MIDDLETON MESSENGER

The Newsletter for Middleton on the Wolds

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NEXT COPY DATE

14th August

Please send in your contributions by the end of the copy date. 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 her photo taken on a walk down Warter Road.

PRESCRIPTION COLLECTIONS

After July 25th there will be no more collections from The Medical Centre to the Post Office as the surgery have been advised by Health & Safety this service should not continue .
This has been a voluntary service for many years by various residents of the village and Barbara and staff at The Post office ..

If you have any concerns please speak to the surgery .

Louise & Sharon

EDITORIAL

Since we last met much has changed.

There is, after 14 years, a new party in government. Whatever your political leanings, you have to admit that, as swings go, this one swung a long way! I just wonder how many of the electorate actually voted *for* the Labour Party, rather than simply voting *against* the Conservatives. We now wait with bated breath to what Sir Keir and his huge majority are going to do for us all.

Labour won with just over a third (33.8% according to the Guardian) of votes cast and, long before the dust had settled on the election, we were hearing calls (in this case, mainly from Richard Tice of Reform UK) to re-open the debate on the first-past-the-post electoral system. This comes up after most general elections, usually raised by the Liberal Democrats (and, before them, the Liberals) or one of the other, non-mainstream, parties. But do they have a point? After all, isn't it only fair that a party winning a third of the votes cast should win a third of the seats in the House of \Commons? And, perhaps more pertinently, that a party winning 10% of votes (as the Lib Dems consistently do, and as, this time, Reform did) should gain 10% of the seats?

The problem is, of course, that to change the voting system in the UK will need a Bill to be passed in Parliament – and can you honestly see either the Labour or Conservative 'turkeys' Still voting for this particular Christmas? No, nor me. Still, we live in hope!

Now, I had planned on saying much more, this month, but it's getting close to 8 PM on Sunday the 14th, and I have other priorities! I've just seen Alcaraz win Wimbledon – let's hope the Spanish don't (or didn't!) get the grand slam!

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 chemical symbol for Gold?
2 What language is spoken in Brazil?
3 Who is the author of the "Harry Potter" series?
4 In what decade was the Internet created?
5 Who invented the lightbulb?
6 Who composed the music for "The Nutcracker"?
7 What type of animal is a penguin?
8 Who wrote the novel "Pride and Prejudice"?
9 What is the capital city of Spain?
10 Who is the most decorated Olympian of all time?

Quiz set by Rowland Wooldridge

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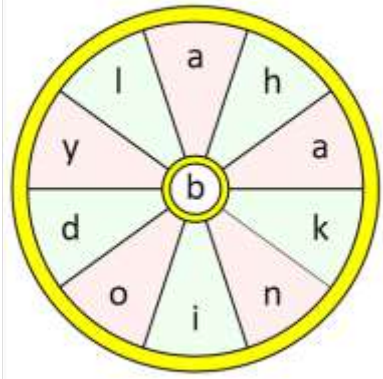
SEASONAL WORD WHEEL

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 of the wheel.



All answers on page 16

Yellow lines…

Dear Mike, like many others in the village I have been both pleased and perplexed with the newly painted yellow lines around the village.

The Parish Council campaigned on our behalf for several years to have some installed, particularly on Station Road at ' chip shop' corner. This took years to achieve and involved resident consultation and subsequent pre marking of where the lines were to be. Following last years Parish elections the lines were put on hold as East Riding reviewed all local planning and said a new public consultation would follow. This did not happen and despite several attempts by the parish clerk to get clarity from East Riding it appeared that the lines had been ' kicked into the long grass' so much surprise then when planning notices appeared around the village informing residents of intended yellow lining not only along and off Station Road but also on Greenfield Road. Following that and without advance public warning one afternoon sub contractors were seen in the village painting yellow lines but who could not complete the job as in some cases cars were parked on the intended line areas. I spoke to the contractors who subsequently came back to finish off the job at a later date.

The lines on Chip Shop corner are about 3 times longer than originally planned and extend way past Wolds Pizza and without any corresponding yellow lines opposite make it legal for cars to be parked dangerously opposite on the corner which begs the question what were East Riding thinking?! Efficiency or stupidity? Traffic certainly flows better on the corner of Station Road and there are less access issues but I do wonder about the lack of joined up thinking and how in some cases, particularly on Greenfield Road that parking issues have been made worse by simply pushing them back 20 yards or so.

What do others think?

Nick Jones
Station Road

You raise some valid points, Nick. Introducing yellow lines was always going to move the problem, not get rid of it. The question is, does the end result leave us better off, I.e. safer, or worse?

Cheers, *Mike*

Village Hall

The Village hall committee are holding a village wide car boot sale. Saturday 14th September 10-3pm.

You don't need a garage to join in, just a garden or space where buyers can come to you, saves packing and unpacking the car to get rid of your unwanted items.

£2 donation to the village hall to join in & we will print your location on a village wide map so buyers will know where to find you.

Maps & hot refreshments will be available in the village hall.

Please book by August 31st so we can get the maps printed on time.

Emily Headley

The Committee Meeting on 12th August will include the AGM

Middleton on the Wolds Village Hall

Venue for

Common Ground

Wednesday 11th September – 7pm

Rambling and our rights of way. Join Mikron on a 'hill-arious' ramble through the history of land access in England.

From ze Norman Conquest to loitering in lockdown, via The Mass Trespass at Kinder Scout.

The Pendale and District Ramblers are looking forward to celebrating 'in stile' on their 50th anniversary walk, but the path has been blocked by the landowner. How will they find their way through? Their quest for freedom and fresh air won't be easy, as they navigate bulls, beavers, and wandering sheep. Grab your boots and waterproof for a meander with Mikron on a hike through history.

Tickets - £7 per person All tickets are non-refundable

To book the tickets through Bridlington Spa

https://www.bridspa.com/whats-on/events/?entry=13-CGMOTW24

Tea & Coffee will be available to buy on the night.

MIDDLETON MOVERS

On 4th July the Village Hall was taken over for Polling Day so Movers couldn't go ahead. Instead many of us got together for tea and cake.

MIDDLETON MOVERS

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Middleton Minis

Parent, Carer, Baby and Toddler Group
from 1:30 to 3:30pm
in the **school hall**
at **Middleton School**

Minis is changing slightly, we are running our toddler group now 1 afternoon each half term. The dates are:

1st October 2024
3rd December 2024
4th February 2025
25th March 2025
13th May 2025
1st July 2025

Each date will be themed such as Harvest, Christmas, Easter. Beverley Children's Centre will join us on these dates.

For further details please contact Mrs Johnson or Mrs Stone on 01377 217323
Come for the full 2 hours or drop in at any time to suit.

On-going Collections

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

Middleton on the Wolds Nursery
At Middleton on the Wolds CE (VC) Primary School

Places are filling fast for September & January

- 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.
- We also take children who have turned 2 for either paid or funded places.
- For further details, please contact: Sharon Stone or Rachel Johnson to arrange a visit and meet the staff.
- Email: middleton.primary@eastriding.gov.uk
- Tel: 01377 217323

School re-opens for the Autumn term on Tuesday 3rd September

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH

Services for August

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

Tiny Houses

My uncle is in an early version of the Guinness book of records as living in the smallest house. He lived in a box in someone's garden and was featured on Dave Allan's eccentrics programme, still to be seen on YouTube. It was filmed in the 60s and I remember watching it with my dad, who hadn't seen his brother for 30 years or more.

Pauline Taylor

THE WOLDS METHODIST CHURCH BAINTON

Services for August

Sunday 4th	10.30am	United service at St Andrew's Church Bainton
Sunday 11th	10.30am	Service at the Wolds Methodist Church. Pastor John Gleaves
Sunday 18th	9.00am	Café style worship at the Wolds Methodist Church. Mr John Stephenson
Sunday 25th	10.30am	Service at Wetwang Methodist Church. Mrs Margaret Collinson

MIDDLETON VILLAGE CHARITY COFFEE MORNINGS

At The Village Hall Saturday 17th August and 21st September
10.00am to 11.30am

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In addition there will be a Raffle

"Start in Art"

Christine holds a weekly art class for beginners on Tuesday afternoons 1.00 until 4.00pm. There is one place available on the current course until the end of September. Please contact her for further details on 07507 230527

LOCAL BIRDS & WILDLIFE

We have had a busy month birding; Our garden birds have been busy, and we are seeing lots of young birds coming back to the feeders with their parents which is a good sign. We also have another resident young rabbit this year in the garden, they usually stay till they are fully grown then they move on.

We have been out to Bempton a few times One of the star attractions was getting an adult Puffin with a Puffin (photo 1) we had to wait a long time for it to come out of its burrow. Not an easy picture to get as most of the Puffins are breading halfway down the cliffs you don't see them until they fly out to sea for the winter. It will not be long before the Puffins leave the cliffs for the winter and go far out into the North Sea.

It has been a good year for Flycatchers both spotted and pied but have only managed to get a Spotted this year (Photo 2). We have seen more Lesser Whitethroats (photo 3) this year than we normally do was pleased to get some photos as we mostly only see common Whitethroats. There have been lots of Sedge Warblers (photo 4) about this year we are seeing them everywhere. All over the U.K. This year it seems to have been a great year for wild Orchids we have seen them everywhere we have been this is one of our favourites The Bee Orchid (photo 5).

We have also been to Tophill Low many times and had some good days there this Reed Warbler (photo 6) is just one of the many things we have seen there and photographed there.

We have done this for Barbara as she was unable to do it this month but please send anything you have for September issue to her.

Janny and Barry

YORKSHIRE COUNTRYWOMEN

Thursday 15th August 7.30pm

in The Village Hall

Speaker: Glynnis Whyte

"House Built on love and Chocolate"

Non members welcome £5 admission

For further information contact Christine Johnson 01377 217374

VILLAGE PRODUCE SHOW

If you were the recipient of one or more of the Produce Show trophies last year please could you make sure they are returned?

Would you please return them to Linda Jones, Jill Wilson or Chris Brent please?

RECREATION CLUB

Can we remind dog-walkers that lawn mowers can be dangerous machines, especially to dogs not on leads. Apart from possibly hurting your dogs, it makes a terrible mess of the blades.

So, to avoid causing distress to those operating the mowers, could you please keep your dogs on their leads when the grass is being cut.

LOCAL HISTORY

Following a brief interlude, this month we return to the memories of Pam Linford. To recap, Pam was born in 1946. Her recollections of Middleton are from the 1950s and 1960s before the period of major expansion when many of the old businesses and services were still in place. This month's excerpts concentrate on transport and communication, health and law enforcement.

Geoff Wisher

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

The Railway Station - This branch line was closed by Beeching's axe which was a great shame.

The line ran from Bridlington to Market Weighton and you could go anywhere from Middleton. The station comprised Station Master's Office, Booking Office, Waiting Room and storage area (all one building). There was a signal box further along and a very large station yard. There was a short platform, and a neatly kept garden. The staff (as I remember) were the stationmaster Mr Jack Allen; the porter, Mr Kennedy and the signalman, Mr Ted Dooks.

I remember many happy trips to the seaside by train – very easy – no parking problems! The trains had no corridors, just a series of compartments with overhead net luggage racks, and strange windows with leather straps that had to be fixed to a button on the door to hold the window open. If the window was open there was a danger of the engine smoke getting in – sometimes when we got off the train there was quite a lot of soot on our clothes.

I remember coal being delivered by train and being deposited in the Station Yard. Mr Wilf Soanes (coalman) bagged up the coal, loaded it onto his lorry and delivered it round the village – very few people had central heating at that time. Mr Soanes also allowed children to ride in the back of his lorry, and I, like many others, enjoyed this until my mother saw me, and then those joyrides came to an abrupt end.

Bus Services - There was a good bus service that ran from Driffield to Beverley although there was no way you could get to Market Weighton or Pocklington by bus.

The first buses (each way) started through Middleton at around 7.00 am and ran regularly until 11.30 pm. Buses came specifically to take children to Driffield School, but I went to Beverley High School and so had to use the service buses. The bus went to Beverley at 8.10 am via Middleton, Lund (not Lockington), Holme on the Wolds, South Dalton, Etton, Cherry Burton.

Returning home I caught the 3.55 pm bus from Beverley, getting home at about 4.40 pm. No way a child could do that now! I had a bus pass which was quite useful as I could use it at the weekend too. All these buses had rounded roofs so that they could pass under the North Bar in Beverley. Sadly, we now have a much diminished service which is fine for car drivers, but for non-drivers is restricting.

Roadmen - The village had two roadmen, Mr Gee and Mr Towse. Their job was to keep the footpaths and roads clean, and to repair them where possible. If the job was a big one a steam roller was used to resurface roads. In the winter these men gritted paths and roads, but we were often blocked in. As children we didn't care if we were blocked in as we could take our sledges onto Gray Garth, and sledge to our heart's content.

The Doctor - Middleton was very fortunate to have a doctor's practice in the village which lasted until Dr Patrick Clements' retirement. The closure of the doctor's practice was another great loss for the village.

Dr Clements had a morning and an evening surgery. No appointments were necessary, people queued, and Dr Clements continued until he had seen everybody. After morning surgery, he did his rounds. His practice was quite large, including Etton Pasture School (a residential school for children with learning difficulties).

The doctor's surgery was at the drive side of the house, and consisted of three rooms – pharmacy, waiting room and surgery. If patients needed medication Dr Clements was able to provide it immediately.

Many cottages did not have water laid on, so there were a number of standpipes (obviously permanent). There was one on the corner of Greenfield Lane and Pickering Park, one up Church Hill where the lay-by is, one in Front Street between Pantiles Cottage and the next house up, and one in Back Street above the entrance to Steel Walk. Some cottages still had earth closets, but gradually all premises had water laid on (Middleton finally reached the twentieth century).

Police - The village had a policeman who lived in the police house which was next to John Eastwood's house. There were a number of policemen through the years - I remember particularly P.C. Foxton and P.C. Farr. The policeman patrolled on a bicycle, and was responsible for Middleton, Bainton and North Dalton. I cannot remember any major crime in Middleton as I was growing up – in fact I can't remember any minor crimes either.

MIDDLETON VILLAGE LUNCH

At The Robin Hood
Monday August 12th
12.00pm

'The Village Lunches' take place on the second Monday of the month the Following lunches being Monday's 12th August, 9th September and 14th October

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)

QUIZ PAGE ANSWERS

1 Au
2 Portuguese
3 J.K. Rowling
4 1960s
5 Thomas Edison
6 Tchaikovsky
7 Bird
8 Jane Austen
9 Madrid
10 Michael Phelps

Wordwheel

bank holiday

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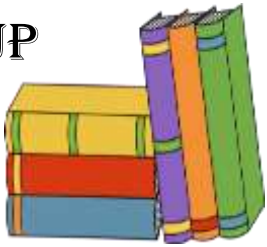
MIDDLETON BOOK GROUP



July Meeting

This months Book Club was a little different to our normal reads. We looked at poetry which was specifically written by female poets.

We heard poems from the pens of Emily Brontë through to Pam Ayers. Joyce Grenfell and Pam Ayers kept the group smiling even after more serious works from Sylvia Plath and Dorothy Parker. We were all surprised at the length of "The Spider and the Fly" by Mary Hewitt who wrote seven verses in 1829, most of us only knew the first verse, with us all going home to look for our Purple Hats after a rendition of the poem by Jenny Joseph.

Kath

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 or in a village hall. Please get in touch to check. *Lyn* 219500 or lyndennis456@gmail.com

The next books for discussion are: "Whalebone Theatre" by Joanna Quin

"Wait for Me" by Santa Montefore

VILLAGE EVENTS

D Day Events

The whole weekend was a great success and, after settling all expenses, we were left with a surplus of £527.50. We would like to thank everyone who helped or took part; you all helped make it a special time for Middleton.

Regarding the village events committee, if any local organisation would like to join the group, please contact Liz Naylor or Vanessa Windsor.

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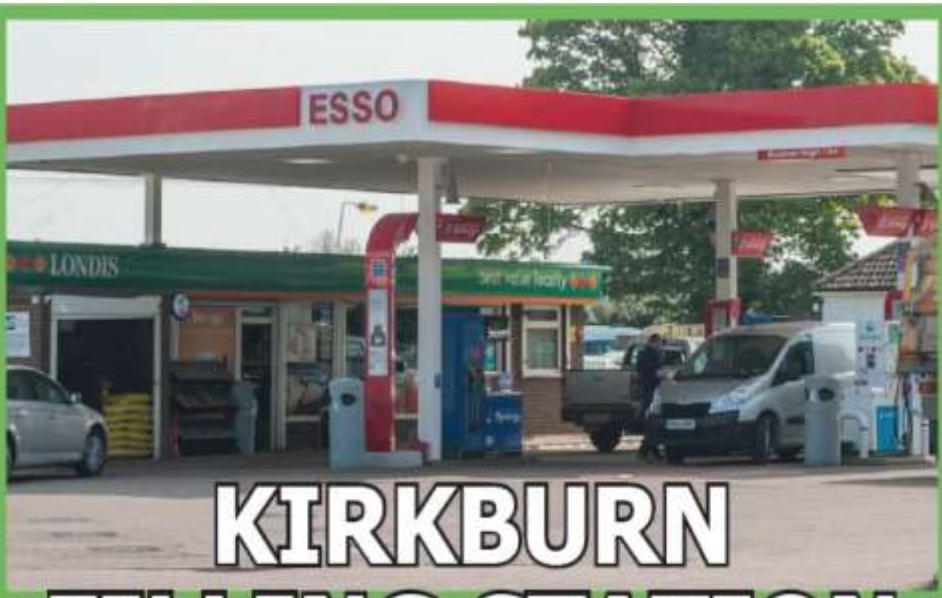

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Monsoon season is starting in Nepal and they have just celebrated National Paddy Day. This marks the start of the rice planting season. Rice is usually planted in July and harvested about four months later and is the staple food of millions of Nepalis. People in Nepal are never ones to pass up the chance of a party and this one usually turns into a very muddy one, with plenty of curd, flattened rice and fruits being consumed.

Vegetable growers are also getting in on the act and promoting their wares in typical Nepal fun-time fashion. Take note Tesco, this is how vegetable promotion is done!

On the flip side, dairy farmers are not having such a fun time.

Nepali police arrested about 50 dairy farmers who were protesting outside the Dairy Development Corporation. The farmers have been waiting for payments for between one and six months and the state-owned corporation, together with private dairy operators, owes dairy farmers between £25 and £35 million. Supply is exceeding demand and 'milk holidays' are becoming more common where the dairy operators are not buying milk for several days at a time.

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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	Dancefit	6.30-7.30pm	Village Hall

July

5	Parish Council	7.00pm	Village Hall
12	Village Lunch	12.00pm	Robin Hood
12	Village Hall Comm & AGM	2.30pm	Village Hall
13	Book Group	10.30am	Kirkburn
15	YCA	7.30pm	Village Hall
17	Charity Coffee Morning	10.00am	Village Hall
25	Litter Picking	10.00am	Lime View

LOCAL CONTACTS

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Middleton Movers	Lyn Dennis	219500
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Recreation Club	Dave Newlove	07901 833784
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