

# Village Diary: December 2013 - Feb 2014

Parish Council Meetings (7.15pm): 2nd Dec, 6th Jan, 3rd Feb.  
**MIDDLETON CHENEY VILLAGE WEBSITE - <http://middletoncheney.org>**

Dec 4	YOR Curry Night / The Butler's Pantry / see page 4
Dec 7	Library / Christmas Fayre / Children's Film / see page 3 All Saints' / Carol Concert/Sing Along / see page 5
Dec 12 Dec 12-14	Library / Film Mamma Mia / see page 3 Lynden Players / Pantomime / Mother Goose/see page 3
Dec 14	Library / Decorate a Christmas Cake / see page 3
Dec	For all the special Christmas services and events at the Churches see page 5 for full details
Dec 28	YOR Jazz & Tapas / The New Inn / see page 4
Jan 23	Library / Film Song for Marion / see page 3
Jan 27	YOR Horse Racing Evening / Social Club/see page 4 History Society / Talk ref William Morris /see page 2
Jan 30	Library / Evening with George / see page 3
Feb	Health Walks new programme starts / see page 2
Feb 13	Library / Film (TBA) / see page 3
Feb 19	YOR Italian Evening / The New Inn / see page 4
Feb 24	History Society / Library / AGM and Quiz / see page 2
Feb 27	Library / An evening with Rosie Burke / see page 3

**DID YOU MISS ANOTHER GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO PUBLICISE YOUR GROUP OR EVENT? THE CLOSING DATE FOR INCLUSION IN OUR SPRING EDITION IS FRIDAY 14th February 2014.**

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).

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 not be included..



**Cheney  
Chatter**

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## Middleton Cheney Newsletter

Is it really a whole year since the last Christmas edition of the Cheney Chatter was published?!? They say time flies when you are enjoying yourself and this year has flown by for me. It has been an interesting year and I'm sure next year will bring its own challenges!

Three community projects the Parish Council are supporting and actively involved in are:

1. Middleton Cheney Neighbourhood Plan
2. A new Community Centre
3. A Year of Fund Raising for three charities, namely Help for Heroes, Army Benevolent Fund, and The Royal British Legion.

Details of the Fund Raising Year for the three charities can be found on page four. Please join in with your families and have fun while raising funds for these good causes. I look forward to seeing you at some or all of the events.

I have been asked by several residents a perennial question relating to hedges, trees and other vegetation that overhang the pavement or other parts of the Highway on how best this can be dealt with. All residents should be aware that it is the legal responsibility of the owner or occupier of any land or property to ensure there is no obstruction. The Parish Council is, therefore, seeking to promote social inclusive behaviour by residents without the need to refer the complaint to another authority to enforce the request. Please see a Notice relating to this subject on page 7 The Guidelines and Legal basis are available from the Parish Office, if required.

I would like to welcome all new residents to Middleton and hope you have settled into your new homes and getting to know our village.

A big thank you, I believe, is also required from Middleton Cheney Parish Council to all those who do so much for the wellbeing of the Village - it is heart-warming to see community spirit at its best.



We do have a few places on the Parish Council so please think long and hard, and then put yourself forward - being a Parish Councillor, I'm told by my fellow colleagues, is like baking a cake - the more you put in, the more you get out of it!!

A personal note to my existing team of dedicated Councillors - My sincere thanks go to you all for your time and effort and to your families who allow you to give your time in order to improve our village and the lives of residents, both young and old.

Finally, time has come for me to wish all residents of Middleton Cheney happiness, health, love and friendship during the forthcoming festivities and in the year to come. I look forward to working alongside you in the coming year.

Val Furniss, Chair -  
Middleton Cheney Parish Council

The next issue of the Village News will be delivered in March. Please send all articles by 14th February 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 History Society** : There will not be a meeting in December so may we take this opportunity to wish all our members a Happy and Festive Christmas. Our programme for the New Year is as follows.



January 27th **Brian Goody** will give a talk entitled **'William Morris comes to Middleton Cheney'** a look at the national picture surrounding the windows at All Saints' Church in the year 1864.

February 24th **AGM**, followed by a **Country Bygone Quiz** with **Bert Manton** with interesting items on display from his vast collection.

**Middleton Cheney Health Walks**. Our new schedule will start on Monday, 3rd February 2014 as follows:

- 1st Monday in Month: Street stroll with no stiles (stop after 2 miles or continue for a longer walk which may include stiles)
  - 2nd Monday in Month: 2 – 3 miles\*
  - 3rd Monday in Month: 3 miles\*
  - 4th Monday in Month: Over 4 miles\*
  - 5th Monday in Month: 3 miles\*
- \*Walking in countryside on footpaths, some stiles, some hills.



We meet near Londis at 10:00am (unless otherwise stated in The Banbury Guardian). We finish our walks at a café or pub for refreshments. Contacts are Monty on 711 780 or Janine on 712 408 or 0771 2511 830

**Middleton Cheney Age Concern:** Did you know that Age Concern is for anyone over the age of 55? We meet every first Wednesday of each month in the Village Hall, from 2:00pm until 4:00pm.



Where else can you get a tea consisting of sandwiches, scones, cake and a cup of tea for £2, plus a varied programme of entertainment? If you, or anyone you know, would enjoy an afternoon out once a month, meeting new and old friends, come along in the New Year and give it a try. Transport can be arranged at a minimal cost if you are unable to get to the Hall.

If anyone can spare a couple of hours once a month to help our older members enjoy their afternoon, please contact us.



## Middleton Cheney Parish Council

### Obstruction of the Highway by Vegetation

If you have a hedge, tree or shrub that borders the pavement or roadway, you are legally required to prevent it from obstructing the pavement or footpath. To prevent any inconvenience to pedestrians, we request therefore that you keep all your hedges, trees and vegetation trimmed back to your property line.

Failure to do this:

1. Then expect to get a polite letter from the Parish Council specifically requesting you to do it.
2. If you do not do so in the requested time, enforcement action could well be taken by the Highways Authority requiring you to do it.

As stated this is a legal requirement and you are responsible for the upkeep of your hedges, trees and other vegetation.

Please be a responsible resident and/or neighbour and help us keep Middleton Cheney an attractive, welcoming and safe environment.



Thank you  
Val Furniss, Chair Middleton Cheney Parish Council

### Message from Andrea Leadsom, MP



We have received a Christmas letter from Andrea Leadsom, our Member of Parliament, but unfortunately, it is too long to include in this edition of the Cheney Chatter. If you wish to obtain a copy, please contact the Parish Office and they will be happy to give you a copy.



#### **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
Free Home Fire	
Safety Checks	0800 3899950
Abandoned vehicles	0845 6121999

### **Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Gifts – 2013**

We are delighted to announce that 200 gift-filled shoe boxes have been collected following the 'Wrap & Fill' sessions held by the Methodist and All Saints Churches supported by the local community including this village, Chacombe, Brackley and Byfield.



All the boxes will shortly be despatched to needy children in Kyrgyzstan and Serbia who will be delighted to receive them and to know that they have been remembered this Christmas.

A big thank you for the valuable support and time given by all contributors and helpers, including: the wonderful knitters and sewers who produced bags, glove puppets, hats, gloves and wrist warmers; the box wrappers and fillers; everyone who has made up and dropped off their own gift-filled box; the Library, The Butler's Pantry and Primary School for being drop-off points; and for the money donations received to cover distribution costs incurred by the Samaritan's Purse charity.

Remember to look out for goodies in the sales ready for next year's Operation Christmas Child shoe box appeal.....it's never too early to start collecting!!

A list of suitable goodies is available from Mary Phipps 01295 712894 or Carol Souch 01295 275334.



**Poppy Appeal 2013** The British public holds great affection and respect for its Armed Forces. The Poppy Appeal is your opportunity to show your support, so thank you to everyone in Middleton Cheney who gave so generously, and wore their poppy with pride.

Over 300,000 ex-service people call on the Legion for help each year. The services provided a range from home visits and mobility aids for elderly veterans, and re-training for people when they leave the Forces, to fighting for War

Disablement Pensions that are rightfully owed. The Poppy Appeal is essential to keep these vital services going in the future. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Thank you for contributing to this very worthwhile cause. The Middleton total for this year is **£2,469.23**. Well done and Thank you.

### **LEST WE FORGET**

**DON'T FORGET TO ORDER YOUR PRESCRIPTIONS FOR DECEMBER/ JANUARY FROM THE DOCTOR AND THE CHEMIST IN ADVANCE FOR THE FESTIVE SEASON.**

**Middleton Cheney Library Supporters Group** are offering the following programme of events.



- 7th Dec **Christmas Fayre** from 10:00am - 2:00pm
- 7th Dec Children's film matinee showing **'Arthur Christmas'** at 2.30pm. Adult £6/Child £2, includes ice cream
- 12th Dec Film night showing **'Mamma Mia'** at 7:30pm. Adult £7/Child £3 with mince pies and mulled wine and the Christmas Hamper Draw.
- 14th Dec **Decorate a Christmas Cake.** Demonstration by Rosie Fallick, plus you will be able to make your own decorations as well. Adult £5/Child £2. Refreshments and raffle.
- 23rd Jan Film night showing **'Song for Marion'** at 7:30pm. Adult £6 includes ice cream.
- 30th Jan **'An Evening with George'** at 7:30pm Adult £5/Child £2 including light refreshments. **George Emmerson** (98) will be revealing tales about his long life, giving a painting demonstration and answering questions.
- 13th Feb Film night (film TBA) at 7:30pm Adult £6 including ice cream.
- 27th Feb **'An Evening with Rosie Burke'** at 7:30pm. Adult £5/Child £2 includes wine and soft drinks. Rosie will give a visual presentation of some of her work and experiences.



**The Lynden Players** are proud to present **MOTHER GOOSE** as this year's pantomime.

Performances will take place at Middleton Cheney Village Hall from Thursday 12th to Saturday 14th December. Evening performance are at 7:30pm with a 2:00pm matinee on Saturday. Tickets are £8 for adults, £7 for concessions and £26 for a family ticket.

For tickets please contact the box office on 07849 062739, or online booking at [www.lyndenplayers.ticketsourse.co.uk](http://www.lyndenplayers.ticketsourse.co.uk).

**Middleton Cheney Hand Bell Ringers** will be **Ringin in Christmas** on Saturday 14th December from 10:00am to 12:00 noon at the Methodist Church. They will be hosting a coffee morning including a 'Bring and Buy', Cakes, Raffle etc., accompanied by Christmas music on the bells.



Please come along and enjoy the festive spirit.

**Middleton Cheney Year of Remembrance** is sponsored by the Parish Council.



The Shires Royal British Legion Youth Band launched our year of activities on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2013 in the Dolphin Pub with a rousing display of their musical prowess which was enjoyed by all there. We then learned first-hand of the work done by the three charities and how much help and support our funding would go towards.

On 9<sup>th</sup> November our first event, a Bingo night with raffle and chilli supper was hosted by the Dolphin Pub and we raised **£315.00**.

On Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November, we held our Memorial Service at All Saints' Church.

Our events for the following three months are as follows

#### **December 2013**

- 4<sup>th</sup> Curry night at The Butler's Pantry with music by Kelz. 7:00pm – 10:30pm. Tickets £15 available from the Butler's Pantry. Please book in advance.
- 28<sup>th</sup> Jazz Night and Tapas at The New Inn Pub. 7:00pm – close. Tickets £15 available from The Parish Office and The New Inn. Please book in advance.

#### **January 2014**

- 17<sup>th</sup> Horse Racing Evening and a Fish/Sausage and Chip Supper at the Social Club. 7:00pm – 11:00pm. Tickets £5 available from the Parish Office and the Social Club.

#### **February 2014**

- 19<sup>th</sup> Italian Evening at The Butler's Pantry. 7:00pm – 10:30pm. Tickets £15 available from The Butler's Pantry. Please book in advance.

There will be lots of other events during the whole year. The full programme is published on the Village Website and will be updated regularly.

Our aim is to raise as much funding during the year to honour our fallen and wounded service men and women, and to raise money for village organisations and charities. We would also like all residents of the village to enjoy themselves while doing this and work together for a good and great cause.

Our three charities cover the past, present and future as they look after all service personnel, their families and dependants. 50% raised will go to the three military charities and 50% to the charity or organisation involved in raising the money.

If you have any ideas of your own or would like to take up one of the suggested events and run it for your organisation, please contact the Parish Office on 713 500 or <mailto:clerk@middletoncheney.org.uk>

Lenny Carvell  
Chairman of the Middleton Cheney Year of Remembrance.

**Middleton Cheney Churches** extend a welcome to all to join in their normal Sunday services and the following special services for Christmas 2013.



Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> Carol Concert/Sing Along by the Village Choir at 2:30pm at All Saints' Church

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> There will be a mince pies and carol singing social at 7:00pm at the Methodist Church.  
All welcome

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> Terry Richards is inviting singers to join in Carols at Cheney House. Time to be advised.

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> Carol Service at 6:00pm at All Saints' Church



#### **Christmas Eve**

Family Celebration at 4:00pm at the Baptist Church  
Crib Service at 4:30pm at All Saints' Church  
Midnight Mass at 11:15pm at All Saints' Church

#### **Christmas Day**

Holy Communion at 9:00am at All Saints' Church

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> Christingle Service (for the Children's Society) at 3:30pm at All Saints' Church followed by a children's tea at the Methodist Church.

#### **Wishing you all a very special Christmas**

**Middleton Cheney Neighbourhood Plan**. Middleton Cheney is about to go through an important stage in its development. Under the new Localism Act, villages like ours have been given the opportunity to influence the future of our community. A group of volunteers are working to develop a Neighbourhood Plan for the village. On behalf of the Parish Council, this is a community-led framework for guiding the future development and growth of our village and will deal with a range of social, economic and environmental issues (such as housing, employment, leisure facilities and transport). Subject to examination and referendum, the Plan would then form part of the Local Development Plan where it would be used to inform planning decisions and how the village will grow in the next 15 years.

The Neighbourhood Plan group meet at the Parish Meeting Rooms on Main Road every month and would welcome anybody to come along and help contribute or simply to learn more about our work.



The next meeting will be on Tuesday 17th December.  
Email: [clerk@middletoncheney.org.uk](mailto:clerk@middletoncheney.org.uk) phone 713500.