

# Village Diary: June - August 2013

Parish Council Meetings (7.15pm): June 3rd, July 1st, Aug 5th, Sept 2nd.  
**MIDDLETON CHENEY VILLAGE WEBSITE - <http://middletoncheney.org.uk>**

June 5th	Age Concern / 2pm / Village Hall / see page 3
June 13th	Library / 6.30pm / Antiques valuations / see page 3
June 22nd	Library / 2.30pm / Meet the Author / see page 3
June 24th	Hist. Soc. / Library / 7.30pm / see page 5
July 3rd	Age Concern / 2pm / Village Hall / see page 3
July 23rd	Hist. Soc. / Library / 7.30pm / see page 5
July 29th—Aug 2nd	Holiday Club / Methodist Church / see page 6
Aug 3rd	Dogs for Disabled / Coffee morning / see page 7
Sept 14th	Village Hall Open Day and Flower and Produce Show / Village Hall / see page 5
Sept 22nd	Library / Meet the Author / details to follow
Sept 23rd	Hist. Soc. / Library / 7.30pm / see page 5

**Don't forget August is Month of Madness in Middleton.**  
 Watch out for the brochure and details. Coming soon.

**DID YOU MISS ANOTHER GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO PUBLICISE YOUR GROUP OR EVENT? THE CLOSING DATE FOR INCLUSION IN OUR AUTUMN EDITION IS FRIDAY 16TH AUGUST 2013.**

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.

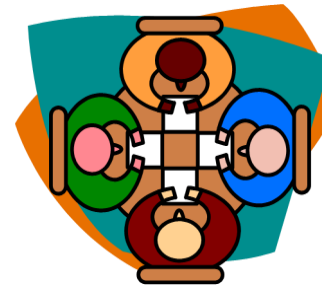
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## Cheney Chatter

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## Middleton Cheney Newsletter



When I was told my responsibility at the Annual Parish Meeting was to sum up the year, a phrase came to mind; "It never rains but it pours". This for me, related not only to the excessive rain we had but also the many issues we have to deal with while running the Parish Council.

Because of the wet spring and summer, we received numerous complaints that we had not cut the grass and our village looked a mess. We had one resident who came up with a solution and he has now put that into action so complaints have gone out of the window and praise is coming in the door.

The phrase could also be associated with the deluge of development applications we received as we are viewed as a sustainable village.

We also faced a turnover of staff and councillors for various reasons ranging from family and work commitments,

retirement or alternative work. We could, in my opinion, have 'drowned' at that point but we have not.

You might ask yourself what does the Parish Council actually do for the village?

1. We are developing a Neighbourhood Plan – a Village Vision for a long term view to help protect and determine the future of our village.
  2. We are trying to make the PC more accessible to residents and keep them informed of the activities we undertake on their behalf. This is done through our website, notice boards and the Cheney Chatter.
  3. We work closely with both schools with problems associated with extra traffic and parking. We work with our PCSOs with issues of anti-social behaviour and crime.
  4. We have purchased two defibrillators – one at A R Mills and one by the Chemist on the building owned by JP Charles & Sons. The Parish Council will be responsible for them but I hope we never need to use them. I would like to thank AR Mills for paying for their installation.
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The next issue of the Cheney Chatter will be delivered in September. Please send in all articles by 16th August to the Parish Clerk at [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.

5. We are responsible for maintaining the Cemetery and have done much work there. More work is planned for this summer. The Cemetery is a very special place for many of our residents and we are aware of this and propose to maintain it to a high standard.
6. We are also responsible for the churchyard and are undertaking repairs to the recently damaged wall and are in discussion with the Diocese of Peterborough regarding improvements to the North and West paths.
7. We are custodian trustees of the Playing Fields and are helping the PFA with their plans for the future.
8. We have two play areas, Stanwell and Astrop Road, and they are inspected weekly and maintained when necessary.
9. The B4525 traffic calming measures are at last being implemented after much discussion by councillors and Highways.
10. We have excellent schools in the village which attract families. We should be proud of our schools and the Parish Council maintain lines of Communication with both to work for a better future in the village.
11. Litter, overhanging vegetation and the problem of dog waste are always concerns and we are working hard to rid the village of these problems. Pot holes, speeding and street lighting are also dealt with by the office.

To achieve all this you need a dedicated team of please. I am delighted to say you, as residents, have this. Being a councillor requires dedication and can, at times, be time consuming. The position is an unappreciated role, so I feel it would be very remiss of me not to recognise the work of all the Councillors over the last 12 months .

I hope this gives you an insight into some of the work of the PC. We would be delighted if you came to our meetings to see us in action.

Val Furniss – Chair, MC Parish Council.

**AUGUST IS MONTH OF MADNESS IN MIDDLETON**—Once again the Parish Council will be arranging activities for primary aged children in the village. The entry forms will soon be available from the Parish Office. Please check the local press and village website for the final details. If you would like to help out for a few hours, please do contact the Parish Clerk. The children really do enjoy all the fun and games and who knows, you might even enjoy it yourselves.



**Cluster Care Adult Day Centre** – There are vacancies for elderly persons who need some care or support for a physical or emotional problem, or in need of socialisation. The aim is to improve their physical and mental health through an extensive programme of enjoyable and educational activities. The group meets every Tuesday in Cropredy Sports Pavilion. A hot lunch is provided and transport to and from the centre may be arranged. For more information, please contact Organiser Moya Reed on 01295 758 531.



**Cluster Care Group Management Committee Vacancies** Volunteers are sought for the Cluster Care Group management committee. This consists of attending several committee meetings per year, to discuss policy and fund raising, and would suit anyone interested in the welfare of the vulnerable elderly persons that Cluster Care supports. For more information, please contact the Secretary Anne Holdom on 01295 758 300

**The Primary School Summer Fete** will be on **Friday 21st June** from 6.00pm – 9.00pm on the school field. There will be fair rides, a band, stalls, a bar and food, and fantastic games for children and adults to play. Come along, support the Parents' Association of the Primary School and enjoy yourselves.

**Dogs for the Disabled** – On **Saturday August 3rd** from 10:00am – 12:30pm. There will be a Coffee Morning including a “Bring & Buy”, Cakes, Raffle etc. at No 1 The Moors Drive. Do please come along to support this very worthwhile cause. Everyone most welcome.



**Your Safer Community Team**

PC1392 James Reid  
 PCSO Clive Ashmore  
 PCSO Scott Cochrane  
 PCSO Charlotte Whitehead

**Useful Contact Numbers:**

The Street Doctor	0845 6011113
Untaxed Vehicles	0800 0325202
Fly Tipping	01327 322322
Stray Dogs	01327 322322
Consumer direct	0845 4040506
Police non-emergency	0300 0111222
Free Home Fire	
Safety Checks	0800 3899950
Abandoned vehicles	0845 6121999



**Garden Club Flower and Produce Show** - This year's Flower & Produce Show will take place in the Village Hall on **Saturday 14th September**. There will be the usual range of categories providing opportunities for everyone to compete from bakers and photographers to children. The show schedule is available from the Library and on the village website.

Entries, which are free, will be accepted from 8.30am to 9.45am on the day and the Show starts at 1.00am. There will be a stall selling fruit, vegetables and plants to raise money for Katharine House, donations of produce for the stall will be particularly welcome. Refreshments supplied by the WI.

**Middleton Cheney Village Vision** - Hopefully, many of you will have seen our stand at the Summer Fete on 2nd June. The Vision is part of the government's Localism Agenda that gives more power to local communities when it comes to deciding how a village should grow.



Our Vision will be setting out where new homes, shops and jobs will be in the village and what the new buildings should look like. The fete was an opportunity for people to tell us what is wrong with the village at the moment and how they would change it. If you missed this opportunity and would like to give us your views please contact me, Tom

Rice, Chairman of the MCNP on [mcnp@middletoncheney.org](mailto:mcnp@middletoncheney.org) or why not come to our meetings and join in at the grass roots. Contact me and I will send you details.



**Church Holiday Club** – The Space Academy

When: **Monday 29th July to Friday 2nd August** from 2.00pm – 4.00pm  
Where: At Middleton Cheney Methodist Church  
Pre-book your primary school age child.  
Contact Jenny Smith at [jennysmith@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jennysmith@hotmail.co.uk) or 01295 711 915. There is no charge but a donation to All Saints Church to cover costs of the sessions would be appreciated.

**Age Concern** – meets on the first Wednesday of the month in the Village Hall from 2pm – 4pm. New members over 55 are always welcome. We play a couple of games of bingo; have a raffle and usually a guest speaker. Tea consists of sandwiches, cake and scones. Entrance fee is £2.00 but bingo and raffle tickets are extra. Our programme for the next meetings is as follows:

- June 5th** Our Coronation Celebrations with Maggie Davis and Geoff Cooper on keyboard.
- July 3th** Entertainment supplied by the Primary School children.
- Aug 7th** Entertainment to be announced later.



**Middleton Cheney Library Supporters Group** – We have two interesting events in June. Tickets and further information can be obtained at the library, during normal opening times.

**Thursday 13th June** at 6.30pm – 9.30pm. Simon Davies of Bonham's will be giving you a valuation for your Antiques, Paintings and Collectables. You may be sitting on a goldmine! Plus fun competitions while you wait with prizes donated by local sponsors, including refreshments.



**Saturday 22nd June** at 2.30pm. Christopher Koenig, The History Man at the Oxford Times will be talking about delving into the history of Oxfordshire and beyond, as part of our Meet the Author series. Adults £5, children £2 including refreshments.

Make a note for **Sunday 22nd September**, when Anthony Adolph will be visiting. He is a genealogist, writer and originally with "Who do you think you are". Time 3.00pm Tickets, £5 Adults, £2 a child.

**Walking for Health** – The friendly village group of this national scheme run by South Northants Council and supported by Macmillan Nurses and the Ramblers continues to thrive in Middleton with up to 30+ walkers taking part each Monday starting from Londis at 10am.

New routes both within the village and beyond, sometimes involving a bus journey at the beginning/end, vary from 1.5 – 4 miles, operate on different Mondays with walker leader, Janine Burton, having introduced a "Street Stroll" of the shorter duration on the 1st Monday of each month around the pavements of the village. She even incorporated all the displays in our recent excellent Scarecrow Festival into one of her walks. Refreshments are available after each walk, usually at The Butler's Pantry.

Both Janine and our other leader, Paul "Monty" Montague, are delighted to have recently been joined by Jean Woodcock and Chris Powell from with our ranks as newly trained walk leaders and we look forward to their input. New walkers, especially those recovering from recent illness, are always made welcome. So why not reserve Monday mornings for this healthy exercise in our beautiful village and surrounding countryside?

Details of most of these guided walks are published weekly in the Banbury Guardian for further details feel free to call Monty on 711 780.



**Middleton Cheney History Society** – A small team of MC History Society members are currently working on a project to transcribe all the Primary School Log Books, (Boys, Girls and Infants), dating back 150 years to 1862. We have almost completed this mammoth task which includes the indexing of every surname, place-name and the significant events. It has proved a fascinating project and will ensure that the history of our school will be more accessible to future generations.



However, we have noted that there are no village archive photographs of two influential Headmasters – Mr. Joshua Bannard (1922 – 1928) and Mr. Ernest Barker (1929 – onwards). The school logs also refer to a photograph being taken of the First Football in 1928. If you have a copy of the appropriate photograph(s) which we could borrow, scan and return immediately, please contact Nancy Long (Voluntary Village Archivist) on 711 064 or

Denise Howes (History Society) on 711 962. We would be delighted to hear from you.

**The Primary School** would also like to extend a warm welcome to anyone who is interested in tracing their ancestors in the school records from 1862 – 1911; and also offer a brief guided tour of the original school building. Visits are by prior appointment only. Please phone the Secretary on 01295 710 218 for further details.

Mrs. Pauline Cox has recently completely and presented a detailed Scrap-Book of Middleton Cheney to the Village Archive. The wealth of information and photographs for the year 2010 represents hours of work and will be of immense value to future historians. Thank you, Pauline, for all your hard work.



All of the above items will be available for viewing at future history exhibitions – watch out for confirmation of details.

Once again August will see **THE MONTH OF MADNESS** hit Middleton Cheney. Watch out for the booking forms on the website and in the Parish Office very soon. Make sure you organise your children's summer around our wonderful activities.

**Middleton Cheney History Society** – have the following talks booked for the summer months. New members and guests are always welcome. Membership is only £10 for the year and guests for the evening pay £2.00.

**June 24th** Banbury's Lost World of Trade Marks – A talk by Brian Little to accompany his latest book on the shops and businesses in the town.

**July 23rd** The History of the Postcard – by Douglas Goddard. If you've got an old postcard of Middleton Cheney, bring it along.

**Sept 23rd** The History of the Northamptonshire Regiment – by Bob Pochin.

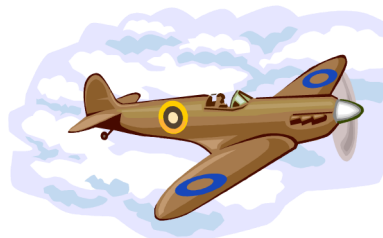


The popular **Banbury Steam Rally** is due to take place on **June 29th and 30th** in Bloxham.

A number of Middleton Cheney residents are involved in organising this fantastic day out, namely Brian Wells (Vice Chairman, Banbury Steam Society) and Nick Herring (Rally

Chairman). Other Middleton families are involved in staging this great local event. Many village residents exhibit a range of farm machinery and vehicles from by-gone times.

The steam enthusiasts are joined by motorcycle display teams, helicopter rides, a hot-air balloon, car crushing, horse-back falconry, a fun fair, market stalls and arts and crafts. This year the fair will stay open to the public late into the evening with live bands and Dr. Busker, often known as the last Victorian pub pianist.



Come along and support the **Middleton Cheney Model Club** who have a large display this year, which includes WW2 airfields in this area and the planes that were stationed there. (The club have previously won best in show – model tent). Join us for a fun-filled, action packed weekend. It's great entertainment for ALL the family.

