

ANNUAL REPORT OF MIDDLETON-CUM-FORDLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL 2021/22

Much more optimism this reporting year as events and face to face meetings were allowed with caution.

An outdoor Midsummer Quiz was held on the Playing Field attended by around forty people who brought their own refreshment and was ably hosted by Peter Vincent.

A pairs boules competition took place in July won by Colin and Lynda Whitbread.

The main events of the year were all planned for.

The Summer Fete took place on the Playing Field for the first time in twenty years. The location meant that there was ample parking, the equipment was already on site in the container and the excellent kitchen and toilet facilities were easily accessible.

The Field is huge but with the arena at the centre surrounded by tents, gazebos and stalls an intimate feel was created. The basketball area allowed the addition of an extra activity as did the playground equipment. The event was hugely successful and well attended and despite a sharp shower right at the beginning, all enjoyed live music by Silmor. There was a record take of over £2000!

The Autumn Fayre took place in October around the Bell Inn using the grounds and barn where Random Blues played. Again well attended and raising over £1000.

A wreath was laid by the Reynolds family on behalf of the Community Council at the Remembrance service.

A Santa boules competition was held on the Playing Field in early December.

The Christmas Community meal was replaced by a whole village event based around the Bell and the Village Green.

The lights on the tree were turned on at 4.30pm and everyone then processed to the pub where food was provided at cost by the Bell staff and Management, many thanks to them for their generosity and hospitality. Over 120 tickets were sold to a very appreciative public who came warmly dressed to enjoy this very safe community event with community singing of seasonal songs and a grand raffle.

This year saw the sad loss of Joyce Miller who, for many years, was the Chair of the Community Council and oversaw many of the above events. She was able to open the 50th Golden fete, opened the new kitchen at the village hall, attended coffee mornings and the Quilters session on a Wednesday morning, so was able to participate in village events well into her nineties.

Written on behalf of Middleton-cum Fordley Community Council, April 2022.

