

The Newsletter for Middleton on the Wolds





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### **Cover Photo**

This month's cover photo was provided by Jan Pearce and the photo taken from Warter Road.



A huge thank you to everyone who contributed images of the village—we 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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## **Editorial**

How are your gardens, after this prolonged hosepipe ban? I must admit, not having to cut the grass every week has been a bit of a bonus. We're enduring a long-term drought. The mayor of Wetwang said this week that the country has had no significant rain since, would you believe, February. Reservoirs are less than half full

(we saw some last week when we were going over the Pennines and they really are empty) and Yorkshire Water have asked for permission to abstract water from the rivers Wharfe and Ouse.

How did we get to this sorry state of affairs? Well, obviously the weather hasn't helped. If you have no significant rainfall for over six months then things are bound to start drying up, aren't they? What I'm concerned about is what we do with the water when we do get it; how do we keep it safe and how do we get best use of it.

We've all seen and heard Yorkshire Water's many requests for us to conserve water, and that is something we should all do as a matter of course. What they don't tell us is what they are going to do to make long term improvements to the water infrastructure to ensure it doesn't happen again — other than giving us dire warnings about water rates going up to pay for any upgrades to the network.

And I leave you with this. 'The firm's latest accounts show that it has amassed debts worth £6.2bn and paid out dividends, external from its profits worth £522m since 2017-18'. (Cited on BBC news website, sorry, can't find a date). How can a company without profits manage to pay out a dividend?

And finally, finally, what about the prospect of peace in the Ukraine? If it means Trump getting the Nobel Peace prize, isn't it worth giving the sop to his overblown sense of self importance to save thousands of lives?

Cheers,

Mike

### **QUIZ**

- 1 What is the UK's most common bird of prey?
- 2 What is the name of the singer who sang Schools Out?
- 3 What is the capital of Austria?
- 4 What is the first name of Inspector Morse?
- 5 In Greek mythology, who flew too close to the sun?
- 6 Where is the home of country music in Tennessee?
- 7 What is the name of the German supermodel?
- 8 Where does the Boat Race start from?
- 9 Who is this years Men's Singles Wimbledon winner?
- 10 What is the smallest English County?

Quiz set by Rowland Wooldridge

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# Correspondence



I have just read the article about cars parking on footpaths and I fully understand the problem this causes people.

I recently watched a lady in a mobility scooter struggle to get passed a parked car on the footpath on Greenwood Road\*, shocking how people think it's ok as long as it doesn't affect themselves.

The other issue is the local police car, yes police car, parked on the footpath on Station road, is the road not wide enough for some drivers?

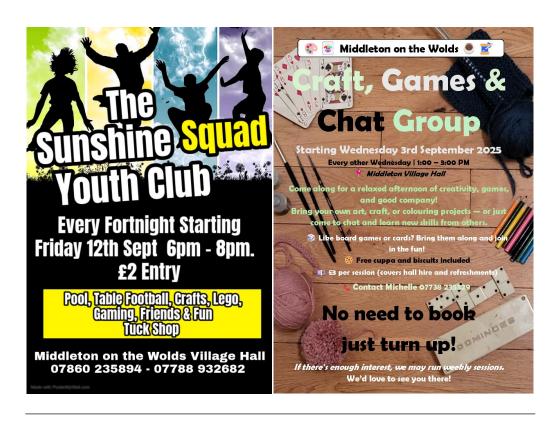
### Dave

[\*Editorial note: we assume Greenfield Road is referred to here].

### Dear Dave,

Many thanks for your email.

We would agree that parking on pavements seems to be a problem around the village. In general terms, cars should be parked considerately and shouldn't require pedestrians to leave the safety of the pavement. However we have spoken to the officer, who you refer to in your email and have been advised that outside of London and Scotland, the Highway Code states "drivers should not park on the pavement, meaning it is advisory and not, therefore, backed up by any legislation." Without drives, most cars on Station Road have to park on the pavement and park in a considerate manner to ensure pushchairs, wheelchairs and such like can pass safely, but car owners do also have to ensure that their vehicle is parked safely to allow tractors, buses and cars to get by without damaging these parked cars.





# Yorkshire Countrywomen

18th September—7.30pm in the Village Hall

REDWORK WORKSHOP

With speaker Caroline Wright

Non members welcome £5 admission

For further information contact Christine Johnson 01377 217374

# **Middleton Book Group**



The next meeting is on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2.00pm in North Dalton

We will be discussing: The Snow Woman by Emma Cowing and Shirley by Charlotte Brontë

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

# Village Hall

A BIG THANK YOU. From the Village Hall Committee to all those who enjoyed the start of the Heritage Trail. It was an amazing day and well attended it was so good to see so many villagers enjoying themselves.



Another BIG THANK YOU for all of the young family's who have enjoyed the Sunshine Squad over these summer holidays, they have worked so hard to give so much pleasure to all those who have attended. These young mums who have organised the events are a inspiration to all of us THANK YOU.

BINGO BINGO roll up Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October for another game of BINGO put it in your diary and see what you can win, raffle and light refreshments also available. See you soon!

#### Marie

## Local Birds & Wildlife

Even with all this fine weather we have had this summer things have been a

bit quiet this last 3 weeks. We are still seeing plenty of butterflies we are still trying to get some of the rarer ones that we want to see because we know they are at Tophill Low. We did get a Gate Keeper in the garden this week (Photo 1). They are not really rare but its the first time we have seen one in our garden.



Photo 1: Gate Keeper



Photo 2: Bittern

North Cave Wetlands had there first have breeding Bittens this year which is great for them because they try so hard to improve the site so they are obviously doing something right. Here is a picture of a Bittern (Photo 2) which we took at Blacktoft Sands Reserve near Goole a while ago, because they breed there every year.

Thought this might help some of our readers with identification as not many people have ever seen a Bittern.

We forgot to put the next bird in the messenger which we saw back in May at Tophill Low which is a Ringed Neck Duck (Photo 3) this is the first time



Photo 3: Ring Neck Duck

we have ever seen one at Tophill Low not one of our best photos but it was at extreme range approx 300 metres away!

Last of all one of our favourite woodland birds which we do not see many of in East Yorkshire is the Nuthatch (photo 4) Got this one in Lancashire and we were lucky it was really close.

Hopefully we will start seeing more birds on the move now its getting to that time of year. The Puffins will soon be gone and more migrants will be coming back and some will be leaving as we get nearer to Autumn. Minkie Whales have been showing up at Bempton over the last 3 weeks but a very long way out to sea but have been spotted with a telescope and binoculars if anybody is interested in them.



Photo 4: Nuthatch

### Janny and Barry

# **Parish Council**

It's been a busy and eventful Summer in Middleton on the Wolds, and there's plenty to share!

**Sunshine** Squad Youth Club Launch – 12<sup>th</sup> September I'm delighted to share that the new *Middleton Youth Club* will officially open its doors on **Friday 12th September 6pm -8pm** at the village hall. This is a fantastic opportunity for the young people of our village to get together every fortnight, make friends, and enjoy a safe and welcoming space. Activities include Pool, Table Football, Xbox, crafts, Lego, games etc.

To make this a success, the organisers need *volunteers* – whether you can help on a regular basis or just occasionally, your support will make a real difference. Please get in touch with Karina 07860235894 if you can spare some time and would like further information.

**74th Produce Show – A Showcase of Village Talent** The recent Produce Show was a real highlight, and it was wonderful to see so many people attending, entering, and supporting the event. The quality and creativity of the entries showed just how much skill we have right here in our community. I personally enjoyed taking part with my two categories and walking around chatting to my fellow villagers.

I'm already eyeing up the baking categories for my entry's next year!

### **Community Concerns – Speeding and Dog Fouling**

On a more serious note, two issues have been raised repeatedly by residents.

First, **speeding vehicles** through our village remain a major concern. You may have noticed the speed awareness volunteers who are actively recording the speed of traffic entering the village, this will allow us to build up a data bank of evidence of speeding which can be submitted to the authorities for their consideration of the problem we have.

Second, **dog fouling** continues to be a problem in certain areas. Most dog owners are responsible, but for the minority who aren't – please be advised that your village community is fed up with your behaviour and all would appreciate if you would show some respect to your community's surroundings. This behaviour is unpleasant, unsightly, and unacceptable.

### Heritage Trail Opening

Lastly, the official opening of the *Middleton on the Wolds Heritage Trail* was a fantastic occasion. It was heartening to see so many villagers turn out to walk the trail and celebrate our local heritage together. Have you walked it yet?

Thank you all for your continued support and involvement in village life. Together, we make Middleton on the Wolds the vibrant, welcoming place we're all proud to call home.

For your interest the next Parish Council meeting is Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September at 7.30pm, I hope we may see some of you there.

Warm Regards

### Simon Hanna



Wolds Waves are hosting a Macmillan Coffee Morning

Saturday 27th September

10am onwards with a raffle.



### St Andrew's Church

### **Services for September**

Sun 7th	10.30am	Morning Prayers	Richard Summers
Sun 14th	10.30am	Morning Prayers	Mrs C Brent
Sun 21th	10.30am	Holy Communion	Rev. Canon Kate Goulder



On a recent holiday we visited Northumbria for the first time, it is a beautiful place. One of our trips took us to Bamburgh, the village is dominated by the impressive Castle which sits on a hill overlooking the sea. In the village itself is the church of Saint Aidan which is 800 years old. Before this stone building there were at least two wooden churches. The first was built in 635 by a monk named Aidan. The Christian King, Oswald of

Northumbria, had invited one of the monks to travel from the Scottish Island of Iona to teach his people about the Christian faith. Aiden was in fact the second monk to be invited, the first visitor from Iona, named Corman, thought that the Northumbrian people were rude barbarians who couldn't learn anything, so he went back home and Aidan, a gentle, more understanding monk came instead.

For around 1370 years people have prayed and worshiped on this spot. It is a beautiful, quite, understated church and Aiden's tomb is plain and simple. Marked with just his name and a lit candle.

There are some interesting things to see including a tomb of a crusader knight – no one knows who he was but we know he was a crusader because they are always

shown on their tombs with their legs crossed.

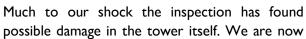
There is a forked wooden beam in the roof above the font. It survived fire not once but twice when the church burnt down. According to Saint Bede's History of England, Aiden was leaning against this beam when he died. It was built into the roof over 700 years ago to stop people taking parts of it away as 'holy relics'

There is a window in St Oswald's chapel which honours women who are known for their faith and good works including Florence Nightingale and Queen Elizabeth of Hungry, who had a heart for the poor.



It is in this church yard that Grace Darling is buried – she and her father are famous for coming to the assistance of people who had been shipwrecked off the Farne Islands in 1842. Her memorial has been built so that it can be seen from the sea. Directly across the road is a museum dedicated to Grace which is well worth a visit

You may have noticed that one of the entrances to St Andrew's Church has been closed, this is because the PCC recently had an inspection carried out on the stone window surround and the stained glass.





awaiting a visit from a Structural Engineer and our Architect so we have a clearer picture of the extent of the problem and the works which will need to be undertaken. We will keep you updated with further developments over the coming weeks.

I hope you have all had time to relax and do the things which bring you joy this summer.

Jane

# What's on in Middleton on the Wolds September 2025

1	Parish Council Meeting   7.30pm   Village Hall	
2	AGM and Village Hall Committee Meeting   2pm   Village Hall	
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7	Morning Prayers with Richard Summers   10.30am   St Andrew's Church	
	Village Lunch   12pm   The Robin Hood	
8	Pilates   5pm   Village Hall	
9	Book Group   2pm   North Dalton	
10	Line Dancing   7.30pm   Village Hall	
10	Quiz Night   8pm   Robin Hood	
11	Middleton Movers   2pm   Village Hall	
	Sunshine Squad Youth Club   6-8pm   Village Hall	
12	Band of Strangers (covers)   9.30pm   Robin Hood	
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14	Morning Prayers with Mrs C Brent   10.30am   St Andrew's Church	

15	Pilates   5pm   Village Hall				
15	Green Group Committee Meeting   7pm   Village Hall				
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17	Line Dancing   7.30pm   Village Hall				
18	Middleton Movers   2pm   Village Hall  Yorkshire Countrywomen   7.30pm   Village Hall				
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20	Charity Coffee Morning   10-11.30am   Village Hall				
21	Holy Communion with Canon Kate Goulder   10.30am   St Andrew's Church				
22	Pilates   5pm   Village Hall				
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24	Line Dancing   7.30pm   Village Hall  Quiz Night   8pm   Robin Hood				
25	Middleton Movers   2pm   Village Hall				
26	Sunshine Squad Youth Club   6-8pm   Village Hall Run (covers band)   9.30pm   Robin Hood				
27	Macmillan Coffee Morning   10am   Wolds Waves				
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### A Tortoise Amongst the Hares by Annette Wisher



It was 5.53pm on Wednesday 23rd July. After a rainy, to say the least, afternoon my partner and I emerged from the Paddocks to run 5K and meet and greet the famous Middleton hares.

Stage one was the embankment. A railway line for 75 years, it is very different now. There was no soot or smoke. No whistles or brakes, just the soft sound of trainers hitting the cinder track. After a few minutes huffing and puffing through archways of greenery we met **Moon Hare**, his ears back, mouth poised to capture any lingering rain drops. We

continued to the end of the track, then ran back, flashes of purple and yellow petals brightening the dull evening.

The next stage was the 'new estate' as we called it when my family moved

here in the 1970s. It was the people I grew up with that I remembered as I laboured up Orchard Drive, hindered by a lingering knee problem. However not so long before we moved in this area must have been so different: of an expanse agriculture overlooked by St Andrew's church, a fine view as rail passengers arrived from Market Weighton.

After what could be described as a 'difficult' crossing of the A614



we were greeted by **Land Hare** surveying his new territory. The Heritage Trail brochure tells me that this was once Middleton's dirtiest street; tonight though it looked quite charming, cottages with hanging baskets and window boxes, purple and white flowers dotted with raindrops. Past and present slot together; new builds in old spaces and the repurposed *Rose and Crown*. Dog walkers were beginning to emerge, bringing life into the evening.



We slogged on towards the

cemetery to meet the **Boxing Hares**, locked together eternally in love or hate in their shady spot. Then with a last push through the evening humidity we passed through the *Robin Hood* car park. My thoughts were on what an excellent place it would be to photograph St Andrew's from, never knowing that until 1970, a few years before I arrived it was the site of Manor House Farm. 'The eventual demolition of the building, without thought being given to restoration robbed the village of an interesting piece of history.'

That's a quote from one of my dad, Geoff Wisher's heritage sheets. If you attended the grand unveiling, or have just passed it by, you may know that our finishing point, the **Dancing Hares** contains a memorial plaque dedicated to him. Many people have a blue plaque in their name but a hare sculpture, I'm sure he would think, is a little bit special.

Do you have a great, local walk to share? Drop your write up, images and map to middletonmessenger@yahoo.com

### Middleton on the Wolds Heritage Trail







Don't forget to pick up your Heritage Trail leaflet from either the hairdressers, Post Office or the Robin Hood pub. We would love to see pictures with you and your favourite hare.



If you made a clay hare don't forget to send in your pictures of your finished Hare.

We have received some lovely feedback from East Riding of Yorkshire Council:

"Many congratulations — it's a real testament to the time and effort the Green Group have invested in this project, and to a lovely, supportive community. It was a pleasure to look through all the photos and see how fantastic the statues look and how well they have been received. I hope you're all feeling proud of what you've achieved"

Tell you friends and family about the trail or view the "Visit East Yorkshire website" for further details: <a href="https://www.visiteastyorkshire.co.uk/">https://www.visiteastyorkshire.co.uk/</a> (in the search box just type in Middleton on the Wolds.)

# MIDDLETON VILLAGE CHARITY COFFEE MORNINGS

At the Village Hall—Saturday September 20th

10.00am to 11.30am

In aid of The Hull and East Yorkshire Motor Neurone Support Group and St. Andrews Church, Middleton

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- 1 Which Hawaiian island does Lilo live on?
- Which planet is known as the "Red Planet"?
- Who is the main character in The Diary of a Wimpy Kid series?
- 4 In Encanto, they '...don't talk about...' who?
- 5 Which British singer is famous for the song Shape of You?
- 6 In The BFG, what does the BFG collect in jars?
- 7 Which tree grows acorns?
- 8 How many continents are there in the world?
- 9 In German, what does "Hund" mean?
- 10 Which famous battle did William the Conqueror win in 1066?

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#### 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!

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# MIDDLETON VILLAGE LUNCH

### At The Robin Hood

### September 8th - 12.00pm

The next 'Village Lunch' will take place on Monday 8th September 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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# Did you go down to the woods today – the Teddy Bears were having a picnic!!



It was a great afternoon at the Teddy's Picnic on Sunday  $17^{th}$  August for the community to come together to commemorate "Victory in Japan – VJ Day". Our new Parish Council Chair Simon welcomed everyone and our Vicar, Reverend Jane blessed the event.

The Green Group had a fantastic time making pom-pom teddy bears, clay hares and pine cone animals, finally cooling off with a delicious ice cream. The tent was buzzing with creativity and laughter and an extra sprinkle of fun!



"Thank you for a lovely afternoon" From Danielle "We had a lovely time today with our grand-daughter, thank you so much to everyone involved."

From Jayne















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### We've won three more awards for the taste of our chicken

We're proud to share the news that our Red Tractor-assured Grain Fed and Higher Welfare chicken have been awarded prestigious gold stars in the Guild of Fine Foods' Great Taste competition 2025. Our Higher Welfare Whole Chicken and Grain Fed Skin Off Chicken Breast Fillets won one-star awards, and our Grain Fed Bone In Thighs won a coveted two-star award – see the judges' feedback below.

MD Ben Lee said: "These awards are a testament to our farmers' high welfare standards and to the skill of our operations team. It's a real team effort, and I couldn't be more pleased."

# Grain Fed Chicken Bone In Thighs Entry: 2214 / 4



Well-sized chicken thighs with an evenly golden skin, they look really moist. The meat is quite flavoursome, very moist with crisp skin.

Nicely sizeable thighs suggest the chickens grew to a sound maturity. The meat proved moist, nicely resilient while amply tender, and pleasingly savoury, with something of a sound Sunday roast flavour. The crisp, golden skin is an added pleasure.

We are always advocating using thighs instead of breast for their succulence and flavour. These are lovely, meaty chicken thighs, have really crisp skin and offer the promised taste and juiciness. One would be ample for a portion, which is also great. We think these have an exceptional flavour, which is a big and delightful surprise.





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Climate change has unforeseen many effects, especially in places like Nepal where changes are happening faster than just about anywhere else in the world. In some parts of Nepal there is an acute shortage of rainfall and paddy fields that should be

lush and green are lying parched. Normally paddy transplanting is finished by the end of July, but so far this year only about 60% has been completed. Monsoon rains have failed across the southern plains and desperate farmers have taken matters into their own hands to supply water to their fields - often with tragic consequences. Many farmers have taken to installing borewells and electric water pumps. Farmers with little or no proper knowledge, professional help or legal electricity connections are making often fatal errors and connecting directly to overhead live wires in a practice known as hooking.

Some local district areas have stepped in and are helping farmers by paying electricity bills to run water pumps but many farmers lack the time or knowledge to apply for a legal connection. Most illegal connections hook onto 400-volt lines situated just below 11,000-volt high-tension wires and some are even wrapping bare wires in plastics and carrying them through wet fields. A perfect setup for disaster and one that is costing many lives. In the past year there have been 58 reported electrocution deaths with most of these because of unsafe illegal connections.





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