

Village Diary: Sept. — Nov.2013

Parish Council Meetings (7.15pm): Oct 7th, Nov 4th, Dec 2nd, Jan 6th.
MIDDLETON CHENEY VILLAGE WEBSITE - <http://middletoncheney.org>

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DID YOU MISS GETTING YOUR ENTRY INTO THIS EDITION OF THE CHENEY CHATTER? THE CLOSING DATE FOR INCLUSION IN OUR WINTER EDITION IS FRIDAY NOVEMBER 15th 2013

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

**To quote George Bernard Shaw.....
the single biggest problem in
communication is the illusion that it has
taken place!**

With that in mind, I thought I should mention that we are trying very hard at the Parish Council to communicate with you but we need your feedback to help us improve the services we are offering. You may have noticed that we have put up two new notice boards, one at the Cemetery and one at the Library. Information relating to Middleton can always be found there.

If you drive regularly on the B4525, you can't have missed the new road layout and roundabout; the Parish Council have been trying for years to achieve this and are still in discussions with Highways on traffic calming along this stretch of the road and on improvements to the signage.

The annual Month of Madness for our younger residents has taken place and my thanks go to Cllr. Caroline Stacey who has worked tirelessly for the children of the village. Once again they have enjoyed themselves with a number of new events which were soon fully booked and in most instances over subscribed.

For all residents and families there was the Summer Fete at the beginning of June on the Playing Field organised by the PFA and sponsored by the Parish Council. It was enjoyed and well attended and might just become an annual event as I understand one is planned again for next year in May.

The Orbit site uncovered Saxon bones—3 individuals, a man, woman and child. They

were displayed for several months at Chenderit School for those pupils interested in palaeontology. They have now been buried in our cemetery as their final resting place. A memorial stone will soon be erected courtesy of Orbit Homes.



After long negotiations with Councillors, Bovis Homes have offered to provide a shelter and erect it at any given site within the village for the benefit of residents. We are looking at all alternatives in the village and currently in discussions with the Playing Fields Committee. If you have any views on where you think this shelter can go, please let me know. This shelter would be available for all age groups to enjoy. **Young Residents...** Please let me know what you think. We don't want to make decisions without your input.

Representatives from the Neighbourhood Plan Committee will be at the Village Hall Open Day on Saturday, 14th September to explain to you what the Neighbourhood Plan is and the benefits to Middleton Cheney in instigating it, as well as some of the consequences of not producing one. Come along and ask questions, such as "Should I be bothered if Middleton Cheney has a Neighbourhood Plan?" ... continued over the page

The next issue of the Cheney Chatter will be delivered in December. Please send in all articles by 15th November to the office at clerk@middletoncheney.org.uk or by post to the Parish Meeting Rooms. Entries should be no bigger than A5

The Neighbourhood Plan group is made up of both Parish Councillors and residents. Residents should make up the larger party of the group and for this to happen we need more of you to join us. We can only move forward and get the best outcome for our village with your help. We need you to step forward and have a say on how our village develops over the next 20 years—are you interested? If you care about your village and its future please join us.

We are also in communication with the Peterborough Diocese in order to get the All Saints Churchyard wall and gate repaired and the path re-surfaced. We need to be patient as we are required to wait until a faculty has been approved and this can take months. We are trying to get an interim faculty that might speed things up on the grounds of health and safety.

Visitors to the Cemetery will know that a new path was laid as the old one was breaking up and more repair work is planned for the older graves.

Our next task, and a perennial one, relates to hedges, trees and other vegetation. We will be looking at over-hanging vegetation on paths or other parts of the highway. We will be setting out our legal position including the responsibilities of householders and other owners of such hedges etc. and describe what actions the Council will take, either itself proactively or in response to complaints received from members of the public regarding obstruction. Our drive will be to try and promote responsible behaviour by owners.

As well as all of the above, your Councillors attend meetings of our various committees, comment on planning applications and oversee the Parish finances and grounds maintenance as well as represent the Council on many village organisations. My sincere thanks go to them all for their time and effort and also to their families who allow them to give their time in order to improve our village and the lives of our residents, both young and old.

I'm nearly done...however... there's always a however. I have told you a little about what we have done and are doing this year in the hope that some of you who have not already signed up for volunteering will come out and assist us!

As always, we would be pleased to see you at our meetings and if you believe you could help with the Parish Council and become a Councillor, please let me know.

Finally, I hope you have enjoyed the summer months this year—I did see the sun on the few days when I managed to get out of the office.

Val Furniss—Chair—Middleton Cheney Parish Council.

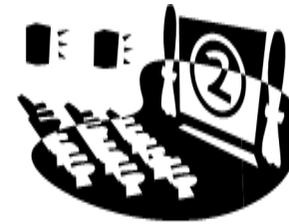
MIDDLETON CHENEY PARISH COUNCIL would like to thank the following volunteers from the Dolphin Pub who have come forward to upkeep the War Shine for the village.



Neil Parker, Simon Hill, Charlie Brown, Paul Neal, Phil Beesley and Pete Miles.

They either gave their time or materials and the railings have been re-painted and the area weeded. This follows on from the tremendous work in past years by Nancy and John Long and it is so gratifying to see the community spirit thriving in our village.

MIDDLETON CHENEY LIBRARY SUPPORTERS GROUP are pleased to offer the following programme of events. All proceeds go to improving the facilities and making better use of the library. Tickets and further details are available from the Library and information in on the village website.



10th Oct at 7.30pm Film 'Quartet' with Maggie Smith, Michael Gambon and Billy Connolly.

24th Oct at 7.30pm Return visit from Poetic Licence who present TRAVELLING LIGHT, an entertainment in poetry, prose and music. Tickets are £7.50 including a glass of wine

14th Nov at 7.30pm Film 'Lincoln' with Daniel Day Lewis, Sally Field and Tommy Lee Jones.

20th Nov 7.00pm At The Butler's Pantry, a Wine Tasting

with staff from Majestic Wines talking about a selection of wines suitable for the festive season. Cheese and biscuits will be available. Tickets £9.50 per person.

28th Nov at 7.30pm Meet the Author, Terry Cudbird talking about 'Walking The Hexagon' an escape around France on foot. Adults £5 / Children £2 including soft drinks and wine.

7th Dec in the afternoon Children's' Film Matinee showing 'Arthur Christmas'

Tickets for all Film Nights are Adults £6/Children £4 normally include ice cream.

Organised by the **LIBRARY SUPPORTERS GROUP**. **The Big Draw— "OPEN DOORS"** will take place at the Library and the Primary School on **Saturday and Sunday 19//20th October 2013**. There will be two sessions, 11.00-13.00 and 13.00—15.00 each day.

Working mainly with water based markers, but also using other media, groups will develop the theme 'OPEN DOORS' and what might be through those doors. This project is intended to encourage all ages to take part and develop families working together. A pull out leaflet with details in in your copy of Sept Round&About. Extra copies available from the Library.

This event is supported by ARTS COUNCIL ENGLAND and part of www.familyartsfestival.com and www.campaignfordrawing.org/bigdraw.



WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN THE VILLAGE?- If you have a club or organisation in the village do tell us about it. If you send us the details of who, where and what we can advertise on the village website and in the Cheney Chatter. Send an e-mail to



Your Safer Community Team

PC1392 James Reid
PCSO Clive Ashmore
PCSO Scott Cochrane

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	101
Crime Stoppers	0800 555 111
Free Home Fire	
Safety Checks	0800 3899950
Abandoned vehicles	0845 6121999

METHODIST CHURCH, QUEEN STREET, MIDDLETON CHENEY, OX17 2NP

We are a faithful membership supporting worship on Sundays, maintaining the legacy of over 160 years of Methodism in the village. Worship is conducted by a mixture of lay preachers and Ministers over the year, mostly on Sundays at 10.45am. Please check the poster displayed in the notice board for details.

We are a warm and welcoming church, with disabled access, an efficient gas-fired heating system, toilets and a sound amplification system with hearing aid loop facility. The main church, which seats approximately 100 people, still retains many original features, including pews, but there are some comfortable upholstered chairs too. We hope to do more work on this aspect and other improvements at some point. As we have no organist at present, we have an excellent 'Hymnal Plus' which is very versatile and well suited for hymn singing.



Our schoolroom and kitchen are let to Middleton Cheney Pre-School during term time, but the premises can be hired out of term and at weekends by contacting Mrs. Barbara Webb on 710 390.

We actively support the Covenant with All Saints Parish Church, and regularly meet to plan joint worship and outreach activities.

Our Harvest Festival services on **Sunday 6th October** will be joint, and the produce will be sold off for charity. We also collect dried and tinned goods for donation to the Banbury Young Homeless Project.

Rev. Janet Jackson has recently moved on to another Circuit, as is the Methodist tradition, and our Minister for the next twelve months will be Rev. Rob Anning.

Contacts: Rev. Rob Anning (Superintendent Minister) 262 602
Carol Souch: Steward 275 334 Tom Webb: Steward 710 390
Iris Bean: Steward 710 681

We look forward to welcoming you to our fellowship.

ALL SAINTS CHURCH—is hosting a fundraising concert, Music from the Shows, by the Village Community Choir featuring songs from the Shows on **Saturday 12th October at 7.30pm**. Entry will be by donation, recommended £5 minimum. There will be opportunities for audience participation in the singing of old favourites, so why confine your singing just to the bath? The Community Choir will also be repeating last year's very popular **Carols Sing-along** in the Church on **Saturday 7th December at 2.30pm**.



The first of the **2013/14 Stonework Talks** series, raising money for the restoration of All Saints Church stonework, will take place in the church on **Sunday 3rd November at 2.30pm**. David Thompson will give an illustrated talk entitled 'Under different skies'.

Exploring the past, present and future of two contrasting gardens; one in England and the other in Italy. Entry will be £3 with refreshments available from 2.00pm. The talks series

MIDDLETON CHENEY GARDEN CLUB—

Our Mystery Garden tour. The Club again invites villagers who are not members to a free tour of some village gardens on **Sunday 8th September at 4.00pm**. The tour will start at 27 Stanwell Lea and end at 8 Church Lane with complimentary refreshments. This will also be the September meeting of the Club.



Our Flower and Produce Show will be held in the Village Hall on **Saturday 14th September**. Copies of the schedule are available from the Library or off the village website. Entries will be accepted between 8.30 and 9.45am. The Show itself opens at 11.00am.

We run the Show as a fun community event with the minimum of rules. The Garden Club will again be running a produce stall with all the proceeds going to Katherine House. Donations of vegetables, plants, fruit, jams, chutney etc. will be gratefully received on the day.

This 2013/14 season starts on **Monday 21st October**. All talk meetings will take place in the library. Subscriptions will be due that evening. There is a small increase for the first time in 11 years since the Club started. Annual subscriptions are £12 and individual meetings are £4. Our programme to date is as follows:

Monday 21st October at 7.30pm. Chris Day of Buckingham Nurseries will give a talk entitled 'All year round container gardening'.

Monday 18th November at 7.30pm. Linda Smith of Waterside Nurseries will talk on 'Preparing for Chelsea'

Monday 2nd December at 7.30. Our always somewhat different Christmas event will be given by our local vet John Taylor of Mansion Hill Veterinary Practice who will regale us with 'Tales from a vet'.

MIDDLETON CHENEY FOOTBALL CLUB—are holding a Snail Racing evening on **Friday 4th October at 6.00pm** in the Village Hall. Entrance is £5 per family. Please come along and join in the fun... and maybe win a few pennies!



THE BUTLER'S PANTRY is now open seven days a week. Opening hours are
Monday—Friday 9.00am—4.00pm
Saturday and Sunday 9.00am—3.00pm.



On Sundays we serve an All Day Brunch so why not come down and check out our Sunday menu and browse the newspapers. Get away from the traditional Sunday Roast and enjoy our quiet and friendly atmosphere.
We look forward to seeing you there.

ANNUAL POPPY APPEAL (November 2013)



The Royal British Legion was formed in 1921 to support the veterans of the Great War. But since then, Britain has been involved in many other wars and fields of service, creating a continuing number of Service men and women, and their families, who need our assistance. The Cenotaph in Whitehall and numerous war memorials around the country commemorate those who made the ultimate sacrifice in the First and Second World Wars.

To honour those who have lost their lives in the service of their country since 1945, the Armed Forces Memorial was opened in 2007 in the grounds of the National Memorial Arboretum in Staffordshire.

Middleton soldier—Lance Cpl. Gary Kiteley (aged 21), of the Grenadier Guards, is among those commemorated there. His name is also listed on our village war shrine.

This year, the Poppy appeal has introduced some **important changes for November**—the ever-popular enamel pins will all be dated (i.e. 2013); black adult wristbands have been introduced in addition to the blue ones and a ladies' bracelet will be tried out. I will, of course, endeavour to obtain as many of the new items as possible for Middleton, but stocks may be limited—please watch out for further details in the Banbury Guardian Village column and the MC Website at the end of October.

“SHOULDER TO SHOULDER WITH ALL WHO SERVE”

MIDDLETON CHENEY HISTORY SOCIETY -in conjunction with All Saints' Church, will be hosting a Floral Tribute throughout the weekend of **8th August 2014** in commemoration of the brave soldiers who lost their lives fighting for their country. This will be themed on the Poetry and Songs of WW1 and village organisations will be invited to take part.

At least 185 men from the village enlisted during the war years, (at that time the population was only about 1126). 22 Soldiers lost their lives and are commemorated on the war memorials—their stories will be on display in the church over that weekend.

DID YOUR ANCESTOR GO OFF TO FIGHT?



Middleton Cheney History Society are seeking photographs of WW1 soldiers from the village or who have a connection to the village, to display at this event. – All will be treated with extreme care and respect.

For more information please contact Nancy Long on 711 064 , Denise Howes on 711 962 or Chris Wells on 710 076.

MORE FROM THE MIDDLETON CHENEY HISTORY SOCIETY— Our meetings for the next four months are as follows:

Sept 23rd A History of the Northamptonshire Regiment—Speaker Bob Pochin. Seven of the names on the Village War Shrine record soldiers from Middleton Cheney who served in the Northants Regt. In WW1. Come and discover more about their stories.

Oct 28th Pictures in the Parlour. Speaker Kevin Varty tells the story of Magic Lanterns from their invention in the 1650s, their heyday in Victorian times to their demise in the 1950s.

Nov 25th Christmas and the Winter Season presented by The Eydon Mummers.

Dec. 25th No meeting but A HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO ALL MEMBERS.



We meet in the Library at 7.30pm. Membership is £10 per year and guests are welcome at £2 a session.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD 2013—SHOEBOXES BURSTING WITH JOY

A shoebox wrapped in cheery paper and filled with small gifts and goodies is probably the first and only Christmas present needy children around with world will ever receive.

You may already have supported or heard of this project which is run annually by Samaritan's Purse. Why not get involved this year—it's easy and rewarding!



Perhaps you would like to do a box with a friend or colleague? You just need a medium sized adult shoebox (approx. 7" x 12" x 5"), wrap the lid and base separately, then fill it with suitable new goodies either for a boy or girl in one of three age groups 2—4 years, 5—9 years or 10—14 years, and include a donation of £3.00 to cover distribution costs (can be paid 'on-line' to Samaritan's Purse).

Or come along to one of our **'Wrap and Fill'** sessions on

Saturday 2nd and 9th November, from 9.30am to 1.00pm in the Methodist School-rooms, Queen Street, Middleton Cheney.

Anyone who can help on these mornings will be very welcome. These sessions are always sociable and include a cuppa and biscuits! We also welcome contributions of goodies, empty shoeboxes and money donations towards the cost of getting the boxes to the needy children.

Leaflets with full details, including a list of suitable items, are available from the Library and The Butler's Pantry, which are also 'Drop-off Points' or please call Mary Phipps on 7122 894 or Carol Souch on 275 334.

Final date for dropping off completed shoeboxes is Monday 18th November 2013

FLOWER ARRANGING DEMONSTRATION AT ALL SAINTS CHURCH—

Margaret White will be doing another of her enthralling Christmas themed flower arranging demonstrations, to raise money for the year round floral decoration of All Saints. Entitled 'Let's Go Festive', it will take place in the church on **Saturday 23rd November at 200pm**.

Entrance fee is £ 4.



REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE - This year's service will be on **Sunday,**

10th November at 10.45am. It will follow the same lines as last year and be held in All Saints Church with a voluntary walk down to the Shrine to lay the wreaths after the service.



It is hoped that the Scouts will be offering refreshments after the service. This gives you ample time to look at the Remembrance Books which have all the details of our war heroes who are listed on the War Shrine.

All the youth groups in the village are invited to participate in this service.