

MIDDLETON - CUM - FORDLEY



NEWSLETTER

April 2025

Editorial

Well the first quarter of 2025 has passed, the clocks will change this weekend as we head towards warmer weather and hopefully not too many April showers (though probably gardeners will disagree and need the rain, particularly if planning to do Open Gardens this year!) I took the front cover photo with my phone this morning after boules practice to highlight the beautiful warm spring day with an array of daffodils and primroses.

Fingers crossed for a dry day on the May 5th Bank Holiday for the MCC Victory Street Party – see the advert for details.

Next month we have our second guest editor as I will be away again and Lynda Whitbread has very kindly agreed to take it on, with Renny once again distributing to deliverers. Thank you both for holding the fort! If you have the digital version it will most likely be sent from my iCloud email as my BT one doesn't like sending out from Australia!

Contributions for the next edition by email to Lynda on thewhitbreads@gmx.co.uk by Tuesday 22nd April

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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### MIDDLETON ARCHIVES OPEN DAY 5<sup>th</sup> April

The village archives will be on display in the Village Hall on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April between 10am and 3pm.

Free entry, tea and coffee available.

Open to all – even if you've been before there's bound to be something you didn't see last time!

### LAST CHANCE TO BUY TICKETS FOR APRIL 6<sup>th</sup>


The upcoming Young Artists concert at Middleton church on April 6 is almost sold out – so now is the time to buy your tickets.

Jordan Brooks, a brilliant young violinist will be giving an hour long concert on Sunday April 6 at 3pm; he will be accompanied by Kumi Matsuo, a pianist with an international reputation.

Jordan won the strings competition at the Royal Overseas League last year and this is a concert not to be missed.

Tickets can be purchased through the Concerts at Cratfield website: [concertsatcratfield.org](http://concertsatcratfield.org).

For more information please call Graham on 07809 710195 or Jonathan on 07860 361746



**Cratfield Young Artists presents**

**JORDAN BROOKS,**  
Violin

**KUMI MATSUO,**  
piano

A programme of music by Stravinsky,  
Prokofiev and Tchaikovsky.

**SUNDAY APRIL 6 2025**  
**AT 3PM**

at Holy Trinity Church,  
Middleton, East Suffolk, IP17 3NW

South African violinist Jordan Brooks is  
a student at the Royal College of Music.  
Jordan won First Prize at the Royal  
Overseas League Strings Competition  
and First Prize for the Overseas round of  
the competition in 2024.

All Tickets £15

Available from our website  
[www.concertsatcratfield.org](http://www.concertsatcratfield.org)



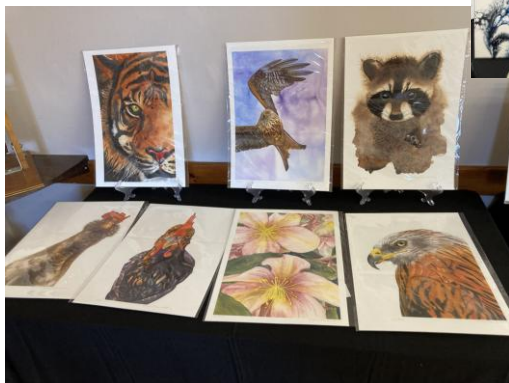


## **Middleton Arts and Crafts** **Exhibition**

Held on the 8th March  
at the Village Hall.



Huge thanks go to all those who provided cakes, pastries, bacon rolls and hot drinks and washed up!  
They were busy all day!



The exhibition was a celebration of the talents and skills we have not only in Middleton but in other surrounding villages and towns. 20 exhibitors in total made the exhibition a truly fascinating and diversified experience. It was such a celebration!

So many people came and gave so generously to our donation boxes, heartfelt thanks go to you all.

We have enough money to ensure the Thursday Morning Coffee Group can meet socially for as long as it is required by young and old alike. Contact Lynda on 01728 668977 if you know of someone who might like to come along to the Village Hall on a Thursday morning at 10.45 am.

My thanks to everyone who gave their time and support so generously, making the day such a success.

Lynda





As part of the National Celebrations of 80 years since the end of WW2  
Your Community Council invites you to

# **Middleton-cum-Fordley**

# **Victory Street Party**

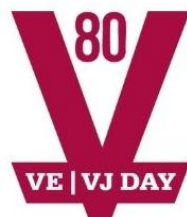
**Monday 5th May**

**12:30 - 3:00**

**In front of The Bell**

**Bring your own picnic lunch**

***Enjoy an afternoon of 1940s music and  
frivolities with friends***







Middleton-cum-Fordley Victory Party 1945

Why not join in the **Street Party** celebrations and commemorations with some wartime recipes

VICTORY OR PARTY CAKE

**VICTORY**

This recipe makes quite a large cake:

margarine

- 8 ozs. margarine  
8 ozs. sugar  
1 lb. mixed currants and prunes or dates  
1 lb. raisins (or chopped prunes or dates)  
1 teaspoonful bicarbonate of soda dissolved in 1 teaspoonful milk  
1 teaspoonful almond essence, if desired

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Put the margarine into a mixing basin and beat it with a wooden spoon until it is soft, then add the sugar and beat the two together until the mixture is soft and creamy. Then add a little of the reconstituted egg and a little flour alternately, beating the mixture well. Continue adding eggs and flour until all the egg and half the flour has been beaten into the mixture. Then gently stir in the remainder of the flour with all the fruit. Mix together, adding last of all the almond essence and the soda dissolved in the milk. Turn into an 8-inch cake tin, greased and lined with greased paper. Bake for 1 hour at a moderate heat (Regulo Mark 4), then turn the heat to very slow (Regulo Mark 1) and bake for a further 2½ hours. Ice the cake next day, when it is cold.

ROCK CAKES.

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- 1 lb. self-raising flour  
2-3 ozs. dripping, cooking fat or margarine  
2 ozs. chopped prunes, raisins or sultanas

Sieve the flour and salt into a basin, and rub in the fat. Add the fruit. Mix the jam with the reconstituted eggs, add to the flour, and mix to a stiff dough (no additional water should be needed). Place in rough heaps on a greased baking sheet, and bake for 15 minutes in a moderately hot oven (Regulo Mark 6). Makes 9 large or 18 small cakes.

### MARMALADE BUNS

- 1 lb. self-raising flour  
2 ozs. margarine  
2 tablespoonsful sugar
- About a tablespoonful marmalade  
1 pint milk  
1 teaspoonful salt  
1 tsp. rub in the margarine, and

1 ozs. margarine      1 teaspoonful salt  
2 tablespoonsful sugar

Sieve the flour and salt into a basin, rub in the margarine and add 1 tablespoonful sugar. Mix to a soft, pliable dough with the milk. Roll out on a floured board, knead and cut into thin strips about 1/4 inch thick. Cut into rounds in the centre of each, brush half a spoonful of marmalade on the inside of each, and place a bunch in the centre of each round. Sprinkle with water, and gather all the edges together so that none oozes out, each round enclosing the marmalade, and tuck the edges under the rest. Press the edges gently together so the bunch-up edges underneath. Bake 7-8 minutes on a floured board, and lift with the fingers. Place the remainder of the sugar, and slightly less than half the salt, in a bowl. Sprinkle the tops of the buns with this, brush with milk, sprinkle with the remainder of the sugar, and bake 10-12 minutes. Makes 12 buns (Regulo Mark 7). Makes 17-18 buns

## OATMEAL COOKIES

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| 4 ozs. self-raising flour            | 1 teaspoonful baking powder                        |
| 4 ozs. medium oatmeal or rolled oats | $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoonful salt                     |
| 2 ozs. margarine or cooking fat      | $\frac{1}{4}$ tablespoonsful water                 |
| 2 tablespoonsful sugar               | $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoonful each cinnamon and nutmeg |

2 tablespoonful sugar  
DATE AND APPLE FILLING (weighed after

- 1 lb. apples (weighed after peeling) 1 tablespoonful syrup  
1 lb. dates to the juiciness of the apples  
2 or 3 tablespoonsful water according to the juiciness of the apples  
1/2 cup flour, salt, baking powder and spices  
1/2 cup margarine, and 1/2 cup sugar

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To make the filling: Peel and slice the apples, and place with the chopped dates, syrup and water in a saucepan, and cook gently until the apples are soft, stirring often. Use only sufficient water to start the apples cooking. Mix all well together before using. Makes 10 cookies

## FLAP-JACKS

- 4 ozs. rolled oats  
1 small tablespoonful self-raising flour  
1 good tablespoonful syrup

Melt margarine, syrup and sugar, and add the almond essence. Mix the flour and oats together, add the melted margarine, etc., and beat well. Put in a shallow greased tin, and bake in a fairly slow oven (Regulo Mark 3) for 35 minutes. When done, cool for a few minutes, turn out, and cut into fingers.

## GINGER BISCUITS

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| 8 ozs. self-raising flour                   | 1 tablespoonful dried egg         |
| 3 ozs. margarine                            | 1 tablespoonful sugar             |
| 1 full tablespoonful black treacle or syrup | 1 level teaspoonful ground ginger |
|                                             | $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoonful salt    |

Melt the treacle, sugar and margarine and cool slightly. Sift the flour, dried egg, ground ginger and salt into a basin. Pour over the melted treacle, etc., and mix to a stiff dough. Roll out, cut into rounds, and bake in a moderately hot oven (Regulo Mark 5) for 10 minutes.

**SANDWICH SPREADS OR FILLINGS (SAVOURY)**

- SAVOURY MEAT**
- 1 large jar meat paste  
1 dessertspoonful salad dressing or tomato sauce  
1 dessertspoonful chopped pickles, watercress, chopped chives or  
grated carrot  
Salt and pepper to taste  
Mix paste into a bowl and mix with the other ingredients.

1 large jar instant salad dressing  
1 dessertspoonful chopped pickles, watercress, onion, grated carrot  
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Salt and pepper to taste  
Turn out the meat paste into a bowl and mix with the other ingredients.

**HERRING OR PILCHARD SPREAD**

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- 1 small tin herrings or pilchards  
1 dessertspoonful anchovy essence  
Salt and pepper
- 1 oz. melted margarine  
1 teaspoonful vinegar
- Put into a bowl

**HERRING AND HORSE RADISH SPREAD**

|                                   |               |
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| 1 small tin herrings or pickled   | 1 teaspoonful |
| 1 dessertspoonful anchovy essence |               |
| Salt and pepper                   |               |

Drain the herrings and remove the large bones. Put into a bowl, add all the other ingredients and beat with a wooden spoon to a smooth paste.

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| 1 oz. margarine |
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### HORSERADISH SPREAD

- CHEESE AND HORSE RADISH SAUCE**
- 2 ozs. stale cheese  
1 dessertspoonful horseradish sauce if it is available  
1 teaspoonful grated horseradish  
1 teaspoonful vinegar  
1 teaspoonful dry mustard

OR  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 1 \text{ teaspoonful vinegar} \\ 1 \text{ teaspoonful dry mustard} \end{array} \right.$

Grate the cheese finely and beat with the margarine until creamy. Mix in the horseradish sauce. If grated horseradish is used, mix the mustard with the vinegar and add to the creamed margarine and cheese and finally stir in the horseradish.

**MOCK BANANA SPREAD**

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- 1½ lbs. parsnips  
3 pints water  
½ lb. sugar  
6 cloves  
1 teaspoonful banana essence
- Wash and peel the parsnips and  
put into a saucepan

Scrub and peel the parsnips and cut into small dice. Again wash well.  
Put into a saucepan with the 3 pints of water and the cloves and bring  
to the boil, then simmer until all the water is absorbed and the parsnips  
are soft. Mash well with a fork until smooth and free from lumps.  
Remove from the heat, add the sugar and banana essence, stirring  
thoroughly frequently, until the sugar is dissolved.  
still hot.

**NOTE:** This filling is very good for tarts and flans and is delicious in sandwiches or as a spread. It will not keep like a preserve, so should be made when parsnips are in season and used as required.

### APRICOT OR PEACH SPREAD

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 ½ lb. dried apricots or peaches      1 pint water      ½ lb. sugar  
 Soak the apricots or peaches in 1 pint cold water overnight.  
 the boil and simmer

the water absorbed. Take off the heat, add  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb. sugar and mix with a wooden spoon. Return to the heat and simmer again, stirring all the time for 15 minutes. Makes  $1\frac{1}{2}$  lbs. apricot spread.



## MIDDLETON OPEN GARDENS

**7th and 8th June 2025 (11 am - 5pm)**

Looking forward to welcoming new and returning visitors to our annual open gardens in Middleton. This year we have several new gardens, some favourites returning, as well as the beautiful, regular gardens to see.

There will be an arts/craft/vintage and plants/flower stall at the Village Hall and family wildlife activities (not in the Village Hall! ). Serving refreshments at the pavilion all day.

Fundraising for Holy Trinity Church, Middleton, also supporting Middleton Thursday group and the NSPCC phone line (East Suffolk)



### Calling all village artists, craftspeople, collectors

*Middleton Open Gardens 7th and 8th June*

Following the successful arts event in the village hall last year, we are once again delighted to offer an opportunity for visitors to the Open gardens to view/purchase art, crafts, ceramics, vintage collections.

If you are an artist/craftsperson and live in, or near, Middleton and would like to take part please email, text, or call me.

Christine Burgess 07826 840478 or  
christineburgess29@gmail.com



## MIDDLETON COMMUNITY COUNCIL Annual General Meeting

will be held on  
Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2025 at 7pm  
in the Village Hall

Everyone is welcome

## MIDDLETON VILLAGE HALL Annual General Meeting

will be held on  
Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2025 at 7pm  
in the Village Hall

Everyone is welcome

**ART  
AFFAIR**

A celebration of  
local artists and  
makers

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browse or buy

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**SATURDAY  
19 APRIL 2025**  
(10.30 AM - 4 PM) - FREE ENTRY

Enquiries: [Suffolkartaffair@gmail.com](mailto:Suffolkartaffair@gmail.com)  
Proceeds in support of Yoxford Village Hall

## HOLY TRINITY – MIDDLETON CUM FORDLEY

### Church Services during April

We have enjoyed a gentle start to the year here at Holy Trinity beginning with Poetry and Pastries in January which, as ever, the poetry inviting honesty and vulnerability and the kind company offering a safe harbour, felt spirit-filled and God held. This was followed by our turn to host the Benefice Service at the beginning of February which we did with pleasure. March saw our Spring Saturday Pop-up Brunch which, while not a service, nevertheless - as we gather around a table to eat, to drink and to enjoy one another's company - feels, I suggest, like church should. Our grateful thanks to everyone who came along and ... we will always make room for more! As I write this, we are anticipating the Mothering Sunday Benefice Service on 30<sup>th</sup> March in which we have been invited to bring something of the flavour of 'Poetry and Pastries' to our wider community... 🙏

Throughout Lent all eight churches are coming together for Benefice Services (see The Fisherman for further details). Rev Tim suggested that we might consider car sharing for these, do please bear this in mind.

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| <b>Sunday 6 April</b>                   | <b>10.30 Benefice Holy Communion</b>                                   | <b>St James Dunwich</b>        |
| <b>Sunday 13 April</b>                  | <b>10.30 Benefice Holy Communion</b>                                   | <b>St Peter's Theberton</b>    |
| <b>Wednesday 16 April</b>               | <b>10am-3.30pm Musical Meditation for Lent (see below for details)</b> | <b>Holy Trinity, Middleton</b> |
| <b>Maundy Thursday 17 April</b>         | <b>6.30pm Washing of Feet</b>                                          | <b>All Saint's Darsham</b>     |
| <b>Good Friday 18 April</b>             | <b>2pm Stations of the Cross</b>                                       | <b>St Peter's Yoxford</b>      |
| <b>Easter Day 20<sup>th</sup> April</b> | <b>6am Sunrise Service</b>                                             | <b>St James Dunwich</b>        |
|                                         | <b>11am Holy Communion</b>                                             | <b>Holy Trinity Middleton</b>  |

#### A Musical Meditation for Lent

'Through Darkness into Light'

Holy Trinity, Middleton

Thursday 17 April

10am-3.30pm

Please join us in our beautiful church for this experimental day retreat as we listen in quiet contemplation to a carefully curated playlist of sacred music designed to take us on a transformative journey through darkness into light.

The music will run continuously from shortly after 10am until its completion at approximately 3.30pm

You are welcome to come for the whole day or simply to drop in and out as you are able

Coffee and tea will be available throughout but, if you plan to come for the duration, maybe bring some lunch!

Please note this is not a live performance

With thanks to Ivor Williams and Mendel Kaelem

For further information contact Amanda Taylor 07990 602563

Holy Trinity PCC were so very sorry to hear that Jack Stephenson passed away suddenly on Sunday 16th March. Our thoughts and condolences are with Christine and the family.

Rita Pateman



**Holy Dusters** 😊

New dusters always welcome, of all faiths and none

9 April - Amanda and Paul

23 April - Nicola and Margaret

14 May - Mark and Liz

**HOLY TRINITY CHURCH  
ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING**

The Holy Trinity Church, Middleton APCM will be held on  
Wednesday 30 April 2025 at 2pm in the church.  
Everyone is welcome.

**Thought for the Month**

**‘Lent is a kind of fertilisation of the spirit. It is the time when we have to find the space to let it grow. Its desert must bloom. I find that simplicity, not self-denial, is the better aid for this. It is what the Quakers tell us.’**

**Ronald Blythe in *Next to Nature***



**WI News**

Instead of an evening meeting in February it was decided to get together during the day. At the end of the month, we treated ourselves to lunch at The Wentworth Hotel in Aldeburgh. The weather outside was wet, windy and wintry, but inside the hotel's conservatory we were warm and well looked after as we enjoyed a 3 course meal and lovely company.

In March it was back to evening meetings. At this meeting we had to pay our annual membership subscriptions. After we conducted that necessary business and some other, we relaxed and socialised. The Committee provided a tasty supper of jacket potatoes served with various fillings: cheese, chilli con carne, tuna mayo, coleslaw. A cup of tea served by Lucy and Liz ended the evening. Lynda had also thanked all the members who, with others in the village, had helped to make the Middleton Art and Craft Exhibition a success. Well done!

Our next meeting will be April 16th at 7:15pm. Middleton's own Mark Mitchels will give us a talk on "The Suffolk Coastline". All are welcome to join us at this meeting.

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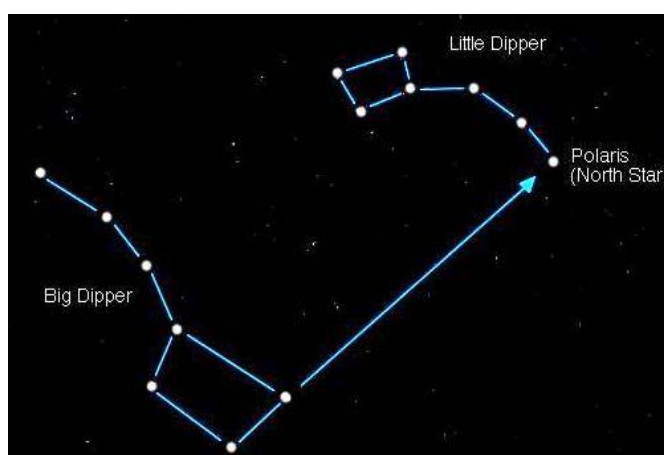
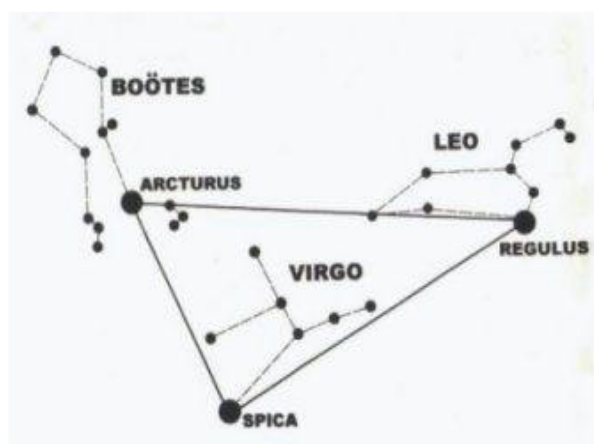


# Middleton Dark Skies

## April Highlights

**Planets on view.** **Venus** has disappeared from the evening sky and will now be visible low in the early morning dawn, rising around 5 AM. It will be at its brightest on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. On the 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, it will have the crescent Moon for company. Venus is also known as the Morning Star when seen in the East. **Jupiter** is still prominent and sitting between the horns of Taurus, setting a little after midnight. There will be two opportunities this month to see the crescent Moon sitting next to Jupiter, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. **Mars** is still close by the constellation of Gemini, forming a shallow triangle with Gemini's two principal stars, Castor and Pollux. On the 10<sup>th</sup>, Mars, Castor and Pollux, will be in straight line, before Mars finally leaves the vicinity of Gemini to move into the constellation of Cancer.

**Constellations** The southern night sky is dominated by **Leo** (the Lion), with **Virgo** (the Virgin) slightly further to the East. The two brightest stars of these constellations are Regulus and Spica respectively, and with Arcturus, in the constellation of Boötes, they form a bright triangle of stars out towards to South. In the Northern sky, **Cygnus** (the Swan or Northern Cross). Is now above the NE horizon and will continue to rise until it is directly overhead during the summer. **Ursa Major** (the Great Bear, incorporating the Big Dipper) is practically overhead this month, with **Ursa Minor** (the Little Bear/Little Dipper) below and to the North of Ursa Major.



### Triangle of bright stars looking South.

### Locating Ursa Minor/Little Dipper.

**The Moon.** The Moon this month is known by several names, all linked to the spring in the Northern Hemisphere, such as the Sprouting Grass Moon, Egg or Fish Moon. Full Moon this month will occur on the 13<sup>th</sup>. Watch out on the 5<sup>th</sup> for the Moon sitting just above Mars and to the left of the stars Castor and Pollux in the constellation of Gemini.

**Easter Sunday.** *The date for Easter Sunday is determined by the first Full Moon after the Spring Equinox on 21<sup>st</sup> March, with the first Sunday after the Full Moon becoming Easter Sunday. Accordingly, the earliest Easter Sunday can be is the 22<sup>nd</sup> March, assuming that a Full Moon occurs on that day, and that the 22<sup>nd</sup> is a Sunday. The latest that Easter Sunday can be is the 25<sup>th</sup> April, when the first Full Moon after the Spring Equinox occurs on the 18<sup>th</sup> April.....simples!*

**Meteors** The Lyrids meteor shower will be visible on the night of the 22<sup>nd</sup>, and with the Moon not rising much before dawn, it should be a good year for observing. The nearer to midnight you can get the better chance you have of seeing the meteors, as the radiant of the shower rises in the NE with the constellation of Lyra (the Harp), around 11.00 PM. Always a good chance of seeing one from 10.00 PM onwards though. The rate is likely to be 10-15 per hour, but this would be in all directions from the radiant, so if you are watching before midnight this is more likely to be between 5 and 7 per hour. These are fast and bright meteors, and will occasionally leave a trail behind them.

**Artificial Satellites.** Plenty of these to see, and with Space X ramping up the launches this year, there will be even more up there. Some satellites move in small groups or in a line, so always fun to watch out for these. It's also worth checking out on line when the Space Station will be overhead.

Brian Near

## April Nature Notes

The severe decline in the numbers of great crested newts in Britain and across Europe has resulted in them receiving highest level of species protection. These laws provide strict protection of the species and its habitat; consequently the presence of great crested newts has become rather synonymous with the slowing and prevention of new developments. This often surprises people from this area, where these newts are not uncommon; the distribution maps show that East Suffolk has the greatest density of great crested newt records in East Anglia and one of the highest in Britain. This abundance undoubtedly relates to historically high number of farm ponds (Suffolk, along with Cheshire, boasts the highest density of ponds in England), which enabled newts to form extensive populations across a dense network of ponds.

There are three native species of newt in Britain; the great crested newt is the largest, reaching a maximum adult length of up to 17cm, although size varies between populations. Adults are distinguished from the smaller smooth newt by the male's jagged crest that dips at the rear of the abdomen. The third British species, the palmate newt is not found in this area. The adult male smooth newt has a crest that is wavy rather than jagged, and it does not dip at the start of the top of the tail. Females lack the crest. The great crested newt is generally black, with vivid orange or yellow belly with an irregular pattern of dark black blotches, whereas the smooth newt is generally lighter in overall colouration, and the belly markings more rounded and fewer in number. The great crested newt is sometimes known as the warty newt because of its dark black-brown colour with 'warty' darker spots and bright orange-yellow belly with dark blotches.



Great crested newts need both aquatic and terrestrial habitats. Ponds are required to breed. These tend to be medium sized, sunny, with lots of aquatic vegetation; temporary ponds which dry out occasionally, being valuable, because periodic drying out reduces the abundance of newt predators such as dragonfly larvae and fish. As newts spend much of their life on dry land breeding ponds need to be surrounded by good habitat. Rough grassland, scrub, hedges and woodland appears to be the favoured foraging habitats where they feed on a range of invertebrates, such as earthworms, slugs and slow moving insects and spiders. The great crested newt is long-lived and extremely mobile and can travel up to one kilometre in search of good pond habitat. Because of this, sensitive restoration of neglected ponds can quickly result in newts moving into a previously unsuitable pond – and result in a turnaround in the fortunes of this species locally. From personal communications there is a population of great crested newts in Middleton. This seems to be centred around the alpaca field at the top of the village, while, despite suitable habitat, they do not seem to occur lower down towards the river.

Peter Vincent



**Advance notice!**  
**SUNDAY 24th AUGUST**

After a year's absence, it's exciting to announce the return of our 'Folk in the Garden' fundraiser for Bowel Cancer UK.

We have just finalised the lineup for this year and are delighted to confirm we have some wonderful homegrown, amazingly talented multi-instrumentalists and singer-songwriters for you. We will be treated to live performances of stories that are woven into song and full of variation; foot-tapping Celtic tunes, both modern and traditional Folk & Roots, Folk Rock and Americana - from highly emotive and dramatic full-bodied ballads bringing a tear to your eye, to rip-roaring tales of adventure on the seas! The wonderful 5-piece **SilMor** will set the afternoon off in great style for us, followed by a short set with the delightful duo **Kyson Point** and then the magnificent **Honey & the Bear** with **Toby Shaer**.

As always, you are encouraged to bring your own picnic, cushions/blankets & fold-up chairs (if you have them) to the garden - in order to fully relax and embrace the entertainment on offer! Of course, we are at the mercy of the British summer weather, so appropriate clothes & footwear are recommended.

Suggested donation is £10-15pp - but there is no obligation, please feel free to give whatever you can - all profits will go direct to the charity Bowel Cancer UK in memory of Mandy's brother Darren who, in his early 50s, tragically lost his life to bowel cancer in 2021.

**If you've not already received details direct from Mandy, please email: [mobilemandy@me.com](mailto:mobilemandy@me.com) to ensure you're on the mailing list to get full details in due course i.e. timings, what to bring, how to make a donation etc.**

And finally, if you've not been able to join us before, here's some feedback from the last garden concert to give you a feel:

*What a wonderful afternoon ....Just lovely to sit back and listen to such talented musicians.*

*A wonderful afternoon of music and food shared in your beautiful garden. We had a wonderful time chatting to your friends and neighbours. A lovely turn out and hopefully you raised a goodly amount for Bowel Cancer UK.*

*Just wanted to say what a fabulous afternoon! Your garden brings a feeling of calmness and add to that the beautiful music - well I can't put it into words but ....I walked home feeling 'uplifted'.*

*We also enjoyed the on cue appearance of the swallows formation flying team during the Swallow Song; not sure how you managed that, but well done 🍷.*

*A super afternoon being entertained by the talented Silmor and Honey & the Bear and Toby. It was a lovely experience topped off by Pimms and cake.... a lovely intimate event.*

*Wow! What an amazing afternoon. Sitting in your stunning garden, the wind blowing through the trees and listening to sublime live music from superb musicians. At one point I was 'in the moment', thinking "life doesn't get better than this".*

We're hoping very much that you'll be able to join us this year,  
Mandy & Steve (Manor House Garden - on the B1125/Leiston Road)



# Pie & Mash Night

Enjoy a Choice of Pie,  
Mash, Vegetables & Gravy Plus a Pint of Adnams Bitter,  
175ml Glass of House Wine or Soft Drink



Let's consider this an object of lust with its well  
proportioned and firm crust, with mash so creamy it really is dreamy.  
Along with Vegetables & plenty of Gravy tasty accompaniments for the Savoury

Every Thursday Only £16 pp



## MIDDLETON BELL

Tel 648286

N.B. the kitchen is currently  
closed Mon/Tue.

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Every **Wednesday** from 10-12 the Bell is  
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Don't forget the Thursday Coffee  
morning .

No need to book - just drop in to the  
Village Hall from 10.45 am for a warm  
welcome with a cuppa and usually cake!  
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P.S. it's not instant coffee - we do have  
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## MIDDLETON BELL CRIBBAGE TEAM Are MID-SUFFOLK LEAGUE CHAMPIONS !

We don't have the trophy yet as it's awarded on Finals Night  
on April 10<sup>th</sup> . We also have representatives in 2 other finals to  
be played that evening. Watch this space!!!





# PROJECT UPDATE

APRIL 2025

The Sizewell C project continues to progress rapidly, with significant developments across multiple sites.

Archaeology and vegetation clearance works are continuing at our Sizewell Link Road sites, and main construction works will begin once our archaeological investigations have been completed. We will be starting to construct access and compound to the west of Sizewell Link Road, just off the A12 on Town Farm Lane at the end of March.

Earthworks at Yoxford Roundabout will begin soon, though we plan for minimal disruption to the A12. Archaeological surveys are ongoing at the Park and Ride sites, with construction set to begin in phases this summer. Additionally, work to realign BT Openreach cables continues, and at the end of March preparation for Friday Street Roundabout will include vegetation clearance under ecological supervision.

The recently launched Sizewell C Works Tracker now allows community members to receive regular updates via email, with an SMS service planned for later in the year.

Scan the QR code and **visit the works tracker website.**



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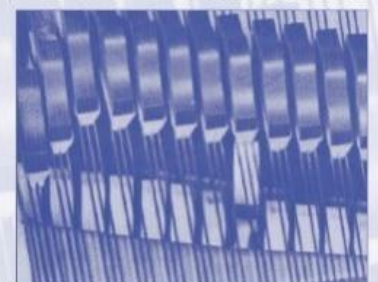
- Medical appointments
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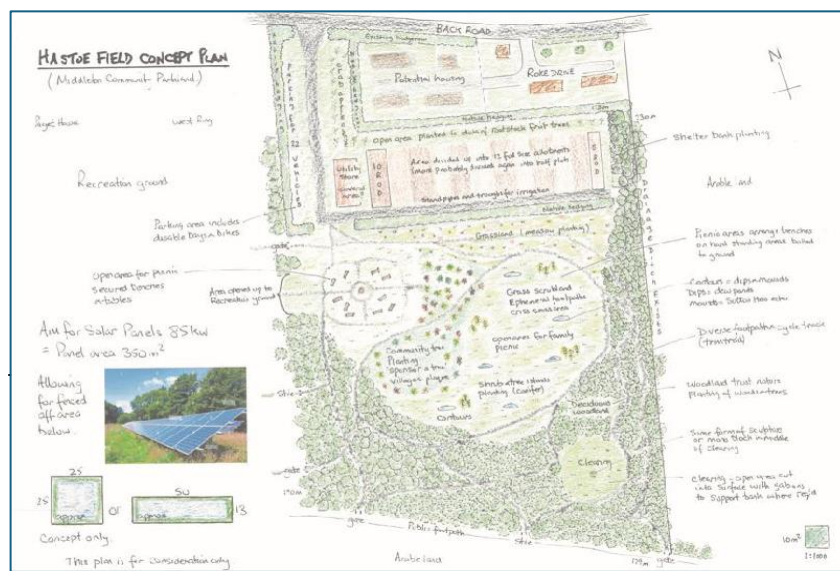


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*Piano Tuner/Technician*

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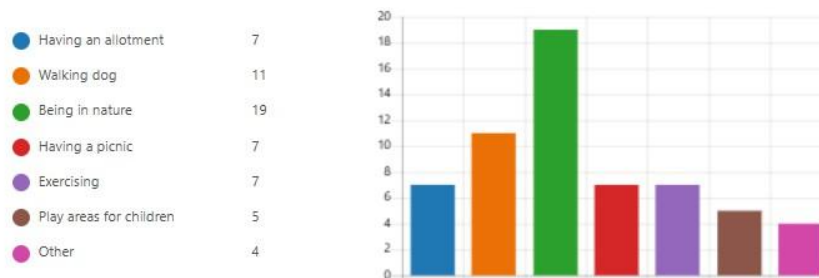
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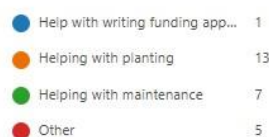
Approximately **40** people attended the community meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> February 2025, **23** people completed the survey. Some highlights from that survey below:

## 4. What elements of the plan are you interested in?



There is a good level of interest in having an allotment although we need to see how many others in the village are interested in this for it to be a viable option.

## 5. Are you interested in getting involved?



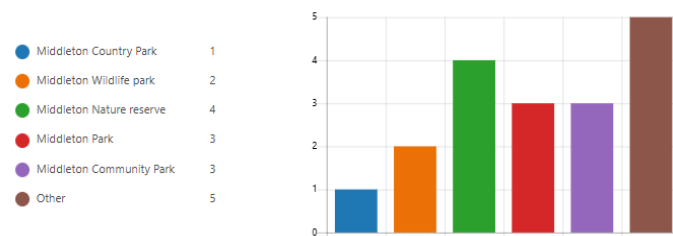
## What concerns do people have?

|    |           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|----|-----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1  | anonymous | No                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 2  | anonymous | The key to me is joined up thinking between this area and the rec field. Make Hastoe simpler (maybe just managed woodland with a clearing) and all functional things (allotments fitness solar panels etc) on rec field |
| 3  | anonymous | Overall scale and time scale                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 4  | anonymous | Funding                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 5  | anonymous | I hear people's concern that it might not actually be used - maybe less will be more...                                                                                                                                 |
| 6  | anonymous | Costs and maintenance                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 7  | anonymous | Surprised by some local opposition- perhaps the plans could be simplified to become just a wild recreational area?                                                                                                      |
| 8  | anonymous | I acknowledge that Roke close residents will have concerns                                                                                                                                                              |
| 9  | anonymous | As expressed unconvinced of need                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 10 | anonymous | conflict with playing field. Who will use it? How will it affect Roke Drive                                                                                                                                             |
| 11 | anonymous | No                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 12 | anonymous | Yes if it all becomes manicured, too many different / competing offers. Ultimately a wood / nature with a few walks in it sounds good to me                                                                             |
| 13 | anonymous | yes noise mitigation from allotments potential wind turbine noise                                                                                                                                                       |



In addition to these concerns someone asked if there is really a need to create an additional wildlife area when there is so much around us?

7. What do you think we should call the new field?



Not much consensus about what it should be called! Some other suggestions:

- “Something more old or rural”
- “Not sure as yet but a bit nervous of it being too designated and tidy sounding”
- “Find the true name of the field”

*[Apparently in Alan Jobson’s “An Hourglass on the Run” he mentions the pit by Back Road in the Hastoe field. Apparently, it was known as Sarah Cobbler’s Pit and was later used by the local authority as a tip for household rubbish. Sarah Cobbler is described as a Middleton resident but no further information on that.]*

Is there anything else you would like

|    |           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|----|-----------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1  | anonymous | Good Luck                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 2  | anonymous | Will give our table notes sheet to Steve                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 3  | anonymous | Thanks for the work you have put into this concept so far...                                                                                                                                                              |
| 4  | anonymous | Would like to see vehicle access from one field to the other to avoid congestion in Fletchers lane on event days.                                                                                                         |
| 5  | anonymous | It would be a shame to put the plans aside because of a vocal minority - far more people were for the idea than against,were                                                                                              |
| 6  | anonymous | My background is in physical & mental health and well-being                                                                                                                                                               |
| 7  | anonymous | We feel that the village owning this field would be preferable to leaving its ownership and use as a hostage to fortune. Village amenities are important factors attracting new residents and hopefully younger families. |
| 8  | anonymous | Portioning a secure dog park / possible wedding / events space. Compostable toilets!                                                                                                                                      |
| 9  | anonymous | If this ends up simply as a wood that would be great. All in the name of positivity coining together as a village                                                                                                         |
| 10 | anonymous | No wind turbines there                                                                                                                                                                                                    |

## Summary

From the survey and the feedback on the night the majority that attended and gave feedback are in favour of turning the field into some kind of community wildlife and recreation area. There are though a number who are against what is being proposed. Even amongst those who are positive there are some concerns that would need to be addressed.

- How will this stack up financially over the long term. Therefore, it will be key to have a scheme that requires limited long-term maintenance.
- The location of the allotment is not supported by people living on Roke Drive- potentially this could be moved to a different area or if there is support and sufficient demand, allotments could be created on the existing recreation ground.
- There is nervousness about having a lot of equipment that needs to be maintained.
- Concerns about the cycle track turning into BMX type track
- View that Hastoe Field should be for wildlife and the Recreation Ground to be for amenities. So, anything like exercise equipment should be kept on Recreation Ground

Feedback from Suffolk Community Foundation (SCF) [Who manage the SZC Community Fund]

The lady that attended from SCF was impressed that we were running a community event. She said that lots of bids come to them that have no evidence of support from local people. So, we believe if we can get to the point where we have a consensus across the village about what we are applying for that the bid would be viewed favourably.

Suggested next steps.

The Parish Council is proposing that we now do two things in tandem.

Firstly, we are inviting further feedback from villagers about the proposed plans, which will now incorporate feedback from the recent meeting. We would encourage anyone with any further thoughts or feedback to share them with the Parish Clerk, Rachael Salcombe [parishclerkmiddleton@gmail.com](mailto:parishclerkmiddleton@gmail.com)

Secondly, we are proposing to press ahead with an application for funding to the Sizewell C Community Fund and other potential funds, as we become aware of them. The rationale for doing this now is that we may be presented with an option to buy the field by Suffolk County Council in the near future, but don't have sufficient time to raise funds to do so. To be clear, applying for funding in and of itself will not commit us to buying the field. It just gives us the option to do so. Before making any final decision, a clear financial case will be presented to the village and there will be an opportunity for people to provide feedback.

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**If anyone might be thinking of having a 'proper' open-fire spit-roast this summer I have a moveable rotating spit assembly made by Paul Richardson which Paul and I would be happy to loan to anyone in the village. Designed for a whole pig or sheep it could also do smaller things if wanted. Not a modern gas-fired substitute- this is for a real gaucho-style barbecue and does need a good wood fire!**

***Jack Rosenthal 648253***

Email to the editor re : odd occurrence in Back Road

When we went to our top garden this morning, we found the gate to our chicken run removed & put to one side. This is the second time this week!

We still had lots of eggs in the coop so would not know if any had been taken. The gate has to be lifted to enable it to be removed so cannot be an animal.

Becky

N.B. I believe this has happened a third time.

Good news from MCC

The Community Council are pleased to report that their annual young person's bursary has been awarded to Emma to go towards a new keyboard thus enabling her to continue her music tuition.



# **MIDDLETON CUM FORDLEY PARISH COUNCIL**

## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 12 MARCH 2025 AT 7pm AT THE VILLAGE HALL**

"Please note that the Parish Council will be pleased to consider adding additional items suggested by residents to future agendas. If you would like to make such a request or contact the Parish Council on any other matter, please do so via the Parish Clerk on [parishclerkmiddleton@gmail.com](mailto:parishclerkmiddleton@gmail.com)".

### **1 Attendance and Apologies**

#### **Attendees:**

Cllr Julian Cusack (7.40pm)  
Cllr Charles Macdowell  
Cllr Giles Piercy (Chairman, in Cllr Cusack's absence)  
Cllr Michele Kendall  
Cllr Steve Thorpe  
Cllr Kathryn Rowe  
Cllr Chris Reynolds  
Cllr Graham Lacey

#### **Apologies:**

District Councillor Sarah Whitelock

#### **In attendance:**

Rachael Salcombe – Parish Clerk  
Member of the public x 1

### **2 Councillors' Declarations of Interest. None.**

### **3 Public Forum. None**

### **4 Minutes**

- a) The Council approved the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 8 January 2025, save 'minute 6 Sizewell C and other Energy Projects', bullet point 6, last sentence should read 'Middleton's recommendation to move the entire carriage way and create a footpath was rejected on the grounds of cost'.

#### **b) Matters arising and Action Points**

- Cutting of the hedge at the burial ground has been carried out. Invoice to follow.
- The end date of the existing tenancy at Causeway Farm is confirmed as 5 April 2025.
- Cllrs Cusack and Piercy to liaise in preparation for an Emergency Planning meeting c/f
- SZC have been advised that the proposed foot path along the Moor is not required.
- Contact was made with the contractor that carried out the recent pond works. He is unable to provide a report because he does not have professional indemnity insurance.
- ESC has been advised on planning application DC/25/0106/FUL.
- Advertisement for a councillor was placed in the village newsletter.
- CIL may be used for the purchase of waste bins.
- Cats and Volunteer Community Car Drivers have been given permission to advertise on the village noticeboards.
- ESC has been advised on TPO/179/2024.
- The Bell Inn has been furnished with details of the Bike Maintenance Station. It is understood that the Parish Council will be provided with a spare set of tools and will be responsible for the maintenance thereof, ESC will install the station.
- Yoxford photographer has been advised accordingly following a request for a venue in the village and advertising options.

### **5 Hastoe Field**

The success of the public meeting on 26 February was reported on. Most attendees are in favour of the Community Park, although it was acknowledged that a sizeable minority are not in favour, for a variety of reasons, including maintenance/upkeep, impact on residents of Roke Drive, use of good agricultural land and that there are enough wildlife areas.

The SZC representative was impressed by the meeting, which represented exactly the type of evidence that the community fund is looking for. Disappointingly, SCC declined the offer to attend the meeting.

It was agreed that the PC should continue to apply for funding through both the Community Fund and Environmental Fund but that this did not imply a firm decision to proceed with the project which would require further work and consultation with residents. It was noted that timings need to be considered and agreed in terms of receipt of funding (should we be successful) and payment to SCC.

Regarding Causeway Farm, the end tenancy date was confirmed as 5 April, and it will be after this date that the PC will be able to engage with SCC in more detail on what happens next. There remains an interest in the farm from both the Suffolk Wildlife Trust and a Care Farm.

## 6 Sizewell C and other Energy Projects

Cllrs Cusack and Macdowell met with SZC and Theberton PC on 4 March regarding the Sizewell Link Road. A drive around the area demonstrating works to date followed a power point presentation. It was anticipated and hoped that the meeting would provide information on anticipated works, rather than works that have already been carried out. Trees are still being felled and hedges removed. It is understood that the felling of trees and removal of hedges cannot take place after February, however SZC are able to seek permission to override the guidelines by way of a special license. Fordley Road has been closed during the day this week, for more tree felling. SZC advise that they have reduced the amount of vegetation removal from what was originally proposed. Cllr Piercy offered to attend the next Community Forum on 27 March. Cllr Macdowell will be attending the Lionlink exhibition at the Town Hall in Saxmundham, this Friday, 10am -4pm.

## 7 Emergency Planning Group. c/f

### 8 Councillors Reports

- a) Village Hall. It was reported that the rot in the hall has been taken care of and is not cause for concern. Work has been carried out to check for lead pipe leakage which resulted in no problems reported. A working group is to be created to tidy up the village hall garden.
- b) Middleton Primary School. No report
- c) Highways, footpaths and trees. No report
- d) Middleton Moor. It was agreed that the correspondence (an email, not a report) received from Peter Frizzell may be used when corresponding with Natural England/Suffolk Wildlife Trust to strengthen our position regarding the use of an excavator to dredge the pond. No works may take place now until the winter.

### 9 Finance

- a) The latest financial position was received and accepted by all.
- b) The following payment was authorised.

| Details                             | Payee         | Amount | Power          |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|--------|----------------|
| Hastoe Field A3 prints for 26/2 mtg | Leiston Press | £30.00 | LGA 1972 s.142 |

## 10 Administration

The following documents were re-adopted by the PC.

- a) Model Standing Orders
- b) Financial Regulations
- c) Internal Controls
- d) Code of Conduct
- e) Risk Assessment
- f) Asset Register

## 11 Agree engagement of SALC for 2024/25 audit

It was agreed to employ SALC to carry out the internal audit, at a cost of £183 exc.VAT.

## 12 Agree to include October CIL figure for bin costs

Following last month's meeting and the agreement to use £225 CIL monies towards the purchase of a waste bin and dog refuse bin for the recreation ground, it was brought to the attention of the PC that a further CIL figure of £450 is available to spend before October 2025. It was agreed to also include this CIL figure towards the cost of the bins, representing a total of £675. The bins cost £755.16 exc. VAT.

## 13 Election of Vice Chairman

All councillors formerly agreed to appoint Cllr Thorpe as Vice Chair to Middleton-cum-Fordley Parish Council.

## 14 Village Path approach to Church

Cllr Lacey met on site with contractors. The scheme has been reduced to make it more cost effective, and a revised quote is expected by the end of this week. It was agreed to advise the respective neighbours of the works before commencement.

- 15 **Correspondence.** The problem of dog fouling around the perimeter of the recreation ground was raised again, with a noticeable increase during school holidays. This same problem was raised at the PC meeting on 11 June 2024. The clerk contacted the resident, at that time, who confirmed that they were happy for signs to go up. **Action: Cllr Charles to source signs.**  
Village green grass cutting. **Action: Clerk to confirm availability of suggested contact.**

## 16 Items for Next Agenda.

Emergency Planning Group

- 17 **Next Meeting.** The date and time of the next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 9 April 2025 at 7pm, at the Village Hall.  
Thanks were given to Cllr Piercy for chairing the meeting. The meeting closed at 8pm.



**MIDDLETON CUM FORDLEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING AS SOLE TRUSTEE OF  
THE MIDDLETON RECREATION GROUND TRUST**  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 12 MARCH 2025  
AT 8pm AT THE VILLAGE HALL

**1 Attendance and Apologies**

**Attendees:**

Cllr Julian Cusack  
Cllr Giles Piercy  
Cllr Steve Thorpe  
Cllr Charles Macdowell  
Cllr Graham Lacey  
Cllr Michele Kendall  
Cllr Kathryn Rowe  
Cllr Chris Reynolds

**Apologies:**

No apologies

**In attendance:** Rachael Salcombe – Clerk  
Member of the public x 1

**2 To receive declarations of interest and to consider requests for dispensations.** None.

**3 Minutes**

- a) Minutes approved of Trustee Meeting held on 12 February 2025.
- b) Matters Arising. None.

**4 To review Safety Inspection Report.** High risk findings have been indicated on the report, most noticeably the Multiplay, which has subsequently been fenced off. Contact has been made with a local contractor to provide a quote for fixing the Multiplay. Due to the urgency, this matter was handled before the councillors had an opportunity to approve the appointment of a contractor for the fencing works, therefore approval was given/ratified at this meeting (actual figures will be shared at April's meeting).

It was confirmed that there is a sign at the entrance to the recreation ground stating 'use at own risk'.

**5 Correspondence.** The DofE camping dates of June 27, July 4 and July 9 were approved and it was agreed to charge £20 for each of the three dates.

Cllrs Rowe and Kendall kindly offered to act as PC Advisors to the Pavilion Manager.

Action: Clerk to advise Pavilion Manager accordingly.

**6 Matters for discussion.** Cllr Kendall has been given a box of unwanted teddy bears. It was agreed that these could be offered for use at the Open Gardens event in June, in the form of a teddy trail. Action: Cllr Kendall to liaise with Christine Burgess.

**7 Items for the next Agenda.** None.

**8 Next Meeting.** Date of next meeting Wednesday 9 April 2025 at 8pm, to follow Parish Council meeting.

Meeting closed at 8.15pm.

## DIARY DATES 2025

### **April**

|                            |                                                                        |
|----------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup>   | "Squit Night" – live music at The Bell – from <b>8pm</b>               |
| Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup>   | Archive Open Day – Village Hall . <b>10.am – 3pm</b>                   |
| Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup>     | Cratfield concert . Holy Trinity <b>3pm</b>                            |
| Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup>  | Parish Council Meeting , Village Hall, <b>7pm</b>                      |
| Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> | WI – Village Hall . Mark Mitchels, The Suffolk Coastline <b>7.15pm</b> |
| Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> | The Holy Trinity Church Annual Parochial Church Meeting <b>2pm</b>     |

### **May**

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|----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup>   | "Squit Night" – live music at The Bell – from <b>8pm</b>                          |
| Monday 5 <sup>th</sup>     | Literary Evening - details to follow - possibly combined with VE celebrations TBC |
| Monday 12 <sup>th</sup>    | Community Council AGM – Village Hall, <b>7pm</b>                                  |
| Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> | Parish Council Meeting , Village Hall, <b>7pm</b>                                 |
| Monday 19 <sup>th</sup>    | Village Hall Management AGM <b>7pm</b>                                            |
| Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> | WI – Village Hall Lesley Abery, Ash Farm Vineyard (With tasters) <b>7.15pm</b>    |

### **June**

|                                          |                                                                                        |
|------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup>                 | "Squit Night" – live music at The Bell – from <b>8pm</b>                               |
| Sat/Sun 7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> | Open Gardens                                                                           |
| Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>               | Parish Council Meeting , Village Hall, <b>7pm</b>                                      |
| Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>               | WI – Village Hall David Naylor RSPB ~ 'Birds & Habitat Minsmere Reserve' <b>7.15pm</b> |
| Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup>                | MCC Quiz                                                                               |

### **July**

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|----------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup>   | "Squit Night" – live music at The Bell – from <b>8pm</b> |
| Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup>  | Parish Council Meeting , Village Hall, <b>7pm</b>        |
| Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup>  | Vinyl Night at the Bell from <b>6pm</b>                  |
| Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> | WI – Garden Party                                        |
| Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup>  | Summer Boules Competition                                |

### **August**

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|---------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>  | "Squit Night" – live music at The Bell – from <b>8pm</b> |
| Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> | Annual Village Fete - Playing Field <b>2pm</b>           |
| Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup>   | 'Folk in the Garden' Manor House , charity fundraiser    |

### **September**

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| Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup>   | "Squit Night" – live music at The Bell – from <b>8pm</b>                                              |
| Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup>   | Vinyl Night at the Bell from <b>6pm</b>                                                               |
| Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> | Parish Council Meeting , Village Hall, <b>7pm</b>                                                     |
| Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> | WI – Village Hall, Julie ~ Chocolate Makers, Beccles (History, testing ,discount sales) <b>7.15pm</b> |

### **October**

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|----------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup>   | "Squit Night" – live music at The Bell – from <b>8pm</b>                 |
| Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup>   | MCC Autumn Fayre                                                         |
| Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup>  | Parish Council Meeting , Village Hall, <b>7pm</b>                        |
| Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> | WI – Village Hall, Barbara McElroy - Apples 'A Miscellany' <b>7.15pm</b> |

### **November**

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|----------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup>   | "Squit Night" – live music at The Bell – from <b>8pm</b> |
| Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> | Parish Council Meeting , Village Hall, <b>7pm</b>        |
| Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> | WI – Village Hall, AGM tea & cakes <b>2.15pm</b>         |

### **December**

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|----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup>   | "Squit Night" – live music at The Bell – from <b>8pm</b>  |
| Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup>   | 'Santa Boules'                                            |
| Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup>   | Vinyl Night at the Bell from <b>6pm</b>                   |
| Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> | Parish Council Meeting , Village Hall, <b>7pm</b>         |
| Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup>  | MCC Christmas Party                                       |
| Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> | WI – Village Hall , end of year celebration <b>7.15pm</b> |