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Cover Photo

Many thanks to Stania 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!



The village benches are being repaired / refurbished by the Driffield branch of the Men in Sheds group. They have been taped off to stop people using them until the work has been done.

—The Parish Council

WISHH (Working Independently to Support Hull Hospitals) would like to thank all those who supported the charity coffee morning to raise funds for their neonatal unit. In total, £343 was raised.



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

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Remember, we can't respond unless we receive your message.



Editorial

We had two elections, last month. One decided on councillors and new mayors' the other to elect a new pope. So, what did we get?

On the one hand, we got Leo XIV, an American pope who has challenged the anti-immigration policies of the United States and who has called for everyone,

especially politicians, to "disarm communication of all prejudice and resentment, fanaticism and even hatred". He has not, apparently, pleased the president!

On the other hand, the local elections were dominated by Reform UK who have a policy of achieving net zero immigration. Reform took seats off all three major political parties and who also had their candidates elected as mayors of the newly devolved authorities. In our case, Luke Campbell was overwhelmingly voted in as mayor of Hull and East Yorkshire.

Two quite divergent results, but what does it show? Can we reasonably compare a select group of privileged power brokers (let's face it, if you get to be a cardinal, you are a bit of player) with the electorate of a country like the UK? It might be comparing apples with oranges, but it might just show how disengaged the so-called movers and shakers of the world are from the man in the street.

Look at the USA, Trump was swept to power by people wanting to believe in his 'Make America Great, Again' policies and to hell with what people in other countries thought. The same policies have worked in previously liberal democracies like Italy, France and Germany – and here. The aforementioned man in the street has become fed up with what they see as discrimination against him and his peers in favour of immigrants and those benefitting from a 'woke' agenda.

And who is to say he, and all who think like him, are wrong? Whether you like it or not, the people have spoken, and it is maybe time for us all to listen.

Cheers, Mike

MIDDLETON VILLAGE CHARITY COFFEE MORNING



Saturday 21st June

In aid of







Tea/ Coffee and toasted teacakes or biscuits £3.50

In addition there will be a raffle

To commemorate 80 years since VE Day on the 8th May we came together to host a lovely afternoon. We all enjoyed delicious cakes and chatted about old times. Some of us even dressed up!! The village green and front street was decked out with bunting as well as a beautiful tribute displayed on the Church bench.

Well done and thank you to everyone that helped from Church, Country Womens, Village Hall, Green Group and Rec Club - lovely afternoon. We raised £205.

Please support the village events and don't forget to buy your ticket for the Goovy 60's Dance on 14th June.















QUIZ

- 1 What is the capital of Spain?
- 2 What is the official language of Egypt?
- 3 What is a group of pigs called?
- 4 Who was the Roman God of Love?
- 5 Who wrote Road NOT Taken?
- 6 What film featured a chef who was a rat?
- 7 Which empire was ruled Genghis Khan?
- 8 Which girls did the Beach Boys sing about?
- 9 Who succeed Vladimir Lennin as leader of the USSR?
- 10 In which country was Elon Musk born?

Quiz set by Rowland Wooldridge

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All answers on page 18

Local History

After the remembrance and celebration of the 80th anniversary of Victory in Europe (VE) Day, we wondered if any of our residents have village memories of the Second World War. We especially would like to hear any "passed on" memories of evacuees and prisoners of war.



Eileen Towse, who still lives in the village, has told us how her dad would "bunk-off" school to be with Italian POWs whilst Jenny Walker told us of the sing-alongs at the farmhouse!

Here are a few snippets from Geoff Wisher, whose hard work has revived many records of our village life:

- The army coming to Middleton added a new and often exciting dimension to village life, particularly for the young.
- Tom Soanes' first reference to the Army presence was 18th September 1940: "Soldiers made a hole in granary" and his last on 20th February 1944 "Soldiers broke down gate posts and burnt gate, went into wheat field."
- Tanks practiced manoeuvres through the local fields and a General took a salute on Front Street!
- Jack Bentley remembered the soldiers from France and Spain being "grand fellows" and recalls football matches at Huggate, after which they introduced the locals to wine and baguettes! A less fortunate incident however was when one crashed an armoured vehicle into the brick wall on the sharp bend on Station Road near the present takeaway.

Are you surprised to hear that the sharp bend on Station Road was causing problems even back then?!

You can read more when our new website for the Heritage Trail is live. We would love to hear from you about your memories and stories about living in Middleton on the Wolds – contact Elizabeth (07787 483498) or email naylore61@gmail.com or Karen (07568 775987) and we can arrange to have a chat.

Local Birds & Wildlife

Where have Barry and Janny been this month?

Since last month we have been going out fairly regular to various places. This year's Spring Migration hasn't been the greatest because of such mixed weather. As a result, we are not seeing a lot of the rarer birds that we would normally see but hoping the next few days of warmer weather might bring in many more - fingers crossed.

When visiting Bempton at least 6 of the more common Warblers have not let us down. That's the Chiffchaff, Willow Warbler (Photo 1) The







The sea birds on the cliffs are now in full swing nesting and some have eggs. Great to see the Puffins back again. Bottlenosed dolphins

are showing most days (photo 4) and a great attraction for the visitors.

We have had some really good days at Tophill Low; it's buzzing with small birds, butterflies, insects and large numbers of Swifts, Swallows and Martins,



over the reservoirs as well as all the wild flowers. We always look forward to seeing the wild Orchids later on. It was nice to see the Avocets back again (Photo 5) and at the time of writing there are two nests. Another favourite of ours is back nesting again is the Little Ringed Plover (photo 6).



There are now a pair of Egyptian Geese (photo7) on site and hopefully they will breed. We are seeing a lot more of these around wetlands sites as year-long visitors. You can also see them at the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust nature reserve at North Cave. Hopefully we will have some more photos for you next month.

For those of you living in the village don't forget to look upwards to the sky as there are so many birds flying around, like Buzzards, Kites, Sparrowhawks as well as Swifts, Swallows, and House Martins.

Barry and Janny

"Thank you, Barry, and Janny for taking on the wildlife article — it is very much appreciated. Here's one for you and thanks again for the info about this Lime Hawk Moth being a rare occurrence in East Yorkshire" from the



Middleton Book Group



The next meeting is on Tuesday 10th June 2.00pm in Kirkburn Village Hall

Poetry Month
Bring along poems relating to weather

For more information contact Lyn 219500 or <u>lyndennis456@gmail.com</u>

Village Hall

Thankyou to all those who came to the VE Day drink and cake, it was good to meet up and be with friends. Our next big thing, which has been organised by the Village Events Committee, is the 60s evening in June



which is in this newsletter and should be a good evening for those who belong to that era and those who just want good music, dance, dress up and laugh at those trying to twist and not quite as agile as we once were. So come along and join the fun.

We need a new <u>FINANCE PERSON</u> 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

Parish Council Chair's Report

Another year on and, unsurprisingly, many of the issues we have faced have been the same as previous years. Namely, traffic, parking and the state of the roads and footpaths in the village. Members of the public have raised many of the issued we have discussed and sought solutions for, especially the condition of the footpath on Beverley Road.

Instrumental in helping us to keep pressure on the county council has been the hard work of our ward councillor, Jeremy Wilcock. Jeremy has tirelessly chased up incident numbers to ensure that our needs don't get put on the back burner and I would like to give my personal thanks to him for his commitment to Middleton.

Last year, I talked about our shortage of parish councillors but now, happily, we are now only one councillor short of a full complement. This means that we, as a council, are better able to fulfil our work in maintaining the village. As well as welcoming the new members I would like to thank all the councillors for their work over the past year.

This time last year I announced my intention to stand down as chair and am happy to say that my replacement, Simon Hanna, is already in post. Simon has already introduced new ways of working to help us become an even more effective parish council and I hope that everyone will support him in his efforts to improve life in Middleton.

Which brings me to my final point. As with every year parish councillors have faced at best disdain, at worst insults, simply for doing their best, as volunteers, for the village. Feelings can sometimes run high simply because those of us who get involved care strongly about what happens in Middleton. Now, not everybody will agree with the priorities the council chooses but we don't take decisions without discussion. Of course, if you would like to influence that discussion, you could always become a parish councillor!

NIGELLA RASPBERRY BAKEWELL TRAYBAKE

One of my favourite treats growing up was a simple Mr Kipling Cherry Bakewell. Just one taste of that sweet almond and pastry cake transports me right back to the days of 4pm after school snacks. As I've got older, unfortunately a daily Cherry Bakewell hasn't suited my "healthy eating" lifestyle and I've continually grown less and less fond of the cherry flavour. You can therefore imagine the joy that bestowed me when I received a Nigella Lawson cook book with a Raspberry version! Now if there's ever a jar of raspberry jam in my cupboard, you can be sure there will be a traybake sitting on the kitchen side 2 hours later. —*Elizabeth*

Prep time – 30 minutes
Baking time – 45 minutes
Ingredients
For the base:
225g plain flour
60g icing sugar
Pinch of salt
225g unsalted butter (softened)



For the filling:

150 g unsalted butter (softened), plus some for greasing

4 eggs

150g caster sugar

150g ground almonds

250g seedless raspberry jam

250g fresh raspberries

50g flaked almonds

Method

- 1. Preheat the oven to 180 c, line your tin with foil and grease it.
- 2. The base needs to be cooked first so mix together the flour, icing sugar, salt and butter in a processor until you have a well-formed dough. Take it out and knead it together a little before pressing it into the bottom of your tin. Don't panic it may not look like much but with a little love and attention it will fill out. If you need to, work the dough in with your knuckles to get an even surface.
- 3. Once satisfied, bake the base for 20 minutes then leave to cool in the tin for around 5 minutes.
- 4. While the base is cooking, melt the 150g butter for the filling in a small pan and allow to cool.

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- 5. Combine the eggs, caster sugar and ground almonds into a food processor and blitz till you have a paste. Whilst the motor is still running, slowly pour the cool melted butter down the funnel until it's all mixed together.
- 6. Then onto the jam. You're more than welcome to take it straight from the jar to save on washing up, but whisking it together in a bowl makes it much easier to spread.
- 7. With your cooled base, lovingly spread the jam all over, followed by the fresh raspberries. Then scrape the almond filling out of the processor and pour over the raspberry layer.
- 8. Finally, decorate with a sprinkle of flaked almonds and bake for about 45 minutes. It's ready to come out when it has a gentle puffiness and is golden brown.
- 9. Leave to cool a little before slicing. It's most delicious served a little warm with ice -cream



Yorkshire Countrywomen





From peripatetic cowman to an H.G.V Class 1 Licence 55 years of working 'Adventures'

Mathew Harrison our speaker will be telling us all about his interesting life even living here in Middleton.

Thursday 19th June, 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Non members welcome £5 admission

For further information contact Christine Johnson 01377 217374

What's on in Middleton on the Wolds June 2025

1	Morning Prayers with Richard Summers 10.30am St Andrew's Church
2	Pilates 5pm Village Hall Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm Village Hall
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4	Line Dancing 7.30pm Village Hall Quiz Night 8pm Robin Hood
5	Middleton Movers 2pm Village Hall
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8	Holy Communion with Rev. Jane Anderson 10.30am St Andrew's Church
9	Village Lunch 12pm The Robin Hood Pilates 5pm Village Hall
10	Middleton Book Group 2pm Kirkburn Village Hall
11	Line Dancing 7.30pm Village Hall
12	Middleton Movers 2pm Village Hall Middleton Messenger Copy Date
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14	Groovy 60s Dance Party 7.30pm Village Hall

15	Holy Communion with Rev. Canon Kate Goulder Anderson 10.30am St Andrew's Church
16	Pilates 5pm Village Hall
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	Mobile Library 3.35pm to 4.15pm near the school, Station Road.
18	Line Dancing 7.30pm Village Hall
	Quiz Night 8pm Robin Hood
19	Middleton Movers 2pm Village Hall
''	YCA speaker Mathew Harrison 7.30pm Village Hall
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21	Charity Coffee Morning 10am—11.30am Village Hall
22	Morning Prayers with Church Wardens 10.30am St Andrew's Church
23	Pilates 5pm Village Hall
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25	Line Dancing 7.30pm Village Hall
26	Middleton Movers 2pm Village Hall
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29	Middleton Womblers 10am Lime View, Station Road
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The Green Group's Annual Plant Sale

Thank You

Thank you to all our volunteers, friends and neighbours for supporting the day from donating plants, tombola prizes, baking cakes and helping sell the plants – you are all awesome – Teamwork makes the Dreamwork!!

We raised over £1,000 !!!! Which will be spent on projects around the village.















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MIDDLETON VILLAGE LUNCH

At The Robin Hood June 9th - 12.00pm

The next 'Village Lunch' will take place on Monday 9th June 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

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June 2025

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

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

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

We finish for half term on Friday 23rd May. Re-open on Tuesday 3rd June

18th July school finishes for the summer term

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

(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 2nd 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



Middleton-on-the-Wolds

74th

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

All classes open

Picture by Halle Butterfield Year 5



- 1 What is the capital city of Scotland?
- Which planet is closest to the Sun?
- What's the name of Harry Potter's pet owl?
- 4 What is 7×8 ?
- 5 In which country would you find the Great Pyramids of Giza?
- 6 What is the name of the icy continent at the South Pole?
- 7 Which famous ship sank in 1912 after hitting an iceberg?
- 8 What's the name of the Disney snowman who loves summer?
- 9 What's the tallest mountain in the world?
- 10 What's the name of the largest ocean on Earth?

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Celebrating a Chairman's Award shortlist and BRCGS success

The team at Church Hill Farm are celebrating not one, but two pieces of exciting news this month!
Firstly, the team has reached the final of the prestigious East Riding of Yorkshire Council's Chairman's Awards in the Business with over 51 employees category. To reach the final, we had to submit a nomination detailing what we have done to support our community and to enhance the social well-being of the area.





Food Safety

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We're also very proud to share the news that we passed our BRCGS audit with flying colours for yet another year!

During a recent audit, we gained AA grade status against Issue 9 of the BRCGS certification programme that is globally recognised as a benchmark for food safety management systems and best practice for product safety and quality. Thanks to everyone for the part they played in this success.



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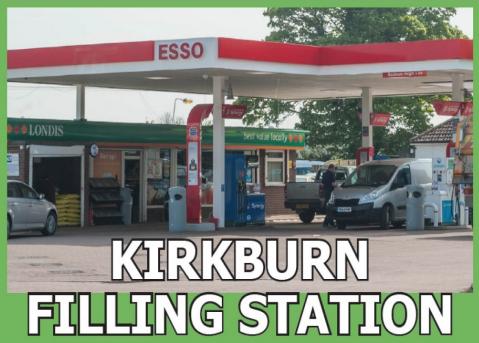
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When he has just been shown a picture of his new streamlined look.

The ceremony varies between communities. In Hindu cultures, the ceremony is carried out by a Brahmin priest and the rituals symbolize Lord Ram's banishment. In Buddhist communities, it represents the boy's abandonment of worldly pleasures and his transition to a monk (symbolization of Buddha's withdrawal from earthly pleasures).

The boy is made to recite sacred phrases known as Gayatri Mantra, which are kept secret. He is then presented with a Janai (sacred thread) draped around his shoulder to signify that he is now a man and is ready to take on family responsibilities.

Bratabandha, or the Sacred Thread ceremony, is a Hindu ceremony in which boys take their first steps in learning the customs, roles, and rituals of their caste. It is a sacred event for Hindus and is a very important event in a boy's life and regarded as the start of manhood in Nepal. A male cannot marry until he has undergone his Bratabandha. The ceremony is performed in an odd numbered age of the boy and takes between 1 and 3 days to complete.



New clothes and on the way to the temple.



Day two and the family photo.

In certain Hindu groups, the head is shaved, except for a patch of hair (Choti) tied with a string by the priest, indicating a purification from old lifestyles, warding off evil spirits and blessing the child with good health, long life, and prosperity. After bathing, new clothing is donned and the whole gathering processes to the local temple during which time the boy tries to run away but he is guarded by his senior maternal uncle and prevented from leaving his family.

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