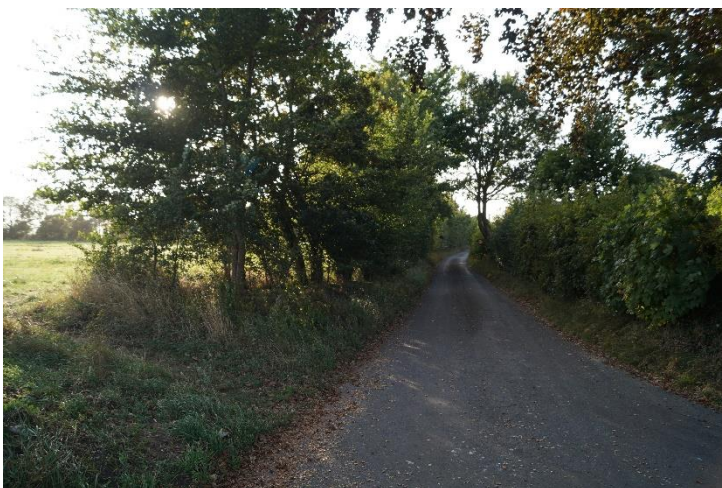


# MIDDLETON- CUM-FORDLEY



**NEWSLETTER**  
*March 2022*

Editorial

This month's front cover photo shows the progress being made on the new roof for the village hall, hopefully adjacent residents or hall users have not been too disturbed by noise from the work. It is hoped to be completed by the end of next week.

Mark has very kindly sent in a couple of before and after photos of the Hastoe development in Back Road. Welcome to the new families that have already moved into two of the dwellings, and a third will be occupied by the time many of you read this.

Someone kindly dropped in a £20 cash donation through my door a few weeks ago but there was no name on it so I don't know if it was a general kind donation or for an advert, so please could you let me know who you are?!

Contributions for the next newsletter to me by email preferably as a WORD doc please to **barbara.barker.t21@btinternet.com** or 6 Meadowview, Rectory Road, by **Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March**

Spare paper copies will be in the church porch as usual. Also to be found on the Parish website. **www.middletoncumfordley.org.uk.**

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Unfortunately I have to report an incident of vandalism/theft from the churchyard recently. A resident told me that she had put flowers on her husband's grave for his birthday but some heartless person had cut the heads off the roses and taken them. Why would anyone do such a rotten thing?

However .... could a muntjac be the culprit? They do tend to like flower heads. Let's hope it was.

**FOR SALE – QUITE URGENTLY DUE TO HOUSE MOVE**



Custom built "Shedio"/ garden room and stove, can be sold together or separately.

'Shedio' £300 ono

Stove, flue, chimney £300 ono

(cost 4 figures when built)

Buyer will need to dismantle.

Contact Jenny on

07932 764387



### News from Reckford Roost:



A big hello from us, Jen and Leio, at Reckford Roost! As many of you will already know, we took over the farm shop from Jennie at the start of February. We are taking things slowly as we settle in, but we do have teas, coffees, homemade cakes, cooked breakfasts, a selection of homemade soups, sandwiches, and of course fresh fruits and vegetables, bread, dairy, fish, meats and other fresh produce from across Suffolk, and plenty more largely organic groceries. Do drop in and say hello!

For now, we remain open Tuesday to Saturday 9am to 5pm, and expect to open on Sundays 10am to 4pm from April and throughout the summer months.

We are happy to home deliver or put together orders in advance ready for collection. You can contact us on 648936 or by email at [reckfordroost@outlook.com](mailto:reckfordroost@outlook.com). For those of you with existing loyalty cards, we will be continuing with this scheme (new cards to come) and will be introducing a separate café card soon.

We are open to your suggestions, so do let us know if there is anything you would like us to stock, any services we can offer, or events you might like us to host. Middleton has been a home away from home for the past fifteen years and we look forward to being part of the community.

Jen and Leio De Souza



### SATURDAY MARCH 19<sup>th</sup>

IRISH, SCOTTISH, ENGLISH, AMERICANA , FOLK AND ROOTS.



From 8.30pm

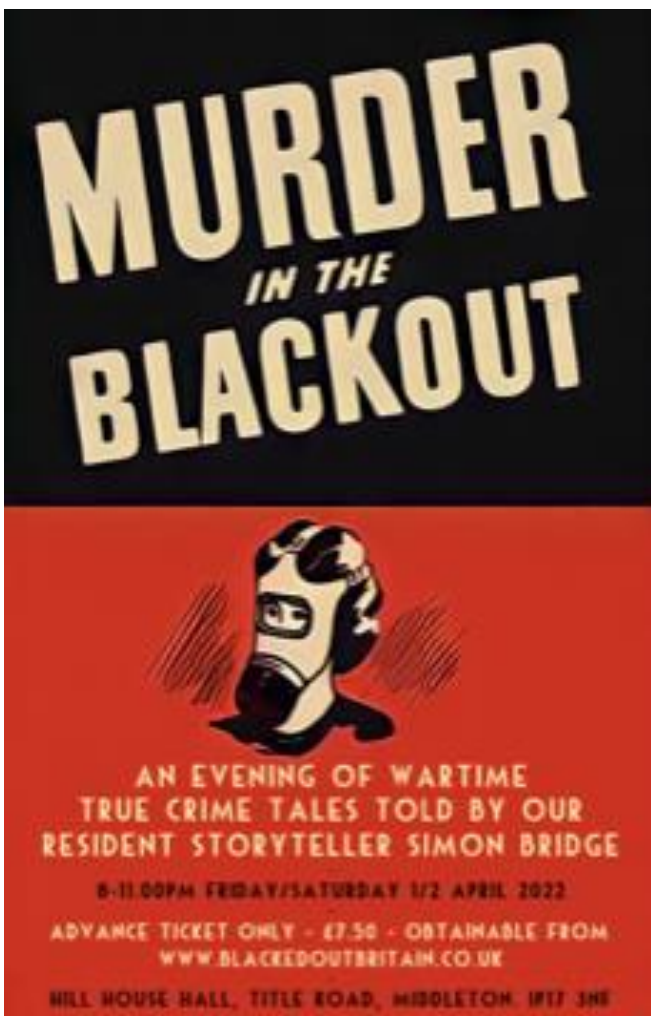
Vocals/guitar/Mandolin. Gary Morling.

Fiddle/Vocals. Nicola Mason.

Banjo/Percussion. Garry Silbert

Button Accordion. Brian Barker





*We are pleased to have the fabulous storyteller Simon Bridge back with us for the next in our series of 'Tales from the Fireside'.*

*Amidst the chaos of wartime London, criminals hunted their prey without fear of reprisal. Many operated under the cover of darkness, emerging when the city sank into the oblivion of its nightly blackout. Simon takes us back to those very streets.*

*If you are a fan of true crime or interested in wartime London then you will not want to miss this event.*

*Taking place for two nights only, Friday & Saturday 1st & 2nd April 2022. 8pm*

*Tickets are £7.50 each and obtainable from the events page at [www.blackedoutbritain.co.uk](http://www.blackedoutbritain.co.uk).*

*For More information call 07835-144198*

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**WI News**

Unfortunately our February 16th meeting had to be cancelled. That day there were electrical problems in the Village Hall, our meeting would have had to have been conducted by candlelight, romantic but not very practical. It was a shame; we were looking forward to the Southwold Lifeboat talk by Gary Doy and he was looking forward to a cup of tea and a slice of delicious cake! We shall see if we can arrange Gary's tales of the sea for another time.

Our next meeting is the 16th of March at 7:15pm. Steve Everett, a volunteer at Minsmere will give a talk on "Adders". All are welcome to come to hear about these (what some may think, scary) Suffolk residents.  
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**Wool Remnants**



 Hi Ladies,

I've joined a local group called "Ipswich Blanketeers". We make blankets for patients and their families at Ipswich Hospital at the end of their life. They are made with love and the families can keep the blankets afterwards. They soften a harsh clinical environment at such a sad time.

If, like me, you have bagfuls of wool bits and pieces you don't need, but don't want to throw out, why don't you pass them on. Or knit or crochet them into a blanket for a fabulous cause. If you have any wool you would like to donate, or would like any further information, please contact me at [suebalc@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:suebalc@hotmail.co.uk) or 07739 403013.

# HOLY TRINITY – MIDDLETON CUM FORDLEY



## Services during March

Sunday 13 March                      Morning Praise 11am  
Sunday 27 March                      Holy Communion 9.30am  
with Theberton                              at Theberton

*The Benefice Holy Communion Service this month takes place in Theberton on Sunday 6 March at 10am during which there will be a talk by Nic Stuchfield from CAP (Christians against Poverty).*

*Please come along*

## HOLY TRINITY ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

The Holy Trinity Church, Middleton APCM will be held on Tuesday 10 May at 2.30pm in the Church. Everyone is welcome.



## Holy Dusters rota March to April 😊.

New dusters always welcome, of all faiths and none...

2 March:	Mark and Liz	16 March:	Nicole and Margaret
6 April:	Rob and Paul	21 April:	Amanda and Irene



**A date for your diaries**

## CHURCH SPRING CLEAN

**Saturday 19 March between 10-12 noon**

everyone warmly welcome (please) for as short or long as you can spare

Holy dusters and something sweet (no crumbs please!) provided

**PBAB (please bring a broom!)**



Thank you



## Thought for the month

‘Instructions for living a life.  
Pay attention.  
Be astonished.  
Tell about it.’

Mary Oliver



## Holy Trinity, Middleton

### OPEN GARDENS 2022

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June



Following Irene's wonderful reign ('tho not quite 70 years!) - and with her continuing to keep a guiding eye on proceedings this year – Holy Trinity PCC are both delighted and hugely grateful that Christine Burgess has offered to take over the coordination of Open Gardens. Alongside the many kind volunteers, members of the PCC will also be helping her throughout, which seems only right as it is both the major fundraiser for the church and a lovely expression of our village community.

As Irene has already mentioned, there will be plenty of opportunity for Open Gardens to join in the Jubilee Celebrations with themed wheelbarrows and pots to complement the bunting, decorations around the bus shelter, the telephone box, the Village Hall and... anything else that stays still long enough really. Though not expecting them to stay still, we are planning to ask the school children whether they might join in too...

This event, while being Holy Trinity's major fundraiser, will also be donating a percentage of proceeds to the Blossom Appeal to build a new breast care centre at Ipswich Hospital (adding to funds raised through Leroy's mighty head-shaving effort in January!).

If you think you might like to open your garden – we have eleven so far but would welcome more of ANY shape and size - please contact Irene Ralph on 648622 or [ireneralph333@gmail.com](mailto:ireneralph333@gmail.com)

For all other enquiries, if you would like to help in some other way or simply to learn more, please contact Christine Burgess: 01728 649020 or 07826 840478

or [christine.burgess29@gmail.com](mailto:christine.burgess29@gmail.com)



## THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE 2022

Although the initial meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb. was not very well attended, perhaps because it was in the afternoon or half term or ... we don't know, those present agreed that there should be some kind of village 'get together' to mark this unique, historic year. It was felt that it should be a shared event, with no single organisation expected to take the lead, but with so few present that was difficult to see how that would work.

From the meeting it was thought that a village picnic on the playing field was the easiest option, where families can bring their own food, perhaps dress in red, white and blue (or platinum purple) if they so wished and generally socialise again as we have done for previous Jubilee celebrations. To this end the playing field facilities have been booked for **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July**. If there is anyone who would like to organise any activities for this occasion – perhaps something for the growing number of children now resident – please let Barbara know and it can be added to future notices in the newsletter. (There are Jubilee activity grants available from several sources.)

There is much in the media about celebrations and the 'One Show' this week outlined some of the many special events that will be happening from the 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> June. As we have Open Gardens that weekend it is hoped that participants will join in somehow (see above) and refreshment teams might provide themed 'goodies' or maybe the newly designed Jubilee Pudding when details are released? "Food for thought!!"

## March Nature Notes

Most gardeners are familiar with millipedes, usually a grey snakelike creature, about 25 millimetres long, scurrying through the soil and of course with a thousand legs. This, however, only describes one type of millipede and apart from the point that millipedes, despite the name do not have a thousand legs. In fact there are of several different forms of millipede ranging in length from two millimetres to over 50 millimetres. A total of 62 species have now been found living in Britain, a small number compared to most invertebrate groups and of these a number are only found in hothouses having been introduced with imported plants and soil.

While both millipedes and centipedes are both myriapods and share similarities, such as long, multi-segmented bodies, many legs, and a single pair of antennae. What distinguishes millipedes from centipedes is the presence of two pairs of legs per body segment, compared with one pair of centipedes. But in general terms millipedes are slow moving detritivores as opposed to centipedes which are fast running carnivores. The number of legs though, varies greatly. It was thought that no species was known to have 1,000 or more until the discovery of *Eumillipes persephone*, in Australia in 2020 which can have over 1,300 legs, however, most species have between 20 and 200 pairs. Each successive leg is slightly out of synchronisation with the adjacent ones. This produces the characteristic 'ripple effect' that passes along the legs as the millipede walks. Millipedes are common and widespread animals usually found in leaf litter, rotting wood or under bark. Almost all species are harmless, feeding on a diet of decomposing vegetation, faeces, or organic matter mixed with soil. They play important roles in the breakdown and decomposition of plant litter that returns essential nutrients to the soil.



British millipedes can be classified into four main categories depending on form and lifestyle. Such is the difference between the appearances of the millipedes belonging to each of these categories it hard to appreciate that they are all millipedes. The Polyxenoid millipedes look more like beetle larvae. They are small, covered in bristles and found in dry places, under bark and lichen encrusted walls. Glomeroid millipedes are 'rollers', as they can roll into a ball, the most common species looks like a big black pill woodlouse. These are a significant contributor to decomposition, consuming around 10% of their bodyweight in dead plant material per day. Looking somewhat like some families of centipedes are the Polydesmoid millipedes or 'flat backs' and also called 'leaf splitters' after the way they are able to force themselves between layers of dead leaves. Finally, the familiar snakelike cylindrical or Juloid millipedes, known as 'rammers' because of the way they are able to push themselves between soil particles.

Peter Vincent

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## CALLING ALL YOUNG RESIDENTS

Each year the Community Council offers a bursary of up to £100 to support young village residents to participate in a worthwhile activity. So far most grants have been for travel, music lessons or instruments.

All it takes is a letter, handwritten or electronic, putting your case and request and it will be considered by the committee. This year it could be you!

**Please contact:** [jenricht@btinternet.com](mailto:jenricht@btinternet.com) or drop a letter in to Threeways, The Street.  
Or [tricia.cooke1@btopenworld.com](mailto:tricia.cooke1@btopenworld.com) Central House, The Street.

# MIDDLETON CUM FORDLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 8<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2022  
AT 7:00 PM AT THE VILLAGE HALL

## 1. Attendance and Apologies

### Attendees:

Cllr. Julian Cusack – Chair  
Cllr. Roy Dowding – Vice Chair  
Cllr. Colin Whitbread  
Cllr. Lynda Whitbread  
Cllr. Chris Reynolds  
Cllr. Lesley Taylor  
Cllr. Graham Lacey

### Apologies for absence:

Cllr. Steve Thorpe – written and accepted  
Cllr. Dennis Peel  
District Cllr. Tom Daly  
District Cllr. Tony Cooper

### In attendance:

Sharon Smith - Clerk/RFO  
County Cllr. Richard Smith  
District Cllr. Russ Rainger  
5 members of the public

## 2. Councillors' Declarations of Interest

Cllr. Roy Dowding declared an interest in item 8c.

## 3. Public Forum

a) The Chairman made the following statement – members of the public who attend and speak during the Public Forum, as is their right, are requested to address the meeting in a polite and respectful manner. Haranguing the Council or using bad language will not be tolerated and, if this is not respected, members of the public will be asked to leave or the meeting may be adjourned.

b) The Council and members of the public exchanged views about EDF's proposal to close Fordley Road if Sizewell C goes ahead.

c) County Cllr. Richard Smith reported that the Planning Inspectorate has concluded its hearings on Sizewell C but due to late items raised by EDF, not least a desalination plant, the Planning Inspectorate is not able to abide by the three month timetable to submit its report to the Secretary of State. The government is also not good at keeping to a timetable therefore Cllr. Smith expects a decision by June at the earliest. He said there is a good chance the government will approve it due to external forces such as rising energy prices. If the project is approved, Cllr. Smith said he will remain against it but his stance will change to try to get adequate mitigation for the community. Cllr. Smith asked for his praise for the excellent work done by Stop Sizewell C to be put on record.

Cllr. Smith also reported that the County Council's budget for next financial year continues to make its way through the process and the final decision will be taken in two weeks. Cllr. Smith said the proposed 2.99% increase is likely to be approved and this is the maximum the County Council can increase its precept without calling a referendum. 75% of the County Council's total budget is spent caring for the elderly, disabled and vulnerable and on safeguarding children. The County Council do not intend to cut any services this year as central government has been more generous than expected which has helped to balance the budget with only £1.5 million drawn from reserves. However Highways still has a relatively small budget of £15 million.

Cllr. Smith concluded his report by informing the Council that £3 billion of funding under the government's national 'Bus Back Better' strategy has been cut to £1.2 billion. The County Council has applied for funding of £1.7 million but the fund has been hugely oversubscribed. Cllr. Smith said some may be given the full grant, some part of the grant, and some none, so they will need to reprioritise. He hopes to hear if the funding bid has been successful by the end of the month.

d) District Cllr. Russ Rainger summarised the Ward Members' previously circulated report. People are being encouraged to report any parking issues via the District Council's website to enable parking enforcement to target problem areas. Cllr. Rainger asked the Council to respond to the Community Transport Survey for Aldeburgh, Leiston and surrounding villages. Cllr. Rainger informed the Council that the Customer Services team will be available for face-to-face community engagement at Leiston Library on Fridays.

## 4. Minutes

The Council approved as accurate the minutes of the meetings held on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2021, 8<sup>th</sup> January 2022 and 15<sup>th</sup> January 2022.



## 5. Matters Arising

Cllr. Graham Lacey asked for a correction to item 3a of the minutes from 14<sup>th</sup> December 2021. Cllr. Lacey said that he has no engineering background. His professional background is Construction, Quantity Surveying, Construction Project Management and Construction Law. He is also a Chartered Builder. The Council noted the amendment.

## 6. Energy Projects

a) Cllr. Roy Dowding reported that he, Cllr. Lesley Taylor and Cllr. Colin Whitbread conducted a site visit of the B1122 with Andy Mower from EDF, Steven Merry from SCC Highways, a representative from EDF's transport consultants WSP, and a representative from the District Council. Cllr. Dowding said EDF and the WSP consultant seemed amenable to suggestions about interventions for the B1122 during the Sizewell C early years' construction phase.

Sizewell Link Road - Cllr. Dowding said the current proposal to construct the SLR appears to be completely impractical. The SLR will be built initially as a haul road to take 90,000 tons of spoil from the cuttings to the main site. Cllr. Dowding said this plan will encounter difficulties, for example, with the concurrent construction of the Pretty Road bridge. The problems remain unresolved and if EDF cannot haul the spoil to the main site they will be unable to complete the construction of the SLR.

Footpaths - EDF and the WSP agreed with the Councillors' request to create a footpath in front of the properties closest to the Moor. The footpath will be a metre wide which will be taken from the highway, the highway will be moved into the layby, and a new layby will be created where the pile of earth was left when the B1122 was widened for Sizewell B. Cllr. Dowding said this will enable residents to walk safely and will improve sight lines for vehicles exiting onto the B1122. The road beyond this point towards Mill Street becomes a canyon therefore there is no potential for a footpath without creating it on private land. Cllr. Dowding said a footpath will also be created from Yoxford, across the level crossing, down to the houses in the dip. A footpath beyond this point will become difficult.

Littlemoor Road – Cllr. Dowding reported that EDF appear keen to keep Littlemoor Road open by means of a level crossroads with the SLR. No signalised pedestrian crossing, or refuge island, is proposed due to the space required for Abnormal Indivisible Loads. Cllr. Dowding suggested a Bailey Bridge could be temporarily constructed and refuge islands put in when the AILs have been delivered to site. A member of the public opposed the idea of Littlemoor Road remaining open for reasons of pedestrian safety and he opposed the suggestion of a Bailey Bridge on his land. Cllr. Dowding said the Highways representative believed strongly that Littlemoor Road should remain open and his idea of a Bailey Bridge was only a suggestion for consideration.

Mill Street – WSP said that it is not possible to remove the hump in the B1122 to the right of Mill Street. As they cannot improve visibility at this junction they may impose exit restrictions allowing vehicles to turn left but not right.

Title Road – WSP said due to the proposed exit restrictions on Mill Street, improvements will be made to Title Road to make this the primary exit from the village to the B1122.

Speed Limit – a 30 mph limit will be implemented along the B1122 from Yoxford to the main site. Cllr. Colin Whitbread asked how this will be enforced and he received the reply that the B1122 was not considered to be an accident blackspot. Cllr. Graham Lacey asked if a 30 mph speed limit could also be implemented on Hawthorn Road and Fordley Road. Cllr. Dowding said the consultants did not appear to have any parameters to speeding and they were in listening mode.

Cllr. Lesley Taylor said the Councillors attended in an observatory capacity only and were invited as a courtesy. Cllr. Taylor said the visit would merit being conducted again in the summer season, when tourist and agricultural vehicles numbers are higher, and when the trees, shrubs and hedgerow are in full leaf which affects visibility.

The Chairman advised the Council to digest this information carefully and said that the Council needs to better understand the proposals before taking a view. He said that if the DCO is approved, the Council will call a public meeting to consider these proposals, hear the residents' views, address all the issues, consult with neighbouring Parish Councils, and then make a unified push for design changes and mitigation.

b) The Council agreed to object to planning application DC/22/0078/FUL - permission for the geotechnical trails for the enabling works of the proposed Sizewell C power station – on the grounds that

EDF should have determined years ago whether the site is capable of taking a twin reactor.

**ACTION: Clerk to submit objection.**

## **7. Councillors' Reports**

a) Highways/Footpaths – the Council discussed a resident's concerns about speeding on Rectory Road. The Clerk reported that permission to site the Speed Indicator Device is unlikely to be granted by Highways as their criteria states that it must not be placed in a 20 mph zone with many driveways. The Council considered other traffic calming measures such as speed humps or chicanes but it was decided in the first instance to write to the Primary School, the Nursery School and the Bell Inn to request that they ask parents and delivery drivers to moderate their behaviour and be mindful of the 20 mph speed limit. The Council again discussed siting the Speed Indicator Device on the B1125 and asked the Clerk to complete the Highways' application form.

**ACTION: Clerk to write letters and apply for B1125 SID permission.**

b) Village Hall – Cllr. Graham Lacey reported that the roof repairs were underway. The Health and Safety Executive has been notified about the asbestos and a site visit is expected. Cllr. Lacey will see the project through to completion.

c) Hastoe Housing – Cllr. Lesley Taylor reported that there are external lights in each garden which can be switched off by the householder when the houses are occupied. The lights are currently switched on for security reasons.

d) Summer Wine Group – Cllr. Colin Whitbread reported that the group will soon be clearing bullrushes from the Moor pond. The cuttings will be left at the side temporarily to dry out and allow wildlife to return to the pond. Cllr. Whitbread asked the Council for suggestions of further work the group could undertake in the parish. The Chairman suggested that they could cut the wildflower meadow at the Recreation Ground at the end of the summer.

e) Village Green/Green Issues/Trees – the ESC Treebilee free oak tree will be available for collection later this month.

## **8. Parish Matters**

a) The Council discussed a resident's concerns about difficulties for residents and visitors with restricted mobility accessing the Church from the Village Green. Cllr. Graham Lacey offered to inspect the site and to report back with suggestions at the next meeting.

**ACTION: Clerk to add to next month's agenda.**

b) The Council noted the call, in the recent newsletter, for members of the community to form a committee to arrange an event to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

c) The Council agreed to support a resident's request to raise awareness of modern slavery in rural areas. The seriousness of the subject was noted and the resident was commended for her research. The Council noted that no information on Modern Slavery is cascaded to Parish Councils from any of the bodies involved. The Council supports the resident's view that people in rural areas should be made aware of this problem, what to look out for, how to identify at risk people, and how to report suspicions.

**ACTION: Clerk to respond to the resident and ask to be kept up-to-date on her research.**

d) The Council agreed to respond to the ESC Community Transport Survey and to await the County Councillor's report on possible government funding to support rural bus services.

**ACTION: Clerk to respond to survey.**

e) It was agreed that Future Projects will remain as a standing agenda item. Councillors can bring forward ideas at any time.

## **9. Consultations**

The Council considered the ESC Community Governance Review and decided not to respond.

## **10. Finance**

a) The Council noted the latest financial position, including receipts.

b) The Clerk informed the Council that HSBC has a new schedule of charges for Community accounts and her efforts to find another bank offering free services was not successful. To avoid cheque charges and to improve efficiency, the Chairman proposed that the Council moves to online banking and allows the Clerk to authorise online payments. The Council will continue to authorise all payments at monthly meetings and will regularly scrutinise bank statements and bank reconciliations. The Council's records are also audited every financial year. All were in favour of moving to online banking.

**ACTION: Clerk to arrange online banking and revise the Council's Financial Regulations and Risk Assessment.**

c) The Council authorised expenditure for SALC online Councillor training.

d) The Council noted the bank reconciliation for Quarter 3 2021-2022.

e) The Council noted the budgeted versus actual income and expenditure for Quarter 3 2021-2022.

f) The Council authorised the payments below:

Details	Payee	Amount	Power
Clerk's Salary	Sharon Smith	£277.05	LGA 1972 s.112
Pavilion Electricity	British Gas	£46.29	LGA 1972 s.19
Hedge Cutting	BE & EF Boden & Son	£225.00	PHA 1936 s. 87

## 11. Administration

a) The Council conducted the annual review of the Model Standing Orders.

b) The Council conducted the annual review of the Model Financial Regulations.

**ACTION: Clerk to revise when online banking arrangements are operational.**

## 12. Correspondence

The Council reviewed the correspondence received between 9<sup>th</sup> December 2021 and 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2022.

## 13. Next Meeting

The Council agreed the date and time of the next meeting of the Council which is scheduled for Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2022 at 7:00 pm at the Village Hall.

# MIDDLETON CUM FORDLEY PARISH COUNCIL AS SOLE TRUSTEE OF THE MIDDLETON RECREATION GROUND TRUST

## 1. Recreation Ground

The Council authorised expenditure from the Trust account to replace the sign at the Recreation Ground.

**ACTION: Clerk to obtain a quotation from Leiston Press.**

The meeting closed at 8:50 pm

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## Free Drop-in Coffee & Cake

continues Thursdays 10-11.30 am - Village Hall

All welcome for coffee/tea and cake

Transport can be arranged if needed.

Contact Lesley 07970257329 or Lynda 668977

Don't forget you can avail yourself of any of our IT installations if you need to.



## Time to get walking again!

At this time of year we start to think about the mud drying up and getting out to walk in the beautiful English Countryside again, but where to find new and interesting walks?

Walking in Suffolk <https://www.walkinginengland.co.uk/suffolk> has hundreds of walks to download and print, free, it also has books of walks, details of all the walking groups in the county and much more. Whether you want to walk on your own or with a group all the information is there in one place.

John Harris (the custodian of the website) said 'There is so much walking information on the web but it is difficult to find. Walking in Suffolk (part of the Walking in England website) has brought it together in one place so whether you are walking from home, or away on holiday, you will be able to find a walk suitable for you'.

With walks from half a mile to twelve miles plus long, and a note of suitability for pushchairs and wheelchairs, everyone can find a walk to enjoy.

So home or away, check out the websites and get walking!

John Harris

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## NEWS FROM CITIZENS ADVICE LEISTON & SAXMUNDHAM

Citizens Advice Leiston & Saxmundham is very grateful to the East of England Coop's Community Cares Fund which has awarded us a grant of £2,000. The grant will go towards supporting clients who have mental health difficulties and help make a difference to the communities we support in East Suffolk.

We are working hard with many clients to help them with the increased cost of living that is causing financial hardship across our communities. Check out the Suffolk County Council Financial Hardship pages as there is some useful information as to help available and organisations that can help you.

<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/coronavirus-covid-19/suffolk-advice-and-support-service/>

Alternatively, if you, or anyone you know, needs help or advice then please contact Citizens Advice. We can give advice, provide practical help or signpost you to services that can support you.

From our offices in Leiston, we are still running with face-to-face appointments only. Our phone lines are open so please do ring on **01728 832193 (Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 10am-2pm)** or email [supervisor@leistoncab.cabnet.org.uk](mailto:supervisor@leistoncab.cabnet.org.uk).

We are also now open for drop-in appointments on a first come, first served, basis at our outreaches:

1. Woodbridge: Mondays 10-12, Woodbridge Library
2. Wickham Market: Tuesdays 1.30-3.30, Wickham Market Resource Centre
3. Saxmundham: Wednesdays 10-12, Saxmundham Library, Street Farm Road
4. Framlingham: Fridays 10-12, Framlingham Library

Alison Moor

07973 207138

## The Bell

Food served : Wednesday to Saturday 12-2.30 and 6-9. Sunday 12-4.

Wednesday coffee morning 10 -12. Served outside/inside or takeaway.



**Sarah Hepworth**  
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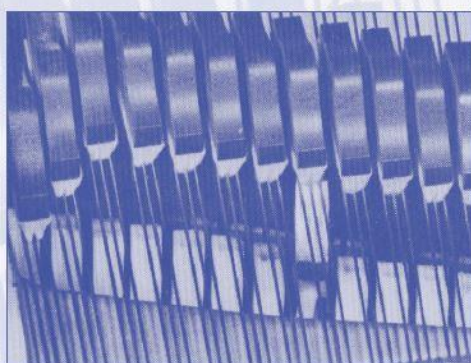
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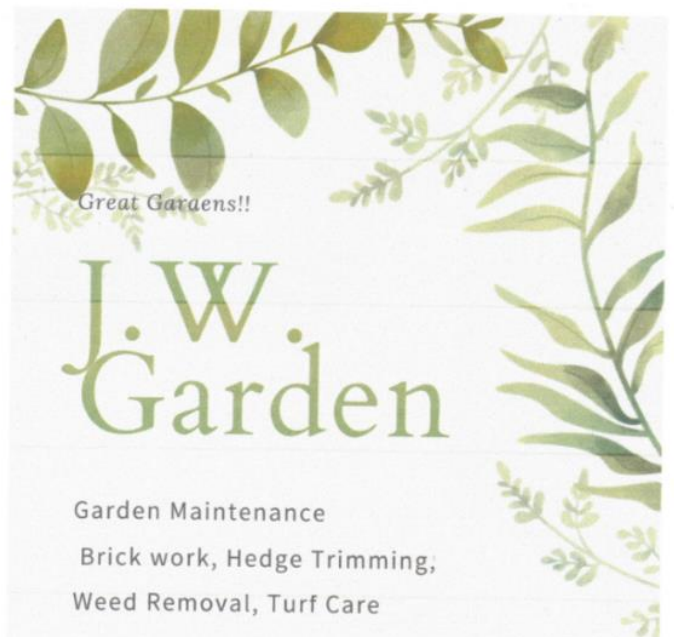
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## Activities in Middleton

We have many new residents now in the village and more to come in the new Hastoe development so I have included a list of activities that we currently have in Middleton which you might like to become involved in, or just to meet a few people.

WI - meet on the third Wednesday of the month

Carpet bowls - Thursdays 6.30 – 8.30pm at the Village Hall , all abilities welcome to join us

Cribbage - league matches are on Tuesdays from September to April at the Bell for home games, beginner lessons can be arranged if you'd like to learn.

Pilates - although Victoria has a waiting list.

Free coffee morning - Village Hall on Thursday mornings 10 – 11.30

Bell Inn coffee morning Wednesdays 10-12 £1 per cup

Table tennis – there is a table available for use in the Village Hall

Boules – come and meet us on the Bell piste, Wednesday or Saturday mornings from 10 am.

Summer winners – a group of retirees who tackle community projects such as pond clearing, road sign cleaning, garden type maintenance of communal spaces around the village etc

Patchwork and quilting group meet on a Wednesday morning.

The Community Council organise social events, fetes etc. Always happy to have new members.

We used to have croquet on the playing field before the pandemic.

If you are interested in more information about any activity contact the editor who will give you contact details for the relevant people. [Barbara.barker.t21@btinternet.com](mailto:Barbara.barker.t21@btinternet.com)

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## Diary Dates for 2022

### March

Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Parish council meeting, Village Hall <b>7pm</b>
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	W.I. Village Hall - Adders ~ Steve Everett (Minsmere Volunteer) <b>7.15pm</b>
Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup>	CHURCH SPRING CLEAN - <b>10-12 noon</b>
Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Live music evening at the Bell with "SILMOR" from <b>8.30pm</b>

### April

Friday 1 <sup>st</sup>	'Murder in the Blackout' - stories from the Fireside with Simon Bridge <b>8pm</b>
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	'Murder in the Blackout' - stories from the Fireside with Simon Bridge <b>8pm</b>
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Parish council meeting, Village Hall <b>7pm</b>
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	W.I. Village Hall - Subs, Resolutions and Supper. <b>7.15 pm</b>

### May

Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Village Hall AGM <b>7pm</b>
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Community Council AGM - Village Hall <b>7.30pm</b>
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Trinity Church Annual meeting <b>2.30pm</b> in Church.
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Annual Parish Meeting, 6pm Village Hall plus AGM <b>7pm</b>
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	W.I. Village Hall - Clarke's Butchers ~ Jeremy Thickett <b>7.15pm</b>

### June

Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Open Gardens
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Open Gardens
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Parish council meeting, Village Hall <b>7pm</b>
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	W.I. Village Hall - Nurses and Nursing ~ David Burgess <b>7.15pm</b>

18<sup>th</sup> or 25<sup>th</sup> June - MCC outdoor quiz - to be confirmed

### July

Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mid-summer boules tournament - Playing Field. <b>10 am</b>
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Parish council meeting, Village Hall <b>7pm</b>
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Middleton-cum-Fordley Jubilee Picnic - Playing Field <b>12 - 3pm</b>
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	W.I. Garden Party - Recreation Ground

### August

Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Annual Village Fete - Playing Field from <b>2pm</b>
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### September

Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Parish council meeting, Village Hall <b>7pm</b>
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	W.I. Village Hall- The Thatcher and his Art ~ Dominic Meek (Master Thatcher)

### October

Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Parish council meeting, Village Hall <b>7pm</b>
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	W.I. Village Hall - Adnams ~ Andy Wood <b>7.15pm</b>

### November

Monday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Parish council meeting, Village Hall <b>7pm</b>
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	W.I. Village Hall - Her Infinite Variety ~ Simon Bridge (Shakespeare's Globe Theatre)

### December

Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Santa Boules - Playing Field <b>10 am</b>
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup>	MCC Christmas Event - tbc
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Parish council meeting, Village Hall <b>7pm</b>
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	W.I. Village Hall - End of Year Celebration