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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.

I have previously mentioned the 2 advertising features, Soanes Poultry and Black Yak, at the back of The Messenger but I would like to remind you to check them out as they make interesting reading. This month Black Yak has some rather disturbing figures about the people trying to climb Mount Everest.

I am sad to be losing our very good neighbours, Tina and Lynn Walker who are moving into their new home in Wales this month. I wish them well and look forward to visiting in the not too distant future.

Lyn

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The cover photo was taken by Tina Walker. See page 11 for more Produce

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EDITORIAL



I can't believe I'm saying this, but I'm still waiting for the heatwave. Apparently we'll get an afternoon of sun this Thursday! Of course, by the time you read this we've probably been sweltering in the high 20s for a fortnight. Probably!

Other than that, everything else is all (or, possibly, 'mostly') sweetness and light. Oh, apart from little darlings who decided to clear the old stock out of the telephone box. It was a bit of a shame that they relocated some of the books into the pond but, hey, at least they now know what one looks like! 'Every cloud', and all that.

One thing to look forward to in the next few days is the visit of this year's Tour of Britain. The caravan goes through Middleton on Tuesday the 5th, coming from North Dalton and going along Station Road before turning right up Front Street to head towards Market Weighton. So, make the most of your coronation bunting, get it back out of the box and bring some colour to the village. You never know, we might even get on telly!

Cheers,

Mike

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

Can you volunteer to help with The Messenger?

There is a vacancy on our small committee for an advertisement secretary. Without the income from adverts we couldn't produce the newsletter in its current form so they are very important. Luckily we have a few regular contributors but we need someone to encourage new clients.

If you feel you can help please contact Mike (07713 620912) or Lyn (07469 787768)

QUIZ PAGE



- 1 What is the name of the tea clipper in Greenwich?
- 2 What is the largest planet in the solar system?
- 3 Where does the Emu come from?
- 4 Which state is the Grand Canyon located?
- 5 Who was the only American President to resign?
- 6 Justin Timberlake started out with which band?
- 7 Which country produces the most coffee in the world?
- 8 Who was the famous Venetian explorer?
- 9 What is the small Republic between France and Spain?
- 10 Who was Dr Frankenstein's laboratory assistant?

Quiz set by Rowland Wooldridge



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**All answers on
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Middleton on the Wolds



Village Hall



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2nd September 2023

2.30 pm – 4.30 pm

Tickets £10.00 Adults

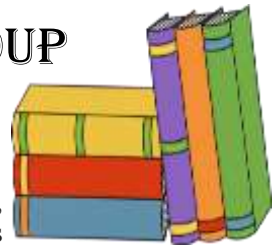
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MIDDLETON BOOK GROUP



August Books

The Wild Girls by Phoebe Morgan

Four friends meet up for a birthday party at a remote , luxury lodge in Botswana. On arrival the hostess is missing and the girls are alone in the wild with no means of communicating with the outside world. Phoebe Morgan has imbued this novel with a creeping sense of menace.

Strange Flowers by Donal Ryan

Novel set in rural Tipperary in the early 1970's. Moll vanishes from her parents' home only to return five years later with no explanation as to why she left. "Revelations loom but the question that hangs over this novel is whether any explanation can compete with the immaculate mystery of none at all".

Lindsay

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



A slight change for September - read or re-read any book by Daphne Du Maurier

MIDDLETON VILLAGE LUNCH

**At The Robin Hood
Every Second Monday
12.00pm**

We are holding 'The Village Lunches' once again every second Monday of the month the first one being on the 11th September.

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

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**At The Village Hall
3rd Saturday in each month
10.00am to 11.30am**

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We will be launching the defibrillator with the funders on
Sunday 10th September 2 till 4
Tea/coffee and refreshments will be available and a raffle
All Welcome



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LOCAL HISTORY PAGE

In the 1950's the Women's Institute invited members to submit essays describing their memories of life in the village in their youth. One of the prize winners was Mrs T Smith who was in her seventies and the daughter of George Syred, a carrier in the village for 40 years.

Here is Mrs Smith's entry:

"I will begin by telling you about the residents of Middleton when I was girl. We had a rector (the Rev H D Blanchard), a doctor, (Dr W Wood) a farrier (Mr Wright), four joiners (Mr Belt, Mr Warley, Mr Petch and Mr Dooks), two blacksmiths (Mr Dove and Mr Thompson), a market gardener (Mr Hotham), a schoolmaster (Mr Gush), three carriers (Mr Soanes, Mr Syred and Mr Towse). There were seven shops for groceries and I remember well when one of the shops got some things in for Christmas presents there was great excitement. We had three shoe makers (Mr Powell, Mr Railton and Mr Norman).

There were three grinding mills, two were driven by the wind and the other by steam. That one was in the field behind Mrs Jenkinson's house. There was a pinfold at the top of Front Street where they used to put lost horses and cattle and they stayed until the owners claimed them. They had to go to the policeman for the key to get them out and had to pay for their keep.

Before we had the railway all the coals, bricks, cement etc, had to be carted from Kiplingcotes, Driffild or Lockington stations. My father used to fetch a crate of crockery for Miss Wright twice a year from Kiplingcotes station.

The Rev H D Blanchard was a very nice and good old gentleman. On New Year's Day all the children in the village used to go up to the Rectory and received a new penny, which was a lot in those days, and on Shrove Tuesday he used to come up to the school and give each child a ball, one of those made in sections of print or leather, and in the afternoon we went into Green Field and played "bonny ball".

We did not have whist and beetle drives in those days but the Rev H D Blanchard used to give the church choir a supper at the Rectory and afterwards they went up to the day school and had a dance. The choir could ask three friends, We had some good times and kept it up until 3 or 4 o'clock in the morning.

When he died the Rev Blanchard left £100 in trust to distribute the income thereof on the Feast of St Andrew in each year among deserving poor

persons in the parish of Middleton who shall not have been in receipt of parochial relief during the previous year.

When the railway was opened and the first train ran to Market Weighton, a few people went on it. Mrs Harry Sims's grandmother, her mother and aunts went on it. My dad would not let me go. Dad used to work on the line with our horse and she was the last horse to work on that line. We have some of her gearing hung up in our stable now.

The church and two chapels used to get good congregations and when it was the anniversaries at the chapels, the children were excited when they were going to have their tea party. The teachers and children met at the chapel in the afternoon and then paraded round the village and sang their hymns. Then they had tea, and after tea went into a field and played until bedtime."

NEVILLE STEAD

In the April edition of the Railway Magazine there was a report of the death on the 9th March of Hull born Neville Stead, the renowned railway photographer.

Mr Stead had been, from his early years until his death, devoted to this activity and many of his photographs are available in book form. Added to this was his interest in locomotive preservation.



The report also states that his ashes were to be scattered at his favourite railway location at Enthorpe Bank on the former Driffield to Market Weighton line and within the Middleton Parish.

Geoff Wisher

I am looking for photos of Walter Towse – coalman 1890-1975 & his brother Richard Towse – cobbler 1889-1967. Would you be aware of any items relating to this family still in the village? Any help would be appreciated. My own email address is lyndabarnett55@outlook.com



Thanks

Lynda Barnett

CORRESPONDENCE

I have lived in the village a few years but am not from the area. I have been meaning to email for a while just to say I enjoy the local history page in the Middleton Messenger. It's interesting and well written. So thanks! Your efforts are appreciated.



Karen



YCA's day outing to Saltaire



Pat came across this September photo in her archives

- 10 Igor
- 9 Andora
- 8 Marco Polo
- 7 Coffee
- 6 NSYNC
- 5 Richard Nixon
- 4 Arizona
- 3 Australia
- 2 Jupiter
- 1 Cutty Sark

Drinks are on the house
Nothing to worry about
A rise in temperature
Undercover cop
A tale of two cities
A down right liberty

ANSWERS QUIZ PAGE

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MIDDLETON PRODUCE SHOW 2023

Photos by Tina Walker



LOCAL BIRDS & WILDLIFE



Looking back at previous Messengers, I am worrying now that I am setting myself up as a bit of a know-it-all, so time to come clean! Every month, I stare at the blank computer screen, get up and make a coffee, then decide to write about something close to my heart – woodlice say – and look at anything interesting I can find on-line or in my books and plagiarise like mad. Well, I do a bit of rewriting and linking, but for the actual facts I do rely on brains other than mine. So having got that confession out of the way:

Slugs!! Did you know that they have 27,000 teeth? (Actually, looking at your perforated plants in the garden you might have guessed this) and that they can have 430 babies a year? A single slug can amass a total of around 90,000 grandchildren in its lifetime (about 6 years) which must make shopping for Christmas presents something of a nightmare. They can stretch to approximately 20 times their length to get through a narrow gap and according to the BBC Countryfile website a cubic metre of your garden soil could contain around 200 slugs. I was glancing at control methods in passing as I found these various facts, and was riveted by the idea of “slug collars” – how do you put them on I wondered? Do you attach leads and walk them (very slowly) to an area of the garden where they will not do too much harm? Can you get sparkly ones for your favourite slug? However it turns out they are plastic or metal collars to go on the ground round your plants, shaped in such a way that the slugs cannot climb them. Anyway, enough of that; luckily other (sensible) people have been getting in touch:

Josh contacted me just after the last newsletter to say “Me and the kids went for an evening walk around the village and took my bat detector with us. We walked along the old train line and saw roughly 15 to 20 common pipistrelle bats flying around the back of the houses. The best time is around dusk; they

tend to hunt along the tree line for an hour or so and then head off to better feeding grounds. They will come out in some light rain if hungry enough. I imagine there are other species in the village but they are difficult to track down. They also tend to come out later in the night. They should be active until late September or maybe early October if warm enough.”

Andrew got in touch in late July with these lovely summery photos: “I wanted to share these photos of wild flowers on the east embankment. When I was there earlier this week there was an abundance of knapweed and cornflowers attracting butterflies and bees in encouraging numbers. Knapweed has a





flower that's very similar to that of a thistle, but it doesn't have the thorny leaves of a thistle. Hazel also calls it 'flat cap', a term I'd not heard before. Green Group work up here most Thursday afternoons, controlling the brambles and improving access. There's a bench 500 metres along which gives great open views to the south towards South Dalton. Towards the far end there is a good stand of wild privet which has produced the strongest scent imaginable. And beyond that there is the best stand of honeysuckle anywhere, growing right to

the top of the hawthorns. I encourage anyone to take a walk – it is linear, so there and back.

Access is up the road to the ABG factory, then look for the signpost that takes you along the south side of the ERYCC road-gravel store. This is raised and is, I think, what remains of the old Middleton-on-the-Wolds station platform.”

I still haven't resolved my birds/cats/garden problems so I'm grateful to Lyn for her baby pigeons and great spotted woodpecker! The pigeons look much more attractive and cuddly than I thought baby pigeons would, though the beaks make them look a bit like albatrosses to me. Presumably if they have now developed a 10 foot wingspan she will send me a new photo.



These are both lovely photos – and if anyone has more to remind me of what I am missing at the moment, please send them in!



Finally however, something lovely in my garden, spotted by my sister Wendy – a mint moth. It was absolutely tiny; about 18mm.

So please, if you have any interesting sightings to report, even if you don't have photos, please let me know – and of course photos are always lovely to receive!

Barbara

Lavenderbarbara97@gmail.com or text 0777 192 7868

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH

Services for September

Sunday 3rd	10.30 am	Morning Prayers	Richard Summers
Sunday 10th	10.30 am	Harvest Festival Service	Holy Communion Rev. Jane Anderson Followed by a Harvest Lunch
Sunday 17 th	10.30 am	Holy Communion	Rev. Canon Kate Goulder
Sunday 24 th	10.30 am	Morning Prayers	Church Wardens

THE WOLDS METHODIST CHURCH BAINTON

Services for September

Sunday 3rd	10.30am	United Service at the Wolds Methodist Church
Sunday 10th	10.30am	Harvest Festival Service at the Wolds Methodist Church. Rev Colin Barrett
Sunday 17th	10.30am	Harvest Festival Service at Wetwang Methodist Church. Rev Ian Hill
Sunday 24th	10.30am	Service at the Wolds Methodist Church. Mr Stephen Byass

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

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BLACKYAK

The price of everything seems to be going up these days and the cost of going to the top of Everest is no exception. The cost of a permit has just increased to \$15,000 (£12,000) for foreigners in an attempt to control numbers amid growing complaints over the number of deaths on the world's highest summit. The salaries and facilities for porters and guides are increasing as well as some of the rules being changed. In future it will be mandatory to bring dead bodies back down. Currently most bodies are left on the mountain due to the difficulties and cost of retrieving them, which can be anything from \$20,000 to \$200,000. This spring climbing season 478 permits were issued to climb from the Nepalese side with 17 deaths.



The weather was really harsh for climbers this spring. Normally in spring, the temperature on Everest would be around -25°C , but this year, it dropped to -35°C . As a result, there were more casualties and injuries with more than 150 helicopter rescues from Camp 2.

There have been more than 200 deaths on the Nepal side of Everest between 1953, when Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay Sherpa first scaled the peak, and 2022. Everest straddles the Nepal-China border and the summit can be reached from both the northern and southern faces. Climbing Everest from the Chinese side is cheaper because the fees are less and there is a motorable road up to the Chinese base camp.



August 12th might be glorious here, but it is also World Elephant Day. In the 968 sq. km Bardiya national park near the Indian-Nepal border the elephants are fighting back. There are more than 120 elephants in the park and they have recently grown violent because of lack of food in the park and because locals are chasing them away using fire, wooden sticks and electric fences. The electric fences can be powerful enough to kill elephants and they are retaliating. Last week two elephants destroyed three mud houses and food crops including winter stores. Between 2005 and 2022 the elephants destroyed more than 500 houses

and damaged more than 160 acres of crops. Last year two people were killed in the park and there have been at least 36 deaths in elephant attacks since 2005.

With the rise in megafauna like tigers (Nepal has nearly tripled their number in 12 years) and elephants, incidents of human-animal conflict have also seen a rise. Tigers mostly attack cattle and humans, whereas elephants cause damage to food crops and physical structures.



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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

September

4	Parish Council	7.00pm	Village Hall
10	Litter Picking	10.00am	Lime View
11	Village Hall Committee	7.30pm	Village Hall
12	Book Group	10.30am	Station Road
16	Charity Coffee Morning	10.00am	Village Hall
21	YCA	7.30pm	Village Hall

LOCAL CONTACTS

Bell Ringing	Chris Atkin	217285
Book Group	Lyn Dennis	219500
Bowls Club	Rob Bradley	217435
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First Responders	Chris Brent	219469
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	Lyn Dennis	219500
Middleton Movers	Lyn Dennis	219500
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