







# Parish News

APRIL & MAY 2022





### THANK YOU GILLIAN

With the distribution of this edition of the Parish News, Gillian Boon ends some 47 years of service to our parish magazine and community.

Gillian has been actively involved with the Parish News from the very start when it was decided to produce a church magazine that would be distributed free to every home in Middleton and, at that time, East Winch.

Gillian recalls that she was asked to edit the new magazine and her friend, Carol Atkins, did the typing. Gillian says: "In those days, it was literally "cut and paste". The stencils were cut by Carol and the magazine was run off on an old Gestetner machine. The sheets were then collated and stapled and bundled for distribution."

Over the years, the task of Editor eventually passed to others. But until we moved to professional printing in 2015, Gillian continued to organise the collating and stapling process, assisted by her husband Edward and a loyal team of volunteers, and throughout the whole period has remained at the heart of the distribution system on which the viability of the magazine ultimately depends.

It is impossible to exaggerate the huge personal contribution that Gillian has made to the life of our villages. As she begins a well-earned retirement from these duties, I would like to take

this opportunity on behalf of all readers to thank Gillian for all her hard work over so many years.

I am also extremely pleased to announce that David and Emily Colgan who live in North Runcton have very kindly volunteered to take over from Gillian the responsibility for managing the future distribution of the Parish News. Many thanks to David and Emily even if they have not, very understandably, committed to do it for the next 47 years!

Chris Hudson, Editor

### Vacancies!

## Middleton Parish has vacancies for a Churchwarden & a Treasurer

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## LOCAL GROUP PLANS TO RESTORE MIDDLETON TOWERS STATION



The Middleton Towers Restoration Group are aiming to restore the former station at Leziate into a tea room and a museum for the former Lynn and Dereham railway. We have over 300 members and followers and we have recently featured in the Lynn News, the Heritage Railway magazine and on BBC Radio Norfolk.

We hope to make good progress over the coming months, as we assess the site with Network Rail to see the scale of the restoration project. We cannot rule out campaigning for the restoration of rail passenger services in the future.



Donations are very welcome, as we rely on donations to achieve our goals. However, if you cannot donate financially, your vocal and written support is definitely welcome, so please consider spreading the word far and wide. We accept donations via PayPal, bank transfer or cash if you are local to King's Lynn.

Website: <a href="https://www.middletontowers.org.uk">www.middletontowers.org.uk</a> (Information about the group and the former station)

Email: <a href="mailto:mtrg.norfolk@gmail.com">mtrg.norfolk@gmail.com</a> (Enquiries and sponsorship opportunities)

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# East Winch Parish Council Meetings 22 February and 7 March

By Nell Steele

The meeting of 22nd February was convened to discuss planning application 22/00141/F for an extension to Fulwood House, Church Lane, and a bat question relating to 21/010931/F (Home Farm, Gayton Rd). The council had no objection to the former application, and considered the bat question would not affect their prior approval of the latter.

A street party for the Jubilee was also discussed. It had been possible to apply for a grant to fund celebrations, but on investigation it turned out that the deadline had been passed. As the council had recently been notified that their application for £10,000 from the Road Safety Community Fund towards the cost of making a trod to Ashwicken Rd had been refused, they didn't feel able to contribute from council funds, which may now all be needed for the trod.

On the 7th March, it was reported that though the first part of the right of way to Middleton Towers was in good condition, once the path crossed Mr Barclay's land that was not the case, particularly the quagmire where Sibelco traffic crossed. The council and Cllr Moriarty had made representations to NCC, but nothing appeared to have changed, and the clerk will follow it up.

A contact at Highways England had been prompt and helpful when the council had complained that one of the roadworks signs blocked visibility for larger vehicles at the Common Rd/A47 junction. So it had been decided to tackle him about the railings, but so far there has been no response.

It was reported that NCC had delayed granting planning permission for Sibelco to start excavating Min 40, because it considered that the provision offered for rerouting the right of way Public Footpath East Winch 2 wasn't good enough. The Ramblers' Association and the NCC Public Rights of Way team had both objected. Sibelco had therefore sidestepped NCC and appealed to the Secretary of State

(SoS) on the grounds of non-determination. NCC discussed the issue anyway, and informed the SoS that if they had been discussing the application it would have been refused on the grounds of loss of amenity. It's now in the hands of the SoS, and if he turns Sibelco's application down, Sibelco will have to renegotiate their plan for the right of way with NCC. It's the only issue outstanding.

## ALL SAINTS CHURCH NORTH RUNCTON 25th FLOWER FESTIVAL

Friday 8th July - Monday 11th July Church open daily 10am -5pm

**FRIDAY:** Concert 7pm with Sara Jane Brennock singing show tunes and singalongs, followed by supper at the Village Meeting Place

Tickets £12.00 each Phone Ken 01553 842265 or Lynda 01553 840553

### **SATURDAY AND SUNDAY:**

Stalls in churchyard- cakes, bric-a-brac, 0's and 5's, books and raffle. Any items for the stalls would be much appreciated.

Refreshments, light lunches, cakes all homemade available in Village Meeting Place Organ music in church on Saturday and songs of praise on Sunday at 6pm

If anyone would like to help even if it's drinks for the workers, we will be decorating the church on **Wednesday 6th July and Thursday 7th from 10am.** We will require lots of greenery to achieve another spectacular flower festival - it's been a long two years so please support us in anyway you can. Phone Lynda 01553 840553.



Our **Tums to Tots** group meets in East Winch Village Hall as part of the National Childbirth Trust, **10am to noon every Friday**.

Open to all parents, parents-to-be, babies and toddlers. Call **07748 591431** for more information.

## Middleton Parish Council Chairman's Report

By Zach Wiles-Van Dyke

The Parish Council met on the 2nd of February and also the 2nd of March.

We continued our discussions on the marking of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. It was decided that the PC will go ahead and book the hog roast to be served before the lighting of the beacon on Thursday the 2nd of June. There will also be a converted horse box serving drinks and cakes. Other arrangements are still to be confirmed. Hopefully it should be a really nice event that can be provided for the village. It is also hoped that we will be able to provide live music at the event, so if anybody is in a band or knows of one that would like to perform outside at the event then please get in touch with me. Any help or support with this event would be gratefully received. At this point we only have one non parish council volunteer. The event will be free of charge to villagers with buckets for donations.

The saplings on the playing field are growing well and we are trying to obtain more to fill in the gaps and continue the planting area.

Councillor Gidney reported that the parking charges in King's Lynn are increasing again to help maintain the town. Many councillors felt that this was entirely the wrong approach as it drives more people to shop at the Hardwick Retail Park or at other towns where parking is free. Councillor Nash reported that it had been proposed to offer cheaper parking in the lead up to Christmas but it didn't happen. He suggested that cheaper parking be offered when footfall is low in January and February but this didn't happen either.

The PC sadly learned that our current clerk has offered her resignation and will be leaving at the end of March. The position has been advertised with NALC and hopefully a replacement will be found soon. The PC would like to thank Elaine for her time with us and the tremendous help she has been. We will all miss her and wish her well.

For this reason we are not sure if we will have a meeting in April. If not, the next meeting will be Wednesday 4th of May.

# Provisional Platinum Jubilee Events Middleton Village Hall

. Thursday June 2nd

Refreshments from 8pm Beacon to be lit at 9:45pm

Friday June 3rd

Afternoon Tea Dance with Major Swing & Kitty Music - 30s/40s/50s/

. Saturday June 4th

Sat Afternoon: Fete / stalls and possible demonstrations - details to be confirmed

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John Braybrook

## IS YOUR HOME HARD TO HEAT?

If you live in private rented accommodation, and your home is hard to keep warm, the Borough Council of King's Lynn and West Norfolk may be able to help.

Your landlord must make sure your home is not unreasonably hard to heat by making sure it meets energy efficiency standards. It is unlawful for landlords to let out a property with an Energy Performance Certificate rated F or G (in properties where an EPC is legally required).

The council can advise people about EPC standards and may act to make landlords undertake relevant improvements.

The council is also ready to support landlords with advice about how to access grants that may help meet the cost of making energy efficiency improvements.

Information is available online at www.west-norfolk.gov.uk/mees

### **HOW TO REPORT FLY TIPPING**

The Borough Council is responsible for dealing with fly tipping and have a new on-line reporting system. To report an incident of fly tipping, please use the following link:

http://www.west-norfolk.gov.uk/default.aspx?page=21512

### **EAST WINCH NEWS**

By Nell Steele

### Wellness lake development, Ashwicken Rd

On 9th March, application 21/00262/FM was represented to the Borough Council Planning Dept. Comment needs to be made within 21 days, at least in theory. We have until 30th March to respond. At the time of writing I have not been able to access the site, so am not sure what is different. As before, the planning officer is Mr Wilkinson.

### The Children's Society Box Coordinator

The Society, which protects children and young people in need, needs someone local to encourage people to use collection boxes in their home. Co-ordinators also organise the counting of the money collected annually, usually at a special event, and sends the total to the Society. At present, there is only one box user, in Gayton, and it would be wonderful if we could build on that. More information from Nell Steele 840814.

### Make the Easter garden

On Good Friday, 15th April, a special activity service for children will take place in Middleton Church at 11am. As we make the garden beautiful, we'll also hear the Easter story. There will be refreshments, especially hot cross buns, and we hope that lots of children and their families will come.

### **Jubilee celebrations at East Winch**

Details are emerging of exciting plans to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee on 3rd, 4th and 5th June.

These include two evening events in the church; an art exhibition in the church on 3rd and 4th; a children's afternoon of crafts on 4th where they can make crowns to hang on their front doors, and take photos of themselves in a royal carriage!

On Sunday there will be a Jubilee service in the church, and, in the afternoon a street party, hopefully in Gayton Rd with games for children and families. It'll be a gas!

For further details or offers to help, please contact Paula Blowers 01553 841874.

### **North Runcton News**

In spite of what can only be described as the most uncertain political and economic outlook for several decades, BCKLWN are still apparently bent on pushing ahead with their growth scenario for Lynn and West Norfolk.

The impetus for all this dates back now more than 15 years to the BCKLWN decision to seek 'Growth Point' status for King's Lynn, although, as far as can be established, the implications of this decision were never fully identified at the time. Certainly, nobody seems to be able to remember any public consultation about it.

The decision led to the formulation of the BCKLWN local plan Core Strategy (2011) – indicating an objective to deliver 16,500 new dwellings by 2026. Those dwellings have since been delivered at over 500 a year – but the recent Local Plan Review still proposes another 11,000 by 2036.

These figures will represent a 30% growth of housing in the Borough since 2001. The issue of

infrastructure delivery to accommodate this expansion has been raised many times, but we are still of the view that it has never been properly addressed.

New Five-Parish Coalition: This is obviously of great consequence for North Runcton and West Winch (where, as you will know, the single biggest growth area of 4000 dwellings is proposed). The Parish Councils have therefore recently agreed to form a coalition with South Wootton, North Wootton and Castle Rising, who are also directly affected by the growth plans – and principally we wish to lobby for a comprehensive transport strategy for King's Lynn and the subregion.

We are all of the view that the current proposed growth will be heavily car dependent and as such will fail to create communities that can be carbon neutral and that utilise 'multi-modal' transport opportunities. Yet these are the goals of national and local planning policies. In short – the current plans are contrary to sustainable development goals.

Planning: NRPC and WWPC have recently met BCKLWN and NCC representatives for two zoom meetings to discuss the 'Relief Road' (where we have raised the concerns outlined above). We were alarmed to learn that an application for government road funding had suggested it might be a 60mph road (contrary to the adopted Neighbourhood Plan). We have still not seen any detailed design for the road – and most of the design parameters recently outlined by NCC were, in our opinion, identified a decade ago.

The 'Hopkins Homes' outline application for 1100 dwellings is still live. Please consider submitting your comments on the planning portal (reference number 13/01615/OM). (Hopkins were actually bought out by 'Terra Firma Capital' at the turn of the year who also own the much larger Kier housebuilding business).

Please also review the revised application submitted by Metacre Ltd for 500 homes to be located between Rectory Lane and Chequers Lane (reference number 18/02289/OM).



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This was first submitted in late 2018, but then withdrawn due to concerns raised by BCKLWN. Metacre are a subsidiary of Northern Trust, a developer from Lancashire. We imagine they will sell the site to a builder should they get planning consent.

The Parish Councils remain of the view that both applications are premature until such time as the aforementioned sustainability issues can be properly addressed.

## **Queens Platinum Jubilee: Village Tea Party. Sunday 5th June:**

On a happier note – please put this date in your diary for a Sunday afternoon tea party at the Village Meeting Place. We are envisaging cakes, games, more cakes and some village history. Please bring along any old photographs, maps, documents or artefacts that you consider part of our parish history. It is a long-held goal of the PC to gather together this information for a permanent record. We have already compiled quite a lot of information, but we know some of you have more!

An event is also being proposed on Friday 3rd at the Cricket Club ... possibly involving a 'beacon'?! More details will be advertised closer to the date.

# The North Runcton Conservation Volunteers

The North Runcton Conservation Volunteers have met once over the winter to tidy up saplings that were planted last year on Hardwick Common and replace those lost with a selection of native trees and shrubs.

A planned litter pick was cancelled due to Storm Eunice, but we have recently met to make bird boxes which will be erected around the commons. The litter pick has been rescheduled for Saturday 26th March – meet on Setch Road near the (old) clay pit entrance. Please wear boots and gloves.

We are a small friendly group and plan to have further sessions over the spring and summer as the need arises.

We have a Facebook page where these events are published. If anyone would like to be informed of these events please drop me an email at <a href="mailto:cllrpalmer@northrunctonpc.co.uk">cllrpalmer@northrunctonpc.co.uk</a>.

Many thanks to those who have helped with our previous mornings.

Cllr Steve Palmer

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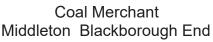
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Sat 2<sup>rd</sup> April – 'King's Lynn Ghost Tour'...tickets on sale at the bar En 8<sup>th</sup> April – 'DNA'...3 piece Blues, Funk, Bock, Pop & Jazz band

Sat 5th April - "Race Night"

Fri 15th April - 'The Stereotypes'...Indie, Britpop and Madchester

Sat 16" April - 'Kenny & the Motives', Rock 'n' Roll hits

Sun 17th April - 'Kids Easter Egg Hunt & Easter Bunny Visit'

Sat 23\* April - 'St Georges Day Soul & Motown' with DJ Mark Purdy

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Sat 7th May "Vex" Floor fillers played in Vex's funky style

Sat 14" May - 'Rowena Senido' solo artist

Sat 21" May - 'Class Act'...50's, 60's, 70's & Rock 'n' Roll band

Sat 28th May - 'The Sharringtons' 4 piece 60's, Mod & Northern Soul band.

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The Mobile Library timetable for our area is once every four weeks on **WEDNESDAYS** as follows:

### **13 APRIL & 11 MAY**

North Runcton	
The Green	10:05 - 10:20
Blackborough End The Firs Blackborough Green	10:30 - 10:45 10:50 - 11:00
Middleton Oakdale/Village Hall St Mary's Crescent 42 Hall Orchards	11:05 - 11:30 11:35 - 11.45 11:50 - 12:00
Fair Green Park Hill Estate Graham Drive Paul Drive/Gate Inn	12:05 - 12:20 12:25 - 12:40 12:45 - 13:00
<b>East Winch</b> Gayton Rd - Opp Windyridge Town Close	15:15 - 15:25 15:30 - 15:50

### Nar Valley Ornithological Society (NarVOS)



Indoor Meetings now take place at the Assembly Rooms, 1 Market Place, Swaffham, PE37 7AB More info at www.narvos.org.uk

# Bolivia-High Altitude Birding with Matt Andrews Wednesday 27th April 2022 at 7.30pm

Bolivia has some fantastic wildlife viewing opportunities which Matt will show from a recent trip through this little known South American country. From the Amazon basin, through rainforest, to the Andes cloud forest, up to Lake Titicaca, the highest large lake in the world with its associated wildlife. Matt began birding in the 1970's and enthusiastically shares his experiences and adventures.

### NWT Roydon Common with Ash Murray Wednesday 25th May 2022 at 7.30pm

Ash Murray has worked for Norfolk Wildlife Trust for many years and knows the reserve inside out. Roydon is home to a host of wildlife – Hen and Marsh Harriers, Nightjars, Woodlark, and rare Black Darter dragonflies. Ash can explain the work involved in maintaining the reserve as a special habitat for valuable wildlife.

Visitors most welcome at these meetings. Admission £4 on the night; free to NarVOS members. For more information about these meetings or NarVOS call lan Black on 01760 724092 or go to www.narvos.org.uk

### VIEW THE PARISH NEWS ON-LINE

View the Parish News in colour on line at the Middleton Parish Council web-site. Go to the "Community" section of the web-site and you'll find the Parish News page with information on publication deadlines and downloads of previous issues.

15:55 - 16:05

### NORTH RUNCTON ART GROUP



If you are looking for a relaxing and enjoyable afternoon come and join our friendly and sociable group. Our members are all of mixed artistic abilities and creative in their own way using a variety of mediums and always willing to offer advice and help if needed.

Sounds like what you have been looking for? So why not give us a try and have a free taster session.

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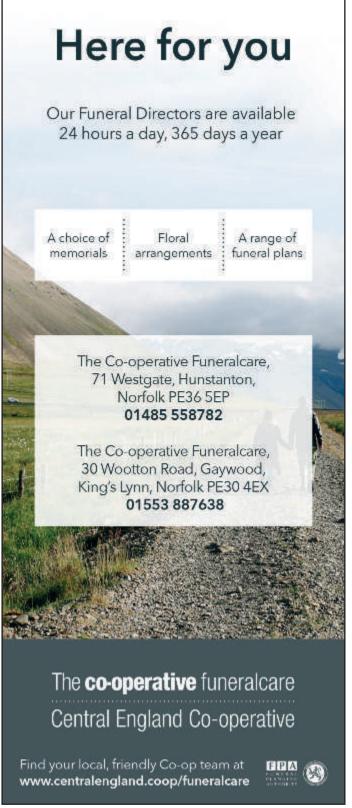
For more information please contact Liz Kerslake 01553 841792 or Janet 01553 841514

### **Middleton Badminton Club**

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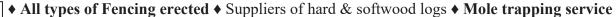
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# Leziate, Ashwicken & Bawsey Women's Institute



We meet every 3rd Tuesday of the month from 2pm - 4pm in Leziate Village Hall and welcome guests and new members.

At our March meeting WI ladies listened to a talk about local birdlife, given by Stewart South.

In April we intend to celebrate our group's 77th birthday. Members will be coming in decorated hats, with ideas coming from the craft afternoon we held in February.

In May, Clive Rainbird will be giving us a talk on Diabetes. To celebrate the Queen's Jubilee, we intend to have afternoon tea at Dobbies, wearing red, white & blue to mark the occasion.

For further information please contact Ali South (Secretary) on 01553 841267 or Ann Rainbird (President) on 01553 840196.

## COMMUNITY CAR SCHEME NEEDS DRIVERS

The Community Car Scheme urgently requires new volunteer drivers. There are at present just two drivers and the scheme may have to cease without more help.

The scheme has for many years provided a vital service to local people who need transport to get to various health care appointments with doctors, dentists, opticians and at the hospital.

The scheme depends on a supply of local drivers willing to give up some of their time to help their neighbours get to and from these important appointments. A mileage allowance is paid.

If you can help, you will be making a huge contribution to our local community. For more information about what is involved, please contact Brian Roberts on 01553 841360. Thank you for your support!

### ALL SAINTS CHURCH NORTH RUNCTON COFFEE MORNING

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# SPRING & SUMMER EVENTS

With days getting longer and the promise of warmer weather to come, plans for events at the Magpie Centre, home of West Norfolk Riding for the Disabled Association, are well under way.

First of the season's monthly Tea With a Pony sessions is scheduled for **Wednesday 20 April** to enable anyone with health or mobility problems to meet, socialise over tea and cakes and meet one of our lovely ponies. The venue, our recently-opened Sensory Garden, which has a covered area, is wheelchair friendly and the cost is £10 per participant, including carer. Other friends or relatives are welcome to attend at £5 each. Booking is essential, so call the Centre on 01553 810202, during office hours, to reserve your places now. The Magpie Centre is located at Wallington Hall, South Runcton, Kings Lynn, PE33 0EP.

Attention all riders! There will be a Charity Ride on **Sunday 12 June**, with routes of varying lengths around the beautiful Wallington Hall estate. No road work involved, and the shorter ride is suitable for all, even those on lead rein. Full details are on our website: <a href="https://www.rda-westnorfolk.org.uk">www.rda-westnorfolk.org.uk</a>.

And moving on, there's a Craft Fair and "Have a Go" Dog Agility event at the Centre on **Saturday 25 June**. Well-behaved dogs on leads are welcome.

The Craft Fair will be held in the indoor school, with surface cover to ensure it is accessible to wheelchair users, and will run from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm. Admission is £2.00 for adults, and free for under-16s. Stallholder spaces, approx. 3 metres wide, are £10.00 each and setting up will start at 8.30 am. For more details, see our website, as above, from which Craft Fair Booking forms can be downloaded, or call Jan Calvert on 07715 467866. Cost for Dog Agility is £2.00 per attempt.

We look forward to welcoming you.

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## LEZIATE SHORT MAT BOWLS CLUB



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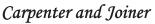
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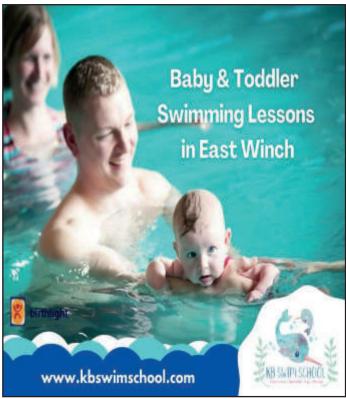


### NORTH RUNCTON PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

Copies of the minutes from North Runcton Parish Council meetings are available on the website: www.northrunctonpc.norfolkparishes.gov.uk.

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## WEST WINCH BOWLS CLUB



At long last April has finally arrived. To the members of the West Winch Bowls Club, this can only mean one thing - that 'The Green' opens on **Saturday 16th April at 2.30pm**. Keeping to tradition, the first bowl of the new season will be made by the club president, Ken Manning. Speaking of Ken, it good to see that he his back with us after his recent spell away on respite care. I hear that he is once again fully fit and raring to go. I hear that he has been seen down at the club beavering away in preparation of opening day.

As at the time of writing, no dates are available for the commencement of the various leagues that the club participates in. However, It appears that the Albert Victor league will now consist of three divisions instead of four.

A Work Party has been organised for Monday 14th March. This is in preparation for the forthcoming open day. The usual housekeeping tasks will need to be carried out, both in and outside of the pavilion. The lady members usually take care of the clubhouse whilst the males concentrate on the outdoor tasks that have accumulated over the closed season.

Sadly, our Chairman, David Bull has announced that he will stand down as Chairman at the end of the season and also retire from bowling. The good news is that David will continue as a Social Member. David has served the club with distinction, fulfilling the role as chairman for a number of years. He is a Team Captain as well as avid bowler and active committee member. David has worked extremely hard for the club and has devoted his time for the benefits of the club and its membership. For this we, the membership, are extremely grateful. The next chairman will certainly have a hard act to follow!

Finally, the club is always looking to expand its membership. If you would like to come and try your hand then do come down and have a go on or after the 16th April. All you need is a pair of heel-less shoes. Bowls and tuition will be provided. Age and Gender are irrelevant!

### David Skerritt

## BOROUGH COUNCIL SEEKS VIEWS ON SPORT AND LEISURE FACILITIES

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## Church Services in April & May

Sunday, 3 April

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10.30am **E Winch** Morning Prayer

Sunday, 10 April

10.00am **Middleton** Benefice Communion

**Thursday, 14 April - Maundy Thursday** 7.00pm **W Winch** Benefice Communion & Foot Washing

Friday, 15 April - Good Friday 11.00am Middleton Easter Garden Making

Sunday, 17 April - Easter Day

9.30am **W Winch** Holy Communion

10.30am **E Winch** Holy Communion

11.00am N Runcton Holy Communion

Sunday, 24 April

10.00am W Winch Holy Communion

10.30am E Winch Morning Praise

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Sunday, 1 May

10.30am **E Winch** Morning Prayer

11.00am **N Runcton** Holy Communion

Sunday 8 May

10.00am **W Winch** Holy Communion

11.00am **N Runcton** Morning Prayer

Sunday, 15 May

10.30am Middleton Benefice Communion

Sunday, 22 May

10.00am W Winch Holy Communion

10.30am **E Winch** Morning Prayer

Thursday, 26 May - Ascension Day 7.00pm N Runcton Holy Communion

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