting me to come and see the issue for myself, and I’m looking forward to working with the villagers, and cross-party with the ERYC councillors, to make sure these plans receive the attention they deserve in County Hall.

“Middleton matters, and I’m keen to help the village make the case for using the transformational £168 million Local Transport Fund to reduce heavy vehicles from the village.”

Beverley Rural Councillor Jeremy Wilcock (Lib Dem) said, “I’m pleased to have brought Graham to Middleton and even more pleased that he’ll support Middleton take its bypass plans forward.

“It’s wrong that these huge lorries are coming through Middleton on a daily basis, and I’m looking forward to working with Middleton Parish Council, Graham and my council colleagues to press the case for a bypass.”



<https://www.grahamstuart.com/news/graham-fighting-middleton-bypass>



Results of Graham's survey so far:

	Number	Percentage
York to Hull Rail	97	55%
Road Surface Improvements	62	35%
Rural Buses	51	29%
Investment in Cycling	31	18%
Road Route Improvements	21	12%
Road Safety Improvements	20	11%
Seasonal Tourist Bus Routes	13	7%
School and College Transport	9	5%
Transport to Work Schemes	7	4%
Withernsea to Hull Rail	4	2%
Dual the A1079	3	2%
Preston Traffic Alleviation	3	2%
Beverley Park and Ride	3	2%
Re-open Doncaster Sheffield Airport	2	1%
Trans Pennine Trail	2	1%
CCTV for schools for Operation Snap	1	1%
Bus shelters at every stop	1	1%
Beverley to Hornsea Rail	1	1%
Parking on Sigston Road	1	1%
Hornsea Traffic Alleviation	1	1%
More EV Chargers	1	1%
Footpaths	1	1%
Remove average speed cameras	1	1%
Hospital transport from Withernsea	1	1%
Buses in Beverley	1	1%

www.grahamstuart.com/EastRidingTransportFund

<https://www.grahamstuart.com/news/grahams-ps168-million-east-riding-transport-fund-survey-giving-great-ideas>

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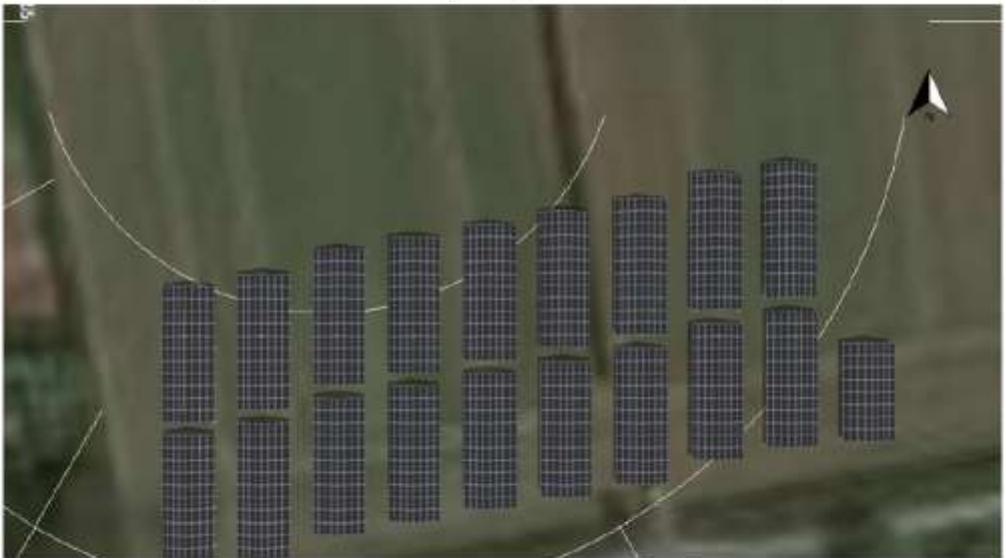


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At the start of April Kathmandu was again the most polluted city in the world, with an air quality index of 413. An index of below 50 is good, 200-300 is very unhealthy and 300 + is hazardous. For comparison, London is good at 21, Mumbai is unhealthy for sensitive groups at 112, Beijing weighs in at an unhealthy 171, and, as at 09.26 on 11th April, Leeds wins with an index of 4!

Kathmandu has improved down to a merely unhealthy 166 since this unenviable record was reached largely due to recent forest fires in the country. Unsurprisingly,

the hospitals in Kathmandu have seen a surge in admissions for respiratory problems and a large increase in the number of Covid cases. Helpfully, the experts 'advise people to avoid exposure to pollution and wear face masks when venturing outdoors'.

This image is of the pollution almost hiding the Dharahara in Kathmandu. This famous 236ft tall tower in the centre of the city has been rebuilt since the devastating 2015 earthquake brought down the previous tower, which was built in 1835 as a military watchtower.



Bus travel in Nepal is always an experience. Unfortunately, all too often, a rather dangerous experience and busses do fall off mountains with a large loss of life quite frequently. Bus drivers seem to be in a class of their own when it comes to driving and below is a couple of examples. One ended up falling 20m off a mountain road onto the road below when the driver failed to negotiate a tight corner at speed. The driver and his one passenger were not badly injured. The second one is what some of these busses are really like. Not for the faint of heart.



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	Dancefit	6.30-7.30pm	Village Hall

May

1	Village Hall Committee	3.30pm	Village Hall
13	Village Lunch	12.00pm	Robin Hood
13	Parish Council	7.00pm	Village Hall
14	Book Group	10.30am	St Andrew's Close
16	YCA	7.30pm	Village Hall
18	Charity Coffee Morning	10.00am	Village Hall
26	Litter Picking	10.00am	Lime View

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