

Village Diary September-November 2011

Parish Council Meetings (7.15pm): 5th Sept, 3rd Oct, 7th Nov, 5th Dec.
MIDDLETON CHENEY VILLAGE WEBSITE - <http://middletoncheney.org>

Sept	3rd	Sat	FLOWER & PRODUCE SHOW / VILLAGE HALL OPEN DAY 11 - 4PM
Sept	7th	Wed	Age UK / Village Hall / 2pm / Harvest Festival
Sept	9th / 10th / 11th	Fri / Sat / Sun	HERITAGE OPEN DAYS / WILLIAM MORRIS STAINED - GLASS MASTERPIECES / ALL SAINTS CHURCH / DETAILS PAGE 2
Sept	23rd / 24th		TWO CHARITY COFFEE MORNINGS / DETAILS PAGE 3
Sept	26th	Mon	Hist Soc / Library / 7.30pm / The Itinerant Poor in the 18th Century
Oct	1st	Sat	LYNDEN PLAYERS / VILLAGE HALL / SONGS FROM THE SHOWS - DETAILS PAGE 4
Oct	5th	Wed	Age UK / Village Hall/ 2pm/ All our Yesterdays: Middleton Memories
Oct	20th	Thurs	WI / Village Hall / 7.30pm / AGM / Lingerie Through the Ages
Oct	24th	Mon	Hist Soc / Library / 7.30pm / Growing up in a Railway Family
Oct	30th	Sun	PRE-SCHOOL / SOCIAL CLUB / CHILDRENS HALLOWEEN DISCO DETAILS PAGE 5
Nov	2nd	Wed	Age UK / Village Hall / 2pm / Dog Training for TV
Nov	13th	Sun	REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE / ALL SAINTS CHURCH / 10.45AM
Nov	17th	Thurs	WI / Village Hall / 7.30pm / Christmas Decorations with Candles
Nov	20th	Sun	CHENDERIT SCHOOL XMAS CRAFT FAIR / 10AM - 4PM
Nov	28th	Mon	Hist Soc / Library / 7.30pm / A Tudor Christmas
Dec	second week		LYNDEN PLAYERS PANTO / VILLAGE HALL / DETAILS TO FOLLOW
Dec	7th	Wed	Age UK / Village Hall / Christmas Dinner
Dec	16th	Thurs	WI / Village Hall / 7.30pm / Tasting the Past

DID YOU MISS ANOTHER GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO PUBLICISE YOUR GROUP OR EVENT? THE CLOSING DATE FOR INCLUSION IN OUR NEXT EDITION IS FRIDAY 11th November 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. 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



This is the last edition of Cheney Chatter to be edited by Nancy Long and I would like to thank her for all her hard work over the past

four years. She has made our village magazine both entertaining and informative and the Parish Council are most grateful.

Would you like to be our new editor? The magazine is published every quarter. You would need to be computer literate, interested in village life and would get backup help from the council office. If interested please contact the Clerk on 713 500 or email clerk@middletoncheney.org.uk.

We still have three vacancies on the Parish Council. Do you want to be instrumental in shaping the future of the village? Please contact the office if you are interested.

Another successful Month of Madness was enjoyed by over 150 children attending 50 different events. Our thanks go to Alison for her hard work. This year local businesses became

involved. Sessions were run by Renee from Urban Angelz, Dave from Town & Country Cycles and our ever popular Ilja from Pudding Pie and the kids enjoyed crafts sessions with Shelly.

This year our ladies cricket team and football coaches ran very successful sessions and the Police did us proud with Stranger Danger/Emergencies and First Aid. This year we were lucky to have the help of younger members of the village and we would like to thank Robert, Eve, Beth, Darcy, Dan and Dyaun for their enthusiasm and help.

Caroline Stacey Clerk.
Middleton Cheney
Parish Council



The next issue of the Village News will be delivered in December. Please send all articles **by noon on the 11th November** 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.



HERITAGE OPEN DAYS



ALL SAINTS CHURCH

**FRIDAY 9TH, SATURDAY 10TH
SEPTEMBER 10.00 TO 17.00**

**SUNDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER 12.30 TO
17.00**

**ENTRY IS FREE
and there will be entertaining (free)
guided tours.**

Refreshments available.



This is an event organised by English Heritage to open interesting properties to the general public and this year, All Saints' Church has been asked to participate.

Our village church is famous amongst art historians for having the best collection of William Morris stained glass windows in Britain. Many people come on organised tours to visit it. You may have been in the church for a wedding or funeral, but how knowledgeable are you about the William Morris connection and

what do you know about the Victorian villagers who paid for the installation of the stunning windows?

Come and discover All Saints' connections with smallpox, an opera by Gilbert & Sullivan, and Lord Robert Baden-Powell, the founder of the Boy Scouts Movement.

**P.S. Bring your binoculars
in order to see details of the windows in all their glory!**

SHOEBOXES BURSTING WITH JOY – OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Just imagine: for many disadvantaged children in the world, a shoebox wrapped in cheery paper and filled with small gifts and goodies is the first Christmas present they've ever received.



Individuals, families or groups of friends/colleagues are invited to make up a shoebox(es) of suitable new goodies for a boy or girl in one of three age groups: 2-4 years, 5-9 years or 10-14 years. **Final date for dropping off completed shoeboxes is Monday 14th November, at the Library and Take Thyme cafe.**

We also welcome any contributions of goodies, empty shoeboxes and money donations to help with distribution costs. **Wrap & Fill mornings on:- Saturday 29th October and 12th November, from 9.30am to 1pm in the Methodist Schoolrooms.** Anyone who can help on these mornings will be very welcome.

More information is available from either of the above drop off points, or please call: Mary Phipps on 712894 or Carol Souch on 275334.

COACH TRIPS FROM THE VILLAGE. – The coach for the popular Christmas Carol Sing-a-long at the Albert Hall has been booked. This event will take place on Sat 17th Dec. and will depart from Middleton at approx 1.30pm. The outing will include a tour of the Christmas Lights in Oxford Street. We only have 11 seats left so please contact a.s.a.p.



We will also be going to the Holiday on Ice in Brighton on the 21st January 2012. Adults £43.00 (accompanied children only £22.00). The balance for this trip will need to be paid before the next edition of the Chatter, hence the inclusion in this newsletter.

For more details of any of the above outings, including price, please telephone Pam Reeve on 711 657.

AGE UK - have an interesting programme of events coming up. Check out the Village Diary on the back page for details.

Please note - Our revised entrance fee is £2.00 with raffle and bingo tickets extra.



Useful Contact Numbers:

The Street Doctor	0845 6011113
Untaxed Vehicles	0800 0325202
Fly Tipping	01327 322322
Stray Dogs	01327 322322
Consumer direct	08454 040506
Police non emergency	03000111222
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 Whitehead

CAROLINE CHAPPELL'S PROGRAMME OF ART VISITS AND TALKS.

All welcome. To book please contact her on 711 035 or carolinetchappell@googlemail.com.

Oct 13th Ashmolean Museum Oxford – 20th Centenary Art and the Pre-Raphaelites – A guided tour 10am – 11am cost £6.50

Nov 17th Ashmolean Museum Oxford – Narrative painting – A guided tour 10am - 11am cost £6.50.

Dec 8th Kettle's Yard Gallery and Museum, Cambridge – 20th Century art in a unique domestic setting in the centre of Cambridge. Coach leave M/Cheney 9.30am return 5.30-6.00pm. Art and shopping in this lovely city! Cost £20.00

CAROLINE'S PROGRAMME OF WORKSHOPS Chacombe

Village Hall – AUTUMN 2011- why not improve your artistic skills or learn new ones. Some equipment is provided (inks, pastels, pens, glue, collage materials and some paper) but please bring your own paints and any other equipment.



Oct 6th - A vase of flowers. Develop your ideas using collage, acrylic and ink techniques. Bring your own arrangement or work from mine.

Nov 10th - Colour exploration. Using objects and images from the natural world, develop harmonious designs based on lines, bars and stripes using mixed media techniques.

Dec 12th & 13th - The winter landscape. Using your own photographs and sketches, develop your ideas in collage, ink and mixed media techniques.

The maximum number for each workshop is 12. Cost is £35 per day (£70 for the 2 day workshop). Please note these are in Chacombe Village Hall. Time 10am – 3.30pm. Bring your own lunch. Coffee and cake provided. To book ring Caroline on 711 035 / carolinetchappell@googlemail.com.

There are also regular weekly art classes on Wednesday afternoons in Chacombe Village Hall. Please contact Caroline for more information.

CHENDERIT ADULT EVENING CLASSES- Following are classes offered by the Art Department at Chenderit.

Pottery and Modelling in clay with Sue Clayton. Digital Photography. Stop - frame Animation with Clinton Osbourne. Life Drawing with Sonia Hawes.

All classes are on Tuesday evenings 7 – 9pm. starting 20th September. Enrolment is on the first evening. All enquiries and further information, costs etc from John Childs, Art college director on 01295 711 567.



CHRISTIAN AID - Many thanks to all who helped in this project in any way. The final total including Gift Aid amounted to £2,955.70.

INCURABLE OPTIMISM - is the title of an uplifting charity concert to raise funds for The Motor Neurone Disease Association. It is being organised by village resident Jen Vale, who is herself a recent sufferer. Jen's friends, both amateur and professional performers, have got together to pool their talents for this one off event.



The concert will be held in All Saints' church at 7.30 on Saturday 1st October. Pay on the door by discretionary donation, recommended minimum £5. There will be one interval with refreshments available.

MIDDLETON CHENEY LIBRARY



Family Quiz & Picnic - Sunday, 4th September 3:00 - 6:00pm.

Middleton Cheney Library Supporters Group invite you to join our 'Quiz and Scavenger Hunt' on the Primary School Field. Teams of up to 6 people can enter with prizes for the winning teams. Bring your own picnic! Entry £5.00 per team (incl.U16s). Booking essential.

Sale of ex-library and donated books at the library every first Saturday of the month, 10:00 – 1:00. Come and grab a bargain or two! Good quality book donations accepted on the day. All proceeds in aid of the library.

Beginners Crochet Classes - Learn how to read a pattern and create your own crochet classics in 10 lessons. Tuition provided by an accredited tutor. Classes to start at the beginning of October. Inexpensive materials to get you started available to buy; £5.00 per person per session; places limited. To find out more about this and all the other events at the library please contact us on 710 796 or midlib@northamptonshire.gov.uk and you can now follow us on Facebook, just look for Middleton Cheney Library, all our events and services are also listed on the village website

TWO CHARITY FUND - RAISING COFFEE MORNINGS - MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

Caroline, Freya and Maggie invite you join us for coffee / tea and cake for the World's Biggest Coffee Morning on Friday, 23rd September from 10.30am - 2.00pm at 1 Glovers Lane, Middleton Cheney



We plan to have various stalls and a raffle. We would appreciate any donations to Macmillan of cakes, bric-a-brac, books etc. Contact Maggie on 710 252

KATHARINE HOUSE HOSPICE COFFEE MORNING – a sale and coffee morning will be held on Saturday 24th September from 10am - 2pm in the Village Hall. Stalls will include Bric-a-Brac, books, cakes, crafts, tombola, raffle, guess

the weight of the cake & Teddy. Katharine House Christmas cards and calendars will also be on sale.

If you have any suitable items for the Tombola, Raffle or the Bric-a-Brac stall please ring Barry Coles on 712 427 and he will arrange collection of the items.

Entrance fee of £1.50 will include tea or coffee and biscuits.
All proceeds are for Katharine House Hospice in memory of Wally Jeffries.

LYNDEN PLAYERS

Lynden Players and Friends proudly present **SONGS FROM THE SHOWS**. This event will be held in the Village hall on October 1st at 7.30pm.

Tickets are £10 and will include a Ploughman's Supper. Please ring Barry Coles on 712 427 for tickets and any more details.

We are also pleased to announce that we will be performing the traditional pantomime, **JACK AND THE BEANSTALK** during the 2nd week in December in the Village Hall. Please put this in your diary. The Box office, run by Barry Coles (712 427) will open in late September. Watch out for further details.

New members are always welcome. Did you know that you could be a non-performing member? We always need people to help with set build, backstage crew, props, wardrobe, makeup and catering. For more details contact Sue on 01327 261 537.

Some of our costumes are available for hire. We have an extensive wardrobe available for parties and other productions. Call 07896 206 492. - Strictly by appointment.



90TH POPPY APPEAL - Our annual village Remembrance service will take place in All Saints Church on Sunday 13th November. **Please note that the service will now take place in the morning at 10.45am.**

Please help by donating generously to the Middleton Cheney 2011 Poppy Appeal. Many of you have asked for an '**Enamel Poppy Lapel Pin**' which can be worn all year round to show your support. These are available in the Parish Office, throughout the year, for a suggested, minimum donation of £1.00. The popular blue wristbands are back and a new 'child's size' has been introduced. These are limited so it really is a case of, 'While stocks last.'



To commemorate the 1921-2011 Poppy Appeal, a new **90th Anniversary Lapel Pin and white wristbands** have been introduced as a limited edition. These are also available from the Parish Office (suggested minimum donation £2.00)

"If we are to maintain our peace and freedom, we must always remember."

THE STORIES BEHIND THE STONES – CEMETERY RECORDING PROJECT

Following the success of the All Saint's Churchyard memorial inscription recording and the published booklet in 2010; members of the village history society have been spotted recording all the headstones in Middleton Cheney cemetery this summer.

The consecration of the cemetery by the Bishop of Leicester took place on the 24th June 1925 and the first burials took place in July of that year.

The project has revealed a number of fascinating stories behind the stones including a nurse who was killed in a Birmingham air-raid during World War Two, a sculptor and photographer with his long-term friend who was a famous actress, a soldier who died in a Japanese prisoner-of-war camp and the village headmaster who was in charge of the primary school for forty-four years.



We are hoping that the information will help people who are tracing their ancestry – both families who still live in Middleton and those from further a-field. Our grateful thanks go to Alison Coomber for entering all the information on the Parish Council database.

Please contact the Parish Council if you would like details of any of the cemetery recordings. Churchyard Memorial booklets are available from the History Society (£3.00) 711 064.

PRE-SCHOOL HALLOWEEN DISCO – this is being held at the Social Club, Astrop Road on Sunday 30th November from 2pm – 4pm. All children are welcome, admission is £2 per child and fancy dress is optional.



CHENDERIT SCHOOL CHRISTMAS MARKET AND CRAFT FAIR – Sunday 20th November. Doors open at 10am until 4pm. We have about 60 – 70 Craft and Christmas stall, our Grand Autumn Raffle, tombolas and excellent refreshments including light lunches, teas and cakes. This is the ideal opportunity to get your Christmas shopping well under way.



Anyone who may be interested in having a stall please email Helen Mason csacraffair@yahoo.co.uk The stalls are £20.

MIDCOUNTRIES CO-OPERATIVE PHARMACY – Following are some of the services that our local pharmacy offers. If you have a problem do come in and discuss it with us. We might be able to help.

Weight Loss (Lipotrim), Smoking Cessation, Free Blood pressure checks, Asthma Inhaler technique training, Emergency hormonal Contraception. We will soon be offering Flu jabs for the 2011/ 12 season.



Pharmacy