

VILLAGE PUMP



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Middleton Remembers

On Sunday 30th June 2019 the community gathered on the Village Green for the dedication of the new memorial commemorating the centenary of the end of the First World War. The memorial was unveiled by Robert Shields DL, President of the Royal British Legion, Derbyshire and Chairman of Longcliffe Quarries. The service was led by Canon David Truby with music from the BMW Brass Band, poems by children from Middleton Primary School and singing from Raise Your Voices Choir.

The centenary memorial is made from local limestone donated by Longcliffe Quarries Ltd, cut by Lowe's Marble and Granite and created by Colin Julian from L.Petts Stonemasons. The central panel was carved as part of the wider community Remembrance Day commemorations on the 11th November 2018, which resulted in memorials being placed at Steeple Grange Light Railway and Wirksworth Memorial Gardens.

40 men from Middleton by Wirksworth died in the First World War. Compared to other towns, this was a high percentage and as a small village, these losses would have dramatically affected the community. A book will be published later this year which is intended to be a memorial to those who were connected to Middleton and either lost their lives or returned. It will also create a picture of what life in the village was like directly after the war.

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Dates

Every Sunday

Pub quiz in the Nelson, 9pm start.

Saturday July 6th

Live at the Nelson: Uneven Planet

Saturday July 13th

Live at the Nelson: King B's

Live at the Rising Sun: Chris Allen

Wed. July 17th & Aug. 21st

Folk Jam at the Nelson

Saturday July 20th

Live at the Rising Sun: Ryan Brooks

Saturday July 27th

Live at the Rising Sun: Dorothy Ella Martin

Sunday July 28th & Aug. 25th

Community Walk - 10am from the Village Green

Friday Aug. 2nd

Live at the Rising Sun: Danny Mahon

Saturday Aug. 10th

Live at the Rising Sun: Paul Tabor

Sunday Aug. 17th

Live at the Rising Sun: Lacey Fields

Saturday Aug. 31st

Live at the Nelson: Carole Burchell & Paul Evans

Saturday Sept. 7th

Live at the Nelson: Blue Savannah

Bin Days

Blue bin/green bin:

July 1st /15th / 29th
August 12th / 27th

Grey bin:

July 8th / 22nd
August 5th / 19th / Sept. 2nd

Middleton Remembers, Continued

Middleton has a unique role in supporting the remembrance of those who died in the First World War. Following the decision of the War Graves Commission to adopt a policy for war graves, the Hopton Wood Stone Company in Middleton produced over 100,000 headstones that were sent to cemeteries all over the world. This undertaking had a further impact on the community as it brought new workers to the village.

The criteria for determining the names that should go on the Middleton Memorial and the Roll of Honour is unknown. Some of the men were born in the village and remained there; some were born in the village but later moved away; some became connected to the village through marriage and for some it has been difficult to discover any links at all to the village.

All those previously listed on the Middleton Memorial/Roll of Honour have been included on the new memorial as have the men who met the following three criteria:

- born in Middleton;
- living in Middleton in 1911;
- having their residence listed as Middleton on their Army Service Record.

It is acknowledged that there are other men who served who, undoubtedly, had connections to the village in other ways. Many of these will be included in the publication, ensuring their memory is also honoured. Research will continue and we will ensure information is updated on the Parish Council website and archived at the Derbyshire Record Office.

- Lucy Godfrey

(This project is supported by the National Lottery Heritage Fund; Tarmac Landfill Communities Fund; County Councillors' Local Community Fund; Better Derbyshire Dales Fund; Wirksworth WW1 Group; Steeple Grange Light Railway; Middleton Parish Council; Charity Plant Sales and Middleton Village Green Committee.)

Music Matters in Middleton

Some exciting events not to be missed over the next few months to put in your diary.

1. Middleton in Bloom will be holding their annual Musical Extravaganza in the Millennium Gardens on Saturday August 24th from 2:00pm. Musicians from far and wide will be rounding off what we hope will have been a blooming good year in our village. A party not to be missed and another chance to win a Frosty carving.
2. Later in the year the second Midfolk Festival will be held in and around the village. This year the festival will be held from Wednesday October 16th to Sunday October 20th. Some events will be free and tickets for the other events will be on sale soon - keep an eye on village noticeboards and the Middleton Facebook page. We already have some exciting acts booked, including Rory McCloud, Chris Sherburn, Denny Bartley and Emily Sanders, Careen, Stanley Accrington. There will be a ceilidh on Friday 18th at the village hall, so get your dancing pumps ready. This year's Midfolk is will be one to remember.

- Jane Monaghan

Drive Appropriately, Park Considerately

Middleton Parish Council regularly receives concerns from members of the public about a number of vehicles being driven inappropriately through the village. In addition, there have been several recent instances of inconsiderate parking. Areas highlighted include Main Street, opposite the allotments, and near the school (at drop off/pick up time) as well as the junctions at the Village Green. Reports include vehicles parked in such a way that limit visibility for emerging traffic and poorly parked vehicles which constrict the flow of traffic. The Parish Council asks everyone to think of other road users including pedestrians, cars and buses. We urge you to "drive appropriately, park considerately".

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Applications can be made by local groups that are based within the Derbyshire Dales that can demonstrate community benefit. For example:

- Parish and town councils (for specific projects only)
- Young people's groups
- Locally based charities
- Benevolent societies

The District Council welcomes applications from organisations who meet the criteria and it's now easier than ever to apply online at www.derbyshiredales.gov.uk/localprojectsfund



Further information and a paper application form can be obtained by email to localprojects.fund@derbyshiredales.gov.uk or write to Community Development Officer, Community & Environmental Services, Derbyshire Dales District Council, Town Hall, Matlock, Derbyshire, DE4 3NN, or phone 01629 761392.

Middleton Open Gardens

Middleton again showed the world what hospitality is all about as we shared our superb and varied gardens over the weekend of 8-9 June 2019.

Saturday was wet and cold, but a number of hardy souls braved frostbite as they had heard that Middleton has a low risk for flooding! We can assure you that chap who said he only came "To see the gardens in the rain" has now been banned for life.

The Environment Group worked hard overnight with the Met Office to ensure better weather on the Sunday, which was indeed sunny! ...and probably our busiest day ever.

Our many visitors climbed cliffs, marvelled at brilliant gardens and cottage yards, enjoyed superb

refreshments and looked down a (now famous!) hole set in its own straw house; whilst all smiling in amazement at the hot ball glowing in the sky!

Over the weekend around 300 visitors explored our 43 gardens and Quirky Corners and a number of villagers raised money from refreshments etc. for their preferred good causes or charities.

Well done! one and all, and thanks for taking part - everyone said what a friendly place Middleton is.

Remember to let the Environment Group know if you have ideas on how best we can use the profits we made from the ticket sales for the benefit of the village.

– Rob Stamper on behalf of the Environment Group

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Weather from Dave Evans: May 2019 -Sunny and fairly dry

It was the coolest May since 2015 and the first 10 days were particularly cool. The maximum temperature of 6.5c on the 3rd was the lowest in May since 1997 when there was a maximum of 5.2c on the 7th. The minimum temperature of 1.0c on the 4th was the lowest in May since 2012 and a slight ground frost on the 29th was the latest since 2009 when one was recorded on June 12th.

After a fairly wet first week, the rest of the month was mainly dry, and it was the fourth consecutive drier than average May. The rainfall total for the first five months of the year was 344.3 mm, 82% of average.

Despite a dull first ten days, with three completely sunless days, it was a sunny month though not as sunny as May 2018. Nevertheless, it was the second sunniest May in the last 20 years.

Sleet fell for a couple of hours on the evening of the 3rd, the first sleet or snow in May since 2013. Winds were generally lighter than average but a couple of windy days at the end of the month gave gusts of 43 and 44 mph on the Moor.

The spring of 2019 (March-May) was the sunniest since 2003 and had it not been for the very wet first half of March it would have been one of the driest springs on record. It was a little warmer than average but not as warm as in 2017.

		Diff' from, or % of, average	Date
Mean maximum temp	14.6 C	+0.3 C	
Mean minimum temp	6.2 C	-0.3 C	
Highest maximum	19.6 C		30th
Lowest minimum	1.0 C		4th
Total Rainfall	49.9 mm	72%	
Wettest Day	9.8 mm		8th
Days with rain	11		
Total Sunshine	195.8 hrs	133%	
Sunniest Day	13.3 hrs		14th
Days with no sunshine	3		

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Middleton Community Primary – June School News

World of Work Assembly – We have continued to develop our children's understanding of life after school and the range of jobs and experiences that people do. Recently, we were joined by Dan Maycock a local firefighter. The children heard all about the role and the variety of activities entailed. Thanks go to Dan for working with the children and to Mrs Mason for being such a good sport.

Records Office Workshop - We were joined by Becky Sheldon from the Records Office who worked with Falcons class to gather more insight into how Middleton was affected during the World Wars. Being part of the Community Heritage Lottery Project has meant we have been able to give our children an exciting range of opportunities. Falcons children worked very well during the workshop, despite some of the content being difficult, as sadly such a lot of people lost their lives from our village.

Becky was brilliant at explaining what happened and how Middleton was affected during the First World War.
Sam - Year 6

When the lady came into the school from the Records Office, I really liked looking at all the old things, and the poems on the cards were really nice.
Anna - year 5

School Visits – it's been a very busy month for our school. Our younger children from Kingfishers and Puffins Class went to Crich Tramway Museum. They had a lovely day, riding on the trams, going on a nature walk and learning all about the history of trams in the museum.

We went outside on the tram and we went to the shop.
Alicia - Puffins Class
I liked it when we went on the electric tram.
Jenson – Kingfishers Class
I was super excited. Betsy – Kingfishers

Our older children from Owls and Falcons Class travelled all the way to Manchester to visit the Imperial War Museum and Lowry Gallery. The children had a fantastic day and learnt so much.

It was an adventure of a lifetime. We had a workshop that was really enjoyable. The museum was really emotional because it reminded you what happened and made you feel happy that you live now and not then.
Owen – Year 6

We went to the Imperial War Museum to learn more about our heroes in the war and saw some lovely, cool stuff and enjoyed a nice walk around Manchester and saw Blue Peter actually live! Ruby - Year 5
Going to the Imperial War Museum was the most emotional and brilliant and interesting trip of my life! I enjoyed reading and looking at all the army stuff.
Leo – Year 6

The Lowry Gallery inspired us to draw pictures of the paintings. Anya – Year 4
We learnt lots about his paintings and how he drew them. William – Year 4
I couldn't believe I was standing in front of the actual pictures he painted! James – Year 4

I have to say that my favourite part of the day was seeing the children's faces as we walked around Salford Quay. This environment is a very different one to Middleton's and a great place for the children to experience.

Bags2school and Big breakfast – The children and community joined us at school for our annual Big Breakfast. Many bacon sandwiches and cups of coffee were consumed! Alongside this we were collecting clothes and toys for Bags2school. The event raised almost £200, which was great! This means we are able to buy a new 'scooterpod' for the school. Many thanks go to our very busy Friends of Middleton for organising this event.

On Wednesday 19th June people came into the Village Hall for Big Breakfast. There were lots of people there, and tons of yummy treats. Everyone loved their food!
- Ava S. Year 5

Alison Dugdale - Head



Derbyshire Dales to go Carbon Neutral by 2030

On Thursday 30th of May, Derbyshire Dales District Council debated whether to make Derbyshire Dales District Council carbon neutral by 2030. The motion was submitted by Labour Group Leader, Councillor Mike Ratcliffe, with the support of Labour Group arguing that Climate Change is an existential threat: that extreme weather events have caused damage and destruction in this country and have led to the death and displacement of thousands of people world-wide. Furthermore, that natural habitats, wildlife and biodiversity all are in peril. Scientists are warning that we have a little over decade to implement urgent actions to reduce CO2 emissions before we reach a global tipping point. As a consequence, action is required at international, national, local, and individual level to achieve the carbon reduction levels needed.

The motion proposed that the DDDC pledged to declare a Climate Emergency and make Derbyshire Dales District Council carbon neutral by 2030. Further, that it called on the UK Government to provide the resources to make the 2030 target possible; to work with partner

organisations across the county and region to deliver this new goal through all relevant strategies; and to report back to Council within six months with an action plan.

The meeting began in open Forum. Two of the numerous speakers were school students, making strongly the case that future generations should not inherit a world in decline. They inspired us all.

An amendment was then put by Councillor David Chapman that all Greenhouse Gases that contributed to global warming be included in the motion. This was carried. My contribution to the debate was to argue that Planning would have to change to relax its regulations on building wind turbines and to make it compulsory that all new-build houses and flats have solar panels or deep hole heat sources.

After a two-hour debate the motion was carried unanimously.

– Councillor Peter Slack

Middleton In Bloom

2019 BRITAIN IN BLOOM JUDGING

The judges will be wandering up the village in the morning of Wednesday 31st July.
Do smile and say 'hello' if you see them passing.

INVITE

Everyone is welcome to come and meet the judges (or just have some tea and cakes...) in the Millennium Garden from around 10:30am

Hope to see you there!

ps. If you find time to have a tidy around / litter pick before the judging that would be just grand too!

Middleton In Bloom

Pam Jones, writes: Once again M.I.B is indebted to all the magnificent sponsors who have given so generously. This year we thank, D.S. Insulation, M. Beech, Slinger Mining, Severn Trent, Middleton Knit and Natter, Wirksworth Car Sales/Budget Tyres, Mainsail Restaurant, Carsington Water, Wirksworth Frame Shop, L. Petts, Stonemasons, J. Sainsbury, Supermarket, Vital Earth, Nelson Arms, Pickle Cottage, Miners Retreat Holiday Cottage, Frances Lowe Ltd, Alice and Steve French, Greenacres Holiday Cottage, Birchall Reclamation Yard, Hollies Nursery, Middleton Ladies Group, Morrisons Supermarket, Middleton Environment Group, Middleton Village School, and many Middleton residents who prefer to remain anonymous.

Church News

This is the time for lots of thanks – and some celebration! The last few weeks have seen some wonderful achievements for Holy Trinity Church and indeed our whole community. The biggest news has been that, at the end of May, Holy Trinity was given the Bronze Award of the UK Eco Church scheme. This is a national programme that assesses churches under five headings related to environmental issues: worship and teaching, the church building, the churchyard, the church's community links, and church members' lifestyle. All these are assessed under a points system that then awards Bronze, Silver or Gold awards. 420 churches in the UK have won awards and just a handful of churches in Derbyshire so far. Holy Trinity has for several years kept a Season of Creation in September where, before celebrating Harvest, we explore themes about our responsibility for care of the earth and all its life. But, last spring, it became obvious that there were issues right on our doorstep that we could address better. Following the mowing of the churchyard much too early in the season, we realised that we had on our doorstep a rich selection of wildflowers and wildlife habitat.

So, first, a big "thank you" to Derbyshire Wildlife Trust for their partnership with us over the last 12 months and their excellent Biodiversity Strategy Review, which showed us just what we had to do to make the churchyard a beacon of wildlife in the middle of our community. This has meant monthly surveys, a managed mowing programme and efforts to increase the bee friendly plants in the church borders.

Another big "thanks" to Sam Kitching who responded so quickly to our request for someone to remove the unproductive conifer bushes that were smothering other plants and his spreading of wood chippings to help the soil retain moisture.

A big "welcome" to the primary school pupils who have begun regular visits to the churchyard to spot, count and draw wildflowers, plant bee and butterfly friendly plants, identify and count bumble bees and begin the process of providing shelters and nests for wildlife ready for next year – all this under their "Forest School" programme. Big "thanks", also to Des and Vas who helped me to conduct the building survey and identify the draft exclusion, light bulb changes and heat management needed. All in all, we came close to the Silver Award on points and, with a little bit more work this autumn, we could aim for that early in 2020.

Indeed, "thanks" also go to those in the Church who have supported and helped with all this. It feels right that Middleton should be up there with the front runners attempting to do something about our environmental crisis.

"Thanks" are also due to those many volunteers who helped welcome and feed visitors to church during the Open Gardens weekend. Good soup, great cakes! It was so good to hear the reactions of almost 300 visitors to both our church and village gardens – many coming from a distance and for the second or third time! And, finally, "thank you" to Jonathan Priestley for his wonderful guitar concert in June and to those who laid on wine and nibbles for the interval, making it a relaxing and enjoyable evening, which also raised much needed funds to keep Holy Trinity open and available right at the heart of our community.

- Peter Lewis
(Reader with Pastoral Responsibility for Holy Trinity Middleton)

Ladies Group's evening on the Cromford Canal

We hoped for good weather on Thursday 6 June and it was just the loveliest evening as the Ladies and Guests boarded the Cromford Canal Boat. The Canal Boat volunteers were wonderful. We were given a fine commentary about the Boat and its history, and had various wildlife and interesting sights pointed out along the way. The Ladies had prepared a lovely packed supper for the ensemble, and many brought their own beverages. All had a great evening.

- Pam Jones



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Thursday 9am-12pm

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Ordinary meetings will be held at 6.30pm on the second Monday of each month (except August) 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.

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