



# PARISH NEWS

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2018

MIDDLETON, NORTH RUNCTON & EAST WINCH

## FIRST WORLD WAR CENTENARY



This edition of the Parish News has a strong World War 1 theme. Over the last four years, the whole country has been marking the centenary of the First World War. Regular readers will hopefully have noticed that throughout that period we have published a series of "We Will Remember Them" articles in tribute to the men from our villages who lost their lives in the war. Each tribute has been published as closely as possible to the centenary of their deaths. The last two tributes appear on page 5 of this edition

For some of the men, the information about them was taken from the Roll of Honour for the North Runcton War Memorial re-dedication service on 9 August 2014 or from the East Winch & West Bilney Community Project website.

For the men named on the Middleton War Memorial (two of whom are also named on the North Runcton War Memorial), we have been fortunate and proud to publish a series of articles by Chris Dixon which have provided a fascinating insight into the background of 27

men, their families and the tragic circumstances of their ultimate sacrifice. In addition, Chris has contributed articles on wider aspects of the war at home and abroad.

Each of the tributes is the product of a huge amount of research by Chris, not just into the men themselves but also into the conduct of the war. I would like to take this opportunity to express my profound thanks, and those of all readers, to Chris for his unique contribution to Middleton's commemoration of the centenary of the First World War.

We are now about to commemorate the centenary of the end of the war. Further information on the plans being made in Middleton, North Runcton and East Winch can be found on pages 4 & 5.

In addition to these formal events, the Middleton and District Branch of the Royal British Legion is holding an evening of poetry and drama on Thursday, 18 October - full details on page 11. One of the driving forces within the Branch is local resident, Lilian Fisher and you can read about her skydiving exploits in support of the RBL on page 13.

Although the centenary commemorations are coming to an end, our responsibility to remember the sacrifices made is one which will endure forever.

*Chris Hudson, Editor*

## NORTH RUNCTON ART GROUP KNOWS THE SECRET

As the years roll by, older people are often asked respectfully - 'What is your secret to a long life? The answers are often predictable: 'A glass of stout every night' or 'I go for a walk every day'. At North Runcion Art Group we have the real answer - 'Painting with friends every week.' The proof of this statement is that of our 30 or so members, a third are in their eighties and one will reach 90 in November.

Artist, Ted Bailey from West Winch, was born in Manor Park, Outer London in 1928. As a boy, he clearly remembers standing at the end of the garden watching Spitfires take off from Hornchurch Aerodrome. The runway, extended on account of the war, stretched to the end of the family's garden and from time to time, Ted has recalled these childhood memories by painting a picture of a Spitfire.



By 1943, aged 14, Ted was an apprentice carpenter, later working at Fords and then the Post Office in Corby. He transferred to King's Lynn with the Post office in 1969 where he worked until retirement in 1988.

Ted has always loved painting and spent years 'dabbling at home'. He is a committed member of North Runcion Art Group and a regular contributor to the art group calendar. His work, which has a charming naïve style, can be seen at the annual exhibition in November. To honour this occasion, we shall devote a special section to Ted's work and a spitfire or two may number among his paintings on display. It is possible that a nightly tot of whisky may have assisted Ted in attaining his 90 years!

**See his and our other artists' work at our annual exhibition:**  
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November is a month for remembrance and this 'bereavement service' close to 'All Souls' Day', is a special opportunity for us to remember and give thanks for those who have been part of our lives but whom we see no longer.

During the service we shall pray by name and light a candle for those who have died. If there is someone you would like us to remember in the prayers in this way, please give us their name before the service.

We do hope you and your friends will be able to join us as we celebrate the '**Resurrection Hope**' together.

*Note: Tea/Coffee and refreshments will be served afterwards. Please RSVP by Friday the 2nd November 2018. Thanks.*

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Look forward to seeing you all.

## **East Winch Christmas Fair**

This will be at the Village Hall on  
**Saturday 17th November  
from 2 - 4pm**



As usual, Father Christmas will be in his grotto, and there will be lots of stalls. To have a table in the hall will cost £5. Please contact Nell (840814) if you want one.

# MIDDLETON MARKS CENTENARY OF FIRST WORLD WAR ARMISTICE



The First World War ended one hundred years ago on 11 November 1918. Peace at last after a long and brutal conflict. Estimates vary, but the war resulted in about 20 million deaths and 21 million wounded. Of those killed, roughly half were military personnel and half were civilians.

In the United Kingdom, about 6 million men were mobilised, of whom just over 700,000 were to lose their lives. Middleton is commemorating the end of the war, and paying tribute to the men from this Parish who were killed, with an exhibition and other events over the weekend of **10 and 11 November**. Everyone is invited to come along and share in the commemorations.

## KNITTED POPPIES

We are extremely grateful to those of you who have been kindly knitting poppies to be used for our display in Middleton Church on 10 & 11 November. Please can we ask that any completed poppies be delivered to either Janet Eason, Welbrook, Wormegay Road (01553 841514) or Ali South, Fornside, Setch Road (01553 841267) by **Monday 15 October**.

## EXHIBITION AND EVENTS

- In the lead up to the commemorations, a number of large metal poppies will be placed at key points around the village.

- An exhibition of World War 1 artefacts, as well as photos of some of the local men who were killed and photos of the Middleton they knew, will be open in **St Mary's Church from 10.00am to 4pm on 10 and 11 November**.

Refreshments will be available. If you have any World War 1 family memorabilia or other items that you would be happy to see displayed at the exhibition, please get in touch as soon as possible.

- There will be an unveiling of a hand crafted tribute to the men of the parish who lost their lives in the war.
- The **Remembrance Day Service** will take place at Middleton Church at **10:45am on Sunday, 11 November**. The church will be specially decorated for the occasion. After the service there will be a brief planting ceremony for a memorial tree in the grounds of the church, together with a commemorative plaque. [Please note that there will be a rehearsal for the Remembrance Day Service at 2pm on 10th November at Middleton Church.]
- The commemoration weekend will end with the lighting of the beacon at the Village Hall at 6.55pm, then the ringing of the church bell as part of a nationwide event.

## THANK YOU

The planning group for the commemorations would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have given their support by donating the large metal poppies, by making the hand crafted tribute, by knitting poppies, by offering old photos of Middleton and by contributing in so many other ways.

Special thanks go to the Middleton Parish Pit Charity for their funding and to Middleton Aggregates who kindly donated £200 to support the commemorations.

The programme of events over the weekend of 10 and 11 November will be available on the Middleton Parish Council web-site.



# WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

By Chris Dixon



## Matthew Shawl

Born in Middleton in 1887, Matthew was raised by his mother in her parents' house in Sandy Lane, Blackborough End. He became an agricultural labourer after leaving school and married Jane Griggs, from North Runcton, in Middleton church in the autumn of 1910. They moved into Field Cottages, Wormegay Road where Matthew found employment as a carriage builder's assistant.

It is not known when he joined the army, but towards the end of the war he was in France as a 32 year old private in the 1st Battalion, Cambridgeshire Regiment.

The German army was in full retreat and on the night of 13th/14th October, 1918, the Cambridgeshires made an attack to the north of the village of Auby, just north of Douai. They captured 45 prisoners and eight machine guns before a counter attack forced them to retreat to their starting position. During the night Matthew was killed in the enemy positions.

His body was found after the war and re-buried in Point-du-Jour Military Cemetery, Athies, east of Arras, on 24th February 1920.



## Robert Bowman

Private 5428. 2nd Battalion Leinster Regiment. Formerly 124146 Royal Field Artillery. Died of wounds in France and Flanders on 24th October 1918. Aged 24. Born in Hardwick, Norfolk. Lived and enlisted in King's Lynn. Son of Sarah Bowman of Hardwick, King's Lynn.

*[Editor's Note: This information on Robert Bowman is taken from the Roll of Honour for the North Runcton War Memorial re-dedication service on 9 August 2014.]*

## Armistice Centenary & Remembrance Sunday 11 November 2018

### NORTH RUNCTON

The main shared armistice service for the benefice will be held at Middleton – but North Runcton will have a smaller celebration later in the day at **All Saints Church at 2.55pm**. We plan to present a small exhibition about the 15 soldiers on our war memorial – and would be very interested if any surviving descendants have additional information about them that they would be willing to share.

In addition, do you have any First World War memorabilia or photographs from your own family? Would you be willing to bring them along? If so, we plan to have an exhibition in the church on the afternoons of **Saturday 10th (3-5pm) and Sunday 11th (2-5pm)**. Tea and refreshments will be served. If you would like to find out more – please contact Ken Matthews (01553 842265) or Rick Morrish (01553 840284)

### EAST WINCH

As we think that we should celebrate this important date in the church, we are swapping the services in November so that on **11th November** we will be in church and on the 25th November in the Village Hall. The Remembrance service will also start at 10.45 instead of 10.30, so that we can observe the minute's silence near the beginning of the service.



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# Middleton Parish Council Chairman's Report

By Mick Porter

There was much discussion regarding the land at the bottom of Water Lane.

It transpired that in 1976 the land was registered as common land by the Borough Council King's Lynn, this was to ensure the land was protected as common land which must remain open to the public. The land is still owned by the Parish Council(PC) and therefore an application will be made to have the land re-registered to the Parish.

An interesting historical fact came out from the discussions in that originally the land was a depression that filled with water and was used by livestock. It was always known as Pit Land and it was agreed that this will now be used in the future when the land is referred to.

The redundant telephone box in Blackborough End is owned by the Community Heartbeat scheme for the purpose of installing a defibrillator. The scheme would not provide the defibrillator but would assist the Parish Council in raising money to purchase and install the defibrillator.

Some time ago the PC understood that we could take back ownership of the telephone box if nothing was done by the Community Heartbeat scheme but this is not so. The PC can only regain ownership of the telephone box if they install a defibrillator nearby or in the telephone box.

Due to the many objections from the residents of Hill Road, the PC have decided not to proceed with a brick bus shelter but will refurbish the existing one. As previously agreed the bus shelter in Station Road will be replaced with a brick built one.

The PC agreed to adopt the village sign in Blackborough End.

Again there were several issues raised regarding the Highways, pot holes being the main problem; some have been ongoing. All the PC can do is keep raising the issues with the Highways Department.

## WEST WINCH BOWLS CLUB



The Annual General Meeting of West Winch Bowls Club will be held in the pavilion on **Monday 8th October 2018 commencing at 7:45pm.**

A Nomination form for all Officer and Committee posts has been on the notice board for a number of weeks. All positions have now been filled but are subject to ratification at the AGM. All members, prospective members and members of the public are invited to attend.

The final club Roll Up of the season took place on Saturday 8th September. This was well attended by the membership. A total of 24 ends were played: the blocks of 3 players changed after 6 ends thus ensuring changes of opponents. Tea and biscuits were served by Wendy Bull and Janet Nunn half way through the afternoon. The winners of the competition were Paul Filby, David Bull and Judy Jackson. Runners Up was Ken Manning, Peter Jackson and Sue Plume.

After the bowls, a Fish & Chips was supper arranged by David & Wendy Bull and Ken Manning was enjoyed. After the meal, a presentation of the prizes for the club singles and pairs competition was made by Ken. Singles winner was Jim Grant and Runner Up was Peter Jackson. The Pairs competition was won by Jim Grant and Ken Manning. The Runners Up was Brian Thompson and Ian Wilson.

The annual club dinner will be held at **The Gate Inn, Fair Green on Saturday 27th October.** To reserve your place and for further details, contact the social secretary – Wendy Bull.



## Nar Valley Ornithological Society (NarVOS)



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

### Peregrines and Sculthorpe Moor with Zoe Smith Tuesday 30th October, 7.30pm

Zoe Smith is Peregrine Project Officer at Sculthorpe Moor Reserve. As you probably know the Hawk & Owl Trust runs the reserve as well as Norwich Cathedral's Peregrine Project which has enjoyed such fantastic publicity and interest. Zoe is particularly interested in the development and expansion of urban Peregrines. As NarVOS has its own breeding Peregrines this should be a fascinating talk from Zoe.

### Blue Cows and Orange Cats – The Wildlife of Northern India with Paul Fuller Tuesday 27th November, 7.30pm

NarVOS member Paul Fuller has come up with this tantalising and enigmatic title for his presentation. Do you know what Blue Cows or Orange Cats are? Don't worry, the second part of the title should be enough to whet your appetite sufficiently to come along to this meeting to find out more from Paul. Should be good.

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

## NORTH RUNCTON PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

Copies of the minutes from North Runcton Parish Council meetings are available on the website:

[www.northrunctonpc.norfolkparishes.gov.uk](http://www.northrunctonpc.norfolkparishes.gov.uk).

However, if you would like a paper copy sent in the post then please contact Rachel Curtis – Clerk to North Runcton Parish Council  
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Sarah Byatt, Village Sports Co-ordinator

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# SACRAMENT & CONFIRMATION

As we are ahead of Confirmation this year in October so wonder if we may reflect on Sacraments.

The **sacrament is defined as an outward sign of an invisible spiritual reality**. This outward sign functions as a channel through which God imparts sanctifying grace into the soul.

**Confirmation** is defined as the seal or completion of baptism; the reception of the mark of God the Holy Spirit.

Together with Baptism the **Confirmation** is one of the sacraments of initiation into the Church. This special anointing given by the Bishop (by placing his hands on candidate) has the effect of increasing, deepening, and strengthening the sanctifying grace of God given to us at our baptism; while baptism removes from our souls the stain of original sin. Confirmation pours into our souls the power of the Holy Spirit and his gifts – and is the most closely identified with the special outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

Both Sacraments (Baptism and Confirmation) roots us more deeply in the divine affiliation (being adopted as sons and daughters of God), and unites us more firmly to Jesus Christ. Increases the gifts of the Holy Spirit in us, and renders our bond with the Church more perfect and gives us a special strength of the Holy Spirit to spread and defend the faith by word and action as true witnesses of Christ.

Thus Sacraments are outward signs of inward grace, instituted by Christ for our sanctification.

For those soon to be Confirmed, may prepare for receiving of such a marvellous gift of the Holy Spirit, and for those who have already been Confirmed can inspire the following question in our hearts: Am I fully living according to the grace of the Holy Spirit bestowed on me at my Confirmation?

Rev'd Riaz

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## TAKE A BREAK

Here's a quick Sudoku puzzle to do with your tea or coffee break. Each row and each column must contain the numbers 1 to 9 and so must each 3x3 box. Solution on Page 23.

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## NEWS FROM NORTH RUNCTON PARISH COUNCIL

### ‘Wildlife in Common’

Norfolk Wildlife Trust have embarked on a new 2 year Heritage Lottery Funded project to survey the natural and historic wealth of the county’s common lands. The project will aim to train community volunteers to help survey the wildlife and history of local commons; celebrate and increase awareness of common land heritage; and identify practical measures to conserve and enhance these important open spaces. See more about the project at [www.norfolkwildlifetrust.org.uk](http://www.norfolkwildlifetrust.org.uk)

North Runcton has several areas of common land – all of which may date back to Anglo-Saxon times. We will be supporting the NWT project and would invite anybody interested in surveying the commons or researching their history to get in touch. We will also be hosting three talks about different aspects of the project over the winter. These will be held at the VMP – look out for further details. See the Parish website <http://northrunctonpc.norfolkparishes.gov.uk>

### Bulb Planting

We intend to undertake more bulb planting this year – continuing along the verges of Rectory Lane. The planting day has been set as **Saturday 20th October**. Meet at 10AM at Rectory Lane. Refreshments will be provided.

### West Winch Growth Area

Since the Neighbourhood Plan was approved and adopted you may be thinking plans for development have gone quiet. However, we understand an ‘Infrastructure Delivery Plan’ will shortly be presented to the Borough cabinet (October). When this is endorsed it is likely that determination of the Hopkins Homes outline application for 1100 homes (Ref 13/01615/OM, first submitted back in 2013) will move forward quickly. We also understand that detailed design of the first section of a relief road is now quite advanced. Preliminary findings of the *Kings Lynn Transport Strategy* study (which will supposedly address transport planning for the whole town in coming years) are also due to be made public in coming weeks. All these proposals will have a great bearing on the A47, the A10 and our communities!

## PERSUASIVE POETRY

By Chris Hudson

There was an item in the national news recently about a woman whose appeal against a parking fine was submitted in the form of a poem. Not only was the appeal successful, but the relevant Council conveyed their decision in verse.

Resorting to rhyme in official correspondence is not new. In 1964, my father was working in the Ministry of Pensions & National Insurance. He received an amusing letter from a member of the public which read:

Dear Sir, Will you please send me a leaflet on dental charges under the National Health. I think my dentist is all too familiar with the drill of extracting gold from unlikely places. It is time he was stopped.

My father replied:

Dear Sir

Although it has to be confessed, your recent letter, here addressed, raised matters of ill-gotten wealth more proper to the Min. of Health, we fellow-sufferers thought it proper to aid you in the role of stopper!

And to this end we have obtained from dental friend who’ll not be named, a leaflet quoting charges which, exceeded, make the dentist rich, while adding to the patient’s pain the torture of financial strain.

We hope that in it you will find the key to all you have in mind, and trust the outcome of the venture will be an economic denture; but if you’re still in a state of flux the place to write is Aylesbury, Bucks.

It transpired that the correspondent was an English Teacher! He found the exchange very entertaining and indicated that he would seek to have it published in the Bucks Advertiser. I do not know if he was successful, but at least it has now reached a wider audience.

## LILIAN'S SKYDIVE FOR THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Lilian Fisher is a remarkable lady. At 79 years young, she has just completed her second fund-raising skydive in support of the Royal British Legion. It takes courage and determination to jump 13,000 feet from a plane, but equally impressive is that Lilian, who lives in North Runcton, will soon have served 10 years as Poppy Appeal organiser for the Middleton & District Branch.

Lilian explained that her first skydive was five years ago, but she was keen to repeat the experience this year to mark the centenary of the end of the First World War. Having undergone eye surgery earlier this year, she had to time the jump to ensure she was sufficiently recovered, but before a second eye operation in September. Fortunately, there was a slot at Langer Airfield in Nottingham on 7 August.

Asked if she was apprehensive, she replied: "What could go wrong strapped to a handsome and experienced Red Devil? It was a wonderful experience. For the first part of the dive we were falling at about 120 mph and at one point I found myself looking up towards the sky. Once the parachute opens there is a much more gentle and controlled descent to the ground."



***Safe on the ground with her skydive partner***



***Kitted out with her fellow skydivers***

Lilian's jump raised about £1,200 for the Royal British Legion, but she has helped to raise much more via her service as local organiser of the annual Poppy Appeal. The busy period starts in September when she orders and takes receipt of all the poppies, badges, wristbands and other items on offer. In October, about 300 collection boxes are distributed to local venues and have to be collected after the appeal. Lilian ensures that each venue receives a Thank You card telling them the amount collected.

She prepares a rota for the 40 helpers who run the collection points at local supermarkets in the two weeks leading up to Remembrance Day, dealing with any problems, resupplying poppies etc and keeping track of the money collected each day. She hosts a Thank You tea in March each year for all the poppy appeal helpers, as well as organising regular fund-raising buffets and lunches for the Royal British Legion throughout the year.

It all takes a lot of work, but last year's poppy appeal raised £25,000. Lilian emphasised that the poppy appeal was a team effort and she wanted to give a Big Thank You to everyone who has given their time and support. She is always in need of extra help, so if there is anyone who could give a couple of hours or more to help please contact Lilian on 01553 841852 or email [lilianfisher@talktalk.net](mailto:lilianfisher@talktalk.net).

In addition to her two parachute jumps, Lilian also climbed the roof of the O2 Arena to celebrate her 76th birthday. She says she has no current plans for another skydive or other adrenalin pumping event – but never say never again!

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## AUTUMN EVENTS & HUNT FOR NEW SECRETARY

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Organised by volunteers of West Norfolk Riding for the Disabled Association, this year's Fair showed a massive increase in footfall from last year resulting in a net profit of more than £5,000 for the Magpie Centre.

Moving into autumn, highlight of the Magpie Centre's calendar is the **Quiz with Hog Roast** (plus vegetarian option), scheduled for **Saturday, 20th October** at a different venue this time: Watlington Village Hall, Church Road, Watlington, PE33 0HE. Doors open at **7.00pm for a 7.30** start, and there is a licensed bar, serving beer, wine, cider and soft drinks. Teams are usually from 4 to 8 people, but singles and couples are welcome to come and make up teams on the night. Tickets, at £11 each, include the hog roast, plus a stunning array of salads and desserts: surely excellent value for a great evening out. Pre-booking is essential, so call 01553 672756 to secure your places.

Booking is also open for stallholders at our **Art and Craft Fair, which will take place on Saturday November 17** at Stowbridge Village Hall, Downham Road, Stowbridge PE34 3PE. All proceeds from this will go to the Magpie Centre, home of West Norfolk Riding for the Disabled Association. To book for this, or for more information, call 07725163758.

And lastly for this month, **the hunt is on for a new Secretary**. This would entail attending one evening meeting per month at the Magpie Centre. It would be preferable if whoever takes on this role would like to become a Trustee, but this is not essential. To find out more, call 01553 810202 during office hours, or -01366 500104 for an informal chat with Rosie O'Grady, Chairwoman of WNRDA.

## East Winch Parish Council Meeting, 3rd September By Nell Steele

The following decisions were made:

- a) To agree to Mr Bland's proposal that there should be a library in the telephone box.
- b) To buy a defibrillator, which will be kept at the Village Hall.
- c) To pay for further Neighbourhood Watch signs as necessary.
- d) To replace the destroyed bus shelter with a modern clear glass one with some protection at the front and a bench.
- e) To hold a meeting with a supplier of playground equipment to discuss what we should get for the play area, and to get a bench.

Jennifer Lamb told the Council about the growth of the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme which now covers a large part of the village with several coordinators. Part of Town Close is covered by Tim Hunt; Station Rd by David Wright, Jackie Ramsay and Shirley Taylor.

The Council has still not received an estimate for a trod to Ashwick Rd from Highways. Councillor Middleton has confirmed that he has the money to repair the railings at the Old Maids Head. Though a replacement for the demolished street light has been ordered, it may be next year before it has been erected.

The next meeting will be on 5th November at 7.30.

### Rights Of Way

The Inspector has decided that none of the paths applied for should become rights of way, overturning the order made by Norfolk County Council.

Her decision was based on the existence of gates which were sometimes closed and the chain across the bridge, which were evidence that the landowner did want to exercise control over who came onto the land. She also thought that there were too few people using the paths.

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At our meetings we have guest speakers who inform & entertain us on a variety of interesting topics or we have social activities such as games, quizzes, competitions & lunches.

In July our members enjoyed their visit to the Hunstanton Flower Festival and in August met-up for a social lunch & leisure afternoon.

### Future Meetings

**16 October:** "The Blickling Belles" with guest speaker Kate Barnes. Her talk features the colourful lives of Henrietta Howard, Harriet Viscountess Lothian & Lady Amelia Hobart who lived at Blickling Hall at some point during their lives.

**20 November:** AGM - Business/election of officers & committee, followed by refreshments and a bring & buy sale.

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

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

### **FLU JABS AT WATLINGTON MEDICAL CENTRE**

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## **North Runcton All Saints' Church "Tidy Up"**



A reminder please that the "Tidy Up" will take place on:

**Saturday 6th October, 0900 – Noon?**

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**In addition, refreshments will be served during the morning providing the time for a good old community get together.**



## **Needleworkers Circle**

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

**Where:** Leziate Village Hall

**When:** Tuesday, 9 October 10am - 1pm and then every fortnight until mid-December.

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**3 October:** Visit to Dents Garden Centre at 1pm

**7 November:** Church Barn at 2pm

**5 December:** Christmas Lunch, Middleton Hall Golf Club at 1pm

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

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For further details contact Olive Turpin 840623.

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## Mothers' Union News

On **Tuesday, 16th October**, our meeting is at Church Farm Barn at the new time of 2.30pm.

The speaker is Dr Ros Codling - a landscape architect who will speak on "Arctic Studies". There will be a short service and social time over tea and biscuits.

Our informal AGM is on **Tuesday, 20th November** again at 2.30pm and will incorporate a Bring & Buy Sale and slightly more elaborate refreshments.

All are welcome.

*Hilary Hickman*

## Community Car Scheme

The Community Car Scheme is 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 help in any way, please contact Colin Skipper on 842448.



## Cameo Café

Our meetings are on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at 2:30pm in Middleton Village Hall.

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## Church Services for October

### **Sunday, 7 October**

10.00am **N Runcton** Benefice Eucharist

### **Sunday, 14 October**

9.30am **W Winch** Holy Communion

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

11.15am **Middleton** Morning Prayer

11.15am **N Runcton** Holy Communion

### **Sunday, 21 October**

11.15am **E Winch** Confirmation followed by  
Communion, Bishop of Lynn

### **Sunday, 28 October**

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 Prayer

Morning Worship is held each Wednesday morning at 9.30 am at Church Farm. All are welcome to join us to pray for the needs of the village and then enjoy a cup of coffee.

### **Confirmation Service at East Winch**

The service of confirmation, followed by Holy Communion, will be on **21st October at 11.15am**. We are expecting a lot of people, and the car park next to the church should be reserved for people who have small children or who are elderly.

Fortunately, Peter Burman has kindly agreed to open his yard for parking. It is on the same side of the A47 as the church, but further towards the middle of the village, between some cottages and the former farmhouse. We'd be grateful if as many people as possible would park there.

### **KING'S LYNN WOODTURNERS CLUB**

The club meets in Middleton Village Hall on the **second Wednesday of each month at 7:30pm**. The club welcomes new members and if you would like further information please call them on 01553 841294.

## **Mobile Library Timetable**

The Mobile Library timetable for our area is as follows:

**MONDAYS** – normally every 2 weeks. Next visits on:

**8 & 22 October; 5 & 19 November**

#### **Middleton**

Village Hall 09:40 - 10.05

#### **Fair Green**

Park Hill Estate 10:10 - 10:30

Graham Drive 10:35 - 10:50

Gate Inn 10:55 - 11:10

#### **Middleton**

42 Hall Orchards 11:15 - 11:25

88 Walter Howes Crescent 11:30 - 11:45

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

**TUESDAYS** – normally every 4 weeks. Next visits on:

**2 & 30 October; 27 November**

#### **North Runcton**

The Green 10:15 - 10:35

The Foldgate 10:40 - 10:55

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# PARISH CONTACTS

## CHURCHES:

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### **Middleton St Mary's**

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**PCC Secretary:** Vacant **Treasurer:** Mrs Christine Minister 840559

### **North Runcton All Saints**

**Churchwarden:** Mary Angelina 841519 and Mr K Matthews 842265

**PCC Secretary:** Mrs Ann Matthews 842265 **Treasurer:** Mrs Maggie Challis 842540

### **East Winch All Saints**

**Churchwardens:** Mrs J Weavers & Mrs W Smith

**PCC Secretary:** Mrs J Weavers 840510 **Treasurer:** Mrs W Smith 842281

## PARISH COUNCILS:

### **Middleton ([www.middleton-news.co.uk](http://www.middleton-news.co.uk))**

**Clerk:** Elaine Oliver Tel: 630655 E-mail: middletonparishcouncil14@gmail.com

**Councillors:** **Chair:** Mick Porter 841427; **Vice Chair:** Val Ward;  
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Mr Z Wiles Van Dyke.

The Council meets on the first Wednesday of the month (except August) in the Village Hall at 7pm.

### **North Runcton (<http://northrunctonpc.norfolkparishes.gov.uk>)**

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The Council meets on the second Tuesday of each month (except August) at 7.45 pm at the Village Meeting Place.

### **East Winch ([www.eastwinchandwestbilney.co.uk/parish-council](http://www.eastwinchandwestbilney.co.uk/parish-council))**

**Clerk:** Bob Pannell Tel: 775724 E-mail: bob.pannell1@btopenworld.com

**Councillors:** **Chair:** Mrs N Steele; **Deputy Chair:** Mr K Harrod;  
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