

## WANTED... Volunteer Drivers for 'Help @ Hand'

We are looking for experienced, careful and considerate volunteer drivers using their own vehicle – male or female, age 25 or over with at least two years driving experience – for pre-arranged journeys for those who need transport for medical appointments who are unable to get there by themselves and live in Middleton Cheney. We do understand that many people who would like to volunteer often have limited time available. However, you can decide how much time you are prepared to give to this worthwhile cause. You will receive appropriate advice and financial assistance relating to the journey undertaken.

If you enjoy meeting people and developing new friendships this could be the role for you, helping those in our community who need support at a vulnerable time in their lives. Our drivers are a vital part of our team. Mileage compensation would be paid for each journey. The journeys taken are to hospitals/ doctors in Oxford, Banbury, Brackley and even Middleton. If you are interested in joining our dedicated team of 'Volunteer Drivers' or would like to know more, please contact: [janet24954@live.co.uk](mailto:janet24954@live.co.uk)

### MIDDLETON CHENEY AGE CONCERN

Meets on the first Wednesday of each month from 2–4pm in the Village Hall.

### MIDDLETON CHENEY W.I.

Meets on the third Thursday of every month at 7.30pm.

🚩 See Village Diary in middle pages for full list of events

## USEFUL NUMBERS

C.A.B. Consumer Helpline	0345 4040506
Drivewatch/Abandoned Vehicles	0845 6121999
Electricity	Ring your own electricity supplier
Environment Agency	0800 807060
Gas Emergency	0800 111999
NHS Helpline	111
Pest Control/Environmental Health	01327 322322
Planning, Heritage & Conservation	01237 322322
Police non-emergency	101
Sewerage (Thames Water) inc. leakage	0800 3169800
Street Lighting & Cemetery	Contact Parish Clerk 713500

The next issue of Cheney Chatter will be in September. Please send all articles before 12 August 2016 by post to Plumtree Cottage, 1 Rose Hall Lane, Middleton Cheney, OX17 2NQ or by email to [angeladeary@gmail.com](mailto:angeladeary@gmail.com). Articles should not exceed 175 words. Events will be included separately in the Village Diary pages.

Parish Council Meetings are held on 1st and 3rd Monday of the month at 7.15pm, except Bank Holidays when meetings are held on a Tuesday. Check notice boards for agenda and Middleton Cheney Village website: [www.middletoncheney.org](http://www.middletoncheney.org).



# CHENEY CHATTER

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June already? Time passes quickly they say when you are enjoying yourself – I must be ecstatic!

Planning varies from small to large extensions and new developments. Our objections and proposals are not always taken into account. It's swings and roundabouts – those we expect to lose we win and vice versa. All residents see is a building or buildings they did not necessarily want and this has led to residents, at times, being disillusioned by decisions taken. Unfortunately, we are not the decision makers! I would like to thank, however, all residents who have responded to planning issues – it helps to know your views at District and Parish level.

Road safety continues to be a concern, particularly hazards posed by parked vehicles and speeding

traffic. We ask residents to park with consideration and watch their speed for the safety of others. Concerns have been raised with the relevant authorities.

Fundraising for new play equipment, return of permissive Bridleways and other topics are currently underway. Middleton is an open and transparent council and passage of information through our website, Cheney Chatter, Notice Boards, Council meetings and minutes of those meetings is evidence of this fact. Activities on behalf of the Parish are open to all interested residents.

Finally, enjoy the summer months – they pass too quickly, as the first half of this year has shown!

**Cllr. Alan Youel, Chairman  
Middleton Cheney Parish Council**

## LOCAL PLAN PART 2A – CONSULTATION – HAVE YOUR SAY

A widely held view, which has been expressed numerous times, is development takes place without residents getting a say. SNC (District Council) are working on a Local Plan Part 2A and are beginning an 'options consultation' so you have an opportunity to help shape the future of the District and our village over the next 15 years. The consultation is broken down to focus on areas such as appropriate levels of growth, allocation of land for specific uses, protecting green spaces, landscapes, historic assets and wildlife sites etc

## HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED?

The questionnaire can be found at [www.southnorthants.gov.uk/planningpolicy](http://www.southnorthants.gov.uk/planningpolicy) or view the document directly at <http://consult.southnorthants.gov.uk>. An online response is preferred. Alternatively, completed questionnaires can be emailed or sent to:

The Forum, Moat Lane, Towcester, NN12 6AD. Copies can also be obtained from the library in Middleton Cheney. There will be another questionnaire focusing on the preferred options later in the year. SNC are only looking at options at this stage. **Deadline for responses is 10 June 2016.**

## MIDDLETON CHENEY PLAYGROUNDS IMPROVEMENT TEAM

We are a group comprising of residents, parish councillors and clerk who are working to improve the playgrounds at Stanwell Park and Astrop Road. Our aspiration is to make these into spaces for our whole community to use and enjoy. Thank you to those of you who attended our public consultation afternoon on 21 May. If you were unable to attend but would still like to give your views, please contact us via the Parish office, or via Email, Facebook or Twitter. You can also follow the progress of the project via these methods.

We will be applying to funders for some of the money needed, but will need to fundraise ourselves too. If you would like to get involved, we would love to hear from you. All ideas and offers of help will be gratefully received, so please do get in touch – they are your recreation spaces, let's make them fantastic!

Facebook: [MiddletonCheneyPIT](#)

Twitter: [@\\_MCPIT](#)

Email: [mc\\_pit@outlook.com](mailto:mc_pit@outlook.com)

## DROP-IN SESSIONS – DISTRICT COUNCILLOR SURGERIES

I am proposing to hold 'Surgeries' for residents in the Parish Meeting Rooms where any concerns or general questions regarding the village in general can be aired. They will be held monthly on specified Saturdays from 2–4 pm. Either drop in on the dates specified or alternatively call the Parish Office on 01295 713500 and make an appointment.

Proposed dates this quarter: 18 June, 9 and 30 July, 6 August.

**Val Furniss, District Councillor**

## MIDDLETON CHENEY LIBRARY SUPPORTERS GROUP

This award-winning group offer a wide range of events to make broader use of the library and raise funds to improve facilities. Prices, tickets and further details of all our events are available from the library.

Author Colin Higgs has spent many years interviewing RAF veterans, particularly those associated with the 'Dambusters Squadron'; this talk will give an insight into this history and will have books for sale which he will sign. Thursday 9 June at 7.30pm.

On 30 June at 7.30pm, Ronnie Johnson will be telling more tales from his travel business.

This year's Summer Garden Party, hosted by Anne and Charles Woolland, will be held on Friday 8 July 7–9.30pm. There will be a 9-hole putting competition, two quizzes, wine and soft drinks, a finger buffet and background music.

On Thursday 14 July at 7.30pm, Irene Page will be giving another illustrated talk, 'People and Places in Nursery Rhymes'.

Events beyond these dates can be found on the village website:

[www.middletoncheney.org.uk](http://www.middletoncheney.org.uk) (Click Community then Library Supporters).



See Village Diary in middle pages for programme of events

## NEW LIBRARY OPENING TIMES:

Mon/Tues/Thur/Fri 2–6 pm., Wed/Sat 10–2 pm., Sun 11–2 pm

## MIDDLETON CHENEY CHURCHES

All Saints and Middleton Methodist Church will be manning the cake stall at the Playing Field Fete Sunday 5 June Midday – 4pm. Come along, buy a cake and take time to peruse the noticeboard to see what's going on in the churches.

The Strawberry Fayre takes place on Saturday 16 July 2–4.30 pm between The Methodist Church (Strawberries & Teas) and All Saints Church (Stalls, Games, Cakes and Produce).

In the afternoons of 16 and 17 July at All Saints Church an Exhibition 'A Queen for All Ages'. A celebration through novel displays by village groups and individuals interpreting Her Majesty's life, interests and enthusiasms over ninety years. Find out about: The Queen's handbag; her Royal Residences; the books and musical 'hits' of the period; her Corgis and other animal interests and much, much more. Organisations taking part include Age Concern, The Gardening Club, History Society, Library Supporters Group, Middleton Cheney Art Group, Parish Council, First Steps and The Handbell Ringers, who will also give a recital on 17 July. Support and applaud their efforts and see what ingenuity and originality has gone into this exhibition!



## with a difference!

This one is for **EVERYONE!** Come along to All Saints on 12 June, 3–5pm to celebrate the Queen's birthday. Activities and games for the young and young at heart, followed by a street-party tea for everyone with tables along the church path (weather permitting – otherwise in the church). Come dressed as a king, queen, princess, prince, knight – or even a dragon!

## FIRST STEPS

Every Wednesday in term-time 2–3pm at All Saints Church. All 0–5 yr olds with their parents, grandparents, friends or carers are welcome to join us to learn about Jesus. With stories, songs and activities.

## COFFEE MORNINGS

All Saints Church will be open every Wednesday morning from 11–1pm. Prayers will be led in the chancel for those who would like to participate at 11am for 15 minutes. Donations may also be left for the food bank. Do come along to meet and chat over a cuppa.

## ALL SAINTS MIDDLETON

We would love to welcome you to our beautiful church. Details of services can be found on the noticeboard outside the church and on our website:

[www.chenderit-c-of-e.org](http://www.chenderit-c-of-e.org)

## MIDDLETON CHENEY PLAYING FIELDS ASSOCIATION SUMMER FETE, ASTROP ROAD Sunday 5 June, Midday – 4pm

Please come along and have a great time while supporting our village's own playing fields. There will be a lot of different stalls, some new and some old favourites. Entertainment for all with refreshments by The Butler's Pantry and The Social Club Bar or why not picnic with your friends, have a wonderful time and help us keep this special place open and running for all the village to enjoy.



## CRICKET CLUB

The sun is shining and the cricket season is well underway! Middleton Cheney Cricket Club is home to 7 teams, all of which have kicked off with some great performances. In the Junior Section we are lucky to have U11s and U15s squads. Special mention for Freddie Crook who has been selected to represent South Northants at County level for the U11s, a great achievement. Ben Cross just missed out on the County U13s squad but has been invited to tour with them – congratulations! Harry Boynton, Ben Cross, Ben Jackson and Will Trower have been picked for the South Northants U13 District team. Congratulations to them all! New players always welcome so please contact us if your son/daughter would like to join any net sessions:

Monday for U13B (Year 7) 6–7pm; Wednesday 6–7.30pm for U15s, Thursdays 5–6pm U11s and 6–7.30pm U13A (Year 8). The Senior Section is running three teams this year and although there is a solid squad of players, new blood is always welcome!

If you've recently moved into the village, taken a couple of years off for other things, or just fancy trying a new sport, please feel free to come and try your hand at our net sessions – Tuesday 6–7.30pm – all abilities welcome! Northamptonshire CC have been running cricket sessions in the Primary School during PE lessons, had their first after school session on 12 May and were delighted when 38 children from years 4, 5 and 6 joined them for fun on the field.

There is obviously a desire among village youngsters to play some form of the game, so if anyone would like to help run a couple of Kwik Cricket sessions for the under 10s, please contact Nicky on 07826 915888. It should be a fantastic season, so please come along to the field and support – there are senior games on Saturdays and we will be hosting District and County Youth fixtures throughout the season.

Full fixture list on the website [www.middletoncheney.play-cricket.com](http://www.middletoncheney.play-cricket.com). If anyone would like to join the Club please contact: Senior Teams – Josh Nadin (07885 787083), Junior Teams – Nicky Trower (07826 915888).

## HISTORY SOCIETY

The History Society will be participating in the Exhibition 'A Queen for All Ages' at All Saints Church, July 16–17, with a display covering the decade 1946–56 and will also be returning to the Playing Fields Fete on 5 June with their very popular 'Teddy Tombola' and 'Cash in the Attic' stalls. New members and guests always welcome, please contact Chris Wells on 710076.

➤ See Village Diary in middle pages for programme of events

## GARDEN CLUB

The Garden Club starts its 2016/17 year with the first of its talks at 7.30pm on Monday 19 September in the library. Meetings take place on the third Monday of every month, details from David Thompson on 711115. Membership £12 p.a., plus £4 per talk.

As usual there is something for everyone in the year's programme, ranging from gardening in France and Italy to the recycling of food waste. Next year, in October 2017, in a joint venture with the Library Supporters Group, there will be a celebrity talk by the TV gardener Chris Beardshaw.

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## NEW POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR NORTHAMPTONSHIRE – Stephen Mold

Stephen is happily married to Nikki. They have a young family and are seeing firsthand how wonderful and challenging bringing up children in the modern world can be. Stephen had a normal upbringing, climbing trees, playing football and then joining the Air Training Corps. This taught him tolerance, how to work with others through team

work, the importance of taking responsibility and the value of public service.

Over the last thirty years, Stephen worked his way up through the ranks from his first job unloading lorries through various senior roles onto running his own business. Stephen is passionate about making sure everyone gets their opportunity to make the most of their lives. As the Police and Crime Commissioner for Northamptonshire, Stephen wants to ensure victims are put at the heart of everything he does. He is focused on addressing the problem with alcohol and drug-fuelled crime across Northamptonshire, as well as working to end domestic violence. In addition, he also wants to make sure the towns and village of Northamptonshire are safe for children and free from those who wish to harm them, either physically or online.

Stephen is committed to protecting the number of frontline officers and believes there is an ever increasing opportunity to exploit new technologies, to enable more officers to be visible on the streets of Northamptonshire, tackling the issues important to local residents, rather than stuck at stations filling out paperwork.



If you would like to contact Stephen, he can be reached at [Commissioner@northantspcc.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Commissioner@northantspcc.pnn.police.uk) or via post at Police and Crime Commissioner, Force Headquarters, Wootton Hall, Northampton NN4 0JQ.

## COFFEE MORNING IN AID OF 'DOGS FOR GOOD'

Anne and Alison will be holding their annual coffee morning on Saturday 23 July 10–12.30pm at 1, The Moors Drive, the home of Charles and Anne Woolland. There will be a 'Bring and Buy' with various stalls including cakes, plants, bric-a-brac and a raffle. Hopefully the weather will be fine enough to enjoy the garden and it will also be possible to meet some of the assistance dogs. Do please come and support us.

## MIDDLETON CHENEY HEALTH WALKS

Join a gym? No – we join the Middleton Cheney Health Walkers. It's fun and it's free. We walk each Monday morning. Details in the Village Section of the Banbury Guardian (a copy of which is in the Library) or phone Janine on 712408.

# Village Diary, June – September 2016

1 June , 2–4pm, Village Hall	Age Concern: 'Impromtu' Singing Group
4 June, 9.30–12pm By the pharmacy, Main Road	Garden Club: ' <i>Plants on the Verge</i> ' Bargain Plant Sale for the charity Water Aid.
5 June, Midday – 4pm Astrop Road	PFA: Summer Fete
9 June, 7.30pm., Library	Library Supporters Group: Meet the Author 'The Dambusters Squadron'.
12 June, 3 – 5pm., All Saints Church	'Messy Church' with a difference – celebrate the Queen's birthday with activities and games, followed by a street party tea.
16 June, 7.30pm., Village Hall	W.I. Speaker Malcom Nelson, Customs Officer
18 June, 2–4 pm, Parish Meeting Rms	District Councillor Surgery
19 June, 1–6pm. Village Open Gardens	Garden Club: For the National Garden Scheme. Entry £5. Refreshments at Peartree House, Glovers Lane.
26 June, 1–6pm. Village Open Gardens.	Garden Club: For Katherine House Hospice Entry £5. Refreshments at Peartree House.
27 June, 7.30pm., Library	History Society speaker, Deborah Hayter: 'The History of Astrop Spa'. The glorious heyday of spas and spa towns in the 18th century, with the earlier prominence of Astrop, which flourished in the late 17th century and early 18th century and was regarded locally as a good place for healing, with the added value of the link with St. Rumbold.
30 June, 7.30pm., Library	Library Supporters Group talk: 'An Evening with Ronnie Johnson'
6 July, 2–4 pm., Village Hall	Age Concern: Primary School children singing
8 July, 7–9.30pm. 1 The Moors Drive	Library Supporters Group: Summer Garden Party
9 July, 2–4pm, Parish Meeting Rms	District Councillor Surgery
12 July, leave village at 11am, Coton Manor Garden, NN6 8RQ. For car share, ring Maggie on 710252.	Garden Club: trip to Coton Manor Garden, a 10-acre romantic English Garden around a 17th- century house. Entry £6.
14 July, 7.30pm., Library	Library Supporters Group, illustrated talk: 'People & Places in Nursery Rhymes'.
16 July, 2–4.30pm Methodist Church and All Saints Church	Strawberry Fayre: Strawberries & Teas – Methodist Church Stalls, games, cakes & produce – All Saints Church

16 and 17 July, afternoon All Saints Church	History Society. Exhibition: ' A Queen for all Ages'.
21 July, 7.30pm., Village Hall	W.I. speaker, Margaret Hawkins: 'Gardens of the National Trust'.
23 July, 10am–12.30pm. 1 The Moors Drive	'Dogs for Good', coffee morning
25 July, 7.30pm., Library	History Society speaker, Denise Legge: 'Elizabeth, Tudor Housewife.' Fully dressed in Tudor clothes, Elizabeth relates the details of her daily life in 1552. A woman of more than 'three score years', she has seen many changes in her life, particularly surrounding religion.
30 July, 2–4pm, Parish Meeting Rms	District Councillor Surgery
3 August, 2–4pm., Village Hall	Age Concern: Natural History ' Rainforests'
6 August, 2–4 pm, Parish Meeting Rms	District Councillor Surgery
18 August, 7.30pm., Village Hall	WI Social
22 August, 7.30pm., Library	History Society speaker, Laurence Ince: 'The Great Jennens Mystery!' An unbelievable account of the life of William Jennens, justly described as the richest commoner in England.
7 September, 2–4pm, Village Hall	Age Concern: Joseph on keyboard
10 September, 11am–4pm. Village Hall. Schedules from Library	Garden Club: Village Flower & Produce Show Vegetables, flowers, home produce, children's section, crafts, photography. Refreshments by W.I.
16 September, 7.30 pm., Village Hall	W.I. speaker, Gillian Cane: ' The Mitford Sisters'.
19 September, 7.30pm., Library	Garden Club. First talk of new season.
22 September, 7.30pm, Village Hall	W.I. Harvest Supper
26 September, 7.30pm., Library	History Society speaker, Roy Smart: 'The Last Naval Hero: Our Local Man' The Battle of Jutland, the greatest naval battle in history, which took place in the North Sea 100 years ago. It was then and afterwards that David 1st Earl Beatty, lived and played among us here and rose to immense fame.