





Parish News

FEBRUARY & MARCH 2022

MIDDLETON, NORTH RUNCTON & EAST WINCH

PARISH NEWS DISTRIBUTION MANAGER URGENTLY NEEDED

The front page of our last edition carried an item by Gillian Boon seeking a volunteer to take on the responsibility for managing the distribution of the Parish News. Gillian has had some kind offers to assist with bundling copies for distribution but, as yet, we do not have a volunteer to take on the task of managing the whole distribution process.

Gillian has been performing this vital role for nearly 50 years, but cannot now continue to do so for much longer. It is essential that as a matter of urgency we find someone who can take her place.

The main commitment of time is a couple of hours every two months when organising, with help from a small team of volunteers, the distribution of the latest edition of the magazine. This entails preparing labels for delivery bags and putting the required copies of the magazine into bags for distribution. North Runcton and East Winch bundles are collected by their coordinators. Middleton bundles are delivered to individual route distributors by a volunteer.

More generally, the role involves maintaining the distribution network, including dealing with any queries and sustaining the team of distributors by arranging temporary cover when necessary or initiating action to fill vacancies as they arise.

The Parish News cannot continue without someone to manage our distribution network. If you feel that you can take on this vital role, or would like some further information about what is involved, please contact Gillian by phone on 01553 840320 or email to gillian.boon@gmail.com. Please help if you can.

Chris Hudson, Editor

NEW MAGAZINE CORRESPONDENT (OR CORRESPONDENTS) NEEDED FOR EAST WINCH

At present, Nell Steele writes most of the East Winch information for the parish magazine. She is hoping to move away later in the spring.

In order to carry on the village's representation in the magazine, someone else needs to take over.

It would also work if the village organisations were to send the editor their own news, as the RSPCA has begun to do. Magazine copy is also put on the Village Website.

Please get in touch with Nell (840814) if you have any queries.

Church Services in February & March

Sunday, 6 February

10.30am **E Winch** Morning Prayer

11.00am N Runcton Holy Communion

Sunday, 13 February

10.00am W Winch Holy Communion

10.30am **E Winch** Holy Communion

Sunday, 20 February

10.00am Middleton Benefice Communion

Sunday, 27 February

10.00am W Winch Holy Communion

11.00am N Runcton Morning Prayer

Wednesday, 2 March - Ash Wednesday

7.00pm W Winch Service

Sunday, 6 March

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Mobile Library Timetable

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

16 FEBRUARY & 16 MARCH

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
East Winch Gayton Rd - Opp Windyridge Town Close Village Sign	15:15 - 15:25 15:30 - 15:50 15:55 - 16:05

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Middleton Parish Council **Chairman's Report**

By Zach Wiles-Van Dyke

It may be a little belated but Happy New Year to you all. Let's hope that 2022 is a better year for us all.

The Parish Council met on the 1st December for hopefully will meet on the 2nd February when its monthly meeting and we were joined by Borough Cllrs and County Councillors who updated on issues in the County and Borough Cllr Moriarty informed us that he has reported and is dealing with a block footpath from Blackborough End to East Winch Road and Cllr Nash reported on a campaign to save the library.

It was reported that goalposts had been requested on the playing field. Some of the young people think this would be a really good addition and it was agreed to look at making a provision in the budget for this. Also, the noticeboard at Blackborough End needs replacing as the door is about to fall off.

The Parish Council are also thinking about how to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee this year, the beacon should be lit and we are seeing about the availability of the village hall to see what events we could put on for the Middleton Community. Please do not hesitate to contact me or the Clerk if you have any ideas on what we could do to mark this momentous occasion.

I was also proud to be part of a Cllr tree planting day. We had secured a lot!! of free tree saplings from the Woodland Trust and along with Cllrs Newton and Ward, Borough Councillor Nash, some very kind parishioners, around 6

labradors, 2 Vislas and Duane, the contractor who keeps our playing field mown and maintained, we set to planting. We think that along with the wildflowers that we are planting this will be a really positive and attractive thing for the village and the local wildlife.

Because of the recent Plan B regulations we didn't have a meeting on 5th January 2022, we we should finalise the budget and precept. This date is still to be finalised so I suggest keeping an eye on the notice boards. We look forward to seeing you at the next meeting although we will be asking you to comply with any Covid regulations.

Thank you so very much!

We are indeed grateful to: Mrs. Gillian Mary Everard & Mr. John Barton Everard

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East Winch Parish Council Meetings 23 November 2021 and 10 January 2022

By Nell Steele

The meeting in November was arranged to enable councillors to consider planning application 21/01824/FM for a change of use of woodland to a holiday and recreational site north of Pentney Lakes. The applicant was at the meeting and explained that the 38 cabins he wishes to build there would be carefully monitored for holiday use only. The PC was concerned that his proposals did not adequately safeguard the holiday status promised and that the site could become an extension to Pentney Lakes. They also considered that the road was unsuitable for more traffic and that the unspoilt woodland offered more to local amenity than a holiday site would. They therefore objected to the application, and Borough Councillor de Whalley was asked to call it in.

At the January meeting the PC discussed at some length the amount of the precept for the coming year. The difficulty is that at last the prospect of building a trod to the Ashwicken Rd could become a reality, but we don't yet know how much the PC will have to pay. Norfolk Highways has estimated the cost to be £46,086. Cllr Moriarty has backed the idea and pledged £10.000 towards the cost. There could be 2 other sources of funding available: NCC Partnership funding and the Road Safety Community Fund. However, though we will be applying for those funds, we don't know whether we will be successful. In order to proceed with this project, the PC reluctantly agreed to increase the precept to £15,000 for the coming year. The hope is that we will get the funding, and that the precept for the following year can be reduced.

Mr Lankfer, chairman of the Friends of the Village, attended the meeting and asked for help to purchase equipment for the play area. During lockdown, their own fundraising had been minimal, and they had only about £1500. The council, though in favour of helping, were unable to commit to anything until the outcome of funding for the trod was known. The Friends

were encouraged to use the village website and the parish magazine for wider publicity.

Letters have been sent to the parish clerk encouraging celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee on 3rd June. Councillors did not think there was a suitable place for a beacon, but would hope that a celebration involving the whole community could take place; perhaps a street party. Any individuals or groups such as the Friends, Village Hall Committee, Neighbourhood Watch or anything else wishing to join in should please contact the clerk or a councillor. A committee will need to be set up soon.

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on 7th March at 7.30.

LENT COURSE

Dates: Tuesday 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th March & Tuesday 5th April

Venue: St. Mary's Church West Winch

Time: 3:00 pm

Lent Book: "CONNECT" This particular course consists of six booklets, each dealing with a social issue. The first one called "Home" is about homelessness, and the others cover work, waste, food, neighbour and nature. As always with work produced by Susanna Gunner, they are imaginative and thought-provoking.

If you like to attend the Lent Course, please let us know by 17th February 2022, so that we may be able to make order for books (CONNECT) accordingly. Thanks!

Rector
Rev. Canon Riaz
rev.riaz.mubarak@gmail.com



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MIDDLETON CARPET BOWLS CLUB -2021 CHAMPIONS

Throughout the year members meet on Tuesday evenings (7-9pm) in Middleton Village Hall to play friendly matches with opponents randomly drawn. Additionally, during November and December the members play knockout matches in singles and pairs - the winners being awarded Herbie Ogden Memorial trophies.

For 2021, the Singles Champion was Joe Scott.



The Pairs Champions were Sheila Elliott and Lisa Waddington. Well done Girl Power!



New players are always very welcome. Tea, coffee and biscuits are served. £3 per session. First two sessions are free.

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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

Norfolk Bats in Churches Project with Philip Parker Wednesday 23rd February 2022, 7.30pm

Some of you will know Philip Parker from West Norfolk, formerly a NarVOS committee member. Philip has always been keen on wildlife, but bats are his great passion. He has been involved in the Bats in Churches project for some time and has given a number of talks on the subject to various communities. It's great to welcome Philip back to NarVOS to share his extensive knowledge of bats.

The Art of Bird Photography with Paul Richards Wednesday 30th March 2022, 7.30pm

Paul was born in Wales, but now lives in Norfolk. He has worked as a fishery manager and in countryside management. He is a keen, award-winning photographer with an interest in all things natural. Paul has run many courses and workshops and is adapting his talk especially for NarVOS to aid our members' bird photography skills. Please come along and learn some photography tips from an expert.

Visitors most welcome at these meetings. Admission £4 on the night if you are not a NarVOS member. For more information about these meetings or NarVOS call Ian Black on 01760 724092 or go to www.narvos.org.uk

VIEW THE PARISH NEWS ON-LINE

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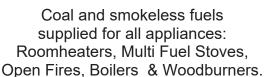


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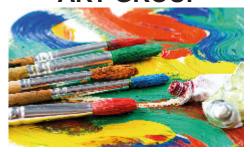
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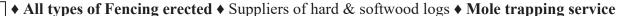




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Easy to navigate, and with a fresh, engaging layout, the site provides instant access to news, upcoming events and suggested ways of supporting us.

Chief amongst these is the Pony Sponsorship scheme, under which for £15 per year, you or a loved one will receive a photo of 'your' horse or pony, together with a sponsorship certificate and news of what your new friend has been up to.

Although riding and carriage driving lessons have resumed since previous lockdowns, our fundraising events are still limited, so sponsoring one of our lovely ponies will help us to cover the ever-increasing costs of hay, farriery, vaccinations and insurance.

Alternatively, you might prefer to donate towards the Friends of Magpie Arch, where for a minimum of £10, a horseshoe, accompanied by a name plaque, will be put up on the Friendship Arch, leading to the Sensory Garden beside the indoor school.

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Church Building Commission

At present there is no PCC in Middleton parish so I would like to invite you all as Parishioners in below discussion. The email below is from the Archdeacon of Norfolk - Diocese of Norwich. As parishioners in Middleton parish if you wish to be part of this discussion and to contribute anything in this regard, please send your views /thoughts /opinion through my email rev.riaz.mubarak@gmail.com or directly to email address provided below.

Thanks

Rev. Canon Riaz

Dear all,

I wanted to write to you to let you know about the launch of the work of our Church Buildings Commission.

The Commission has been set up by the Bishop and Bishop's Council (to which it will report) with a brief to look at our church buildings. More specifically we will look at the way in which they are both gift and burden, the resources available, and then hope to offer a range of options for the future.

This will be challenging work as many of our churches are not only centres of mission, worship, and community, but also a part of the nation's heritage (although largely maintained by PCC funds). The Commission's aim is to look at sustainable options for the future. However, it will also be important to ask difficult and searching questions.

There will be the opportunity for clergy, lay people, PCCs and many others to contribute to our discussions in a variety of ways and I will contact you separately about that in due course.

The Commission will be gathering information and comments throughout the year. The first way to comment is through a dedicated email address which will also be available to the general public, churchbuildingscommission@dioceseofnorwich.org. Or you can write to the Church Buildings Commission, Diocesan House, 109 Dereham Road, Easton, NR9 5ES. There will also be surveys sent out in the near future.

Your contributions are particularly important. The situation with regard to buildings, grants and volunteers is very different in many parishes than it was a few years ago.

There will be a central information point about the Church Buildings Commission on the Diocese of Norwich website, when this news has been made public later this week. I will send you the specific link

in due course. I wanted to write to you first before that happens.

This note is being distributed only by email so if there are members of your PCC who do not receive material electronically, do please make them aware of this.

With all good wishes,

The Venerable Steven Betts, Archdeacon of Norfolk

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.

Forthcoming Meetings:

15th February: Craft Day - Bring & display or demonstrate your favourite past-time

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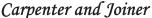
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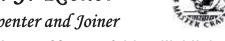
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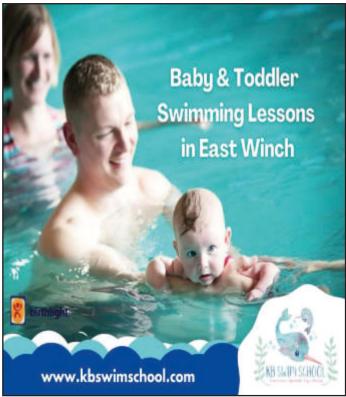


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