# MIDDLETON MESSENGER

*The Newsletter for Middleton on the Wolds*

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# NEXT COPY DATE

## 14th March

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

This month's cover photo from Amanda Fisher is of a cake for Easter which was made by her daughter, Ruth.

She layered a plain Victoria sandwich mix and a chocolate mix in a bundt tin, swirling them together. When cool she drizzled melted dark chocolate over, then piled mini eggs and chicks into the centre.

It sounds just the thing as an alternative to Simnel cake if you aren't a lover of marzipan.

## Help needed with The Messenger

**Committee Member** 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.

**Delivery Person** Another person is required to join the small team who deliver the Messengers on the last weekend of each month. A payment of £10 is given.

Please contact Mike
on 07713 620912 or at middletonflyer@yahoo.com

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

# EDITORIAL

After the series of storms we've suffered over the last few weeks, there is still a lot of standing water in the fields on both sides of the road between here and Beverley, not to mention between here and York. I know I haven't been in Middleton that long, but I really can't remember this level of widespread flooding.

So what has changed? Have we had more rain than usual? Even if we have, why isn't it draining off as normal? Well, according to the Met Office, we had a normal amount of rain in January. However, in the last three months it was 'notably' high; and over the last year it has been 'exceptionally high!' Quite simply, the ground is soaking wet and, like a sponge left in the bath, it just can't absorb any more water so, when it does rain, the new water soon finds itself on the surface rather than sinking below the grass.

If the water has nowhere else to go it, naturally, flows to the lowest point. Unfortunately, this means places like the bottom of the straight near the Etton turn-off on the Beverley Road, and the A614 near Bainton Burrows Farm; if you hit those at speed then it could have nasty consequences. Add to that under-performing storm drains and anyone living at the bottom of a hill should be looking at their own flood defences.

But why are we getting more of this extreme weather? (Although I'm still waiting for a cloud-free Summer!) It could be global warming. It could be El Niño playing up, again. It might even be pure bad luck. The issue is, I think, more of what we can do about it. That starts with trying to reduce the impact of flooding when it happens.

For a start, how about taking more care where we build new houses? If, historically, a field has flooded after heavy rain, then any houses built on it are going to be prone to flooding, aren't they? Mind you, I saw an item on Look North about just such a project. The developer was confident that they had built in sufficient safeguards to protect the new homes. What they didn't make clear was where the flood water would go instead. The owners of existing homes (yes, 'homes' not 'houses') bordering the new estate were, understandably, concerned.

Why do new housing developments always have to be on greenfield sites, anyway? Surely more use can be made of derelict areas within our towns and cities. There are, of course, questions about land contamination in some places but cannot - should not government, both local and national, give incentives to developers to use such, brownfield, sites instead of building on riverbanks? What is there to lose? And at least the new homeowners will be able to get buildings insurance!

Cheers,

*Mike*

# QUIZ PAGE

1 What % of the electorate voted to leave the EU 52%, 54% or 55%?
2 How Many Moons Does Mars Have 0, 1, 2, or 3?
3 What colour is a Himalayan poppy?
4 Where are The Spanish Steps?
5 Complete the Advertising Slogan Beans means what?
6 What year was the Russian Revolution?
7 Who won The Traitors in 2023?
8 How many spots on a Domino Pizza Logo
9 What is the Fear of Computers called?
10 The paper ten pound note was withdrawn when?

*Quiz set by Rowland Wooldridge*

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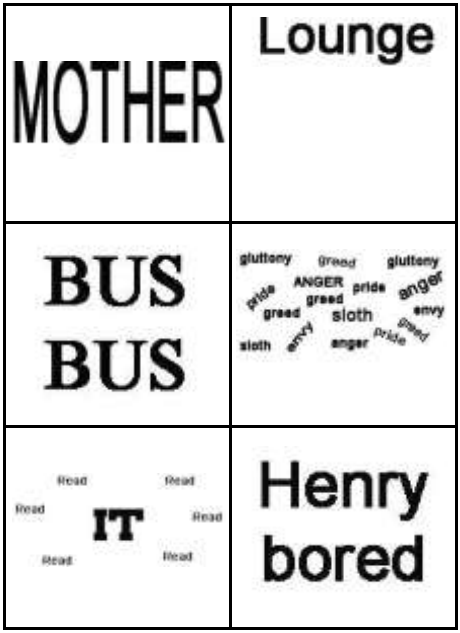
**All answers on page 15**

**DINGBATS**



# CORRESPONDENCE

I am writing to make people aware that we have been trying for many months for remedial work to be carried out on the footpath along Beverley Road especially where the two sinks are.I know of at least two ladies who have slipped in the mud and sustained injuries. One of the ladies is my niece who was visiting us from Australia. Jo is still having problems with her hand and wrist (the fall happened in October 2023) she sustained several fractures and a torn ligament and it is taking time for all of them to heal.

I approached the Parish Council and also made a complaint to East Riding County Council who are fully aware of the condition of the pavement again nothing positive happened apart from sweeping the footpath which is just a temporary solution. I also contacted Graham Stuart MP who wrote to Carl Skelton a Director at County Hall but again nothing positive happened. I did contact Carl Skelton twice including photographs of the pavement and after many weeks I received a reply saying he had contacted the Highway Department.

After heavy rain there is standing water on the footpath and mud is swept onto the path making it slippery and unsafe to walk on the path.If you then decide to walk on the road the traffic travels so fast you feel vulnerable and at risk.The main problem is the sinks are not fit for purpose and become full of mud and debris.We have asked for the 30mph sign to be moved to the village sign on Beverley Road but the Council refused so we asked for a 40mph limit to be put at the village sign on Beverley Road but they said there is not enough traffic travelling on the road!!!

If anyone has injured themselves walking on the path would you please let me know and if you agree that the footpath is unsafe at times would you please contact East Riding Council and maybe if enough people express their concern they may be obliged to take remedial action.

Thanking you.

*Pam Spencer*
8 Beverley Road

Dear Pam,

Thank you for opening this issue up to the whole village. You are perfectly correct in saying that if enough individuals complain about an issue, the harder it will be for the County Council to brush it under the carpet. So now it's up to everyone out there to make it difficult for the individuals and departments in County Hall to ignore you!

*Mike*

On the subject of disrespectful dog owners, this is one of three emails we have received from the same correspondent.

I am sick of having to pick up other people's dog poo! It is becoming an ever increasing problem in Middleton village. It is a case of looking down all the time to prevent treading in it which I did so outside my house recently!

I think a covert poo detector needs to be employed. I aim to start going out without my dog and take my phone to follow anyone walking a dog. There needs to be a few named and shamed plus fines issued out, to try and prevent this reoccurring problem. It makes other responsible dog owners look guilty! It is usually big poos so someone with a big dog.

Regards

*J Walker*

Thank you, Jane, for this and for your other emails on the same subject. You can see elsewhere in this issue, you are not alone in your disgust for this totally unacceptable behaviour. Let's hope that making it public will have some effect.

*Mike*

**Thursday 21st March 7.30pm**

**in the Village Hall**

## "The Cone Exchange"

**Chis Powell alias Captain Rummage**

**'Waste not, want not'**

**….precycle recycle upcycle reuse donate swap ….**

The Cone Exchange is the flagship community project of Bettys & Taylors of Harrogate

Non members welcome £5 admission

For further information contact Christine Johnson 01377 217374

# MIDDLETON VILLAGE CHARITY COFFEE MORNINGS

**At The Village Hall**
**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 condition.

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# Spring Quiz

## Saturday 23rd March
## 7pm for 7:30 pm start

The Village Hall
Middleton on the Wolds

£8.00 each – price includes light supper
**Bring your own drinks**

Tickets are available from any
Village Hall Committee member
or email motw.villagehall@gmail.com

Charity Number 1085309

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This topic has reared its ugly head again, so it's probably a good time to reprint an edited version of a letter sent in by Elizabeth Naylor. It is just a shame that we have to keep recovering the same old ground.

## 9 out of 10 dog owners pick up their dog's poo – don't you be the one that doesn't.

Why do people feel that it is okay to leave their dog's poo on the path; either in the street, in the woods or on public bridleways? Here in Middleton you are never far from a waste bin – in fact there are 10 around the village for you to use. I have seen a poo bag not 10 yards from a public bin – why?

It isn't fun or glamorous, but picking up dog poo is a necessary part of dog ownership. Picking up your dog's poo is an easy way to prevent disease, keeping your community's environment healthy, dog owners and non-dog owners smiling.

*Elizabeth Naylor*

**Be a responsible pet owner – clean up after your dog!**

Thanks again for this, Liz. I'm sorry I've had to cut it down, because of space constraints, but the points you raised in the original still stand. Fundamentally it is a question of respect. Respect for the village as a decent place to live and, more importantly, respect for your neighbours.

*Mike*

# PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

## Parish Clerk

The Parish Council welcomes the appointment of our new Parish Clerk. Catherine Simpson brings much knowledge and experience, and her drive and energy will be of great benefit to Middleton on the Wolds. Catherine takes up post at the beginning of March and will be at that month's PC meeting before receiving a handover from Sandra Morrison, our current clerk.

# Easter Egg Hunt

***Come and meet the Easter Bunny too!***

## SUNDAY 31st March

## 2pm – 3.30pm

**Families and Children (under 16) are invited to find the clues that are hidden around the recreation ground, beacon field and the west railway embankment**

**The Easter Bunny will be waiting for you in the village hall so you can swap your answers for an Easter treat**

**Enrol for the Hunt at the Pavilion on the Recreation Ground any time between 2pm– 3.30 pm**

**Refreshments available in the village hall**

# A NOTE FROM YOUR VICAR

## Easter Celebrations

For Christians the most important date in the Christian Calander is Easter. Since medieval times the church held elaborate ceremonies involving processions, vigils and Passion Plays until 1647 when all such things were banned by the Puritans. They were reintroduced in 1660 but never regained their former glory in the English church.

Easter follows a 40 day (excluding Sundays) period of prayer, fasting and abstinence from all worldly pleasures as a reminder of Jesus time in the Wilderness during which he decided how he would minister to those he served.

Easter Sunday became a time to celebrate, churches were bedecked with flowers (and still are.) New rushes, often scented with lavender and wild flowers were laid in church and home to cover the bare beaten earth floors.

Poet, Nicholas Breton wrote that Easter was:

'The sun's dancing day and earth's holy day'.

'a time for nothing but play and mirth'.

## *Easter Cards*

While Christmas is the main time for greeting cards to be sent to our families and friends sending Easter Cards is still popular with around 19 million cards being sent in Britain in 2018

Many of the cards in our shops have little to do with the Christian understanding of Easter, however, this is no new thing as the designs of Victorian and Edwardian Easter cards could be quite odd – such as rabbits wearing bright little jackets delivering eggs in a cart, drawn by fluffy chicks! But many of them still portray a sense of the joys of spring, the promise of new life and hope for brighter days to come.

Our service for Easter Sunday will be held at St Andrew's Church at 10.30am on the 31st March and all are very welcome to come along.

I hope you have a happy, joy filled Easter

*Jane*

# ST ANDREW'S CHURCH

## Services for March

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| Sunday 3rd | 10.30 am | Morning Prayers Richard Summers |
| Sunday 10th | 10.30 am | Holy Communion Rev. Jane Anderson |
| Sunday 17th | 10.30 am | Holy Communion Rev. Canon Kate Goulder |
| Sunday 24th | 10.30 am | Morning Prayers Church Wardens |
| Sunday 31st | 10.30 am | Easter Day Holy Communion Rev. Kate Goulder |

# THE WOLDS METHODIST CHURCH BAINTON

## Services for March

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| Sunday 3rd | 10.30am | United service at the St Andrew's Church Bainton. Pastor John Gleaves |
| Sunday 10th | 10.30am | Mothering Sunday. Service at the Wolds Methodist Church |
| Sunday 17th | 10.30am | Service at Wetwang Methodist Church |
| Sunday 24th | 10.30am | Service at the Wolds Methodist Church. Miss Margaret Collinson |
| Sunday 31st | 6.00am | Son Rise service at Bainton Burrows Farm. Holy Communion. Rev Dr Richard Teal - Pastor John Gleaves |

**A COFFEE MORNING**

will be held at

The Wolds Methodist Church Bainton

on Wednesday 20th March

10.00am to 11.30

All Welcome

# BURNS NIGHT CELBRATION

A big thankyou to all who supported the village Burns night in village hall. We made a profit of £730 for church funds.

The donations to the raffle were greatly appreciated and our thanks go to all who helped from printing the tickets and flyers to the food and organisers and helpers.

Lots of Scottish food, culture and dancing to a ceilidh band.

A very enjoyable evening!

# LOCAL BIRDS & WILDLIFE

*Blackcap*

*left - male, right - female*

Did you do the RSPB Garden Birdwatch? I had only just started putting food out for the birds after the Great Cat Influx of 2023, so was getting very few visitors to the feeders. However, watching for an hour did mean that I saw a great spotted woodpecker at the end of the garden, and a female blackcap near the house, both sightings I would have missed by just glancing out of the window at intervals. I am getting steadily more birds now though; a marsh tit is coming every day, and there were four goldfinches today. There is still a pair of robins feeding amicably side by side and any gloomy day is brightened by the sight of long-tailed tits arriving in the garden!

Of course it wasn't long before word got back to the squirrels that the chewed-up and broken feeders had magically recovered, and they have started visiting again too. I scattered some peanuts on the lawn near the feeders this afternoon, and thankfully later I saw a happy squirrel waddling back to the embankment without the sunflower seed feeder having been attacked.

So I haven't a lot to report, but luckily Janny and Barry have been more enterprising than me:

"A few pictures taken at Tophill Low in the last month – (1) stonechat, (2) siskin, (3) marsh harrier, and (4) oystercatcher. We have had several good days there, just when the flooding in all the surrounding area was going down, the rain this week has made things bad again. We were there on 12th February, lots of ducks, waterfowl and small birds as usual, well worth a visit any time.

"Over the last month it has been nice to see the long-tailed tits coming to the feeders in mini flocks; most days we see 10-12 birds coming 3-4 times a day. Still good numbers of birds coming into the garden. The robins have paired up and seen together all the time on the feeders.

"Still plenty of snow buntings at Bempton, mostly long distance, approximately 60 birds in the flock – occasionally we get lucky and see them close up. The short-eared owls and the barn owls are showing well this year. Last week we were there and at one time we had 4 short-eared owls and 1 barn owl flying around in front of us, we were spoilt for choice on which one to photograph!"

So that's it for this month, if you have any interesting sightings in Middleton or around the area, please let me know!

Barbara

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## MIDDLETON VILLAGE LUNCH

**At The Robin Hood**
**Monday 11th March, 12.00pm**

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

**Anyone wishing to join us please ring Lynn Wooldridge to book or leave a message 217457**

**QUIZ PAGE ANSWERS**

**Dingbats**

Maximum
Room at the top
Double decker bus
A multitude of sins
Read all about it
Man overboard

1 52%
2 Two
3 Blue
4 Rome
5 Heinz
6 1917
7 Harry Clark
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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:**

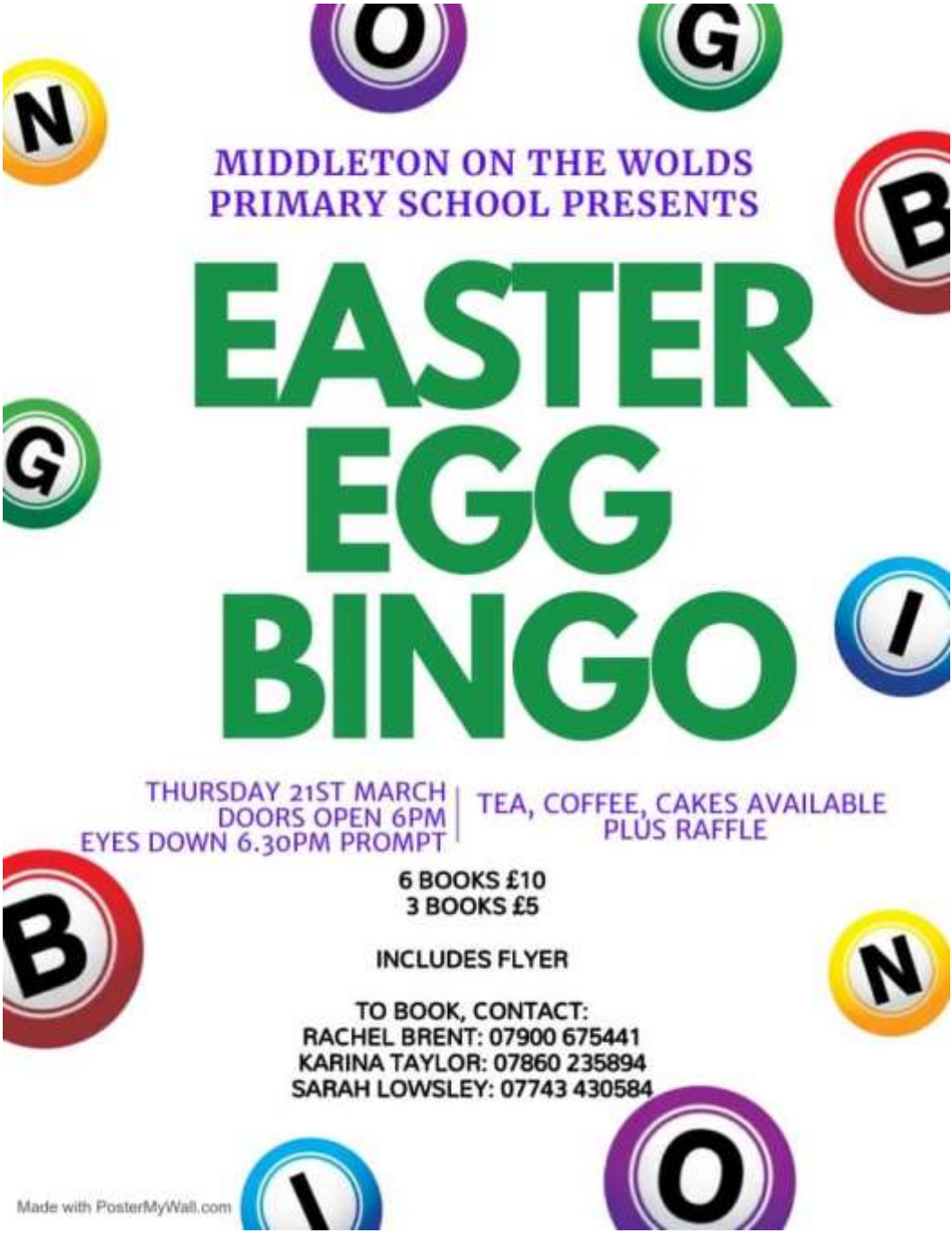
**Thursday 21st March** – Easter Bingo - 6.30pm in the school hall, organised by MOWSA. To book contact: Rachel Brent: 07900 675441; Karina Taylor: 07860 235894; Sarah Lowsley: 07743 430584. Always a great night for families and a brilliant way to raise funds for the school.

**Tuesday 23rd April** - Bags2school, drop any bags of clothes, shoes, handbags, belts etc at the school entrance for collection by 9.00am. A good excuse to have a sort out of any unwanted items.

**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.
- 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.
- For further details, please contact: Sharon Stone
- Email: middleton.primary@eastriding.gov.uk
- Tel: 01377 217323

School Finishes for half term on Friday 22nd March for our Easter break, school re-opens Tuesday 9th April for the summer term.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PRIMARY SCHOOL PRESENTS
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# MIDDLETON BOOK GROUP

The two books in February were "The Trouble with Goats and Sheep" by Joanna Cannon and "The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry" by Rachel Joyce.

In the first book we meet the inhabitants of "The Avenue" in the hot summer of 1976, when the neighbours are unsettled by a sudden disappearance. At first we don't know much about Mrs Creasy, but as the narration is taken up by different characters we realise that she was a part of many people's lives. There are many mysteries in the past here and something very dark that no-one wants to acknowledge. Much of the story unfolds through the perspective of young Grace Elizabeth, and the child's straightforward interpretation of events and people is a wonderful contrast to the adults' views of the past and the present.

In the other choice, Harold Fry is a newly retired man with a wife who has withdrawn from him and an adult son who his wife phones regularly but he has no contact with. He leaves the house one morning to post a letter in which he has tried to convey sympathy to an old workmate who has cancer, but he feels his words are inadequate, and carries on walking as a plan gradually forms in his head to walk the whole 627 miles from his home to the nursing home where she is. His walk and the people he meets, the mental ups and downs and the things that spark memories from the past are contrasted with the thoughts of his wife left at home and also forced into reviewing her relationship with him and the events which led to her attitude to him. We also find out why he doesn't speak with his son.

We did feel that Harold Fry was portrayed as very old for 65, several of us being considerably older and feeling younger than he seemed to be (though perhaps not if it came to walking 627 miles!)

*Barbara*

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 at the home of one of the members. Please get in touch to check.

*Lyn* 219500 or lyndennis456@gmail.com

The next books for discussion are:

"The Other Half of Augusta Hope" by Joanna Glen

"The Confession" by Jessie Burton

## Agriculture: The Backbone of the Village

Pamela Linford was born in 1946 and has many memories of growing up in the village in the 1950s. This month's article concentrates on the many farms in the village and beyond. Her recollections were made in the early 2000s so the status of some of the farms may have changed.

**FARMS -** There were many farms in Middleton and surrounding parish.

In the village:

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| Soanes: | Church Hill (still going) |
| Speck: | Manor Farm (gone) and Clayfields Farm |
| Newlove: | Front Street (opposite school) – gone |
| Berryman ) | opposite each other on Back Street (both gone) |
| Hutchinson ) | |
| Swallow: | Beverley Road (still going) |
| Walker: | Station Road (gone) |
| Shipley: | Station Road (still going but the original farmhouse etc is gone). |

Farming was mixed with cows, sheep, pigs, poultry and winter and summer crops. There were no farm shops but, most people got their eggs directly from the farm. One of my jobs was to go for our eggs to Walker's farm. Farmers led their animals from the farms to the fields through the streets. The worst street for cow dirt was Back Street with two farms taking cows backwards and forwards to the fields. My grandfather used to say "The girls are going to and from work". However, the street was often a real smelly mess, and children played in the street. I don't know what Health and Safety would have said!

Farming wasn't totally mechanised because I can remember waiting for Mr Walker to come home for lunch with his huge Shire horse. He would lift me up on to the horse's back, and I had a ride to his farm. This was before I started school – I'd be about 4 years old, and the horses back was so wide that my legs stuck out horizontally at each side. The horse wore a collar with two brass pieces protruding upwards each with a knob on the top, and these were what I held onto. I remember that in the spring a team of sheep shearers would arrive and Mr Walker would put up a little fence, and he

allowed us to watch the shearing which I enjoyed, but I couldn't get over how skinny the sheep were minus their fleece. When I was older farmers let the children ride on the trailers and on the mudguards of the tractors up to the harvest fields to watch the harvesting (Health and Safety would be having fits!!) There were no combine harvesters so the farmer used a machine that had a low board with a big cutting wheel attached to it. When the corn was cut it fell onto the board, and men would gather it, create sheaves and prop some sheaves together to make a stook. These stooks were left in the fields until they were dry enough to bring to the farmyard. The threshing machine was like a fairground caravan – I have no idea what went on inside that machine, but stalks came out of one end, and dust and grain out of the other. The stalks were tied into bundles and straw stacks were created. The bunches were put onto an escalator type of machine so that higher stacks could be made. I'm assuming that stacks would be lower in the days when men had to hoist sheaves up on pitchforks. The grain was bagged and it must have been a misery for hayfever sufferers as there was so much dust. The worst time of the year for villagers was silage making which was a necessity for the farmers as they had to feed their cattle in the winter. However, all farms seemed to do this at the same time, and believe me the smell from the turkey factory is nothing compared to the stench that we had to put with during silage making.

*Geoff Wisher*

# Village Hall News

The Village Hall Committee hope 2024 has got off to a good start and will continue to do so for all of you.

We would like to invite all residents to our first activity a quiz night on 23rd March, see poster in this magazine. We keep asking what do you want from your Village Hall, what activity, groups or events would you like us to put on for your pleasure. How do you want to use the hall, if you have ideas let us know we can then move forward in the right direction. Inform the committee or just drop a note through the letter box, any help and ideas are always good.

*Marie Ley*

## *THE FIRST OF MANY GET TOGETHER'S*

### *- PUT THESE DATES IN YOUR DIARY!!*

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

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

**Thursday 6th June 2024**

- The village hall will be open from 3.30 pm for tea and cake.
- There will be a talk from a Mrs Brown on being a special agent and codebreaking
- The beacon will be lit after dark with a poignant reading and songs.

**Saturday 8th June 2024**

- From 11 am – 1 pm there will be a D-Day trail along the railway embankment
- From 10 am the village hall will be open and you will be able to view displays – get yourself refreshments, buy raffle tickets for the evening's entertainment.
- From 7.30 pm there will be a 1940's Dance with songs performed by a duo called the Mood Swings. Bring your own picnic, drinks and glasses to enjoy an evening of dancing.

Get the tickets early to avoid missing out on a fabulous evening!!

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

Vanessa: 07837668275 Elizabeth: 07787483498 Andrea: 07432835315

**Sunday, 9th June 2024**

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

**Support and Memorabilia**

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

Back by popular demand!!

MIDDLETON ON THE WOLDS GREEN GROUP

# PLANT SALE

**Middleton on the Wolds Village Hall**

## SUNDAY 5TH MAY

## 10am to 12 noon

Refreshments available

**Have you been spring cleaning in your garden and have any unwanted plants or garden equipment? Please contact Andrew on 07825 882972 to donate these for our plant sale**

## ADVERTISING COSTS for the Messenger

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

Private 1/4 page private advertisement - £5

Contact: Mike 07713 620912, middletonflyer@yahoo.com

*Advertisement*


## Private Tutoring

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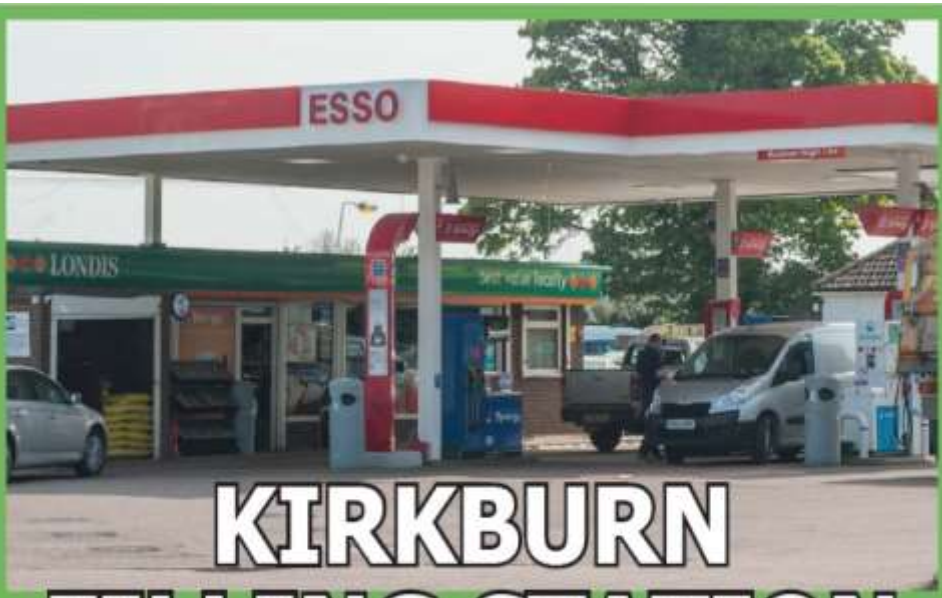


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The department of Foreign Employment in Nepal has just issued a notice saying that labour permits for both Russia and Ukraine have been suspended until further notice to "avert any untoward incidents".

The Russians have been busy recruiting young Nepali men into their army and sending them off to fight in Ukraine. So far 13 Nepalis have been reported as killed in the war and the Nepalese Foreign Minister said that at least 100 Nepalis were missing or injured. He also said that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs believed that there were at least 200 Nepalis serving in the Russian army, but that the figure could be very much higher. According to a decree signed by Russian President Vladimir Putin in early January, Russia provides citizenship to foreign nationals who fight for Russia in Ukraine and their families.

Another decree apparently states that the Russian government would pay five million roubles (£43,500) as compensation to the families of the Russian soldiers killed in the war with Ukraine and three million roubles (£26,000) would be given to those injured during the war in compensation. But whether the same amount will be given to foreign recruits is unclear.

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| 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 |

**March**

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| 4 | Parish Council | 7.00pm | Village Hall |
| 11 | Village Lunch | 12.00pm | Robin Hood |
| 12 | Book Group | 10.30am | St Andrew's Close |
| 15 | YCA | 7.30pm | Village Hall |
| 16 | Charity Coffee Morning | 10.00am | Village Hall |
| 17 | Litter Picking | 10.00am | Lime View |
| 21 | Easter Bingo | 6.00pm | School |
| 23 | Village Hall Quiz | 7.00pm | Village Hall |
| 31 | Easter Egg Hunt | 2.00pm | Recreation Ground |

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