

Village Diary: December 2014– Feb 2015

Parish Council Meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month at 7.15pm. Check Notice boards for the agenda

MIDDLETON CHENEY VILLAGE WEBSITE - <http://middletoncheney.org>

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| 3rd Dec | Age Concern/Village Hall/2.00pm-4.00pm/Christmas Meal/see page 6 |
| 4th Dec | Library/Christmas Present—Poetic Licence |
| 6th Dec | All Saints/Afternoon/Community Choir Concert/see page 2 |
| 8th Dec | Garden Club/Library/7.30pm/Christmas Quiz and Party/see page 6 |
| 8th Dec | WI Carol Concert/7.00pm/Methodist Church/see page 2 |
| 11/12/13th Dec | Lynden Players/Village Hall/Pantomime/See page 8 |
| 15th Dec | Film in Library/Joyeux Noel/see page 3 |
| 15th Dec | MCPA Parents' Association/Christmas Carols/ 5.30pm/see page 7 |
| 18th Dec | WI/Village Hall/Cookery Demonstration/see page 6 |
| 19th Dec | Carols and Mince Pies/7.00pm/Methodist Church/see page 2 |
| 21st Dec | All Saints/10.45am/All age worship/ 4.00pm/Lessons & Carols |
| 24th/25th | Christmas Services/ see page 2 |
| 22nd Dec | Hist. Soc./Library/7.30pm/Christmas in a WW2 Way/see page 8 |
| 7th Jan | Age Concern/Village Hall/ 2.00pm/entertainment to be confirmed |
| 7th Jan | Film in Library/Jersey Boys/7.30pm see page 3 |
| 8th Jan/6th Feb | Heseltine Gallery/Karl Blossfeldt/see page 4 |
| 11th Jan | Messy Church/Village Hall/3.00pm-5.00pm/see page 2 |
| 13th Jan | Heseltine Gallery/Adult Pottery & Modelling in Clay/ see page 4 |
| 15 Jan | WI/Village Hall/Iceland by Graham Soden/see page 6 |
| 19th Jan | Garden Club/Library/7.30pm/Can Americans Garden?/see page 6 |
| 25th Jan | Christingle service/All Saints/3.30pm/see page 2 |
| 26th Jan | Hist.Soc./Library/7:30pm/Middleton/Uncovered History/see page 5 |
| 29th Jan | Library/The Art of Beekeepintg7.30pm/see page 3 |
| 4th Feb | Age Concern/Village Hall/2.00pm-4.00pm/Slide Show/see page 6 |
| 12th Feb | Film in Library/7.30pm/12 Years a Slave/see page 3 |
| 16th Feb | Garden Club/Library/7:30pm/Plants with Altitude/see page 6 |
| 19th Feb | WI/Village Hall/Thirty Years as a Coach Tour Operation/see page 6 |
| 22nd/26th March | Heseltine Gallery/Mark 5 Exhibition 1/see page 4 |
| 26th Feb | Library/The Hidden Hedged Gardens of Warwick/7.30pm/see page 3 |
| 4th March | Age Concern/Village Hall/2.00pm/Butler to Royalty/see page 6 |
| 6th March | Library/An evening with Lord Heseltine/7.30pm |
| 12th March | Film at the Library/7.30pm/Belle/see page 3 |
| 16th March | Garden Club/Library/7.30pm/My Dessert Island Veg/see page 6 |



Cheney Chatter

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Middleton Cheney Newsletter



The Parish Council has seen more changes in personnel recently.

Val Furniss has stepped down as Chair

to take on the role of Parish Clerk/RFO and I have assumed the role of Chairman. Other changes include Cllr. Sue Jerrams Coughtrey as Vice Chairman and the very welcome return of Cllr. Caron Bowden.

We continue to face a number of challenges as a village, but if we work together, I am sure we can achieve results in the best interest of the community. As your new Chairman, I welcome your help and encouragement to support the Parish Council in its endeavour to represent the local community, deliver the relevant service to meet local needs and strive to improve the quality of life in the parish.

Hopefully by now you will have received a Neighbour Plan Questionnaire, which has been delivered to each household. Government changes to the planning system, with the introduction of the 2011 Localism Act, have presented us with the opportunity to shape and manage change for our village for the next 20 years. By producing a plan, we can have influence on the future growth and development of Middleton Cheney. Once adopted, the

plan carries real weight, becoming part of the statutory development plan for the area, which is subsequently used by the Local Planning Authority when deciding on submitted planning applications.

The Neighbourhood Plan is a community-led framework, so it is vitally important that we hear your views. I would hope, therefore, you have filled out the questionnaire so that your opinions are captured. There will be further opportunities to interact and guide the Neighbourhood Plan group, so please keep a look out.

I would also like to welcome all new residents to Middleton and hope you have settled into your new homes and are getting to know our village. Finally, I would like to wish all residents a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Cllr. Alan Youel
Chairman,
Middleton Cheney Parish Council

The next issue of the Cheney Chatter will be delivered in March. Please send in all articles by February 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.



MIDDLETON CHENEY CHURCHES: extend a warm welcome to all to join their normal Sunday services and the following special services for Christmas 2014

Sat 6th Dec **Afternoon Community Choir Concert** at All Saints in aid of the Stonework Fund

Mon 8th Dec **Women's Institute Carol Service** at 7.00pm at the Methodist Church

Frid 19th Dec **Carols and Mince Pie Social** at 7.00pm at the Methodist Church

Sun 21st Dec All Saints Church – 10.45am **All Age Worship** and at 4.00pm **Lessons and Carols**

CHRISTMAS EVE

Wed 24th Dec Christmas Eve – **Crib Service** for the younger children at 4.00pm at All Saints and **United Midnight Mass** at 11.15pm at All Saints.



CHRISTMAS DAY

Thur 25th Dec Christmas Day – Family Service at 9.00am at All Saints.

Sun 11th Jan **“Messy Church”** 3.00pm – 5.00pm at the Village Hall

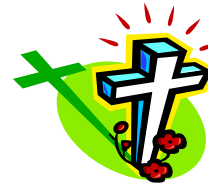
Sun 25th Jan **Christingle** service at All Saints Church at 3.30pm

MESSY CHURCH: is coming to Middleton Cheney Village Hall on Sunday 11th January 2015 from 3:00pm – 5:00pm. This is a great opportunity for everyone – families and those on their own, to hear about God's love for them through creativity, celebration and hospitality.

We welcome you with open arms, encourage you to have a go at a wide range of crafts and games, tell stories of Jesus, sing a little and enjoy sharing a meal together. But most importantly, to come and have some fun together.

Messy Church began in the Anglican church of St Wilfred in Cow Plain, Portsmouth about 10 years ago. There are Messy Churches in all major towns, including Banbury and Towcester. We will be holding about three Messy Church sessions a year (unless demand grows). This is a completely new venture for All Saints and underpins our desire to reach out into our village and community.

We do not charge for this event, although a small donation would be appreciated towards your meal. Come along and give it a go. If you have queries please contact Amanda Oliver on 712 648.



MIDDLETON CHENEY WORLD WAR 1 MEMORIAL APPEAL: Thanks to the generous donations and efforts of a number of village organisations, we are pleased to announce that, at the time of going to press, the appeal has raised **£4,842.19**. A remarkable achievement in just five months.

Thanks also to the Butler's Pantry who kindly allowed us to leave a collection box in the tea room throughout the summer. If you would like to contribute please send your donation to the Treasurer—Mrs. Caroline Stacey, Beech Tree House, 50 Main Road, Middleton Cheney Banbury OXON OX17 2LT (cheques payable to MCPC World War 1 Memorial Fund).

The first soldier remembered on our Memorial is Private Frank Williams, who had joined the Northants Regiment (2nd Btn.) in 1911. By August 1914 he was serving in Egypt before he was dispatched to the Front via Southampton and Le Havre. Frank died of wounds on 29th November 1914 and was buried in Estaires Commonwealth War Grave Cemetery; he was 23 years old and had been in France for just 23 days.

Sadly, for Frank it really was “all over by Christmas”.

For the second year running, **MC PRIMARY ACADEMY PARENTS' ASSOCIATION** is organising a **CHRISTMAS CAROLS SING-ALONG** on 15th December in the school playground. Gates open at 5.30pm for a 6.00pm start. Everyone is invited. Free entry but donations welcome.



Carols will be supported by the Middleton Cheney Singers. There will be mulled wine and mince pies available and raffle tickets for a Christmas Hamper.

All proceeds to MCPA.



Your Safer Community Team

PS 581 Micki Simons
PCSO Clive Ashmore

Useful Contact Numbers:

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| 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 |

MIDDLETON CHENEY AGE CONCERN: is for anyone over the age of 55. We meet the first Wednesday of each month in the Village Hall, from 2.00pm until 4.00pm. For £2 you can enjoy a freshly made tea of sandwiches, scones and cake, as well as a varied programme of entertainment. Bingo and raffle tickets are extra.

If you, or anyone you know, would enjoy an afternoon out once a month, meeting new and old friends, come along. Transportation can be arranged at a minimum cost if you are unable to get to the Hall. If anyone can spare a couple of hours to help our older members enjoy their afternoon, please contact us.

The following is our programme of events for the next few months

3rd Dec **Christmas Meal** with Community Choir singing

7th Jan To be confirmed

4th Feb **Slide show** by Graham Soden

4th March William French – **Butler to Royalty.**



MIDDLETON CHENEY WI: programme of events



8th Dec **Carol Service** in All Saints
 18th Dec **A cookery demonstration** by the Committee
 15th Jan **“Iceland”** by Graham Soden
 19th Feb **“Thirty years as a coach tour operator”**
 with Ronnie Johnson

MIDDLETON CHENEY GARDEN CLUB: We meet in the Library at 7.30pm. Entry is £4 which includes post talks refreshments.

The following is our programme for the next few months.

8th Dec **Christmas Gardening Quiz and Celebration.** A pub style quiz created by Brian Goodey with a great prize, a bran tub and Christmas food and drink. Free to club members, a great chance to socialise.

19th Jan **Can Americans Garden?** Tim Walker from Oxford returns with what the two American members of the Club regard as the most provocative talk title we have ever had!



16th Feb **Plants with Altitude.** David Thompson talks about plants which can thrive both at altitude and in your back garden. Some photos of glorious mountains.

16th March **My Dessert Island Veg.** Organic gardener Pauline Pears talks about growing her must have vegetables, probably will not include sprouts!!

MIDDLETON CHENEY LIBRARY SUPPORTERS GROUP: this Award Winning group offers a wide range of events, to make broader use of the library and raise funds to improve facilities. Events start at 7.30pm unless otherwise stated. Prices, Tickets and further details are available from the Library. Events may be cancelled, if ticket sales do not reach breakeven point, one week before the published date. Tickets for the famous Grand Christmas Hamper Draw are now on sale at the Library.



4th Dec **‘Christmas Present’ – Poetic Licence** return with a festive evening of Poetry, Prose and Music with mulled wine and mince pies; a real cracker!

15th Dec Film at the Library – **‘JOYEUX NOEL’.** 6.45pm for Wine & Cheese, 7.30pm for film and 9.30pm Grand Christmas Hamper Draw

7th Jan Film at the Library – **‘JERSEY BOYS’** includes ice-cream
 29th Jan **‘The Art of Bee Keeping’** – Darren Jeacock, with wine & soft drinks.



12th Feb Film at the Library – **‘12 Years a Slave’** includes ice-cream
 26th Feb **‘The Hidden Hedged Gardens of Warwick’** – An illustrated talk about these Victorian Pleasure Gardens, with tea/coffee/soft drinks

6th March **‘An Evening with Lord Heseltine’** – an illustrated talk on **‘CREATING AN ARBORETUM’** with wine & soft drinks. Starts at 7.00pm

12th March Film at the Library – **‘BELLE’** includes ice-cream.

Further events beyond these dates can be found on the village website www.middletoncheney.org.uk and click Library Supporters.

MIDDLETON CHENEY POPPY APPEAL 2014: this year has proved to be a record year for the MC Poppy Appeal and together we raised **£3,789.04!** Thank you to everyone who contributed and wore their poppy with pride. Virtually every shop in the village has increased their donations and the Primary Academy made a staggering **£423.**



When the British Legion was founded back in 1921, it was both to uphold the memory of those who had fallen, and help those who had returned home from fighting to face an uncertain future.

As troops come home from Afghanistan, many will take decades to come to terms with their injuries and experiences. While it is hard for any of us to truly comprehend what they have been through, one thing we can all do it help them **LIVE ON.** We always have – and with your continued support we always will.



THE MICHAEL HESELTINE GALLERY EXHIBITION GALLERY

will be putting on the following exhibitions

8th Jan—6th Feb **Karl Blossfeldt—Art Forms in Nature** - an exhibition of early close-up photographs of natural forms, seed heads etc. Open weekends 9.00am—5.00pm. Sundays 11th, 25th Jan and 1st Feb 2.00pm—4.00pm



22nd Feb - 26th Mar **Mark 5 Exhibition 1.** Drawing, photography, painting and printmaking from a group of five Herefordshire artists. Weekdays 9.00am—5.00pm, Sunday 1st and 15th March 2.00pm—4.00pm

13th Jan **Adult Evening Class Pottery and Modelling in Clay** for all levels of experience. Tuesday evenings for 10 weeks from 7.00pm—9.00pm. Classes begin 13th January. Advance bookings 01295 711 567 or enrol on first evening. Price £65.00 or £55.00 for concessions.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOE BOX GIFTS—2014



Shoe boxes bursting with joy—at the time of writing we are delighted to report that **172 gift-filled boxes** have been collected following the ‘Wrap & Fill’ sessions held by the Methodist and All Saints Churches, with the much welcomed support of our local community. We have also received donations totalling over **£360** to pay towards distribution costs of these shoe boxes.

All boxes will shortly be despatched to needy children in Easter Europe, who will be delighted to receive them and to know that they have been remembered in Christmas.

Yet again, so many people have given their support and time to enable the production of this wonderful number of gift-filled boxes. A massive thank you to all contributors and helpers, including: the wonderful knitters and sewers who produced glove puppets, hats, gloves, wrist warmers and bags; the box wrappers and fillers; everyone who has made up and dropped off their own gift-filled shoe box; those who have donated goodies and cash; the coffee and cake makers; the Library, The Butler’s Pantry and Primary Academy for being drop-off points.

The Coffee Mornings held during the ‘Wrap & Fill’ sessions were enjoyed by all who visited. It’s never too early to start collecting goodies for next year’s shoe boxes....and wrapping shoe boxes in advance is a great help too!!

A list of suitable goodies is available from Mary on 712 894 or Carol on 275 334



LYNDEN PLAYERS: Our pantomime this year is **Dracula (the Vampire Strikes Back)**. This is a very funny script and suitable for all ages. The dates for your diary are 11th, 12th and 13th December at 7.30pm with a matinee on the 13th at 2.30pm. Ticket prices are £8.00, £7.00(con), family £28.00 (2+2). Box office number is 07849 062739 or online at <http://www.lyndenplayers.ticketsource.co.uk/>

MIDDLETON CHENEY HEALTH WALKERS: Our new schedule starts in February. There will not be any walks during January.



1st Monday Street stroll with no stiles for 2 miles
2nd Monday *2-3 miles
3rd Monday *3miles
4th Monday *Over 4 miles
5th Monday *3 miles

*Walking in countryside on footpaths, some stiles, some hills.

All 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.

Contact Monty on 711 780 or Janine on 712 408

MIDDLETON CHENEY HISTORY SOCIETY: meet in the Library on the fourth Monday of the month at 7.30pm. Visitors are always welcome (£3).

22nd Dec. We will be celebrating **Christmas in a WW2 way** with Harry & Edna Vintage. The talk will be about a WW2 Christmas starting with the relatively peaceful Christmas of 1939 and describing how the celebrations changed as war progressed highlighting how, despite hardships, the British public were determined to celebrate Christmas. Edna brings with her a rare display of wartime artefacts. The evening will be our usual **Christmas Sherry and Mince Pie** gathering. We welcome visitors and guests, meeting in the Library at 7.30pm. **Christmas jumpers optional!!**

26th Jan Chris Wells, our Chairman and Nancy Long, Village Historian will be talking about local history – **New Discoveries, Startling Surprises and Oral Histories** from times gone by. Everything you did not know about Middleton (maybe).

February To be confirmed, watch the local press.

