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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.

Lyn

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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

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

EDITORIAL

Still waiting for the heatwave, but at least the rain is good for the garden! And at least we haven't got the ridiculous temperatures they're getting in southern Europe.

On a total downside, here are three examples of individuals thinking themselves more important than the village. A broken bottle in the Orchard drive playground; somebody exercising their dog on the tennis court and not picking up after it (and don't get me started on the missing brush!); and yet another car cunningly parked on chip shop corner so as to stop anything bigger than a mini from getting round it.

I mean, what on earth are you people thinking? Do you not think anyone else actually lives in Middleton? We all like a drink, but to leave a broken bottle where little kids play? Very clever. Very caring. And the person with the incontinent dog – did you not see the lines and net? It might have given you a clue that it was a tennis court – and not a dog-walking area. Still, no accounting for pig ignorance, is there?

I've talked about inconsiderate parking before but there's always room for selfishness, isn't there? 'But, where am I supposed to park?' I hear you whine. Well, how about 'somewhere legal'? If you haven't got room to park off-road why not accept that you might have to walk a few yards to get home?

Sorry about all that, but the self-regarding of some people beggars belief. Of course, if any of you would like to defend yourselves in this magazine then please do write in!

On a happier note, we have a new village sign on the village green. Many thanks to East Riding of Yorkshire Council for putting up the sign and to S G Prescott & Sons for making the bracket, Cutting the pole down to size and delivering the whole thing to the village. By the way, it's at that angle because the Highways department of the county council would not allow it to face up Church Hill. It might have distracted drivers as they drove down!

And finally, we must sadly say goodbye to Tina Walker who is leaving the village. Tina has been instrumental in getting advertising for the Messenger, which has meant that we can keep issuing this quality publication without it costing you, the residents, the full cost. Good luck to Tina and Lynn on the next stage of their voyage!

Cheers,

Mike

QUIZ PAGE

1 What are you cutting if you are using pinking shears?
2 What does YMCA stand for?
3 What is the famous structure in the city of light?
4 When was the first chocolate bar produced 1861, 1897, or 1912?
5 What is a group of crows called?
6 Who was the M People singer?
7 What is the capital of Kenya?
8 What is the great river of China?
9 Which country is believed to have the most miles of motorway?
10 Which Italian city is considered as the birthplace of the pizza?

Quiz set by Rowland Wooldridge

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DINGBATS

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You Just Me	BOMTED

All answers on page 12

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH

Services for August

Sunday 6th	10.30 am	Morning Prayers	Richard and Jane (Babtism)
Sunday 13th	10.30 am	Holy Communion	Rev. Jane Anderson
Sunday 20th	10.30 am	Holy Communion	Rev. Canon Kate Goulder
Sunday 27th	10.30 am	Morning Prayers	Church Wardens

THE WOLDS METHODIST CHURCH BAINTON

Services for August

Sunday 6th	10.30am	Service at St Andrews Church Bainton. Pastor John Gleaves
Sunday 13th	10.30am	Service at the Wolds Methodist Church. Rev Keith Himsworth. Holy Communion
Sunday 20th	10.30am	Service at Wetwang Methodist Church. Rev Bill Anderson
Sunday 27th	10.30am	Service at the Wolds Methodist Church.

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

The Village Hall AGM will be held on the Monday 14th August at 7.pm, the committee meeting will follow on. All are welcome to attend the meetings, it would be good to see you.

We are having one of our famous family afternoon teas in September and would love to see as many of you as possible. We are organising more activities and will be able to announce them soon, if you have any ideas you would like to see the hall used for then please come along on the 14th August.

Marie Ley

Saturday 2nd September

FAMILY AFTERNOON TEA

Adults £10 Children £5

Tickets from Sharon Roe 217254 sroe.general@gmail.com

or any of the committee members

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Tina Walker is leaving Middleton on the Wolds and I want to thank her for all the help and support she has given to me, and to the village, in her time as a parish councillor. Her interest in, and knowledge of, what is happening in Middleton has helped the PC to keep pressure on the county council over the outstanding work on the action plan we have with them. Tina is also a first responder and has been responsible for maintaining the village defibrillator. But she will be mostly missed for the contacts she has made and, let's face it, her bare-faced cheek which has got work done in the village at no cost to the residents; I hope we can keep that going!

So, thank you, Tina; a great councillor, colleague and friend. I wish you and Lynn all the best for the future.

Mike Kelly

CORRESPONDENCE

To make my toddler Grandson a little more fascinated with the amazing new world around him, I fixed a very small door and a little window on to a stone surround. and told him fairies lived there.

Sometime later, purely by accident, a small flower self seeded under the window which made more than a few adults also fascinated, including myself……

This was the only self seeded plant of that variety in the whole garden.

Geoff Cox

THE LARGEST NAVAL, AIR AND LAND OPERATION IN HISTORY

Monday 7th August

Village Hall

A meeting to discuss how the village can, or should, celebrate the 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings.

The heroism of those who landed on the shores of Normandy beaches represented a beacon of light for the world during a particularly dark period of war.

It is therefore fitting that we celebrate the 80th anniversary of this incredible event.

What would you like to see happen?

What would you be willing to help with?

LOCAL HISTORY PAGE

On the 18th April 1908 the Driffield Times contained the following report of an accident involving the newly arrived Ernest Clements:

"While coming down the hill leading out of North Dalton, his bag of instruments caught the brake, and his bicycle catching a stone at the same time he was thrown off with a severe shock. His nose was badly cut at the bridge and the muscles of his left arm put out of place. He laid unconscious for some time. Mr Binnington drove him home and he afterwards went by train to Driffield to have his injuries attended to. We are pleased to learn that he is going on all right."

We have no first hand accounts of life in the village until the latter part of the nineteenth century and these tend to consist of experiences recalled at a later date, sometimes to newspaper reporters. Thus in February 1913 when a reporter writing as "Paul Pry" enquired if there were any noteworthy characters in the village his informant replied "nowt else". The reporter conceded that the "notabilities of this village are on a par with those of any village it has yet been my duty to visit"! He then singled out Mr Ben Tranmer "who will celebrate his 80th birthday this month, who has hardly ever ventured beyond the confines of his own parish in his life, but who has endured manfully the rigours and hardship of an agricultural labourer's life from his earliest days rising early and toiling late in the days when the agricultural labourer was not as well recompensed as he is today. For the past 15 or 16 years Mr Tranmer relinquished his daily labour, but still toils in his way and can walk four miles an hour with his basket containing thread, laces, etc". The reporter continues "I was much struck by the variety of trades and professions represented in such a small village",

"Beside the usual grocers, drapers, blacksmiths etc, there is a chimney sweep, a watchmaker and a farrier. Some of the business establishments also are in the hands of the third generation of the same name. Mr John Dove, blacksmith, now 86 years of age, is carrying on a business long established as is Mr T Norman, shoemaker. The name of Soanes is another long-connected with the village as carriers and now split up into other trades. Mr Petch, joiner and a Primitive Methodist of many years standing, is another well-known and respected inhabitant."

The decline in agriculture because of increased foreign competition and the

effects of the First World War both played a part in the erosion of confidence which was reflected in the responses of Waters Appleton interviewed in January 1929 by a Hull Times reporter who visited the village and spoke to a number of people. Mr Appleton, a lifelong resident who kept a village shop, was listed in Kelly's Directory from the years 1913 to 1937 as manager of the Yorkshire Penny Bank in the village.

Part of the report states "Appleton can remember the time when parson and squire were rulers of the village. All the men bowed to them as they came down the street and all the women curtsied. This is not really so long ago, but old customs die hard on the Wolds."

"To my mind that standing between master and man was a very good thing providing that "master" was one of the right sort. It was friendlier and each was necessary to the other. I have heard many regrets at the passing of the old regime, due to the high cost of living and the post war taxation. Appleton told me that Methodism had gone down in Middleton, for in the old days the chapel used to be full. The church too was emptier than it used to be. The coming of the railway in 1887 had made a great difference to this wold village and the old thatched cottages had vanished, the institute being built where once half-a-dozen cottages stood."

The article also gave an explanation of the various "Garths" in the village such as Pant Garth, Mary Garth and Gray Garth, each of which was said to be where sand had been taken for different purposes.

Waters Appleton in 1949, when he was 88, wrote an essay describing the village as he knew it in 1880 when there were approximately 800 inhabitants including two builders, two parsons, a doctor, a bandmaster, a chimney sweep and a gravedigger.

There were two schools, two public houses, three places of worship and four wells, one in each street. In addition there was a pinfold, a round building 10 feet high with two gates. Any stray cattle found in the lanes by the roadman were put in the building and when the owners came to claim their stock they had to pay a shilling to release them. The church had three bells but no clock - it was installed to celebrate the jubilee year in 1887. The lighting in the village was by tallow, wax candles and oil lamps. Coal had to be picked up at Lockington or Kiplingcotes station without the use of bicycles or cars. This was before the coming of the railway to Middleton.

Geoff Wisher

Pill Woodlouse

Common Shiny Woodlouse

A couple of months ago, as you know, I was excited by a crocodile in South Dalton Mere! Now I have discovered a creature actually in my garden with a pouch like a kangaroo, an ability to curl up like an armadillo (part of their latin name translates as "little armadillo" in fact), that has 14 legs and that breathes through gills, although it doesn't live in water! I am speaking of course of the Billy Baker, Monkey Pea, Granny Grunter, Penny Sow or Bibble Bug – more commonly known as the Woodlouse.

There are 5 species of woodlouse in our gardens (not all of which can curl up I must admit) though there are 35 – 40 species in Britain and about 3,500 in the world. We tend to think of them as insects, but they are really crustaceans like lobsters, crabs and shrimps, and in fact you could cook and eat them (apparently they taste a bit like bland shrimps, but I must admit I haven't actually tried this). It's worth remembering if you ever get lost for days in Dalby Forest, or North Cliffe Woods and happen to have a camping stove and a saucepan with you, though that would be a bit tough on them as they are already preyed on by centipedes, toads, shrews and spiders.

They carry about 50 fertilised eggs in their pouches and the young stay in the pouch after hatching until they are old enough to fend for themselves. (What do they live on in the pouch though? Perhaps they eat the remains of their eggs, or each other? I haven't been able to find this out). Once old enough though they live on rotting plants, fungi and their own poo – they finally get rid of waste by converting it to ammonia which passes out through their shells as a gas. Their shells get too small as they grow, so they have to shed them and grow new ones; they shed the back half first, then the front half a week or two later. They live from 2 to 3 years.

Anyway, that's quite enough of that (you might not be as enthralled by all this as I am) but since I have stopped feeding the birds I haven't had so much to look at in the garden!

Other people though have been luckier. Janny and Barry report that "Things have improved a lot since last month. Now seeing lots more baby birds. Here are some photos recently of them on our feeders – goldfinch with young, chaffinch feeding one of its young. We also had a baby

pheasant in the garden several times. Couldn't resist sending the third photo as it's a cuckoo (taken at Blacktoft Sands last week). It's amazing how many people have never seen a cuckoo. It has taken us ages to see it and get the photos – it's only the second one we have seen this year. Years ago they were so plentiful on the railway line and you could hear them all day long, but not now".

Meanwhile Pat has had exciting things going on: "Hi, I thought you might like to see my rather unusual foxglove. Never seen one like this before. When put on Facebook someone came up with a link – if you Google 'Pelorism' a link comes up to Wikipedia which explains that these are mutant flowers, in foxgloves usually the top ones, and there is a theory that it is something to do with it having a greater supply of sap. The same plant may flower normally next time. Also, while talking to Lynn and Tina yesterday one of these appeared on the pink flowers near their front hedge. Never seen one of them before either. A hummingbird hawk moth. Very unusual and pretty."

So there we are, more interesting and unusual sightings by people not grovelling about under stones and amongst rotting leaves. If you do find anything weird in your garden, or perhaps it suddenly occurs to you that you would like to know more about, for example, the love-life of snails, do get in touch - with pictures if possible - and I will be happy to try to find out more about it. And of course keep me posted on the birds!

Barbara

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MIDDLETON VILLAGE CHARITY COFFEE MORNING

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

Martin House
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MIDDLETON VILLAGE CHARITY COFFEE MORNING

We are pleased to announce that the total amount raised for the Bridlington Lifeboats over the past 3 months amounted to a donation of £280 in addition to which the RNLI stall raised £68.

A big thank you to all who enjoyed meeting together and for supporting this cause and thanks also to our helpers.

QUIZ PAGE

Ping pong
Play on words
Friends in high places
Bad spell of weather
Just between you and me

ANSWERS

1 Fabric
2 Young Men's Christian Association
3 The Eiffel Tower
4 1897
5 A Murder
6 Heather Small
7 Nairobi
8 Yangtze
9 China
10 Naples

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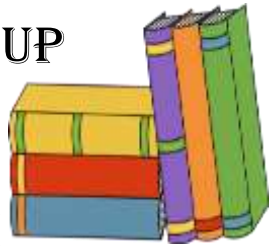
MIDDLETON BOOK GROUP



July Books

The Unheard by Nicci French

The husband and wife team Nicci Gerrard and Sean French have written many psychological thrillers which never disappoint. The Unheard is about Poppy, the 3 year old daughter of a couple who have split up. When she comes home from visiting her father she draws disturbing pictures and her mother is convinced that something is wrong but no one will listen.

Suffer the Little Children by Donna Leon

When Commissario Brunetti is summoned to the hospital bedside of a senior paediatrician whose skull has been brutally fractured, he is confronted with more questions than answers. Three men have burst into the doctor's apartment in the middle of the night, attacked him and taken his 18-month-old son - but why? As he investigates, Brunetti finds infertility, desperation, and babies for sale. Meanwhile, Inspector Vianello uncovers a scam between pharmacists and doctors in the city. And certain information about one's neighbours can lead to all kinds of corruption and all sorts of pain...

This is the 16th in the series of Brunetti books. They take you around the streets and canals of Venice and introduce you to the Commissario's family along side the main stories.

Lyn

Meetings are usually 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 Wilds Girls by Phoebe Morgan & Strange Flowers by Donal Ryan

RECREATION CLUB

Please be aware that dogs are NOT allowed on the tennis courts.

Would the person who removed the sweeping brush from the hard tennis court please return it.

MIDDLETON ON THE WOLDS CE VE SCHOOL

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Summer Holidays

School finishes for the Summer Term on **Friday 21st July**. Training day is **Monday 4th September** and school re-opens **Tuesday 5th September**.

Middleton Minis – will re-open on Tuesday 5th September

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.

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.

Bags2school

If you are having a sort out of clothes, shoes, towels, bedding (not duvets or pillows), we are having a collection on **Tuesday 26th September**. Bring your items to school for 9.00am.

The Green Group

A huge thank you to everyone from The Green Group – our school grounds are looking fantastic. We have had a huge donation of plants from Coletta & Tyson Garden Centre for our sensory garden which now looks so much better.

Senior Citizens Tea-Party - 25th October

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

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- 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 Tel: 01377 217323

ADVERTISING COSTS for the Messenger

Rates	Month	Year
Whole Page	£25	£150
1/2 Page	£15	£100
1/3 Page	£10	£60

Private 1/4 page private advertisement - £5

Full colour - Print run 500 copies

Contact: Tina 01377 217242, middletonflyer@yahoo.com

ART EXHIBITION IN BAINTON

Christine Turnbull is holding an exhibition of her work in her home studio on 2 weekends in August – 5th/6th and 12th/13th. Please get in touch with her if you would like to attend.

She also runs small group painting classes for anyone but mainly beginners who would like to know how to get started.

Her contact details are christineturnbull43@gmail.com , 07507230527

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Mini sticky BBQ chicken skewers

INGREDIENTS

Makes 12

- 2 tsp vegetable oil
- 4 chicken thighs skinned, deboned, sliced into long strips
- 4 tsp smoked paprika (sweet or hot)
- 4 tsp garlic powder
- 4 tsp oregano
- 1 tsp salt
- 2 tsp caster sugar
- Pea shoots to garnish

For the bbq sauce/glaze

- 2 tsp olive oil
- 1 small onion, chopped finely
- 3 cloves garlic, crushed
- 1 tsp crushed dried chilli
- 1 tsp fennel seeds, crushed
- 50g brown sugar
- 50ml dark soy sauce
- 300ml ketchup

METHOD

1. Soak your chosen skewers in water for 2-24 hours.
2. Mix the smoked paprika, garlic, oregano, salt, sugar and oil together in a large bowl.
3. Add the sliced chicken thigh and mix well. Place in the fridge for 1hr – overnight.
4. Meanwhile, make the BBQ sauce. Fry the onion, garlic, chilli, add the fennel seeds brown sugar, dark soy and ketchup, boil for 2 mins and leave to cool.
5. Preheat your grill to high.
6. Thread the chicken strips on to skewers and grill until slightly charred all over.
7. Brush extra BBQ sauce on to your skewers and return to the grill to caramelise further
8. Serve on a plate with extra dipping sauce and pea shoots to garnish

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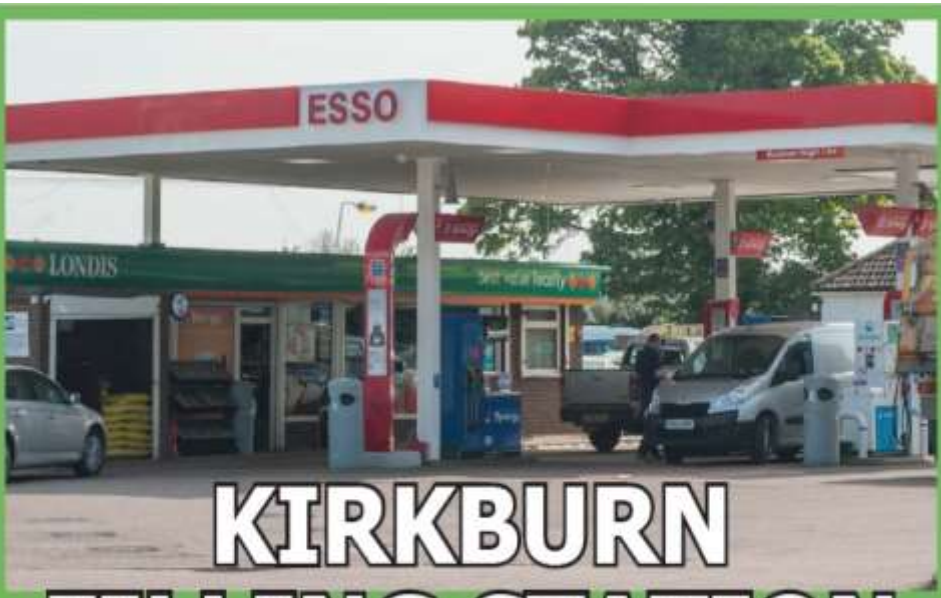

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VAST SELECTION OF QUALITY WINES

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Nepal is experiencing its worst ever outbreak of dengue fever. This is due, in part, to climate change bringing wetter monsoons and warmer temperatures which have provided ideal breeding conditions for the Aedes mosquitoes that carry the virus.

Nepal has had annual dengue outbreaks since 2006 with the previous largest outbreak being in 2019, with almost 18,000 recorded cases. The 2022 outbreak which was almost three times as large also recorded cases over a longer season. According to Nepalese government figures, as of November 2022, there had been over 52,557 reported cases since the beginning of the year with 60 deaths.

When people who have been infected with dengue are infected a second time with a different variant, severe symptoms can develop. To add to the danger of dengue fever, Zika virus, which can cause infants to be born with microcephaly, is also spread by the same mosquitos. Whereas in previous years dengue cases were found at lower altitudes, in 2022 dengue spread to high altitude regions. This is related to climate change, because the rate of warming is much greater at higher altitudes. The Aedes mosquitos require at least 10-12°C to survive, but the number of cold nights in winter is declining and the temperature now doesn't fall much below 10-12°C.

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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

August

1	Book Group	10.30am	St Andrew's Close
6	Litter Picking	10.00am	Lime View
7	Parish Council	7.00pm	Village Hall
14	Village Hall Committee	7.00pm	Village Hall
17	YCA	7.30pm	Village Hall
19	Charity Coffee Morning	10.00am	Village Hall

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