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Get to know the people of Middleton!

Middleton is full of amazing people, but we don't always know who they are or what they do. The following is an interview with Tom Monck of Nelson Close, Middleton following his recent rescue work in the floods with 'Water Safe UK Search and Rescue' (WUKSART). Interview by Steven Woolsey, 11, also of Nelson Close. If you would like to submit a similar interview, please send it to the email address at the bottom of this page.

Q1. About how deep was the water?

On our first nights deployment, the water was over 2m deep in the streets. That was probably 5 – 6m above normal river level.

Q2. Whereabouts did you do it?

We (WUKSART) were asked to attend the flooding in Carlisle. We left our temporary base at Ripley fire station at around 0730 hours and arrived at the command centre in Penrith several hours later. We were then tasked to help the evacuation of people from their homes in Carlisle. This continued through the night and following day.

Q3. Did you rescue any animals?

Q4. How many people did you rescue?

Our team of 11 people were responsible for the rescue of several dogs and over 80 people. Many people stayed in the upstairs of their houses feeling safe there. However, once the power, lighting and heating went off, many people began to feel cold and frightened. We then evacuated into the night using head torches. One rescue was featured on Sky news, BBC news, ITV news and many of the papers, as it involved a lady in her 80's who relied on carers to dress and feed her. We had to strap her to a stretcher and get her down a flooded staircase and into a boat. We then travelled about ½ a mile to get her to a waiting ambulance as seen in the picture.



Members of WUKSART during a rescue

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Diary Dates

Until the end of January:

Photographic exhibition in the Nelson by Kate Bellis

Sat 16th Jan

Poetry and songs at the Nelson 8.30pm

Sun 17th Jan

Photo share: bring your old photos and stories of Middleton to the Nelson from 2pm

Wed 20th Jan

Folk Jam at the Nelson 9pm

Sat 23rd Jan

Burns night at the Nelson. Please sign up for food in advance.

Fri 29th Jan

Monthly quiz at the Rising Sun

Bin Days

Blue bin / green bin:

18th Jan and 1st Feb

Grey bin:

11th and 25th Jan

For Post Office opening times see back page

Holy Trinity Church News

“Not just at Christmas”

My Dad would always make an announcement on the evening of Christmas Day. “Well that’s another one over, and we’ve all done very well”. He sounded a bit like a character from a Charles Dickens novel! The truth was, of course that we had done very well, at least by our own standards. We may not have had as much as some other kids, and we probably had more than others, but it wasn’t the stuff that we got for Christmas that counted, rather the sense of being well cared for and being nurtured in a positive way. Both my sister and I have done very well, whatever we mean by that, over the years, and I’m now at risk of coming out with the same sort of phrases as my Dad with family of my own and a couple of grandchildren as well.

Actually, it’s often the little things that count the most. I remember being at the School Christingle in church just before Christmas. As ever, the children sang brilliantly and it was a good occasion. As ever Marge Walker presented each of the children with a knitted decoration for their tree at home. She spends ages knitting them, and so many of us look forward to the new addition to the collection that we have made over the years. Marge has been knitting decorations for the last sixteen years, and does about three hundred in all, as she has links with other schools too. Last year wasn’t the easiest for Marge, and yet she still managed to make this small gesture of kindness because it matters to her.

It’s good to have people like her in our community, showing us an

example of open hearted generosity, and when we can all contribute to building community in this way then we make a difference together, not just at Christmas but the whole year through.

With best wishes for 2016 David Truby (Team Rector- Wirksworth team Ministry)

Ps. we need help at church! If you can spare an hour or so to help with cleaning, flower arranging and so on then do let us know. You can ring me on 01629 822858 or the Team Office on 01629 824707, or Chris Kinder on 01629 823592— with thanks

Pps. If anybody has a spare vacuum cleaner upright or cylinder that is going spare Holy Trinity would very much appreciate it. Please contact Chris Kinder church warden on 823592.

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Q5. What things did you use?

We used a variety of equipment including our two emergency vehicles, 2 trailers of boats which carry three inflatable rescue craft and our 5m ‘Rigid Inflatable Boat’ (RIB). We use a collection of small outboard motors with these boats. In addition, we have a dry suit, boots, buoyancy aid, helmet, throw bag and radio.

We are a charity and give our time freely to help in both rescues and training. We raise all the money needed to operate through donations and hard work. Much of our time involves helping the police and fire service with missing person’s searches and the recovery of bodies.

We operate between Derby, Nottingham, Lincoln and out to and including the east coast. So if you see me driving through the village with the blue lights on, you know what we’re up to! See us at wuksart.org

I would like to thank the imaginative person or people who dreamt up the lovely Christmas tableau at Rise End cross roads. It brought a smile to my face every time I passed by and I am sure other folks enjoyed it too.

So whoever you are well done. Many thanks
Joan Cooper

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November 2015 Mild, cloudy and wet

		Diff from or % of average	Date
Mean max temp	10.1c	+2.4c	
Mean min temp	5.0c	+1.6c	
Highest max	15.6c		1st
Lowest min	-2.1c		22nd
Total Rainfall	168.3 mm	158%	
Wettest Day	25.2mm		14th
Days with rain	27		
Total Sunshine	30.0 hrs	67%	
Sunniest Day	7.7 hrs		1st
Days with no sunshine	15		

It was the 3rd mildest November in the last 50 years and the average maximum temperature was the highest on record for the month. 15.6c on the 1st was the second warmest November day on record; only the 2nd in 2005, with 15.8c, was warmer.

A short cold snap around the 21st gave the lowest maximum and minimum temperature, and the heaviest snowfall, in November since 2010.

It was the 4th wettest November on record and the wettest since 2010. 27 days with rain was the most since 2009 when there were 29. The total rainfall for the first 11 months of the year is 921.5 mm, which is 96% of the 30 year average.

After the sunniest November day since 2006 on the 1st it turned out to be a very cloudy month and the sunshine total was the lowest since 2002.

In contrast to the previous two months of the Autumn November was a windy month. There were 4 days with gales, equalling the November record set in 1986, 1996 and 1999, and the average wind speed was the highest for the month since 1992.

The highest gust recorded on the moor was 67 mph on the 17th

December 2015 Dull, wet and exceptionally mild

It was the mildest December in the last 350 years and was so exceptionally mild that in the last 40 years there have been only 3 warmer Novembers; 1 March and 13 Aprils.

13.0c on the 18th and 19th was the highest temperature on record in December and both the coldest day (5.4c on the 11th) and the coldest night (1.0c on the 25th) were the highest on record for the month.

The maximum temperature reached 10.0c on 20 days whereas the previous highest in December was 7 days in 1985 and 2000, and the record for a whole winter was 15 days in 1997/98.

It was the wettest December since 2010 and 28 days with measurable rain was the most in December since 1993 when there were 29.

It was the dullest December since 1989 and the dullest month of any name since January 1996.

No air frost was recorded for the first time in December since before 1963 and it was the first December since 2007 with no lying snow.

It was the windiest December since 1999 and the highest gust recorded on the moor was 71 mph on the 5th.

2015 as a whole was a little warmer than average with a number of cool months early in the year offset by a very mild final two months.

Rainfall was below average for most of the year but a very wet November and a wet December brought the total (1071 mm) to almost exactly average(1069mm).

		Diff from or % of average	Date
Mean max temp	10.0c	+4.8c	
Mean min temp	4.6c	+4.4c	
Highest max	13.0c		18 th , 19 th
Lowest min	1.0c		25 th
Total Rainfall	149.6 mm	131%	
Wettest Day	27.0mm		12 th
Days with rain	28		
Total Sunshine	23.0 hrs	59%	
Sunniest Day	5.1 hrs		22 nd
Days with no sunshine	16		

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Monday 2pm-5pm

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Parish Council Meetings

Ordinary meetings will be held at 7.15pm in the Committee Room of the Village Hall. Members of the public are welcome to attend meetings and to raise concerns or make representations to the Council during the Public Participation section of the meeting.

Police

Contact your local team on 0345 123 33 33 or email directly to PCSO 4413 Sue Lester suzanne.lester.4413@derbyshire.pnn.police.uk

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