



PARISH NEWS

DECEMBER 2018/JANUARY 2019

MIDDLETON, NORTH RUNCTON & EAST WINCH



NEW MEMBER OF THE PARISH NEWS TEAM

I am very pleased to announce that the Parish News editorial team has now doubled in size - from one to two!

David Gager, who lives in Blackborough End, has very kindly volunteered to take the lead on advertising for the magazine. This is a crucial role as the viability of the magazine ultimately depends on our local businesses supporting us with advertising revenue. Thank you David!

If you have any queries about advertising in the Parish News, David can be contacted by email at parishnewsadverts@gmail.com or by phone on 01553 278402.

Chris Hudson, Editor

MIDDLETON ARMISTICE CENTENARY

Read about the commemorations accompanied by colour photos of the weekend's events. Four page special report on Pages 11 - 14.



CHRISTMAS LUNCH & FUN DAY

in: EAST WINCH VILLAGE HALL

on: SATURDAY 8TH DECEMBER 2018

from: 12 to: 4pm

Raffle: Main Prize: Turkey

Carols & Games

Lunch will be provided, plus wine, tea, and coffee

Lunch £10 (per person) including tea and coffee

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RSVP by 5th December 6pm

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New Year's Quiz

North Runcton Village Meeting Place

Friday 18th January – 7.45pm

A fun round-up of 2018!

£7.50 / head including glass of wine and supper plate.

All proceeds to Village Meeting Place.

Limited places – to pre-book ring:

Rachel 01553 673043 or Amanda 01553 841628

Which well known economic union did the UK try to leave in 2018?

How many Cabinet Ministers did the UK have between 15 November and 15 December?

The Great North Runcton Community Spirit Does it Again

20 parishioners, Scouts and Guides turned out on a damp and chilly early October morning to continue the "tidy up" of All Saints' churchyard.

Despite the inclement conditions, a huge amount of trimmings, sufficient to fill a large farm trailer, were removed.

The Scouts and Guides continued the work, started last year, uncovering grave stones with the reward of finding interesting monuments, dates and ages.

During the morning time was taken for a necessary warm up with a hot drink and a cake or sausage roll supplemented by a good "mardle".

Churchwarden, Ken Matthews, wishes to say a big thank you to all who kindly helped on the day but also said; only the northern boundary remains to be cleared and asks if everyone will put **Saturday 12th October 2019** in their diaries to come and do it all again!

That done, Ken says we will have a churchyard setting worthy of the wonderful church that stands in it.

1940's Dance

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Raffle - North Runcton Church

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News from North Runcton

West Winch Growth Area: Some of you might have heard that at their meeting on November 13th the Borough Council cabinet supported the *Infrastructure Delivery Plan* for the West Winch Growth Area. This document has concluded that the proposed development in this area can be viably delivered in coming decades. The assessment supposedly includes for all the provisions of the Local Plan and Neighbourhood Plan.

The Borough now propose to submit their own outline planning application for the Growth Area (except the Hopkins Homes site adjacent the A47 - see below). This unusual step is being proposed as a way of achieving a more integrated approach to future delivery.

It is understood that a *South East King's Lynn Delivery Group* will be set up (comprising the Borough Council, Norfolk County Council, landowners/developers and parish councils) to co-ordinate the preparation and submission of a masterplan, outline planning application and associated processes. At the time of writing the Parish Councils have not been consulted about this – but we are keeping the phone lines clear!

Hopkins Homes Site: The northern portion of the Growth Area is allocated for 1100 houses, school and local centre and was the subject of an outline application by Hopkins Homes in 2013 (13/01615/OM). It is expected that this application may now be determined in early 2019. A number of new plans and documents were submitted to the Borough in October and can be seen on the Borough planning site. North Runcton Parish Council will be submitting comments on the plans – which indicate a phased delivery over 15 years.

SDA Campsite: We understand that contractors have completed construction of a new access road to the site from the Blackborough End road, and that all construction traffic to the site will now use this route. Parish Council and SDA representatives plan to meet to discuss remaining issues.

Village traffic: The Parish Council have been analysing data from the Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) that records the speed and volume of

traffic on New Road and Rectory Lane. Unsurprisingly, peak times for traffic flow are between 8.00/9.00am and 5.00/6.00pm when vehicle flow is anything up to 120 vehicles per hour on New Road with the remainder of the day seeing around 60 vehicles per hour travelling through the village on both routes. Daily traffic volumes on both roads tend to vary between 800 and 1800 vehicles a day.

In terms of the speed of vehicles travelling through the village, most motorists are travelling between 30 and 35mph, but around 20% are exceeding the speed limit by anything up to 15mph. The pattern of speeding is pretty consistent throughout the day so it is not just commuters who are speeding. **Residents! Please drive considerately!**

If this is an issue that concerns you - and you would be interested in being part of a *Community Speed Watch Group*, please let a Parish Councillor know, and we can consider setting one up.

Events at the Village Meeting Place:

Two dates for your diary

Friday 18th January 2019 – VMP - A New Year's Community Quiz (see ad on front page)

Thursday 7th March 2019 – Talk – Conserving Our Key Species: A second talk hosted by Norfolk Wildlife Trust as part of the *Wildlife in Common* Project.

Our regular VMP clubs now include Art Group, Pilates, Triathlon Club, *Soundbath* Meditation and others! Buttercups Playgroup meet 5 days a week. For more information about these or other activities and events - Please contact Rachel, Parish Clerk 01553 673043
Email:northrunctonparishclerk@outlook.com

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DEBUT NOVEL FOR EAST WINCH AUTHOR

After a long gestation period, East Winch author Ali Carter has just published her first novel.



The title of the book is **'Blood List'**. The plot hits straight at the heart of a small town community with its deeply unsettling antagonist, who on the face of it everyone should be able to trust. Think the Lake District is a nice place to visit? Think again. Ali Carter has created a female Dr. Shipman in her debut thriller - and the bodies just keep on coming...

Ali said:

"The Harold Shipman case at the end of the nineties/early 2000's really fascinated me, but I always wondered if, how and why a woman could have done something similar – I wanted to flip the gender. The bookshelves are full of aggressive male antagonists; I wanted to write about a mad, bad and dangerous to know anti-heroine, of the coldest and hardest variety"

Deeply buried psychological issues haunt G.P. Charlotte Peterson from her youth; a philandering doctor husband, and a past adversary who turns up in her small Cumbrian town just add to her paranoia. She's already extremely edgy, heavily self medicating and the newcomer's arrival is a stark reminder of a bitter and very dark time she'd rather forget. The questions are – will she succumb to a burning desire to destroy this person, and who will be able to stop her toppling right over the edge? The clock is ticking and the Lakes are deep.

Ali Carter was born in Surrey in 1958 and moved to East Anglia in 2003, eventually settling in East Winch where she lives with her husband, 5 dogs and 6 cats (Yes she knows the dog/cat thing is a bit mad!). She originally found some success in writing poetry in the 80's and 90's, but inspiration for **'Blood List'** came after the Shipman trial hit the headlines in January 2000. A few years later, Charlotte Peterson, a deeply psychotic Cumbrian G.P. was born. The full story took its time to complete however, as 10 years of writer's block appeared three quarters of the way through. It was an author friend who finally persuaded her to pull it out of the laptop and finish it, for which she remains eternally grateful. A sequel is in its infancy, and she sincerely

hopes it won't take another 12 years to come to fruition!

Blood List was published on 28 November (£8.99 - Matador - ISBN 9781789015706) and is available from all good high street bookshops and on line retailers.



Ali can be contacted on alisoncarter1@hotmail.com; on Facebook @alicerterauthor; & Twitter @alicerimewriter for upcoming events, book signings and future book news.

CHRISTMAS POP-UP-SHOP

Norfolk Creative Arts are hosting a Christmas Pop Up Shop. It will showcase work from local artists and makers including Jewellery, Painting, Prints, Bags, Handmade Christmas decorations, Sculpture and Pottery.

Open 10am till 4pm 5th December till 17th December (closed 11th December) at Church Hill School, 71 Gayton Road, Grimston. Cafe on site and free parking.



Nar Valley Ornithological Society (NarVOS)



Indoor meetings at the Barn Theatre, Sacred Heart Convent School, Swaffham.
Access and parking from Sporle Road.

Please note that there is no NarVOS meeting in December.

Britain's Best Wildlife Weekends with James Lowen Tuesday 29th January, 7.30pm

James Lowen is a wildlife travel guide, photographer and writer. The title of James's talk reflects the name of one of his books.

This book was the first guide featuring 52 weekend-sized breaks highlighting the best of British wildlife - from tiny silver-spotted skippers to gargantuan basking sharks, from seabird skyscrapers to autumn fungi. Most appealing.

Visitors most welcome at these meetings. Admission £2 on the night if you are not a NarVOS member. For more information about this meeting or NarVOS call Ian Black on 01760 724092.

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Middleton Parish Council Chairman's Report

By Mick Porter

In my previous report I made reference to the situation regarding the telephone box at Blackborough End. The Parish Council (PC) discussed the possibility of installing a defibrillator in the box as required by Community Heartbeat. After much discussion it was agreed that the PC would not purchase a defibrillator, reason being:

- (a) Without proper training there was a possibility that the patient could suffer more damage resulting in a fatality.
- (b) The remoteness of the telephone box to the rest of the parish.
- (c) The defibrillator could be subject to vandalism.

After discussions with Norfolk County Council (NCC) Water Management it was agreed that the PC can install a trash filter in the dyke at The Alley. A licence to install the filter is in the process of being applied for.

The PC was given a report from the Speed Watch as it is six months since it has been running and in that time 549 people have been caught speeding. As previously stated the majority were local residents. What is most worrying is some lorries have been caught doing 50 mph down Station Road.

Prior to the November meeting of the PC the Parish Clerk met with Highways and went around the parish pointing out all the problems that have been previously reported. The PC await the outcome of the meeting.

The problem of lorries using Hill Road at unsociable hours was discussed. A letter from Sibelco had been received but this offered no solution to the problem. Representatives from the PC will attend the next Sibelco liaison meeting to discuss this matter to see if a solution can be arrived at. One suggestion is that there could be restricted hours for lorries coming to the plant.

The Borough Councillor reported that he has recently attended a meeting at Hunstanton where ideas were discussed to revitalise the town. One of the ideas is reinstating the rail link between King's Lynn and Hunstanton, to this end there is an on line petition which people are asked to take part in.

Lily has changed!

From 1 July 2018, our Lily service expanded to include everyone over 18, not just those in later years.



Lily provides a comprehensive range of support in west Norfolk to combat loneliness and social isolation in adults of all ages. The project is linked to the 'No Lonely Day' initiative and encourages our residents to develop friendships and engage in their local communities.

The Lily online directory lists organisations, services and activities that help people to live healthy, active and independent lives. It includes information relevant to adults of all ages. If you would like your event or organisation to be included in the directory, get in touch asklily.org.uk.

Lily Advisors from local charities are available to offer one-to-one support to people at home or in community locations.

Lily has a strong focus on community development, by helping groups to arrange activities and encouraging volunteering, and by providing community events, onsite information sessions, and support for employers, schools, and colleges.

If you, or anyone you know, would like to know how Lily can help, call 01553 616200 and choose option 6.

EAST WINCH CHURCH NEWS

Christingle

The Christingle service in aid of the Children's Society will be held in the church at **3pm on Saturday 22nd December**. If anyone would like to help make the Christingle oranges on Friday or Saturday morning, please would they ring Nell on 840814.

Our thanks to...

The people who sponsored Nell on the Norfolk Churches Trust cycle ride. The proceeds of £130 will be divided equally between the Trust and the parish church.

And to those who made a gift for the church Gift Day. So far, £150 has been received.

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Thank You from Stewart

After many months of pounding the roads and lanes of West Norfolk - and much further afield - I am delighted to report that I have at last successfully completed my 'Seven at Seventy' running challenges, as well as my fundraising objectives.

I am deeply grateful to so many of you from our local communities for your generous donations. Together with sponsors from elsewhere you have raised a total of £2300 for my charities - that is £300 more than my target. All this money is being split between Kidney Research UK and a kidney research project at Addenbrooke's Hospital.

My final challenge was the 26.2 miles of the Amsterdam Marathon on 21st October - which was not without incident! I had a very heavy cold in the week leading up to the big day, so I was worried about whether I would be fit enough to run. However, I decided to go for it but it meant cycling 3 miles to the start! Then half a mile into the marathon I tripped and fell badly. Both knees and an elbow bled profusely but, thankfully, the bleeding stopped so I continued. And in the last mile of the marathon I developed cramp. But despite these setbacks I finished in 4 hours, 20 minutes - a much, much better time than I had targeted.



Thank you again for all your support - *Stewart*

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM REV'D. RIAZ

"You and Saviour"! Luke 2:10

'You'! *In the reference* God is saying that He is giving 'you' something special. God is coming down to earth to live amongst all the oppression, violence, death and poverty for which people always blame Him and think God is supposed be different, set apart, separate, far removed from the grime and dirt of sin.

'You!' *indicates that what has happened in the birth of Jesus is something that is intimate, personal, and direct! In Jesus God is reaching out and touching you and saying: 'I know your life, I know how it can be, the things you love and that make you happy, and the things you struggle with and how hard it is – I know all about you. I'm not going to sit up here in my heaven and remain unconnected from 'you'.*

Saviour! This child, announced in the gospel is the one who will save 'you' from the guilt that weighs 'you' down and stops 'you' from getting on with life. He saves 'you' from that nagging feeling that somehow 'you' have to measure up, but knowing that there is no way 'you' can meet God's standards. He saves 'you' from a meaningless existence if all there is to life is being born, growing, learning, working, getting, achieving, having, dying, full stop! He is 'your' Saviour who has come to give life, life in all its fullness, and also eternal, ongoing life, life with God as life is meant to be.

When we look at the baby Jesus we wonder why God would go to such extreme lengths for us. There is only one answer – **God's love**. Jesus is God connecting with us, wanting to give us life purpose, wanting to help us when it seems life is tearing us apart. Can we do without this gift from God? Can we ignore this message from God himself?

May God bless us in the journey of this **Advent**, and grant us His happiness on this **Christmas** and bless us to be a blessing to 'all' in the **New Year!**

Rev'd Riaz

MIDDLETON COMMEMORATES ARMISTICE CENTENARY

Over the weekend of 10 and 11 November, Middleton played its part in the historic national commemorations to mark the centenary of the end of the First World War.

MIDDLETON REMEMBERS

In the days leading up to the centenary, a dozen large poppies were installed at key points around the village. The metal poppies were made and donated by Arc Fabrications thanks to the generosity of Val Ward and Geoff Smith.



THANK YOU FOR THE KNITTED POPPIES

The appeal for knitted poppies to decorate the Church and the exhibition produced a fantastic response. A massive Thank You to everyone who contributed to the very impressive total of over 1,300 knitted or crocheted poppies that were received.



The poppies were incorporated into “cascades” of poppies decorating the pulpit and the font in the church, as well as at the entrance to the church and the pew ends. As the photos illustrate, the effect was dramatic and highly praised by everyone who visited the church over the remembrance weekend.



TRIBUTE TO THE FALLEN

In the early planning stages for the commemorations, it was decided that there should be a handcrafted centenary tribute to the men of the parish who lost their lives in the war. Janet Eason and Alison South kindly agreed to take the lead on designing and making the tribute.



The tribute was unveiled by Ali South (pictured left) and Janet Eason (pictured right) on the Saturday morning and is now on permanent display in the church.

The main theme of the tribute is a poppy for each of the thirty men named on the Middleton War Memorial, with their names recorded on a panel to the right. On the left is the famous poem "In Flanders Fields" by John McCrae. The calligraphy was prepared by Jan and Ali's art group colleague, Gillian Thompson.

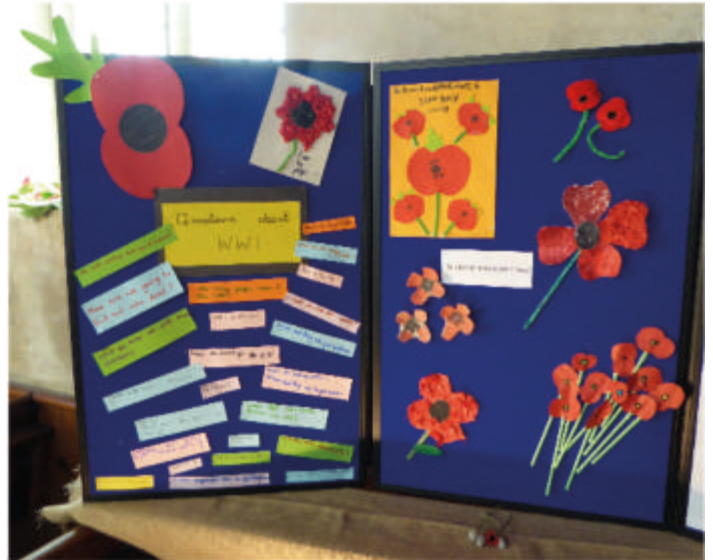


THE EXHIBITION

Chris Dixon organised the exhibition, featuring World War 1 artefacts which he has collected over the years.



Next to the artefacts was a display of old photographs representing "The Middleton They Knew". Many of the photographs were taken from postcards kindly provided by local resident, Rob Indge. Other photos were supplied by Joan Hazell and Peter Box and there was a display prepared by the children of Middleton School exploring their thoughts and questions about the war.



REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

The Middlewinch Benefice Remembrance Day Service, conducted together with the Royal British Legion, was held at St Mary's Church. Falling exactly 100 years after the end of the war, the service provided the perfect focus for the commemorations. Sitting among the congregation was the silhouette of a Tommy obtained from the "There But Not There" charity whose presence provided a very moving reminder of all the local men who never returned from the war to their loved ones and communities.



The Remembrance Service concluded with the usual wreath laying ceremony at the War Memorial, after which a memorial tree and commemorative plaque were unveiled.



Guest of honour to perform the unveiling was Joan Hazell (pictured front left) who had three uncles killed in the war, two of whom were awarded the Military Medal.



BATTLE'S OVER

Rounding off the special day, residents gathered at the Village Hall to take part in a national "Battle's Over" event. The village beacon was lit while a bugler played the last post attended by members of the 42F Sqn, King's Lynn Air Training Corps. The church bell rang 30 times at 7.00pm and Corporal Ed Spencer read 'We Shall Keep The Faith' by Moina Michael and Cadet A Runyard read 'The Soldier' by Rupert Brooke.

BRINGING THE COMMUNITY TOGETHER

The commemorations were the initiative of Chris Dixon who brought together a group of local residents to devise and implement the various events. Many thanks to him and to the other members of the group: Clive Rainbird, Chris Hudson, Mick Porter (Middleton Parish Council), Revd. Riaz Mubarak (Middlewinch Benefice), Janet Eason and Alison South.

The group, on behalf of the whole community, would like to take this opportunity to extend profuse thanks to all those whose very generous donations made the commemorations possible. They were the Middleton Parish Pit Charity, Middleton Aggregates, Sibelco (King's Lynn) and Steve Hutton of Middletons Steakhouse and Grill.

West Winch Bowls Club

The membership fee will be increased to £17. This is the first increase for many years. The Treasurer felt it prudent to make a small increase in subscriptions now rather than be faced with making a large increase at a later date.

As we all look forward to the Christmas recess, why not buy your 'loved one' a novel Christmas present? By this I mean a one year subscription to **your** Bowls Club? It will cost you only £17 and can be obtained from our treasurer, Jim Grant.

A Happy and Peaceful Christmas, from all at the West Winch Bowls Club.

Village Sports - Rural Community Games 2018

The rural community games Badminton Tournament took place in October. We had an adult GLEAM team who took part consisting of Lydia and Gregg. This was their first time playing badminton together and they played brilliantly to get us a well-earned second place in the tournament.

So that brings an end to the 2018 Rural Community Games. The overall winner for the 2018 Games will be announced at the KLFM Heroes Awards in January. If you live in one of the GLEAM parishes of Gayton, Leziat, East Winch, Ashwicken or Middleton and would like to take part next year, just let me know!

Sarah Byatt, Village Sports Co-ordinator
villagegames@hotmail.co.uk
TEL: 07913 439222



TREASURER NEEDED

We are still in need of a new Treasurer. Maybe you've recently retired, or for some other reason have more time on your hands now. Experience with horses and/or people living with disabilities is not essential, but if you have a flair for bookkeeping, and want to join a friendly team, please call the Magpie Centre on 01553 810202 or our Chairwoman, Rosie O'Grady on 01366 500104 for an informal chat.

The Centre's 14 equines consume around £6,000 worth of hay every winter. If you'd like to donate a bale or two at £4.00 each, just log on to www.rda-westnorfolk.org.uk and click on the Donate button. Or if you prefer, send a cheque, payable to WNRDA, to the Magpie Centre, Wallington Hall, South Runcton, Kings Lynn PE33 0EP. All donations, however modest, are very much welcomed.

Meanwhile, a Happy Christmas to everyone, and thank you all, as a community, for your continuing support for the Magpie Centre.

East Winch Parish Council Meeting, 5th November

By Nell Steele

The meeting was not explosive, though the noises outside were. It was reported that the telephone box library appeared to be very successful; and that the railing at the junction of the A47 and Gayton road had been mended - this was with funding obtained from Cllr Middleton - but that it hadn't been replaced along the A47 because that is the responsibility of Highways England.

Several suggestions had been received for the siting of a defibrillator. The Council voted that it should be placed on the outside of the Village Hall facing the road. We are also liaising with the Wildlife Hospital in case the purchase cost and training can be shared.

Mr Harrod reported that Short Mat Bowls at the village hall would finish because there weren't enough participants these days. However, the hall was being well used for children's parties and the like.

Mrs Davison reported that a meeting had been held at the play area with the representative of a playground equipment supplier. He had agreed that equipment could be placed on existing bases, and had suggested that new equipment could be phased in gradually. It was agreed, subject to finance being available that a table and seats would be installed on an existing concrete pad.

In spite of many requests, the Council has heard nothing from the Norfolk Highways Department, though there are several outstanding matters. We will continue to pursue them.

The next meeting will be held at 7.30pm on 7th January.



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

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Our members have been busy in the craft department recently and thanks go to Tracey for sewing a design on our pennant which will be included in the WI Norfolk Centenary Bunting for next year. Other members have been knitting poppies which were used for the Middleton World War 1 centenary commemoration.

We have already agreed our programme of meetings for 2019 and members can look forward to spending an afternoon on the third Tuesday of every month listening, learning or just being entertained by our various speakers.

Future Meetings

18 December: Christmas Party. Join us for some festive food & entertainment from Chris Dixon & try your skills with his hand-bells.

16 January 2019: Birthday Party celebrations - come & join us for a delicious buffet.

If you would like to consider joining our friendly and informal group for future meetings please phone Ali on 01553 841267.



Needleworkers Circle

Fancy joining a sewing/knitting/craft circle? We are a very friendly & sociable group who would love for you to join us.

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Appreciation & Thanks!

Ken Matthews, Churchwarden at North Runcton, reports that there was much to celebrate at All Saints' Church East Winch on Sunday 21st October when nine candidates were confirmed by the Bishop of King's Lynn, Bishop Jonathan. The celebration was further enhanced by the baptism of one of the candidates prior to being confirmed.

Those who were to be confirmed were supported by parishioners from all four parishes in the Benefice and by their families and friends as they were welcomed in to the church.

Adding yet more interest at the end of this special service, Bishop Jonathan also confirmed the appointment of Reverend Riaz as "Chaplain to the Norfolk Police".

Following the service, there was the chance to speak with Bishop Jonathan as he stayed to chat with the congregation and to enjoy the wonderful spread of refreshments provided by the members of All Saints' Church.

This was clearly a service of welcome from start to finish making it both memorable and enjoyable for all.

Rev Riaz Mubarak added "By the grace of God, this year in the Benefice, nine people were Confirmed in the sacrament of Confirmation on 21st October.

As an incumbent of the benefice, congratulations and all the blessings to candidates and indeed words are inadequate to express my joy for all who help, share with invaluable help, support and presence in the service. I say thank you so much to all.

Many thanks to Bishop Jonathan who conducted the Confirmation service in a splendid way!"

The church building looked splendid thanks to the hard work of Margaret, Janet, Wendy, Nell, Jackie and Shaun who polished the pews, swept the floor and even got the cobwebs off the window ledges.

Would you like to publicise your local event in the Parish News?

If so, please send details by e-mail to: editorofparishnews@gmail.com or by phone on 01553 849725. The deadline for the February/March issue is Friday, 18 January.

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Happy Christmas

Hilary Hickman

FRIENDSHIP CLUB



If you are 50+ you are most welcome to join in the activities of the Friendship Club, which meets at 2pm on the first Wednesday of the month. ***New members very welcome.***

The final outing for the year is the Christmas Lunch at Middleton Hall Golf Club on **Wednesday, 5 December at 1pm.**

Further details, including information on venues for club meetings, from John Turtle (840280) or Pauline Crump (840053).

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Middleton Badminton Club

Play badminton most Monday evenings (not Bank Holidays) at the Village Hall from 7pm to 9pm. The club is friendly and always welcomes new members. Contact Nigel Gray (01553 841541) for more information.

Lunch Club usually meets on the 2nd Monday of the month at Middleton Hall Golf Club at 12.00 for 12.30pm.

For further details contact Olive Turpin 840623.

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.



Mothers' Union News

Our Christmas meeting will be on **18 December at 2:30pm** at Church Farm. We will enjoy each other's company, sing carols and have seasonal readings followed by mince pies and shortbread.

We do not have a meeting in January, but resume in February again at 2:30pm at Church Farm.

Happy Christmas to all.

Hilary Hickman



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Sunday, 9 December

9.30am **W Winch** Holy Communion

10.30am **E Winch Village Hall** Morning Prayer

11.15am **Middleton** Holy Communion

3.00pm **N Runcton** Holy Communion

Sunday, 16 December

10.30am **W Winch Village Hall** Carols,

Readings, Mulled Wine & Mince Pies

11.15am **Middleton** Morning Prayer

11.15am **E Winch Village Hall**

Holy Communion

3.00pm **N Runcton** Evening Prayer

Sunday, 23 December

10.00am **W Winch** Christmas Celebration

11.15am **Middleton** Family Service

11.15am **E Winch Village Hall** Holy

Communion

3.00pm **N Runcton** Holy Communion

6.00pm **Middleton** Lessons & Carols

Monday, 24 December - Christmas Eve

6.00pm **W Winch** Crib Service

6.30pm **N Runcton** Carol Service

9.30pm **Middleton** Christmas Communion

Tuesday, 25 December - Christmas Day

10.00am **W Winch** Benefice Eucharist for Christmas

Sunday, 30 December

9.30am **W Winch** Holy Communion

10.30am **E Winch Village Hall** Morning Prayer

11.15am **Middleton** Morning Prayer

3.00pm **N Runcton** Evening Prayer

Sunday, 6 January 2019

10.00am **W Winch** Benefice Eucharist

Sunday, 13 January

9.30am **W Winch** Holy Communion

10.30am **E Winch Village Hall** Morning Prayer

11.15am **Middleton** Morning Prayer

3.00pm **N Runcton** Evening Prayer

Sunday, 20 January

9.30am **W Winch** Holy Communion

11.15am **Middleton** Morning Praise

11.15am **E Winch Village Hall** Holy Communion

3.00pm **N Runcton** Holy Communion

Sunday, 27 January

8.00am **W Winch** Holy Communion

10.00am **W Winch** Morning Praise

10.30am **E Winch** Morning Prayer

11.15am **Middleton** Holy Communion

3.00pm **N Runcton** Evening Service

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Graham Drive 10:35 - 10:50

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Middleton

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St Mary's Court 11:50 - 12:00

East Winch

Gayton Rd - Opp Windyridge 14:20 - 14:30

Town Close 14:35 - 14:45

47 Town Close 14:50 - 15:00

Village Sign 15:05 - 15:15

Blackborough End

The Green 15:20 - 15:30

The Firs 15:35 - 16:00

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