

## All Saints Church at risk

Is All Saints important to you? If the Church touches you in any way – family or village history, beautiful windows, tower, bells or special services – we need your help! Why? We are struggling to pay our way day to day, half the roof lead was stolen, the rest is in very poor condition and the Church is officially at risk.

We need nearly £500,000 for building and repair work. There are just 50 or so of us involved but we cannot do this alone. The Church of England has no funds for parish churches like All Saints. We are applying for grants but we need to raise money too. Come and see us at the Strawberry Fayre on 8 July or come and meet with us at a village open meeting on September 17 at 2pm, to plan together how you can help us and what we can do for you.

Contact the Churchwardens Bridget Robb on 710192 or Mike Wilks on 711516 for information or visit the website [www.chenderit-c-of-e.org](http://www.chenderit-c-of-e.org) for updates and more information on all our services. We do not have a Rector at present, so all enquiries for baptisms, weddings or funerals should be made to Reverend Simon Dommett on 01869 810903.

### 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.

## DOGS FOR GOOD COFFEE MORNING

**SATURDAY 29 JULY 10 – 12.30PM**

Anne and Alison will be holding this event as usual at 1, The Moors Drive, the home of the Woollands. There will be a 'bring and buy', cakes, plants, raffle etc. Please do come and support us, have coffee in the garden (weather permitting) and meet some of the dogs.

### USEFUL NUMBERS

C.A.B. Consumer Helpline	0345 4040506
Drivewatch/Abandoned Vehicles	0845 6121999
Electricity: power cuts, powerline damage	105
Environment Agency	0800 807060
Gas Emergency	0800 111999
NHS Helpline	111
Pest Control/Environmental Health	01327 322322
Planning, Heritage & Conservation	01327 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 2017 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.



# CHENEY CHATTER

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June... welcome to Spring...  
rejuvenating, relaxing and  
longer evenings!

The Parish Council cannot action or influence everything, but if we know your views we are in a stronger position to ensure the Parish develops how you want it to – we make a difference by listening and acting locally. The Council is not political; it is a statutory body elected democratically – the first tier of local government. We have vacancies for Councillors and we would welcome enquiries from anyone who would like to know how they might fulfil this worthwhile community role. There are up to 24 meetings a year plus Working Party meetings. You really need to be able to commit to two evenings a month. As a Corporate Body we have parliamentary powers to raise money through taxation (Precept) with a responsibility to spend this money in a way that best serves the needs of residents.

Our website provides information on the Parish Council's activities and aims to ensure residents are as fully informed as possible about our functions, decisions and actions. We are also keen to ensure that those parts of the infrastructure of the

Parish we own are kept in good order. Principal among these assets are the play areas at Astrop and Stanwell. We have recently managed to raise funds to replace the current equipment and improve the safety surfaces at both sites. This is an expensive project and has taken several months to amass the necessary funds. An order has now been placed with the supplier, Eibe. Installation is scheduled for the summer months.

Finally, here are four frivolous facts about the month of June:

- It was named after the Roman Goddess Juno, wife of Jupiter.
- In June 375BC, the Greek scientist, Archytas, invented the 'Screw'. Little did he know how many meanings the word would have!
- In June 1907, Lever Bros launched the first household detergent – Persil.
- On 1 June 1946, the first TV Licence was introduced costing £2.

As I started, enjoy springtime and hopefully warmer weather!

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

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.uk](http://www.middletoncheney.org.uk)

## MIDDLETON CHENEY VILLAGE TRAIL

Want to explore this summer? Would you like to find out more about the history of this amazing village?

Have you discovered the updated history-trail leaflet, produced by Middleton Cheney History Society?

Originally a Millenium Project, the information has been revised and updated in order to guide visitors and new residents around the fascinating history of our village. It includes stories of smallpox, attempted murder, roundhead burials and there's a modern day 'twist' at the end!

The leaflet is available from Middleton Library and is FREE! (Kindly sponsored by Banbury Charities since 2014). Copies are also available from Banbury Tourist Information Centre within Castle Quay Shopping Centre or download from the village website.



## SAVE THE DATE – MIDDLETON CHENEY OBSTACLE FUN RUN

On Sunday 9 July the Playing Fields Association will be holding its first Middleton Cheney Obstacle Fun Run on the playing fields. The Fun Run will be open to children of primary school age and will involve obstacles to climb over, go through or around, as well as short distance runs and challenges to complete along the way – the brave ones may even get a little wet! All entrants will receive a certificate stating how many laps they completed. For your refreshment, the Social Club bar will be open during the event (and after!) and there will be hot dogs, ice cream and drinks available to buy. All proceeds will go to the Playing Fields Association to help keep our field and play area in tip top condition for everyone in the village to enjoy.

For more details and timings on the day, please keep an eye on the Middleton Cheney Facebook page and village news or contact Geoff Ingram at [geoffrey\\_ingram@hotmail.com](mailto:geoffrey_ingram@hotmail.com)

## MIDDLETON CHENEY POPPY APPEAL

I have just received the interim statement from The Royal British Legion for the 2016 appeal. They thanked all organisers for submitting their collections figures promptly and confirmed the figure for Middleton Cheney now stands at £4,004.35. I also submitted Gift Aid claims which are not yet reflected in our statement. As soon as the RBL has sent a consolidated claim to HM Revenue and Customs and they have been approved we will be allocated the appropriate amount to the above total. I will be pleased to notify our community via the village website.

**Nancy Long HDF 36,**  
**Poppy Appeal Honorary Organiser for Middleton Cheney**

## MIDDLETON CHENEY HEALTH WALKS

Walk with us on our Village Health walks. Each Monday morning we set off for fun and adventure! Check details in the Village section of the Banbury Guardian (a copy of which is always in the Library), on Facebook or phone Janine on 712408.

## MIDDLETON CHENEY TENNIS CLUB

The 2017 Wimbledon Championships are almost upon us although some may wonder why such a fuss. Fans remember Borg, Connors, McEnroe to name a few with juniors rising the ranks still relatively new.

Whilst Andy Murray the championship again is his dream spectators are enjoying their strawberries and cream. Endless Pimms, consumed regardless of price obviously thinking it tastes rather nice.

Even if you are a novice and can't even keep score you may be surprised to find it's a sport you adore. So come on tennis fans and potential players of the game it's your moment for glory and possibly fame.

Check out our website to inspire you some more even if it's a game you have not played before. We have coaching and chances to improve your game so why not give us a try or else it would be such a shame.

You may be a star of the future so join your local village club an opportunity for fun, exercise and a social hub. Middleton Cheney Tennis Club is the place to begin then many matches you will certainly win.

[www.middletoncheneytennisclub.com/](http://www.middletoncheneytennisclub.com/)



## MIDDLETON CHENEY CHURCHES

### ANNUAL STRAWBERRY FAYRE SATURDAY 8 JULY, 2 – 4.30PM

Strawberry Cream Teas at The Methodist Church; at All Saint, try tower-bell ringing! See the 'Meet the Village' Exhibition at All Saints - displays by village organisations, also an opportunity to see outline ideas and proposals for improving the church building as a community resource and venue. Everyone's views welcomed. In the churchyard, stalls, games, produce and home-baking, books and bric-a-brac, plus fairground organ music in the street. FREE ENTRY. Come and join the fun!

### MIDDLETON CHENEY METHODIST CHURCH

Celebrating 150 years in the village (on the present site). Chapel Anniversary Sunday 11 June, service at 3 pm led by Rev. Lin Francis, Superintendent Minister, followed by tea and chat in the Schoolroom. All are welcome to join us.

### COFFEE MORNINGS

All Saints church continues to be open 11am – 1pm every Wednesday. Prayer is available if required. Donations may be left for the food bank. Do come along to meet and chat over a cuppa.

## GARDEN CLUB

### MIDDLETON SUNFLOWER VILLAGE

The Garden Club is encouraging villagers to plant sunflowers in their gardens this year to brighten our summer. Plant the tall ones in garden soil and the smaller ones in pots. We are running three associated sunflower competitions to put a smile on our faces. Firstly the **Tallest Sunflower**, bound to be popular with children, with in-garden measurement on 14 September. Entrants need to arrange a judging visit from Janine (712949). Measurement can be requested before that date if the flower peaks early.

Secondly **Sunflowers in the Garden** judged on quality of the blooms, by photograph, to be entered at the village Flower & Produce Show on 15 September.

Thirdly, **Sunflowers in a Pot** judged on quality of blooms, again entered at this year's Flower & Produce Show.

### PLANTS ON THE VERGE

Drop by our club sale of plants grown in local gardens and sold at low prices for the charity Water Aid. Saturday 17 June 9am – 12noon from the verge by the chemist. Last year we raised over £400.

### OPEN GARDENS

The Annual National Garden Scheme celebrates its 90th anniversary this year raising funds mainly for nursing charities; our village gardens will be open on Sunday 18 June from 1 – 6pm. Two new gardens this year – still only £5 for combined entry. Great teas at Peartree House, Glovers Lane, open just for refreshments if you do not wish to visit the gardens.

### STRAWBERRY FAYRE

Visit our club stall 2 – 4.30pm on Saturday 8 July. We will be selling our homemade strawberry jam!

### FLOWER AND PRODUCE SHOW

Saturday 16 September 11am – 4pm in the Village Hall.

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## CRICKET CLUB

A typically freezing start to the season, but some notable performances already – not least a clean sweep of victories for all three senior teams on the second weekend. The 1sts and the 2nds have made a good start to their new divisions in the OCA and the 3rds continue to progress in the South Northants league. In the Junior Section we are lucky to have U11s, two U13s and U15s squads. Special mention must go to Freddie Crook and Ben Cross who have been selected to represent Northants at County level with Thomas Ream, Tristan Marriott, Freddie Sheen and Archie Loman all selected for their respective South Northants District teams – many congratulations! There are senior games on Saturdays, junior matches on Mondays, Wednesdays and Sundays so please do come along and support. The highlight of the fixtures will be the President's Day match on 6 August – a really fun day out for everyone! A full fixture list can be found on the website: [www.middletoncheney.play-cricket.com](http://www.middletoncheney.play-cricket.com) If anyone would like any further information please contact: Senior Teams – Josh Nadin (07885 787083) Junior Teams – Nicky Trower (07826 915888).

## 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. You can also buy your tickets online. If you are unable to get to the library during opening hours visit [www.ticketsource.co.uk/MCLSG](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/MCLSG), view the events, book your tickets and print them off, or have them posted at a small extra charge.

'The Hills of Hawkstone' on Friday 16 June is an illustrated talk by the Senior Warden of Hawkstone Park Follies in Shropshire and should be extremely interesting. Then on Friday 30 June Anne and Charles Woolland will host a summer garden party 'Zoo Quest'. Tickets include a buffet, drinks, and garden games.

On Thursday 13 July at 7.30pm, Brian Scott, Warwickshire Hedgehog Rescue, will be speaking about 'The Iconic Hedgehog'. There will then be a break until Friday 1 September when Mervyn Benford, a founding member of the Milestone Society, will give an illustrated talk 'Another Milestone'.

Full details of our major autumn event will be available at the library from 1 June – 5 October. Chris Beardshaw, Garden Designer, TV & Radio personality and Multi RHS Gold Medal Winner, will give an illustrated talk at Chenderit School, 6.30 for 7.30pm. There will also be a book signing, an exhibition to view and a pay bar. Tickets are £15 and on sale from 1 July.

An exhibition of drawings, paintings & prints by John Sprakes ROI RBA MAFA will be on display at the Heseltine Gallery from 16 September to 15 October. On Sunday 1 October from 1.30 – 4.30pm, John will give a talk/demonstration in the gallery.

Full details and tickets at the library in July. 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.

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### LIBRARY OPENING TIMES:

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

### HISTORY SOCIETY

The History Society meets monthly on fourth Monday of each month at 7.30pm in the library. New members and guest always welcome. Please contact Chris Wells on 710076.

### MIDDLETON CHENEY AGE CONCERN

Meets on the first Wednesday of the month 2 – 4pm in the Village Hall. Entertainment, a raffle, a quick game of Bingo plus tea, sandwiches and cake. Anyone over 55 years old is welcome to come and join us or just pop in and see if you would like it.

### MIDDLETON CHENEY W.I.

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

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# Village Diary, June – September 2017

4 June, 10.30am, All Saints Church	United Praise Service
4 June, 3pm, All Saints Church	Messy Church
7 June, 2–4pm, Village Hall	Age Concern. Talk ' My Life' by Rita Bryant
11 June, 10.30am, All Saints Church	Holy Communion
11 June, 3pm, Methodist Church	Chapel Anniversary Service followed by tea and chat in the schoolroom
15 June, 7.30pm, Village Hall	W.I. ' A Trip to India' Anita Chipallatty
16 June, 7.30pm, Library	Library Supporters Group 'The Hills of Hawkstone' Barry Fewster
17 June, 9am–12noon Verge by the chemist	Garden Club. 'Plants on the Verge.'
18 June, 10.30am, All Saints Church	All Age Worship – an informal service for all ages
18 June, 1 – 6pm Open Gardens plus teas at Peartree House, Glovers Lane	Garden Club and National Garden Scheme Open Gardens. £5 for combined entry.
25 June, 10.45am, All Saints Church	Holy Communion
26 June, 7.30pm, Library	History Society. Passion for Pearls – The history, science, myths and legends of the world's only living gems. Frances Benton.
30 June, 7pm, 1 The Moors Drive	Library Supporters Group 'Zoo Quest' Summer Garden Party
2 July, 10.45am, Methodist Church	United Service
5 July, 2-4pm, Village Hall	Age Concern Entertainment by Primary School Children (tbc)
8 July, 2 – 4pm, Methodist and All Saints Churches	Strawberry Fayre and 'Meet the Village' exhibition
9 July, 10.30am, All Saints Church	Holy Communion
9 July, Playing Fields, Astrop Road	PFA Obstacle Fun Run
13 July, 7.30pm, Library	Library Supporters Group 'The Iconic Hedgehog' Brian Scott, Warwickshire Hedgehog Rescue
16 July, 10.30am, All Saints Church	All Age Worship – an informal service for all ages

20 July, 7.30pm, Village Hall	W.I. Malcom Nelson – Customs Officer
23 July, 10.30am, All Saints Church	Holy Communion
24 July, 7.30pm, Library	History Society. A Constabulary's Notebook'. Tales from a WW2 notebook
29 July, 10am – 12.30pm 1, The Moors Drive	Dogs for Good Coffee Morning
30 July, Greatworth	Benefice service
2 August, 2–4pm Village Hall	Age Concern. 'The History of Morris Dancing'
6 August Middleton Cheney Cricket	President's Day Match
6 August, 10.30, All Saints Church	United Praise Service
13 August, 10.30, All Saints Church	Holy Communion
17 August, 7.30pm, Village Hall	W.I. Social
18 August, 7.30pm, Village Hall	Lynden Players, 'The Importance of Being Earnest' Supper and Show
19 August, 2pm, Village Hall	Lynden Players 'The Importance of Being Earnest'. Afternoon tea and show
19 August, 7.30pm, Village Hall	Lynden Players 'The Importance of Being Earnest'. Supper and Show
20 August, 10.30am All Saints Church	All Age Worship – an informal service for all ages
27 August, 10.30am All Saints Church	Holy Communion
1 September, 7.30pm, Library	Library Supporters Group 'Another Milestone' Mervyn Benford
16 September, 11 – 4pm	Flower and Produce Show, including 'The Tallest Sunflower', 'Sunflowers in the Garden' and 'Sunflowers in a Pot' competitions
16 September – 15 October Heseltine Gallery	Library Supporters, Drawings, Paintings & Prints by John Sprakes ROI RBA MAFA
17 September, 2pm All Saints Church	Open Meeting – Church plans
25 September, 7.30pm, Library	History Society. 'Roman Gladiators'. Guarderobe The training, diet and life of a typical slave gladiator – Talk in full costume.