

MIDDLETON CHENEY CHURCHES

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: chenderit-c-of-e.org

FIRST STEPS

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



Check out our website for more details: chenderit-c-of-e.org

ALL SAINTS 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 15mins. Donations may also be left for the food bank. Do come along to meet and chat over a cuppa.

RIDE & STRIDE

Cycle or Stride between as many places of worship as you can between 10am–6pm on Saturday 10 September. Annual national event raising money through sponsorship to support grant aid to all denominations' historic places of worship. Money raised is shared equally between the church of your choice and the Historic Churches Trust. Northants, Oxon, Bucks and Warwickshire all take part, so you don't even have to start from here. Sponsorship forms available at All Saints Church, the Methodist Church or telephone 01295 710076.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING

Sunday 2 October, 10.45am, United Harvest service, with the band, at All Saints. United Harvest Songs of Praise, 4pm, at the Methodist Chapel, followed by a Harvest Tea. Tickets will be on sale to determine numbers. Sale of produce. All money raised at Harvest goes to charity. Gifts of non-perishable food, toiletries and cleaning materials go to Banbury Young Homeless Project.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

The village Service of Remembrance 13 November, 10.45am at All Saints Parish Church. Followed by laying of wreaths at the War Shrine, Main Road.



Thank you to everyone who contributed to another successful Christian Aid Week. The total raised was £3581.08 which will be used to help people in poverty and those suffering the effects of natural disasters.

The next issue of Cheney Chatter will be in December. Please send all articles before 11 November 2016 by post to Plumtree Cottage, 1 Rose Hall Lane, Middleton Cheney, OX17 2NQ or by email to angeladeary@gmail.com. Articles should not exceed 175 words. Events will be included separately on Village Diary pages.



CHENEY CHATTER

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September and another Cheney Chatter to keep you informed about what is happening in and around our Parish. I hope you have enjoyed the summer and are now feeling relaxed! I'm sure we all would like to see our village and adjoining countryside a destination rather than just a place to drive through. With that in mind hopefully you will agree with me that there is a huge difference between a bland dormitory village and a vibrant living village where people know their neighbours, get involved in community events and help to improve the village environment. Living communities have active volunteers who are motivated to get things done, large and small. Please consider offering some of your time and expertise or simply support a club, society or village event.

Finally, your Parish Council remains committed to working for the benefit of all residents – thank you for your continued support.

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

www.middletoncheney.org.uk

WHY SHOULD YOU VOLUNTEER?

- 1 Good for you – reduces stress and gets you out and about
- 2 Saves resources – provides valuable community services at a time when local government is making massive budget cuts
- 3 Employability/professional experience – looks good on your CV
- 4 Brings people together – new friends and teamwork
- 5 Promotes personal growth and self-esteem: understanding community needs helps foster empathy
- 6 You get a chance to give back – support and improve resources you and your family use
- 7 Every volunteer makes a difference – put in whatever time you can spare – one event a year, or a couple of hours a month, or commit to a village improvement project.

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.

CHRISTMAS CRAFT AND GIFT FAIR

Middleton Cheney Village Hall Sunday 9 October 11am–4pm

Over 30 stalls of handmade crafts and gifts for you, your family and friends. Art, candles, woodturning, jewellery, cards, cushions, Christmas textiles, bags, book folding, knitting and crochet, bee/bug houses, liqueurs, whiskies and much more. Refreshments available including light lunches and delicious cakes. Entry £1 for adults, which includes a donation to Katherine House Hospice, who will also have a stall. Come and support local craftworkers by buying direct from the maker at this, our third, annual Craft Fair. Contact the organiser for more details: cherylcraftfairs@gmail.com



EMERGENCY PLAN

The Parish Council has set up an Emergency Plan to deal with any accident or emergency in the Parish or if the village were called upon to help a neighbouring village or accident location. To enable us to build a more complete picture of the skills and help we already have within the village, we would like anyone who feels they have something to offer to contact the Parish Council. This information would be confidential and held on a strictly need to know basis. We are particularly interested in anyone who has the following skills: medical staff, maternity, help with the elderly, foreign languages, veterinary skills, fire-fighting and any other form of emergency work. We would also like to know of any specialist equipment held in the village such as chain saws, pumping-out equipment and 4 x 4 vehicles capable of towing. No-one can foresee what sort of emergency may occur or when to expect one, so the better prepared the village is the better. If you feel you can help with information or can put your name forward with a particular skill, please contact the office in person or by phone on 01295 713500.

Hopefully we will never have to put our plans into practice, but it is better to be safe than sorry.

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 their village or the Ward, in general, can be aired. They will be held on specified Saturdays from 2–4pm. Either drop in on dates specified or alternatively call the Parish Office and make an appointment on 01295 713500.

Proposed dates this quarter:

3 and 17 September, 8 October, 19 November, 10 and 19 December

Permissive Bridleways

I am pleased to say our application for funding has received approval. Therefore, a five-year agreement will now be drawn up between the landowner and Middleton Cheney Parish Council for residents to continue using this fantastic facility – enjoy!

Val Furniss, Clerk/RFO, Middleton Cheney Parish Council and South Northants District Councillor

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

CRICKET CLUB

With the season still underway, there have definitely been more ups than downs within the seven teams. The senior teams have had mixed fortune. It has been a struggle to field three sides at times, however this is not something that many other clubs manage so it's still a great achievement for a club of our size. Nevertheless, currently the 1st team are in second place in their league with 3 games to go! The 2nd team have had a frustrating season due to injuries and lack of availability, however there were some notable victories and they were runners up in the Divisional Cup. The 3rd team have really rallied in latter weeks, secured some memorable victories and should finish mid-table. Our real successes have come from the junior section. Our U13A (Year 8) boys had a fabulous season – they topped their league and won the County Finals, sending them through to represent Northamptonshire in the national competition. They finally went out to Bedfordshire in a closely fought game. Congratulations to the whole squad! The U15s were almost equally successful, topping their league and going through to County Finals, just losing out on nationals at the final hurdle. Well done lads! The U13B (Year7) side tied third in South Northants U13 Junior League before going on to win South Northants Premier B league unbeaten. Finally, the U11s also had a good season, coming third in the main league and topping the Premiership B league with three wins – a great achievement. All in all a really positive year for the Club. We'd still like more players – all abilities most welcome – and coaching volunteers for the junior section – we'd love to be able to offer some Kwik Cricket next year but need help to do so. If anyone would like to join the Club or volunteer to help out, please contact : Senior Teams – Josh Nadin (07885 787083), Junior Teams – Nick Trower (07826 915888).

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD 2016 Shoeboxes bursting with joy

A shoebox wrapped in cheery paper, filled with small gifts and goodies is probably the first and only Christmas present needy children around the world will ever receive. Join with us to support this project run annually by Samaritan's Purse - it's easy and rewarding! Perhaps you'd like to do a box with a friend or colleague? Just a medium-size adult shoebox, lid and base wrapped separately, filled with suitable new goodies for a boy or girl in one of three age groups: 2–4 years, 5–9 or 10–14 years. Include a donation of £3 to cover distribution costs (can be paid on-line to Samaritan's Purse).. Come to 'Wrap & Fill' sessions 9.30am–2.30pm Saturday 22 October & 12 November, Methodist Schoolrooms, Queen Street, OX17 2NP. We welcome contributions of goodies, empty shoeboxes and money donations towards the cost of getting boxes to needy children. Coffee/tea, cake and chat for anyone who would like to drop in. All donations go towards the boxes. Information leaflets, including a list of suitable items, are available at the Library and The Butler's Pantry, which are also drop-off points for completed boxes during their normal opening times, or please call Mary Phipps on 712894 or Carol Souch on 275334. Final date for dropping off completed shoeboxes is Friday 18 November.

MIDDLETON CHENEY HEALTH WALKS

Leave the housework, leave the chores, spend Monday mornings out of doors with the Middleton Cheney Health Walkers. Check the Village Section of the Banbury Guardian for details of our walks (a copy of which is in the Library) or phone Janine on 712408 for information.

CHACOMBE ART GROUP

Art Exhibition, Chacombe Village Hall, Thorpe Road, Chacombe 10am–5pm Saturday 15 and Sunday 16 October. Free parking or take the 500 bus from either Banbury or Brackley. Free entry. Come and see our original work, meet some of the artists and enjoy a cup of tea/coffee and cake. Art works and cards will be available for sale. We look forward to meeting old friends and new. See you there!

MIDDLETON CHENEY PFA AND SOCIAL CLUB are holding a Fish 'n Chip Supper and Quiz Night on Friday 30 September at 7.30pm at the Social Club. £6 per person – hopefully making up teams of four (but not absolutely necessary). Choice of fish or sausage and chips. Team prizes and a raffle. Come along and have fun while supporting our village playing fields.



MIDDLETON CHENEY POPPY APPEAL

Poppies were one of the few signs of life in the aftermath of the devastation of the First World War, which was largely fought in the Flanders and Picardy regions of Belgium and northern France. The poet John McCrae first used the flowers as a symbol of sacrifice in the poem *In Flanders' Fields* and they have since become a lasting memorial.

One hundred years later, whether it's families coping with the loss of a loved one, help at home to adapt to independent living, recovery centres for injured personnel, money and careers advice or residential care, the Royal British Legion are here to help. Millions of people in the UK and around the world are eligible to access their welfare services and they aim to help the most in need. The Royal British Legion **will** support them but they need **your** help. This year the annual poppy appeal will run from Saturday 29 October – Saturday 11 November with Remembrance Sunday on 13 November. Please remember to buy a poppy and wear it with pride. Enamel poppy pins (1916–2016), wrist bands and bracelets will also be available throughout shops, pubs, and schools within Middleton Cheney. Please check local press for details in October. If you would like to organise a collection within your street/locality please contact Nancy Long (Tel 710064) who will be delighted to provide you with a collecting box and supply of poppies.

Remembering Middleton Cheney soldiers killed on the Somme: 100 years on

Private Richard Jerrams	Died of Wounds	1st July 1916	Age 21
Private Edward Albert Bayliss	Died of Wounds	14th July 1916	Age 22
Private William Newman	Died of Wounds	17th July 1916	Age 23
Private Owen Tims	Died of Wounds	21st Aug 1916	Age 23
Private Sidney Waters	Died of Wounds	7th Oct 1916	Age 25

The stories of the above soldiers can be found in Middleton Cheney Roll of Honour – copies available in All Saints Church and the Library.

HISTORY SOCIETY

Meets monthly on fourth Monday of each month at 7.30pm in the Library. New members and guests always welcome, please contact Chris Wells on 710076.

➤ See Village Diary in middle pages for programme of events

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. Plus NEW from September, you can buy your tickets online. If you are unable to get to the library during opening hours, visit 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 autumn events include three stunning films, an evening with George Haigh (101), The Big Dragon Draw, James Hornsby presenting his new one-man show 'David Copperfield', the history of Tooley's Boatyard and a wonderful evening at the beginning of December, to get you in the festive spirit, 'Christmas Traditions' with mulled wine and mince pies. We will be using the new projector, computer and screen, recently installed, with money from the Postcode Lottery and our funds, which if you have attended our events, you will have contributed to. Thank you. Events beyond these dates can be found on the village website: www.middletoncheney.org.uk (Click Community then Library Supporters).

LIBRARY OPENING TIMES: Mon/Tues/Thur/Fri 2–6pm, Wed/Sat 10–2pm, Sun 11–2pm

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GARDEN CLUB

The annual Flower & Produce Show takes place in the Village Hall on Saturday 10 September as an integral part of the Village Hall open day. It is free to both enter an exhibit and to visit the show. The schedules are on the village website, or available in printed form from the village library. The categories range from vegetable to flower arranging, baking and photography to crafts and activities for children. Tick entering your village show off your bucket list! Produce and plant stall in aid of Katharine House. The Garden Club is not just about 'growing pretty flowers', it is also concerned with promoting an awareness of environmental issues. With this in mind, our meeting on Monday 19 September at 7.30pm in the Library will be a talk by Elaine Charlesworth entitled 'Solving Food Waste'. She works for WRAP, a national charity promoting recycling, based in Banbury.

Club membership subscriptions £12 p.a. due, plus £4 per talk

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MIDDLETON CHENEY TENNIS AND BADMINTON CLUBS

Are you interested in joining for fun or fitness?

Visit www.middletoncheneytennisclub.com or contact helen.h.harman@hotmail.com for details. The badminton season restarts Monday 5 September, 7pm at Chenderit Sports Hall.

MIDDLETON CHENEY AGE CONCERN

Meets on the first Wednesday of every month from 2–4pm in the Village Hall. Entrance £2 for entertainment and light refreshments. All welcome.

MIDDLETON CHENEY W.I

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

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3 September, 2–4pm	District Councillor Surgery, Parish Meeting Room
5 September, 7pm	Badminton season restarts, Chenderit Sports Hall
7 September, 2–4 pm, Village Hall	Age Concern, Joseph on keyboard.
9 September, 7.30pm, Library	Library Supporters Group An Evening in Conversation with George Haigh
10 September, 11am–4pm, Village Hall	Garden Club, Village Flower & Produce Show.
10 September, 10am–6pm, Methodist Church	Ride & Stride. Sponsorship forms from All Saints Church, the Methodist Church or call 710076.
15 September, 7.30pm, Library	Library Supporters Group Film showing <i>The Lady in the Van</i>
16 September, 7.30pm, Village Hall	W.I. speaker Gillian Cane 'The Mitford Sisters'
17 September, 2–4pm	District Councillor Surgery, Parish Meeting Room
19 September, 7.30pm, Library	Garden Club, 'Solving Food Waste'. Elaine Charlesworth, WRAP recycling charity.
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. David, 1st Earl Beatty'.
29 September, 7.30pm, Library	Library Supporters Group, Dogs for Good. An informative talk by Karen Williams & Ken MacIver with Iggy.
30 September, 7.30pm, Social Club	Fish & Chip Supper and Quiz Night
2 October, 10.45am, All Saints	United Harvest Service
2 October, 4pm, Methodist Chapel	United Harvest Songs of Praise followed by Harvest Tea
5 October, 2–4pm, Village Hall	Age Concern, Harvest Festival
6 October, 7.30pm, Library	Library Supporters Group Film showing <i>Mr Turner</i>
8 October, 2–4pm	District Councillor Surgery, Parish Meeting Room
9 October, 11am–4pm, Village Hall	Christmas Craft & Gift Fair. Entry £1 for adults
15–16 October, 10am–5pm, Chacombe Village Hall	Art Exhibition, Chacombe Art Group. Free entry. Art works & cards available for sale.
15 October, 7.30pm, Library	Library Supporters Group, The Big Dragon Draw. Stories, drawing, masks, with Agent Green, the Dragon Whisperer.
17 October, 7.30pm, Library	Garden Club, 'The Sensual Garden' Janet Merilion, garden designer & lecturer

20 October, 7.30pm, Village Hall	W.I. Annual meeting, followed by Vince Mayne on transplant awareness.
22 October, 9.30am–2.30pm Methodist Schoolrooms, Queen St	Operation Christmas Child 'Wrap & Fill' session, with coffee/tea and cake.
24 October, 7.30pm, Library	History Society, speaker Kevin Varty 'Joined at the Hippo!' An amusing look at the lives and music of Flanders & Swan, the gentle masters of British Review.
27 October, 7.30pm, Library	Library Supporters Group, David Copperfield. The new 'spell-binding' show by James Hornsby.
29 October–11 November	Royal British Legion, Annual Poppy Appeal
2 November, 2–4 pm, Village Hall	Age Concern, Remembrance Service
10 November, 7.30pm, Library	Library Supporters Group Film showing <i>Suffragette</i>
12 November, 9.30am–2.30pm, Methodist Schoolrooms, Queen St	Operation Christmas Child 'Wrap & Fill' session, with coffee/tea and cake.
13 November, 10.45am, All Saints	Village Service of Remembrance, followed by laying of wreaths at War Shrine, Main Road
17 November, 7.30pm, Village Hall	W.I. Social 'Get Ready for Christmas'
18 November, The Library / The Butler's Pantry	Final day for dropping off completed shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child.
19 November, 2–4pm	District Councillor Surgery, Parish Meeting Room
21 November, 7.30pm, Library	Garden Club, 'Trees, Shrubs & Hedges for small gardens'. Chris Day, Buckingham Garden Centre.
24 November, 7.30pm, Library	Library Supporters Group, an illustrated talk. Matt Armitage, 'Tooley's Boatyard & the Oxford Canal'.
28 November, 7.30pm, Library	History Society, speaker Gillian Cane 'The Miracle of Bletchley Park'
2 December 7.30 pm Library	An illustrated evening with Chris Bazeley 'Christmas Traditions' and the famous Christmas Hamper Draw
5 December 7.30 pm Library	Garden Club, Talk & Christmas social, 'A History of Vegetables' Michael Brown, garden historian.
7 December 2–4 pm	Age Concern, Christmas Meal
10 December 2–4 pm	District Councillor Surgery, Parish Meeting Room
15 December, 7.30pm, Village Hall	W.I. Barry Oxley, RSPB, Chilterns Conservation
19 December, 2–4pm	District Councillor Surgery, Parish Meeting Room
19 December, 7.30pm, Library (3rd Monday in month)	History Society, speaker Bob Hunter, 'Trackways & Roads rediscovered locally'. Join Bob as he follows the footsteps from 2000BC to the Tudors.