

MIDDLETON MESSENGER



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Cover Photo



This month's cover photo features one of the sculptures for the Heritage Trail, found on the village green.

A huge thank you to everyone who contributed images of the village last month—we were overwhelmed by the response and will endeavour to include as many as we can over the coming months!

If you have any ideas, comments or complaints (especially complaints) you want to share then please email:

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Correction

Huge apologies to Eileen Towse as we incorrectly quoted her in June's edition – it should have said the following:

Eileen Towse, who still lives in the village, has told us how her husband would bunk-off school to be with the Italian POW's ...

Editorial



It was only a matter of time, I suppose, but we've finally got a hosepipe ban. The irony I that, as I write this, it is teeming down outside my window. Not to mention that the forecast for tomorrow's Heritage Trail opening is predicting rain in biblical proportions!

Whatever the rights and wrongs of the ban, it does raise the question of why we seem to be so bad at handling water in this country. Especially as we have so much of it.

Every year we have stories of flooding, depleted reservoirs and unrepaired leaks. And that's the problem; they are repeated every year. How can this happen? If you have a problem once, it may be bad luck; if the same issue resurfaces regularly then doesn't the problem lie less with amount of water and more with the systems and processes in place to manage it?

The private sector is supposed to be more efficient than the public so heaven knows what things would be like if we were still under the old water boards. Or would it be any different? After all, how can you afford to fix leaks if you have to use your profits to pay dividends to your shareholders?

Just sayin'.

Mike

PS I hope you've all been to see the hares on the Heritage Trail. Aren't they magnificent!?

QUIZ

- 1 How many old pennies in £1.00?
- 2 In what country will you find the city of Petra?
- 3 Which singer is known as the piano man?
- 4 Which meat is used in a cottage pie?
- 5 What was the name of King Arthur's sword?
- 6 Which food was involved in the Great Irish Famine?
- 7 'To be or not to be' is a line from which Shakespeare play?
- 8 What country did Germany invade in 1939?
- 9 Which boxer is called The Gypsy King?
- 10 Correct or incorrect: the Rubik Cube can solved in 13 or less moves?

Quiz set by Rowland Wooldridge

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All answers on page 21



Correspondence

Found.

30th June a few yards along Warter Road. Leftover lunch for two. Triple sandwich wrapper, Quavers bag, two Cornetto wrappers and one empty tin of energy drink. Bin 30 yards away.

Why? We can do better than this!

Come on whoever. Respect our village and clean up after yourself!

Nick

Has anyone noticed the amount of overhanging tree branches, hedges & bushes as they walk round the village. It really is getting ridiculous that they are not pruned back. Walking on certain parts of the footpath is nearly impossible, something needs to be done about, the same goes for cars parking on the pavement!!!!

Stephanie

I had a lovely conversation with a lady who wanted to express her gratitude and thanks to everyone who has battled through this continuing heatwave and asked that we put in this in the Middleton Messenger. She appreciates that there are some people that love the heat, but there are some that have to work and care for others despite this hot stuffy weather.

Thank you, Cheryl, for your heartfelt comments – I'm sure it is very much appreciated. The weather is unseasonably warm and I bet we could all do with a downpour of rain to keep the farmers crops and our gardens healthy – not to mention keeping the swam of insects away, that have invaded our village recently.

Liz

THEY ARE “HARE” TO STAY: Our launch event of the Middleton on the Wolds Heritage Trail on the 19th July is now complete. Over 60 people joined us for the dedication, speeches and even more enjoyed the stunning sculptures and hare activities in the village hall. A huge thank you to everyone who attended and supported.



Annette, Geoff's daughter, said "Thanks for all your hard work. My dad would have loved it and been delighted to know that his work is available for all the world to see online. The strawberry sponge cake in the village hall was lovely too"

On Sunday morning (20th July) many people gathered on the village green to join the Green Group and the Reverend Canon Kate who blessed the Heritage Trail and gave a touching tribute to our beloved local historian, Geoff Wisher – this was followed by a church service.



Can you spot the three hares in the church's flower arrangement?

Middleton Book Group



The next meeting is on Wednesday 13th August 2.00pm
in Greenfield Road

We will be discussing:
The Crystal World by J G Ballard & Moominpappa by Eva Glyn

For more information contact: Lyn 219500 or lyndennis456@gmail.com

Village Hall



Hope you are all enjoying the amazing weather we are having, just praying for rain during the night that would be great.

We have The Sunshine Squad being very active over the summer holidays, especially for the younger members of your family, they are also starting a youth club in the future so there are some exciting things for families to look forward to. Please come and support these young mums.

We need a new FINANCE PERSON who is willing to look after the financial side of the village hall. If you are able, or indeed know of anyone who would be an asset to the Village Hall Committee, please ring Marie on 07835503918, or Sharon on 07359112264—we would love to have you on the committee. The Village Hall is a wonderful asset and needs to be kept. So come along and bring your expertise and enthusiasm.

Marie

Local Birds & Wildlife



Photo 1—Painted Lady Butterfly

At last the weather is cooling down so we have got out a bit more this last week. The hot weather has been too hot to go out, but it has been good for butterflies. We have seen a lot in our garden and on the reserves up to now, more than last year, so it was nice to see the Painted Lady Butterfly (Photo 1) – the first one we have seen this year. Another bonus of the hot weather is the amount of Grass Snakes we have been seeing at Tophill Low this year

(Photo2), some days we have seen as many as 5 different snakes of different ages and sizes. The Grass Snakes are completely harmless for those people that are a bit squeamish. They are probably more frightened of us than we are of them.

We have had some activity on our feeders with the birds bringing back their young to feed them but I think we have missed a lot - due to the hot weather they have been coming very early morning. We have managed to photograph a few birds but not



Photo 2—Grass Snake



Photo 3—Young Goldfinch

as many as we would normally get. We have been mostly getting Goldfinches (photo 3), a lot of Starlings feeding their young (photo 4) and the occasional Robin (photo 5). Other birds seen at the feeders are Chaffinches, Great Tits, Greenfinches, Blue Tits and Long Tailed Tits. House Sparrows have had a good breeding season Not seen many Blackbirds this time. Just a few Dunnocks (Hedge Sparrows) and the occasional Tree Sparrow.

The Coal Tits have completely disappeared since early Spring, something we have never seen before as normally they are here all year around and quite a lot of them.



Photo 4—Starlings feeding their young



Photo 5—Robin

Barry and Janny

Parish Council

Hello everyone,

I hope this message finds you well and enjoying the summer weather.

It has been a busy month for the Parish Council, and I wanted to take a moment to keep you in the loop with what's happening around the village. As your newly appointed Chair, I am committed to open communication and making sure everyone in Middleton feels informed and involved.

Seating Benches

For too long we have seen in the village along Station Road the seating benches in a state of disrepair and unavailable for people to use. I am pleased to advise this is about to change as the Parish Council has purchased new seating and is aiming to have installed by the end of August.

Various concerns raised.

As a Parish Council we receive residents' concerns, complaints regarding speed of traffic, condition of the pavements, potholes and we are looking at ways we can improve the situation.

At the Parish Council meeting held this month, we have invited officials from ERYC to join us on a walk about inspection of the village to illustrate the maintenance improvements we believe are needed for the village. I will keep everyone updated to our progress.

Middleton On The Wolds Five Year Plan

We are now starting on the preparation of the next five-year plan for the village, which when completed will be submitted to ERYC for consideration. Your opinions matter, so tell us your one idea you believe would be beneficial for our village.

We want to hear from everyone whatever your age, you can email your idea to motwpc@outlook.com

Upcoming events

If you go down to the Rec Playing Field on Sunday 17th August your surely in

for a big surprise as there will be a Teddy Bears Picnic, everyone welcome especially your Teddy Bear.

Meet Your Councillors

One of our goals this year is to improve accessibility and visibility, so in the month of August myself and my fellow Parish Councillors will be delivering the Messenger.

I'm often out and about with my dog Daisy, so do stop me for a chat, I'm always happy to hear your thoughts.

Until next time, take care and thank you for being part of what makes this village special.

Warm regards

Simon Hanna

Chair, Middleton on the Wolds Parish Council

The Sunshine Squad

The Sunshine Squad are a group of parents who have been organising various activities for children in the village and surrounding area since the beginning of the year. These have included craft sessions, Lego building and discos, with more to come during the summer holidays.

From September we will also be offering a weekly Youth Club with organised activities in the Village Hall each Friday evening. We are looking for any businesses who would like to make a donation to the group or sponsor us, or if anyone has any donations that we could use at the club or would be interested in volunteering for an odd Friday evening. All our volunteers will be DBS checked.

Please either email us at thesunshinesquadmiddleton@outlook.com or contact Karina 07860235894 or Danielle 07788932682

We will be having a free taster session on **Friday 29th August** so please come along and see us!



THE SUNSHINE SQUAD INVITE YOU TO

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Drinks, cakes & raffle available

Children must be supervised

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The Sunshine Squad

Pirate & Princess Crafts

WEDNESDAY 20TH AUGUST

10-12

MIDDLETON VILLAGE HALL

£2.50 per child

Refreshments available

Book your place

Karina 07860235894 - Danielle 07788 932682

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The Sunshine Squad

Youth Club Open Day!

29th August 3pm - 6pm

Come and see what our new Youth Club has to offer! Everyone welcome! Free Entry!

Middleton on the Wolds Village Hall

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‘Farmers Daughters’

Performing At

St Andrews Church

Middleton on the Wolds

On

Friday 29th August 2025





@ 7 pm



**Cost £10 includes a glass of wine &
nibbles**

All profits in aid of Church Funds

What's on in Middleton on the Wolds

August 2025

1		
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3	Morning Prayers with Richard Summers 10.30am St Andrew's Church	
4	Pilates 5pm Village Hall	
5	Village Hall AGM + Committee Meeting 2pm Village Hall	
6	Family Sports Afternoon 2pm—4pm Playing Fields Line Dancing 7.30pm Village Hall	
7	Middleton Movers 2pm Village Hall	
8		 
9		
10	Holy Communion with Rev. Jane Anderson 10.30am St Andrew's Church	
11	Village Lunch 12pm The Robin Hood Pilates 5pm Village Hall	
12	Middleton Messenger Copy Date	
	Boardgame Café 2pm—4pm Village Hall	
13	Book Group 2pm Greenfield Road Quiz Night 8pm Robin Hood	
14		
15		

16	Charity Coffee Morning 10am—11.30am Village Hall
17	Holy Communion with Canon Kate Goulder 10.30am St Andrew's Church Teddy Bear's Picnic 2pm—4pm Playing Fields
18	Pilates 5pm Village Hall
19	
20	Pirate and Princess Crafts 10am—12pm Village Hall Line Dancing 7.30pm Village Hall
21	Middleton Movers 2pm Village Hall Yorkshire Countrywomen 'Walking the Banks of the Humber' 9.30pm Village Hall
22	
23	Village-wide Garage Sale 10am—2pm
24	
25	Bank Holiday Monday Pilates 5pm Village Hall
26	
27	Line Dancing 7.30pm Village Hall Quiz Night 8pm Robin Hood
28	Middleton Movers 2pm Village Hall
29	Sunshine Squad Youth Club Open Day 3pm—6pm Village Hall 'Famer's Daughters' 7pm St Andrew's Church
30	
31	Middleton Womblers 10am Lime View Station Road



Teddy Bears Picnic

*Join us Free
All welcome*

*Bring your own
picnic basket.
Teddy competition
Events tent
Ice cream van*

*Middleton on the Wolds
Cricket Ground at Rec Club*

*17th August
2pm till 4pm*



Middleton on the Wolds Village - 74th Produce Show

With a new committee formed, the 74th produce show took place at the school. The exhibitions were excellent with so much time & effort spent on each & everyone.

We would like to thank everyone for their entries & coming along to support us. We would like to thank Mrs Harros, the school headteacher, for allowing us to hold the event at the school; our show judges, whom we are sure had a hard choice to make when picking the winners; all of our committee members who worked tirelessly all day in very hot weather and a big thank you to Betty Lowe who very kindly presented the trophies to the cup winners.

We are already looking forward to next year's show. If anyone has any suggestions on new classes they would like to see in the show please contact me (emily.headley@yahoo.co.uk).

We hope to see many more next year. A big thank you once again.

The Produce Show Committee





Yorkshire Countrywomen

MIDDLETON-ON-THE-WOLDS

COUNTRY WOMEN

Thursday 21st August

VILLAGE HALL @ 7.30pm

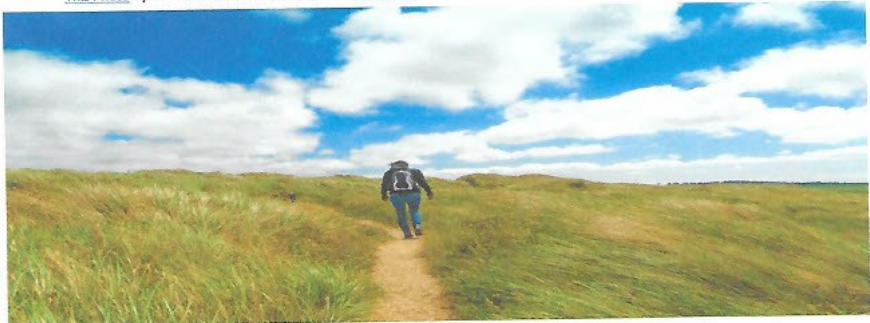
SPEAKER

SALLY GEORGE

WALKING THE BANKS OF THE RIVER HUMBER



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OUR COMPETITION IS A NAUTICAL ITEM

MIDDLETON VILLAGE CHARITY

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ALL are Welcome



- 1 If a triangle has three equal sides, what type of triangle is it?
- 2 True or False: The moon makes its own light.
- 3 Which video game character wears red and says “It’s-a me!”?
- 4 What were Roman soldiers, who were Roman citizens, called?
- 5 What do we call animals that only eat plants?
- 6 What’s the name of the wizarding school Harry Potter goes to?
- 7 What is the name of Moana’s pet pig?
- 8 Who painted “Starry Night”?
- 9 In *The Treehouse* series by Andy Griffiths, how many storeys did the first treehouse have?
- 10 What is the name of the Viking ships used for exploring and raiding?

The Middleton Messenger wants *you* to help create a special page just for under-12s!

Send us:

- a book review
- a short story or poem
- a photo or drawing of your favourite animal

Tell us what *you* want in the next issue!

- | | |
|--|---------------------|
| 1. Equilateral | 6. Hogwarts |
| 2. False (it reflects the sun's light) | 7. Pua |
| 3. Mario | 8. Vincent van Gogh |
| 4. Legionaries | 9. Thirteen |
| 5. Herbivores | 10. Longships |

MIDDLETON VILLAGE LUNCH

At The Robin Hood

August 11th - 12.00pm

The next ‘Village Lunch’ will take place on Monday 11th August 2025.

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.

Phone: 07790 230174

QUIZ ANSWERS

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2	4	5	1	9	7	6	8	3
3	8	1	5	2	6	9	7	4

- 1 240
- 2. Jordan
- 3 Billy Joel
- 4 Ground beef
- 5 Excalibur
- 6 Potato
- 7 Hamlet
- 8 Poland
- 9 Tyson Fury
- 10 Incorrect

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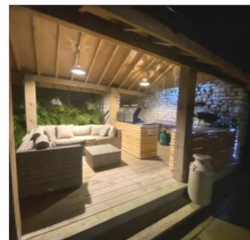
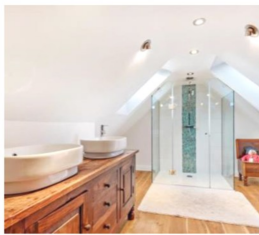
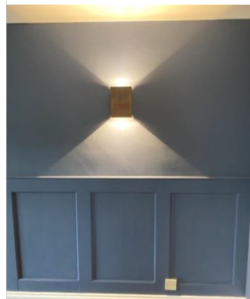
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Village Wide Garage Sale

Saturday 23rd August
10-2pm

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Includes a free drink

Deadline August 3rd

Refreshments in the Village Hall

Face Painting

Name the Hare

Treasure Hunt – children's prize

Limited tables in the Village Hall

£8 Large £6 Medium to book

email motw.villagehall@gmail.com



In the 1980s the garment industry in Nepal started to rapidly increase largely due to businesses in their southern neighbour, India, trying to get around quota limits in their own country by opening new factories in Nepal. This expansion of the garment industry did boost Nepal's economy. However, in 2004 the WTO agreement on global garment production expired and in 2005 an agreement to allow Nepal duty free access to the U.S. fell through. The economic aftermath of 9/11 in 2001 also negatively affected garment exports to the U.S. Until



2002 the US took 87% of Nepal's garment exports. Now Europe, Canada, Australia, India and, increasingly, Japan make up about 90% of their garment exports. In 2018 the value of garment exports for Nepal hit a high despite having a lower volume than previous years. This marked a change from high volume, low quality production to higher quality and lower volumes.

There is now a growing movement towards promoting ethical fashion and sustainable manufacturing practices within the industry. There is a growing focus on empowering local communities through garment production, particularly in the context of ethical and sustainable practices. Smaller scale producers are now using a range of raw materials including eco-friendly fibres such as stinging nettle, hemp, bamboo and banana fibres.

We, at Black Yak, have recently renewed about twenty of our sewing machines in Nepal and rather than getting rid of them we have donated them and taken the machines and the machine tables to families in our knitters' main home village and a couple of neighbouring villages. It is increasingly difficult for people in villages remote from the capital city of Kathmandu to make a living from agriculture alone and most young people head off for the bright lights and factories in Kathmandu as soon as they can. It is our intention to promote small scale production of some garments in the villages that can be sold and can also be used as a training ground for those, young and old, who do want to start micro businesses in their own villages.



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