

MIDDLETON - CUM - FORDLEY



Hot off the press from Mandy :

Over-the-moon to hear Paul & Catherine's **Steel Sculptures by Paul Richardson** stand was presented a 5 gold star award with "beautiful planting" at **RHS Chelsea Flower Show, Royal Hospital Grounds, Chelsea** yesterday ❤️

NEWSLETTER

June 2025

Editorial

Firstly thanks very much to Lynda for guest editing the May issue of the newsletter – I hope it wasn't too taxing fitting everything in! Thanks also to Renny for collecting and distributing once more. Much appreciated. Many congratulations to Paul and Catherine and their team for yet another Chelsea success! I'll be looking out for you on the TV!

Good news from East Suffolk Council that they are starting to collect electrical goods from kerbsides – see the note near the end of this newsletter.

May is the month of many AGM's though the timing of this month's newsletter has meant not all reports have made it by copy date. Next month will probably be a bumper issue.

Contributions can be emailed to barbara.barker.t21@btinternet.com or dropped in to 6 Meadowview, Rectory Rd by **Tuesday 24th June please.**

Spare paper copies will be in the church porch as usual.

Also to be found on the Parish website: www.middletoncumfordley.org.uk

Donations may be made to:
HSBC Middleton Newsletter
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account number 61054236



Temporary Job Vacancy(ies)

If anyone knows of one or two people who might be available to pick and pack blueberries in Middleton for 5 or 6 weeks from mid-July I would be pleased to hear from them. It is a full time job 6 days a week though job sharing might be possible. Not hard physical work but as with all fruit picking can be monotonous and involves outdoor work in sometimes cold and damp weather. Diligence and reliability main requirements plus willingness to put in long hours @ £12.21 Jack Rosenthal, Reckford Farm 01728 648 253 jack.rosenthal@btinternet.com

Unfortunately due to Andy falling ill last year we had to cancel his 50th Birthday celebrations. This has now been rescheduled for Saturday 21st June and so just to notify the village that there will be band music playing through until late at The Keebles (Fletchers Lane). Apologies in advance.

Thank you, Hannah



RECREATION GROUND

You may already be aware that a lot of the children's play equipment has been removed on safety grounds – some of which had been in place over 30 years. The PC have re-established the dedicated working group with the remit to see what can be done to provide replacement equipment. If you would like to join this group or have ideas to put forward please contact gilespiercy@gmail.com

Out of date food items in Church Food Bank
Still happening!! Please check before donating.



Middleton-cum-Fordley News



VICTORY IN EUROPE STREET PARTY

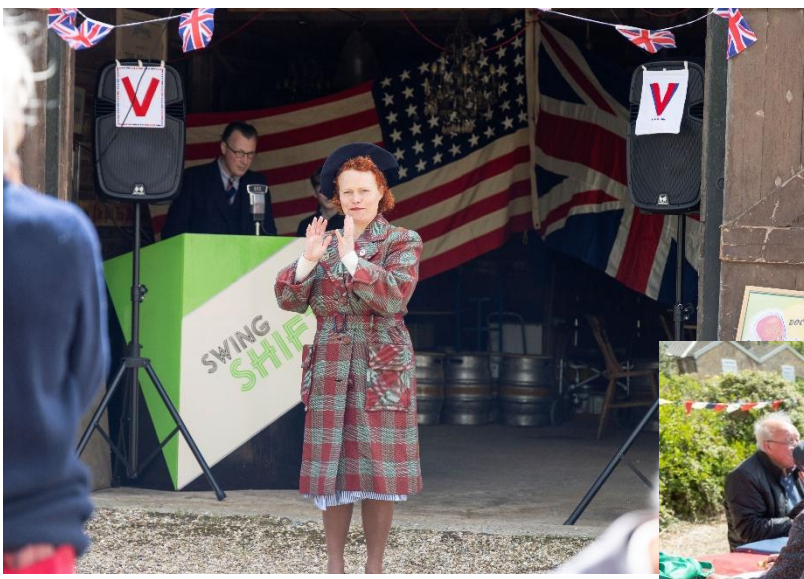
Our Village Street Party was a success - over 40 people braved the chilly, windy yet bright weather to socialise and share in picnics, laughter and stories.

Thank you to everyone who helped in anyway, especially, our special Street Party photographer, Charlie, and those who followed WW2 Victory recipes for us all to try.

In fact, we discovered that many recipes haven't changed much, taste delicious and may even become part of our baking repertoire. (Even wartime short crust pastry is not bad when warm or served with a cup of tea or pint!)

Once again - Well done Middleton.





Thanks to Charlie for the VE day photos

Middleton-cum-Fordley Community Council
invites you to join with fellow villagers to have
fun and welcome in the Summer...

Lots of entertaining head-scratching at the

Outdoor Midsummer Quiz

Saturday 21st June

6:30 for 7pm start



Teams of up to 6, or we can put you with a team.
£2.50/person. Bring your own drinks and nibbles.

Held outside at the Recreation Ground

To book a place/table:

middleton.community.council@gmail.com

Join in the fun by coming along to

Village Summer Boules

Saturday 19th July

Start at 10:00am

Boules pitch at

The Recreation Ground

No experience necessary, make up a pair or
join one on the day. £1/player

jenricht@btinternet.com



*Open to all, always lots of fun and a great way to
participate in Village life.*

JOIN

**Middleton-cum-Fordley
Community Council**

We are looking for new members to bring their own
amazing qualities to our community group.

If you would like to help our village to meet new friends,
learn, socialise, laugh, play and generally have a good time
- **you are what we are looking for!**

Also, if you would like to run a game/stall at our Fete on
23rd August, we'd love to hear from you

email: middleton.community.council@gmail.com



On 7 June Stop Sizewell C and Together Against Sizewell C are co-organising an "Outrage" Rally on Sizewell Beach. This will take place just before the conclusion of the Spending Review and also pay tribute to legendary campaigner and former TASC Chair Pete Wilkinson, who died in January.

The Rally will run from 11am to 12.15/30pm, following which we hope everyone (who can) will walk up the beach to the Sizewell C site. We have a range of speakers, including Jonathon Porritt, Simon Barnes and from Greenpeace UK, interspersed with some music. You do not need to have known Pete to attend, and we encourage everyone to bring friends and family. We are working with the police to ensure a safe event for all. More details: www.stopsizewellc.org/outrage

Charles Macdowell

MIDDLETON OPEN GARDENS

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

We look forward to welcoming new and returning visitors to our annual Open Gardens in Middleton

There are several new gardens to discover, some favourites returning, as well as our beautiful regulars to revisit.

There will be arts/craft/vintage and plants/flower stalls at the village hall and family wildlife activities in one of the gardens.

Serving refreshments at the pavilion and the village hall all day

This year we are also holding a short service of celebration for Open Gardens in Holy Trinity Church on the Sunday at 10am. Please join us

Funding raising for Holy Trinity Church, Middleton, the NSPCC (East Suffolk) & Project40Seven



HOLY TRINITY – MIDDLETON CUM FORDLEY

Church Services during June

Sunday 8 June 10-10.30am Open Gardens Celebration -- **Service in the churchyard**

Sunday 22 June 11am Holy Communion

***The Benefice service this month will be at All Saints', Darsham
Sunday 1 June at 10am***

Please come along



Please see poster in main body of the Newsletter

We look forward to seeing you!

'Concerts at Cratfield' in Holy Trinity

We were delighted to be asked if we could host a concert on 6th April on behalf of Concerts at Cratfield and the first for Young Musicians to showcase their talents going forward to playing to a wider audience, and of course we said, yes please.

The church was full, and we were treated to the amazing talent of violinist Jordon Brooks, who played pieces by Stravinsky, Prokofiev & Tchaikovsky, accompanied by Kumi Matsumo on piano, another very talented musician.

It was a great success and the perfect way to spend a sunny Sunday afternoon.

Our thanks to Graham & Jonathan for organising this special event in our beautiful church.

Rita - church warden

On behalf of Holy Trinity PCC

Church Drinking Bowl for Dogs

We are very happy to have a drinking bowl for dogs available at the church and that there is water on tap. May we ask however that the bowl is kept on the side of the rainwater drain and not inside the drain channel as – if it ever rains again! – it can block the flow from the church wall to the drain which, in turn, risks water building up against the church and maybe getting inside. Thank you for your understanding.



Holy Dusters



New dusters always welcome, of all faiths and none

11 June - Christine and David

9 July - Mark and Liz

6 August - Trish and Graham

24 June - Nicola and Margaret

23 July - Val and Camilla

Thought for the Month **(with a nod to Open Gardens!)**

'I have found, after a good deal of consideration, that the best place to seek God is in a garden.
You can dig for Him here.'

George Bernard Shaw

Middleton Dark Skies

June Highlights. Due to the lighter skies at this time of year it is best to be viewing after 11.00 PM

Planets on View. **Venus** rises in the eastern sky at around 3.00 AM, shining brightly in the pre-dawn sky. Look out for the crescent Moon sitting just above Venus on the 22nd of the month. **Mars** will be the only planet visible this month in the night sky, sitting in the western twilight after sunset. It sets at around 1.00 AM, so is only visible for a few hours. On the 17th Mars and Regulus, the brightest star in the constellation of Leo, will be sitting right next to each other low in the Western sky. Through a pair of binoculars, the distinctive red colour of Mars and the bright blue white of Regulus will be in distinct contrast to each other. **Jupiter** is moving behind the Sun, so is lost in its glare this month. **Saturn** is a pre-dawn object, rising in the East at around 2.00 AM. It has the Moon for company on the morning of the 19th.

Constellations. Worth looking out for this month is Cygnus (The Swan, also known as the Northern Cross). It's quite easy to see how its name was arrived at, it's one of the few constellations that, with very little imagination lends itself to its name. At present it is high up in the eastern sky and doesn't have too many prominent stars nearby, and is a large constellation, so should be fairly easy to spot. As one of its names suggests is shaped like a cross. The Milky Way runs through and along the length of Cygnus, but given the lighter skies this month it may be a little difficult to spot, although binoculars will still pick out thousands of stars.



Cygnus (The Swan or Northern Cross)

The Moon. Known as the Strawberry or Rose Moon this month, following the first crop of strawberries and the blooming of roses. Full Moon this month occurs on the 10th, and sees an event that only occurs once in every 19 years. This is known as 'The Major Standstill' where the Moon has stopped moving south in its orbital cycle and begins to move back north again. So, this month the Full Moon will only rise to about 10° above the southern horizon. It also means that the points at which the Moon rises and sets are at their closest possible. On the 19th the Moon will be sitting by Saturn and on the 22nd it will be just above Venus. Both of these take place in the Eastern pre-dawn sky.

Meteors Unfortunately no showers this month, but always a chance of catching a rough one.

Thursday Morning VILLAGE HALL Group



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!

OPEN TO ALL !

P.S. it's not instant coffee - we do have a machine!!!

For a lift contact Lynda on 01728 668977



Middleton Primary is Entering the “Bloomin’ Marvellous” Competition!

We’re excited to announce that Middleton Primary School will be taking part in this year’s *Bloomin’ Marvellous* competition – a fantastic opportunity to showcase our creativity and green thumbs!

Our pupils and staff are already buzzing with ideas to brighten up our school grounds with beautiful blooms and imaginative displays. But we need your help to make our garden dreams come true!

If you have any spare plants, seeds, compost, pots, gardening tools, or decorations that you could donate, we would be incredibly grateful. Every little contribution helps bring our project to life and gives the children a chance to learn, grow, and take pride in their environment.

Let’s work together to make Middleton Primary truly bloomin’ marvellous!

Thank you for your support!

June Nature Notes

Slow-worms, often mistaken for snakes, are actually legless lizards. Unlike snakes, lizards, including the slowworm have eyelids that blink and a flat forked tongue. Slow-worms have a shiny appearance, the males are a greyish brown and the females are brown with dark sides. They can grow to 45cm of which the tail accounts for over half of their total body length. Slow-worms hibernate from mid to late October to late February or early March depending on weather. The mating season for slow worms starts in May when males become aggressive towards one another. During courtship, the male takes hold of the female by biting her head or neck, and they intertwine their bodies. Courtship may last for as long as 10 hours. Females incubate the eggs internally, 'giving birth' to an average of eight young in late-summer. Slow-worms have been recorded living for up to 30 years in wild, and the greatest age for a slow worm in captivity is 54 years.



Slow-worms are exothermic (they do not create their own body temperature) thereby are reliant on basking in warm areas in order to raise body heat to a level at which they become active. They lead a somewhat secretive life, spending most of their time hidden under vegetation, or in holes below ground. Many different habitats provide suitable features for slow-worms such as woodland rides, tussocky grassland, hedgerows and gardens so long as there are sufficient sunny basking areas.

If a slow-worm cannot avoid contact with a predator, it has two major defence mechanisms. When caught, the slow-worm will readily defecate, and although the faeces are not as foul smelling as that of the grass snake, it may be sufficiently unpleasant to deter some predators. However, the main defence mechanism of the slow-worm is caudal autonomy. It can voluntarily shed its tail, which will wriggle violently for several minutes, distracting the predator whilst the slow-worm escapes. The tail will regrow, but never reaches its original length, and may appear discoloured compared to the rest of the body. Slow-worms will bite in defence, but their teeth do not protrude far from the gums, and the bite is relatively ineffective.

Many species of bird will readily take slow-worms, including pheasants, corvids, birds of prey and even woodpeckers. Pheasants pose the greatest threat, as they are ground birds, and hunt in the deep vegetation that is the preferred habitat of the slow-worm. Mammalian threats are mainly posed by hedgehogs and badgers. Gardens, particularly with compost heaps, where they find warmth from decaying vegetation are important slow-worm habitats and they are useful to attract into the garden as they will feed on a variety of garden pests, notably slugs and snails. However, this brings them into contact with domestic cats, which probably account for more slow-worm deaths than natural predators.

THE MIDDLETON BELL

THE BELL INN MIDDLETON

OPENING HOURS

TEL. 01728 648286

BAR

MONDAY CLOSED

TUESDAY CLOSED LUNCH & 6PM - 11PM

WEDNESDAY 12PM - 3PM & 6PM - 11PM

THURSDAY 12PM - 3PM & 6PM - 11PM

FRIDAY 12PM - 11PM

SATURDAY 12PM - 11PM

SUNDAY 12PM - 7PM

FOOD SERVED

MONDAY - TUESDAY CLOSED

WEDNESDAY - THURSDAY 12PM - 2.30PM / 6PM - 9PM

FRIDAY - SATURDAY 12PM - 9PM

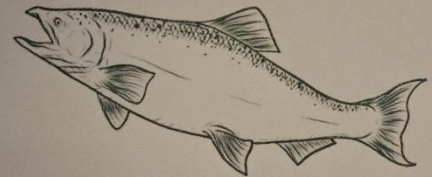
SUNDAY 12PM - 7PM

BOOKING ADVISABLE, PLEASE MAKE US AWARE OF ANY DIETARY REQUIREMENTS WHEN BOOKING.



Fish & Chip Friday

Enjoy Beer Battered Haddock,
Chips, Garden Peas & Tartare Sauce Plus a Pint of Adnams
Beer, 175ml Glass of House Wine or Soft Drink



The scent of vinegar, a golden hue, Fish and chips, a love anew.
Crisp and salty, joy untold,
A British feast, both brave and bold.

Every Friday Only £16 pp

New menu



The Bell Inn Menu

NIBBLES

Artisan Bread with wild garlic butter (v) 4.5

STARTERS

Nduja & Taleggio Arancini (x2) tomato & red pepper aioli 7.5
Croquetas (2) jamon & manchego or leek & cheddar, garlic aioli, parmesan 6.5
Prawns & Chorizo chilli, parsley, butter, Aleppo pepper & coca bread (gf) 9.5
Confit Pork Ribs (5) baby back ribs, sherry bbq sauce, crushed cashew, chives (gf) 10
Garlic Mushrooms olive oil, herb-infused butter, grana padano, served on toasted coca bread (gf) 8

MAIN COURSES

Pie of the Week mash potato, honey glazed carrots, tender stem broccoli, gravy 17
Bell Inn Burger smoked cheddar, streaky bacon, lettuce, tomato, smoky mayo, sesame bun, fries 18
8oz Rib Eye triple cooked chips, mushroom, roasted tomato, watercress & peppercorn sauce (gf) 28
Butter Chicken Curry basmati rice, naan, kachumber 18
Haddock & Chips Ease Up IPA batter, tartare, triple cooked chips & pea puree (gf) 18
Eggplant Parmigiana Tortellini marinara sauce, basil, grana padano 17
Lamb Rump English carrots, broad beans, cauliflower puree, dukkha, lamb jus (gf) 22
Chicken Caesar Salad crisp romaine, grilled chicken, caesar dressing, parmesan, & croutons 15

SIDES

Minted New Potatoes 5.5
Greek Salad 6
Fries 4
Triple Cooked Chips 4.5
Sweet Potato Fries 5
Onion Rings 5

DESSERT MENU

Pavlova passion fruit, mango, raspberry sorbet 8
Basque Cheesecake strawberries, crushed pistachio & pistachio ice cream 8
Sticky Toffee Pudding toffee sauce & salted caramel ice cream 8

gf=gluten free available | gfgluten free | v=vegetarian | x=vegan

While we take steps to minimise risk and safely handle the foods that contain potential allergens, we cannot guarantee that any of our dishes are completely free of allergens due to shared equipment and preparation areas. If you have a food allergy or sensitivity, please inform your server before placing your order. Your safety is our priority.

The Bell Inn Middleton & White Hart Blythburgh

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

Coffee at The Bell

Every **Wednesday** from 10-12 the Bell is open for Coffee - whether Americano or Cappuccino or a cup of tea. Only £1 per cup.

WI

The Village Hall was decked out in red, white and blue as the WI remembered and acknowledged VE Day. Members were also dressed in red, white and blue.

Our speaker this month was Lesley Aberly from Ash Farm Vineyard, who also gave us samples of her delicious wine for us to try. Jacqui made cupcakes with VE Day toppers. An enjoyable, informative evening was had by all.



Our speaker in June is Mark Mitchels, sharing his extensive knowledge of the Suffolk Coastline on the 18th June at 7,15 pm. **Guests welcome.**

Middleton-cum-Fordley WI

Annual Report for Parish Council

May 2025

Our numbers have held steady this year, however, in order for the WI to continue there have been committee level changes. Rita is now the president, with Lynda continuing in her role of secretary, we have a new treasurer, Jess. We are grateful Rita has returned to this familiar role, to ensure the committee is able to function correctly.

A third of our membership travel from towns and villages beyond Middleton. Many of those members are reluctant to travel on our local roads at night, particularly as so many roads are closed, requiring long detours along narrow country lanes due to the preparation work being undertaken for SZC. As a result we changed some meetings during the winter months to afternoon meetings. We may have to consider making similar changes again this year.

But as an operative, local organisation we have been as active as ever throughout the year. We continue to support members of the community who may be unable to leave their homes or who maybe experiencing difficulties. At Christmas we collected an enormous range of items for the women's refuge The Lighthouse Centre in Ipswich, including toys, household items, deodorants, soaps, and gifts. The generosity of our members was quite overwhelming.

Our speakers throughout the year have been varied, highly informative and entertaining. Claire Sullivan shared her workings with hemp in a traditional way, 'Blood, Sweat & Fears,' was an enthralling if not emotionally moving talk given by Mary Newton a pathologist. Malcolm Knott shared his experiences with his lifetime in law, whilst 'The True Cost of Fish,' was discussed by Andy Malcolm from The Fishermen's Mission. This year award winning photographer and RSPB expert David Naylor discussed birds & habitat at the Minsmere Reserve. At Christmas we welcomed the Sizewell Gap. What an evening of music and hilarious entertainment, we shall have to invite them back again.

As always the WI has supported community events during the year, despite the rain we experienced at the Summer Fete and the Autumn Fair. Two of our members assist with the Thursday Coffee morning group every week. The WI very generously supported the recent art exhibition that was held in Middleton. They baked, they donated cakes and pastries, they washed up, ran the raffle and generally gave their time and enthusiasm.

The Summer Garden Party was held at Suncot in Lynda's garden, on a glorious summer's day. We had our usual New Year Welcome meal at The Wentworth where we were well looked after. We continue to run clubs beyond our regular meetings, Book Club and Garden Club are organised by members, we hope to re-establish Lunch Club later this year.

Our main priority for the coming year is to ensure the WI in Middleton continues, many WIs in the area have closed due to lack of members. We will strive to continue with our support to the local community and beyond.

RP & LW

ANNUAL REPORT FOR MIDDLETON-cum-FORDLEY VILLAGE HALL 2024-25

The year began with some difficulties over contractors parking at the Village Hall when it was being used by clients and in particular Pilates. These issues were eventually resolved and the house owners made a generous donation for the inconveniences caused.

General maintenance continues with issues to the gent's urinal, guttering and flooring. A grant of £750 was returned to the Adnams Charity when we found a cheaper solution for the outside concreting costing just £100.

A new roller for indoor bowls was installed following match funding from MCC.

National Lottery funding of £7000 and £400 from Cllr Richard Smith's Locality Budget enabled the installation of two new double external doors to the front and rear lobbies and a new double glazed door to the kitchen.

In November a Quiz raised the princely sum of £ 437 minus expenses.

The Coffee morning organisers hosted a well attended Arts and crafts Exhibition to raise funds to enable the future continuance of the community event. They also made a generous donation to the VH to help cover their previously free use of rent and electricity.

Two gardening sessions were organised by one of our PC representatives, Steve Thorpe, in order to enhance and maintain our wild garden bank at the rear of the VH.

A music system donated by lifelong resident Jimmy Adams has now been installed to enable the playing of Cd's and Vinyl at events.

In March 2025, Anglian Water did a survey and confirmed that there are no lead pipes feeding the supply.

Regular weekly activities continue with Pilates, Indoor Bowls, Art Sessions, Coffee mornings. There are monthly meetings of the Heritage Quilters, Women's Institute and Parish Council and quarterly meetings of the Village Hall and Community Council Committees. These lettings and occasional quizzes in aid of the Village Hall, Community Council and School all contribute to our regular income to cover utility bills and maintenance, upkeep and improvement of services.

Our thanks go to our regular cleaner, Kevin, who has helped to maintain high levels of cleanliness.

Many thanks go to all members of the Village Hall Management Committee for their continuing support, advice and time. Particular thanks go to our Secretary, Barbara, grant seeker extraordinaire and Treasurer, Yvonne who keep the administrative wheels in good order.

Richard Turner, Chair, on behalf of the Middleton-cum-Fordley Village Hall Management team.

Middleton-cum-Fordley Village Hall Management

The VH management team are a small but dedicated band of volunteers who are the people who keep the hall up and running, ensuring everything works and if it doesn't - getting it fixed. It's prime aim is to maintain and improve the facility on behalf of all residents and hall users. In fact the hall belongs to the village.

It is a registered charity and the constitution states the committee should include representatives from other village organisations, e.g. PC, MCC, WI, PCC, Bowls club etc. and any other interested individuals.

The group meets just 4 times a year in person, and often deals with minor issues via email. Could you come and join us? Might you be prepared to help in a fundraiser for example, or a spot of gardening? Occasionally an odd job comes up that can be easily fixed by a volunteer. If so – contact Richard for more details

jenricht@btinternet.com or 01728 648345

To book the hall also contact Richard.

Annual Report of Middleton-Cum-Fordley Community Council 2024/25

It has been another very positive year with more community involvement at events in spite of some of the inclement weather. We have also contributed to many local events and activities either in terms of monetary donations or the lending of equipment.

The Midsummer Quiz was held on the playing field and hosted by Quiz Master Peter Vincent. The evening was very enjoyable and entertaining.

Summer Boules invited the community to come and have an informal, fun and friendly competition at the Recreation Ground. It is always lovely to see novices and regular players come together for this social event.

The Summer Fete took place on the Recreation Ground with easy access for all our equipment, great facilities in the Pavilion and ample parking space. Unfortunately, the weather wasn't as kind as usual and the intermittent rain gave many an extra wash. Those who did come along and support us had smiles on their faces and a "we're going to enjoy ourselves" attitude. There was a wide selection of food and drink on offer as well as village stalls and games staffed by volunteers from the village. Silmor entertained us with live music and the Dog Show arena was a constant hubbub of activity. The event was a great success considering the lower numbers and nearly £900 was raised.

The Autumn Fair was held on The Bell meadow with The Random Blues Band entertaining from the dry barn. This event is not expected to be a money-maker, but a time for the community to enjoy autumnal games with food and music. The weather held and games, welly-wanging, conkers and apple pie competitions commenced. Food celebrated the season and the raffle raised funds for this event.

During Remembrance Sunday, a wreath was laid from the MCC.

Santa Boules is another non-profit making event and was well attended, if a little damp and windswept - everyone wrapped up to enjoy this social occasion.

Our Christmas Dinner was held at the Village Hall, involving many helping hands and coordinated fabulously. The entertainment from the fantastic North Pole Saxophone Quartet gave us a wonderful variety of music to get us into the festive mood. This year the proceeds of the raffle were split between local Citizen's Advice and Suffolk Mind.

We enjoyed a chilly VE Day Street Party hosted at The Bell, with individuals bringing their picnics and some tasty WW2 recipes to try. Wartime information was circulated in the Newsletter to help residents. Swingshift provided the music. It was a great social with over 40 people celebrating together.

The children and young people living in the community were all given £10 gift cards for Christmas and Emma Shuttleworth received the yearly bursary for her keyboard and piano practice.

New speakers and microphones were purchased and the old speakers donated to The Bell for community events.

Written by Rebecca Reynolds on behalf of Middleton-cum-Fordley Community Council.

Newsletter Report for the Annual Parish meeting 2025

Middleton Newsletter is published monthly – except January - and is delivered by a stalwart team along with the Fisherman magazine. The split between hard copy and the email version remains at around 50/50. Most new residents in the village have been happy to supply an email contact.

Any resident can send in articles, whether regular features or one-off items. All village organisations regularly submit details of upcoming events, reports of events after they've happened, meeting minutes etc. and annual donations are received from these organisations. Private individuals also donate from time to time, including those who choose to publish a Christmas greeting in lieu of sending cards. Those who choose to advertise their business are encouraged to make a donation though there are currently no set fees. This is how it's always been since the inception of the newsletter but it may have to change at some point as costs rise. Annual accounts are published in the February edition.

Since the introduction of the email version in 2020 (due to the pandemic,) it is possible to send out extra messages in between publication times using the mailing list though these messages will not normally cover the residents who have hard copy unless they have specifically given an email address for this purpose.

Barbara Barker

RECYCLING ELECTRICALS



East Suffolk Council
East Suffolk Council - 4h

Kerbside collections of small electrical items are now being rolled out across the whole of East Suffolk!

Collections will begin in the coming weeks and will enable you to leave small electrical items on top of your wheeled bins on your usual bin collection day. The items will then be collected by the refuse crew and taken away for recycling. There is no need to put the items in a bag.



Look out for a leaflet advising when collections will start in your area.

Collected items will be sorted for recycling or where appropriate, given to local charities The Repair Shed in Martlesham and the Benjamin Foundation in Lowestoft for repair before selling the items to raise money.

To try and manage demand on the service, please leave no more than 2 small electrical items, unbagged, out for collection each week. If the collection basket on the refuse vehicle is full, items can be collected the following week.

This is one of over 60 UK projects funded by Material Focus, the not for profit leading the Recycle Your Electricals campaign, who have provided £60,724 to support this project.

You can hire the Middleton Pavilion



A space to relax, party or play sports...Your choice



middletonpavilion@gmail.com



Middleton Pavilion, Suffolk



SING OUT!

Community Choir

Musical Director – Gretel Dowdeswell

Concert

Saturday 5 July

@ 7.30pm

St Peter's Church

Yoxford

Entrance Free – Donations to Charity

www.singoutyoxford.co.uk
singoutyoxford@gmail.com

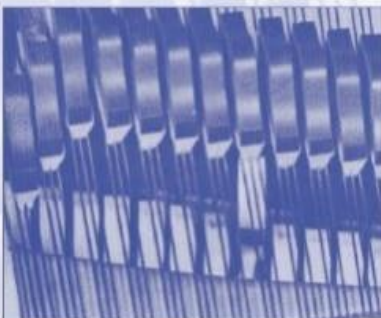


Jo Hannon Design

Building and Interior design

Domestic extensions, kitchens,
bathrooms and furniture

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DIARY DATES 2025

June

Thursday 5 th	"Squit Night" – live music at The Bell – from 8pm
Sat/Sun 7 th /8 th	Open Gardens
Sunday 8 th	10-10.30am Open Gardens Celebration -- Service in the churchyard
Wednesday 11 th	Parish Council Meeting , Village Hall, 7pm
Wednesday 18 th	WI – Village Hall Mark Mitchels, The Suffolk Coastline 7.15pm
Saturday 21 st	MCC Outdoor quiz at the playing field 6.30 for 7pm start – VH if wet.
Sunday 22 June	11am Holy Communion

July

Thursday 3 rd	"Squit Night" – live music at The Bell – from 8pm
Wednesday 9 th	Parish Council Meeting , Village Hall, 7pm
Saturday 12 th	Vinyl Night at the Bell from 6pm
Wednesday 16 th	WI – Garden Party
Saturday 19 th	Summer Boules Competition – 10.00 am at the playing field

August

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

September

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

October

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

November

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

December

Thursday 4 th	"Squit Night" – live music at The Bell – from 8pm
Saturday 6 th	'Santa Boules' Festive fun at the playing field 10.00 am
Saturday 6 th	Vinyl Night at the Bell from 6pm
Wednesday 10 th	Parish Council Meeting , Village Hall, 7pm
Saturday 13 th	MCC Christmas Party
Wednesday 17 th	WI – Village Hall , end of year celebration. 7.15pm