

Village Diary: June - August 2009

Parish Council Meetings (7.15pm): 1 June, 6 July, 10 August, 7 Sept.

Other events of interest:

Jun. 14th Sun	Car Boot Sale - Middleton Cheney Primary School - 9.00 - 12 noon
Jun. 19th Fri	Evening Summer Fayre - Primary School - Admission, Adults & children over 12, £2.00, other children free. Live music, barbeque, bar, stalls and lots more.
Jun. 22nd Mon - 28th Sun	GRAB IT! BAG IT! BIN IT! - NATIONAL POOP SCOOP WEEK!
Jun. 22nd Mon	Hist Soc. 7.30pm - MC Library - 'My Feet Are Killing Me!' by Sue Constable from Northampton Museum which houses the largest collection of shoes in the world.
Jun. 26th Fri	Midsummer Magic - Poetry & Chat - MC Library - 10.00am - 12.00 noon
Jun. 27th Sat	STRAWBERRY FAYRE - 2.00 - 4.00pm - Joint Churches - Queen Street
Jul. 11th Sat - 19th Sun	Middleton Cheney ART GROUP - EXHIBITION at Purely Plants. Open 9.30-5.30pm Monday - Saturday & 10.30-4.30pm on Sundays.
Jul. 11th Sat	MIDDLETON MUSIC FESTIVAL - 1pm - 11pm. - Playing Field, Astrop Road
Jul. 12th Sun	VILLAGE FETE - 2.00pm - 5.00pm. - Playing Field, Astrop Road
Jul. 25th Sat	Fund-raising Coffee Morning to support Jane Bullock's Sinai Desert Trek - Village Hall - 10.00am - 12.00 noon.
Jul. 27th Mon	Hist Soc. 7.30pm - MC Library. Martin Way: 'God for Harry, England & St George!' An Agincourt Archer tells of his world.
AUGUST (ALL MONTH)	MONTH OF MADNESS BUT ONLY IF ENOUGH VOLUNTEERS COME FORWARD TO HELP TO RUN THIS EVENT

**BRACKLEY HISTORY DAY - SATURDAY 6TH JUNE - 10.00am - 4.30pm
BRACKLEY TOWN HALL**

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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June 2009**

Middleton Cheney Newsletter

Two things have happened since the last Cheney Chatter which have made me more aware of our village. In June we had the visit from the Village of the Year judges and talking for two hours about all the amenities and organisations, really makes you aware of how many interesting things are taking place in Middleton Cheney. Not only do we have active sports clubs based on the playing fields but there are lots of other sports taking place around the village such as Tai Chi, Badminton, Short Mat Bowls and Karate. We also have a new and very enthusiastic ladies cricket team who, inspired by our national team, will surely go from strength to strength. Our health walks prove very successful, even during the terrible weather we have had recently.

For the not so sporty, there are clubs like the Gardening Club, which is one of the largest in the area and the History Society (already proving very successful in its first year). There are art classes both at Chenderit School and in the Parish Meeting Rooms, bell ringing, both large and hand size and the 4Shires Model Club. Our wonderful Lynden Players and their young Lynden Kidz Club will soon be producing, arranging and putting on their own show. Watch press for details.

We also have the tradition groups like the W.I., Age Concern, our church groups and the Brownies, Club, Guides and Scouts and soon we hope to be able to announce our own Youth Club in the Village Hall – there are still some details to be ironed out.

This July we will have the Music Festival and Village Fete on the playing fields which should prove to be a great weekend for us all and raise much needed funds for the playing fields.

The Social Club offers another aspect of entertainment and social gathering and needs your help and support. They put on a varied programme of entertainment throughout the year as well had being the venue for other clubs and organisations – well worth checking out.

The Annual Parish Meeting took place recently, where we heard all the good work our village groups are doing. There certainly is a lot going on, most of which is done by many hard-working volunteers and I would like to thank you all, as it made promoting our village to the judges so much easier.

Have a wonderful summer and hope to see you all down on the playing field 11th/12th July.



Caroline Stacey – Clerk
Middleton Cheney Parish
Council.

The next issue of the Village News will be delivered in September. Please send all articles by 14 August 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.

THE MONTH OF MADNESS IS IN DANGER !!!! - We want to run another month of activities for the children this year, and although a small number of volunteers have promised to help, we really need at least 20 more people if this is to take place.

You do not need to be available for the whole month - a week, a day, or even just a few hours would be helpful.

Please contact the clerk **before the 15th June** if you have any spare time during August. The professionals who will be running the activities will need to be booked soon and if we do not have enough voluntary assistance this brilliant summer activity for the children of the village will not be able to go ahead.

You will have to be CRB checked but the Council will do all that for you; you just have to fill in the form.



PLEASE **COME AND**
HELP, THE CHILDREN REALLY ENJOY IT
AND SO WILL YOU!!

THE ANNUAL STRAWBERRY FAYRE is on Saturday June 27th from 2.00 - 4.30 pm. Strawberries, cream teas and ice-creams will be on sale in the Methodist Church. Home-made cakes, plants and produce will be on sale in the porch of All Saints' Church, and between the two there will be several stalls including good-as-new books, jewellery, and crafts.



As an added attraction there are two art exhibitions - In All Saints' Church John Childs will be exhibiting work of Chenderit students and in the Methodist Church there will be a display of art work from Middleton Primary School.

Come along and enjoy yourselves: it's free and it's fun. Everyone is welcome.

MIDSUMMER MAGIC - POETRY AND CHAT in Middleton Cheney Library on Friday, June 26th 10.30 - 12 noon.

Following our popular Spring session, join us to read poetry on a summer theme. There will be a good mix of classics and verse by popular and lesser known poets. And if you have a favourite poem that is either magical or summery, why not bring it along to read to the rest of us!

Enjoy coffee/tea biscuits and a chat in a friendly and relaxing environment. (£1 for refreshments)

Booking recommended – contact Elizabeth Hatfield tel 710796 or email ehatfield@northamptonshire.gov.uk



KATHERINE HOUSE HOSPICE—12 MILE MIDNIGHT WALK - Good luck to everyone from Middleton Cheney who is taking part in the 2009 fund-raising walk on Saturday 4th July. Last year the walk raised £98,000 for nursing care so if one of your neighbours is taking part please sponsor them to help them on their way.

GRAB IT, BAG IT, BIN IT!!! - Dogs Trust – the UK's largest dog welfare charity – and South Northamptonshire District Council are urging all dog owners to be responsible and 'Grab it, Bag it, Bin it' during National Poop Scoop Week, which runs 22nd – 28th June. Cleaning up after your dog is simple and the only way of ensuring a summer free from the nuisance of pooch poop.



Noise, smells, smoke and light

Modern life is not great sometimes. Noisy neighbours, bad smells, bonfires and too much light don't always help our quality of life. We are here to help and advise. The first step as always is to let us know about your problem. Contact our Environmental Protection experts on Telephone: 0845 2300226 Email: environmental.protection@southnorthants.gov.uk

Nasty smells and smoke

We can deal with:
 smoke coming from any buildings or land
 dust, steam or smells coming from commercial premises
 fumes or gases coming from private homes
 We will try to solve things first by talking to the owners, but we can take legal

action if that does not work out. We also have advice for people who want to burn bonfires. Just follow the link from the website above and click on [Bonfires at Home](#)

Useful Contact Numbers:

The Street Doctor	0845 6011113
Untaxed Vehicles	0800 0325202
Fly Tipping	01327 322347
Stray Dogs	0845 2300226
Consumer direct (DTI)	0845 4040506
Free Home Fire Safety Checks	0800 3899950
Abandoned Vehicles	0845 6121999

Have a good and safe summer - Your Safer Community Team

PC790 Martyn Dearsley
 PCSO Clive Ashmore
 PCSO Charlotte Whitehead

SINAI DESERT TREK [Nov. 2009] - ALZHEIMERS SOCIETY CHALLENGE

Jane Bullock, who has lived in the village for many years, has taken up the challenge to Trek 80 kms in five days with Bedouin tribesmen through the Sinai Desert in Egypt starting with a climb of Mt. Sinai to see the sunrise and ending at the Red Sea at Nuweiba. Jane's husband, (Paul) has struggled over many years with Dementia so she is taking part in this trek to honour him. She is raising funds for a new service in South Northants to be run by the local branch of the Alzheimer's Society. This will provide volunteers to spend time with people with Dementia on a regular basis to help them to do what they enjoy whilst giving carers a break. This service is desperately needed.



Her aim is to raise £2500 - to sponsor Jane visit her web page - www.justgiving.com/janebullock - or contact her on 711531.

Alternatively there will be an opportunity to contribute at a village coffee morning to be held on Sat, July 25 from 10am to 12pm at the Village Hall.

Other ways to help are to collect loose change in Smartie tubes or other containers! Jane will supply full tubes of Smarties free in exchange for the tubes being filled with loose change when the Smarties have been eaten. She is also making a collection of old, broken or unwanted gold, silver or costume jewellery and watches [even as small as an earring that has lost it's mate.] This can be sold to add to the funds.

Increasing numbers of us are sadly developing this awful disease and we don't know when we or someone we know might need this Service. Your help will be very much appreciated. Thankyou.

HOLIDAY CLUB 2009 - Another Fun Filled week for kids aged 4 - 11.

For the third year in succession the holiday club will be running with Ian and Elaine of KIDZ UNLIMITED. Storytelling, puppets, dramas, quizzes, crafts, songs, illusions and, of course fun.



Join us at the New Life Community Church from Monday 27th - Friday 31st July.

DON'T DELAY! Call Janine on 710219 for further details or to pre-book your children's places.

MIDDLETON MUSIC FESTIVAL



1pm -11pm
2009

**UNDER

Featuring - Molly Makes Mistakes - Verona Kings - The Quiet Men - Spank The Monkey - The Keyz - Wild Mercury Sound - The Sirens Call - The Screamin' Abdabs!!!

SATURDAY 11TH JULY

HUGE CANOPY**

CO-PRESENTED BY BANBURY SOUND (formerly Banbury Touch Radio)
In association with RockHopper Studios

Gate Prices will be £9 adult admission,
£5 child admission (SAME AS LAST YEAR)
All other details regarding advanced tickets can be found at www.music09.co.uk

MIDDLETON CHENEY VILLAGE FETE

2 - 5 pm SUNDAY 12TH JULY 2009

Traditional fete activities including performance by
BRACKLEY WOODWIND ENSEMBLE

Stalls, attractions, competitions

For your involvement in the fete please call 01295 712464 or e-mail
t.aris@homecall.co.uk

Both events are to support
Middleton Cheney Playing Field Association,
Reg Charity No. 304221



USE THEM OR LOSE THEM! - (A plea from a loyal village supporter) - The Playing Field Association and the Social Club have separate committees and both of these are staffed by volunteers. The Social Club pay a rent to the Playing Field Association and this goes a considerable way to helping to keep the playing field open.

The playing field committee is led and inspired by Mrs. Teresa Aris, and the Social Club, under the very able chairmanship of Mr. Alistair Markham, always require help. The Social Club is now in the black but needs more support from the residents of the village.

Saturday entertainment is of a general nature with dancing etc. but Sunday night is for those who enjoy more formal dancing and there is a break for Bingo for approximately 20 to 25 minutes. There is always a friendly atmosphere and any persons wishing to join will be more than welcome.

Dancing can keep you fit and active and at the same time you will be making friends and meeting people you probably did not know before. We look forward to seeing you.

Details of the monthly entertainment etc. can always be found in the Round and About Magazine.

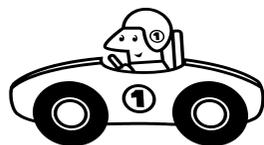
Contributed by Mr Michael Dale - (Mick has also written an interesting account of the Playing Field and Social Club, from their very beginnings up until the present day. Why not pick up a copy from the Parish Clerk? You could be in for a few surprises...)



RIGHTRACKS – DRIVING EXPERIENCE - We are being offered a limited number of places on a CarKraft Experience to be held at Silverstone Circuit in October. If you are interested and qualify, please send your name, address and date of birth to the Parish Clerk either by post or email **by August 10th** and I will contact you.

CarKraft Drive 16 - This day will include driving experience with a qualified instructor. Information on what is involved in obtaining your driving licence and how to keep it, Drink Drive/Seatbelt Workshop and food and drink throughout the day.

To qualify you need to be aged 16 years old on the day of the course (applications from those aged 17 and over will be disregarded), be able to get to the venue and be living in Northamptonshire.



CarKraft Experience 2009 aims to improve both your knowledge and skill on the road. The day will include skid car handling session, ABS braking tuition, safer driving workshop, driving assessment and food and drink throughout the day.

To qualify you need to be aged 17 – 24 years, hold a full UK driving licence, be able to get to Silverstone and live in Northamptonshire. You should not have attended a CarKraft Experience event in the past.

MIDDLETON CHENEY CRICKET CLUB is running a Ladies Team this year but are still in need of more players, any age or ability, to strengthen the squad. They will be playing in the Oxfordshire Womens' Development League on Sunday afternoons. Walraven of Banbury sponsor the team's shirts so the only kit players would need is white trousers, as the club has bats and the required safety equipment.



For more details please call 07525 345301 or contact www.middletoncheneypay-cricket.com.

THE BAG2SCHOOL PROJECT –will raise money for eco projects in and around Middleton Cheney Primary School. The Bag2School company will pay for good quality second-hand ladies', men's and children's clothing, as well as bedding, curtains, soft toys, shoes, belts and handbags.

If you have any of the above and would like to support the school in this project then please drop any bags of items off at the school on either **Friday June 26th** from 3.25pm to 5.30pm or **Saturday June 27th** from 9.00 am to 11am. Thank you for your support.



MIDDLETON CHENEY HISTORY SOCIETY - We have been invited to take part in a HISTORY DAY organised by Brackley History Society, to celebrate their 25th Anniversary. Our village will have a small exhibition stand to promote our own society and copies of the leaflets we have produced to date will be available. There will be various demonstrations of local history interest, including a tour of the town. Tea, coffee, sandwiches and cakes will be available all day in the Lower Town Hall and more substantial lunches may be had in the Red Lion across from the Town Hall and in the Market Courtyard running down the side of the pub.



AN INVITATION TO VISIT RHS WISLEY - You are invited to join the villagers of Chacombe on a coach trip to visit the Royal Horticultural Society Gardens at Wisley (Surrey) on **Saturday July 18th**. This is the flagship garden of the RHS and captures the imagination with richly planted borders, luscious rose gardens and of course, the state-of-the-art new Glasshouse.

There will be a pick up from Middleton Cheney at approx 9.00am and the outing will leave the gardens at 4.00pm for the journey home. Please phone Mrs Betty Ware on 710455 for more details, cost etc. or to book your seat (s).

