

MIDDLETON - CUM - FORDLEY



NEWSLETTER

March 2025

Editorial

In the absence of any event photos for the front cover I have opted for seasonal snowdrops which seem to be in abundance once again round the village.

Lots of things happening to look forward to in the next couple of months advertised in this edition.

Any residents wishing to opt for a digital version of this newsletter can contact me on the email below.

Contributions for the next edition by email preferably as a WORD doc please, as usual to:

Barbara.barker.t21@btinternet.com or dropped in to
6 Meadowview, Rectory Road, by **Tuesday 25th March**.

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

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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!





**MIDDLETON PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA**

# Quiz Night

**AT MIDDLETON VILLAGE HALL**

**Saturday 29th March**



**£7 A PERSON TEAMS OF UPTO 6**

**CASH BAR • RAFFLE • SUPPER**

**6.30PM FOR 7PM START**

*More info or to book a team:  
[Middletonpta@gmail.com](mailto:Middletonpta@gmail.com)*




### Concerts at Cratfield comes to Middleton

Following the great success of the concerts organised by Reiko Fujisawa at Holy Trinity, Middleton, Concerts at Cratfield are bringing the first of their 2025 Young Artists series to Middleton. On Sunday April 6, we will be playing host to Jordan Brooks, a young South African violinist who won the prestigious strings and overseas competitions of the Royal Overseas League (ROSL) in 2024, and performed at the Patrons Concert at ROSL this month. A student at the Royal College of Music, Jordan will be playing an all-Russian programme and will be accompanied on the piano by Kumi Matsuo. The concert starts at 3pm and will last about an hour.

Tickets, priced £15, are available direct from the Cratfield website, [www.concertsatcratfield.org](http://www.concertsatcratfield.org) and are selling quickly, so don't miss out.

For more information please contact Graham (07809 710195) or Jonathan (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 Open Gardens 7th and 8th June 2025

We are happy to announce that this year's open gardens will be held on the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> June. We are keen to welcome both our regular participants and new gardens to the programme. Feedback from visitors suggests that they love the eclectic mix, formal, cottage, wildlife and courtyard gardens. They return year after year to see how the gardens are progressing.

We also need people to assist with the event over the weekend- setting up, serving refreshments, selling programmes, manning stalls and many other tasks. If you feel you could help, please contact Christine Burgess – 07826840478 or email: [chirstineburgess29@gmail.com](mailto:chirstineburgess29@gmail.com)

The event is a major fundraiser for Holy Trinity church and a percentage of the donations this year will go to village and local community projects.



## HOLY TRINITY – MIDDLETON CUM FORDLEY

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.

**Sunday 2 March**  
**St Peter's Sibton**

### 10.30 Benefice Holy Communion

**Wednesday 8 March**  
**St Peter's Yoxford**

## 10am Ashing Service and Holy Communion

**Sunday 9 March**  
**St Michael's, Peasenhall**

### 10.30 Benefice Holy Communion

**Sunday 16 March**  
**St Peter's, Yoxford**

### 10.30 Benefice Holy Communion with family@church

**Sunday 23 March**  
**All Saints', Darsham**

### 10.30 Benefice Holy Communion

**Sunday 30 March**  
**Holy Trinity, Middleton**

### 10.30 Benefice Holy Communion

## Church Clock

Some of you may have noticed that the church clock is not working. Apologies for this, there is an issue which is slowly being sorted.

Rita Pateman

**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.



## Holy Dusters 🙌

New dusters always welcome, of all faiths and none

12 March - Camilla and Val  
9 April - Amanda and Paul  
14 May - Mark and Liz

26 March - Rob  
23 April - Nicola and Margaret

## Thought for the Month

**We are part of the fabric of things, and when something beautiful or terrible ripples through that fabric we cannot help but quiver.**

## Gideon Heugh



**A Spring Saturday Pop-up Brunch**  
**15 March, 10-11.45am**  
**Holy Trinity Church**

And, for any of us who may have missed these and are wondering what they are about, they began with a **desire** to make more use of our lovely old church and, wondering how to complement and collaborate with the other good things going on in the village, realising that we were missing having somewhere - in walking distance - to read the papers, solve a crossword, maybe catch up with a friend while enjoying coffee and a sausage roll or something sweet on a Sunday morning... though, **please note**, so as not to clash with the Lent Benefice Services, **Sunday has swapped to a Saturday on this occasion!**

**So please join us if you are free...**

**Any time between 10 and 11.45am - leaving you free to mosey over to the pub when it opens at midday if you choose, or home for lunch...**

If you have any questions about this event, or would like a lift, please contact Camilla Sim: 07740 427414 or Amanda Taylor: 07990 602 563



**Friendship, fun & enlightenment are what we offer, so please come along to our -**

**Open Day Meeting on 19th March 7.15 pm At Middleton Village Hall Guests are more than welcome**

No report this month as we went out for lunch instead!



We are interested to find out if anyone may be feeding Teddy as he has become rather large!

Teddy is a black 3 legged cat with enormous eyes. He is on a special diet to help his urinary issues, so should not be eating normal cat food.

Of course there is a possibility the little tinker is stealing!

Thanks

Becky (in Rectory Road)

**Middleton Community Council Young Person Bursary**

Are you a young person under 18 with a hobby or interest you'd like to pursue but need a little financial boost to get started or buy a piece of equipment for instance? Perhaps we can help. Contact Trish for more information [tricia.cooke1@btopenworld.com](mailto:tricia.cooke1@btopenworld.com)

## March Nature Notes

During August of last year the movement of sheep and cattle was restricted in Norfolk and Suffolk after several confirmed cases of bluetongue disease. As a result, the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs put in place a restricted zone to mitigate the risk of further cases of disease occurring. Further cases have now been reported and the current restricted zone covers much of eastern and central England as far north as Yorkshire. Bluetongue is an insect-borne viral disease to which all species of ruminants (e.g. sheep, cattle, goats and deer) and camelids (e.g. llama and alpaca) are susceptible, although sheep are most severely affected. Cattle and deer are less likely to show clinical signs but are thought to be important 'reservoirs' of the virus. It does not affect humans. The impact on susceptible animals can vary greatly – some show no clinical signs or effects while for others it can cause productivity issues such as reduced milk yield. It can cause infertility and breathing problems in sheep, cattle and goats. In the most severe cases, it can kill infected animals. This is bad news for livestock farmers, both economically and emotionally as no one wants to see their animals suffering, but what of the insects that carry the bluetongue virus? These are flies of the Ceratopogonidae family and, more specifically, flies of the *Culicoides* genus.

The Ceratopogonidae form a family of small long antennae flies, usually less than 4mm, dark in colour, with broad wings. They are best known as 'biting midges' but are also called 'sand flies', 'biting gnats' and in America as 'no-see-ums'. These are familiar and plentiful insects - as anyone who has been to Scotland in summer and encountered the Highland midge *Culicoides impunctatus* will quickly testify. Biting midges breed in damp organic matter such as soil, leaf litter, compost, and animal dung (different to mosquitos who breed in water such as ponds). Female midges feed on the blood of vertebrates, including humans, to get protein for egg-laying and are responsible for the transmission of arboviruses of livestock such as bluetongue. Biting midges are short-lived, producing multiple generations per year with populations that fluctuate annually between periods of high and low adult abundance. In normal conditions they are only capable of short distance dispersal, usually within 1km of their breeding site, but many species, particularly during periods of high abundance, exhibit long-distance wind aided dispersal. Flights of infected *Culicoides* on prevailing winds have been inferred to reach several hundred kilometres in a single night over water bodies.



As an aside it should be noted that some tropical biting midges of the *Forcipomyia* genus are not blood feeders but feed on plant nectar and are the primary pollinators of the cacao (or cocoa) tree. Note, without these midges there would be no chocolate.

Peter Vincent

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### **Devolution**

Thought this might be good to include in the next newsletter, even though the county council elections have been postponed till next year - it's the link to the consultation on the new Combined Authority for Norfolk and Suffolk. I think this rises above party politics as it impacts everyone so good for people to express a view.

Tim Davies-Pugh

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/norfolk-and-suffolk-devolution>

This consultation will last until 13 April 2025.

## Middleton Dark Skies

### March Highlights

**Planets on view** **Venus** is slipping into the west now, but is still shining brightly in the sky just before and after dusk. Next month it will become visible in the eastern sky just before sunrise. **Mars** is best seen before midnight this month, being almost overhead during the late evening, sitting close by to the stars Castor and Pollux in the constellation of Gemini. Mars has a noticeable orange colour, so should be quite easy to pick out. **Jupiter**, like Mars, is best seen during the early evening, tracking across the sky, just ahead of Mars. Jupiter is still sitting within the constellation of Taurus (The Bull), slightly to the left of the triangle of stars that make up the head of the bull. Jupiter is also quite close to the Pleiades star cluster, which is well worth a look at through binoculars. **Saturn** is all but lost in the setting sun and won't be visible again until before sunrise next month.

**Constellations** The winter constellations are now well out to the west which has allowed **Gemini** and **Leo** to dominate the southern sky. Leo (The Lion) can be found by looking out to the SE for the reversed question mark, that forms the head and chest of the lion. Looking north will find **Cassiopeia** (mother of Andromeda), recognized by its 'W' shape, albeit on end this month. Just to the right of Cassiopeia, you will find **Cepheus** (The King, and husband of Cassiopeia and father of Andromeda. Its 5 main stars form a shape that resembles the gable end of a house or even a church steeple. A look through binoculars at the base of the constellation, will reveal a large number of stars, as the Milky Way passes through the constellation at this point. One particular star, Cephei, will stand out because of its deep red colour, which gives it its other name, The Garnet Star. This is one of the largest stars ever discovered, being some 1400 times the diameter of our sun and rightly giving it the classification of a red supergiant. The solar system out as far as Jupiter would easily fit inside it. **Ursa Major** (The Great Bear) is practically overhead this month. Look out for the saucepan (albeit upside down) shaped set of 7 stars. These are known as The Plough or Big Dipper.



Leo (The Lion)



Cassiopeia, Cepheus and The Plough or Big Dipper.

**The Moon** This month's moon is known as the Worm Moon, due to the thawing of the ground, which allows the worms to start breaking up the top soil. Full moon occurs on the 14<sup>th</sup> of the month, and, if you are around at 4 AM look out for a partial eclipse that occurs while it is setting. Between the 4<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> of March the moon will be making its way up from the western horizon past The Pleiades star cluster, Jupiter, Mars and the constellation of Gemini.

**Meteors and Comets** Unfortunately nothing of any note this month

**Artificial Satellites.** Plenty of these to see, just spend half an hour looking up at a clear night sky. Some 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



*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*



MIDDLETON BELL

**Booking advisable  
for Mothering  
Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March**

Tel 648286

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

**THE BELL INN**

## **FISH & CHIP**

## **FRIDAY**

GLUTEN FREE BEER  
BATTERED HADDOCK,  
KOFFMAN CHIPS, GARDEN  
PEAS, TARTARE SAUCE WITH  
A GLASS OF HOUSE WINE  
OR A REFRESHING PINT OF  
ADNAMS BEER

£16

### **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.



**FREE TO A GOOD HOME**  
2 black compost bins similar to picture.

Can be collected anytime from the rear of the  
Village Hall. Help yourself.

### **Thursday Morning VH Group**



Don't forget the Thursday Coffee morning is extended to include soup and roll lunch for the winter months.

No need to book - just drop in to the Village Hall from 11 am for a warm welcome with a cuppa, followed by a hearty bowl of soup made by one of our volunteers. All welcome.



**N. J. Day Builders**



**07946386665 (01728)648659**

## **MIDDLETON CUM FORDLEY PARISH COUNCIL**

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 12 FEBRUARY 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)".

### **Attendance and Apologies**

#### **Attendees:**

Cllr Julian Cusack  
Cllr Charles Macdowell  
Cllr Giles Piercy  
Cllr Michele Kendall  
Cllr Steve Thorpe  
Cllr Lesley Taylor  
Cllr Kathryn Rowe  
Cllr Chris Reynolds

#### **Apologies:**

Cllr Graham Lacey

#### **In attendance:**

District Councillor Sarah Whitelock  
Cllr Charlotte Fox (Benhall & Sternfield)  
Rachael Salcombe – Parish Clerk  
Members of the public x 3

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

#### **Public Forum.**

District Cllr Whitelock (7.45pm). The PC were advised that consistent refusal of planning applications by the District Council may result in the right to pass comment being removed. Parish and town councils are not to cite the use of gas fired central heating as a reason for not approving a new residential development site. Furthermore, it is illegal to do so. To address this issue a document has been produced for housing developers called The Best Practice Guide for Housing Development to encourage them to consider some of the options that are now available in terms of heating, insulation and build quality.

The meeting was reminded again of the 50% discount on loft insulation currently being offered by ESC (see website).

Ed Miliband MP was invited to attend a meeting to discuss the proximity of the energy projects and the impact on the area. A response was eventually received stating that he was unable to visit at this time, however, within a week of the correspondence, Ed Miliband was in Lowestoft.

Coastal Partnership East manages the coastlines between Norfolk and Suffolk. ESC has pulled out of their arrangement with this organisation as it was felt that more money was going in and less results coming out. ESC now has their own coastal management team.

On the matter of Devolution, County Council elections have been cancelled for a year and Mayor elections will take place in 2026.

## **4 Minutes**

a) The Council approved the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 8 January 2025,

b) Matters arising and Action Points

- Cllr Cusack to arrange for cutting of the hedge at the burial ground c/f
- Hastoe Field Meeting invites have been issued to local parish/town councils, district councillors and SZC Community Fund staff.
- An invitation to the Hastoe Field meeting has been supplied for the village newsletter, along with the request for a blanket email to residents.
- The hall has been cancelled for 28 January and re-booked for Wednesday 26 February.
- Cllr Macdowell reported back that SZC were unable to provide an end date for the use of Littlemoor Road by construction traffic.
- Cllr Macdowell has requested, via email, that MPC be added to the register of interested parties in preparation for the Sealink DCO process.
- MPC are now affiliated with East Suffolk Planning Alliance.



## 5 Causeway Farm/Hastoe Field

The format for the evening will be like last years; Cllr Piercy will act as host; Cllr Cusack will provide an introduction, and Cllr Thorpe will present the plans for the field. Following this people will be invited into small groups to answer questions that will be provided. The answers will then be shared and, finally, people will be invited to complete a survey to establish interest and seek volunteers to form a steering group.

It was agreed that clarity is needed (before 26 February) to establish the end date of the existing tenancy at Causeway Farm. **Action: Cllr Piercy to pursue.**

SZC Community Fund have made contact to advise that the Environmental Impact Fund is now open for applications. The newly appointed steering group will arrange a meeting with SZC to take this application forward. It is anticipated that the PC may apply to both the Community Fund and the Environmental Impact Fund.

It was agreed that the meeting must highlight the extensive criteria that needs to be met to be considered for a grant.

## 6 Sizewell C and other Energy Projects

MPC thanked Cllr Charlotte Fox (Benhall and Sternfield) who kindly attended the meeting and presented a thorough overview of the proposed energy projects in the area, their impact and ways forward. It is anticipated that this message will be delivered to local parish councils affected by the energy projects.

A member of the public questioned, in terms of distance, why Lionlink is starting in Walberswick, and finishing in Saxmundham. The meeting was advised that each energy project has its own landfall site and cable corridor. It is understood that the projects cannot all go through one landfall site and one cable corridor, due to geographical and engineering considerations.

There has been no response from the advertisement for village residents to form part of an Emergency Planning Group. It was agreed to address this again at March's meeting and to give it an agenda item of its own. **Action: Cllrs Cusack and Piercy to meet prior, in preparation for March's meeting.**

Cllr Macdowell reported the latest from the SZC project.

- There are several road closures planned for this year between Middleton and Leiston, Middleton and Yoxford and Middleton and Saxmundham. Some will be complete closures and others traffic light-controlled works.
- Cllr Macdowell to attend a walkabout and meeting regarding the SLR on Thursday 20 February.
- The green rail route will be crossing by the Lovers Lane turn, with the building of a new level crossing.
- Upon enquiry regarding long diversion routes, it was advised that only one diversion route can be created, and it must be suitable for HGVs (thus ruling out the use of rural roads).
- B1122 night closures are scheduled for late March through to the middle of May.
- The meeting was advised that the foot path proposed along the Moor will not run alongside the road but a few yards into the Moor. The path will be created using gravel so that it may be removed at a later date. However, the meeting agreed that the proposal would not be well received by residents; it is on the wrong side of the road, does not go anywhere and is unsuitable for use by all abilities. (The original plan to move the entire carriageway and create a footpath was rejected on the grounds of cost.) **Action: Cllr Macdowell to ask for deletion from the programme of works.**
- B1122/Mill Street electronic warning sign to be erected April/May 2025.
- There is an Archaeological Open Day weekend on 22 and 23 February, 10am-4pm and 10am-3pm respectively, Waterloo Centre, Leiston. This event is free and open to all.
- Rail closure moved to February 2026. The line will be closed for 9 days with a bus replacement service being offered.
- 21,675 trees have been felled to date. It is understood that trees will be planted along the SLR.
- Cllr Macdowell is unable to make the Community Forum on 27 March at High Lodge, Darsham. Dist. Cllr Whitelock will be attending and offered to take any questions.

## 7 Councillors Reports

- a) Village Hall. No report

b) Middleton Primary School. No report  
 c) Highways, footpaths and trees. No report  
 d) Middleton Moor. Cllr Taylor reported back on the pond works carried out in January. The water has been 'opened up', although not as much vegetation was removed as hoped. Bullrush is growing amongst water lilies, thus making it difficult to remove. The contractor advised that, ideally, an excavator is needed. This option was pursued last year; however, Natural England, via Suffolk Wildlife Trust, rejected the idea, stating that other means are to be tried first, with excavating a last resort. A member of the public raised concern over possible damage to surrounding areas should an excavator be used and also suggested that SZC funds may be available to aid the restoration of the pond. It was suggested that a report from the contractor is requested, so that it may be presented to Natural England as evidence for the need of an excavator. **Action: Cllr Taylor to make contact with the contractor.** Cllr Taylor was thanked for organising and overseeing the pond works.

## 8 Finance

- a) The latest financial position was received and accepted by all.
- b) Actual vs Budget for Q3 was received and accepted by all.
- c) The following payment was authorised.

| Details                      | Payee                   | Amount | Power          |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|--------|----------------|
| G5 Adult Defibrillation Pads | Active Med Supplies Ltd | £84.74 | LGA 1972 s.137 |

**9 Planning Application.** The Parish Council agreed to support Planning Application DC/25/0106/FUL. Two-storey side extension and single-story rear extension. Address: 4 Rectory Road, Middleton. **Action: Clerk to inform Planning at East Suffolk Council**

**10 Councillor Resignation.** The meeting was advised that Cllr Lesley Taylor will be stepping down from her role as Councillor and Vice-Chair. Cllr Taylor has served on the Parish Council for 5 years and her commitment and service, including the setting up and running of the drop-in centre and cooked meal deliveries, to the Parish was commended. **Action: Clerk to prepare and submit an advertisement for a councillor in the village newsletter.**

**11 Village Path approach to Church.** Cllr Lacey is meeting with Dale Johnson on 13 February 2025.

**12 CIL Spending.** It was agreed to use £225 of CIL funds (expires in April of this year) towards the two new bins at the Recreation Ground. **Action: Clerk to confirm with ESC.**

## 13 Correspondence.

- i) Cats and Volunteer Community Car Drivers. It was agreed to allow posters to be placed on the village noticeboards and to pass on details for advertising in the village newsletter. **Action: Clerk to contact and advise CATS.**
- ii) Safety of Lithium-ion Batteries Campaign. The contents of the correspondence were noted.
- iii) TPO/179/2024 Street Record Rectory Road Middleton. It is understood that the TPO's are already in place and that this latest document replaces the original, that was worded incorrectly. It was agreed to register our support for the application. **Action: Clerk to advise ESC.**
- iv) Bike Maintenance Stations. It was agreed that The Bell Inn would be a good location. **Action: Clerk to contact The Bell Inn and ESC.**
- v) Correspondence has also been received from a photographer based in Yoxford, who is seeking a suitable venue in Middleton and advertising options in order to carrying out a project to record the personal impact of the national infrastructure projects on the local communities. **Action: Clerk to advise accordingly.**

## 14 Items for Next Agenda.

Emergency Planning Group  
 Pond – English Nature/excavator decision.

**15 Next Meeting.** The date and time of the next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 12 March 2025 at 7pm, at the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.



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

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WED. 12 FEBRUARY 2025 AT 8.30pm AT THE VILLAGE HALL

**1. Attendance and Apologies**

**Attendees:**

Cllr Julian Cusack  
Cllr Giles Piercy  
Cllr Steve Thorpe  
Cllr Charles Macdowell  
Cllr Lesley Taylor  
Cllr Michele Kendall  
Cllr Kathryn Rowe  
Cllr Chris Reynolds

**Apologies:**

Cllr Graham Lacey

**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 8 January 2025.
- b) Matters Arising. None.

**4. To review Safety Inspection Report.** A report was anticipated from East Suffolk Services (ESS) but is yet to be received. The Clerk contacted ESS on 29 January and was advised that the inspection would potentially take place on 31 January. No report received to date. **Action: Clerk to chase.**

An inspection was, however, carried out by Cllr Kendall. **Action: Cllr Kendall to provide Clerk with latest Safety Inspection Report.**

**5 Correspondence.** A request for nets on the goalposts has been received. Unfortunately, the nets were removed, and shall remain so, because they are a threat to hedgehogs. **Action: Clerk to advise accordingly.**

**6 Matters for discussion.** None

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

**8 Next Meeting.** Date of next meeting Wednesday 12 March at 8pm, to follow Parish Council meeting.

Meeting closed at 8.45pm.

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**Letter to the Parish Clerk**

Good morning Rachael Salcombe,

My name is Louise Shewry from Lendology CIC, a responsible finance provider working with Suffolk County Council on their Warm Home Suffolk initiative. The Warm Homes Suffolk initiative delivers a suite of offers, grants and finance to ensure Suffolk homeowners are supported appropriately with home improvements. The Warm Homes Suffolk Loan is an innovative initiative by Suffolk County Council offering **interest-free loans of up to £15,000** to help homeowners make their properties warmer, safer, and more energy efficient. The loans can fund energy efficiency upgrades such as insulation, solar panels, batteries, double glazing, or heat pumps, with repayment terms of up to seven years at 0% interest. The scheme officially launched in November 2024. It is a critical part of Suffolk's efforts to reduce carbon emissions, lower energy bills, and enhance the well-being of residents by improving their living conditions. We would love **your help in spreading the word** about this valuable resource available in your area. We are interested in advertising in your upcoming issue and would also welcome the opportunity for an editorial feature if possible. We are happy to provide artwork as needed. Please let me know if this is something you'd be open to or if you need more information.

**COMMUNICATIONS TEAM**



[Communications@lendology.org.uk](mailto:Communications@lendology.org.uk)



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## Middleton-cum-Fordley Parish Council

### Parish Councillor Vacancy

Do you want to make a positive difference in our village?

Would you like to influence decisions that affect your community?

Do you want to be a Parish Councillor?

The Parish Council meets once a month (except August) usually on the second Wednesday of the month.

Meetings normally last around 1-2 hours.

This application is open to all village residents (18 and over), no matter how long you have lived in Middleton-cum-Fordley.

If you would like to be considered, please contact the Parish Clerk at [parishclerkmiddleton@gmail.com](mailto:parishclerkmiddleton@gmail.com), Mob 07510 155640, in the first instance.

**ENTHUSIASM AND COMMITMENT ARE MORE IMPORTANT THAN EXPERIENCE**



**Jenny Riddell-Carpenter**  
Member of Parliament for Suffolk Coastal

## MP'S ADVICE SURGERIES

As your MP I hold regular advice surgeries across the constituency.

If there is anything that I can help you with, please contact me.

Details of my upcoming surgery dates and locations can be found on my website.

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**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, 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.

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# PROJECT UPDATE

FEBRUARY 2025

2025 is set to be a busy year for the project as we make progress on all of our associated developments. We will keep you informed throughout the year and our Works Tracker will be continuously updated. You can also check traffic management on the Suffolk County Council website.

The window to remove vegetation runs between October and February as it is the best time to avoid harm to wildlife. As we conduct our clearance work during

this period you may notice a lot of activity around our associated developments, particularly along the A12.

We work with the local authorities to ensure that this is carried out quickly and safely with appropriate safeguards and mitigations for wildlife and natural habitats.

In order to make sure that wildlife such as newts have left their winter nests, the next ecological work will take place in May where we will be removing vegetation roots.

We have also finalised the designs for our community road improvements, and meetings to discuss the construction programme are due to take place.

## FORUM

## SCHEDULE

All forum timings  
18:30 - 20:30  
(Arrival from 18:00)

|                                    |                              |                                         |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| <b>Northern Transport Forum</b>    | Wednesday<br>5 February 2025 | Darsham<br>Village Hall                 |
| <b>Southern Transport Forum</b>    | Wednesday<br>12 March 2025   | Stratford St Andrew<br>Riverside Centre |
| <b>Community Forum</b>             | Thursday<br>27 March 2025    | High Lodge,<br>Darsham                  |
| <b>Main Development Site Forum</b> | Wednesday<br>2 April 2025    | Leiston Town<br>Athletic Association    |

For more information and for all 2025 forum dates visit [sizewellc.com/community/forums](https://sizewellc.com/community/forums)

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**March**

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup>  
 Saturday 8<sup>th</sup>  
 Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup>  
 Saturday 15<sup>th</sup>  
 Saturday 15<sup>th</sup>  
 Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup>  
 Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup>

"Squit Night" – live music at The Bell – from **8pm**  
 Arts and crafts exhibition, Village hall from **10am**  
 Parish Council Meeting , Village Hall, **7pm**  
 Pop-up brunch, Holy Trinity Church **10-11.45 am**  
 St Patrick's Night at The Bell with 'Silmor' from **8pm**  
 WI – Village Hall – Subs and Supper, **7.15pm**  
 Vinyl Night at the Bell from **6pm**

**April**

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup>  
 Saturday 5<sup>th</sup>  
 Sunday 6<sup>th</sup>  
 Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup>  
 Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup>  
 Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup>

"Squit Night" – live music at The Bell – from **8pm**  
 Archive Open Day – Village Hall . **10.am – 3pm**  
 Cratfield concert . Holy Trinity **3pm**  
 Parish Council Meeting , Village Hall, **7pm**  
 WI – Village Hall . Mark Mitchels, The Suffolk Coastline **7.15pm**  
 The Holy Trinity Church Annual Parochial Church Meeting **2pm**

**May**

Thursday 1st  
 Monday 5<sup>th</sup>  
 Monday 12<sup>th</sup>  
 Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup>  
 Monday 19<sup>th</sup>  
 Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup>

"Squit Night" – live music at The Bell – from **8pm**  
 Literary Evening - details to follow - possibly combined with VE celebrations TBC  
 Community Council AGM – Village Hall, **7pm**  
 Parish Council Meeting , Village Hall, **7pm**  
 Village Hall Management AGM **7pm**  
 WI – Village Hall Lesley Aberly, Ash Farm Vineyard (With tasters) **7.15pm**

**June**

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>  
 Sat/Sun 8<sup>th</sup> /9<sup>th</sup>  
 Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup>  
 Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>  
 Saturday 21<sup>st</sup>

"Squit Night" – live music at The Bell – from **8pm**  
 Open Gardens  
 Parish Council Meeting , Village Hall, **7pm**  
 WI – Village Hall David Naylor RSPB ~ 'Birds & Habitat Minsmere Reserve' **7.15pm**  
 MCC Quiz

**July**

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup>  
 Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup>  
 Saturday 12<sup>th</sup>  
 Saturday 12<sup>th</sup>  
 Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup>  
 Saturday 19<sup>th</sup>

"Squit Night" – live music at The Bell – from **8pm**  
 Parish Council Meeting , Village Hall, **7pm**  
 80th Anniversary Celebrations – possible Street Party tbc  
 Vinyl Night at the Bell from **6pm**  
 WI – Garden Party  
 Summer Boules Competition

**August**

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>  
 Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup>

"Squit Night" – live music at The Bell – from **8pm**  
 Annual Village Fete - Playing Field **2pm**

**September**

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup>  
 Saturday 6<sup>th</sup>  
 Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup>  
 Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>

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

**October**

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup>  
 Saturday 4<sup>th</sup>  
 Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup>  
 Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup>

"Squit Night" – live music at The Bell – from **8pm**  
 MCC Autumn Fayre  
 Parish Council Meeting , Village Hall, **7pm**  
 WI – Village Hall, Barbara McElroy - Apples 'A Miscellany' **7.15pm**

**November**

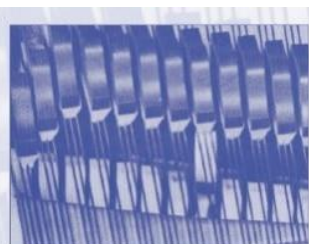
Thursday 6<sup>th</sup>  
 Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup>  
 Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup>

"Squit Night" – live music at The Bell – from **8pm**  
 Parish Council Meeting , Village Hall, **7pm**  
 WI – Village Hall, AGM tea & cakes **2.15pm**

**December**

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup>  
 Saturday 6<sup>th</sup>  
 Saturday 6<sup>th</sup>  
 Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup>  
 Saturday 13<sup>th</sup>  
 Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>

"Squit Night" – live music at The Bell – from **8pm**  
 'Santa Boules'  
 Vinyl Night at the Bell from **6pm**  
 Parish Council Meeting , Village Hall, **7pm**  
 MCC Christmas Party  
 WI – Village Hall , end of year celebration **7.15pm**



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