

# PARISH NEWS OCTOBER & NOVEMBER 2020 MIDDLETON, NORTH RUNCTON & EAST WINCH

### The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2020



We find ourselves in strange times this year and the Royal British Legion has informed Poppy Appeal Organisers that we will not be allowed to collect in shops and supermarkets in 2020. Nor will we be organising house to house or street collections.

We hope the Remembrance Day Parade on Remembrance Sunday will still go ahead albeit with social distancing in mind. This year's Parade will take place on **Sunday, 8th November 2020 at Middleton Church**. We will bring along some paper poppies and crosses should anyone wish to purchase/donate to the Poppy Appeal.

The wreaths for parish councils, churches and organisations were ordered in August and we will be contacting their representatives soon. We do carry spare wreaths so if you know of an organisation who requires one please ask them to get in contact with us.

We expect that our primary schools will still receive the Poppy School Boxes before this year's half term. (Fingers crossed!) Although we won't be having direct contact with the public we do still have supplies of paper poppies for Remembrancetide, and car and lorry poppies, along with wooden crosses, reflector badges and some wristbands. We will be contacting the haulage firms who have in the past given donations for the lorry poppies.

If anyone would like merchandise please contact us, preferably by email, after mid October, and we will do our best to help as long as we can socially distance.

#### Peter and Judy Jackson

Middleton & District RBL Poppy Appeal Organisers Email: poppyappealmiddleton@gmail.com

### North Runcton Open Gardens 2021

We are hoping to organise a range of North Runcton gardens to be open to the public early July 2021 – but we need some gardens! You may not have a show garden or a large garden, but don't let this put you off! We are looking for a range of gardens, courtyards, rockeries, wildlife spaces, plots etc. that people can visit, enjoy and maybe take away an idea or two for their own garden.

So, are you willing to open your garden and help raise funds for All Saints' Church? If so, please contact Ken Matthews on 01553 842265 or Lee Stevens on 07927 346170. Thank you.

### **Re-painting of Telephone Box at Blackborough End**

By Janet & Gerry Eason

We were asked by the Parish Council if we would be interested in painting the telephone box which was looking rather sad & needing some repair work.

We spent the August Bank holiday totally cleaning, repairing & repainting the box which now looks a 100% improvement & complementing the post-box alongside it. We would like to thank Mike Kale for the supply of wood to



repair the door of the box and Val Ward for supplying the paint.

<u>Pictured right:</u> the telephone box before re-painting.

<u>Pictured left</u>: as it looks now after Janet & Gerry's hard work, including colour detail on the crown at the top.



The Parish Council are looking for ideas that could be considered to provide a communal use of the telephone box ie; book, dvds, plants etc. If anyone has any suggestions & how it can be managed please contact the Parish Council Clerk, Elaine Oliver Email: middletonparishcouncil14@gmail.com.





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### Middleton Parish Council Chairman's Report

By Mick Porter

Once again, the Parish Council (PC) meeting was held via Zoom.

The PC has received information that the Village Hall will no longer finance the cutting of the grass verge outside the Hall. The grass verge is the responsibility of Highways who should keep it cut, this is not down to the PC.

The defibrillator at the Village Hall is now operational. Full instructions on how to use it are provided on the box containing the defibrillator.

Quotations have been received for the repair of the bus shelter at 'Middletons Steak House'. The successful bidder will be informed of this and be asked when the work can proceed. One again the junction at Station Road and the A47 was discussed. The PC has written to James Wild, our local MP to ask for his support in the PC's effort to get an improvement to the junction.

Speeding on the A47 and within the village was discussed. It was agreed to contact PC Lee Anderson, our local Community Police Officer, to see if speed checks could be carried out.

The contractor who is going to fence off the allotments will be asked to commence the work in early November when activity has ceased in the allotments.

Due to the coronavirus all the equipment at the playing field should not be used. Notices to this effect have been erected and subsequently removed by persons unknown. The only way that the equipment could be used is if the PC had a booking system, all the equipment be cleaned after use, a warden on-site and one party at a time with a restriction on the number. The PC does not have the funds to comply with the requirements and therefore rely on people using their common sense in these strange times.

Highways are to be approached regarding the missing white lining at the junction of Water

Lane and Sandy Lane in Blackborough End. This is more important now as recently a car clipped a pony at this point, fortunately the pony was not seriously hurt.

Thanks to Gerry and Janet Eason for giving the Blackborough End telephone kiosk a new lease of life. Gerry painted the kiosk and Janet gave it a thorough clean inside. The paint was kindly donated by Councillor Val Ward. It now has to be decided what the kiosk can be used for. If anyone has a suggestion could they let the Parish Clerk know so it can be discussed at the October PC meeting.

### All Saints' Church North Runcton



Covid-19 regulations permitting!! The 2020 Churchyard "Tidy Up" is planned for: Saturday 10th October, 9:00am - Noon?

The hard work put in over the last four years means there will only be a limited amount of bulky trimming to be done. The main area of work will involve a general tidy up plus dealing with the ever present ivy and other plant growth round the church, boundary walls, graves and yew trees!

During the morning, a range of excellent refreshments will be served, providing a welcome break and the opportunity for a "mardle" with other folk.

Many thanks for making the churchyard a wonderful setting for All Saints'.

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The Art Group is not currently meeting due to Covid & health concerns of the members.

However, if you would like any information about the Group please contact Janet 01553 841514.

### HOW TO REPORT FLY TIPPING

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It can be downloaded from

http://counties.britishlegion.org.uk/branches/m iddleton/poppy-appeal and all profits go to the local Poppy Appeal. The quizzes come out twice a year and will appear on this website along with the answers to the previous one.

### NORTH RUNCTON PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

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

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However, if you would like a paper copy sent in the post then please contact Rachel Curtis – Clerk to North Runcton Parish Council Tel: 01553 673043.



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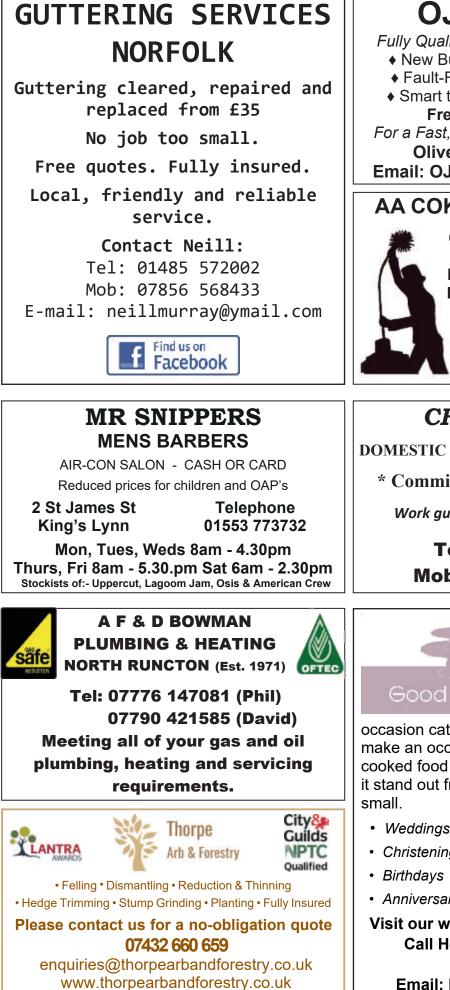


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#### **East Winch All Saints**

Churchwardens: Mr S Dale 630167 and Mrs W Smith PCC Secretary: Mrs J Weavers 840510 Treasurer: Mrs W Smith 842281

#### **PARISH COUNCILS:**

#### Middleton (www.middleton-news.co.uk)

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