

Village Diary: June, July, August 2014

Parish Council Meetings (7.15pm): 3rd June, 7th July, 5th August.
MIDDLETON CHENEY VILLAGE WEBSITE - <http://middletoncheney.org>

4th June	Age Concern / Village Hall / 2pm / "Impromptu" Singing Group
14th/20th/22nd June	Garden Club dates and details are on page 3
19th/27th June	Library Supporters / Library / details are on page 2
19th June	W.I. / Village Hall / Social evening with Cheese and Wine
23rd June	Hist. Soc. / Library / 7.30pm / 150 Years of Fire Fighting see page 5
27th June	Primary School Academy / Summer Fete / details on page 6
2nd July	Age Concern / Village Hall / 2.00pm / Visit by Primary School Children
10th/18th July	Library Supporters / Library / see page 2 for details
12th July	Coffee Morning for Dogs for the Disabled. See details on page 6
13th/21st July	Garden Club / All dates and details on page 3
17th July	W.I. / Village Hall / Speaker Staci Leach "Heartstop CPR"
19th July	Strawberry Fayre / All Saints and Methodist Church / see page 5
28th July	Hist. Soc. / Library / 7.30pm / Secrets and Scandals at Canons Ashby See page 4 for details
August	Month of Madness / More information on page 7
2nd/3rd Aug	WW1 Commemoration Floral Display at All Saints / see page 4
6th Aug	Age Concern / Village Hall / 2pm / Joseph and his keyboard
21st Aug	W.I./ Village Hall/ Social evening
June/July/August	YEAR OF REMEMBRANCE ALL DETAILS TO DATE ON PAGE 7

DID YOU MISS ANOTHER GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO PUBLICISE YOUR GROUP OR EVENT? SEE THE FRONT PAGE FOR THE NEXT CLOSING DATE

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

CHAIR'S REPORT

I would like to take this opportunity to thank fellow Parish, District and County Councillors for their support during the year. Reading through previous reports, it is clear that the year has been no less busy than those before it.

Middleton Cheney Parish Council, being on the lowest rung of the local government ladder, strives to represent the views of the community to the higher authorities at District and County level, and even on occasion, to Central Government level along with other like-minded parishes. No more so than in the planning field. The Council tries to ensure that planned new housing and conversion work maintains the traditional values which village communities, like ours, cherish. The Council also actively encourages the various public authorities to do their jobs in maintaining and repairing roads, drainage, communication and the like. In fact, the Council takes an interest in almost every facet of village life.

It has been a busy year for planning, varying from small to large extensions and new developments. The Parish Council has always taken into account

the village envelope, design statement and its long-standing reputation for continuity. This has involved, when necessary, site meetings and representations at planning control meetings.

The Council is determined that its activities on behalf of the Parish should be open to all interested parishioners and there is indeed a statutory requirement that this should be so.

Finally, I hope you all have a pleasant summer no matter what you do. The Month of Madness for the younger members of our community will take place during August and there is a short note later in this leaflet. Enjoy the summer months, they pass too quickly!

Val Furniss (Mrs)
Chair, Middleton Cheney Parish Council

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





LYNDEN PLAYERS—proudly present “**LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS**” on 5th, 6th and 7th June in Middleton Cheney Village Hall. Evening performances start at 7:30pm with the Saturday matinee starting at 2:00pm. Ticket prices for Thursday evening and Saturday matinee are £8 and Friday and Saturday evening are £10 (no concessions).

AGE CONCERN—Did you know that Age Concern is for anyone over the age of 55? We meet the first Wednesday of the month in the Village Hall from 2:00pm to 4:00pm. Where else can you get tea, sandwiches, scones and cake for £2 plus entertainment!

If you would enjoy an afternoon out once a month, meeting new and old friends, come along and give it a try. Transport can be arranged at a minimal cost. If you can spare a couple of hours once a month to help our older members enjoy their afternoon please contact us.

Entertainment for the next three months is as follows:
 June 4th Impromptu (musical entertainment)
 July 2nd Primary School Children
 August 6th Joseph on the keyboard



THE LIBRARY SUPPORTERS GROUP – continue to offer a programme of events to make broader use of the library and raise funds to improve the facilities. Events start at 7:00pm unless otherwise stated. Tickets and further details from the library during opening hours. Events may be cancelled if ticket sales do not reach breakeven point, one week before the published date. Refreshments are usually provided.

17th June **CRAZY GOLF** Tournament sponsored by Russell & Butler independent estate agents. 5:30pm to 9:00pm. 9/18 hole competitions, quizzes, drinks, snacks, lots of prizes from local businesses. Details at the library where you can pre-book your start time. Children, adults and all the family.

19th June “**TALES FROM A THRIVING BOOKSHOP**”. Christine Bridge from The Old Hall Bookshop, Brackley talks about the development of this local business. Adults £5/children £2.



10th July **MEET THE AUTHOR** – Terry Cudbird returns to talk about his new book “Walking the Retreat” The March to the Marne: 1914 revisited. Adults £5/children £2 This event will support the Middleton Cheney Year of Remembrance.

18th July “An Evening with **MARGARET WHITE**” – we hear about her early introduction to flowers and flower arranging. Demonstrations and raffle. Adults £6/children £3.

STOP PRESS! APPLES, APPLES, APPLES! The Library Supporters group are planning an “applefest” at the Library on Saturday 4th October from 10:00am to 3:00pm – All things to do with Apples. If any individual, or group in the area has any ideas and would like to join us, please contact Chris Crags on 712 949. Thank you.

ANDREA LEADSOM MP ADVICE SURGERY – 6th June from 3:00pm – 6:00pm at Brackley Town Hall or contact www.andrealeadsom.com, phone 01604 210 703

MIDDLETON CHENEY YEAR OF REMEMBRANCE– events for the coming months.



21st/ 22nd June Beer Festival in the New Inn Barn – details to be finalized, watch the web and local press.
 28th June Armed Forces Day. The Dolphin is organising a bike ride taking in villages all around South Northants
 28th June Bingo at The Dolphin Pub £5 a book and Eyes Down at 7:30pm.
 27th July PFA Fete and Family Music Festival of Remembrance on the Playing Fields from midday to 7:30pm. Donation at the door for the PFA and the Year of Remembrance.
 2nd/3rd August Village Commemoration Floral Tribute at All Saints organised by the MC History Society. See page 4 for details.
 29th August The Lynden Players are organising A Variety Show and Ploughman’s Supper in the Village Hall. Tickets £10 each to include meal and entertainment. Watch press for further details
 5th Sept Children’s disco at the Primary School
 6th Sept Summer Ball on the Primary School Playing Fields.

MONTH OF MADNESS August is approaching fast and parents have the inevitable soul searching thoughts of “what can we do with the children so they don’t get bored”. Well once again Middleton Cheney Parish Council will be running activities enabling children to experience some new and some old favourites. These activities will be led by professionals in their field, all CRB/ DBS checked and insured. Details will shortly be on our website and issued via the Primary School Weekly News.



To whet the children’s’ appetite some activities are: Paint Balling, Zorbing, Middleton’s Got Talent, Self-defence, Belly Dancing, CSI, Face Painting , Disco and many more. If a child participates in one of the activities, then the whole family, Mum, Dad and siblings will be invited to a free BBQ at the end of the month. As in the past, a nominal charge will be made and the balance funded by the Parish Council. Numbers will be limited so please book as soon as the forms are sent out in order not to disappoint the children. Look forward to seeing you at some point in August.



Useful Contact Numbers:

The Street Doctor	0845 6011113
Untaxed Vehicles	0800 0325202
Fly Tipping	01327 322322
Stray Dogs	01327 322322
Consumer direct	0845 4040506

Your Safer Community Team

PS 581 Micki Simons
 PCSO Clive Ashmore

MIDDLETON CHENEY HEALTH WALKERS— Our schedule is as follows

1st Monday	Street stroll with no stiles (stop after 2 miles or continue for a longer walk which may include stiles)
2nd Monday	2 –3 miles*
3rd Monday	3 miles*
4th Monday	Over 4 miles*
5th Monday	3 miles *



*Walking in countryside on footpaths, some stiles, some hills. Walks start at 10.00am at Londis 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.

MIDDLETON CHENEY PRIMARY ACADEMY PARENT'S ASSOCIATION – is organising a SUMMER FAIR on the 27th June from 6:00pm – 9:00pm to raise funds for the school. There will be plenty of things for children to do.

Bouncy Castle, Go-carts, Face-painting, Pottery and numerous fun and retail stalls. Musical entertainment will be provided by the MC Community Singers and a live band "Watch the Raven". There will be a Grand Raffle with great prizes such as tablet, camera, I-pod shuffle and many more. Also a BBQ, hot-dogs, cakes and drinks. The fair was a great success last year, so please come along on Friday 27th, meet friends and enjoy the evening.

KEEP ACTIVE – Two classes are held every Monday morning at the Social Club, Astrop Road. These consist of light exercises to music. Consideration is given to people with physical limitations, and is a very pleasant way of keeping fit with an opportunity for making new friends. Our classes are rather small at present, and we would be glad to welcome some new members. For further information, please call Anne on 710 007.



DOGS FOR THE DISABLED – COFFEE MORNING - Anne Woolland and Alison Solesbury will be holding this annual event at No 1, The Moors Drive on Saturday July 12th, 10:00am – 12:30pm. There will be a raffle, "Bring and Buy" etc., so do please come along and support us. Everyone is very welcome.

MIDDLETON CHENEY FOLK DANCE CLUB- the Club has been in existence for almost five years and meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:30pm at the Social Club in Astrop Road. We are a friendly group and new members are very welcome. So why not come along and see if this is for you. If you would like to know more about us, do give me a call, Anne on 710 007.



CLUSTER CARE URGENTLY NEEDS VOLUNTEERS- Cluster Care day Opportunities Centre, which gives valuable social support to vulnerable elderly people in the surrounding area, is in urgent need of volunteer helpers. This involves assisting on Tuesdays on a rota basis. Volunteers are also sought for the management committee that oversees this essential local caring organisation. Contact Organiser Moya Reed on 01295 758 531

MIDDLETON CHENEY GARDEN CLUB – Summer Activities



Saturday 14th June – Club plant stall from 9:30 to 12:30 on the verge by the Chemist.

Donations of plants please, some already pledged by Lord Heseltine's estate. Raising money for the charity Water Aid.

Friday 20th June – Wild Flower Meadow walk at 2:00pm. Meet guide Mary Clugson at Boddington Meadow. For a car share, ring David Thompson on 711 115. This is reputedly the best remaining traditional meadow in Northamptonshire and right on our doorstep. We will be making a donation to the Northamptonshire wildlife Trust.

Sunday 22nd June – Village gardens open for the National Garden Scheme, raising Money for Cancer Charities from 1:00pm—6:00pm. Combined admission is £5. Follow the prominent yellow signs and start at any garden, maps are available. Teas at Peartree House, Glovers Lane, entry to this garden is free if you only wish to take tea.

Monday 21st July – Exclusive evening guided tour of Blewbury Manor with Richard Roslyn at 7:00pm. He was our excellent speaker in March. This is a 10 acre garden owned by a garden designer. For a car share ring Margaret Finch on 711 100. Tickets are £4.

2nd/3rd August – WW1 Commemorations. The Club will be taking part in the display in All Saints Church. The display is entitled "Forget Them Not" by Janine Burton. Donations to the three military charities.

MIDDLETON CHENEY OPEN GARDENS – in aid of Katherine House Hospice on Sunday 13th July, from 1:00pm – 5:00pm. Combined entrance fee £5 (children under 12 free) Dogs on lead only please.

You are all very welcome to visit eight eclectic gardens. The open gardens range from a water garden, courtyards gardens, cottage style and contemporary designed gardens.

Come and sit in the gazebos, enjoy the ponds and marvel at the designer gardens and then relax with a cup of tea and a healthy slice of home-made cake at Peartree House, Glovers Lane. A raffle and a Katherine House Hospice stall will be at this house. Entry to this garden is free if you only wish to take afternoon tea.

We hope you finish your day with a win on the raffle and a tray full of new plants for your own gardens! Some gardens have a few steps and may not be suitable for wheelchairs.

The gardens which will be open are listed below:

- 1 The Moors Drive (Charles and Anne Woolland)
- 14 Queen Street (Brian and Kathy Goodey)
- 19 Glovers Lane (Michael Donohoe and Jane Rixon)
- 21 Glovers Lane (Mr. & Mrs. Richard Walmsley)
- Peartree House, Glovers Lane (Roger and Barbara Charlesworth)
- 38 Midway (Mr. & Mrs. David Finch)
- 17 Horton Close (Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Thompson)
- 20 Horton Road (Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Paxton)





SAVE OUR WAR MEMORIAL- The village World War One Memorial which is sited on the north side of All Saints churchyard was unveiled on 19th July 1921. Subscribed by the parishioners of Middleton Cheney, the memorial has eroded badly and is in poor condition and needs either to be repaired or replaced. Much of the inscription is difficult to read and some of the original names have disappeared completely. £10,000 will be needed to restore the memorial so we are instigated a fund-raising campaign to ensure the preservation of this important part of our village history. Details of this campaign and how you can help will be published in the Village News, on the website and all the other usual places.

Sara Long (daughter of Nancy, our voluntary Village Historian) will be lining up with 1,500 other swimmers from nearly 50 countries to take part in an amazing swim from Asia to Europe on July 20th. The race is organised by the National Olympic Committee of Turkey.

Few stretches of water in the world can match the mix of physical challenge and sheer emotional exhilaration of this crossing. Turkish authorities shut down the strait, one of the world's busiest shipping lanes, for three hours to allow swimmers time to make the 6.5 km (four miles) crossing.

The Bosphorus has more curves than a belly dancer as it twists through the heart of Istanbul, a city of more than 14 million people. It is a swirl of competing currents, and the race's challenge is not so much its distance as charting a precise course through the treacherous flow of water.

Nancy will be pleased to hear from anyone who would like to sponsor Sara's swim and raise money for our crumbling churchyard war memorial. Please contact her on 711 064 or look out for information in the village news (Banbury Guardian) from July onwards.



MIDDLETON CHENEY HISTORY SOCIETY – are organising a village commemoration/informal floral tribute to be held on the weekend of 2nd/3rd August in All Saints Church as part of the National recognition of the outbreak of World War 1. This event will form part of the Middleton Cheney Year of Remembrance and donations received from visitors to the event will go towards the three nominated charities.

We are inviting village organisations, clubs and individuals to commemorate WW1 through flower displays based on the music and poetry of the period. Photographs and memorabilia of local and individual involvement are also welcome.



Examples are
 Commemorate a village soldier (see War memorial and Memorial books)
 Commemorate a WW1 event (football match and Xmas day truce)
 Poem – In Flanders Fields, Anthem for Doomed Youth
 Song – Keep the Home Fires Burning, It's a Long Way to Tipperary
 Quotes – They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old....
 Further information available from Nancy Long 711 064 or
 Chris Wells 710 0076. Entry forms available from the Library.

The Middleton Cheney History Society meet in the Library at 7:30pm. Non-members are always welcome (£3 entry fee)
 Calendar of events as follows:

23rd June 150 Years of Organised Fire Fighting by Neil Wallington who is a former firefighter and author of the 1979 book "Fireman" Put your Life on the Line.



28th July Laura Malpas will reveal the Secrets And Scandals at Canons Ashby.

No August meeting because of the Bank Holiday

MIDDLETON CHENEY STRAWBERRY FAYRE – on Saturday 19th July from 2:00pm – 4:30pm. Put the date in your diary and come and enjoy a summer's afternoon in the heart of the village!



Strawberry cream teas will be served in the Methodist Church Hall, and outside if weather permits.

All Saints Church will be hosting Nancy Long's latest history exhibition – photographs of Middleton's streets **Then and Now**. Come and see what your road looked like 50 years ago. The Lynden Players are presenting a costume display, also in All Saints and there will be a mouth-watering home-baking and home produce stall in the Church Porch.

Between the two Churches, along Church Lane and in the Churchyard you will find a variety of stalls and games, including a bottle stall, a "new to you" stall, raffle, crafts and a mammoth children's second hand clothing stall. Donations of children's clothes and home baking will be very welcome. All proceeds from the day will be divided between the two Churches.

MIDDLETON CHENEY COMMUNITY CHOIR – MC Singers is Middleton's own Community Choir. Anyone can join; we do not have auditions, you can learn as you sing. Anyone who enjoys singing is welcome, men and women. We meet at the Library on Wednesdays during term times for an hour at 6:30pm and it costs just £1 per session. We have a lot of community involvement, singing when and where people want us. Do join up. Contact Maggie on 710 252 for information on just turn up, you will be made welcome.



CHRISTIAN AID WEEK—May 2014. Thank you to everyone who gave so generously during the House to House collection. The total collected was £3,546.55



QUILTS ON SHOW—The Middleton Cheney Quilting Group is displaying quilts in the garden at Peartree House on Sunday 22nd June from 1:00pm—6:00pm as part of the National Garden Scheme Open Gardens. The Quilt Show is by donation and the six gardens are open on the day for a combined admission of £5. For full details of the gardens see page 3.