

# MIDDLETON MESSSENGER



**The Newsletter for Middleton on the Wolds**

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Photo taken of the 2018 race  
by Ann Swallow



2019



# TOUR de YORKSHIRE

**Refreshments in  
The Village Hall  
2<sup>nd</sup> May from 3.00 pm**

**Tea, Coffee, Hot Chocolate  
Sausage Rolls**

**Various Homemade Cakes**

**The Race should go past  
shortly after 4.00pm**

The Village Hall Committee

Charity No: 1085309



# EDITORIAL

Well, that's Easter out of the way; eggs eaten and rabbits (why rabbits?) back in their hutches. Next up are the Bank Holidays leading up to another glorious summer. Blimey, it'll soon be Christmas!



But, before then, we've got a bike race to watch. If you haven't already heard (as if!) the Tour de Yorkshire is once again coming through the village. It looks like the riders will get to us just about at 4 o'clock with the caravan (hopefully still throwing out loads of goodies) going through some time before that.

There is always a lot of talk about decorating the route with yellow and blue bunting and bikes but how much of that sort of thing do you notice when you're watching the Tour de France? I'd say far less than the crowds of spectators watching from behind the crash barriers. Now, if you have strings of bunting and a spare bike please put them up (we will be) but, if you haven't, then please come out and watch.

The Tour de Yorkshire really took off after organisers and sponsors saw the enthusiasm of the Yorkshire public for the race, particularly when compared with other parts of the country. Let's show that same enthusiasm in Middleton and make a good showing as the peloton goes through our village.

As always:

**If you have any ideas, comments or complaints you want to share then send an email to [middletonflyer@yahoo.com](mailto:middletonflyer@yahoo.com).**

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

## NEXT COPY DATE 14<sup>th</sup> MAY



Please send your article or poster to [middletonflyer@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:middletonflyer@yahoo.co.uk) in good time. (You can pop it through my door if you don't have email access - 4 The Paddocks.) Please note that I have brought the copy date forward a couple of days to give more time for the compiling, editing and printing so that the delivery people can get it to you on the weekend before 1st of each month.

Remember — if I don't receive the articles I can't put them in!

Lyn 219500

# LOCAL BIRDS & WILDLIFE

According to the weather forecast the frosts are over and we're heading for a warm sunny Easter as I write this. So no more looking out for Bramblings – I've just been told about another one, again with a crowd of Chaffinches and also on Greenfield Road, seen a couple of weeks later than ours, so possibly the same bird. The same people had a particularly lucky day, as later on they saw a Goldcrest flitting about on the ivy on the Crab Apple tree next to the Village Green "Two firsts in one day" for them.

The Chiffchaffs are back on the embankment now; one of the first of the spring arrivals. Apparently some just move further south in the UK for winter these days, so only have a short migration to get back to Yorkshire!



Another migrant that might be catching on to the same labour-saving way of life is the Blackcap, a pair of which have just turned up this week. The male has the black cap; the female has lovely chestnut coloured head-wear instead. An old country name for them is "the Northern Nightingale" and they do have a lovely warbling song.



We recently tried to fool our granddaughter into thinking we had the world's tiniest moles in our garden, showing her these little mounds on our lawn. Unfortunately when we told her that they were really made by Solitary Bees (or possibly Bee Flies?) she found that also highly unlikely, and will



now quite possibly never believe anything we tell her ever again.

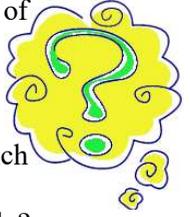
Life on The Paddocks seems slightly wilder than down on Greenfield Road; a Paddocks pond under attack from two Herons! Herons are big birds, with a wingspan about the same as a golden eagle, so just one heron still tends to rather fill a normal garden. Paddocks residents might like to consider that according to Wikipedia they used to be considered a delicacy – 400 roast herons were served to the guests when George Neville became Archbishop of York in 1465. The Wildlife and Countryside Act would probably have something to say about it now.

Please send in any sightings, photos or anecdotes to [barbaralavender@btinternet.com](mailto:barbaralavender@btinternet.com)

Also, please let me know if you would like your name included?

# QUIZ PAGE

- 1 In the film and TV series 'The Fugitive' what was the occupation of the Fugitive?
- 2 What river flows through the Grand Canyon in the USA?
- 3 How did Sonny Bono die?
- 4 On the Monopoly Board Bow Street, Marlborough Street and which other street makes up the orange properties?
- 5 What were Eugene Cernan and Harrison Schmitt the last men to do?
- 6 Which football club play home matches at Home Park?
- 7 Which country is bigger: Pakistan, Peru or Poland? (area)?
- 8 Which sport is played with the heaviest ball?
- 9 Who wrote the novel Dr Jekyll & Mr Hyde?
- 10 Until the 12th or 13th century which city was the capital of England?



Quiz set by Rowland Wooldridge

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## DINGBATS



## APRIL BIRTHDAY ANAGRAMS

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*Royalty*

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(which year were they born?)

*All answers on page 15*

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# LOCAL HISTORY

## WHAT WAS BEHIND THE WALL?

First it was the Rectory and then it became the Hall but the building itself, though not as grand as other East Riding houses, was destined to exercise through its owners, a form of social control, usually benevolent but requiring deference on the part of the villagers and this deference also took a highly visible form. In 1929 a Hull Times reporter interviewed Waters Appleton, a lifelong resident of Middleton, a shopkeeper and a onetime manager of the Yorkshire Penny Bank in the village who was born about 1861 and remembered among other things the time when the parson and squire were rulers of the village. All the men bowed to them and the women curtsied as they came down the street.



Situated behind the long brick wall on the Beverley road the Rectory was built from a design by a York architect for the then rector John Blanchard in 1809 as a replacement for the existing building which was located nearer the church.

The nine bedroomed house with its adequate domestic staff would provide comfortable accommodation for the wealthy rector who had

been awarded 890 acres of land in lieu of lost tithes when the village was enclosed in 1805.

On his death in 1827 he was succeeded as rector by his son also named John who in addition was vicar of Lund, a deputy Lieutenant and a Justice of the Peace all of which did not interfere with his enjoyment of field sports.

He was followed in 1862 by his son Henry Dacre Blanchard and here the mystery arises for it is said that a fatal shooting accident took place involving a servant after which the rector could no longer bear to live in the house. Whatever the truth, a new rectory was built in 1867 which eventually became known as Parklands and the 1809 building was bought by Captain (later Colonel) Arthur Brooksbank 1831 -1903, a decorated veteran of the Crimean War and the third son of a clergyman from Healaugh Manor near Tadcaster.

The new owner became heavily involved in local affairs and effectively occupied the role of squire. He was succeeded by his son Arthur who lived until 1917 and then by his son Percy who served as a driver with the French Red Cross in the war.

Percy had a much travelled life but remained owner of the Hall until 1932 with various tenants in occupation after which it was sold to Sir Prince Smith, head of a Keighley textile machinery firm.

In a speech at the Feast that year Dr Clements, the village doctor, sensed with some misgivings a change in the old order with the break up of one of the finest estates in the East Riding.

The house was requisitioned for war use and became run down so that after the conflict the Prince Smith family preferred to use their Southburn property and the Hall met its end in 1960 leaving a few outbuildings standing and sadness for those villagers with fond memories of all it used to signify.

GEOFF WISHER

# METHODIST CHURCH, BANTON

## Services for May

- Sunday 5th 10.30am Service at the Wolds Methodist Church,  
Mr Stephen Byass
- Sunday 12th 10.30am United service at the Wolds Methodist Church,  
Rev Robert Amos, Holy Communion
- Sunday 19th 10.30am Service at the Wolds Methodist Church,  
Mrs Chris Crawford
- Sunday 26th 10.30am Service at the Wolds Methodist Church,  
Mr Keith Russell
- Sunday 26th 6.00pm Songs of Praise in the Reading Rooms

### MIDDLETON SPRING QUIZ

We would wish to report that the Middleton Spring Quiz held on the 12th April raised a total of £580 this has resulted in £280 donated to St. Andrews Church and £280 to support Prostate Cancer Work at Castle Hill Hospital. Many thanks to all who supported this event in any way in, providing time, food, raffle prizes, donations, labour and in particular attendance on the evening to make the occasion such a success.



### CHARITY COFFEE MORNING

will be held in the Reading Rooms on

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May**

**from 10.00am**

All are welcome for tea/coffee and teacake

plus a raffle in aid of

**The Alzheimer's Society**



# ST ANDREW'S CHURCH

## Services for May

Sunday 5th	10.30am	Holy Communion, Rev'd Cathryn Conner
Sunday 12th	10.30am	Joint Worship at Wolds Methodist Church
Sunday 19th	10.00am	Holy Communion, Rev'd Canon Kate Goulder
Sunday 26th	10.30am	Joint Worship at Wolds Methodist Church
Sunday 26th	6.00pm	Songs of Praise, Reading Rooms

## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Following the recent Parish Council Elections we have two vacancies; and the new council members are able to appoint 2 additional members to the committee by co-option. Anyone interested in joining the Parish council should firstly contact the Parish Clerk to find out further details on how to apply. [pc@middletononthewolds.co.uk](mailto:pc@middletononthewolds.co.uk)

### Other Parish Council News

Beverley Road (part) Chapel Lane South Street (part) are scheduled for surface dressing this year.

The Village Taskforce Walkabout will be done on the 4<sup>th</sup> July 2019. The purpose of the walkabout is to agree a programme of maintenance works to be carried out by the local authority.

The steps to access the old railway line are to be replaced; forming steps using reclaimed railway sleepers. It is hoped these works will be completed within the next few weeks.

The Tour de Yorkshire will again pass through Middleton. The Parish Council has received funding from ERYC for purchase of bunting; hopefully village members will support the event. Refreshments will be available in the village Hall.

A full copy of the minutes of our parish council is available on our website [www.middletononthewolds.co.uk](http://www.middletononthewolds.co.uk)

*John Eastwood*

# NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

**CALLING ALL YOUNG PEOPLE OF MIDDLETON!**

**FANCY SOME FREE PIZZA & COKE WHILST HELPING YOUR COMMUNITY ?**



Do you want to help the Parish Council make a plan for the future of our village? You can make a difference by voicing your views and ideas. If so why not come along to our Young Person's drop in at the Reading Rooms on THURSDAY 9<sup>th</sup> MAY 4-6pm?

You'll meet other people wanting to have a say in designing our village fit for your future. You'll have an opportunity to say what's important to you whilst demolishing a Margherita with friends

We'd also like your views on a new proposed activity area at the Rec club so why not after school pop along and join in? Parish Councillor Nick Jones and Darron Lawer, East Yorkshire Youth Community officer will be there to hear your views and to note what's important to YOU!

Get there early to ensure a slice of your favourite pizza and don't forget to tell Mum/Dad/an adult where you are so your second tea can be on hold until you get home!

If you have any queries or questions contact Nick on [njones40@sky.com](mailto:njones40@sky.com) or Darron on [Darron.lawer@eastriding.gov.uk](mailto:Darron.lawer@eastriding.gov.uk)

## VILLAGE LUNCH



## THE ROBIN HOOD INN

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April**

**12.15 for 12.30pm**

If regulars are unable to attend please contact Lynn Wooldridge on 217457 by Friday 26th April . Anyone wishing to come for the first time is most welcome and should contact Lynn to book a meal.

# VILLAGE HALL & READING ROOMS



## AGM

Anyone in the village is welcome to come along to Reading Rooms at 7.30pm on Tuesday 14th May for the AGM.

The number of committee members has dwindled over the past few years, although we are happy to welcome Sharon Roe who joined us during the year. We would appreciate any assistance from anyone who could spare just a little time to help keep the hall available for the general use of the villagers.

*The Village Hall Committee*

## SOANES EASTER EGG COMPETITION



A competition was organised at Middleton School to find the best decorated egg. Soanes Poultry supplied the eggs and Ben Lee and Sophie Upson went in to the school to judge the finished eggs. Above are photos of the top ten and of Isla, David and Freya who came 1st, 2nd and 3rd.



# MIDDLETON BOOK GROUP

**"GREATEST HITS"** by LAURA BARNETT is about a fictional songwriter looking back on her life via the songs of her career, as she gathers them together for a come-back album. The songs have since been recorded by Kathryn Williams and make very pleasant listening.



**"CARRYING ALBERT HOME"** by HOMER HICKAM is the funny, sweet, and sometimes tragic tale of a young couple and a special alligator on a crazy 1,000-mile adventure. It is by the same author as "October Sky" which we read last year.

Next books for discussion:

14th April "Where The Light Gets In" by Lucy Dillon

"Dear Mrs Bird" by A J Pierce

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## THE WITTY FAMILY

Do you remember the article in the March Messenger about the Witty family reunion at the Kiplingcotes Derby? Well, 7 descendants of the Middleton Wittys of Manor Farm (shown in the photos) came over from Canada with their families to meet up with many of their British relatives. After enjoying the day at the derby a family lunch was taken at the Robin Hood. Jennifer Keenan and I were privileged to be asked to join them.

*Lyn Dennis*





# MIDDLETON

## MOVERS

Thursday  
Afternoons

2.00 to 3.30pm



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with fun games and quizzes  
plus a cup of tea and  
a chat with friends

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# NEWS FROM OUTSIDE MIDDLETON

## Lund Village Theatre Events @ the Hall

SPRING 2019

**Please book early to avoid disappointment**

**For more details/tickets call 01377 219598 /217776**

Les Barker and Dyet also have tickets on sale at Beverley Tourist Information

**Unless stated otherwise all events will have a bar and cafe**

**Diyet and the Love Soldiers**  
**Canadian Folk From the Yukon,**  
**Friday May 10<sup>th</sup> £9. Doors open**  
**19.00 for 19.30**

Diyet & The Love Soldiers is alternative country, folk, roots and traditional music with catchy melodies and stories deeply rooted in Diyet's Indigenous world view and northern life. Backed by Love Soldiers:

husband and collaborator, Robert van

Lieshout and award-winning producer, Bob Hamilton; this multi-instrumental trio from the Yukon has a sound that can fill a big stage or capture an intimate room. An emotion stirring voice



**“yesterday, fishing for our dinner on the ice, the next day, on the stage singing for you!”**

**Vulnerable, true to life songs. “Vancouver Sun”**

For an example track [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SYJ0RfBYapk&list=PL4h0\\_mD92njCtfoQEFAEqEsSA7BVXPU4y&index=8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SYJ0RfBYapk&list=PL4h0_mD92njCtfoQEFAEqEsSA7BVXPU4y&index=8)

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**Bad Apple “The Frozen Roman” play**  
**Saturday 25th May. £10. Doors open 19.00 for 19.30**



They came, they saw, they conquered, they went away again. Or did they? An emergency meeting at the Phoenix pub gets heated, as the villagers rack their brains for new ways to fight the imminent housing development that threatens village life as they know it. The discovery of an ancient burial site under foot may just throw them a

lifetime if they can somehow authenticate their mysterious findings. But things aren't always what they seem! Expect a double dose of comedy as the situation goes ballisticus maximus in this brand-new original comedy from Kate Bramley and Badapple Theatre.

## PRODUCE SHOW

This year's Produce show is on Saturday 13th July.

Schedules are in the process of being printed and will be delivered in May / June.

Please enter and support us.

*Sue Howden*

*Show Secretary*



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Anagrams: Pierce Brosnan 1953  
 Bob Dylan 1941  
 Clint Eastwood 1930  
 Chrs Froome 1985  
 David Beckham 1975  
 Princess Charlotte 2015

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 2 Colorado  
 3 He hit a tree whilst ski-ing  
 4 Vine Street  
 5 Walk on the Moon  
 6 Plymouth Argyle  
 7 Pern  
 8 Ten Pin Bowling  
 9 Robert Louis Stevenson.  
 10 Winchester  
 Dingbats:  
 Fish out of water  
 Iron curtain  
 Knock on wood  
 Blue blood

Quiz Answers



— Traditional —  
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**Layby near to the Roundabout**  
**Every Wednesday**  
**4.30 to 7.00pm**

**All fish is Haddock skinned and boned**

Fish & Chips	5.60	Sausage & Pattie	0.90
Single Fish	3.90	Chicken Nuggets & Chips	3.50
Large Fish	5.10	Fishcake	1.10
Small Chips	1.70	Beef Burger	2.00
Large Chips	2.80	Cheese Burger	2.50
		Spam Fritter	1.20
Fish Goujons & Chips	4.40	Onion Rings	1.80
Large Fish Goujons & Chips	5.60	Fish Pattie	1.70
Pattie and Chips	2.60	Breadcake	0.40
Sausage & Chips	2.60	Peas, Curry or Gravy	0.80

**Specials**

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2 x Pattie & Chips	4.00
Small Fish and Chips	4.60



# BLACK YAK

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Many small producers are just not able to access international markets to sell the wonderful goods that they produce. Black Yak is able to give them access to markets that they otherwise could not get into and to allow people to realise a very simple desire - to work for a fair wage, to be able to look after themselves and their families and to have a future with dignity, hope and respect.



We maintain very close and long-term direct personal relationships with our producers, promoting fair trade principals and putting something back into our supplier's communities with medical and educational funds. Several of our producer partners started as very small businesses and we are very proud that some are now much larger and are also themselves now putting back into their communities through relief programmes and local projects.

As proud and committed members of BAFTS, which in turn is a member of the WFTO (The World Fair Trade Organisation), we follow the Ten Principals of Fair Trade:

- 1: Creating opportunities for economically disadvantaged producers.
- 2: Transparency and accountability.
- 3: Fair trading practices.
- 4: Payment of a fair price.
- 5: Ensuring no child or forced labour.
- 6: Commitment to non-discrimination, gender equity and freedom of association.
- 7: Ensuring good working conditions.
- 8: Providing capacity building.
- 9: Promoting fair trade.
- 10: Respect for the environment.

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# REGULAR GROUP ACTIVITIES

## Weekly Groups

Monday	Coffee Morning	10.00am	Reading Rooms (Except when there is a Village Lunch - see below)
Monday	Pilates	6.00-7.00pm	Village Hall
Wednesday	Line Dancing	7.30-9.00pm	Village Hall
Thursday	Middleton Movers	2.00-3.30pm	Village Hall
Thursday	Pilates	7.00-8.00pm	Village Hall

## April

29<sup>th</sup> Village Lunch 12.15pm Robin Hood Inn

## May

13<sup>th</sup> Parish Council 7.00pm Reading Rooms

14<sup>th</sup> Book Group 2.00pm 3 Church View  
Kirkburn

14<sup>th</sup> Village Hall Committee 7.30pm Reading Rooms

16<sup>th</sup> Country Women's Association 7.30pm Reading Rooms

18<sup>th</sup> Charity Coffee Morning 10.00am Reading Rooms

## LOCAL CONTACTS

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