

The Newsletter for Middleton on the Wolds

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Many thanks to Jackie Swallow for this month's cover photo.



Have you captured a great image of the village? Drop it to us in an email for consideration for the cover!

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

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REQUEST FOR RECIPES, FAVOURITE WALKS, PHOTOS AND DRAWINGS

We would love to include, every month, some new articles from our friends, family and neighbours. So, send in:

- a. Your favourite recipe, why it's so special has it been passed down through your family?
- b. Tell us about your favourite walks: include if you can picture(s), where you start and finish and why it is your favourite walk what did you see and who did you go with?

Send in photos of your pets doing something funny or just looking super sweet and adorable.



Editorial

As I write this, the Government has announced that more people are to receive the winter fuel allowance than was first the case. Cue a predictable, if disappointing, burst of indignation and invective in Parliament and in the press. We are clearly being governed by an administration that does not know its own mind, that drifts with the public relations wind, and that has committed that most heinous of crimes.

made a U-turn!

I say 'predictable' because we get the same reaction any time the government, of any colour, decides to change its mind. It seems, according to His Majesty's Opposition (again, of any colour) and the written and broadcast press, that we are only allowed to respect and have confidence in a government that inexorably pursues its previously chosen policy.

Is this a legitimate response or am I right to be disappointed? Do you remember when Glen Hoddle was manager of the England football team? After a string of poor results, and worse performances, Hoddle was asked about his plan to get the team out of this trough. His answer? 'More of the same'. No U-turn there – unfortunately for Glen, he was replaced not long afterwards.

The question is, I think, whether we want leaders to carry blindly (not inexorably!) down an ideologically pre-determined blind alley, or do we want decision makers with the flexibility to recognise changes in the operating environment, absorb new information, and amend, or even abandon, a previously declared policy.

I would love to know what you think.

Cheers,

Mike

Parish Council

If you have any burning issues you want to talk about or if you just would like to say 'hello' you can next month – August, as your Messenger will be delivered by a parish councillor so you can put names to new faces on the Parish Council.

QUIZ

- 1 What is the main language spoken in New Zealand?
- 2 What is an armless reptile called?
- 3 What is the term for an abnormally white person?
- 4 What is a nuclear particle with a positive charge called?
- 5 What is the name of the Pope?
- 6 Which part of the body has the most bones?
- 7 What is the largest species of whale?
- 8 What is the square root of 81?
- 9 Who was the star of Summer Holiday?
- 10 What does Al stand for?

Quiz set by Rowland Wooldridge

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All answers on page 21

Correspondence

I was interested to read on the local history page of this month's magazine about the wall on the corner of Station Road and how it had been knocked down by an armoured

vehicle during the 2nd. World war. Dave and I have lived in this house for 46 years and it has been rebuilt 3 times and been damaged numerous times. Nevertheless, they have been happy times and we have loved our time here! - June Pratt at 12 Station Road.

Thank you, June. Things don't seem to move that quickly in Middleton. After eighty-odd years we're still trying to fit a quart of traffic into a pint pot of road! Even your new high vis armour plating seems to attract lorries rather than repel them.

Hello

I live at the top of South Street in Middleton on the Wolds. Yesterday as I was taking in my rubbish bin - I noticed this large deposit of dog poo on the bank outside my house. (Photos included). It was very obvious!

I picked it up and disposed of it appropriately. However, I don't have a dog & am fed up of inconsiderate people who



don't pick up after their dogs. I realise the majority of dog walkers on South Street are very conscientious but perhaps a reminder especially when people are walking their dogs late at night might be in order, please!

Another subject that keeps on rearing its ugly head, it is just a shame that we have to keep going back to it. Well, you know who you are. Perhaps you would like to write in and explain why you don't feel it necessary to cleanup after your dog. I've got to admit, it baffles me!

Hello everyone,

I'd like to introduce myself to everyone as your newly appointed Chairperson of the Middleton on the Wolds Parish Council. For those who don't know me yetalthough I suspect many of you have seen me out and about, I'm Simon Hanna and I've called this village home for the past thirteen years.

I moved here with my wife Caroline and together we have grown fond of everything Middleton has to offer: the surrounding countryside, the footpaths, the friendly faces, and yes even the village gossip (most of it, anyway). You'll most often see me walking Daisy our black Cocker Spaniel, or to be more accurate being pulled along as we spot rabbits and pheasants.

Taking on the role of Chair is not something I do lightly. I know the responsibility it brings and the expectations that come with it. I stood for election to this post with a sincere intention to support our village and everyone who lives here. We have our traditions, our quirks, our unsolved debates (how fast the traffic is through the village, the state of the pavements), and our shared love for this patch of East Yorkshire we call home.

Parish Councils can seem like distant or bureaucratic bodies, but I want to keep ours approachable and grounded in the real life of the village. That means supporting local initiatives, making sure your voices are heard and tackling the practical things that affect our lives here in the village, whether that's improving footpaths, protecting green spaces or working with East Yorkshire Council on issues that matter. I'd like to encourage anyone reading this to get involved. Whether you have ideas, frustrations, or just fancy a chat , don't hesitate to flag me down. Parish Councils only work when we work together , so come along to our meetings the 1st Monday of the month if you wish to raise a concern, volunteer for a project such as our speed monitoring scheme, Green Group, or simply drop us a line to say what's working—or what's not.

We've got a lot of potential here in Middleton and I believe we can keep building on the work done by my predecessors and we will keep you updated over the coming months with our successes and honest dialogue about any setbacks.

Here's to the road ahead - preferably one with fewer potholes.

Warmest Regards, Simon Hanna | Parish Councillor | Middleton on the Wolds

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MIDDLETON VILLAGE CHARITY COFFEE MORNINGS

Lynn, Rowland and Kath wish to advise you with much regret that the village charity coffee morning has had to finish due to health issues.

We would like to thank everyone for supporting us over the past few years both our helpers and in particular yourselves. We have enjoyed being able to do this for the benefit of the residents of our village and at the same time also being able to support some worthy local charities.

We are disappointed to be unable to continue and would hope that others might wish to carry on with the coffee mornings. If anyone feels able to do this we would be pleased to hear from them and we would be able to help them set up.

Village Hall

We are having a garage sale again in August, there is a poster in this edition with more information. So, we hope that again you will want to have a stall on your own property or this time you can hire a table in the hall. We will be building on the success of last year and hope



you all have items you would like to make some money from. See you all then.

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 Smith on 07587 794840 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

At last Summer is here.

We feed our garden birds all year round to help supplement their diet and in particular during this busy time of the year when they are bringing up



Photo 1 Kingfisher at Tophill Low

there young. The parent birds are now coming back to our feeders with their young, which is great to see. Hopefully we will be able to get some photos for next month's edition.

We have been out locally this month at Tophill Low near Watton and have some great photos, especially of the Kingfishers (Photo 1) on the branches just at the water's edge.

These were put there by the volunteers so that visitors can get close up shots of these beautiful birds. During the days we were there they stayed long enough for us to get plenty of photos - enough to fill this magazine and more. We are looking forward to seeing some youngsters soon as we know there are about.

Another Wetland favourite of ours seen earlier this year was the Snipe (Photo 2) These are a lot easier to see and photograph than the elusive Jack Snipe (photographed earlier this year).



With so many leaves on the trees is it getting harder to photograph the Sedge Warbler as they are not very often sitting on the top of a tree, bush or reed. The Warbler family are all small birds, but we managed to get a good shot of this Sedge Warbler (photo 3). It is just a bit bigger than a Blue Tit and normally hyper active making photography very difficult times.

Just recently the Marsh which is about the same size as a Blue Tit, have been coming back to our feeders. However, since the trees and bushes on the west embankment



Photo 3 Sedge Warbler

of the railway line were cut down, they are not as regular in our garden as they used to be. Here is a picture we took back in the Spring (photo 4).

Janny and Barry



Photo 4 Marsh Tit on Janny and Barry's bird feeder

Middleton on the Wolds Heritage Trail is here!!

You and your family and friends are invited to the launch of the Middleton on the Wolds Heritage Trail.

To celebrate this exciting addition to our Village there will be a number of events:

Saturday, 19th July, 11.30am

Unveiling of the sculpture on the village green and dedication to Geoff Wisher (our late beloved village historian)

Heritage Trail Maps will be available for you to find the other three and learn about our village heritage.

Visit all of the other three sculptures and return to the village hall to receive a memento of the day.

Refreshments will be served in the Village Hall after the dedication.

Children can have a go at crafting a clay Hare too!!

Sunday, 20th July 10.30 am – Start at the Village Green for a dedication and hymn and then the Congregation will walk to St Andrews Church

Cannon Kate will conduct a special service on the village green and in St Andrews Church to dedicate the Heritage trail.

Wednesday 23rd July 10.00 am – 11.30 am, join us at the Lego club for a competition to make a windmill – did you know we had two in the village?









THANK YOU TO ALFIE, LILLEY, FLORENCE, LOLA-ROSE, NESTA, INDIE AND DANIEL FOR THEIR WONDERFUL DRAWINGS OF HARES. THESE WILL BE PUT ON OUR NEW WEBSITE FOR EVERYONE TO SEE. There will be more pictures in future issues; so, watch

Middleton Book Group

out for yours in the coming months.



The next meeting is on Tuesday 8th July 2.00pm in The Paddocks

We will be discussing:
The Glassmaker by Tracy Chevalier & The Dubrovnik Book club by Eva Glyn

MIDDLETON VILLAGE LUNCH

At The Robin Hood July 14th - 12.00pm

The next 'Village Lunch' will take place on Monday 14th July 2025.

Anyone wishing to join us for the first time please ring Lynn Wooldridge to book or leave a message. Any regular person





Yorkshire Countrywomen

Thursday 17th July 7.30 in the Village Hall

Non members welcome - £5 admission

MARION GAMBLE

IS OUR SPEAKER ON ANTIQUES.
WE WILL ALSO HAVE AN
ANTIQUES AND VINTAGE QUIZ.



What's on in Middleton on the Wolds July 2025

1	Middleton Minis 1.30pm—3.30pm Middleton School
2	Line Dancing 7.30pm Village Hall Quiz Night 8pm Robin Hood
3	Middleton Movers 2pm Village Hall
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6	Morning Prayers with Richard Summers 10.30am St Andrew's Church
7	Pilates 5pm Village Hall Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm Village Hall
8	Middleton Book Group 2pm The Paddocks
9	Line Dancing 7.30pm Village Hall
10	Middleton Movers 2pm Village Hall
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12	Produce Show 2pm Village Hall Middleton Messenger Copy Date
13	Holy Communion with Rev. Jane Anderson 10.30am St Andrew's Church
14	Village Lunch 12pm The Robin Hood Pilates 5pm Village Hall

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16	Mobile Library 3.35pm - 4.15pm near the school Line Dancing 7.30pm Village Hall Quiz Night 8pm Robin Hood
17	Middleton Movers 2pm Village Hall Yorkshire Countrywomen's Association 7.30PM Village Hall
18	End of Term Disco 6pm—8pm Village Hall
19	Heritage Trail Launch 11.30am Village Green
20	Holy Communion with Canon Kate Goulder 10.30am St Andrew's Church
21	Pilates 5pm Village Hall
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23	Lego Club 10—12 Village Hall Line Dancing 7.30pm Village Hall
24	Middleton Movers 2pm Village Hall
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27	Middleton Womblers 10.am Lime View Station Road
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30	Craft Club 10—12 Village Hall

Village Wide Garage Sale

Saturday 23rd August 10-2pm

£5 to go on the Map

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



Middleton-on-the-Wolds

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PRODUCE SHOW

At Middleton-on-the-Wolds School

SATURDAY 12th July 2025 at 2.00pm

PRESENTATION OF CUPS at 3.15pm

Entry Secretary: Mrs S Smith

Entries to <u>Village Hall</u>
2.00pm to 5.00pm Friday 11th July
(see Rule 1 overleaf)

FREE ADMISSION

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Picture by Halle Butterfield Year 5



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

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 July 2025

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.

July 2025

We finish on 18th July for the summer holidays. School opens on 3rd September for the new school year

On-going Collections

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

If you have a child starting school **September 2025**, please do not hesitate the school office to arrange a visit to look round and meet the staff.

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

From September 2025 children who turn 2 during the Summer Term will be Entitled to 15 hours of nursery funding for working parents. (If both parents meet the criteria, you may be entitled to an additional 15 hours a week.) Places are filling fast for Summer Term and September 2025

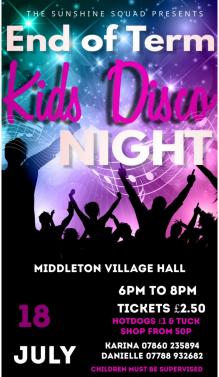
We accept the Government's childcare vouchers for up to 30 hours of free provision for 2- & 3-year-olds (conditions apply)

Children are welcome in the term after their 2^{nd} birthday for 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





The Middleton Messenger Team want to dedicate a page just for the under 12's – it's your opportunity to contribute as a junior reporter and tell us what you want to see in the next Middleton Messenger.

Why don't you send in:

- a review of your favourite book you have read
- a short story or poem that you have written
- a photo or drawing of your favourite animal or pet



- 1 What is the title of the first graphic novel in the Amulet series?
- 2 What did the Romans build to keep out invaders from Scotland?
- 3 What does Paddington like to eat?
- 4 What is 8×6 ?
- 5 Matilda Wormwood features in which author's book?
- 6 Which Disney princess has a pet named Rajah?
- 7 What is the name of the sausage dog in Bluey?
- 8 Which UK country has a red dragon on its flag?
- 9 What kind of fish is Nemo?
- 10 What is a group of dolphins called?

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Back cover (1/2)	£20	£120

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OH, WHAT A NIGHT!

Thankyou to everyone who bought tickets and supported the evening. A special thankyou goes to the Events Team's very own "Ticketmaster" Andrea – you did a sterling job. The money raised will be split between various volunteer groups in the village.



The bands "roadie" said "We knew it was be a good crowd we could feel the electricity".

"It was a cracking band, with a great 60's playlist. The dance floor was busy with young and old folks

rocking and rolling all night long," said Andrew.

Terrific outfits from the ladies and of course Elvis was in the building too!!

QUIZ ANSWERS

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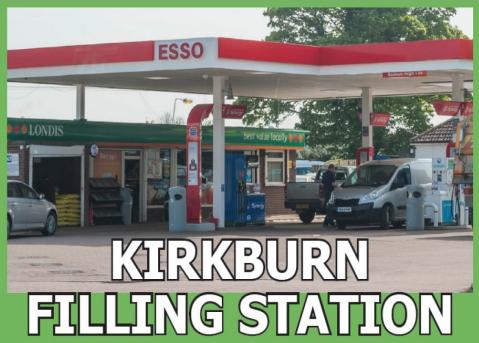
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VAST SELECTION OF QUALITY WINES

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Adai is 52 years old. For 20 years, he has only gone home during festivals, taking turns with others. The rest of his time is spent with his sheep in the highlands of Nepal, living as a nomadic shepherd moving with his sheep from lower to higher altitudes and back; a form of nomadism called transhumance. Carrying food supplies that last 15 days to a month, cooking utensils, woollen blankets, plastic sheets, an umbrella and traditional woollen coats in a basket. Accompanied by his dogs, he is herding a flock of 200 sheep uphill to pasture lands in the mountains. Starting with just 25 sheep, he has grown his flock to 200. During festivals and for religious rituals, he sells rams in

particular. Preparations to raise rams begins at least a year in advance and he can sell rams for up to £200 each. Hundreds of farmers spend their lives like this with flocks ranging from 10 to 400 sheep. They graze at lower elevations of about 3000m until mid-April and then move to higher pastures at up to 4500m. His sons joined him in the pastures after completing basic education, which allows Adai to manage without hiring workers. He rarely leaves the sheep unattended due to the fear of leopards, with one of his sons occasionally returning home to collect supplies.

Four Tibetan mastiff dogs help guard the flock. His sheepfold has never been attacked by leopards at night, thanks to the dogs forming a protective circle around the flock. His dogs are so aggressive

that they even attack humans if they come too close to the sheep, making it unsafe for strangers to approach. The dogs also prevent one group of sheep from mixing with another, and if they do stray the dogs drive them back into their groups. Tibetan mastiffs are the world's scariest dogs. They are fearless and extremely protective of their 'family' and can be very aggressive as they are bred to protect against leopards, wolves, bears and the occasional tiger. They weigh between 50 and 75 Kg, with some dogs up to 100kgs. Apparently they diverged from grey wolves some 58,000 years ago - 16,000 years before other dogs and as a primitive dog they do retain may of the genetic traits of wolves. They posses a much higher level of haemoglobin than other breeds, helping them get enough oxygen from the thin air. This is thought to come from crossing them with Tibetan wolves. Many of these dogs are so adapted to high altitudes that they do not survive when brought down to low altitudes.



There are Western strains of the Tibetan mastiff but they are very different to their working cousins. Working mastiffs are truly scary – even when I am in a jeep with windows up and they are chained up outside!

When it's time to move, Adai doesn't need to drive the sheep forcefully. Once the lead dog starts walking, the flock follows. "When we unpack our bags, they start grazing. When we repack and move, they follow," he said. "Sheep are creatures of habit; if we lead, they'll follow."





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