



PARISH NEWS

APRIL & MAY 2024

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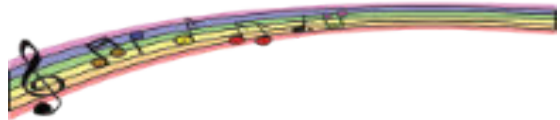
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Middleton Parish Council Chairman's Report

By Zach Wiles-Van Dyke

Update on the proposed traveller sites originally discussed at February's Parish Council Meeting.

The following report was read out at the March meeting.

As chair of the Middleton Parish Council, I feel it is important and imperative to clarify the situation around the proposed traveller sites in Middleton parish.

In fact, there has been a lot of unnecessary worry, concern and discussion in the village, after our February Parish Council meeting, where it was reported there were several sites under consideration for use as travellers' sites.

This was incorrect information. What had happened was one site had been submitted by a landowner, after the Borough Council requested any sites, which may be suitable for assessment as traveller sites, be put forward. The Borough Council, after appraising this site, found it was not suitable and did not put it forward for consultation, this was referred to as site E. The consultation document that was referred to at the Parish Council meeting did not consist of any sites in Middleton, for consideration. The sites that were referred to, in the widely distributed leaflet, were sites that had been put forward by the landowner too late to be appraised by the Borough Council, so therefore could not go forward to consultation. Sites that have not been consulted on properly cannot get through the process and so for the time being there are no sites allocated or proposed for Middleton and/or Blackborough End.

Looking forward, if any sites are appraised by the Borough Council and deemed to be suitable, even with mitigation, then they will have to go to a full consultation, which will give the Parish Council and indeed all residents the chance to put forward their comments and responses.

To reiterate, as it stands at the moment, there is no consultation on any traveller sites in Middleton parish. If by any chance, the sites do come up for consultation then at that point you will be invited to have your say and indeed the Parish Council would put forward their opinions.

Be assured the Parish Council will be monitoring this and will keep a very close eye on any future developments. They will also be asking our

Borough Councillors to report when and if any consultations on this issue are coming up or due.

If you have any questions around this then please do not hesitate to e-mail the Clerk on Clerk@middletonparishcouncil.org or come along to a Parish Council meeting which is always held on the first Wednesday of every month with the exception of January and August.

Our next meeting is our Annual Parish Meeting so please come along. The meeting is at **7pm on Wednesday, 3 April** in the Village Hall.

This is not a routine Parish Council meeting, but rather an opportunity for all residents to find out what the Parish Council and other organisations have been doing on your behalf and to ask questions.

A BIG THANK YOU

We would like to give our sincere thanks to Stewart South for his hard work on producing the information flyer regarding the proposed Gypsy & Traveller Site at Blackborough End and we are certain that we speak for many residents within the community.

Our thanks also go to the Parish Council for providing us with all the relevant information needed.

Gerry & Janet Eason

HOUSEHOLDERS GET FREE DIY WASTE FOR SMALL PROJECTS

Norfolk residents are now able to dispose of small amounts of DIY waste at Norfolk's Recycling Centres free of charge following changes made by Norfolk County Council.

The change applies to small-scale projects carried out by householders on their own home, allowing them to bring a maximum 100 litres (must fit into 2 x 50l bags) for free **or** one single item (maximum size of 200cm x 70cm x 75cm).

Each household is allowed four free visits with DIY waste every four weeks. Anything beyond this will still be charged at normal rates.

Traders must continue to pay for DIY waste.

EAST WINCH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 12 MARCH

By Andrew Stephens OBE

Since our last meeting, the resignation of Mrs S Crocker had been received. Mr Gareth Crocker was appointed to the Parish Council, but three vacancies still remain. Anyone interested in serving on the Parish Council should contact the Clerk, Bob Pannell, at bob.pannell1@btinternet.com.

Jim Moriarty (our County Councillor and Deputy Leader of the Borough Council) and Michael de Whalley (one of our Borough Councillors) were both in attendance.

Mr Moriarty reported that NCC Highways had given a firm commitment that it will, this Summer, undertake the necessary work: (a) to complete the pedestrian Trod on Gayton Road from the old railway to the Post Office; (b) to resolve the serious and longstanding flooding/drainage issues at that point on the Gayton Road; and also (c) that no additional costs arising from this work would fall to the Parish Council. The Parish Council welcomed this positive development.

Under the 10 Minute Open Forum for Parishioners, the Parish Council heard concerns from residents about the serious flooding which was regularly preventing access to and from their property. Councillors Moriarty and de Whalley undertook to provide the residents with the contact details of the relevant officials from both the Borough Council and the Internal Drainage Board who should be able to provide advice and assistance.

Councillors Moriarty and de Whalley both gave update reports on Borough Council developments.

As reported last time, a Whole Woodland Tree Preservation Order (TPO) has been served on the owner of the woodland at Pentney Woods. This will put a hold on any work to the trees approved through the earlier felling licence. Meantime, the Parish Council has applied to nominate the woodland as an Asset of Community Value.

Are you concerned about excess speeding through East Winch? The Parish Clerk reported that he had received safety fears from a resident about traffic speeding through East

Winch on Gayton Road and Station Road. The Parish Council thought it unlikely that any speed reduction measures would be introduced unless it could be demonstrated to the relevant authorities that this was a matter of widespread concern amongst residents. So, if you are concerned about excess speeding through our village, please contact the Clerk, Bob Pannell, at bob.pannell1@btinternet.com. Also, contact Bob if you would be interested in joining a Community Speed Watch group.

Date for your diary. The next Parish Council Meeting will be held in East Winch Village Hall at **7.30pm on Tuesday 7 May 2024** (following the Parish Annual Meeting which will start at 7.00pm). Residents are warmly invited to attend - please come along.

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NORTH RUNCTON NEWS



West Winch Growth Area (WWGA)

In the previous newsletter we reported that the planning application for the West Winch Housing Access Road (drawings for which were briefly exhibited at West Winch Primary School on 9th January), was due to be validated and made available for further scrutiny on the County Council planning portal by the end of January.

However, at this time of writing (9th March) the plans have still not been uploaded – and therefore we can assume they have not been fully validated. We are advised that their appearance is imminent. So please continue to check the portal at www.eplanning.norfolk.gov.uk

Earlier this week it was announced that the County Council would make no funding application for improvements to the Pullover roundabout junction – even though it is widely agreed the junction is not capable of handling existing peak-time traffic. The County Council feared ‘reputational damage’ for applying for more Department of Transport money (?!).

No doubt with weather improving and Easter looming, local residents will soon be able to witness the now annual gridlock at Hardwick and Pullover as our local road system fails to cope with the weight of existing road traffic.

One can only imagine what the situation will be like around Lynn as the new housing at South Wootton, Knights Hill and the WWGA is completed, but (spoiler alert) bypassing 1.5 miles of the A10 for £65 million pounds will not solve our basic problem of too much local reliance on private car transport.

The Local Plan examination hearings recommence on 26th March and representatives from North Runcton and West Winch Parish Councils will be attending to hear what the examiners make of the additional evidence BCKLWN have provided in relation to the Borough spatial strategy and in particular the WWGA.

Winter Talks at the VMP

The Planning for Biodiversity talk we had planned for January was cancelled due to illness. However, the Norfolk Association of Local Councils (NALC) will be hosting a free lunchtime webinar Bringing Back Nature: Biodiversity for Parishes on 24th April. If you are interested in participating, please email northrunctonparishclerk@outlook.com for further details.

Our February talk ‘A Tour of Houghton Hall Walled Garden’ with Richard and Rosie Ernst was very well received – thanks to our speakers. They noted that the gardens are open from April through to October – with evening walks in June and July. You can also apply to be a volunteer gardener. www.houghtonhall.com

Thursday 28th March 2024 – ‘Community History Night’ – 5.30pm-9pm (TBC)

This will be a community ‘social’ – with free food and drinks to be provided by the RRT ‘Red Tent’! Come and find out about parish history and please bring along any old pictures, maps or artefacts that you might have tucked away in your home!

Dr. Clive Jonathon Bond, West Norfolk and King’s Lynn Archaeological Society Chairman and Visiting Fellow at the Department of History and Archaeology, University of Winchester will also present a talk - ‘Landscape Archaeology and the character of the Fen-edge’ – which will consider the historic setting of North Runcton. (Estimated start time 8pm).

VMP Quiz Night

As requested at the last quiz night – we are holding another one on Friday 12th April. 7:45pm start. £5.00 a head. Wine and cheese included.

Book your tables quickish because capacity is limited. Email cllrgunn@northrunctonpc.co.uk or northrunctonparishclerk@outlook.com to book.

North Runcton Conservation Volunteers

The next event, is another litter pick on Saturday 7th April. Meet by the Scout Hut at 9.30am. If you are interested in joining this or future events - please email cllrpalmer@northrunctonpc.co.uk

PARISH NEWS DISTRIBUTOR NEEDED IN WEST BILNEY

Can you please help? We still urgently need a volunteer or volunteers willing to distribute 25 copies of the Parish News to the West Bilney section of the A47.

Distribution of the Parish News takes place six times a year and the copies for your "round" will be brought to your premises. The task could be shared if friends or neighbours wished to take on the role together.

The Parish News depends crucially on our network of volunteer distributors. If you can help, or would like more information about what's involved, please contact David Colgan on **01553 841307** or email david.colgan@btinternet.com.

Please help if you can.

**This May Day Bank Holiday
something 'fishy' is happening!
Come and catch ...**



**St Mary's Church, Middleton
Mon 6th May 10-12**

KING'S LYNN WOODTURNERS CLUB

The club meets in Middleton Village Hall on the **second Wednesday of each month at 7:30pm**. The club welcomes new members and if you would like further information please call them on 01553 841294.

Mobile Library Timetable

The Mobile Library visits our area once every four weeks on **WEDNESDAYS**. The next visits and timetable are as follows:

24 APRIL & 22 MAY

North Runcton

The Green 10:05 - 10:20

Blackborough End

The Firs 10:30 - 10:45

Blackborough Green 10:50 - 11:00

Middleton

Oakdale/Village Hall 11:05 - 11:30

St Mary's Crescent 11:35 - 11:45

42 Hall Orchards 11:50 - 12:00

Fair Green

Park Hill Estate 12:05 - 12:30

Graham Drive 12:35 - 13:00

East Winch

Gayton Rd - Opp Windyridge 15:15 - 15:25

Town Close 15:30 - 15:50

Village Sign 15:55 - 16:05

ALL SAINTS CHURCH COFFEE MORNING

On Saturday 1st June

At 16 Cedar Grove, North Runcton

10am - 12pm

Do come along for a coffee and a chat, meet friends old and new.

Enjoy some lovely homemade cakes and maybe have a takeaway for later.....

Also try your luck with our raffle
Look forward to seeing you all.

Middleton Badminton Club

Play badminton most Monday evenings (not Bank Holidays) at the Village Hall from 7pm to 9pm.

The club is friendly and always welcomes new members.

Please contact James Williamson (07752 285061) for more information.



Join Us for the Annual Graveyard Tidy-Up Event!

St. Mary's Middleton Church Graveyard

Date: Saturday, 20 April

Time: 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Last year's event was rained out, but this year, we're back with a promise to spruce up our beloved graveyard! Let's come together as a community to honour our ancestors and maintain this sacred space.

Activities:

- i. **Clearing Overgrowth:** Help us restore gravestones to their rightful places by clearing away overgrown vegetation.
- ii. **Memorial War Graves:** We'll pay special attention to the memorial war graves from both World Wars.
- iii. **Refreshments:** Enjoy light refreshments as we work side by side.

Let's make this a day of camaraderie, community spirit, and shared memories. Come, lend a hand, and get to know your fellow parishioners. Together, we'll honour the past and create a brighter future.

For more information, contact and RSVP to

Mr. Fred Pidcock (01553 849926) & Mr. John Dunn (01553 841046)

Note: Alternative Date (In Case of Rain)

Saturday, 27 April
10:00 AM – 1:00 PM



King's Lynn A+LUK Support Group

is your local Support Group, run by volunteers.

We meet on the last Monday of every month from 1pm - 3.30pm at Gaywood Church Rooms, Gayton Road, King's Lynn, PE30 4DZ

Everyone's welcome to join us at meetings, featuring guest speakers and refreshments.

**For more information contact:
0300 222 5800
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FUTURE OF THE PARISH NEWS

I am pleased to be able to report that, shortly before going to press, there has been one firm expression of interest in taking on the role of Editor plus other interest in assisting with production of the Parish News. In the time available it has not yet been possible to discuss and agree detailed arrangements for the future, but I hope that it will be possible to announce my successor in the next edition.

I also received a message from Hilary Winch suggesting that it would be helpful to seek views on the future format of the Parish News. For example:

- Do you read the Parish News?
- Would you care if the Parish News only became available online?
- Do you think a quarterly distribution would suffice?

I believe that many readers still appreciate the delivery of a printed copy and that such an arrangement is a major attraction to local businesses who pay to advertise with us. I doubt that an online version would be so attractive.

In my view, the current "bi-monthly" schedule also strikes a reasonable balance between having enough news material while still being sufficiently timely, although I know that events sometimes slip between the gaps.

But what do you think? If you have any views on these questions, please let me know by email at editorofparishnews@gmail.com.

Chris Hudson

The Ouse Camera Collective

We run a small camera club which meets on the first and third Thursdays of each month. During the winter months we meet at the Village Meeting Place, North Runcton 7-9pm.

During the summer months we go out and about. We are a friendly, non competitive group that aims to help members improve their photography through sharing and new experiences.

If anyone is interested in more information please get in touch with me at amemorycaptured@btinternet.com

Steve Palmer

SPRING INTO ACTION



Shaking off the winter blues in fine style, more than 90 participants enjoyed the Ceilidh/ Barn Dance at Stowbridge Village Hall on February 17.

The event was a huge success and boosted funds for the Magpie Centre, home of West Norfolk Riding for the Disabled by £1175.

Next up is a **Quiz with Hog Roast** supper (with veggie alternative), scheduled for **Saturday, 27 April** again at Stowbridge Village Hall, Downham Road, Stowbridge PE34 3PW. Bring your own drinks and glasses. The Hog Roast is accompanied by an array of salads and followed by a mouthwatering selection of desserts.

Teams of 4 – 8 people are welcome or come along and make up a team on the night. Doors open at 7.00 pm for a 7.30pm start.

To book tickets, £12.50 each, call 07715 467866 or email magpiecentrewnrda@hotmail.co.uk.

Calling all crafters.....there will be a **Craft Fair on Saturday, 8 June** at the Magpie Centre, Wallington Hall, South Runcton, PE33 0EP 10.00 am – 3.00 pm. Find us on the A10 about three miles north of Downham Market. The fair will be held in the indoor school, with wheelchair-accessible surface, so no worries if the weather is wet. Stalls are £12 per 3 metre space and more than 30 have already been allocated.

To book yours, please contact 07715 467866 or email magpieccfcraft@outlook.com.

And last but not least, our popular Tea With a Pony afternoons will resume in April. These take place on Wednesday afternoons from 2.00 pm – 3.00 pm at the Magpie Centre and offer the opportunity for those living with health/mobility difficulties to meet, stroke and spend time with one of our friendly ponies; enjoy tea/coffee and cakes; chat to friends, and take time to relax in our new sensory garden, full of fragrant flowers, plants and water features.

Complete wheelchair access is available, and we welcome individuals, small groups or larger groups, up to a maximum of 30. Booking is essential, at £6.00 per person. To secure your place, visit our website: www.rda-westnorfolk.org, call the Magpie Centre on 01553 810202 or email magpiecentrewnrda@hotmail.co.uk. We look forward to hearing from you.

High Church Service on Ascension Day at All Saints Church East Winch



Theme: From Grief to Grace

Date: Thursday, 9 May

Time: 10: 30 am

Celebrant: Rev. Canon Richard Bowett

Join us for a special **High Church Service** as we commemorate the **Feast of the Ascension**. This significant day marks the last earthly appearance of the Risen Christ, who ascended into heaven in the presence of many witnesses.

Whether you want to scribble a story; write for radio; pen a poem or initiate a novel, the Norfolk Writers' Exchange is here for you.



We are a small, friendly group of writers, some of us published, others aspiring, based in West Norfolk, who meet every month in Pott Row, and would love to welcome some new members.

The Norfolk Writers' Exchange began in 2016 and our meetings provide a forum where writers can share their work in a supportive environment, overcome the dreaded 'writers' block' and share tips on how to negotiate the complicated world of publishing.

All this accompanied by tea/coffee and biscuits, plus the occasional cake and fizz

Would you like to join us? To find out more, head over to our Facebook page The Norfolk Writers' Exchange, or call Sue on 07774 609357 for more details.



Our **Tums to Tots** group meets in East Winch Village Hall as part of the National Childbirth Trust, **10am to noon every Friday.**

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Wednesday 24 April at 7.30pm The Birds and Wildlife of the Holkham NNR Presented by Andrew Bloomfield

Andrew (Andy) Bloomfield is an experienced Birdwatcher and Naturalist born at Holkham North Norfolk where he works as a Conservation Warden on the Holkham Estate.

A child of the 60's, Andrew was born on the Holkham estate, went to school in Wells and has lived his life in North Norfolk. He has been able to combine his hobby of Birdwatching with that of his career as a Warden on the Holkham National Nature Reserve - the envy of many I am sure! Andrew is also a singer of rock and roll, a former UK old School Wrestler and a dedicated father.

He wrote Birds of the Holkham Area in 1993 and had major contributions in the Birds of Norfolk 1999 and The Turn of the Tide 2005 along with many smaller articles in a range of ornithological journals. His illustrated talks and guided wildlife tours are always in demand.

Andrew's knowledge of the Holkham NNR is second to none, covering all aspects of Wildlife and Fauna within the Holkham estate. However it is as a "Birder" that Andrew excels and his ornithological observations and photography will I know be enjoyed by all.

Wednesday 29 May at 7.30pm The Meaning of Geese Presented by Nick Acheson

Nick grew up in North Norfolk squelching through salt marshes and cycling quiet lanes in search of Wildlife and still enjoys that to this day. Since his earliest days he has been enthralled by Birds, Mammals, Insects, Plants and other creatures. Nick travelled to Bolivia for 3 months to participate in a study of migrant birds, 10 years later he came home from his 3 month stint having travelled the length and breadth of Bolivia, across South America and in Australia and India Wow!

Nick works for The Norfolk Wildlife Trust and is an Ambassador for the Trust promoting wildlife around the county of Norfolk. Nick is also the editor of the Norfolk Wildlife Trust "Tern" magazine. In February 2023 Nick published a book entitled "The Meaning of Geese" the story of seven lock down months 2020 / 21 during which he cycled 1200 miles around North Norfolk on his mother's 40 year old bicycle in search of Geese. "The Meaning of Geese" was judged the East Anglian Book of the year in 2023.

Nick is an experienced broadcaster with a wide range of credits. He has appeared on BBC, ITV, Channel 4 and many times on BBC Radio 4. I am sure that you will enjoy Nick's presentation and his exuberant enthusiasm which I'm sure will make this an evening to remember.

Please come along. Visitors welcome. Admission £4 on the night; free to NarVOS members.

For more information contact Paul Fuller or Alan Schpot via paul.fuller123@btinternet.com or alan.schpot@talktalk.net or go to www.narvos.org.uk

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH **NORTH RUNCTON**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – PLEASE!



To allow parishioners and the public at large to access All Saints' Church every day and

enjoy the beauty and history that make it a "Georgian Gem", the Parochial Church Council is asking for additional volunteers in operating a rota system to open and close All Saints' each day for two periods of a week during the year.

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01553 842265 or e-mail:
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WEST WINCH BOWLS CLUB



It is gratifying for once to be able to announce two items of 'Good News' in my Bowls Club column of the Parish News. The first is to announce that our President, Ken Manning has been nominated, and is to be awarded the prestigious Stephen Walker Cup for his services to the village, and especially in recognition to his services to the village Bowls Club for the past 50 years. Ken has been a member of the club since its formation some 50 years ago. Ken has held all or most of the Committee Officer positions, cumulating in the post of President which he currently holds. So, congratulations Ken on your forthcoming award - You fully deserve it. And Thank You for all you have and continue to do for our bowls club.

Secondly, my next item of good news is that the Green will be opened on Saturday 13th April. This signifies the commencement of the 2024 bowling season. As usual, an afternoon Roll Up will take place once the Green has been declared open by our president. This is an ideal time for potential members to come along and 'have a go at Bowls', to see if it's for you. All equipment and expert tuition will be provided FOC. All you need is to provide your own shoes or trainers (without heels) to protect the Green, and to come along on Saturday 13th April. The club is always on the lookout for new members so you can be assured that a warm welcome awaits you. Age and gender is not a problem.

The Green is currently in superb condition having been nurtured throughout the closed season by our expert green keepers. It is probably the best Green in West Norfolk - something of which we are duly proud.

The Pre-Season Meeting of the membership and prospective members will take on Monday 13th March and will have already taken place by the time this comes to press. However, I can tell you that the Team Captains and the Club Secretary have already been busy attending various meetings in preparation of league games being commenced during the latter part of April.

The Committee too have been beavering away making plans for our 50th Anniversary celebration which will take place later on during the summer. I gather that this will be a momentous occasion with numerous events

being organised in recognition of this important and historic event.

Finally, as mentioned previously, our bowls club is open and available to everyone regardless of where they live. Its facilities are open to YOU. So do come along and have a go. We are a friendly bunch and we look forward meeting and welcoming you. Please make yourself known on arrival and we will then do our best to show you around and also allow you to bowl a few 'Woods'.

David Skerritt

Join us on Easter Sunday
10:30 am 31st March 2024
at East Winch Church
For our Easter Service & Holy Communion

Followed by an
Easter Egg Hunt
(at 11:30 am)

LEZIATE SHORT MAT BOWLS CLUB



We meet at Leziate Village Hall every Thursday afternoon from 2 – 4pm.

New members needed. If you already play or would like to start, please come and join us.

For further information, please contact David Goose on 01485 600919.

**Leziate, Ashwicken
& Bawsey
Women's Institute**



We held our AGM in February and welcomed Pauline Davis as our new secretary, with Ali South taking on the role of Vice Secretary. Jan Eason will continue in her role as President although Myrtle Roberts stepped down from the position of Vice President. Myrtle has been a past president of our WI and has always played a very active role in the running of our group. Tracey Thorpe will continue in her role as Treasurer. Jan gave thanks to all committee members for their help and support in making our WI so successful.

We are in the process of organising our programme for the coming year and look forward to meeting up and listening to a variety of interesting speakers.

We meet every 3rd Tuesday of the month from 2pm - 4pm in Leziate Village Hall and welcome guests and new members.

For further information please contact Ali South (Vice Secretary) on 01553 841267.

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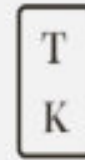
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- All Saints Church East Winch will be open for refreshment on the following Saturdays from 10.00 – 12.00. 13th April, 6th May, 8th June, 13th July, 9th September, 12th October, and 9th November.
- Coffee mornings at All Saints' North Runcton to commence on Saturday 13th April and then on the first Saturday of each month through to December with the exception of the coffee morning in support of the Flower Festival, to be arranged.
- 18th May: Cursillo Ultreya: 11am to 3 pm. Time to worship at St. Mary's Church Middleton. Refreshment: Bring & Share.
- 8th June: Community Hour: 3:00 pm All Saints Church North Runcton – Speaker Mr Nagendran, Eye Surgeon.
- 13th June: The Pilgrim Way / Away Day / Benefice PICNIC: Venue: St. Mary's Church Old Hunstanton
- North Runcton Flower Festival: 12th – 15th July: plus a concert by Sara Brennock on 13th July.
- North Runcton Harvest Supper Wed. 9th October: 7 pm for 7:30 pm
- Churchyard Tidy up North Runcton Church 12th October: 9am - noon refreshments provided.
- Fifth Sundays in the Benefice
 - 30th June: Tea & Coffee 10am followed by Worship and Bring & Share Lunch together.
 - 29th September & 29th December: Tea & Coffee 10 am followed by Worship, Bring & Share, Lunch together. Venue TBC?

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Sunday, 24 March - Palm Sunday

10.00am **Middleton** Holy Communion
10.00am **W Winch** Holy Communion
11.00am **N Runcton** Holy Communion

Thursday, 28 March - Maundy Thursday

10.00am **Middleton** Holy Communion (& Foot Washing)
7.00pm **W Winch** Holy Communion (stripping the Altar)

Friday, 29 March - Good Friday

10.00am **E Winch** Easter Garden Service
2.00pm **N Runcton** Stations of the Cross

Sunday, 31 March - Easter Day

10.00am **W Winch** Holy Communion
10.30am **E Winch** Holy Communion (and Easter Egg Hunt)
11.00am **N Runcton** Holy Communion

Sunday, 7 April

10.00am **Middleton** Holy Communion
11.00am **N Runcton** Holy Communion

Sunday, 14 April

10.00am **W Winch** Holy Communion
10.30am **E Winch** Holy Communion

Sunday, 21 April

10.00am **Middleton** Holy Communion
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Sunday, 28 April

10.00am **W Winch** Holy Communion
10.30am **E Winch** Holy Communion
11.00am **N Runcton** Holy Communion

Sunday, 5 May

10.00am **Middleton** Holy Communion
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11.00am **N Runcton** Holy Communion

Thursday, 9 May - Ascension Day

10.30am **E Winch** Benefice Holy Communion

Sunday, 12 May

10.00am **Middleton** Holy Communion
10.00am **W Winch** Holy Communion
11.00am **N Runcton** Holy Communion

Sunday, 19 May

10.00am **W Winch** Holy Communion
10.30am **E Winch** Holy Communion

Sunday, 26 May

10.00am **Middleton** Holy Communion
10.00am **W Winch** Morning Praise & Prayer
11.00am **N Runcton** Holy Communion

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