

# MIDDLETON-ON-THE-WOLDS NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2018  
ISSUE 197

## VILLAGE LUNCH



The next Village Lunch will be held in the Robin Hood at 12.15pm for 12.30pm on **Monday 1st October** and **Monday 5th November**. If regulars are unable to attend please contact Lynn Wooldridge on 217457 before **Friday 28th September** and **Friday 2nd November**. Anyone wishing to come for the first time is most welcome and should contact Lynn to book a meal.

## ST ANDREW'S CHURCH RACE NIGHT



Place Your Bets

**Friday 9th November**  
**7.30pm prompt**  
**in the Village Hall**

Place Your Bets

£5 per person (includes Pie and Pea Supper). Please bring own drinks and glass. Tickets available from:

Mrs C Brent, Mrs B Lowe, Mrs A Fisher, Mrs J Keenan, Mrs L Kelly, Mrs A Mitchell, Mrs W Soanes, Mrs M Woolston, Post Office, and Wolds Waves.



## COFFEE MORNING

A Coffee Morning in aid of The Yorkshire Air Ambulance will be held in the Reading Room on **Saturday 20th October** and **Saturday 17th November** from **10.00am**. All welcome for tea/coffee and teacake plus a raffle.

## ADVANCE NOTICE

As usual the Scout Post Box will be in the Robin Hood (dates to be confirmed) and will be placed on the village notice boards. Any further information required please contact Sue Howden on 217279.



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### Harvest Festival



Our Harvest Festival will be held at 6:00pm on **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October** at St. Andrew's Church, Middleton. Everyone is welcome to attend. Harvest gifts this year will be donated to the Food Bank in Drifffield. We will be collecting dried produce only i.e. unopened bags of milk (UHT or powdered), sugar (500g), fruit juice (carton), soup, pasta sauces, sponge pudding (tinned), tomatoes (tinned), cereals, rice pudding (tinned), tea bags/instant coffee, instant mash potato, rice/pasta, tinned meat/fish, tinned fruit, jam, biscuits or snack bars. In addition to this we also require nappies and baby food and other household essentials. Please no fresh produce though. Thank you.

### Senior Citizens Tea



Our Senior Citizens Tea will be held on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October, 1:30-3:00pm**. All are welcome to come and meet our pupils, be entertained by them and experience the children serving you with tea and cakes!

### Remembrance Service



At **11:00am on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November** we will be holding our remembrance service in the school playground. Rev'd Canon Kate Goulder will be attending the service. There will be a minute's silence to commemorate Remembrance Day. All are welcome to attend from 10:50am onwards.

### St. Andrew's Day Service



Our St Andrew's Day service, led by Rev'd Canon Kate Goulder, will be held at **10:30am on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November** at St Andrew's Church in Middleton. All are welcome to join the children in Church for the service.

### Half Term



School closes on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October and reopens at 08:40am on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November.

### 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. Mrs Reynolds looks forward to seeing you.

### On-going Collections



On-going Collections - We collect used stamps and used printer cartridges. Thank you.

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## MIDDLETON-ON-THE-WOLDS C OF E (VC) PRIMARY SCHOOL (Cont'd)

### School Dates

School reopens at 08:40am on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September.

### **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 £10.50 per session.
- ◆ Lunchtime sessions are £1.75 (free if children attend for the whole day) with the option to purchase a school meal for £2.20.
- ◆ Children are welcome in the term after their 3rd birthday for funded places.

For further details please contact: Heather Measom

Email: [middleton.primary@eastriding.gov.uk](mailto:middleton.primary@eastriding.gov.uk)

Tel: 01377 217323

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## MIDDLETON BIRDS AND WILDLIFE



Front Street seems to have been particularly lively since the last Newsletter deadline! People have seen Goldcrests, Bullfinches and even a Nuthatch (I'm very jealous of this, haven't ever seen one in East Yorkshire) and the summer seems to have been very successful for Blackbirds and House Sparrows which have both had 2 broods in the gardens here. Also more recently there have been Blackcaps feeding on garden berries. A Humming-bird Hawkmoth also turned up; the long warm summer must have tempted it up north.

Incredibly (which is why I'm giving it a paragraph to itself) there was a Kingfisher seen flying across the pond! I suppose it is the time of year when young birds have to roam in search of their own territories, so it might not linger, but it just goes to show it's always worth keeping an eye out for the unusual.

Elsewhere in the village there have been greenfinches feeding on artichoke seeds on the allotments, more Squirrels and Hedgehogs on The Paddocks (one Hedgehog being given an extensive tour of the garden in the careful mouth of a dog before eventually being released unharmed, though possibly dizzy) and a Red Under-Wing Moth in my sitting-room (had to look it up on-line).

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# MIDDLETON BIRDS AND WILDLIFE (Cont'd)

By next Newsletter the winter thrushes should have arrived; there are loads of berries waiting for them to feed on, but almost no sloes; the Beast From the East presumably put paid to them. Let me know what you see!



## ST ANDREW'S CHURCH

**Contact:** Mr Roger Lowe (217656) or Mrs Jennifer Keenan (217909)

### October

2nd (Tuesday)	6.00pm	School Harvest Festival. All welcome.
7th	10.30am	Holy Communion Rev'd Cathryn Conner
12th (Friday)	10.30am	Coffee Break Praise Rev'd Canon Kate Goulder
14th	10.30am	Joint Worship at The Wolds Methodist Church Bainton
21st	10.30am	Holy Communion Rev'd Canon Kate Goulder
28th	10.30am	Joint Worship at The Wolds Methodist Church
	6.00pm	Songs of Praise in the Reading Rooms

### November

4th	10.30am	Holy Communion Rev'd Cathryn Conner
11th	10.30am	Joint Remembrance Service Church Wardens
16th (Friday)	10.30am	Coffee Break Praise Rev'd Cannon Kate Goulder
18th	10.30am	Holy Communion Rev'd Canon Kate Goulder
25th	10.30am	Joint Worship at The Wolds Methodist Church
	6.00pm	Songs of Praise in the Reading Rooms

Holy Communion every Thursday at Bainton at 10.00am

## THE WOLDS METHODIST CHURCH BAINTON

### October

7th	10.30am	Harvest Festival at St Andrew's Church Bainton
14th	10.30am	United Service at The Wolds Methodist Church Mr John Vince
21st	10.30am	Service at The Wolds Methodist Church Mrs Chris Crawford
28th	10.30am	Service at The Wolds Methodist Church, Holy Communion, Rev'd Robert Amos
	6.00pm	Songs of Praise in the Reading Rooms

### November

4th	10.30am	Service at The Wolds Methodist Church Mrs Irene McGowan
11th	10.30am	Remembrance Service United at St Andrew's Church Middleton
18th	10.30am	Service at The Wolds Methodist Church Mr John Stephenson
25th	10.30am	Service at The Wolds Methodist Church Mr Stephen Byass
	6.00pm	Songs of Praise in the Reading Rooms

A NOTE FROM YOUR ASSISTANT PRIEST

*Happy Harvest!*

What a strange year it has been for weather this year - and how it has affected us on our farms and in our gardens! I was taking a wedding at the end of July, when the weather broke with thunderstorms, and we had all been watching the forecast avidly. Thunderstorms the day before, dark clouds in the morning - I felt that another phrase needed to be added to the promises bride and groom made to each other:

For richer, for poorer, for better, for worse,  
In sickness and in health - and in tempest and in drought.

Fortunately, we are having the weather we expect in autumn - both rain and sunshine - and the green is returning to our pastureland. Our Harvest festivals and celebrations are in full swing and we bring our offerings to Church in thankfulness to God and to help those in need.

Our harvest hymns remind us that we offer God the harvest of our lives. One of the hymns we shall be singing is "Come, ye thankful people, come" and I'd like to remind you of these lines:

We ourselves are God's own field, fruit unto God's praise to yield;  
Wheat and tares together sown, unto joy or sorrow grown;  
First the blade and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear;  
Grant, O harvest Lord that we wholesome grain and pure may be.

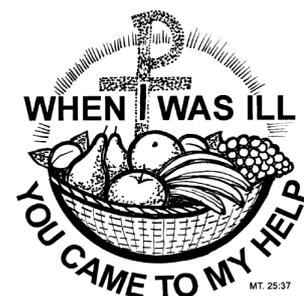
Our harvest reminds us of our good fortune and the need for thanks and praise. This year has given us a glimpse, through drought and floods, of the lives of our brothers and sisters which are more precarious than ours. It has also reminded us that we are stewards of God's creation and that we need to act responsibly to preserve our beautiful planet.

Whether through kind acts towards those we know who are in need, or in joining together in action against climate change, this year and every year we can strive towards preserving God's beautiful gift for all people.

Happy Harvest - in our gardens, fields, and in our lives.

With love and prayers, Kate

(Revd Canon Kate Goulder, Woldsburn Benefice)





## MIDDLETON BOOK GROUP

The September Book Club read of 'And The Violins Stopped Playing' by Alexander Ramati continued the unplanned theme of events connected to World War two. Years after the war Alexander Ramati was invited to the World Romany Congress in Germany after letting it be known that he was planning to write a book about the Gypsy holocaust. It was at this gathering of surviving gypsies that he met Roman Mirga, who handed him the memoirs he had written while hiding in a cellar after escaping from the Germans, which was following the instructions given him by his father to ensure that the world knew about the atrocities that happened to 300,000 Gypsies at the hands of the Germans.

The writer's evocative story of the little known Gypsy holocaust portrays the life and customs of the Lowland Gypsies with the love born of knowledge. But above all it's a story from World War two, powerfully brought to light and life, based closely on suppressed and refuted, hardly known historical facts. The book is described as horrifying, tragic and as unforgettable as it is moving -- a story of man's inhumanity to men who are different and the heroism of endurance, that, despite it, can survive both in individuals and in nations. Although not all members of the book club could describe it as an enjoyable read the best description given was that it was 'a good book and felt that all should remember the dreadful things of the past to ensure we prevent a repeat of such atrocities'

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**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2pm** - Hazel Kazer, 9 the Paddocks  
"The Story of Beautiful Girl" by Rachel Simon

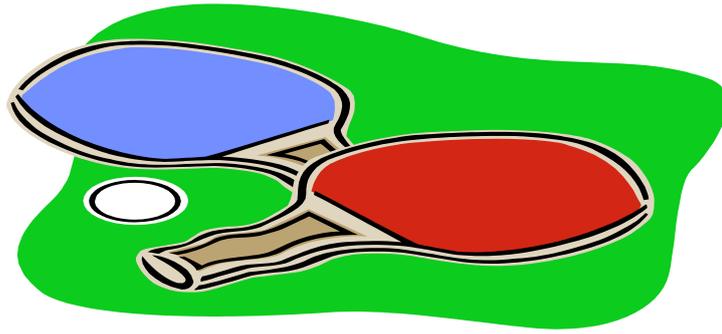
**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2pm** - Barbara Lavender, 81 Greenfield Avenue  
A novel by Sandi Toksvig

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### **BRANSBY HORSES (Used to be called Bransby Home of Rest for Horses)**

A big Thank You to everyone who collects stamps for the above worthy cause. This has been a particularly good year for the number of stamps collected so give yourselves a pat on the back. It is Bransby's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and during these years they have been dedicated to rescue, rehabilitation, re-homing and providing a safe haven for horses, donkeys and mules.

The centre in Lincolnshire is open 362 days a year, it is set in 600 acres and currently homes over 350 rescued horses. Dogs are welcome on a lead and there is a cafe, gift shop, children's play park and picnic area. Details of upcoming events are on their website so why not give them a visit.



# Table Tennis

JOIN US AT THE VILLAGE HALL

Tuesdays starting Nov 6th

Adults £2

Children £1.50

Under 16s to be accompanied by an adult

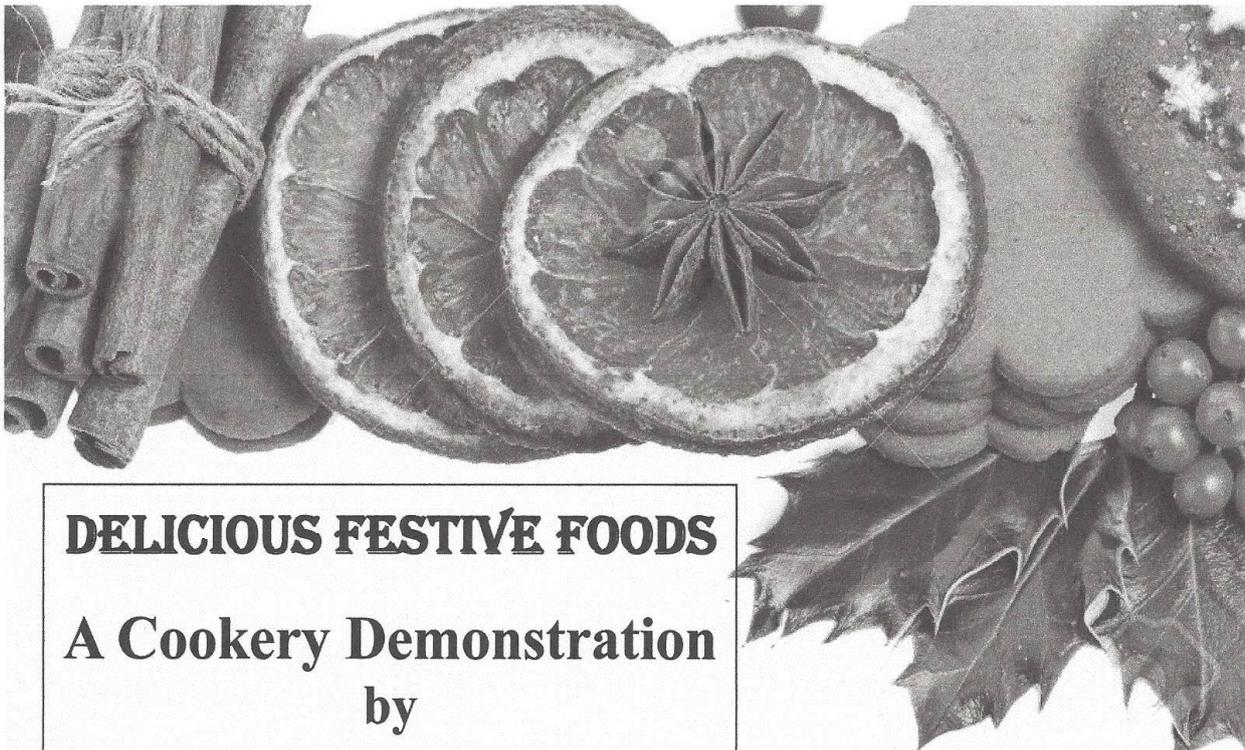
Contact Louise 217801 for further details



## DOES ANYONE REQUIRE A CHIMNEY SWEEP?



I have arranged for Dave The Sweep to come and do a full day's worth of chimneys in the village for a reduced rate of £35 per chimney instead of £40. He can do about 8 a day. Please contact me (John Fisher on 07716754081) if you would like him to clean your chimney, and I will add you to his round that day. This is on a first come first served basis. He is due mid October, specific date to be confirmed. If there is enough interest I am sure I could book him for 2 days.



**DELICIOUS FESTIVE FOODS**

**A Cookery Demonstration  
by  
Sheila Meadley**

**Tuesday  
20th November  
7.30pm  
in the  
Village Hall**

Tickets from any of the  
Village Hall Committee  
Barbara, Dave, Jennifer, June, Kath, Lyn  
or ring Barbara on 217486

Registered Charity No: 1085309

**£6 includes  
welcome drink**





# **SUNFLOWERS ART & CRAFT CLUB**

**Develop your artistic skills!  
Fun and creative art and craft sessions for children aged 7 to 11**

**Fully qualified and experienced teachers  
All activities designed to link with the National Curriculum**

**Thursdays 4.30pm - 6.30pm**

**Middleton-on-the-Wolds Village Hall**

**Contact:**

**Tel: 07368 432349/07952 263889**

**Email: [sunflowers.artclub@gmail.com](mailto:sunflowers.artclub@gmail.com)**

**£12 per 2 hour session (to include all materials)**

**BOOK YOUR PLACE NOW!**

**New term starts Thursday 8th November 2018**

**Theme for the half term - Christmas Magic**

# Shine Night Walk

**Louise and Dave Newlove  
are participating in the  
York Shine Night walk.**

October 12th

If you would like to sponsor either of them then ring 217801.

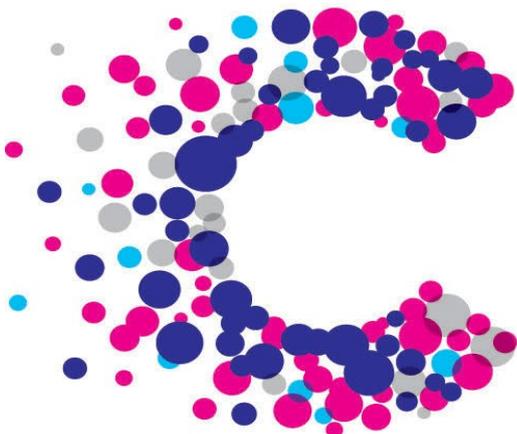
Also can be done on the Just giving pages.

Louise is doing the walk for cancer research.

Dave is doing the walk for prostate cancer.

Every pound donated can make a difference to Cancer Research UKs ground-breaking work!

**In aid of**



**CANCER  
RESEARCH  
UK**

# Christmas Fair



Middleton on the Wolds

Village Hall

*Saturday*

*8th December 2018*

*2 pm – 4.30 pm*



**REFRESHMENTS**

**CRAFTS & GIFTS**

**TOMBOLA**

**VISIT SANTA**

**HOME PRODUCE**

**PRE-LOVED**

**FACE PAINTING**



## TABLE BOOKING

There are 3 sizes of table available. The prices (payable at the time of booking) are as follows:

Large:	£7.00	(approx 1830 x 600 mm)
Medium:	£5.50	(approx 1220 x 600 mm)
Small:	£4.00	(approx 900 x 600 mm)

To book a table please contact Lyn on [lyndennis456@gmail.com](mailto:lyndennis456@gmail.com) or 219500  
Booking forms are also available from the Post Office or Wolds Waves

Middleton Village Hall Committee  
Charity Number 1085309

## CHRISTMAS PRIZE DRAW

Lots of prizes sponsored by local firms

To be drawn at the  
Christmas Fair on Saturday 8th December

Tickets available soon from  
Barbara Lavender 217486  
Wolds Waves, The Post Office  
Or any Village Hall Committee Member



Charity No: 1085309

## MIDDLETON AND THE FIRST WORLD WAR



The children and the staff leaving school for the summer holidays in 1914 could have no idea what the next few years would bring. The school had a good report and had successfully opened its doors for the first time on the last day to parents for an inspection of pupils' work and a display of country dancing by the children. However this mood of optimism would not last. A report appeared in the Beverley Guardian on the 8<sup>th</sup> August four days after the event which read "ENGLAND DECLARES WAR AGAINST GERMANY. ARMY AND NAVY MOBILISED, TERRITORIALS CALLED UP. RAILWAYS UNDER GOVERNMENT-CONTROL".

Speedy government legislation giving amongst other things the police draconian powers of interrogation and arrest were to chip away at the cherished freedoms of a liberal society. So when the school reassembled there was a mood of gloom not helped by an outbreak of typhoid in the village. In due course education was to be further affected by the practice of allowing boys who had reached the age of twelve and could prove they could read to leave in order to help fill the gap caused by the depletion of the agricultural workforce by the requirements of army service. Women were also (reluctantly) brought in to assist.

A few days after the war started a garden fete was held, in ideal weather and with a large attendance, in the grounds of the Hall which belonged to the Brooksbank family. Because of the "terrible national crisis" it was decided to give the proceeds of £39.10s 2d to the Red Cross and the East Riding Solders' and Sailors' Families Association.

The Driffield Times reported that Mr Percy Brooksbank worked as hard as anyone for he

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## MIDDLETON AND THE FIRST WORLD WAR (Con t'd)

took over 140 people for rows on the pond. Also in the absence of a band Miss L. Dove and Mr T Marshall both played some excellent dance music from 6 - 9 o'clock. The young people danced while the elders sat and looked on enjoying the lovely summer evening. Captain Arthur Brooksbank hoped to open his grounds when the times were happier. He died in 1917 and Percy eventually lived in America where he died in 1952.

Among the first to be called for active service were the Waggoners Reserve. Founded in 1913 it was the brainchild of Mark Sykes of Sledmere, politician and diplomat, who was aware of the skill of the Wolds' lads in handling their single pole wagons which he thought would be useful on the field of battle in a future European war. A reluctant government eventually agreed. Billy Thompson of Middleton, the son of a blacksmith, who lived to celebrate the Reserve's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 1988 recalled that about 30 reservists boarded the train at Middleton en route to Bradford Moor barracks. One or two had had too much to drink so the policemen put them on a sweep's handcart and ushered them onto the train. Billy recalled much suffering of men and horses but went on to farm after the war at Bainton Balk, Holme Wold and Money Pot Farms dying just short of his hundredth birthday. Another Middleton man was Percy Dove the future landlord of the Rose and Crown pub during the Second World War. In Sledmere there is a graphic cylindrical memorial to the Reserve and a small museum at Sledmere House

The naval bombardment of Whitby and Scarborough in December 1914 showed that the war would not be over by Christmas as previously thought. Countless villages have war memorials. In Middleton the lychgate of the cemetery bears the inscription "1914 To Our Glorious Dead" while in the church there is a roll of honour devised by the school and a brass plaque listing the 16 men killed.

One man listed Private Frank Dove, one of six brothers to enlist, was killed on his 24<sup>th</sup> birthday and had a well attended memorial service in Middleton. Another brother was disabled by the war.

Hazel Brown recalled that her father Arthur Dove and his brother in law having emigrated to Canada were conscripted into the Canadian army. Mr Dove who died in 1969 needed regular treatment to remove shrapnel whilst his brother in law was killed at Passchendaele.

At the school a teacher Ernest Parkinson enlisted, a former teacher Frank Loftus was killed and the headmaster Arthur Jordan volunteered but only served as a special constable because of medical problems.

There was much charitable activity during the conflict, with Mrs Dora Brooksbank, helped by six girls, being prominent in this endeavour. Aid was given to Belgian refugees and parcels were sent via neutral countries to local soldiers who were prisoners in East Prussia. The school also played its part.

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## MIDDLETON AND THE FIRST WORLD WAR (Con t'd)

News of the Armistice on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November 1918 was received with cheers by a crowd enlarged by the men involved in the Martinmas hirings which gathered around the Bell Hotel in Drifffield, church bells were rung and flags flown. Perhaps there were similar celebrations and relief in Middleton.

This news was received in the school at Middleton at ten minutes past one and was followed by a half day holiday.

As a gruesome postscript the end of the war was followed by the devastating epidemic of "Spanish flu" and the school closed until the 2<sup>nd</sup> December. On resumption the headmaster reported that the outbreak had adversely affected the mental as well as physical health of many scholars.

The official peace treaty ending the war was signed on the 28<sup>th</sup> June 1919 when further celebrations took place tinged with sadness at the loss of life and the prospect of long term personal suffering of the servicemen and their families.

In an age when people were expected to maintain a stiff upper lip and put traumatic experiences behind them there must have been many around who carried not only the physical scars but the inner torment for the rest of their lives. They could take no satisfaction from the promise that this was the war to end wars as it just resulted in twenty years of economic depression and growing international tension abroad culminating in another vicious world war

On a more positive note between the wars the coming of radio, cinema and easier transport gave people, especially the young more to interest them. There was social life in the village, dances etc, education was taken more seriously and until 1939 the annual Foresters' Feast was a much anticipated event.

GEOFF WISHER

# WHAT'S ON?

PLEASE COULD PEOPLE LET MARGARET WOOLSTON ON 217699 KNOW OF EVENTS AND DATES PRIOR TO THE MONTH OF THE EVENT TAKING PLACE

Every Monday Coffee Morning at 10.00am in the Reading Rooms  
 Every Monday Pilates 6.00pm-7.00pm in the Village Hall  
 Every Wednesday Line Dancing 7.30pm-9.00pm in the Village Hall  
 Every Thursday Middleton Movers 2.00pm-3.30pm in the Village Hall  
 Every Thursday Pilates 7.00pm-8.00pm in the Village Hall (this is run by a different person to the one on a Monday night)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Venue</u>
<b>October</b>			
1st	Parish Council	7.00pm	Reading Rooms
9th	Village Hall/Reading Room Mtg	7.30pm	Reading Rooms
16th	Book Club	2.00pm	9 The Paddocks
18th	Countrywomens	7.30pm	Reading Rooms
<b>November</b>			
4th	Litter Picking	10.00am	24B Station Road
5th	Parish Council	7.00pm	Reading Rooms
12th	Village Hall/Reading Room Mtg	7.30pm	Reading Rooms
13th	Book Club	2.00pm	81 Greenfield Road
15th	Countrywomens	7.30pm	Reading Rooms
20th	Delicious Festive Foods	7.30pm	Village Hall
<b>December</b>			
3rd	Parish Council	7.00pm	Reading Room
8th	Christmas Fair	2.00pm	Village Hall
11th	Village Hall/Reading Room Mtg	7.30pm	Reading Rooms
16th	Litter Picking	10.00am	24B Station Road

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Parish Clerk	Mrs P Walker	217635
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	Mrs J Keenan	217909
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# ADVANCE NOTICE

Please note that the January/February Newsletter will be a joint issue, as per usual.

## ITEMS FOR THE NEXT NEWSLETTER

Items for the next Newsletter (December 2018) to be at 25 Greenfield Road by no later than:

**FRIDAY 16TH NOVEMBER 2018**

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