

# Village Diary: December 2010 - February 2011

\*Parish Council Meetings (7.15pm): 6th Dec, 10 Jan, 7th Feb, 7th Mar.\*  
**MIDDLETON CHENEY VILLAGE WEBSITE - <http://middletoncheney.org>**

Dec 4th. Sun	CHRISTMAS CONCERT BY CANDLE LIGHT / BRACKLEY JUBILEE CHOIR / ALL SAINTS CHURCH / details page 2
Dec 7th. Tues 8th. Wed	WREATH MAKING WORKSHOP / PURELY PLANTS advanced booking only / details page 3
Dec 8th. Wed - 11th. Sat	GREAT EXPECTATIONS - by the Lynden Players / Village Hall 7.00pm / Box Office Mr Barry Coles 712427 / details page 2
Dec 11th & 12th Sat & Sun	<b>PRE-SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FLOAT - FATHER CHRISTMAS IS ON HIS WAY!</b>
Dec 14th Tues	CAROL SINGING AT CHENEY HOUSE / 6. 00pm / You are invited to join the residents & the united Churches for a Christmas sing-along
Dec 17th. Fri	MINCE PIES AND CAROL SINGING / 7.00pm A social event at the Methodist Church Schoolroom - all welcome!
Dec 20th. Mon	HEALTH WALKERS SOCIAL & BUFFET / NEW INN advanced booking only / details page 3
Jan 17th. Wed	Garden Club / All Saints Church / 7.30pm / Plant Hunting in China
Jan 24th. Mon	Hist Soc / Library / 7.30pm / God's Acre - History, Heritage & Folklore of Parish Churchyards
Feb 21st. Wed	Garden Club / All Saints Church / 7.30pm / The Amazing Olive
Feb 26th. Sat	HEAVEN SENT COMMUNITY AWARDS PRESENTATION Details to be confirmed
Feb 28th. Mon	Hist Soc / Library / 7.30pm; AGM followed by 'Within Living Memory' - Recent additions to the oral history records of Middleton Cheney

**DID YOU MISS ANOTHER GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO PUBLICISE YOUR GROUP OR EVENT? THE CLOSING DATE FOR INCLUSION IN OUR SPRING EDITION IS FRIDAY 11TH FEBRUARY 2011**



If you would like to include your event in this section please notify the Parish Clerk, call 713500 or email: [clerk@middletoncheney.org.uk](mailto:clerk@middletoncheney.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



Welcome to the Christmas edition of our newsletter.

The Parish Council are proud of both our newsletter and our village website which are proving to be a very useful way to convey information to the community. We are however, only as good as the information given to us; so Clubs and Groups, please keep sending in your information and make sure your individual pages on the web are up to date. If you have any novel ideas, suggestions for new articles or sections - keep them coming. Our 'webby' does a wonderful job but needs the information from you. Remember to vote for The Race to Infinity (see page 4) to make sure we get faster broadband.

I have been asked to find out whether anyone would be interested in a bridge, backgammon and chess club in the village. If enough people are interested a new group can be established. Let me know at the Parish offices if this could be the social activity for you. We are always pleased to promote new clubs and

groups and are delighted that the village is such a lively place in which to live and work. So often we tend to take for granted what other people would consider very special.

A number of changes are taking place in Middleton Cheney as we go to print, most notably the building of a new Sure Start Centre which is currently taking place adjacent to the library, the Pre-School building project at Chenderit School and many of our potholes are no more (hurrah!).

So many events and activities have successfully taken place, it has been a pleasure to have taken part and been involved in such a vibrant community. Please keep the ideas coming and we will always support you where we can.

Finally, on behalf of the Parish Council and myself, I would like to wish everyone very Happy Christmas and another brilliant New Year.

Caroline Stacey - Clerk.  
Middleton Cheney Parish Council



The next issue of the Village News will be delivered in March. Please send all articles by **noon on 11th February** to the Parish Clerk by email: [clerk@middletoncheney.org.uk](mailto:clerk@middletoncheney.org.uk) or by post to the Parish Meeting Room. Entries should be no bigger than half A5 page.

# ....WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS....

## A CHRISTMAS CONCERT BY CANDLELIGHT

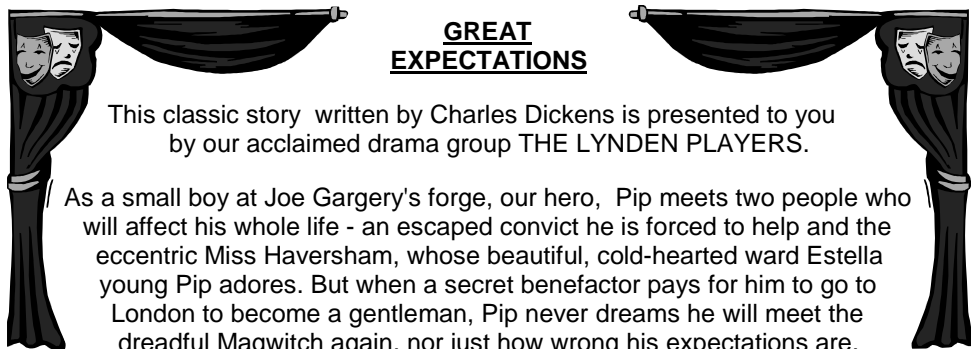
Designed to get you in the mood for the festive season - a varied concert of Christmas music, performed by the Brackley Jubilee Choir.



All Saints Church, Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm.  
Tickets - £5 to include a mince pie & mulled wine (or juice).



Tickets are available from Middleton Library;  
proceeds are for essential stonework repairs in order to preserve the internationally renowned stained glass windows.



## GREAT EXPECTATIONS

This classic story written by Charles Dickens is presented to you by our acclaimed drama group THE LYNDEN PLAYERS.

As a small boy at Joe Gargery's forge, our hero, Pip meets two people who will affect his whole life - an escaped convict he is forced to help and the eccentric Miss Havesham, whose beautiful, cold-hearted ward Estella young Pip adores. But when a secret benefactor pays for him to go to London to become a gentleman, Pip never dreams he will meet the dreadful Magwitch again, nor just how wrong his expectations are. If you have heartstrings, count on them being tugged.

Performances are on Wednesday 8th Dec (£5.00) until Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> Dec (£7.00).

Tickets are available from Barry Coles (712427).  
**Book early to avoid disappointment.**

**MIDDLETON CHENEY PRE-SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FLOAT** - will make its annual trip around the village on Saturday 11th December and Sunday 12th December. The door-to-door collection is Pre-School's biggest fundraiser of the year.

**On Saturday 11th December** the float sets off at 4pm from Cheney Gardens and will travel around the west side of the village: Stanwell, Chacombe Road, Archery Road, Bull Balk, Glovers Lane, High Street, Queen Street, Astrop Road etc.

**On Sunday 12th December** the float sets off at 3.30pm from the Library and covers the east side of the village: Main Road, The Avenue, Dands Drive, Horton Road, The Washle, Thenford Road, Waters Lane etc.

Father Christmas and his little helpers will be delighted to collect letters from your children detailing all their Christmas wishes. Please ensure your child's **full name and address** are clearly printed on the letter and then they will receive a reply!



**CO-OP PHARMACY** - A recent draft pharmacy needs assessment carried out by Northampton Primary Care Trust (PCT) for South Northants identified pharmacy opening hours, substance misuse, teenage pregnancy, smoking in pregnancy and breastfeeding as key areas for improvement.



We have developed services to improve uptake of smoking cessation and emergency hormonal contraception in line with local health needs.



Our Stop Smoking Service has helped over twenty villagers quit smoking. If you are considering quitting in the new year or know someone that is, statistics show that you are 75% more likely to quit using one-to-one support. At the initial consultation, patches, gum, lozenges or inhalator are supplied on NHS prescription. A carbon monoxide breath test is taken at each appointment every two weeks. Please ask for details or visit [www.smokefree.nhs.uk](http://www.smokefree.nhs.uk).

The Emergency contraceptive pill is available free of charge, funded by the PCT for under 25's. We offer a confidential service following professional guidelines (patient group direction PGD) from the PCT. Contact with a family planning nurse, sexual health screening and ongoing contraceptive advice are also offered.

**Please order your prescriptions early for Christmas as it is our busiest time of year - surgeries encourage you to do this to help them too! Many of you have three month repeats so check now if you need anything.**



(Michelle Sutton MRPharmS)



Stray Dogs	0845 2300226
Consumer direct (DTI)	0845 4040506
Free Home Fire Safety Checks	0800 3899950
Abandoned Vehicles	0845 6121999

Your Safer Community Team

### **Useful Contact Numbers:**

The Street Doctor	0845 6011113	PC1392	James Reid
Untaxed Vehicles	0800 0325202	PCSO	Clive Ashmore
Fly Tipping	01327 322347	PCSO	Scott Cochrane
		PCSO	Charlotte Whitehead

**LOST & FOUND** - Have you misplaced an item somewhere in Middleton? Have you found something which needs reuniting with its owner? Post in the Lost & Found section of the village website - <http://middletoncheney.org>. A black, motorcycle glove and a PE bag containing kit and football/rugby boots were left in Londis and are currently unclaimed.



**PRE-SCHOOL PLAY GROUP - 100 MILE SPONSORED BIKE RIDE** - As you all know, we are on the way to getting the first stage of having a water tight shell for the new Pre-School building which will hopefully be completed by around February 2011. We still need funds to complete the shell and then fit out internally with a target of opening the doors in September 2011.



Dave Carey from Town and Country Cycles in the village has stepped forward to help us try and raise some money for the New Pre-School Building by planning a 100 mile sponsored cycle across Devon ride next March (2011) . Please give generously and sponsor him in his fantastic efforts by contacting Dave at [www.townandcountrycycles.co.uk](http://www.townandcountrycycles.co.uk) (tel; 710518), or call in for a chat about what he's trying to achieve, fill in a sponsorship form and at the same time have a look around their fantastic shop filled with everything you could ever need for your cycling requirements whether young or old.

Let's see how many sponsors we can get Dave in his efforts to raise as much money as possible for the Pre-School. We should all congratulate him for his efforts and generosity.

**HISTORY SOCIETY – NATIONAL MEMORIAL RECORDING PROJECT** – We are pleased to report that the on-going project to record all the inscriptions in All Saints Churchyard and the Baptist Burial Ground has been completed, with the valued support of Northamptonshire Family History Society. The County programme started 14 years ago and we are delighted to have joined over 50% of the parishes in Northants who have been covered. This was historically valuable work as the surface of many stones is deteriorating rapidly. The booklet for Middleton Cheney (cost approx. £3.50), will be launched at our January meeting when David Thompson will be giving a talk entitled, 'God's Acre' an exploration of the history, heritage and folklore of parish churchyards. Please contact Nancy on 711064 if you would like to pre-order a copy.



**THANK YOU - POPPY APPEAL 2010** - This year, the 90th Poppy Appeal has highlighted the need to support the Afghan generation of the Armed Forces, both wounded and bereaved - now and for the rest of their lives. Thank you to everyone who bought a poppy, wristband or pin - your donation has ensured that they will receive the help they need. Together we raised an amazing £2563.75p in Middleton Cheney, (nearly £500 more than last year) so 'WELL DONE' everyone!

## .... AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR....

**PURELY PLANTS** - Invite you to join a Wreath Making Workshop on Tues. 7th or Wed. 8th December at 7.00pm, tickets are £5.00 and **MUST** be pre-booked as places are limited (tel: 713570). A demonstration, with expert advice is followed by a 'hands-on' session and you pay for the materials you use on the night. A warm welcome awaits you from our friendly team and don't forget to check out our high quality gifts and decorations at [www.purelyplants.co.uk](http://www.purelyplants.co.uk)



**THE HEALTH WALKS TEAM** - are organising a Christmas Social and Buffet for all present and past health walkers, at the New Inn on Monday 20th December at 12 noon. Tickets are £5.00, payable in advance, (no later than Mon. 13th Dec. please) from Angela & Roy 710143 or Monty 711780. Ke-ee-ep Walking!

**CAROL SINGING AT CHENEY HOUSE** - We start the Christmas celebrations with the residents of Cheney House. You are very welcome to join the united church singers and have a great time singing all the traditional and popular Christmas carols - 6pm Tuesday the 14th December, (meet at Cheney House).



**MINCE PIES AND CAROL SINGING** - Continue the festivities by joining us in the Methodist Schoolroom on Friday December 17th for a social event. Enjoy your favourite carols and a mince pie! You will be most welcome.

### **MIDDLETON CHENEY ANGLICAN AND METHODIST CHURCHES EXTEND A VERY WARM INVITATION FOR YOU TO JOIN US IN CELEBRATING THE BIRTH OF JESUS CHRIST**

**Our united services will be held at All Saints Anglican Church:**

December 19 <sup>th</sup> - 6.00pm	Nine Lessons & Carols
Christmas Eve - 4.30pm	Crib Service - a 30 min service, for young children
- 7.00pm	Carol Service - Carols + drama for teens and adults
-11.15pm	Midnight mass (ends at approx .00.40am)
Christmas Day - 9.30am	Family Communion & Blessings
Boxing Day -10.45am	Holy Communion (This is the only service in the Chenderit Benefice)

**We wish you all a very happy, peaceful and blessed Christmas!**



## **SUPERFAST BROADBAND FOR MIDDLETON CHENEY?** -

**Calling every internet user in the village** - This is a really important project that will take only a few minutes of your time but could make a difference to almost every home and business in Middleton Cheney, Chacombe, Thenford and Greatworth.



### **What is The Race to Infinity?**

Over the next five years BT is rolling out superfast fibre optic broadband across the UK. If you're not on the announced roll out plan The Race to Infinity gives you the opportunity to fast track your area to get BT Infinity next. The five areas with the largest percentage of votes by **December 31st 2010** will win the chance to bring superfast broadband to their area.

BT will also donate £5,000 of computer equipment to a local community project.

Whether you're big on social networking, gaming, streaming, uploading or downloading, prepare to have your life transformed with superfast speeds.

To vote simply go to [www.bt.com/racetoinfinity](http://www.bt.com/racetoinfinity), select 'VOTE NOW' and enter your details. Don't forget to pass it on to your friends on Facebook and Twitter to get the Middleton Cheney exchange (which includes Chacombe, Thenford and Greatworth) to the top of the scoreboard..

At the time of going to press we have 188 votes out of a possible 2579, so there's still some way to go...

**EVERY VOTE COUNTS - COME ON MIDDLETON!!!**



**THE HEAVEN SENT COMMUNITY AWARDS** (A promotion by Middleton Cheney Special Educational Needs Trust) - We need your nominations for your friends, family and neighbours; people who you think provide a great service for our village community, whether voluntary or otherwise and deserve recognition for their efforts.

Although deserving it's also for FUN! Nominations can be made by completing a survey, available online or at the usual village outlets and should only be taken by the residents of Middleton Cheney. You may complete as many or as few categories in the survey as you wish; however, each person shall complete ONE survey only. You cannot nominate yourself, although you may nominate your place of work, if in the village, where this is applicable. Each individual person that you nominate MUST reside in Middleton Cheney, and all businesses must have their company address listed in Middleton Cheney. School / business staff do not need to reside in the village but can only be nominated if their place of work is also in the village.

The winners of each category will be those with the most nominations. If there are an equal number of nominees, an independent panel outside of Middleton Cheney shall be sought to make the final decision after considering reasons given for the nominations. Your name is not required and any content that has your authorization to be used for public viewing shall still remain confidential (YOUR name will not be used).

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Organisers of The HEAVEN SENT Community Awards shall not nominate any person, or receive nominations for any award.

**The deadline to submit entries has been extended until December 31st 2010** in order to include the details in this newsletter to you (sorry - any nominations received after this date will not be counted).

Short-listed nominees will be notified approximately six weeks prior to the awards ceremony, which will be held on Saturday 26th February 2011.

### **MIDDLETON CHENEY CARE INFORMATION NETWORK** -

We are a group of representatives from local organisations namely, Age Concern, the Churches, Mothers Union, the Parish Council, and the Women's Institute, who are working together in Middleton Cheney to improve everyone's access to and use of, the Health and Social Care services which serve this village.



Our purpose is to provide a tested list of available services for public use, and so to enable people in this village to gain the services they need. As we have uncovered problems, being experienced especially in relation to our geographical position on the border between 2 counties, we have also worked to encourage providers to improve the delivery of their services.

In the last 2 years we have established good working relationships with both Public and Voluntary Health and Social Care Service providers in this area. We have therefore been able to help numbers of people having problems in finding appropriate services. We have collected a list of available services in this area, which we test 6 monthly. The list includes tested telephone numbers and details of some web-sites and can be accessed in the library, the parish meeting room and on the village web-site, (see link at the bottom of this page). We also co-operate with the Library in providing information about services. Please contact Caroline Stacey 713500, or Thea Jones 713977 for more information, if required.

**BUTTERFLIES HEALTHCARE** - In October at the 2010 Pure Beauty Awards, Butterflies Healthcare received three accolades for their new brand of cosmetics and skincare, NATorigin products: Pencil Eye Liner - GOLD AWARD, NATorigin range - SILVER AWARD, Lengthening Mascara - HIGHLY COMMENDED



This rounds off an excellent year for Butterflies Healthcare who have already received several other awards for NATorigin which is made from a minimum of 97% natural ingredients and Vegetarian Society Approved.

We have a wide range of products which would make excellent Christmas presents: cosmetics, skin care, swimming toys for kids, prescription goggles. All can be tried and tested in our shop at 27 High Street. contact: James Sutton MCOptom Tel: 0845 838 6704 or 0333 700 6704 Fax: 0845 838 6714 or [info@butterflies-healthcare.co.uk](mailto:info@butterflies-healthcare.co.uk)

