



# PARISH NEWS

JUNE & JULY 2022



MIDDLETON, NORTH RUNCTON & EAST WINCH

## 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

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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.

## PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS BASED IN ALL SAINTS CHURCH EAST WINCH



All Saints Church is celebrating the Platinum Jubilee with the following programme of events: Craft activities, treasure hunt, historical display and family histories, art exhibition, Queen's Carriage display with horses for you to take a "selfie". Church Service Sunday morning for all to give thanks for our Queen's service to her country. On Sunday afternoon there will be a street party in East Winch along Gayton Road.

If you would like a piece of artwork you have done based on the theme of Jubilee to be included in the art exhibition, please give it to either Jennifer Lamb, Amanda Hart or Nell Steele. Contact Amanda on 07814 322876 or Jennifer on 07774 647475. We would love to display your picture/artwork. Please ensure your name and address is on the back of the picture so we can return it.

All activities are free of charge. We will display a notice on the church notice board for timings of activities where you can sign up. The church will be open Wednesday to Sunday 10am till 4pm over the holiday. If you or your group would like to contribute anything, please contact Amanda or Jennifer on the numbers above.

## NEW FORMULA FOR MIDDLETON HALL GOLF CLUB

The new owners of Middleton Hall Golf Club, Dave & Fatna Freeman, have swapped the high-octane world of Formula 1 to start their new venture here in Middleton.

Dave trained as a chef in the British Army before setting up a very successful business providing high quality catering services to F1 teams. Over nearly 25 years he worked for several teams, but mainly with Honda and so Japanese cuisine became a speciality.

He was part of two F1 Championship winning teams, once with Jenson Button and last year with Max Verstappen. But his best prize in F1 was meeting and marrying Fatna with whom his business became the best in the pit lane.

They decided it was time for change. Dave is a keen golfer and so combining golf with high quality hospitality seemed to be the perfect solution.

Dave said: "We looked at a few golf courses, but Middleton Hall was the best of the bunch as it is a beautiful, well-established course with great potential to develop our hospitality business."

Since taking over in March, Dave and Fatna have lost no time getting to work. The Clubhouse quickly received a full refurbishment and a new Function Suite with capacity to seat up to 130 guests has been built in part of the former car park. It has its own catering facilities, a stage for live music and a 15 metre video wall. There is a full glass wall on one side providing guests with panoramic views over the golf course.

Dave said: "Our aim is to make Middleton Hall a premier venue in Norfolk for both golf and hospitality events. The Clubhouse will serve great food to golfers and to local people. During the summer months, we are replacing the traditional Sunday lunch with a BBQ offering a range of tasty dishes.

The Function Suite will be the focus for larger events such as conferences or special family occasions.

We start with the Queen's Platinum Jubilee when we will host a Derby Day party with live band on Saturday, 4 June followed by a Platinum Jubilee Street Party on Sunday, 5 June with a Chas & Dave tribute band, hog roast barbeque and fun for the children."

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## East Winch Parish Council Meetings 16 May 2022

By Andrew Stephens

At the Annual Parish Meeting, Mr Mel Place and Mr Alan Yarham were re-elected as Chair and Vice-Chair respectively of the Parish Council for 2022/23. In his annual report for 2021/22, the Chair noted the important input that the Parish Council made into planning matters, highlighting its objections to the proposed Wellness Resort at Ashwicken and the proposed Holiday and Recreation Site development at Pentney Woods. However, the Parish Council was not able to get involved in individual planning disputes between neighbours; these had to be referred to the Borough Council. During the year the Parish Council successfully secured the funds needed to make the Trod to Ashwicken Road, with the support of Jim Moriarty our County Councillor. We await a starting date for the Trod works from Highways. There remains one vacancy on the Parish Council – the Chair encouraged anyone interested to contact the Clerk ([bob.pannell1@btinternet.com](mailto:bob.pannell1@btinternet.com)). Meantime the financial accounts for the Parish Council were in a healthy position.

Nell Steele gave the East Winch and West Bilney Church Report. The Parochial Church Council had agreed to increase the number of days that East Winch Church will be open: going forward it will be open 10am-4pm on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays. West Bilney Church is a redundant church which normally holds three services a year; the next service to be held there will be on 26 June at 6pm. West Bilney Church can host one event (eg a concert or an exhibition) a year. Any ideas would be welcome.

Paula Blowers gave a report on the Village Hall. Although the Hall made a loss in 2020/21, its bank balances are healthy, various improvement works were undertaken in 2021, and a new website and the installation of wifi are planned for 2022.

Keith Harrod reported on East Winch United Charities (210684). The Charity owns four parcels of land – allotments for the use of parishioners and agricultural land (the rent from which is donated as grants to needy parishioners, to the Parish Church, and to local organisations existing for the benefit of residents). There are allotment plots available. If they are not worked, the land may have to be rented out for agricultural use and then they will not be available for allotment use again in the near future. So, vegetable growers, use them or lose them!

At the Parish Council meeting that followed, reports were received from our County Councillor, Jim Moriarty and from our Borough Councillors, Michael De Whalley and Colin Manning.

Key points from the meeting were:

- No news yet on the Sibelco appeal to the Secretary of State regarding their application to start excavating Min 40. More might be known after the liaison meeting at the end of the month.
- There was no date yet for consideration of the Wellness Resort application at the Borough Council's Planning Committee. Concerns were expressed that should planning be granted construction traffic might access the site via Gayton Road in the village, and that the Parish Council needed to be alert to this.
- Ideas were sought for new purposes for the Hoechst Cup (originally awarded to the overall winner of the annual village "Frolic" event).

The next PC meeting will be on 4th July at 7.30.



### Platinum Jubilee Beacon Lighting

#### Middleton Village Hall

#### Thursday June 2nd



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# Middleton Parish Council Chairman's Report

By Zach Wiles-Van Dyke

Unfortunately this report is very brief as the PC haven't had a meeting since I wrote my last report. We decided not to meet in April as it didn't give us long to find a clerk and due to ill health our June meeting has been postponed until **Wednesday, 18th June**. This meeting will be the Annual Parish Meeting as well as the Council's annual meeting.

I am pleased to announce that we have now appointed a new clerk, Mr Simon Gomes-DeCosta. We welcome Simon and look forward to working with him. He is using the same email address as his predecessor which is [middletonparishcouncil14@gmail.com](mailto:middletonparishcouncil14@gmail.com)

To celebrate the jubilee, the Parish Council have arranged a small celebration on the playing field on **Thursday, 2nd June** from 6:30pm, before the beacon is lit by the village hall. There will hopefully be music, a hog roast and tea, coffee and cakes. It is open to all villagers and the Parish Councillors look forward to seeing you there. If you would like to sit down please could you bring your own chairs.

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Please bring along any old photographs, maps, documents or artefacts that you consider might be of interest in a record of our parish history.

Refreshments will all be for free – but we are proposing to take a collection to go towards the church restoration fund.

### 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 April meeting we celebrated our WI group's 77th birthday. Our talented ladies came along in some magnificent Easter Bonnets which they had crafted themselves.

In May, we listened to a talk on diabetes given by Clive Rainbird.

We plan to acknowledge the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June by having afternoon tea at Middleton Hall Golf Club - dressing in red, white and blue to mark the occasion.

In July our speaker will be Kathy Dentten, telling us 'What you can do with a Nun's Habit.' It promises to be an entertaining afternoon!

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

### 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.

## Nar Valley Ornithological Society (NarVOS)



Indoor Meetings at the **Assembly Rooms, 1 Market Place, Swaffham, PE37 7AB** More info at [www.narvos.org.uk](http://www.narvos.org.uk)

### Wednesday 29th June at 7.30pm

In June we always have more of a Social evening. There will be a short introductory talk by John Fuller entitled "Amarelo, Verde and Azul - The Colours of Brazil" showing the birds and wildlife of the Pantanal, the largest wetland in the world.

This month refreshments will be free of charge. Please come along, relax and circulate. You can also view a variety of natural history interests, books, artwork, etc., brought along by members.

### Wednesday 27th July at 7.30pm

Rick and Elis Simpson of Wader Quest present their new talk "Marathons, Slides and Leapfrogs- The Fascinating Diversity of Wader Migration Strategies." This talk looks at the different ways waders migrate on extraordinary journeys. Rick and Elis' talks are always educational and entertaining.

Visitors most welcome at these meetings. Admission £4 on the night; free to NarVOS members. For more information about these meetings or NarVOS call Ian Black on 01760 724092 or go to [www.narvos.org.uk](http://www.narvos.org.uk)

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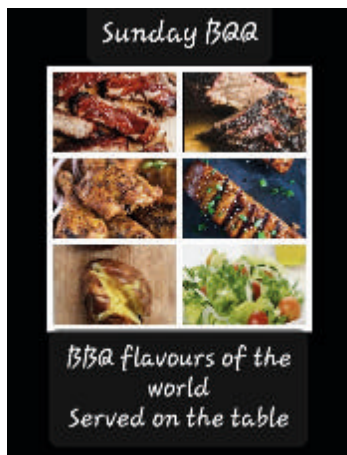


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Sounds like what you have been looking for? So why not give us a try and have a free taster session.

The Village Meeting Place  
The Green, North Runcton Village, PE33 0RB  
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Thursdays 1.30 – 4pm  
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For more information please contact  
Liz Kerslake 01553 841792 or Janet 01553 841514

## Middleton Badminton Club

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## WEST WINCH BOWLS CLUB



Glorious sunshine heralded the opening of the Bowls Green for the 2022 season. Ironically, it was too hot; the bar being open helped to quench the thirst of the many. Tea and biscuits were greeted enthusiastically at half time: thanks are expressed to Janet Nunn and her helpers for all her/their good work.

The club now offers a Social membership to those not wishing to play. This entitles one to take full advantage of the reduced bar prices and to participated in the various social functions that are organised throughout the season.

I believe that a Cheese and Wine function is being planned for the Jubilee weekend, Saturday 4th June. However, as yet this is not definite so do keep an eye on the club notice board for further info.

We here in West Winch are truly blessed to have a thriving bowls club complete with a first class Green. This facility is available to YOU. So do come along on a practice night and have a go. Age or gender do not matter. A warm welcome awaits YOU.

**David Skerritt**



## SUMMER EVENTS

Entries are still open for the Charity Ride, scheduled for **12 June**, with routes of various lengths, around Wallington Hall estate. The shorter ride is even suitable for riders on lead rein, so, even if the ground remains hard, but you and your horse fancy a gentle saunter, off-road, in lovely surroundings, visit our website; [www.rda-westnorfolk.org.uk](http://www.rda-westnorfolk.org.uk) for details of how to enter.

Looking further ahead, the Magpie Centre Craft Fair and Have A Go Dog Agility event, **Saturday, 25 June**, has already attracted more than 40 stallholders! However, the more the merrier, as they say, so if you'd like to take a 3 metre wide pitch, at a cost of £10, just visit our website, as above, or call Jan on 07715 467866. The event runs 10.00 am to 4.00 pm, with set-up starting at 8.30 am. General admission is £2.00 for adults and free for under-16s. Well-behaved dogs on leads are welcome. Cost for Dog Agility is £2 per attempt. Bring your pooch and Have a Go!

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*Anna Gunn*

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The RSPCA East Winch Wildlife Centre has a new gift shop selling all things wildlife related from stunning seal sculptures to creative teapot bird boxes as well as cuddly toys, cards and prints and hedgehog houses and wildlife food.

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## REORGANISATION OF CHURCH SERVICES

From June, there will be fewer services in this group of churches (East Winch, Middleton, North Runcton and West Winch.) This decision has been taken because the 3 people who aren't priests but can take services are either moving away, or are prevented by work commitments. Meanwhile, Rev'd Riaz has many weddings, baptisms and funerals to conduct during the week, that he is overworked. Rev'd Heather Berry, the retired priest who has been taking many services, has been working for these parishes much harder than she had expected, and is heavily committed elsewhere too.

Each Sunday, there will be one service across the group, and, as it's obligatory to have Holy Communion somewhere in our parishes each week, all of them will be Holy Communion. East Winch's service will be on the first Sunday at 10.30, West Winch on the 2nd Sunday at 10, Middleton the 3rd Sunday at 10.30 and North Runcton at 11.00 on the 4th Sunday. East Winch's service on 5th June will be the **Jubilee Service!**

Occasionally, there will be other services as well: on 26th June an evening service at West Bilney and on 10th July the North Runcton Flower Festival service at 6.30. Both very enjoyable for different reasons.

## NORTH RUNCTON VILLAGE 2023 CALENDAR

LILIAN FISHER, WHO TIRELESSLY RAISES FUNDS FOR CHARITY, IS PUBLISHING A NORTH RUNCTON VILLAGE CALENDAR FOR 2023.

THE CALENDAR, WHICH FEATURES A PICTURE OF A PROMINENT SCENE IN THE VILLAGE FOR EACH MONTH, WILL BE LAUNCHED AT THE 25th ANNUAL FLOWER SHOW IN THE CHURCH ON **8th JULY 2022** AT A PRICE OF ONLY £ 7.99 EACH.

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## Church Services in June & July

### **Sunday 5 June**

10.30am **E Winch** Benefice Communion

### **Sunday, 12 June**

10.00am **W Winch** Benefice Communion

### **Sunday, 19 June - Father's Day**

10.30am **Middleton** Benefice Service

### **Saturday, 25 June**

3.00pm **N Runcton VMP** Community Hour

### **Sunday, 26 June**

11.00am **N Runcton** Benefice Communion

6.00pm **West Bilney** Evening Service

### **Sunday, 3 July**

10.30am **E Winch** Benefice Communion

### **Sunday, 10 July**

10.00am **W Winch** Holy Communion

6.30pm **N Runcton** Songs of Praise

### **Sunday, 17 July**

10.30am **Middleton** Benefice Communion

### **Sunday, 24 July**

11.00am **N Runcton** Holy Communion

### **Sunday, 31 July**

10.30am **Middleton** Family Service

## **Mobile Library** **Timetable**

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

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