

# MIDDLETON- CUM-FORDLEY



*George and Jamie's charity shave/wax !*



## NEWSLETTER

*June 2022*

## Editorial

More successful fundraising to report on this month for the Ukraine Appeal thanks to George, Jamie and the crib players and Paget House Open Gardens raised (pardon the pun!) a 'shed load' for the medical charities NGS supports. Lots more events taking shape for the summer in the village starting with the return of 'Squit Night' at the Bell on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June and the Bell BBQ on the Friday, swiftly followed by Open Gardens/Jubilee Weekend. MCC are organising a quiz and summer boules, Julian & Kayleigh are getting married and then of course we will have the village fete in August, but more on that next month. Busy times ahead!

Contributions for the next newsletter to me by email preferably as a WORD doc please to [barbara.barker.t21@btinternet.com](mailto:barbara.barker.t21@btinternet.com) or 6 Meadowview, Rectory Road, by [Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June](#)

Spare paper copies will be in the church porch as usual. Also to be found on the Parish website. [www.middletoncumfordley.org.uk](http://www.middletoncumfordley.org.uk)

Dear all ,

I am delighted to say that the shave for Ukraine raised £422.70. (Receipt below)

A massive thank you to all that donated and to Janene for doing the shaving. Given the situation over there every penny counts, and will make a difference.

After nearly 18 months I am glad to be beard free , and have my good looks back and not look like Uncle Albert off "Only Fools and Horses!"

Jamie my neighbour is happy to be pain free after his chest wax where some locals took to ripping off his chest hair with much gusto !! His yelps helped keep the donations coming thick and fast, and I would like to thank him for that.

So all in all a good result . Many thanks Middleton

George



We held a successful crib drive at the Bell on 23<sup>rd</sup> May with 11 pairs from Theberton Lion, Eels Foot, Saxmundham ESMC and our own Bell team competing. After 10 rounds the eventual winners by one point were Pete and Judy from Sax ESMC – congratulations to them. Their prize was a Sunday lunch at the Bell, very kindly donated by Julian & Leroy. Thank you – a lovely surprise!

£60 was raised on the raffle which was paid into the DEC Ukraine Appeal – receipt above.

# IT'S BACK !

## SING, SAY or PLAY



In other words - SQUIT NIGHT!!



THURSDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> JUNE

Middleton Bell

From 8pm

Free pint for performers

For those of you that don't know, or are new to the village or staying here on holiday this is a free to all live music session in the pub as used to happen regularly before Covid got in the way. Some might call it 'open mike' but here it's called 'squit' - a phrase coined many years ago and it refers to the random and very varied nature of the performances. No two 'squit nights' are ever the same.

Anyone can come along and join us – either as a musician or singer or story teller or ... ?  
Or just come along and enjoy listening.



### ALSO ON THURSDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> JUNE :

More than 70 aircraft will fly over Buckingham Palace for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

The flypast will begin over The Wash, North Sea, **Southwold**, and the Southend area. It will then make its way towards London via Swaffham, Thetford, and Colchester. It will last a total of six minutes and is expected to pass Buckingham Palace between 12.40pm and 1.15pm. (though timing may

alter) In previous years part has come over Middleton so keep your ears & eyes open from midday, especially the children who may not have seen it before.





## BBQ at The Bell to celebrate the Queen's jubilee

6pm

Friday 3rd June.

**Patriotic fancy dress optional, however we would like to see lots of red, white & blue on the evening.**

Hotdog, burger and selection of salads £8.50 per person. Veggie and gluten free available. Book tickets asap please and please advise us of any dietary requirements when booking. Tel: 648286

Marquees (from Kayleigh's Party Marquees) will be erected for the evening.

George will be playing some vinyl records during the evening to add a little something .

All profits will go to the Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal.

N.B the marquees will stay up over the weekend so if anyone would like to make use of them on Saturday or Sunday please speak to Julian or Kayleigh.

The Bell will be serving '99' Flake ice creams over the Jubilee Weekend/Open Gardens with any monies taken donated to the church.



N.B The Bell will be open all day on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> due to the Bank Holiday

### NORMAL OPENING

#### HOURS

##### BAR:

Monday	12 pm – 4pm
Tuesday	12pm – 3pm / 6pm -11pm
Wednesday	12pm – 3pm / 6pm – 11pm
	Coffee morning 10 am – 12 pm
Thursday	12pm – 3pm / 6pm – 11pm
Friday	12pm – 3pm / 5pm – 11pm
Saturday	12pm – 3pm / 6pm -11pm
Sunday	12pm – 7pm

#### FOOD SERVED:

Monday	12pm – 3pm
Tuesday	12pm – 2.30pm / 6pm – 8pm
Wednesday	12pm – 2.30pm / 6pm – 9pm
Thursday	12pm – 2.30pm / 6pm – 9pm
Friday	12pm – 2.30pm / 6pm – 9pm
Saturday	12pm – 2.30pm / 6pm – 9pm
Sunday	12pm – 4.30pm

We would like to welcome you to the  
**Middleton Open Gardens**

**4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

*11 am to 5pm*

*Gardens, large & small, including a wildlife reserve.*

*Refreshments all day at the pavilion*

*and cream teas in the afternoon at the village hall*

*Our major fundraiser for Holy Trinity Church Middleton;*

*also this year supporting The Blossom Appeal*

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## **Open Gardens / Platinum Jubilee**



Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> has been designated nationally as “Big Jubilee Lunch Day” with events taking place around the country, so we thought we would arrange our tables (at the pavilion) on that day like a street party so folk can if they wish join together. If you are not opening your garden or helping in any other way perhaps you’d like to partake of a Coronation chicken roll or a Jubilee cake or similar. (Sadly we can’t offer these for free of course but it will all help towards the Blossom Appeal and the Church.)

You may have seen on TV the result of the Jubilee Pudding competition was a lemon and orange trifle which we hope to make in time to have available on the Sunday lunchtime.

**Don’t forget there will be cream teas both afternoons at the Village Hall too.**

**14 Gardens will be open, formal and informal, large and small**

**Adults £5.00 - children free**

**‘Please note, we will be delighted to welcome any Ukrainian guests to visit our Open Gardens at no charge.’**



If you haven’t seen Mandy & Steve’s beautiful irises from the footpath beside Manor House here is a photo – pity we don’t have ‘smellovision’ as apparently the scent is amazing. Mandy says they will be over by OG which is a shame.

*Robert & Julie Hood*

Together with

*Roger & Beverley Wallis*

Request the pleasure of your company at the evening  
reception from 6pm to celebrate the marriage of

*Kayleigh & Julian*

On 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2022

@

The Bell Inn  
Middleton

RSVP please by 1<sup>st</sup> June 2022 to either  
01728648286 or [themiddletonbellinn@hotmail.com](mailto:themiddletonbellinn@hotmail.com)



## 2<sup>nd</sup> MCC Outdoor



## Midsummer Quiz

Following last year's inaugural outdoor quiz on the recreation ground MCC are tempting fate weatherwise by arranging another for Saturday June 25<sup>th</sup>.

As per last year it will be bring your own picnic and drinks.  
(Should it be inclement weather we will revert to the Village Hall.)

Teams of up to 6      £2 per person to enter      Inevitable raffle (donations welcome)  
6.30 to claim a table for a 7pm start

Bring your own chair, (umbrella, blanket, hot water bottle, suncream ...!!!) pens and scrap paper

Please book teams with [barbara.barker.t21@btinternet.com](mailto:barbara.barker.t21@btinternet.com) 648726



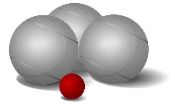
As always if you can't make up a table of 6 let us know and we'll try and pair you up.



**MIDDLETON COCKEREL BOULES TOURNAMENT**

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 10am – 1pm approx.**

**Middleton Recreation Ground, Fletcher’s Lane**



**Entry fee £1 per person**

Even if you have never picked up a boule come along to the Playing Field and enjoy this annual mini tournament.

Come as a pair or on your own and we will attempt to pair you up.

Everyone will have at least three timed games of around 10 minutes in a league and the winners will go on to a semi-final and final.

The trophy will be awarded to the winning pair to be held for one year and then returned.

Please arrive by 9.45am for a prompt start. The basic rules will be explained if required.

Boules available or bring your own.

**Please bring a plate of food to share, tea and coffee available.**

**Please register beforehand to help organisation.**

**Richard Turner: [jenricht@btinternet.com](mailto:jenricht@btinternet.com) or**

**01728 648345**



**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: [tricia.cooke1@btopenworld.com](mailto:tricia.cooke1@btopenworld.com) Central House, The Street.**



**THANK YOU**

Many thanks to those kind people who helped to get Maureen on the move after her recent fall in Mill Street.

Keith

# HOLY TRINITY – MIDDLETON CUM FORDLEY



## Services during June

- Sunday 12 June                      Morning Praise 11am
- Sunday 19 June                      Taize 9.30am with Theberton, in Theberton
- Sunday 26 June                      Holy Communion 11am

*The Benefice Holy Communion Service this month takes place in Theberton on Sunday 5 June at 9.30am. It will be a Pentecost/Jubilee Celebration Service*

*Please come along*



**Holy Dusters** 😊

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

1 June: Mark and Liz

22 June: Nicola and Margaret

6 July: Rob and Paul

20 July: Amanda and Paul



**Thought for the month**

**It is better in prayer to have a heart without words than words without heart. – Mahatma Gandhi**



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## WI News

At our May meeting we welcomed Jeremy Thickitt, master butcher, and his assistant Rachel Thompson from Clarke's Butchers. Two tables had been set up, Jeremy arrived with his cutting board, saw, knives and a whole lamb carcass. He told us that the lamb was 6 months old, a Southdown which is a rare breed going back to 1800, smaller than some breeds and with more fat. The carcass had been hung for 8 days. He then started to demonstrate his butchery skills starting at the neck for the scrag end and then the whole shoulder with its ribs. The rib cage was taken off and the breast removed, the breast once a cheap cut is now valuable as lamb belly to restaurants. The fillet and kidneys were removed. The ribs, one end for chops and with the best end he showed us how it is transformed into a "rack of lamb" by removing much of the fat and scraping the bones. At this stage some of the prepared lamb was taken by Rachel into the kitchen to be cooked and the sauteed samples were passed around to us.... delicious! As he did his work, Jeremy told us about his background. His father bought a butchers in Peasenhall, Jeremy's 2 older brothers were not keen so Jeremy, leaving school at 15 with encouragement from his father (you have got to use your hands, boy) tried butchery. He loved it. In 1982 the abattoir in Bramfield was acquired by the family and was in use until 1990 when new government regulations made it too costly to run but the butchery side thrived and expanded. The opportunity to buy Emmerdale Farm, Darsham then came up (his wife was keen to move out of Bramfield) where Jeremy now breeds cattle, and the Farm Shop sells all meats and groceries.

He ended his cutting with the leg. The shank was removed, and the rest was deboned to give a rump and the leg was rolled and tied up, ready for the oven. We were enthralled with this transformation of the carcass into recognizable cuts of lamb. We did not hesitate to come forward when told that we could now purchase the result of Jeremy's butchering skills. We quickly bought everything on offer. If there had been time for a second carcass, that would have gone as well! We thanked Jeremy and Rachel for a very entertaining and educational hour.



The next meeting will be the 15th of June at 7:15. Our speaker will be David Burgess on "Nurses and Nursing" All welcome to join us.

LV

Victoria Hayden

Body Control Pilates Teacher

[www.victoriahaydenpilates.co.uk](http://www.victoriahaydenpilates.co.uk)

I am thinking of introducing a new Pilates class from SEPTEMBER for beginners therefore I am planning on running a beginners Pilates workshop on **Friday 15th July at 10.45am at Middleton Village Hall.**

If enough interest the new beginners class will be starting in September on Mondays at 10.45 – 11.45 am at Middleton Village Hall. Please contact me to register interest.

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## Visiting the Suffolk School Farm and Country Fair

Maple class had a fantastic day at the school farm show, we were so lucky to experience so many aspects of farming, livestock and agriculture. We particularly enjoyed the food tasting!



Children in Spruce class have been gorging on S.A.Ts breakfasts to help them through their morning assessments, which they are approaching with mature attitudes. They have also been finding out about the evolution of animals on The Galapagos Islands in their science work. Ask your child about some of the strange creatures they have discovered!



## June Nature Notes

When we look out at the countryside in summer it is easy to overlook the fact that our landscape is dominated by one family of plants, the grasses. Whether this is the cereal crop growing in arable fields, animal grazed pastures, roadside verges or even our own lawns, grasses predominate. Grasses are probably the most diverse group of plants varying enormously in size, growth habit and appearance. They are found in virtually all habitats, from the large clump-forming cocksfoot of rough meadows to fine fescues of chalk downland and from the two-metre-tall reed sweetgrass growing in freshwater marshes to marram grass on sand dunes.



Grasses belong to the Poaceae family but are closely related to rushes and sedges. Rushes however, have small, brown flowers occurring in clusters, and sedges, although having flowers similar to grasses, have a solid triangular stem, unlike the grass stem which is round and hollow with swollen joints. Grass flowers, whilst green and inconspicuous, produce pollen and seeds like any other flowering plant. Grasses are wind-pollinated plants so they do not have brightly coloured or scented flowers to attract insects. Their pollen is carried by the wind to other plants of the same species, allowing fertilisation to occur. Most flower in June and July, although it is possible to find some in flower all year round.

Grasses are very successful as plants, largely because they grow continuously from the base, and can withstand losing the top shoots. This means that they are not killed by grazing and mowing - hence lawns are made of grass. Most grasslands do in fact have to be artificially managed to maintain them - without mowing or grazing grasslands would return to scrub and eventually to woodland. Agricultural grasslands historically fall into two categories. Those used for grazing animals were termed pastures, and those cut for hay were known as meadows. Meadows are more species-rich than pasture, and were often sited on land liable to be flooded. Today most grasslands are much less diverse than they used to be because the mixture of grasses and other flowering plants has been replaced by monocultures of high-yielding grasses such as ryegrass for grazing animals and silage making. In Suffolk 165 species of grass have been recorded, of which 73 are non-native.

As well as providing the main source of food for domestic cattle, sheep and horses, grasses are hugely important for wildlife. Mammals such as rabbits and hares feed directly on grass, while clumps of grass provide shelter hedgehogs and for small mammals which in turn are hunted by birds of prey. Similarly, though, many species of invertebrate feed directly on grasses - they are the sole food-plant of grasshoppers and of brown butterflies such as skippers, meadow brown and ringlet, very many more rely on grassland for shelter and refuge, to find and capture prey, build nests and find mates.

Peter Vincent

Cancer Support Group (Peer Relief)

For many people, and their families, getting a cancer diagnosis can be terrifying. In reality, for some people, this can be very serious news, with no easy outcome. But for so many people these days the diagnosis is not nearly as bad as it was a few years ago. Earlier diagnostic techniques and better treatments mean that people with cancer now often live far longer, often many years. Many more people go into full remission and recover completely.

Even so it can be a difficult journey for families and friends. To this end a cancer support group has been set up to help everyone concerned. The group is made up of people with cancer, those looking after them, cancer survivors, a retired GP, and others with a background related to cancer. There are no formal lectures or talks. Instead members meet informally in a very friendly, supportive and positive manner to share tips and practical ways to help people cope with treatments, diets, daily life etc. It is hoped to have the occasional social event for members . The group members are also able to give practical help where needed, like giving lifts to hospital or getting shopping.

One way the group can help is with financial assistance. Money is available for people with cancer (and other long-term illnesses) so we have asked Caroline Goldsmith to chat to the group about what financial help is available. This will be on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June. Please come along if you'd like money advice. A private consultation can also be arranged.

The group meets on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays of the month at the Pear Tree Centre, Halesworth from 2.00 – 3.30pm . If you or a loved one has cancer we would be delighted to welcome you to our very friendly and supportive group. Come and join us over a cup of tea or coffee.

For further information see our Facebook page or phone John Appleton on 07504495489, or the Pear Tree Centre on 01986 899655, or just turn up – you will be made very welcome.

John Wood.

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**Peer Relief  
Cancer Support Group**

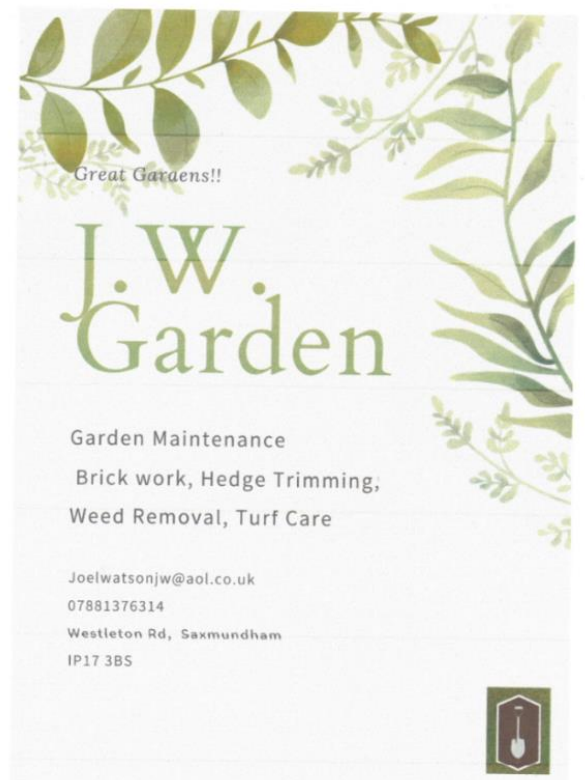
Everyone is welcome to attend our group sessions which focus on mutual support and positive activities to promote wellbeing.

Sessions take place on Tuesday's fortnightly between 2pm and 3.30pm at the Pear Tree Centre, Bungay Road, Halesworth, Suffolk IP19 8SG.

Come and join us at our open and friendly get togethers.

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# MIDDLETON CUM FORDLEY PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2022 AT 6:00 PM AT THE VILLAGE HALL

### 1. Attendance and Apologies

#### Attendees:

Cllr. Julian Cusack – Chair  
Cllr. Roy Dowding - Vice-Chair  
Cllr. Colin Whitbread  
Cllr. Steve Thorpe  
Cllr. Chris Reynolds  
Cllr. Graham Lacey  
Cllr. Lynda Whitbread

#### Apologies for absence:

Cllr. Lesley Taylor - written and accepted  
District Cllr. Tony Cooper  
District Cllr. Russ Rainger

#### In attendance:

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

### 2. Briefings from Guest Speakers

a) Coastal Accessible Transport Service - Lynn Butler, Office Manager, briefed the Council about the Connected Communities bus service which is available to rural parishes for walking, shopping and visiting. Walks can be non-circular and well-behaved dogs are welcome on board for no charge. The bus is demand led and can be booked online or by telephone. Charges are in line with public bus services but, unfortunately, bus passes cannot be used. Discounted fares are available for four or more passengers and return services are cheaper. The buses are wheelchair friendly and they help people to stay independent. An added benefit is they are staffed by regular drivers who get to know their passengers which provides an extra check on their welfare. The bus service covers an area from Orford to Walberswick. CATS also offer a door-to-door service whereby volunteers use their own cars to provide transport, mainly to medical appointments. More volunteers are needed to provide this valuable community service. Drivers are reimbursed 45p per mile and can choose where and how often they volunteer. CATS is funded by Suffolk County Council and donations from Town and Parish Councils. Their contract expires at the end of March 2023 and they hope the County Council will continue to support the service and enable them to expand by providing more buses. County Cllr. Richard Smith said he has worked with CATS for many years and they provide a good service. The contract will go out to tender and he hopes CATS will be successful.

b) County Broadband Provider - the Chairman explained that the speaker was unable to attend therefore the invitation was extended to the Council's June meeting. Cllr. Graham Lacey briefed the Council about the proposal to deliver superfast broadband to households by providing full fibre to premises. County Broadband propose to fund the cost of building the bespoke infrastructure but they need to ensure the new network is viable by having a minimum number of homes using it, therefore residents will need to pre-order the service before they start the build. At present, the existing fibre to cabinet network provides internet speeds between 25 and 50 mb and distance from the cabinet makes the connection slower. The copper wire is unreliable and ageing and will eventually need to be replaced by fibre optic cable. This will enable really fast speeds, both for uploads and downloads, and can add value to homes. The cheapest service offered by County Broadband will guarantee to increase the speed to 300 mb and up to 900 mb for the higher cost services. The monthly charge for 300 mb is £28 per month for the first six months rising to £48 per month thereafter. The Council agreed that it was not endorsing the service nor can it offer advice to residents. County Broadband are invited to publicise their product and to answer any questions.

**ACTION: Cllr. Graham Lacey to invite County Broadband to attend the next meeting.**

### 3. Annual Reports

- a) Parish Council – the Chairman read out the report attached as Appendix A.
- b) Suffolk County Council – Cllr. Richard Smith summarised the report attached as Appendix B.
- c) East Suffolk Council – Cllr. Tom Daly summarised the report attached as Appendix C.
- d) Middleton Moor – the Chairman summarised the report attached as Appendix D.

- e) Middleton Recreation Ground Trust - the Chairman summarised the report attached as Appendix E.
- f) Middleton Community Council - the Chairman summarised the report attached as Appendix F.
- g) Middleton Village Hall - the Chairman summarised the report attached as Appendix G.
- h) Holy Trinity Church, Middleton - the Chairman read out the report attached as Appendix H.
- i) Middleton Women's Institute - Cllr. Lynda Whitbread summarised the report attached as Appendix I.

The appendices are available on the village website at [www.middletoncumfordley.org.uk](http://www.middletoncumfordley.org.uk).

#### 4. Date and Time of Next Meeting

The date and time of the next Annual Parish Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at 6:00 pm.

The meeting closed at 7:10 pm.

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## MIDDLETON CUM FORDLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON  
TUESDAY 10<sup>th</sup> MAY 2022 AT 7:15 PM AT THE VILLAGE HALL

### 1. Election of Chair

Upon nominations duly made and seconded, Cllr. Julian Cusack was unanimously elected to serve as Chairman for the ensuing year and until his successor is elected. Cllr. Cusack signed the Declaration of Office and the Clerk signed as witness.

### 2. Election of Vice-Chair

Upon nominations duly made and seconded, Cllr. Roy Dowding was unanimously elected to serve as Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year and until his successor is elected. Cllr. Dowding signed the Declaration of Office and the Clerk signed as witness.

### 3. Attendance and Apologies

#### Attendees:

Cllr. Julian Cusack – Chair  
Cllr. Roy Dowding - Vice-Chair  
Cllr. Colin Whitbread  
Cllr. Steve Thorpe  
Cllr. Chris Reynolds  
Cllr. Graham Lacey  
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County Cllr. Richard Smith  
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District Cllr. Russ Rainger  
District Cllr. Tom Daly

#### In attendance:

Sharon Smith - Clerk/RFO  
No members of the public

4. Councillors' Declarations of Interest                      None.

5. Public Forum                                                      None.

### 6. Casual Vacancy

The Clerk informed the Council that the period for an election to be called will expire on 13th May 2022 and, if no election is called, the Council may co-opt an eligible applicant at its June meeting.

**ACTION:** Chairman to invite applications in his newsletter report.

## 7. Minutes

The Council approved as accurate the minutes of the meeting held on 19th April 2022.

## 8. Councillors

- a) The Council agreed members' responsibilities to liaise with the Village Hall Management Committee, the Primary School, the Summer Wine Group and the Middleton Moor Management Group.
- b) The Council agreed which members should lead on Finance, the Recreation Ground, Energy Projects, Highways, Footpaths, Burial Ground, Trees and Green Issues.
- c) The Council adopted the LGA Model Councillor Code of Conduct 2020.

## 9. Energy Projects

- a) The Chairman referred to the previously circulated draft joint response from Theberton and Eastbridge Parish Council, Stop Sizewell C, B1122 Action Group and Minsmere Levels Stakeholder Group to the Secretary of State's Sizewell C DCO questions and responses received from various organisations and EDF Energy. It was agreed to add the Council's name to the response.

**ACTION: Chairman to inform Stop Sizewell C.**

- b) The Council agreed to request membership of the Sizewell C B1125 Working Group at the Deed of Obligation briefing with EDF Energy at next month's meeting.
- c) Cllr. Roy Dowding informed the Council about Stop Sizewell C's recent activities in London where they arranged for advertising to appear in Westminster and St. James Park tube stations for several weeks as well as 'clean' pavement advertising outside tube stations and the Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy offices. A protest march from Leiston to Sizewell beach will be held next Sunday where there will be talks by a number of speakers.

## 10. Annual Accounts/Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR)

- a) The Council approved the Annual Accounts for the financial year 2021-2022.
- b) The Council approved the bank reconciliation for the financial year 2021-2022.
- c) The Council approved the Annual Governance Statement (Section 1) of the AGAR.
- d) The Council approved the Accounting Statements (Section 2) of the AGAR.
- e) The Council approved the Certificate of Exemption.
- f) The Council noted the analysis of the Significant Variances from the previous financial year.
- g) The Council set the period for the exercise of public rights from 13th June to 22nd July 2022.

**ACTION: Clerk to submit the Certificate of Exemption to the external auditor and upload documents to the website.**

## 11. Councillors' Reports

- a) Speed Indicator Device – Cllr. Lynda Whitbread said she had been unable to download the Speed Indicator Device data as her laptop is not compatible. It was agreed to purchase a new laptop if the Council's current laptop, used by the Clerk, cannot be upgraded.

**ACTION: Clerk to upgrade laptop if possible.**

- b) Village Hall - Cllr. Lynda Whitbread reported that the Management Committee held their AGM this week and discussed redecorating the interior of the main hall and committee room.

- c) Primary School - Cllr. Lynda Whitbread is regularly attending as a reading volunteer.

## 12. Finance

- a) The Council noted the latest financial position, including receipt of the precept of £8,270.22, Community Infrastructure Levy of £1,056.57 and bank interest of £0.34.

**ACTION: Clerk to ask District Council about expected CIL from the Hastoe development.**

- b) The Council authorised the payments below:

| Details             | Payee                                 | Amount  | Power          |
|---------------------|---------------------------------------|---------|----------------|
| Clerk's Salary      | Sharon Smith                          | £244.80 | LGA 1972 s.112 |
| Annual Subscription | Suffolk Association of Local Councils | £189.96 | LGA 1972 s.111 |
| Bank Charges        | HSBC                                  | £24.00  | LGA 1972 s.111 |

### 13. Correspondence

The Council reviewed the correspondence received between 1st April 2022 and 4th May 2022.

### 14. Questions to the Chair/Items for the Next Agenda

a) The Clerk informed the Council that an invoice for £55.00 has been received for maintenance and repainting of the lawnmower for the Middleton Moor Management Group. The Clerk said this expenditure had not received prior approval from the Council in accordance with due process. Cllr. Colin Whitbread opposed paying the invoice on these grounds. Following a discussion, the Council agreed to pay the invoice but to remind the Moor Management Group that all expenditure must be submitted for prior approval by the Council at a public meeting, which includes expenditure from the Moor ring-fenced fund.

**ACTION: Clerk to inform the Moor Management Group and add invoice to next month's agenda.**

b) Cllr. Graham Lacey informed the Council, and circulated photographs, of a ditch which regularly floods and overflows onto Fordley Road. The ditch forms part of the unnamed river that eventually flows to the New Cut. The Council decided to speak to County Cllr. Richard Smith at the next meeting as further funding has been allocated to prevent flooding.

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

### 14. Next Meeting

The Council confirmed the date and time of the next meeting of the Council which is scheduled for Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2022 at 7:00 pm to be held at the Village Hall.

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

1. The Council agreed to purchase a Union Jack flag for the Recreation Ground flag post.

2. The Council approved the Annual Accounts for the financial year 2021-2022.

**ACTION: Chairman to check if an independent audit is required.**

3. Cllr. Chris Reynolds reported that the flooring in the toilet area of the pavilion is due to be replaced next week and two clear days are required for the fitting.

**ACTION: Chairman to check bookings.**

4. Following a recommendation from the Clerk, the Council agreed to review the health and safety requirements for the pavilion, particularly the fire safety procedures.

**ACTION: Clerk to complete the Health and Safety Executive checklist and ask the Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service to provide advice.**

5. To authorise the payments below:

| Details                   | Payee                         | Amount  | Power              |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------|---------|--------------------|
| Recreation Ground Sign    | Leiston Press                 | £426.00 | LGA (MP) 1976 s.19 |
| Monthly Safety Inspection | Eastern Play Services Limited | £132.00 | LGA (MP) 1976 s.19 |

The meeting closed at 8:10 pm.

### Parish Council Chairman's Report - May 2022

#### Parish Council vacancy

Following a resignation, we again have a vacancy on the Parish Council. If you would like to be considered for this position, please contact Sharon Smith. Anyone co-opted at this stage will serve until the election in May 2023.



## Annual Parish Meeting (APM)

This was held in the Village Hall on May 10th and the draft minutes appear elsewhere in this Newsletter.

The Parish Council report to the APM looked back over the year and included the following matters.

- Sizewell C

The potential impact of the Sizewell C project has taken up much of our time in Parish Council meetings and at times the debates have been somewhat heated. This is only to be expected given the prospect of construction traffic travelling through Middleton Moor in the early years and the simultaneous construction of the Sizewell Link Road (SLR) through open countryside in the south of the Parish.

A decision on approval of the Development Consent Order (DCO) is now expected from the Secretary of State on July 8th, 2022. If, as widely expected, the DCO is approved, the Parish Council plans to hold a public meeting in the Village Hall to debate the implications for our area.

- Planning

The Parish Council is consulted on all planning applications for land and buildings in the Parish. Middleton cum Fordley is classified as a 'Small Village' in the Suffolk Coastal Local Plan which means that new housing will normally be restricted to 'Small groups of new housing and infill within Settlement Boundaries'. The only significant exception to this is the development by Hastoe Housing of affordable housing on what is now known as Roke Drive. This was supported by the Parish Council and we were pleased to welcome the new residents to the village.

The Parish Council ensures that all planning applications are considered at a duly convened meeting held in public. In the last financial year, we considered planning applications in respect of 10 properties. In each case we either recorded our support or made no objection.

- Parish Finances

The Parish Council receives income mainly from Council Tax, the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) and other occasional grants. CIL is levied on all new housing developments and can only be used for improvements to local infrastructure.

At the end of March 2022, the Parish Council had general reserves of approximately £3,900. This is approximately 50% of the annual Council Tax received by the Council, which is in line with our financial planning guidelines. In the current year we expect to receive £8,270 from Council Tax (up 2%) and we have a budget to spend about £8,000 including £2,000 allocated for special projects one of which is to improve access to the green space on Title Road known as the Burial Ground.

Julian Cusack

Chair, Middleton cum Fordley Parish Council

May 19, 2022

If you would like to talk to someone at your local Citizens Advice, please ring 01728832193 between 10 and 2 on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday.

Dear all,

For your information, we are planning to carry out drainage investigations and gully and ditch cleansing works along U2401 Fordley Road, Middleton (from B1122 junction to Littlemoor Road junction). The works are programmed to take place between 8 and 10 June 2022. The road will be closed each day between 9am and 3.30pm to ensure that we can carry out our works safely.

For the duration of the road closure, traffic will be diverted via B1122, Littlemoor Road and vice versa.

As we plan roadworks in advance, we schedule extra days to allow for bad weather or other delays beyond our control. If we need to make major changes to our work dates, we will update the information signs on site.

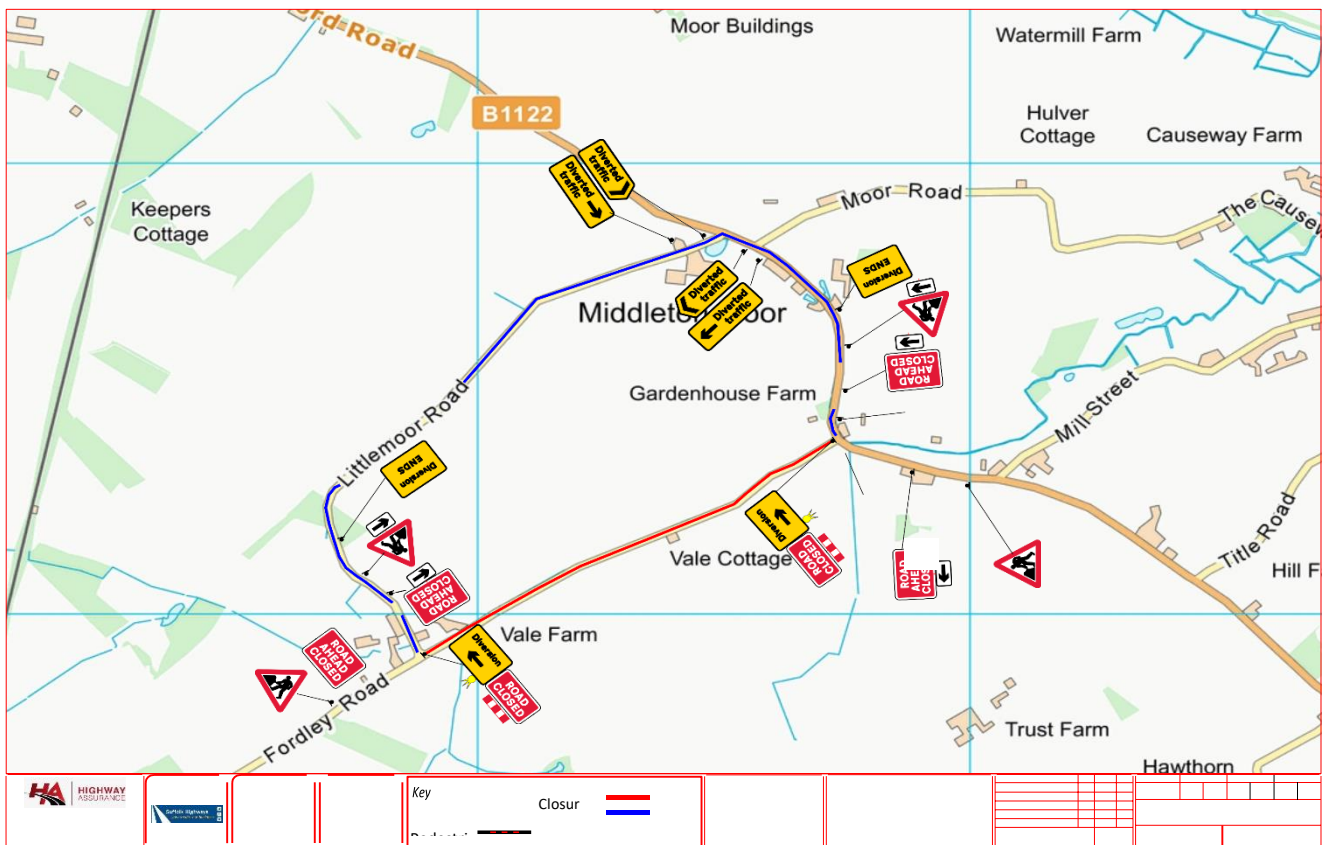
A plan showing the diversion route for these works is attached to this email. When we close the road and put a diversion in place, the route needs to be accessible to vehicles of all shapes and sizes. We make our diversions as clear as possible by placing appropriate signing along the route. The latest updates on our works can be found on our website at "[Temporary road closures for Suffolk Highways roadworks](#)" and on [One.Network](#) website.

There may be times that essential emergency works are required to take place on the highway network without advanced notice – you can follow [Suffolk Highways on Twitter](#) for the latest emergency roadwork updates.

Please could you use any contacts within your division or parish to circulate this notification. Please contact us on 0345 606 6171 if you have any questions.

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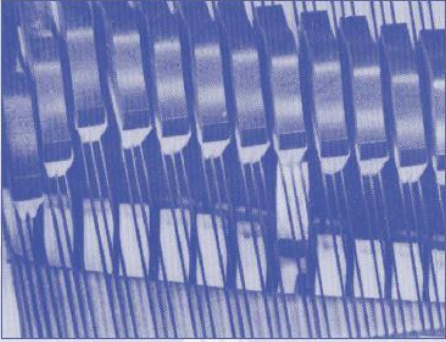
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## Diary Dates 2022

### June

|                            |                                                                           |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup>   | Live music "SQUIT NIGHT" at the Bell from 8pm                             |
| Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup>     | Jubilee BBQ at the Bell 6pm                                               |
| Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup>   | Open Gardens                                                              |
| Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup>     | Open Gardens                                                              |
| Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup>     | Benefice Holy Communion, Theberton 9.30 a.m Pentecost/Jubilee Celebration |
| Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup>    | Morning Praise 11am                                                       |
| Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup>   | Parish council meeting, Village Hall 7pm                                  |
| Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> | W.I. Village Hall -Nurses and Nursing ~ David Burgess 7.15pm              |
| Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup>    | Taize 9.30 am with Theberton, in Theberton                                |
| Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup>  | MCC outdoor quiz - (if wet will be in the Village Hall)                   |
| Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup>    | Holy Communion 11am                                                       |

### July

|                            |                                                               |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup>   | Mid-summer boules tournament - Playing Field. 10 am           |
| Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup>   | Julian & Kayleigh's wedding - evening                         |
| Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup>   | Parish council meeting, Village Hall 7pm                      |
| Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup>  | Middleton-cum-Fordley Jubilee Picnic - Playing Field 12 - 3pm |
| Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup>    | Paget House NGS open garden 11-5pm                            |
| Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> | W.I. Garden Party - Recreation Ground                         |

### August

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

### September

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

### October

|                            |                                               |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup>   | Autumn Fair                                   |
| Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup>   | Parish council meeting, Village Hall 7pm      |
| Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> | W.I. Village Hall - Adnams ~ Andy Wood 7.15pm |

### November

|                            |                                                                                       |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Monday 8 <sup>th</sup>     | Parish council meeting, Village Hall 7pm                                              |
| 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 10 am          |
| Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup>  | MCC Christmas Event - tbc                   |
| Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup>   | Parish council meeting, Village Hall 7pm    |
| Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> | W.I. Village Hall - End of Year Celebration |

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To hire the pavilion on the playing field contact [julian.cusack@btinternet.com](mailto:julian.cusack@btinternet.com)