

Village Diary: September - November 2010

Parish Council Meetings (7.15pm): 6 Sept, 4 Oct, 1 Nov, 6 Dec.

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Sep 11th Sat	VILLAGE HALL & PARISH COUNCIL FETE 11.00-4.00PM INCLUDING GARDEN CLUB FLOWER & PRODUCE SHOW AND MC ART GROUP EXHIBITION
Sep 16th Thurs	MC. Model Club - Parish Meeting Room - 7.30-9.00pm - details page 4
Sep 16th Thurs	W.I. / Village Hall / 7.30pm; Speaker - The Return of the Red Kite
Sep 18th Sat	LAMENT - Latin music in M.C. Library - 7.00-9.00pm - details page 7
Sep 18th Sat	BAVARIAN OOMPAH EVENING - All proceeds to Dogs for Disabled Chacombe Village Hall - 7.00-11.30pm - details page 5
Sep 27th Mon	Hist Soc / Library / 7.30pm; A Face in the Crowd - Family Hist & Big Events
Oct 6th Wed	Age Concern / Village Hall / 2.00pm; Singer, Roger Yarwood on the guitar
Oct 21st Thurs	W.I. / Village Hall / 7.30pm; A.G.M. then Speaker - Welsh Cattle Drivers
Oct 25th Mon	Hist Soc / Library / 7.30pm; The Real Lark Rise
Nov 3rd Wed	Age Concern / Village Hall / 2.00pm; Speaker from Dogs for Disabled
Nov 6th Sat	CRAFTY LADIES - XMAS IN NOVEMBER SALE - details page 5
Nov 14th Sun	REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY - All Saints Church 2pm - Followed by a parade to the War Memorial at approx 2.45pm for the laying of wreaths.
Nov 18th Thurs	W.I. / Village Hall / 7.30pm; Music Hall
Nov 21st Sun	CHENDERIT SCHOOL CRAFT FAIR - 10.00am-4.00pm - details page 5
Nov 22nd Mon	Hist Soc / Library / 7.30pm; Is Banbury Still A Market Town?
Dec 1st Wed	Age Concern / Village Hall / 2.00pm; Xmas Party - Mike White on keyboard

If you would like to include your event in this section please notify the Parish Clerk, call 713500 or email: 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.



Cheney Chatter

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September 2010

Middleton Cheney Newsletter

OUR NEW CHAIRMAN -

Welcome to the Cheney Chatter and my first missive as Chairman of the Parish Council. Time flies by and as we approach the end of the holiday season it is time to reflect on the first half of the year, more so than usual as July saw the visit from the Northamptonshire Best Village judges.

During the judging, we were reminded of how much hard work is put in by members of our community in helping others and just how many facilities, clubs and societies Middleton has to offer. This competition is no longer about pretty flowers and how clean your streets are; it now concentrates on rewarding sustainable, enterprising and vibrant rural communities across Britain and I hope we amply demonstrated that. Some of you may remember that two years ago we were runners up in one category and last year we won the Large Village category and were runners up in the overall competition. Let's hope we do as well or better this year.

As July turned into August, the fun really started for the kids of Middleton and the Parish Council were pleased to be able, once again, to run MOM - Month of Madness or Mums of Middleton!! After a long hot spell, the weather was mixed but could not dampen the enthusiasm of the

kids who always seem to have limitless amounts of energy. I would like to thank all those volunteers who gave up their time, especially Alison and Caroline, without whom none of this would have been possible.

I would like to close by thanking our outgoing chairman, John Rakestraw, whose last official duty was to host the Annual Parish Meeting held in the Village Hall. We all wish you well, John, and thank you for all you have done for the village and the community over the years.

Paul Browne – Chairman
Middleton Cheney Parish Council.

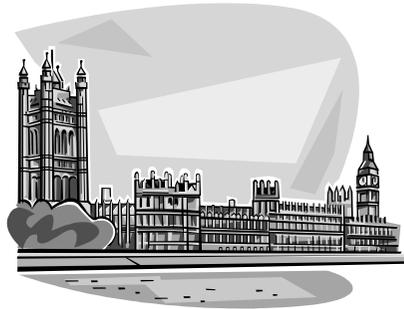


(Councillor Paul Browne took over as Chairman of the Parish Council in June and is supported by Councillor Craig Bryant as Vice Chairman).

The next issue of the Village News will be delivered in December. Please send all articles by **noon on 12th 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.

A MESSAGE TO THE RESIDENTS OF MIDDLETON CHENEY

I am Andrea Leadsom and I am delighted to be your new **MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT**. It is a great honour to be the first MP for South Northamptonshire - I am really looking forward to the challenge and thank you for giving me the opportunity to represent you. I am also delighted to make a contribution to your newsletter.



It has been a hectic first few months trying to get used to the rules and conventions, getting lost around the Palace of Westminster and hot-desking in committee rooms while I wait for a permanent office to become available.

On Tuesday 22nd June I was able to deliver my Maiden Speech in the House of Commons during the Budget debate. I have made plenty of speeches over the last 10 years but nothing has ever been quite as intimidating as standing up to speak for the first time in the Chamber.

In a very busy week I was also elected by Conservative MPs to the Treasury Select Committee which examines the expenditure, administration and policy of HM Treasury, HM Revenue and Customs public bodies such as the Bank of England and the Financial Services Authority (FSA). At this crucial time for the British economy, the committee has an extremely important job to do, and its reports are well respected by many financial institutions, as well as the Treasury. I am sure I will be far busier now, but I am looking forward to the challenges that lie ahead.

I have really enjoyed the first few months as the new MP for South Northamptonshire. I am committed to protecting and promoting the interests of local people and I hope that, whoever you supported in the election, you will feel able to contact me if you feel I can ever be of any help. I will have monthly advice surgeries around the constituency, please call my office on 01604 859721 for an appointment, or have a look at my website, www.andrealeadsom.co.uk for dates of advice surgeries and 'drop in' stands at the Towcester and Brackley Farmers Markets.

I look forward to meeting you out and about.

With best wishes, Andrea Leadsom MP

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LIVE MUSIC AT MIDDLETON CHENEY LIBRARY with acclaimed latin act LAMENT - Saturday 18th September, 7 - 9pm.



Latin, jazz, world fusion band Lament play a special stripped down acoustic concert with songwriters Kath Kimber on vocals and Ant McTiffen on vocals and acoustic guitar. Lament stir up a wonderful evocative concoction of world grooves and latin fever. They cross boundaries mixing up gypsy and latin rhythms refusing to be labelled as any particular genre blending jazz, ethnic groove and flamenco styles all underscoring memorable and original melodic songs tinged with lyrical melancholy but always managing to come out joyous and life affirming.
<http://www.lament.info/>

Tickets cost £3 and include a glass Pimms or a soft drink. Special discounted ticket for Friends of the Library: £2. **Places are limited so book early to avoid disappointment.** For further information and to book, drop in to the library, call them on 01295 710796 or email midlib@northamptonshire.gov.uk.

SHOEBOXES BURSTING WITH JOY - Operation Christmas Child. Just imagine: for many disadvantaged children in the world, a shoebox wrapped in cheery paper and filled with small gifts and goodies is the first Christmas present they've ever received.

Individuals, families or groups of friends/colleagues are invited to make up a shoebox(es) of suitable new goodies for a boy or girl in one of three age groups: 2-4 years, 5-9 years or 10-14 years. We also welcome any contributions of goodies, empty shoeboxes (approx 7" x 12" x 5"), and money donations to help with distribution costs; these and completed boxes can be dropped off at: the Library and Take Thyme cafe until Saturday 6th November. **Final date for dropping off completed shoeboxes is Monday 15th November.**



On 2 Saturday mornings – 30th October and 6th November, from 9.30am to 1pm, we shall be wrapping and filling shoeboxes in the Methodist Schoolroom (also a drop off point on these mornings). Anyone who can help on these mornings will be very welcome. Leaflets with full details, including a list of suitable items, are available from any of the above drop off points, or please call: Mary Phipps on 01295 712894 or Carol Souch on 01295 275334.



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

Your Safer Community Team

Useful Contact Numbers:

The Street Doctor	0845 6011113
Untaxed Vehicles	0800 0325202

PC790 Martyn Dearsley
PCSO Clive Ashmore
PCSO Charlotte Whitehead

A VILLAGE DAY OUT – A celebration of nature’s harvest - it’s time to start enjoying the good life! Food and gardening lovers are invited to join Pam Reeve and friends on a coach trip to the **Malvern Autumn Garden Show** on Sunday the 26th September. Tickets are £27.25 which includes admission. Pick up from Middleton Cheney 8.00am – please phone Pam on 711657 for more details.



Melton Mowbray Christmas Tree Festival and Victorian Street Fayre - Sunday 5th December. A traditional experience for all the family including the spectacular, annual display of 350 decorated trees. Tickets are £15.00 for adults, accompanied children £5.00.

There are a few seats left for **Christmas Carols at the Albert Hall** followed by a tour of the Christmas Lights on Saturday the 18th December. Enjoy a glittering selection of Christmas music and Carols. Tickets are £35.00 (sorry, no concessions).

THANK YOU! - ALL SAINTS CHURCH FLOWER FESTIVAL AND OPEN GARDENS - We are delighted to report that over the 3rd and 4th July weekend we raised £2,200. Many thanks to all who participated, organised and helped to make the weekend such a success.

CHENDERIT SCHOOL - A Visual Arts College - ADULT CLASSES Tuesdays 7.00 - 9.00pm. From 21st September – 30th November (10 weeks - Half Term Tuesday 26th October). Adults £60 Concessions £50 i.e OAP’s, Students, Benefits.

Courses include:-

POTTERY AND CLAY MODELLING DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY
 PATTERN AND SURFACE DESIGN LIFE DRAWING
 STOP-FRAME ANIMATION

For enquiries & further information - Please contact John Childs (Arts College Director) - 01295 711567

ART EXHIBITION - CHENDERIT SCHOOL - Norman Adams R.A. - An Abstract Religion – The vast watercolours from the final 15 years of his life examine the symbolism of Adams’ abstracted forms in the emotional intensity of religious paintings. Monday 6th September -Thursday 14th October. Sunday the 12th, 26th September and 10th October 2.00 -5.00pm. Admission - FREE.

RURAL CINEMA - CHENDERIT SCHOOL- In the Sixth Form Centre Lecture Theatre, at 7.00pm - Admission £4.00 Adults, £3.00 Students.



FRIDAY 1ST OCT. Sherlock Holmes Cert 12A (Robert Downey Jnr, Jude Law)
 FRIDAY 5TH NOV. An Education Cert 12A (Carey Mulligan, Alfred Molina)
 FRIDAY 3RD DEC. Alice In Wonderland Cert PG (Jonny Depp, Helena Bonham Carter)



THE VILLAGE HALL & PARISH COUNCIL FETE

**SATURDAY 11th SEPTEMBER
 11 - 4pm**

**To include the
 GARDEN CLUB FLOWER & PRODUCE SHOW
 & MC ART GROUP EXHIBITION**

***** see below for details *****

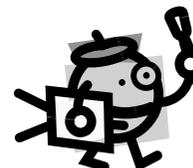
**For more information or to book a stall
 Tel: Becca on 713749**

FLOWER & PRODUCE SHOW - The Annual Village Horticultural show will take place as part of the Village Hall Open Day. The schedule, which lists all the categories in the competition, is available at the Library, the Parish Council Office and on the village website. Perhaps competition is a bit too strong a word as we see it more as a fun event, bringing people in the village together.



It seems that vegetable growing is again becoming popular, so perhaps we will see more entries in these categories. Whether you like making marmalade, growing beans or taking photographs there is something which will appeal to everyone and the good news is that – **ENTRY IS FREE!**

Last year as part of the show, we ran a stall selling garden produce. It proved immensely popular so we are going to do it again this year with the proceeds going to Katherine House. Donations of produce on the day will be gratefully received.



MIDDLETON CHENEY ART GROUP - After our successful annual art exhibition in May, we will be holding a mini exhibition in the Parish Rooms to coincide with the Village Hall Fete. There will be a small selection of our mixed media artwork. It would be lovely to see you there.

