

Village Diary: September 2008

* Parish Council Meetings (7.15pm): 1 Sept, 6 Oct, 3 Nov, 1 Dec. *

Sept. 13th	Sat	VILLAGE HALL FETE & PARISH COUNCIL OPEN DAY
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Sept. 22nd	Mon	History Society 7.30pm - MC Library. 'Here Today, Gone Tomorrow.' (Village Scrap - books)
Oct. 1st	Wed	Age Concern - Mike White playing the keyboard for dancing and a sing-a-long
Oct. 8th	Wed	Harvest Supper at the Social Club (ASLOF)
Oct. 27th	Mon	Hist. Soc. 7.30pm - MC Lib. 'Lest We Forget' (Our Village War Memorial)
Nov. 5th	Wed.	Age Concern. - Brackley Male Voice Choir. (British Legion Poppies on sale)
Nov. 8th	Sat	MC LIBRARY - FAMILY HISTORY DAY - 2.00 - 4.00pm. ALL WELCOME
Nov. 16th	Sun	Chenderit School Craft Fair 10.00am - 4.00pm.
Nov. 21st	Fri	Barn Dance at the Social Club (ASLOF)
Nov. 24th	Mon	Hist. Soc. 7.30pm - MC Library. Who Do You KNOW You Are?
Dec. 3rd	Wed	Age Concern - Christmas Tea (NB. To qualify, you must have attended for 6 months previously). Bill Tustian will be playing the keyboard and singing. Please bring a gift costing no more than £1.00
Dec. 6th	Sat	Dickens Evening at All Saints Church - times to be confirmed
Dec. 22nd	Mon	Hist. Soc. 7.30pm - MC Library. Members Xmas Social & Fun History Quiz

If you would like to include your event in this section please notify the Parish Clerk (Email clerk@middletoncheney.org.uk or call 713500). Entries must be received from the organiser by the relevant copy date - they are not automatically rolled over to the next edition.

The editors reserve the right to edit all material and every effort will be made to ensure that the information in this newsletter is accurate. We will endeavour to include all items submitted but occasionally space may be limited and your article may have to be included in the next edition.



**Cheney
Chatter**

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Middleton Cheney Newsletter

Welcome to the third edition of the Cheney Chatter. I hope you have enjoyed reading about the people and places that make up this vibrant South Northamptonshire village. If you did not already know, you would have had the chance to discover the thriving clubs and organisations we have in Middleton. They all provide entertainment and activities for people of all ages, so do drop in, meet the people and join up.

You will have noticed that the police have been putting up signs warning residents not to leave tools and other valuable items in their vehicles overnight. It takes the same time for someone to break into your vehicle as it does for you to remove your tools and valuables and put them away safely.

The clerk and I recently attended the presentations for the Village of the Year competitions but alas again, we came second in our category, always the bridesmaid, never the bride. This result has made me more determined that, with the help of everyone in the village, we can win next year.

May I convey a special thank you to Sue Hunter who has retired as Middleton's village correspondent at the Banbury Guardian. Sue has kept the village informed for the past 16 years and we are all grateful for her hard work on our behalf.

The Methodist Strawberry Fare once again was well-attended and enjoyed by many but the great event of the Summer must be the Middleton Music Festival which proved to be a great success and very well attended. We all send a great big thank you to all the many people who worked so hard to make it such a great day and raise so much for our two nominated charities, the Playing Fields Association and the new Pre-School.

John Rakestraw
Chairman
Middleton Cheney
Parish Council



The next issue of the Village News will be delivered in December. Please send all articles by 14th November to the Parish Clerk by email: clerk@middletoncheney.org.uk or by post to the Parish Meeting Room. Entries should be no bigger than half A5 page.

VILLAGE HALL FETE & PARISH COUNCIL OPEN DAY

This popular event will be held on Saturday 13th September. Included in this action packed day will be a Tug-of-War and any pub groups or other organisations are welcome to take part.

All organisations are invited to reserve a table at this event for £7.50. Please contact Janine on 710219 or email janinemills43@hotmail.com



MONTH OF MADNESS

Following last year's success, the Parish Council hosted another Month of Madness for the children during August with activities ranging from cricket, football, tennis, circus skills, animation and drums. This year we introduced drama, physical theatre and singing organised by Kay Stevens and Stacey Turner. These all proved to be very successful and enjoyed by all who took part. Bicycle training was also a new activity which was well received by both parents and children; a worthwhile skill which they will take with them through life.



If you want us to organise another Month of Madness again next year, please write to the Parish Council so that we can use your letters in our application for further funds and please, we need parent volunteers to help with the activities. We cannot put on all these activities without your help.

Please contact the clerk if you have letters of thanks or are willing to help next year.

CHENDERIT SCHOOL CRAFT FAIR

Following another successful Craft Fair last year, we are repeating the event on Sunday 16th November in the hope of once again catching Christmas shoppers from Middleton Cheney, Banbury and the surrounding area. Last year we had 68 crafts people selling a whole range of quality hand-made items, enabling our visitors to find some unique and unusual gifts for their friends and families.

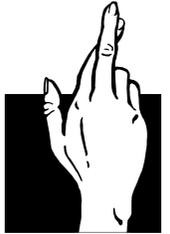
All the money raised by the Chenderit School Association provides a whole range of educational "extras" for the students ranging from musical instruments to special technological items and photographic essentials and special resource books. Please make a date in your diary and come along to support one of the biggest craft events around and maybe pick up some bargains for yourself.

If you would like to book a stall at this event please contact Helen Mason on 01295 660508

AGE CONCERN

Apart from the Christmas Meeting (where you have to have been a regular member for the previous 6 months), any residents over the age of 55 are very welcome to join our tea club. A mini-bus is available for those who are unable to make their own way to the Village Hall. Please ring Janet on 712327 for further details.

Don't forget the first Wednesday of the month at 2 pm in the Village Hall.



ART IN MIDDLETON CHENEY

Middleton Cheney now has a thriving art group which meets every Tuesday at 12.30pm in the Parish Meeting Rooms. Their tutor is Caroline Chappell. The autumn terms begins on 16th September. Caroline also runs art workshops at Chenderit School on Saturday October 4th and Saturday November 8th. All abilities are welcome to all the sessions. Please ring Caroline on 01295 711035 for more details.



MIDDLETON CHENEY BADMINTON CLUB

The village club has played badminton for over 25 years and has a mixed team playing in the Banbury League. We play on Monday evenings at Chenderit and are always happy to welcome new members.

For more information contact Helen on 712 073 or Fay on 710 200



MIDDLETON CHENEY LAWN TENNIS CLUB

We are pleased to report that we are going from strength to strength. We have three mixed teams playing in Banbury Leagues both in summer and winter. We always welcome new members and we play a social club evening every Sunday, Monday and Wednesday from 6 o'clock until as long as light allows. We arrange coaching each spring to improve our games and shake away any winter cobwebs.

There has been interest for on-going junior coaching and the Parish Council's efforts on behalf of the children during the Month of Madness have highlighted this.

If you are interested please let us know. Of course, any practical help would be most welcome.



The club is privately financed and run by the members and we owe thanks to the Playing Fields Association who manage the field where we are situated and to the Parish Council, who are, at the moment, helping us with a generous donation towards repainting our courts.

For more information please contact John on 712 474 or Lyn on 710 472

CONSULTATION ON NEW LAWS FOR DOG OWNERS

South Northamptonshire Council is consulting on whether to adopt new powers that apply to all dog owners.

From Monday, 11 August to Tuesday 30 September 2008, there will be a statutory consultation period, which will determine whether there will be NEW LAWS that require dog owners to:

- Clean up when a dog has fouled
- Keep dogs on a lead in some areas
- Keep dogs out of some areas
- Put a dog on a lead by direction.

This is open for members of the public and other interested groups who may wish to comment.

If you would like to comment on these proposed dog control orders, you can write to the Environmental Protection team at South Northamptonshire Council, Springfields, Towcester, Northants, NN12 6AE or e-mail dogcontrolorders@southnorthants.gov.uk

There is further information available on our website www.southnorthants.gov.uk which includes a copy of the proposed public notices, FAQ and an advice leaflet.

PLEASE, PLEASE CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR DOG , AND MAKE SURE YOUR CHILDREN REALISE HOW IMPORTANT IT IS TOO.

DO YOU CHECK THAT YOUR SON / DAUGHTER HAS A POO BAG IN THEIR POCKET WHEN IT'S THEIR TURN TO TAKE YOUR POOCH FOR A WALK?

**I have a disgusting appetite -
so help to fill me up.
Just make a grab and fill your bag
behind the family pup.**



**You'll spot me around the village -
waiting with a grin.
So open my mouth and feed me
I'm a happy dog poo bin!**

MIDDLETON CHENEY LIBRARY - LOCAL & FAMILY HISTORY EVENTS

Middleton Cheney Library is pleased to be working in partnership with Middleton Cheney History Society in delivering a joint event at Middleton Cheney Library on Monday 8 September at 7pm.

The event will be an introduction for beginners to Family History and in discovering Middleton Cheney's past in a friendly and informal atmosphere. There will be a presentation on Family History for beginners from Mark Rowntree an Area Team Librarian – Information and Local Studies.

Middleton Cheney History Society will be showing an illustrated display on various aspects of local history.

Entry is £2 - but free to Friends of the Library and members of Middleton Cheney History Society. Tea, coffee and biscuits are included.

This is also a wonderful opportunity to find out about joining the Friends of the Library and Middleton Cheney History Society.

Booking is essential so for more details please drop into Middleton Cheney Library or call 01295 710796 or email:

mrowntree@northamptonshire.gov.uk .

The opening hours of Middleton Cheney Library are:

Monday to Friday 1pm – 6pm and Saturday 10am – 2pm.

Mark E. Rowntree Team Librarian – Information and Local Studies



The Old Forge—Middleton Cheney

A further event is planned for Saturday 8th November 2.00 – 4.00pm when all are welcome. Please see the local press for details nearer the time and check in the library for promotional posters.



HALLOWEEN AND BONFIRE NIGHT ARE NOT FAR AWAY:-

Keep Yourself safe:

If you trick or treat, go with friends and don't go into stranger's houses.

Here's a reminder:

If you call at someone's door and cause annoyance to them, you commit an offence.

If you throw eggs or flour you may commit a crime

Eggs and flour may be taken off you if the Police think you intend to throw them.

Before they explode read the code!

Keep fireworks in a sealed box or tin

Don't give sparklers to children under five

Never put fireworks in your pocket or throw them

Light fireworks at arms length using a taper or firework lighter

Buy fireworks that conform to British Standards(BS7114 on the box)

Keep pets indoors

Ensure that all children with firework are well supervised

Don't touch fireworks that have gone off or failed to go off.

If in doubt, attend a public display or seek advice

Remember, Remember the 5th of November

It is illegal for anyone under 18 to possess adult fireworks in a public place.

It is illegal to throw or discharge a firework in a street or public place.

It is illegal to let off fireworks between 11pm and 7am (Nov 5th - 12am the following day)

Northamptonshire Police will issue £80 on-the-spot fines to people who misuse fireworks.



Your Safer Community Team

PC790 Martyn Dearsley
PCSO Suzanne Bourne
PCSO Clive Ashmore

Useful Contact Numbers:

The Street Doctor 0845 6011113
Untaxed Vehicles 0800 0325202
Fly Tipping 01327 322347
Stray Dogs 0845 4040506
Consumer direct (DTI) 0845 4040506
Free Home Fire Safety Checks 0800 3899950
Abandoned Vehicles 0845 6121999

THE LYNDEN PLAYERS

- is your local Amateur Drama Group and we are holding an open weekend on 20th and 21st September 2008 at Middleton Cheney Village Hall.



Have you ever wondered exactly how and what goes into producing a show? There were over 45 people involved in our last production and half of those were not performers.

During the weekend you will be able to enjoy light refreshments will be available.

WINDMILL NURSERIES CELEBRATE 40 YEARS

On 2nd May 2008 the proprietor, Mrs. Tustian and her staff celebrated with both past and present pupils. They released red balloons and enjoyed a windmill - shaped cake.



In June, a family Treasure Hunt and Barbeque were held in the Nursery grounds and surrounding fields. Mrs Jacqui Moulder and a group of helping parents laid a trail of clues in the fields and woods for the children which led them to a wonderful barbeque and salad bar.

The last event of the year was the unveiling of the Windmill Nursery mosaic on Monday 21st of July. This will be on permanent display in the courtyard. Children attending this celebration wore fancy dress and Shrek came along and played amongst the many nursery characters and super heroes.