

# VILLAGE PUMP



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## Surviving Lockdown in Middleton

These last months have certainly made us appreciate our homes and the village. This has got me thinking what a variety of goods and services available to us within the village so thought I would list those I know about.

Mobile Fish & Chips, Tuesday 4.30 to 7ish, Nelson car park

Bella Mia Pizzas, every other Friday, Nelson car park. March pizza days: 5th, 19th

Refills on the Road, Tuesday 10-12, Nelson car park, dry goods, washing/toiletries. Check website for amazing list of products and bring your own container (accepts card payment)

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The following vendors advertise in the Pump

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Logs & sticks: David

Mobile Hairdresser: Carol Houghton (not allowed at the moment)

I am sure there are a lot of entrepreneurs in the village providing useful goods and services that we don't know about. Contact the Pump with your details and maybe we can do an updated list next month. Better still put in a regular advert to promote your goods and support The Pump at the same time.

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## Inoculation Message from Hannage Brook Surgery

A few people in the village have been invited to mass vaccination centres some distance away from Middleton - as far as Pinxton and south of Derby, for their Covid 19 jabs. There is no need to travel those distances. If you are in a priority group for vaccination, you will receive an invitation by text from the Hannage Brook Surgery. It will be personal to you and tell you which surgery it has come from. People without a mobile phone will receive a telephone call. You can now call the surgery if you are over 70 and have not yet had a vaccination.

## Bin Days

Blue bin:

8th/22nd March, 6th April

Grey bin / food caddy:

1st/15th/29th March, 12 April

Green bin collections are currently suspended, while food caddies are only being collected on grey bin day. This is due to COVID related staff absences.

The crews will try to take recycling side waste where possible - please check how to present excess recycling at [www.derbyshiredales.gov.uk/excessrecycling](http://www.derbyshiredales.gov.uk/excessrecycling)

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Deadline for next issue: Thursday 25th March.

Please send items by email to [mail@middletonvillagepump.co.uk](mailto:mail@middletonvillagepump.co.uk) or leave at the Nelson

# Weather January 2021

## Cold, cloudy and wet

January 2021 was the coldest since 2010 and equal 11th coldest January in the last 44 years. The weather was persistently chilly rather than severely cold and there was only one day when the temperature failed to reach 0c, the 24th with a maximum of -0.5c.

It was the wettest January since 2014 and the 6th wettest one on record, despite a dry first 10 days when only 7.4 mm of rain was recorded.

The 18-month period from August 2019 to January 2021 has been the wettest 18 month period on record with 2143.8 mm of rain (125% of average). The previous wettest 18 months was from September 1998 to February 2000 with 2132.3 mm.

There were frequent small snowfalls during the month and 18 days with sleet or snow falling was the most in January since 2010, which also recorded the same number of days. The accumulated depth of snow ( the total of each individual snowfall) was 28cm, the most

since 2015 which recorded a total of 40cm.

The month was less windy than normal, and the highest gust of 59 mph was the lowest in January since 2011. It was the first January since 2006 with no gales recorded.

Dave Evans

		Diff' from or % of average	Date
Mean max temp	3.7c	-1.5c	
Mean min temp	-0.2c	-1.1c	
Highest maximum	9.2		28th
Lowest minimum	-3.5c		25th
Total Rainfall	194.2mm	188%	
Wettest Day	27.2mm		20th
Days with rain	22		
Total Sunshine	33.3 hrs	77%	
Sunniest Day	6.3 hrs		25th
Days with no sunshine	12		

## Middleton Parish Council Report January 2021

Derek Renshaw has been co-opted to the Parish Council. Two casual vacancies remain – please see below for details of how to apply. Members welcomed Cllr Renshaw to the Council.

A report by DCC Planning Service Enforcement and Rights of Way Officers following a meeting with the Manager of Dene Quarry about the restoration of the paths at Dene Hollow has been received. A meeting with Parish Council representatives is to be arranged.

Cllr Irene Ratcliffe is giving £250 from her DCC Leadership Fund towards the cost of a speed gun to enable community speed monitoring in the village.

January sees the consideration of budgets for the following year. The Council has set a Council Tax neutral budget of £13,350 for Financial Year 2021-22.

Parish Council meetings are currently being held remotely and next scheduled meetings are:

Monday 8th February 2021

Monday 8th March 2021

Monday 12th April 2021

A wide range of documents and information is published on our website at [www.middletonbywirksworth-pc.gov.uk](http://www.middletonbywirksworth-pc.gov.uk) including meeting agendas, supporting documents and minutes. For details of how to join meetings please contact the Parish Clerk.

## Casual Vacancies

The Parish Council currently has two casual vacancies, and nominations are invited from individuals interested in being co-opted to the Parish Council. If you'd like to discuss what the role entails please contact the Parish Clerk on 07717 137 526. Co-option will be by short interview at the next available meeting of the Parish Council, these are held at 6.45pm on the second Monday of the month. If you wish to apply simply send your nomination, to include your name, address, and contact details to [clerk@middletonbywirksworth-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@middletonbywirksworth-pc.gov.uk) or post to John Rowe, c/o 1 Devonshire Villas, Upperwood Road, Matlock Bath, Matlock DE4 3PD.

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# Middleton Ladies' Group

## Hello All Middleton Ladies

Before covid Middleton Ladies discussed the idea of a "Little Book" chartering the history of our Group, which began as a small group of friends forming a Church Group and Meeting in the Church.

Moving on the Ladies met at individual homes until today when we meet up in the Nelson's back room.

After discussions over the phone our Committee thought it might be nice to start our "Little Book" and hopefully by the time we meet again we will present a copy to our Members.

We would also like to add a monthly column in the Village Pump.

ANYONE can help: you don't have to be a Member, we don't mind if the odd man wants to add something. Do you have a recollection of earlier years? or an event Ladies Group were involved in.....photos ( to be returned) perhaps an outing .....an unusual Speaker.....a Christmas party or Panto involving the Group.

Recalling earlier times, if you remember your Mother we would like to know.

Also many of you have done some quite interesting things during "Lockdown" from Baking to Gardening to Cold water swimming, or maybe some of the Ladies from Knit and Matter have a pattern to share (photos again would be helpful)and of course any funny stories you have involving your Family or Friends during Lockdown.

Allow me to share this; my grandson has tried very hard to keep up with his schoolwork. The teacher set a task of writing a whole page. He began well, but then became a little bored, when "disaster" struck; he had a nosebleed which dripped onto the page. Undeterred, in the left-hand margin he continued:

"Sorry  
I  
had  
a  
nose bleed,  
so  
had  
to  
stop."

Pure genius my grandson...well it made me laugh, and his teacher as well, who shared it with his parents.

We want all your "titbits" ...recipes...patterns...garden-

ing hints etc. If you're having a walk( for recreation) pop anything you have through my letterbox or any other Committee Members. We will return anything precious to you, or we can arrange to collect. Hopefully, this might give you something different to do whilst isolating.

Looking forward to your response however big or small.....get writing and searching.

I look forward to meeting up very soon. Pam Jones

I must mention the sad passing of our Friend Val. She was such a bright Lady, a wonderful embroider and outstanding potter, with a heart of gold. We miss you Val.

Committee  
Christine Gilmore, Pam Butler, Catherine Housley and Veronica Weaver

## Photography Corner



Snake Mine by Rob Rawlinson

Do you have a photograph to share? Email us at the address on the front page.

## Church News

Over this last year we have had plenty to think about, and as we start to think about an end to the restrictions, or at least lifting the lock down to some extent, then there is more to be done.

Years ago, I visited the Winston Churchill's wartime bunker in London. Now it's a very good, interactive museum, and while you are down there you get a real sense of the crisis that was being faced at that time, not least the damage that was being done by the blitz in London and many other cities across the country. I remember leaving the museum half expecting to see the damage made by the bombs rather than the vibrant city that now surrounded me.

Of course, there has been no physical damage to our environment over this last year, but there has been a cost. Many people have lost loved ones without being able to sit with them at the end or grieve for them properly because funeral services and gatherings afterwards have been restricted. Many of our children feel cheated in that they have not been able to prove themselves in their exams of say a proper goodbye to their friends before going off to University only to have to sit in front of a

computer to learn online. We have seen all of this on our TV screens during this last year, and for me I regret having to close our churches in the first lock down. I feel sad not to be able to sit with a bereaved family to talk face to face about the person that they have lost. I miss going into school for assemblies and, of course, feel the loss of 'in church' worship despite the success of our Sunday's online.

Gradually, just as happened post war, things will return to some sort of normal, though there will have been changes. My concern is for the long-term effect that all of this will have had on our communities and the things that we have all taken for granted in the past. My hope, however, remains fixed on the Jesus who faced an agonising death but who Christians believe overcame death on Easter Day. I look forward to celebrating Easter, not least because it is a reminder that hope remains and that love always wins in the end.

With best wishes and hopes for a Happy Easter.

Canon David Truby

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## Intake Lane Gates

Thanks to everyone who showed an interest in my article about Intake Lane and particularly those who contacted me by phone, email or social media to offer support.

Fortunately, it may not be necessary to provide evidence of using the track. After I contacted Derbyshire County Council they discovered that the lane has been an Adopted Highway for many years, but had been accidentally omitted from their Definitive Map which can be viewed by the public, so I wasn't aware of it. It has now been added and can be seen at the Derbyshire mapping portal which can be accessed through the DCC website.

Obstruction of a highway is a criminal offence under Section 137 of the Highways Act 1980, the penalty being a fine not exceeding £1000 rather than imprisonment. This is enforceable by the local authority so I've asked them to deal with it. There is another locked gate further along Intake Lane just after Moor Farm, so the chain also needs removing from that one.

This may take some time to enforce, so is the way of the world, but it will happen eventually.

Other paths which I need to give attention to are the footpath from Rains Lane over the moor to Middleton Top and The Moor road from Water Lane neither of which are rights of way at the moment. Fortunately in both cases access has been maintained, so making them rights of way is not so urgent.

Rob Rawlinson



# Doing your bit for your environment: beyond the 3Rs of Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

Hildegard Wiesehofer

The UK is hosting the 2021 United Nations Climate Change Conference in Glasgow this November to agree how member nations can reduce their damaging impact on the earth's environment and so ensure it survives for our children and grandchildren.

It's all very well to look towards governments to solve problems for us, but what can we do individually? Many of us follow the government mantra of reduce, reuse, recycle, doing our bit in Middleton by putting out the right bins on a Monday. But more recent thinking is going well beyond the 3Rs. It focuses on our whole consumption process and involves a shift in thinking and actions well beyond the simple 3Rs, as shown in the diagram above.

So next time you consider a purchase, try the 'Rethink mode'. Do you need to make that purchase? Really? Why, exactly? We know that buying stuff actually doesn't make us happy for long. Also, how is it produced? Is child labour involved? Are children sleeping under their sewing machines so that you can have a cheap t-shirt? How much pollution is created in the production and its disposal? What is its planned lifetime and is it repairable? What about disposal? Can it be sold second hand or is it re-cyclable?

Consider Refusing that multi-buy offer. Research shows that although multi-buys promise value, many end up unused or in the bin because they have gone beyond their 'best before' date. Many of us give in to the lure of a bargain that ends up unworn or unused. We might consider refusing anything that sheds harmful micro-fibres every time we wash, adding to the pollution of air, water and soil (i.e., anything that contains polyester).

Reducing consumption, whether that is reducing use of carrier bags, switching off unused lights, turning down the heating or not lighting a fire, boiling only the amount of water that is actually needed, reducing car mileage or the number of your foreign holidays..... most of us consume more resources than the earth can provide us with.

Reusing and Repairing can reduce our impact on our environment. So rather than filling up the food caddy for the bin men to empty or throwing clothes out because they have a small fault, becoming creative with leftovers and learning new skills to repair an item might be better options. The internet and TV are

brimming with advice.

We probably all receive presents at times that don't quite hit the mark. Or we go off something we have bought in the past. Re-selling or Re-gifting through online sites, or passing them on to charity shops are surely better options than the local authority tip?

Recovering, for example by sorting our glass, aluminium or paper into the appropriate bins should not be our only options. Most of our electronic gizmos contain very precious metals that should never end up in landfill but should be recovered as inputs into new products (and so save unnecessary mining activities). Apparently, most households have a number of old mobile phone languishing in drawers.

Rotting down compost at home saves resources (fuel for transport, manpower and machines to take it away and cost and time of buying and transporting compost home from garden centres). And you know exactly what you put onto your plants, once it has rotted down to lovely compost.

Whilst it is probably unavoidable, Recycling should really be the very last option if you are serious about doing something for the environment and future generations.

To check how kind you are to the environment and to estimate your carbon footprint, try this link: <https://foot-print.wwf.org.uk/#/>

You might just be surprised.



# School News

Our children are continuing to face the lockdown with resilience and strength, whether they are working at home or in school. We now have almost 40% of the children back in school, but we hope very much that all the children will return after the 8th March. Parents are continuing to support children at home with their learning, and teachers are supporting by leading daily 'live lessons' and sending activities home via our school website. It really is a team effort.

My own family have faced covid, with the loss of my Dad, and subsequently three more of my closest relatives testing positive. This virus can be unforgiving, so we all need to continue to stay safe and follow the rules. In my absence, the school community pulled tightly together and normal life, in these circumstances, continued. I would very much like to thank senior teachers Mrs Green and Mrs Hollands, John Reeve, our Chair of Governors and

Mrs Morris our Senior Business Assistant, who continued to lead the school wonderfully. The staff, children and families have been so supportive, and our community once again has shown its strength and compassion.

Whether children are at school or at home, the learning is based on the same activities and themes. Our Year 5 and 6 are learning about World War 2 and have written some super evacuee diaries. In Owls Class, Years 3 and 4 are enjoying a Viking theme which is working very well. In Kingfishers, our Year 2 children are busy Pirating!! And our Reception and Year 1 children are finding out about Space! Thank you to the staff who are providing lovely activities, and to the children who are working so very hard – well done everyone!

Alison Dugdale



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Ordinary meetings are held at 6.45pm on the second Monday of each month (except August). Members of the public are welcome to attend meetings which are currently being held remotely. Please contact for joining instructions. Representations can be made or concerns raised during the Public Participation section of the meeting.

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