

Village Diary: June - August 2011

* Parish Council Meetings (7.15pm): 6 Jun, 4 Jul, 1Aug, 5 Sept

***MIDDLETON CHENEY VILLAGE WEBSITE - <http://middletonchenev.org>**

Jun 1st Wed	Age UK / Village Hall / 2.00pm / Hanging Basket Ideas
Jun 12th Sun	KATHERINE HOUSE FESTIVAL OF OPEN GARDENS - details page 2.
Jun 18th Sat	STRAWBERRY FAYRE AND ART EXHIBITION 2 - 4pm / Queen Street / joint venture - Methodist & All Saints Churches
Jun 20th Mon	Garden Club / <u>VILLAGE HALL</u> / 7.30pm; Gardeners' Question Time Charity Event with supper
Jun 24th Fri	SUMMER FAYRE AT MIDDLETON CHENEY COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL - 6-9 pm. See details page 2.
Jun 26th Sun (1-6 pm) & 29th Wed (6-9pm)	THE NATIONAL GARDEN SCHEME— SEVEN MIDDLETON CHENEY GARDENS OPEN - see details page 2.
Jun 27th Mon	Hist Soc / Library / 7.30pm; Barley, Beer and Barrels by Martin Way - A History of Brewing presented by this popular & entertaining speaker.
Jul 2nd Sat	MIDDLETON MUSIC FESTIVAL / PLAYING FIELD / ASTROP ROAD
Jul 6th Wed	Age UK / Village Hall / 2.00pm / Chenderit Students Singing
Jul 18th Mon	Garden Club / 7.30pm; Garden Party for members & invited guests
Jul 25th Mon	Hist Soc / Library / 7.30pm; Milestones and Turnpikes - If you think the potholes are bad now, imagine them in the 16th - 19th Centuries!
AUGUST	Calling all kids! - MONTH OF MADNESS - see details page 3
Aug 3rd Wed	Age UK / Village Hall / 2.00pm / Age UK Northants Entertainers
Aug 15th Mon	Garden Club / Picnic / Venue to be confirmed
Aug 22nd Mon	Hist Soc / Library / 7.30pm; Members are invited to bring along artefacts or other historical items, relating to the history of our village.
Sept 3rd Sat	VILLAGE HALL FUN DAY AND FLOWER & PRODUCE SHOW - VILLAGE HALL 11 - 4 pm

DID YOU MISS ANOTHER GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO PUBLICISE YOUR GROUP OR EVENT? THE CLOSING DATE FOR INCLUSION IN OUR NEXT EDITION IS FRIDAY 12TH AUGUST 2011

If you would like to include your event in this section please notify the Parish Clerk, tel 713500 or email: clerk@middletonchenev.org.uk. . Entries must be received from the organiser by the relevant copy date - they are not automatically rolled over to the next edition - The editors reserve the right to edit all material and every effort will be made to ensure that the information in this newsletter is accurate. We will endeavour to include all items submitted but occasionally space may be limited and your article may have to be included in the next edition.



Cheney Chatter

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Middleton Cheney Newsletter



How fortunate that the sun shone on our Royal Wedding Celebration weekend. The hard work by so many people in our community which culminated in a great variety of entertainment ranging from marching bands to street parties, and a wedding dress display, to a fantastic scarecrow competition, (to name just a few), saw families taking to the streets and enjoying the festival atmosphere which pervaded the whole village.

It just goes to show what can happen when we all work together. Now that we know what can be achieved let's hope that the Jubilee Celebrations planned for next year will be even bigger and better.

And this was just the start of summer! - Please continue to support the great events detailed in this newsletter. Open Gardens, Fairs, an Art Exhibition, Middleton Music Festival and the ever popular Month of Madness all demonstrate that Middleton Cheney is the 'happening'

place to be!

On a more serious but nevertheless necessary note, we currently have six parish councillors, when ideally we need twelve to make certain that Middleton remains a vibrant and forward-thinking village.

We are looking for enthusiastic members to take a genuine interest in local issues and who want to put something back into the community. It can be a very interesting and rewarding position and you will be part of a team that can make a real difference to the lives of the residents.

For more information about applying for one of these important vacancies please contact the Parish Clerk.

Paul Browne - Chairman
Middleton Cheney
Parish Council



The next issue of the Village News will be delivered in September. Please send all articles by **noon on 12th August** to the Parish Clerk by email: clerk@middletoncheney.org.uk or by post to the Parish Meeting Room. Entries should be no bigger than half A5 page.



KATHERINE HOUSE FESTIVAL OF OPEN GARDENS - Sunday 12th June, 11 - 6pm. Three Middleton gardens will be open for this worthwhile local charity - 38 Midway; Church Cottage (ie. 12 Church Lane) and 8 Church Lane. There will be a barrel organ playing in the garden at number 8 during the lunch period and throughout the afternoon. Entrance is £5 for all three gardens (children free), and there will be a fund-raising Hospice stall and Homemade Jams & Preserves.

THE ANNUAL STRAWBERRY FAYRE (Combined Churches) - will take place on Saturday June 18th from 2.00 - 4.00 pm. Strawberries, cream teas and ice-creams will be on sale in the Methodist Church. Home-made cakes, plants and produce will be on sale in the porch of All Saints' Church, and between the two there will be several stalls and attractions with the tuneful accompaniment of a Barrel organ to add to the festivities.

As an added attraction there are exhibitions by the Middleton Art Group, the Quilting Group and the History Society. There will be a display of art work from Middleton Primary School & Windmill Nursery. Come along and enjoy yourselves: it's fun and it's free! Everyone is welcome.



SUMMER FAIR AT MIDDLETON CHENEY COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL, Friday 24th June, 6pm to 9pm - Come and join in the fun for all the family at



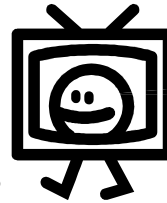
our Summer Fair. Have a go at Body Zorbing - for adults and children, a Bouncy Castle, lots of Fun Stalls, Tombolas, Crafts, Pig Roast, Hot Dogs, Ice cream, a Bar, Music and lots, lots more.....!! Our Grand Summer Raffle will also be drawn - tickets will be on sale before and during the Fair - your chance to win the exciting prizes on offer. We look forward to welcoming you!

SEVEN MIDDLETON GARDENS OPEN - for The National Gardens Scheme, raising money for nursing, caring and gardening charities. The participating gardens will be open on Sunday 26th June (1-6pm) and on Wednesday 29th June (evening opening 6-9pm, £4, glass of wine available). Styles range from traditional English cottage gardens, gardens with a Mediterranean influence to a family garden with rooms. Planting includes yellow and white themed borders, vegetable and fruit areas, orchard and mixed borders. Water features including ponds, streams and waterfalls await the visitor.

Home-made teas on Sunday at Peartree House. Combined admission £5, children free. Church Cottage (Church Lane), No. 8 Church Lane, 38 Midway, Peartree House (Glovers Lane), 14 Queen Street, 46 Stanwell Lea and 1 Moors Drive. Great gardening ideas on your doorstep! Please note - Wheelchair access difficult at some gardens. Sorry no dogs, (except assistance dogs).



DIGITAL SWITCHOVER - Do you need help or advice about the Digital Switchover? Northampton ACRE are trying to contact people across Northants who are over 75 or disabled as they are eligible for assistance from the Switchover Help Scheme. If you require any further information regarding the scheme please contact Sarah Clarke at Northamptonshire ACRE on 01604 765888 or write to - The Hunsbury Hill Centre, Harksome Hill, Northampton, NN4 9QX



THE DIGITAL TV SWITCHOVER – ARE YOU READY? BLINKHORNS ARE HERE TO HELP - TV in the UK is going digital, and the existing analogue TV signal in our area will be switched off during September. This means almost everyone will be able to receive digital TV through their aerial for FREE, so you can enjoy the five traditional channels, plus lots more. Radio stations will not be affected by the Digital Switchover.

Middleton Cheney receives TV transmissions from various transmitters. Your switchover date will be from 7th – 28th September. To keep your TV service, you will need a digital TV, or convert your TV to digital before the switchover date. Four High Definition channels will also be available after switchover although you will require a Freeview HD product to receive these channels.

If you already receive more than the five traditional TV channels, then you are probably ready for switchover. However, ALL DIGITAL EQUIPMENT WILL NEED TO BE RETUNED ON OR AFTER BOTH OF THE SWITCHOVER DATES. If you only have digital TV on your main set, You will need to think about converting any other TVs in your house.

Traditional analogue Video/DVD Recorders will still play back after the switchover; however will no longer record TV. To be able to record you will need a digital recorder such as a Freeview+ box (PVR) or a Digital DVD recorder.

For more help about switchover [why not drop into Middleton Cheney Parish Meeting Rooms between 3.30pm - 7.00pm on Tuesday 14th June](#), where staff from Blinkhorns will be on hand to offer free advice and answer any digital switchover questions.

For further information about our returning service please feel free to call our shop on 01295 259 859.



Useful Contact Numbers:

The Street Doctor	0845 6011113
Untaxed Vehicles	0800 0325202
Fly Tipping	01327 322347
Stray Dogs	0845 2300226
Consumer direct (DTI)	0845 4040506
Free Home Fire	
Safety Checks	0800 3899950
Abandoned vehicles	0845 6121999

Your Safer Community Team

PC1392	James Reid
PCSO	Clive Ashmore
PCSO	Scott Cochrane
PCSO	Charlotte Whithead

A BIG 'THANK YOU!' – What a wonderful weekend for Middleton Cheney, with some amazing events happening over the extended bank holiday in celebration of The Royal Wedding. The intention was to see as many as possible joining in with celebrations at little, or reasonable cost. I sincerely hope you enjoyed the weekend and it seemed as if everyone in the village was happy to join the party! It was great to see so many families, individuals and generations doing things together and having a brilliant time A few of the listed events were to support our charity, MCSSENT (Middleton Cheney Special Educational Needs Trust), and we collected an amazing £1.005 in donations and admissions which is fabulous.

Many thanks to all who attended, supported and revelled! Now – please read on...



... NEXT YEAR! - Ideas for the MC Summerfest 2012 are already taking shape and preparations are underway for a festival to celebrate 60 years of the Queen's Reign. The Diamond Jubilee on the 2nd June and the London Olympics at the end of July give us plenty of scope. BUT we need like-minded people to scramble aboard to help make this a great event, particularly for our children to remember. Volunteers, suggestions and ideas are welcome - please contact Teresa Aris on 712464 email t.aris@homecall.co.uk

THE SHIRES ROYAL BRITISH LEGION YOUTH BAND - If you were impressed by the performance of this great band of young musicians at our Four Day Fest you may be interested to know that they meet on Monday evenings at Carrdus School (7.30 - 9.30pm). They will supply the uniforms and instruments for you to use and will teach you how to march, give tuition on how to play the instruments and how you can join in on the parades and routines. Currently the first four weeks for new members are FREE! After that, membership is £1.50 per week. Interested? Then contact Kim on 710215 or email - bandmaster@theshiresyouthband.com or telephone .



AGE UK MIDDLETON CHENEY - If you are over 55 you are very welcome to join us at 2 pm in the Village hall on the first Wednesday of each month. We are always pleased to see new members and hear new ideas; our aim is to promote the well-being of all older people and to help make later life a fulfilling and enjoyable experience. Our full programme of meetings includes music, talks, entertainment or slides on a variety of subjects, followed by a delicious afternoon tea. The cost per meeting is £1.50 and this includes a free raffle ticket. Tel Joan Evans 710369

WANTED - A SECRETARY for Middleton Cheney Village Hall Committee to take minutes at meetings and deal with any correspondence as required. All out of pocket expenses will be paid. Please contact R. Solesbury (Chairman) 710316 or email r.solesbury@hotmail.co.uk

The popular **BANBURY STEAM RALLY** is due to take place on June 25th and 26th in Bloxham. A number of Middleton Cheney residents are involved in organising this fantastic day out, namely - Brian Wells (Vice-Chairman, Banbury Steam Society) and Nick Herring (Rally Chairman); other Middleton families are involved in rally control, health & safety issues, co-ordinating the steam section and managing the huge caravanning & camping area. Many other village residents exhibit a range of farm machinery and vehicles from by-gone times.

The steam enthusiasts are joined by motorcycle display teams, helicopter rides, car crushing, falconry, a fun fair, market stalls and arts and crafts. This year the fair will stay open to the public, late into the evening with live bands and a west country singer.



Come along and support the Middleton Cheney Model Club who won best in show (model tent entry last summer). Join us for a fun-filled, action packed weekend. It's great entertainment for ALL the family.



DOGS FOR THE DISABLED - The annual COFFEE MORNING, "BRING & BUY", RAFFLE, etc. will be held by Anne and Alison on August 6th from 10.am -12.30pm at No 1 The Moors Drive. Please keep this date free, to meet friends, maybe pick up a bargain, and of course to support this very worthwhile cause. Everyone is welcome.

MONTH OF MADNESS - Roll up, Roll up; the fun starts here! - Once again the Parish Council is organising a brilliant month of activities for the children during **AUGUST**. All of the favourite sports and pastimes will be available for enthusiastic youngsters in the village, who always seem to have limitless bounds of energy.

Previous years have seen Archery, Roller Hockey, Circus Skills, Climbing Wall, Band Instruments, Cookery, Drama, Tennis, Football, Cycling etc, etc; - we hope to provide something to please everyone! The brochure will be available from mid - June at the Primary School, the Parish Meeting Rooms and on the village website.

In order to ensure the continuing success of this popular annual event, we need volunteers, parents, grand-parents, guardians and older siblings to help the professionals. Please contact Alison on alison@middletoncheney.org.uk or the Parish Council offices if you can spare a week, a day or even a few hours to help out. The kids will appreciate it and we can guarantee that you will enjoy yourselves!



BRILLIANT-EXCITING-FUN-FRIENDS-LAUGHTER-ADVENTURE... IT'S MADNESS !

**MIDDLETON MUSIC FESTIVAL
PLAYING FIELDS, ASTROP ROAD
12 noon – 11pm SATURDAY 2ND JULY 2011**

A great day out for the whole family and the atmosphere is second to none! Excited? You should be! MMF 2011 is well on its way to being its best year ever. This amazing event attracts over 4000 people and creates a unique local touch. It just wouldn't be possible without the outstanding support from local bands and businesses, not forgetting the people of Middleton Cheney. We thank you all ...

A 10 Hour Marathon of live music in a range of genres from scores of local performers, which will appeal to all ages. With two stages playing a mixture of Rock, Pop, Metal, Folk, Hip-Hop, Electric, Acoustic, we really hope there will be something there for everyone.



THE LINEUP -

LEATHERAT / SCREAMIN ABDABS / LUKE MAY AND HIS BAND / SUZETTE NEPTUNE - THE NEXT HOT THING / 6 BULLET CHAMBER / SIXTY FOURS / MOTORCADE / TRANSMISSION UK / BUSHFIELDSMITH / IAN BRAMBLE AND THE BANNED / BARNABY NEWMAN / JENNA HONE FEATURING BEN GURNEY / JAMIE FOLEY / JODI BROOKER / JOE BLAKEMAN / BEN AND ANDY UN-PLUGGED / REMEDY BY THE NIGHT / ALPHABET BACKWARDS / JIMMY DAVIS

Ticket types	In Advance	On the Day
Adults (16+ years)	£8.00	£10.00
Children (5 -15 years)	£4.00	£ 5.00
Children (under 5)	free	free
Family ticket (2 adults + 2 children)	£20.00	NOT AVAILABLE

Advance tickets currently available from the Dolphin pub and Brad's newsagents

The money raised from the festival will go towards helping the Pre School / Primary School / Playing Fields Association and MCSENT (M.C. Special Educational Needs Trust).

Visit our website for more details and to order tickets online
www.middletonmusicfestival.com or contact Andy Taylor - Mobile: 07540307594
E: enquiries@fresh-fx.co.uk

**VILLAGE HALL FUN DAY
and
GARDEN CLUB FLOWER & PRODUCE SHOW**

**SATURDAY 3rd SEPTEMBER
11 - 4 pm**



**Please look out for further details in August
(local press & village posters)**

FLOWER & PRODUCE SHOW - The Annual Village Horticultural show will take place as part of the Village Hall Fun Day. The schedule, which lists all the categories in the competition, will be available from the beginning of August at the Library, the Parish Council Office and on the village website.

We are keen to encourage young people to take part in any of the categories but there is a special children's section for the under 11s, so start practising now! These are - Five Decorated Rich Tea Biscuits and/or An animal made from vegetables or fruit. (nb. the entry must be entirely the work of the child).

This year the photographic competition has three sections –
A view of Middleton / Glorious Trees / People at Outdoor Play.
Time to get creative with your camera whilst you're out and about this summer!

We will also have a stall selling garden produce. This has proved immensely popular in previous years with all proceeds going to Katherine House. Donations of produce on the day will be gratefully received.

The aim of the Show is FUN not competition and we invite anyone with an interest in gardening, garden produce and cookery to take part. The Show is an enjoyable community event with the minimum of rules just to ensure we have some degree of order – **ENTRY IS FREE!**



...don't forget to check our very own website at www.middletoncheney.org