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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.

The cover photos (another from my archives) was taken in the woods in February a few years ago.

We need a willing volunteer to help with the Messenger, mainly to find a few extra companies to advertise in order to fund the rise in printing costs.

You can also help to reduce the costs by keeping the size of posters for events to half a page eg Village Lunch and YCA on page 9.

Thank you

Lyn

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Help needed 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 lyndennis456@gmail.com)

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

EDITORIAL

Welcome back! If it's your thing, I hope you had an enjoyable Christmas and New Year; if it isn't, I hope you managed to get through it relatively unscathed.

Here we are, then, a new year to anticipate, and an old one to look back on. 2023 saw me talking (far too often!) about the weather and banging on about various things from striking doctors and nurses being blamed for lengthening waiting lists to politicians feathering their own nests; from the breakdown of society to the Middle East.

While I was looking at last year's editorials, I started getting a disturbing feeling of *déjà vu*. In February, the 'angels' of lock-down were 'holding the country to ransom' by striking for a living wage. This month it's the doctors who are to blame for lengthening waiting lists. Sadly, we are still talking about the same issue in February 2024 and seem to be no nearer a solution. It was also in February that I mentioned the letting of unsuitable (to be charitable!) PPE contracts. This topic again hit the headlines towards the end of the year and is still running. It is amusing, but also a little depressing, to see former allies turning on each other as the truth emerges.

So, how is 2024 going so far?

Well, the big story right now is the Post Office/Horizon scandal. Although the issue of dodgy convictions has been 'out there' for a few years, the details emerging from the current ITV drama 'Mr. Bates versus the Post Office' quite simply beggar belief! It looks like executives at the highest level have made some very questionable decisions that now seem to be coming back to bite them in the behind. The question is, will any of those high-level decision makers ever face appropriate sanctions for their, at best, misguided, at worst, callous-in-the-extreme decisions.

For me, the most important spin-off of the whole thing is why it has taken so long for anything to be done about it. Of course I appreciate that today's world has to revolve around 'soshul meedjah' and the telly, but what does it say about society when it takes the screening of a drama to get anyone to take any action on an issue that everyone has been aware of for years?

When I started putting this editorial together I was ready to herald the end of dishonesty, mis-representation and selfishness in public life and the start of a period of cooperation and a drive towards a better Britain for all. All that's seems to have happened, though, is that we have been racing forward all year - by standing still.

Some of you may think that it's not as bad as all that, and maybe it isn't, but I ask you this question. The tax burden on us as a nation is higher now than at any time since the war yet the NHS is chronically underfunded, school

budgets are so tight that parents are asked to buy books and stationery, and, shamefully, some in our society need food banks to get by. Just where does all the money go?

Wow! That got a bit heavy, didn't it? This is, as I always say, just my opinion and I'm more than willing to be proved wrong so, please, tell me what you think.

Of course, it's not all doom and gloom, and there is much to look forward to in 2024. It's just that it will probably be on a personal, rather than a national level. For me, it will be spending time with my family and watching it grow; and, if that means more holidays, I'll just have to grin and bear it!

Cheers,

Mike

CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Mike,

Regarding the content of your editorials, by definition an editorial is an article expressing the editors opinion on a topical issue. These opinions can be wide ranging and whilst I believe they should not have a strong bias and should not aim to offend, I also think they should express a view that is open to being debated by its recipients, in this case us the residents of our Middleton. Subsequently we have the right of reply by both agreeing, disagreeing or indeed sharing an alternative view with you. I hold the view that your editorials should have a blend that reflect local, national and global issues which both inform, educate and spark debate amongst our community. Your editorials always invite 'ideas, comments or complaints (especially complaints)' from us and you can't say fairer than that, so long may your often thought provoking editorials continue!

That's my view!

Nick Jones
Station Road

PS, now about those rabbits on the west embankment…..!

Thanks for this, Nick I appreciate your comments and I will carry on 'not stopping being provocative', as someone in the village put it to me.

As to the rabbits, see elsewhere in this issue. Hopefully, by the time you read this we may have seen a reduction in the rabbit population!

Mike

QUIZ PAGE

1 Someone wanting to stand as an MP must be at least what age?
2 Who played Stacy Slater in EastEnders?
3 What type of theatrical productions are Giselle and Coppelia?
4 Rolls' is the nickname for which make of car?
5 Which Scooby-Do character has the catchphrase Puppy Power?
6 Who was the last king who had not been the Prince of Wales?
7 What is pi rounded to the nearest whole number?
8 What is Scotland's most northerly city?
9 The Island of Corsica lies within what sea?
10 Legend of the Lamp is a song in what Disney Film

Quiz set by Rowland Wooldridge

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DINGBATS

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All answers on page 19

Parish Clerk

At our last meeting, on 8th January, the PC regretfully accepted the resignation of Sandra Morrison as Parish Clerk. She will be sorely missed. Sandra will stay in post until the end of March to allow for normal operations until a suitable replacement is appointed. (See below).

Middleton on the Wolds Parish Council

invites applications for the position of

PARISH CLERK

This is a part-time post of 35 hours per month. The successful applicant will be required to work from home and attend monthly council meetings in Middleton on the Wolds.

In addition, and for extra remuneration the successful candidate will also take on the role of Burial Clerk to the parish.

Duties will include managing the council's administration, servicing council meetings, fulfilling the statutory role of Responsible Financial Officer, undertaking research, advising councillors and carrying out such other

duties as are appropriate to the role of Parish Clerk.

Salary: NJC scale points 9-14 (£25,119 - £27,334) pro rata to hours worked and will be commensurate with qualifications and experience.

A full job description, person specification and application form and supporting information can be obtained from the Parish Clerk, Mrs Sandra Morrison, at pc@middletononthewolds.co.uk

If you would like an informal discussion prior to sending in your application please contact the Chairman of Middleton on the Wolds Parish Council, Mike Kelly, on 0771 3620912.

Completed application forms should be returned by email no later than 08.00 on Monday 5th February 2024 .

Shortlisted applicants will be interviewed on Monday 12th February 2024. If you do not get called for interview you should assume that your application has been unsuccessful.

Rabbit Control

In December the PC engaged a contractor to help control the unsustainably large numbers of rabbits currently causing damage to the recreation ground and to gardens on Greenfield Road. The work generally takes place at dusk and into the evening and can be at short notice.

When the contractor is going to be active I will attach warning notices to three places; the embankment steps, the gate from the embankment to the recreation ground, and at the main entrance to the rec. I will also leave a post on the village Facebook page.

If you have any questions about this please call me.

Mike Kelly
Chair

The responsibilities and contact details of each councillor can be found on the MOTW website at www.middletononthewolds.co.uk

RECREATION CLUB

FOUND

Purchased at 5.59 on Friday 5th January from a local provider the remains of this cheese burger meal (with fries and a can of orange Fanta) was found on a picnic table at the Recreation Field the following morning. Despite a black Labrador claiming it was hers, this was thought unlikely and so it was removed to a safe place where the rightful owner may collect at their earliest convenience. Ref: the bin at the Rec club entrance. Enjoy.

Thank you.

Nick Jones
Station Road

Devolution drop-in events announced across the East Riding

East Riding of Yorkshire Council has announced a series of drop-in events where people can find out more about devolution proposals for the region and have their say in the public consultation.

Starting next week, there will be devolution drop-in events at locations across the East Riding, giving people the chance to ask questions about the proposal to create a Mayoral Combined Authority (MCA) for Hull and East Yorkshire.

A member of the council's cabinet will be at each event, along with one of the council's devolution experts.

Printed copies of the survey will be available, and help will be on hand for those who need it.

Councillor Anne Handley, leader of East Riding of Yorkshire Council, said: "We have had a great response to the consultation so far, but want to make sure we reach as many people as possible, and that's why we are heading out on the road.

"I plan to be at many of these events myself, so please come along and find out what devolution is all about.

"There is plenty of time left to have your say in the consultation, make your voice heard and help shape the future of this region."

The (near-by) drop-in events are as follows:

Date	Time	Location
16 January	3.30pm - 5pm	East Riding Leisure Driffield
1 February	3.30pm - 5pm	East Riding Leisure Francis Scaife, Pocklington
2 February	10am - 11am	Market Weighton Wicstun Centre
10 February	10am - 11.30am	Beverley Library

From now until February 27, people can find out more about the devolution proposals and take part in the consultation at eastriding.gov.uk/devolution.

Residents can also visit any East Riding library to get help completing the survey using a computer or completing the questionnaire on paper.

The Hull and East Yorkshire MCA would have powers to invest in areas such as transport, skills and housing, as well as an additional £400m of devolved funding over the next 30 years to invest in local priorities.

A combined authority for East Yorkshire does not mean the two councils would merge, only that they would collaborate on certain issues that affect everyone in the region.

The councils and the delivery of day-to-day responsibilities would remain separate, and local services would not be affected.

MIDDLETON VILLAGE LUNCH

At The Robin Hood
Tuesday 6th February, 12.00pm

'The Village Lunches' normally take place on the second Monday of the month

Please note the one February one is on a Tuesday (6th) after which following lunches will be on the second Mondays as usual.

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

Thursday 15th February 7.30pm

in the Village Hall

"The Sewing Bee"

Catherine Tosler-Waudby

(A contestant on the BBC Series)

Non members welcome £5 admission

For further information contact Christine Johnson 01377 217374

THE EAST EMBANKMENT VILLAGE WALK

The ‘East Embankment’ village walk starts at the top of the road leading into ABG (ie close to the School) and it is fast becoming popular with dog walkers and people out for a constitutional walk. The pathway is currently ¾ of a mile long and stops 100 yards before reaching the Bainton Road.

The 'Green group', who maintains that particular pathway, is a collection of people of various ages and many types who enjoy the outdoors and the preservation of the same. As well as planting many shrubs and thousands of bulbs, we have taken on various green projects around the village.

One of the projects currently underway is the clearance of the nettles, brambles and invasive dog roses from selected sites along the old railway embankment and the addition of many shrubs and trees. One of those has been named ‘Clinker Siding’ as homage to the railway history of the pathway. It is pictured below as seen from both directions.

We have a number of such clearance areas dotted along the length of the pathway and we would like to enhance them even further. If you have some bulbs, or (ideally native) perennials, or if you feel motivated by our work so far and would like to join in, then please contact Liz Naylor at 24b Station Road or via email naylor61@gmail.com.

During the recent Christmas celebrations, the whole length of the east embankment pathway was used as a treasure hunt, hosted by 2 elves (Liz and Maria) and a few ‘grumpy old men’. Good to say it was well attended by many children and their parents. At various places along the pathway a letter was displayed and at the end of the route those letters were used by the children to make a word related to Christmas. Success on working the word out was rewarded by ‘festive’ chocolates for the children and a warming drink for the parents – pleased to say that all who attended were successful.

(Please note - Members of the Green Group work every week to improve this for us all to enjoy, therefore we ask that every dog walker respectfully deal with their own dog's poo. Don't leave it for us to deal with - remember there is no such thing as a poo fairy.)

Geoff Cox

MIDDLETON VILLAGE CHARITY COFFEE MORNINGS

At The Village Hall
17th February, 16th March
10.00am to 11.30am

In aid of The Hull and East Yorkshire Motor Neurone Support Group

mnda motor neurone disease association

Please Support

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

Middleton Village Charity Coffee Morning Donations

We are pleased to announce that the total amount raised for Castle Hill Hospital Cardiology support over the past 3 months amounted to a donation of £500 including generous donations from people who were unable to attend but wished to provide support to this charity.

A big thank you to all who enjoyed meeting together and for supporting these mornings over the past three months and thanks also to all our helpers.

You can be pleased that you have supported four very worthy and very grateful Local Charities in this past year and raised in excess of £1,800.

Our present local charity (as usual every third Saturday of the month) will be for the support of Hull and East Riding Motor Neurone (MNDA) which provides for the needs of patients and families affected by this terrible incurable is terrible condition.

LOCAL BIRDS & WILDLIFE

red-breasted pochard

Well, here we are with a nice bright shiny new year, full of the potential of seeing new birds, discovering myriad wildlife and enjoying all Middleton has to offer! Although, looking out as I type this, I can't see a single bird or any sign of life, wild or otherwise. Oh well, onwards and upwards!

Actually of course there are signs of something more promising. There has been a pair of robins in the garden foraging near to each other whilst checking each other out with sideways glances like bashful teenagers – at any other time of the year of course they would chase any interloper from their territory. Some birds are starting to sing before daybreak, not a dawn chorus yet, but a preview of the joys to come. There are snowdrops in the centre of the village green (I don't remember seeing them at the same time as the Christmas lights shining out before!) and I expect people with sheltered spots in their gardens will be seeing spring slowly emerging. As we know though, anything can happen with the weather; folklore has it that 'St. Dorothy brings the snow' on her feast day on 6th February and St. Matthias (no, I hadn't heard of them before either) whose feast day was on 24th until it was changed in 1969 to 14th May (why?) 'breaks the ice, and if he finds none he will make it'.

Janny and Barry have been out and about around the area and have had an exciting time:

"Had some good days at Tophill Low in the last month trying to get photos of the black-throated thrush (photo 1) which was a first for us. It has been very elusive to find and photograph but we did get quite a lot. We saw it again today (11th January). Before Christmas we decided to have a day

further afield and went to Scarborough hoping to see the waxwings that we knew were there and eventually found them in the Dunelm car park on Seamer Road (photo 2). What a sight this was to see 50+ birds on one rowan tree. We did manage to get lots of photographs. Then we went down to the harbour where we found a common scoter (photo 3), then we managed to find two great northern divers (photo 4) catching crabs. We have had a busy couple of months and are looking forward to spring when the migrants start coming back. Plenty of birds coming in to the garden but nothing rare. Still seeing the starlings and their mini murmurations every night from the house."

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Tophill Low seems to be a good place to go at the moment – in the Driffield and Wolds Weekly their regular report mentions not only the black-throated thrush but also a pair of smew (5) and seven red-breasted pochards as well as their regular winter visitors.

To wind up where I started, in my wintery garden, I have just seen a collared dove pick up a small twig and fly up into the leylandii, so spring is definitely just around the corner!

Please send any sightings, photos, suggestions, queries – well, anything vaguely relevant really – to me at lavenderbarbara97@gmail.com or text 0777 192 7868, I look forward to hearing from you!

Barbara

SCOUT CHRISTMAS POST

Many thanks to all who supported the Scout Post. £2872.50 was raised for scouting in the Driffield Area. Thanks once again to Louse and David Newlove for delivering the post and Mike and Lynn at the Robin Hood for allowing the post box to be placed in the pub.

Sue Howden

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH

Services for February

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

THE WOLDS METHODIST CHURCH BAINTON

Services for February

Sunday 4th	10.30am	Service at the Wolds Methodist Church Pastor John Gleaves
Sunday 11th	10.30am	Service at the Wolds Methodist Church Mr Peter Brown
Sunday 18th	9.00am	Café Style Worship at the Wolds Methodist Church. Rev Dr Richard Teal
Sunday 25th	10.30am	Service at the Wolds Methodist Church Mr Hector Robinson

A COFFEE MORNING

will be held at

The Wolds Methodist Church Bainton

on Wednesday 21st February

10.00am to 11.30

All Welcome

MIDDLETON ON THE WOLDS CE VE SCHOOL

Executive Headteacher: Mrs E Harros
Station Road, Middleton on the Wolds, Driffield YO25 9UQ
E-mail:middleton.primary@eastriding.gov.uk Tel: 01377 217323

Middleton Minis

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.

Diary Dates:

Thursday 21st March – Easter Bingo at 6.30pm in the school hall, organised by MOWSA to raise funds for the school. More details to follow.

Tuesday 23rd April - Bags2school, drop any bags of clothes, shoes, handbags, belts etc at the school entrance for collection by 9.00am.

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

- Providing education for 2, 3 and 4 year-olds Monday - Friday.
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- Lunchtime sessions are £1.75 (free if children attend for the whole day) with the option to purchase a school meal for £2.60.
- Children are welcome in the term after their 3rd birthday for funded places.
- For further details, please contact: Sharon Stone
- Email: middleton.primary@eastriding.gov.uk Tel: 01377 217323

School Finishes for half term on Friday 9th February and returns Monday 19th

MIDDLETON BOOK GROUP

DECEMBER & JANUARY BOOKS

"Percy Jackson and the Greek Gods" by Rick Riordan

This is a captivating exploration of Greek mythology, narrated in Percy's humorous and relatable style. Rick Riordan seamlessly weaves ancient tales with modern humour, making it an enjoyable read for both young and older audiences. The book offers a fresh perspective on the myths, making them accessible and engaging for readers new to Greek mythology. Riordan's storytelling prowess shines through, creating a perfect blend of education and entertainment.

The Ghost theatre by Mat Osman

On a roof top in Elizabethan England two worlds collide . Shay is a messenger girl and trainer of hawks who sees the future in the patterns of birds. She befriends a beggar, Nonesuch, and together they create the Ghost Theatre: a troupe staging magical plays in London's hidden corners. As their hallucinatory performances incite rebellions among the cities outcasts. the pair's relationship develops and takes them into the black web of the Elizabethan court.

This book had mixed responses from those who had managed to get further than the early pages and was in great contrast to the murder mystery novels written by brother Richard.

Kath

"Lessons in Chemistry" by Bonnie Garmus

Basically this is the story of a female scientist and her life with a daughter and a rather clever dog. It's the early 1960s and her all-male team at Hastings Research Institute take a very unscientific view of equality. Forced to resign, she reluctantly signs on as the host of a cooking show, *Supper at Six*. But her revolutionary approach to cooking, fuelled by scientific and rational commentary, grabs the attention of a nation. Soon, a legion of overlooked housewives find themselves daring to change the status quo.

"Small Pleasures" by Clare Chambers

Set in 1957 in the south-east suburbs of London, 'Small Pleasures' introduces us to 39 year old Jean Swinney, an unmarried features writer for the North Kent Echo, who admits to being rather plain and who lives with her rather demanding and somewhat neurotic widowed mother. When the newspaper is contacted by Gretchen Tilbury, a young woman who claims that her 10 year old daughter, Margaret, is the result of a virgin birth, it is Jean who is appointed to follow up the story. Despite Jean's initial misgivings, she is soon drawn into the lives of the Tilbury family. A gentle, enjoyable read.

Lyn

We are always happy to welcome new members to our friendly and informal meetings where we discuss the books, plus recommending any others we are reading, before coffee, cake and a chat. 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 Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry" by Rachel Joyce

"The trouble with Goats and Sheep" by Joanna Cannon

LOCAL HISTORY

Percy Linford lived long enough to see the changes brought to village life by new housing developments, modern work practices, the growth of personal transport and out-of-village shopping. He would also have been aware of the decline of a definite village hierarchy.

Percy's daughter Pamela, born in August 1946, just after the war remembers from her early days life with a bit of the flavour of the hierarchy of the pre-war days.

We have quoted from Pam's memories before, particularly regarding the school, and it is now appropriate to reproduce them in full.

Childhood Memories of Middleton in 1950s

"I was born 4th August 1946 and have spent most of my life in the village. Clearly there have been changes over the years, but for me, the greatest change has been the enormous amount of building work that has gone on. Some areas of the village now bear no resemblance to the Middleton I grew up in, and the area most affected is Station Road (from the Chalk Quarry to the Village Green taking in the Lane and the area behind Anvil House).

Although there was no longer a 'lord of the manor', even as a child I was aware of a hierarchy in the village. The hierarchy consisted of a few people at the top, and then the rest of us. The few people were: -

THE HARLAND FAMILY:	(Parklands). Mr Harland had a printing firm in Hull and Mrs Harland was from the Owbridge (cough mixture) family.
DR & MRS CLEMENTS:	Lived opposite the church.

MR & MRS DONALD SPECK:	(Farmer - Manor Farm and Clayfields Farm.) Lived in the Red House on Beverley Road.
REV & MRS EVANS:	Lived in the Vicarage on Warter Road.
MR & MRS TOM SPECK:	(Nephew of Donald, and worked with him.) Lived at Clayfields Farm.
MR & MRS HOGARTH	Headmaster. (Lived in the school house.)
MR & MRS TOM SOANES:	Farmer on Church Hill.

I remember going to watch my father play cricket in the grounds of the Hall. The Hall itself faced west, and was a large white building. However, I have no recollection of the people who lived at the Hall. Jasper Hardy was the gamekeeper, and lived at the top of Back Street in the house near the Hall laundry. Jasper Hardy was, I am sur e, a kind and gentle man, but he wore plus fours, and for some reason that frightened me, and I would avoid him at all costs.

THE CHURCH - Looks exactly the same as it did when I was little. The vicar only had the parish of Middleton and so was a more familiar figure than the vicar is today. Congregations were larger and more services took place (e.g. on Sunday - morning and evening service.) The vicar lived in the vicarage which was on Warter Road. The vicars I remember are:-

REV. David Evans (Welshman), Rev. Eric Winter and Rev. Harrison (I think that was his name.) There was a Sunday School which ran from 2pm to 4pm, and was led by Miss Ella Parker (lived on Front Street - last house before the school) who was assisted by Muriel Smith and Beatrice Wilson.

I attended the Sunday School, often reluctantly.

THE CHAPEL - Looks exactly the same a it did when I was a child*. It had large congregations and ran a Sunday School, the highlight of which was "Chapel Anniversary." At this celebration children had to learn "pieces" to perform, and the Church Sunday School children were invited to attend. We, Sunday School children, quite enjoyed going along as it made a lovely change from praying for the Mission, singing hymns, and doing class work in a building that was cold and dark even on the hottest summer's day.

*It has since been converted into a private dwelling.

To be continued.

Geoff Wisher

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QUIZ PAGE ANSWERS

Dingbats

All over the world

High Seas

Round robin

Altar boy

Double cream

Forever and a day

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1 Eighteen
2 Lacy Turner
3 Ballet
4 Rolls Royce
5 Scrappy-Doo
6 George the Sixth
7 Three
8 Inverness
9 The Mediterranean
10 Aladdin

Advertisement

SOANES
POULTRY
EST. 1947

Happy New You!

If you have resolved to eat more healthily in 2024, here's a great Chicken Bone Broth 'Pho' recipe to start you off.

INGREDIENTS

Serves 4

Pho (stock)

- 1 Roasted chicken carcass, meat removed and set aside.
- 2 sticks celery, chopped
- 2 brown onions, peeled and chopped
- 1-2 large carrots, chopped into chunks
- 1 red chilli, split in half
- 1 thumb size piece of ginger, sliced
- 1 stalk of lemongrass, chopped
- 2 star anise
- 5-8 black peppercorns
- 1 bunch coriander stalks, leaves set aside.

See the website for the garnish

METHOD

1. In a large pot place the chopped vegetables, star anise, pepper and chicken carcass. Top with 1.5 litres of cold water. Place on a low heat and bring to a gentle simmer, reduce the heat and cook for 2 hrs.
2. Strain the stock and discard the vegetables and aromatics. Rinse the pot and return the stock to the pan.
3. Bring the stock back to the boil and add the noodles to cook for 4-6 minutes or until just cooked.
4. Add the shredded chicken, sugar snap peas, sliced tomato and bring to the boil.
5. Serve the noodle Pho in bowls and garnish with half-boiled eggs, spring onion, chilli, sesame seeds and coriander leaves

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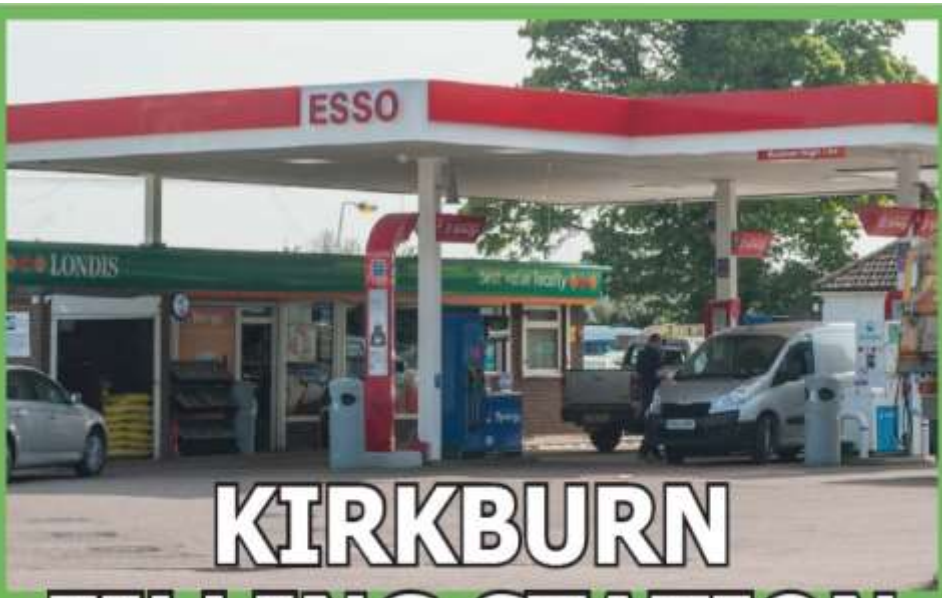

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Another new year for us here but the Nepali new year starts on April 13th 2024. The official calendar in Nepal is 56 years and 8 months ahead of our Gregorian calendar. In Nepal there are 12 months but the number of days in each month changes each year and can go up to 32.

Other than the normal diet of political stories that seems to come to the surface at this time of year, the ongoing saga of Indian onions caught our eye. India imposed a ban on the export of onions from December 7th, 2023 until March 31st this year, after a poor domestic harvest. The price obviously shot up in Nepal where they import most of their onions from their southern neighbour. However, the supply has now returned to normal due to rampant smuggling. The largest vegetable market in Nepal is now receiving about 70 tonnes daily but the prices are still remaining high. Customs officials in Nepal are allowing up to 3 sacks of onion per individual, if a receipt can be produced and import duty paid. However a motorcycle can carry four sacks of onions and a motorcyclist can smuggle in 15 to 20 sacks a day through repeated cross border journeys. The armed police, district police and customs officials seize large quantities of onions coming through on larger vehicles. These 'seizures' are apparently auctioned off.

It looks like everybody is making money from importing onions!

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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

February

5	Parish Council	7.00pm	Village Hall
6	Village Lunch	12.00pm	Robin Hood
11	Litter Picking	10.00am	Lime View
13	Book Group	10.30am	TBA
15	YCA	7.30pm	Village Hall
17	Charity Coffee Morning	10.00am	Village Hall
20	Village Hall Comm Meeting	7.00pm	Village Hall

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Book Group	Lyn Dennis	219500
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Middleton Movers	Lyn Dennis	219500
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