

# Village Diary: June 2010 - September 2010

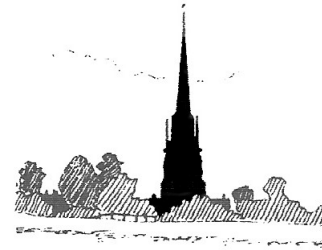
\*Parish Council Meetings (7.15pm): 7 June, 5 July, 2 August, 6 Sept.\*

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Jun 11th Fri - 12th Jun	<b>BUGSY MALONE by Just Kidz (MC Youth Theatre Group) / Village Hall / 7.00pm/ Tickets £4.00 (£2.00 concessions) from Take Thyme or tel. 712051</b>
Jun 16th Wed	W.I. / Village Hall / 7.30pm; Social - Poems, Puds & Pimms
Jun 19th Sat	<b>STRAWBERRY FAYRE &amp; ART EXHIBITION 2.00-400pm / Queen Street / joint venture - Methodist Church &amp; All Saints</b>
Jun 21st Mon	Garden Club / All Saints / 7.30pm; Evening visit to Bridewell Organic Gardens
Jun 28th Mon	Hist Soc / Library / 7.30pm; Lace Villages - Customs & Related Industries
Jul 3rd Sat - 4th Sun	<b>ALL SAINTS CHURCH - FLOWER FESTIVAL 7 open gardens / Floral displays / lots more / details page 4</b>
Jul 7th Wed	Age Concern / Village Hall / 2.00pm; Entertainment by Primary School Children
Jul 15th Wed	W.I. / Village Hall / 7.30pm; History of Antique Buttons (NB - No August Meeting)
Jul 19th Mon	Garden Club / 7.30pm; Garden Party for members & invited guests
Jul 26th Mon	Hist Soc / Library / 7.30pm; Sheep that Eat Men - Wool trade & the Washingtons
<b>AUGUST</b>	<b>Calling all kids ! - MONTH OF MADNESS - details page 4</b>
Aug 4th Wed	Age Concern / Village Hall / 2.00pm; Summer Entertainment
Aug 16th Mon	Garden Club / All Saints / 7.30pm; Club Picnic - Venue to be confirmed
Aug 21st Sat	<b>MIDDLETON MUSIC FESTIVAL / 1pm -11.00pm / Playing Field, Astrop Road</b>
Aug 23rd Mon	Hist Soc / Library / 7.30pm; 'Village Pump' Local Memories of Middleton Cheney
Aug 28th Sat	<b>DOGS FOR THE DISABLED / Coffee Morning / Bring &amp; Buy / details page 2</b>
Sept 1st Wed	Age Concern / Village Hall / 2.00pm; Harvest Festival Celebration

If you would like to include your event in this section please notify the Parish Clerk, call 713500 or email: [clerk@middletoncheney.org.uk](mailto:clerk@middletoncheney.org.uk). 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.

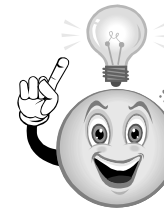


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## Middleton Cheney Newsletter

### YOUR FUTURE IS IN YOUR HANDS



The Parish Council has invited all residents of the village to take its future into their own hands by helping to prepare a Parish Plan.

Parish Plans are part of a Government-sponsored initiative to help breathe new life into rural communities and help local people develop their own neighbourhoods in the way they want.

The key to the project is that every person living in the community will have a say, from toddlers to OAPs.

This is a great opportunity for our village. The important thing about this scheme is that everyone gets a chance to contribute. When the plan is drawn up it will be there as concrete evidence to support our application for grants towards whatever facilities you feel the village needs and wants.

Every household will have received the first part of the questionnaire. There are two others to follow.

Please do fill them in as it really is important for the future of the village. I am sure you are aware of the changes taking place around you, especially on the planning front. We need to have a view of what we want in order to go forward.

The key to a successful Parish Plan is total community involvement. This Plan works much better if it is run by the village with the Parish Council in a supporting role. Please come forward and let us know if you can help and what you would like to do. Please contact the parish clerk on 713 500, drop a note into the office or email [alison@middletoncheney.org](mailto:alison@middletoncheney.org).



Caroline Stacey - Clerk.  
Middleton Cheney, Parish Council

The next issue of the Village News will be delivered in September. Please send all articles by **noon on 13th August** to the Parish Clerk by email: [clerk@middletoncheney.org.uk](mailto:clerk@middletoncheney.org.uk) or by post to the Parish Meeting Room. Entries should be no bigger than half A5 page.

**MIDDLETON CHENEY YOUTH PROJECT** - At last, our new youth worker is in place (his name is James and you may meet him about the village soon). The youth club will be starting on **Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> June** in the Village Hall, 7 – 10pm. We already have a pool table, air hockey, darts and table football and hope to add table tennis, basketball equipment and a games console. Music and craft activities will also be available, together with a tuck shop.



Anyone attending Chenderit School or living in Middleton Cheney and attending school elsewhere (year 7 – 13) is welcome, but we must have parental consent. You can pick up a form from the beginning of June from the Library or download one from the Village website, [www.middletoncheney.org](http://www.middletoncheney.org). This must be returned on your first visit. Please contact Kay Stevens for more details on 712051. (PS. A big thank you to Carol from the New Inn for the delicious pizzas we had for our planning meeting – YUMMY!)

**JUST KIDZ - SUMMER PRODUCTION - BUGSY MALONE** - Rehearsals are well underway and the curtain is about to go up! This well known musical is a riot of foam and fun so do come along and support your village youth theatre group on **June 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>**. Details are in the village diary or check our slot on the village website for further details.



**DOGS FOR THE DISABLED** - A coffee morning will be held by Anne Alison on Saturday August 28<sup>th</sup> at No 1 The Moors Drive. There will be a “Bring & Buy”, cakes and plants etc. Do please make a note of this date. Everyone is welcome.



**CHRISTIAN AID - THANK YOU!** - to all those who collected and donated during Christian Aid Week in May. This year we raised £ 2,374 including Gift Aid.

**AGE CONCERN** - We are a friendly group of over-55s who meet on the first Wednesday afternoon of every month in the Village Hall from 2pm until 4pm. New members are always welcome to join us and our meetings include bingo, a raffle, afternoon tea and an entertaining / informative speaker. Entrance is £2.00.



**BUTTERFLIES HEALTHCARE** - last month we won a coveted award for our new brand of cosmetics and skin care, NATorigin. The range fought of competition from established national brands to win Best New Natural Beauty Product at the 2010 Natural and Organic Awards. The full range can be tried and tested in the village shop at 27 High Street or can be seen online at [www.natorigin.co.uk](http://www.natorigin.co.uk). For more information contact - James Sutton, Butterflies Healthcare Ltd, Tel: 0845 838 6704 or 0333 700 6704 or email [james@butterflies-healthcare.co.uk](mailto:james@butterflies-healthcare.co.uk)



**HOME SAFETY WARNING**

People are calling, claiming to be from the National Crime Survey and asking if they can visit residents to check their security. Do not invite or let these people into your house.

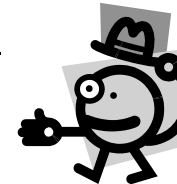
If you suspect anyone behaving suspiciously please call the police immediately on Tel: 0800 111 222.

There has also been an increase in doorstep selling by Driveway Contractors, Roofing Contractors, Burglar Alarm sellers and Double Glazing sellers.

If you are unexpectedly subject to a sales pitch at home the law protects you, provided the contract you enter into is more than £35. Visit [www.tradingstandards.gov.uk/northants](http://www.tradingstandards.gov.uk/northants) for more information.

**WHAT YOU CAN DO:**

Never let an uninvited tradesman into your home



Think carefully before entering into any agreement, written or verbal

Check the internet, see if the company is known.

[www.MoneySavingsExpert.com](http://www.MoneySavingsExpert.com) has forums that may give information about various companies

Get at least three separate written quotations

Only use companies that have been recommended by a friend or relative

If you hear about a rogue caller tell everyone you know, especially the elderly or vulnerable

Say no, in the cold light of day your purchase will look less than a bargain and may be of sub-standard workmanship

**PLEASE NOTE** – The Police surgery in the Parish Meeting Room has changed times. They will be in the PMR from 11.00am – 12.00pm (duties permitting) every Monday if you want to come and see a policeman to discuss any concerns or issues you may have about your local area or village.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE POLICE - Visit us at <http://www.northants.police.uk>

**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

**DOG LITTER BINS** - The Parish Council is considering five new sites for extra dog litter bins. A map with the suggested sites is displayed in the Parish notice boards and in the Parish Meeting Room. Please let the clerk know if you have any ideas or objections as soon as possible.

**A CENTURY and NOT OUT! - 1st MIDDLETON CHENEY SCOUT GROUP**

It is 100 years ago this year that the first Scout Group started in the village. The current group would like to put together a display of photos, information and stories so if you have anything you would like to share with us, we will be delighted to hear from you. Please phone Graham on 07962 058118 or email: [lavyourhat@aol.com](mailto:lavyourhat@aol.com).



Do you like having fun, meeting friends and making new ones? Come and join us. This term our programme includes - camping, cooking, crafts, archery, abseiling, swimming, hiking and cycle rides, to name but a few. We meet in the Scout Hut in Midway as follows:

**Beavers** (6 to 8 yrs) on Fridays 5.45pm to 6.45pm;  
**Cubs** (8 to 10 ½ yrs) on Wednesdays 6pm to 7.30pm  
**Scouts** (10 ½ to 14 years) on Thursdays 7.30pm to 8.30pm

We would also like to hear from any adult who is interested in giving a small amount of their time as a helper or can give a more involved commitment,

**NEW SERVICES AT CO-OP PHARMACY**

(From Michelle Sutton BPharm(Hons) MRPharmS)

**STOP SMOKING** - Rachel Jones and Claire Clyne are now accredited to provide NHS Stop Smoking consultations. At present, these are only available to patients registered at surgeries in Brackley. At the initial consultation, nicotine replacement therapy such as patches, gum, lozenges or inhalator are supplied on NHS prescription. This means they cost £7.20 or are free if you qualify for free prescriptions. A carbon monoxide breath test is taken at each follow up appointment every two weeks. Please ask for details.

**NATIONAL CHLAMYDIA SCREENING PROGRAMME**

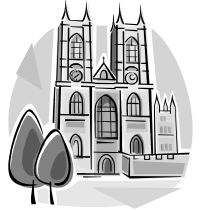
Are you aged 15-25 years old and sexually active? You are entitled to a free Chlamydia test every year. All it takes is a urine sample and results are confidential and can be sent by text. Statistics show 1 out of 14 tests are positive even though no symptoms are present. Treatment is usually simple, a single dose of antibiotics. Our private consultation room is available for this and the emergency contraceptive pill.

**PRESCRIPTIONS**

If you have a large repeat prescription, please use our prescription collection service or call back where possible. This enables us to spread our workload and offer a faster turnaround for acutely ill patients waiting for antibiotics or painkillers.



**VISIT YORK** - and be enriched in one of Europe's most inspiring cities... Pam Reeve has organised a coach trip from Middleton on **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> August** and you are welcome to join this outing. Renowned for its exquisite architecture, tangle of quaint cobbled streets and the iconic Minster, York is a place where the old encompasses the new and the commonplace meets with the unexpected. Delve into the city's vibrant café culture, take time out to enjoy some of the country's most talented street entertainers or simply watch the world go by while sipping a drink by the river.



Coach tickets are £20.75 with accompanied children at a bargain price of just £5.00 each! Pick up from Middleton Cheney - please phone Pam on 711657 for more details.

Advanced notice – Pam is also organising a trip to the **MALVERN AUTUMN GARDEN SHOW** on **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September**. Please phone to secure a place, there will be more details in our next newsletter.

**A PILATES CLASS** - has started in the Village Hall on Tuesdays at 10.30am to 11.30am at £5 a session.

Pilates concentrates on strengthening the muscles of the trunk. This increases the support of the spine, flattens the stomach which in turn improves posture, coordination and balance. Pilates has proved to be beneficial to sufferers of lower back pain and neck problems



Julie Russell has a certificate in instructing in the discipline of Pilates by the Oxford and Cambridge exam board (OCR Pilates Matwork). Please call 07778 673 677 or 714 181 if you want further details.

**HISTORY SOCIETY - MEMORIAL INSCRIPTION RECORDING PROJECT -**

Over the summer you may see people crawling around the headstones in the churchyard, wielding pieces of chalk, torches, sheets of paper and possibly cameras. We are going to record all the inscriptions on the gravestones and could be there at any time of the day, depending on light levels. In some cases we may have to clear overgrown ivy, and grass edging to get the information, but we will do it carefully.

Middleton Cheney is the first village in the southern area of Northamptonshire to undertake this project, and we are being helped by the Northants Family History Society, who have already been out and plotted the site. At the end of it all the NFHS will publish a booklet containing all the information which they can sell to people doing family history research. We will be keeping our own record, but have not yet decided on the format.





## ALL SAINTS CHURCH FLOWER FESTIVAL

**SATURDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> & SUNDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> JULY  
(Sat 10.00 – 5.00pm / Sun 10.00 – 4.00pm)**

**Admission by programme - £5.00**

Seven Open Gardens (map in the programme)

Outstanding Floral displays sponsored by village organisations in the Church

Afternoon Tea & Cakes

Plant stall with a William Morris Design theme

Access to computerised Parish Records

Hand-bell Ringing

Fabric design exhibition by local students

### SATURDAY

Guided walk around village exploring its development  
(pm only – see programme for time)

### SUNDAY

Organ recital

**ALL PROCEEDS TO ALL SAINTS LEAGUE OF FRIENDS**



(please help us to promote the above event - posters available from 14 Queen Street)



**MONTH OF MADNESS** - Once again the Parish Council is organising a month of activities for the children during August. This year we have introduced some new activities such as Street Dance, First Aid and Roller Blading as well as keeping the usual favourites, Tennis, Cricket, Circus Skills, Cookery and lots of other exciting art and outdoor activities.

The brochure will be available from 28<sup>th</sup> May at the Primary School, the Parish Meeting Rooms and on the village website.

To make this a success, we need volunteers, parents, grand-parents, guardians and older siblings to help the professionals. Please contact Alison on [alison@middletoncheney.org.uk](mailto:alison@middletoncheney.org.uk) or the Parish Council offices if you can spare a few hours or more. The kids will appreciate it and you might even enjoy yourselves!!



## MIDDLETON MUSIC FESTIVAL - SATURDAY AUGUST 21ST

**1.00 - 11pm Playing Fields - Astrop Road**

Once again the large tent will go up on the playing field with a great selection of local bands. Headlining again by popular demand, The Screamin Abdabs.

A fantastic family day out, with a funfair, food stalls and a bar.

The event raises money purely for Middleton Cheney causes so it's a great day and you get to do your bit for your village.

For more information visit

[www.middletonmusicfestival.co.uk](http://www.middletonmusicfestival.co.uk) or join the Middleton Music Festival 2010 facebook group.



**THENFORD HOUSE ARBORETUM** - Open day **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June**, 2.30-6.00pm in aid of MC Pre-School Playgroup Development Committee. The arboretum features medieval fish-ponds and an 18th Century walled garden. Admission is by **advanced tickets only**, (£10.00) and application forms with full details can be obtained from the Parish Meeting Room. Sorry no dogs or children under 10.

**ARE YOU A FRIEND OF MIDDLETON LIBRARY?** - If you're interested in taking an active role in supporting your local library, why not join the Friends of Middleton Cheney Library Group? Our aim is to bring the library closer to the people who use it, offer ideas for the development of your library service, encourage new users and help with fund-raising to supply the library with those little extras that make a difference; and most of all - have fun in the process.



Please ask your library staff for more details.

**READING BUDDIES WANTED!** - The library is also looking for young volunteers from the age of 14 – 17 to help deliver events and activities and act as reading 'buddys' for children visiting the library during the school summer holidays. Training will be given and your volunteering will be accredited by Northamptonshire Volunteer Youth Action. – one of our volunteers has recently won an award for her work with 'Chatterbooks', the library's young people's reading group. So, if you would like to know more and have between 10 -15 hours to spare then please pop in to the library for a chat and an application form.

**'THE LADY OF SHALOTT'** (by Alfred, Lord Tennyson) in poetry and pictures - **Friday June 11th**, 10.30am. Join us for an illustrated talk where we will read the poem and look at how it has been portrayed in works of art. This session will be led by Judith Davies. Refreshments - £1.00.

For more information please contact - Elizabeth Hatfield MC Library Supervisor  
Tel: 01295 710796 or Email : [ehatfield@northamptonshire.gov.uk](mailto:ehatfield@northamptonshire.gov.uk)