



PARISH NEWS

DECEMBER 2021 & JANUARY 2022

MIDDLETON, NORTH RUNCTON & EAST WINCH



CAN YOU HELP THE PARISH NEWS?

After helping to co-ordinate the distribution of the Parish News for 47 years, I find that I must ask for help with this task. Is there anyone who has a little free time to help 6 times a year?

What is involved?

- Maintain a log of the 24 Middleton distribution routes, number of dwellings and name of distributors.
- Every 2 months prepare labels for bundles and label delivery bags.
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- North Runcton and East Winch bundles are collected by their co-ordinators.
- Middleton bundles are distributed to individual route distributors by a volunteer.

At the present time the boxes of magazines are delivered to Church Farm, Middleton and the sorting and packing takes place in the barn meeting place. This can continue in the same way or if it is more convenient, move to another address.

If anyone thinks they may be able to help but would like to discuss any queries with me before deciding, do please ring on 01553 840320 or email to gillian.boon@gmail.com

Thank you. I hope someone can help me.

Gillian Boon

Christmas Carols and Christingle

ST. MARY'S CHURCH
MIDDLETON

SUNDAY,
19TH DECEMBER
3:00 PM



All Saints' Church North Runcton Annual Carols & Lessons Service will be held on Christmas Eve Friday 24th December at 6:30pm

The service will commence in the church then, if the weather is dry, will move to the Christmas Tree on the village green for further carols and a Christmas Blessing by Reverend Riaz.

Do come and take part in the Holy Night Celebrations

PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING TORCHES

Church Services in December & January

Sunday, 5 December

10.00am **W Winch** Holy Communion

10.30am **E Winch** Morning Prayer

Sunday, 12 December

10.30am **E Winch** Holy Communion

11.00am **N Runcton** Morning Prayer

Sunday, 19 December

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

11.00am **N Runcton** Holy Communion

3.00pm **Middleton** Christmas Carols & Christingle

Friday, 24 December - Christmas Eve

6.30pm **N Runcton** Christmas Carols

7.00pm **W Winch** Crib Service

Saturday, 25 December - Christmas Day

10.00am **W Winch** Christmas Holy Communion

10.30am **E Winch** Christmas Holy Communion

Sunday, 26 December

11.00am **Middleton** Benefice Holy Communion

Sunday, 2 January 2022

10.30am **E Winch** Morning Service

11.00am **N Runcton** Holy Communion

Sunday, 9 January

10.00am **W Winch** Holy Communion

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

Sunday, 16 January

10.30am **Middleton** Benefice Holy Communion

Sunday, 23 January

10.00am **W Winch** Morning Prayer

11.00am **N Runcton** Holy Communion

Sunday, 30 January

10.30am **E Winch** Benefice Holy Communion

Community Car Scheme

The Community Car Scheme exists to help villagers who have no transport, who are elderly or disabled to attend at local doctors' or dentists' surgeries, opticians, health clinics or to keep hospital appointments.

A small charge is made to cover petrol expenses. If you require help or further information, or if you wish to volunteer your help in any way, please contact Colin Skipper on 842448.

North Runcton PCC Says "Thank You" for Five Years Hard Work

In 2017 it was thought that it would take one more year to "Finish the Job" to get All Saints' Churchyard into shape. Five years later, on a warm, sunny October day, 10 very hard working folk still managed to fill a large farm trailer, thanks to Jeremy Fuller, with mainly, the ever present Ivy and "light" Yew tree trimmings.

The team were sustained with refreshments, including tea, coffee, cakes and sausage rolls provided by the catering ladies. This not only provided a break from the hard work but also the opportunity to get together.

The Churchyard is now a really wonderful setting for the unique building which is All Saints' and is probably at the stage, first mooted five years ago, of needing a small "Tidy Up" at some point each year!! Look forward to seeing you all again in 2022?

Very grateful thanks.

Ken Matthews, Churchwarden



Thank You

On behalf of the Middleton & District branch of the Royal British Legion, I express sincere and grateful thanks to all those of the Middleton and North Runcton parishes who kindly gave up their time to attend and/or participate in the Remembrance Day Sunday service that was held outdoors at the war memorial, St Mary's parish church, West Winch.

Special thanks are extended to Rector Riaz for officiating, Middleton representatives: Cllr. Zach Wiles-Van Dyke; Mr Ray Smith. North Runcton representatives: Cllr. Rick Morrish; Mary Mubarak; Lilian Fisher.

Hopefully next year, Covid-19 permitting, we will resume with the normal and traditional Remembrance day Service.

David Skeritt

Parade Marshal, Middleton & District Branch of the Royal British Legion

East Winch Parish Council Meeting 1st November 2021

By Nell Steele

Both the Borough and County Councillors attended.

A member of the public brought up the problem of the dyke in front of Station Terrace, as silt is again blocking the grid and slowing down the flow. Cllr Moriarty said he'd speak to Andrew Wallace of NCC Highways.

He later reported that Highways will clear the grid, and that Mr Wallace had suggested that grid clearance should be a permanent item on the Rangers' agenda. (This has been suggested previously, but did not produce results.)

Mr Wallace is also to be asked whether more 30 mph signs could be put up in the village to remind drivers accelerating on Gayton Rd in particular.

Cllr Manning said Borough councillors had £1000 each for good causes not arranged by the Parish Council. Something for the Friends of East Winch to apply for, perhaps?

The Borough Council's consideration of planning matters is very, very slow at present. Several applications around the village are outstanding. The Ashwick Eco-Wellness project has been put back to 31 December 2021 for consideration. Comment can still be made.

The PC considered a recent planning applications, and recommended refusal. They objected to the application for a large annex to Church farm, West Bilney on the grounds that the A47 is fast and visibility restricted there.

The next meeting will be at 7.30 on Monday, 10th January. Happy new year!

New Parish Councillors

After a long period with too few councillors, we have, at last, a full complement!

The new councillors are: Georgina Burman, Andrew Stephens and J. Mason.

Hello from Dogs Trust!



Your local Dogs Trust branch at Snetterton would like to briefly make you aware of a few services that we provide free of charge.

The first, our Canine Care Card scheme, is a **free** service for dog-owners whereby, in the event of their death or illness, we will look after their dog, providing them with all the care they need until we can find a responsible, loving new home for them. This is often a great concern to the elderly, as their dog may be their only friend and companion – Dogs Trust can give them peace of mind, knowing that their canine companions future is safe, should the worst happen to them. Every year, we care for more than 14,000 dogs at our nationwide network of rehoming centres and we never put down a healthy dog

Secondly I wanted to make you aware that we provide free talks to local community groups. I cover the whole of the East Anglia region, to talk about the varied work of Dogs Trust, where we come from and where we hope to be in the future. There are no speaker fees or travelling expenses so please let me know if you believe that your local club would be interested.

If anyone has any further queries, or would be interested in booking in a talk, please contact me by emailing: emily.matthews@dogstrust.org.uk or phone 01953 497912.

Emily Matthews

RSPCA Wildlife Garden - East Winch

We would just like to give a big thank you to those local residents who have kindly donated plants to be used at the garden. They are greatly appreciated.

Jan & Gerry Eason

Mobile Library Timetable

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

22 DECEMBER & 19 JANUARY

North Runcton

The Green 10:05 - 10:20

Blackborough End

The Firs 10:30 - 10:45

Blackborough Green 10:50 - 11:00

Middleton

Oakdale/Village Hall 11:05 - 11:30

St Mary's Crescent 11:35 - 11:45

42 Hall Orchards 11:50 - 12:00

Fair Green

Park Hill Estate 12:05 - 12:20

Graham Drive 12:25 - 12:40

Paul Drive/Gate Inn 12:45 - 13:00

East Winch

Gayton Rd - Opp Windyridge 15:15 - 15:25

Town Close 15:30 - 15:50

Village Sign 15:55 - 16:05



POSTCARDS SAVE LIVES

If you have any used or unused postcards that you don't want to keep, please donate them to help save lives around the world. The local Mothers' Union are collecting postcards to help raise funds for the Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF).

MAF organise flights to remote areas of the world using small aircraft to gain access where other forms of transport are impractical or would take too long. If a person has a medical emergency and the nearest hospital is a few days walk or an uncomfortable drive away on rough roads, their prognosis is poor. A short flight can save their life. When natural disasters, conflict or famine strike hard-to-reach places, an aircraft may be the only safe way to reach people quickly with lifesaving medical supplies, water and other assistance.

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>

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Middleton Parish Council Chairman's Report

By Zach Wiles-Van Dyke

The closure of Water Lane to vehicles

The PC received a letter asking if Water Lane could be closed to vehicles enabling people to walk safely. The PC discussed this and agreed that it is dangerous trying to walk on that lane due to blind bends, no pavements, speeding vehicles and vehicles going the wrong way. The PC need to assess whether this would be wanted by all the residents in Water Lane.

A47

Various safety issues have been raised. Jim Moriarty will arrange a meeting with relevant parties and representatives of the PC will attend to see if we can move things forward. Various suggestions have been put forward by residents.

Also, it is felt that the Station Road turning onto the A47 is dangerous as when the lorries turn they have to drive onto the wrong side of the road. The concerns were taken on board but we have heard nothing further.

Trees

The PC are still looking for volunteers to help with planting the saplings on the playing field.

Platinum Jubilee

The PC are also still looking for help and suggestions for the Jubilee. Unfortunately at the time of writing, we haven't received any offers of help, or any suggestions. The PC will not be able to organise anything without some help from residents, so please get in touch.

Playing field

Goalposts have been requested by some of the local children. The PC are looking into costs for this with the help of Councillor Ward.

Remembrance Sunday

On Sunday the 14th November I laid a wreath on behalf of the PC for Remembrance Sunday. The service was at West Winch so the wreath was laid there, and then brought back to Middleton to remain at the Middleton Church Memorial. Lest we forget.

Planning

The PC did raise an objection to the planning application 21/01484/O, three dwellings at land opposite 1-3 Two Acres. It was previously refused by the PC and upheld by the Inspector, and is outside the village envelope and the PC could see no reason to change their opinion and will put forward their objection. The PC have received a number of letters of objection, but it is Important that residents put forward individual objection letters to the BCKLWN.

Comments were made about trenches being dug across Norfolk to supply power from wind farms. This will be on the agenda next month as it needs careful perusal.

In other news Peter Gidney reported that the consultation for the Borough Council's 2022/2023 Council Tax Support scheme is now open. This can be found at www.west-norfolk.gov.uk/ctsconsultation.

Date of the next meeting is 1st December 2021.

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GOVERNMENT RESPONDS TO QUEEN ELIZABETH HOSPITAL PETITION

The Government's initial response to this petition, which currently has about 15,000 signatures, did not adequately address the substance of the petition and so a revised response was issued on 20 October.

The key section of the revised response says:

"Currently, the national programme comprises 8 pre-existing schemes and 40 new hospitals, totalling 48 hospitals. In October 2020, the government named 32 hospitals which will form part of the 40 new hospitals and is now calling for NHS trusts to submit their expressions of interest to be one of the next 8 hospitals.

Expressions of interest were invited from all NHS trusts in England who would like their plans to be considered for prioritisation of funding for a new hospital, including from Queen Elizabeth Hospital, King's Lynn. The submission deadline has now passed and we aim to announce the successful schemes in spring 2022, following a thorough selection process.

This selection process will also inform the ongoing pipeline of investment through this programme, subject to future funding settlements. It would not be appropriate to prioritise King's Lynn, QEH, or any other hospital out with that formal process or prematurely pre-judging it at this stage."

The response also noted that to help address the immediate issues at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital estate, more than £20 million has been provided this year and the Trust has also received £750,000 to prioritise and tackle its most urgent maintenance backlog.

If you have not yet signed the petition, there is still time to do so online at:

<https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/590390>.



Volunteering at the Night Shelter for the Homeless

The King's Lynn Winter Night Shelter is open every night this winter with free 24-hour accommodation and support for anyone with nowhere safe to stay. We warmly welcome volunteers to help make this possible!

Lucy McKitterick (the co-ordinator) will be hosting 2 further recruiting sessions for new volunteers in January. These will start at 7pm on Tuesdays 4th and 11th January 2022 at St John's Church in the Walks, King's Lynn, PE30 1NT (near the station). No need to book. For more information see www.klwns.org.uk

Help the RSPCA East Winch Wildlife Centre Care for Hedgehogs

So far the centre has 117 hedgehogs in their care - but the numbers continue to increase daily and now centre manager Evangelos Achilleos is asking the people of Norfolk to help.

He said: "They need regular feeding and as a result we are asking if the public could donate tins of adult dog food (Pedigree) as well as old newspapers as we get through incredible amounts each week caring for our prickly friends. We also have a list of other items on our Amazon wishlist which all help in the care of our hoglets."

"The hedgehogs are being admitted for a whole host of reasons but most are predominantly orphans who are underweight or have been found out during the day - many are very malnourished."

"Nursing them back to health is a lengthy process and very time consuming but it's always worth it when you can return a hedgehog back to the wild where they belong."

Other items needed include: Snuggle safe heat pads; Dry hedgehog food; Dog food in gravy and puppy food; Shavings used for bedding Heat pads; Heat lamps. If you can help, please deliver donations to RSPCA East Winch Wildlife Centre, Gayton Road, East Winch, PE32 1LG.



MAGPIE CENTRE BIDS GOODBYE TO 2021 AND WELCOMES 2022

October saw the last of the 2021 Tea With a Pony sessions at the Magpie Centre, home of West Norfolk Riding for the Disabled Association, during which people living with dementia and reduced mobility and their carers enjoyed tea, cakes and a chance to meet some of our gentle ponies.

This activity will recommence on 20 April 2022, and booking can be done through our website or by calling the Centre on 01553 810202. Cost is £10 per participant, including carer.

We have also launched the first Magpie Centre calendar, for 2022, featuring full colour pictures of our horses and the range of activities we offer. Each month offers an A4 sized photo, plus an A4 month/date page, which allows plenty of room to note appointments and activities.

The calendars, priced at £6.00 (plus £2.99 post and packing if ordered via our website www.rda-westnorfolk.org.uk) are also available from West Winch Post Office, on A10, PE33 0NP; Vets for Pets, within Pets at Home, Campbells Meadow, Hardwick Road, Kings Lynn PE30 4YN; Chalk and Cheese, 1 Eastgate Street, Shouldham, Kings Lynn PE33 0DD or Prontaprint, 24 St James' Street, Kings Lynn PE30 5DA.

The last two years haven't been easy for any of us, and charities have suffered more than most, in terms of reduced income. However, we are hugely grateful for the support we have received from all sections of the community. Businesses, clubs and individuals from all over Norfolk and East Anglia have donated generously and this has enabled us to maintain our 14 horses and ponies, and to look forward to 2022 with renewed optimism.

LEZIATE SHORT MAT BOWLS CLUB



We meet at Leziate Village Hall every Thursday afternoon from 2 – 4pm.

New members needed. If you already play or would like to start, please come and join us.

For further information, please contact David Goose on 01485 600919.

West Winch Bowls Club



Now that the clocks have been turned back, it's sure a good sign that Autumn is already upon us and that Winter is fast approaching. The 'Green' has already been prepared for the forthcoming season. At the time of writing an eminently lush carpet of green manifests itself in front of the pavilion. The newly sown grass seed has sprouted - much to the delight of our Green Keepers!

The efforts of the October working party have not been in vain either: Their toils have been rewarded. However, as winter dawns, I expect the carpet of green will turn to white. In the meantime the Green Sweepers will be doing their best to keep the 'Green' fungus and disease free on a daily basis. But should snow and frost appear, the Sweepers can seek rest from their duties as sweeping can only take place on frost and snow free days.

The AGM held in October saw Wendy Bull step down from Social Secretary. Her place has been filled by David Thompson. David will resume all the duties that were undertaken by Wendy, including running of the bar. The rest of the committee were elected to serve for another year. Kevin Evans (Secretary) has been busy attending various meetings as planning is already underway for the 2022 season. 2021 has been a difficult year due the Covid situation. However, our committee did a fantastic job under difficult and trying circumstances, keeping in-house games as well as club fixtures progressing.

And so as our thoughts turn to Christmas, Jim Grant (our Treasurer) can easily help to solve your Christmas dilemma by providing a one year membership to the club for your loved one or friends! It will only cost £17. It will provide the recipient with a year of fun, gentle exercise and good company, plus the opportunity to learn and play the game of bowls with like minded and friendly people. Take my advice, you won't regret it.

A Happy, Healthy and Peaceful Christmas to you all and to your families, from all at West Winch Bowls Club.

David Skerritt

REASON FOR THE SEASON



As I look at the image above, I see the Christmas tree representing the commercial side of Christmas, the presents, the tv toy commercials etc. Yet, I also see it as a communal point: Where people gather around, as well as presents. Families going out and choosing their tree together. A group of people all decorating a tree on Christmas morning ripping open their presents. Then in stark contrast in the distance we will see the beautiful and majestic altar and cross wall hanging. The cross representing the reason we even celebrate Christmas today – as Christmas is the start of the story with Jesus being born and the cross where he died representing the very act in which he was born to do.

We see the two being placed close together as a reminder to still put Jesus into Christmas: The many children dressing up and re-enacting the nativity story in their school plays. Saying or writing Christmas not Xmas which was designed to cross Christ out of Christmas, which is ironic as in the end it's about a cross anyways LOL. Choosing Christian Christmas cards that have pictures of the nativity story on such as the stable, and wise men. Going to church on Christmas morning or midnight on Christmas Eve. Even if you don't identify as being a Christian, remembering the reason for the season is for us all. For if you believe it's only a story then what an inspiring story to acknowledge and remember!

It is full of hope, wonder and amazement and has got community spirit from the shepherds. Astrology and present giving from the wise men and spiritual support from angels and spiritual realm. A love so strong that Joseph sticks around to marry and look after Mary and the child. Stranger helping strangers in need out with stay in a free stable, the hopes and dreams of all this baby would grow up to be and the

responsibility on his shoulders from birth because of his fate to come...

What a story to remember this Christmas time! 'Reason for the Season'.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!
Rev. Riaz Mubarak

EAST WINCH UPDATE

By Nell Steele

East Winch Church News

At last, the blocked up window in the chancel has been reglazed! It's so lovely to have the daylight streaming in again.

The Church Council have decided to keep the church open from 10-4 on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays all through the year. Not everyone is able to open up the main door, so if you want to go in, please try the smaller chancel door. And please ensure it's shut properly when you leave, so that birds can't get in. We're not used to unlocking the church this often, and may sometimes forget, so please bear with us.

Our Christingle service was getting sadder and sadder with very few children, so this year we've decided to amalgamate it with a carol service at Middleton on Sunday 19th at 3pm.

West Bilney Carol Service

This little church has no electricity, so wrap up extra warm to enjoy this lovely candlelit service at 3pm on Saturday 18th December..

Those bonfires....

Someone told me that he had noticed foam-filled mattresses propped up on the bonfire pile at a public Guy Fawkes event. He was horrified. Whether bonfires are private or public, materials based on plastics, polyesters etc shouldn't be used. Burning these materials produces highly toxic gasses, and the ashes too are polluting. It is only really safe to burn these in a commercial incinerator, and some people don't believe that even this is safe. Next year, wood bonfires only please!

New Norfolk RSPCA wildlife manager is a self-confessed 'bird geek'

There's a new face at RSPCA's East Winch Wildlife Centre as Evangelos Achilleos takes up the helm as centre manager.



Evangelos joined the RSPCA in September and since then has been busy getting to know the staff and of course all of the animals under his care.

Evangelos, who has a long career in wildlife conservation work said: "I have a real passion for wildlife conservation and education and I have to admit I am also a bird geek who has a soft spot for owls."

"I have been spending the last few years taking holidays in Norfolk and I adore the setting, the wilderness, the coastline and the wildlife."

"I am so excited to be joining the East Winch family, surrounded by a strong team and of course all our wildlife patients. I am eager to further develop the already successful wildlife centre with the staff and the community."

Evangelos takes on the role after Alison Charles retired earlier this year following a long and successful career at the centre.

Evangelos, who has a degree in Animal Management, a Masters in Animal Welfare and Conservation, and is currently completing a PhD part time in Avian Conservation and Genetics, added: "The wildlife centre is a great asset to the community. The team does so much

wonderful work helping to rehabilitate the animals and releasing them back to the wild where they belong."

"I want to build on this success and hope to, in the future, develop our visitor centre so we have a visitor shop and offer educational packages we can share with the community.

"We are also looking for Norfolk wildlife artists, to volunteer their time and skills to help us rejuvenate our visitor centre and help us produce a wildlife mural. If anyone is interested in helping you can find out more via this link or if you would like further information please email eastwinch@rspca.org.uk."

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

Please note that there is no NarVOS meeting in December.

Spitsbergen: Land of the Midnight Sun, Home of the Ice Bear with Paul Fuller
Wednesday 26th January 2022, 7.30pm

This talk is by NarVOS member Paul Fuller who has travelled widely over the years in search of birds and wildlife, and tonight we will see and hear of his adventures to the frozen North. Paul will look at the wildlife and scenery of the high Arctic, from tundra to glaciers, seabirds to seals, and the top Arctic predator, the Polar Bear. *This talk was originally scheduled for last August - it's worth the wait!*

Visitors most welcome at these meetings. Admission £4 on the night if you are not a NarVOS member.

For more information about this meeting or NarVOS call Ian Black on 01760 724092 or go to www.narvos.org.uk

North Runcton News

For better or worse the Parish Council have been holding public meetings since June (as instructed by NALC) – but the pandemic is not over. More people seem to be catching covid and even if you are double vaccinated, it seems to knock people down for a week or more. Mask wearing is still a good idea! Wash hands regularly! Avoid large indoor gatherings where possible!

Planning: A meeting of the 'West Winch Growth Area Delivery Stakeholder Group' was held on 1st November, attended by Cllrs from both West Winch, North Runcton and Middleton Parish Councils. It is fair to say that progress on the development remains slow. (Have we said that before?!)

The latest milestone dates being touted are that BCKLWN will undertake public consultation in spring 2022 on a masterplan for the whole site and a design for the 'relief road'. It is then intended that those schemes will be submitted for planning later in 2022. If everything went to plan BCKLWN officers envisage construction of the road starting in 2024 and taking around 2 years.

Meanwhile the outline application for 1100 homes and a school submitted by Hopkins Homes in 2013 is still to be determined. It has been suggested that consent may be granted as early as next spring (ie before the consultation of the masterplan and road design is complete – which seems wrong?). You can of course review the application (and 470+ documents) on the planning portal (reference number 13/01615/OM).

Regarding funding for the road – this is still not in place. One would hope that new Government funding for any major infrastructure will have increasingly stringent requirements for environmental sustainability, and on that basis you have to question whether a large, road-dependent housing estate can tick those boxes.

It was proposed that BCKLWN will commence press release updates about the scheme on behalf of the Stakeholder Group. It is probably worth noting in advance that these may or may

not reflect the views of the attending Parish Councillors!

Offshore Energy: As you may know, several more offshore windfarms are proposed in the North Sea. North Runcton PC have joined over 70 other Norfolk Parish Councils to ask the Government to coordinate the onshore connections for that energy, because at present there is no need for the individual companies to coordinate. This means that each scheme may result in a wide corridor of destruction across rural Norfolk to connect to the National Grid. It is extraordinary that there appears to be no overall direction from Government to minimise the impact of these schemes.

The North Runcton Conservation Volunteers met for the first time in over a year for a session at Sheep's Course Wood on 30th October.

Around 10 volunteers worked for a couple of hours with refreshments provided. We cleared nettles around young trees and hedge plants that had been planted previously. Plants that had not survived were identified and the protection tubes and stakes removed. The entrance to the wood was also cleared as a fallen tree was restricting access. Thanks particularly to Paula for the refreshments.

On the 6th November we also planted around 1000 more spring bulbs on Church Green, filling in some gaps from previous years. Many thanks to all those who helped. We may have more meets over the winter to survey, put up owl boxes and to litter pick. If anyone would like to be part of the group please email cllrpalmer@northrunctonpc.co.uk.

SERVICE FOR THE BEREAVED AT MIDDLETON

On 7th November twenty-two people from across our group of churches, together with Milo the dog, came to a lovely service commemorating their beloved relatives and friends who have passed on.

The service started with singing Abide with me. Candles were lit for the dead, and their names read out. Afterwards, in a relaxing and friendly atmosphere, refreshments were served.

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