



PARISH NEWS

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MIDDLETON, NORTH RUNCTON & EAST WINCH

MIDDLETON HALL GOLF CLUB CELEBRATES 25th ANNIVERSARY

Middleton Hall Golf Club opened on 5 March 1990. Current members of the Club began their anniversary celebrations exactly 25 years later on 5 March with a tree planting ceremony. Mick Quince, one of the founder members who has been president, club captain and secretary of the Club, is pictured planting an Oak tree between the 9th and 18th fairways. Mick said he was proud to perform the ceremony and hoped the tree would add to the existing beauty and challenge of the course.



The celebrations continued at the weekend when members and their partners gathered for a Gala Dinner. Founder member and local resident, Bob Foster, gave a presentation about the history of the Club and Middleton Hall. The Hall was built in about 1800 by the Everard family. Buried behind

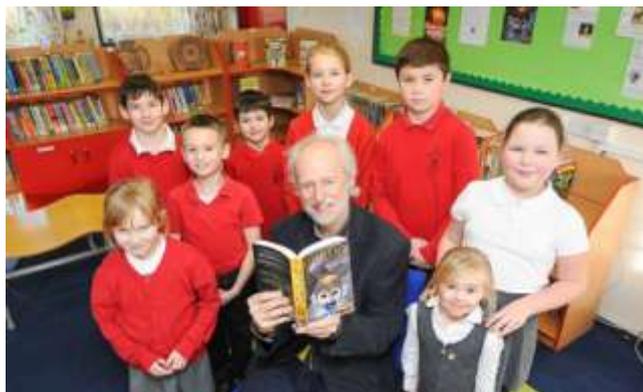
the clubhouse is a horse called "Balaclava" which they brought back from the Crimea having survived the Charge of the Light Brigade. Following a succession of owners, the Hall's future became uncertain. It was bought by the Borough Council in 1986, but they sold it in 1988 with permission for a golf course and for part of the land to be used for building what are now Hall Orchards and Arlington Park.

Of the 18 current founder members, 10 attended the gala dinner. They heard that the opening day in 1990 was marred by the tragic death of founder member, Ben Watson, while playing the third hole. Ben's widow presented a trophy for which the men still compete every year.

The membership has more than doubled over the past 25 years and developed strong men, ladies, senior and junior sections who have competed successfully at both county and national level, notably when the men reached the final of the prestigious Mail On Sunday competition in 2011, narrowly losing to Wentworth. The course has also been gradually improved to become one of Norfolk's premier courses regularly hosting county events.

Club President, Malcolm Garrod said "This is one of the friendliest clubs in the county and all members are extremely proud of what has been achieved in our first 25 years."

Famous children's author opens revamped library at Middleton C of E Primary Academy



Picture taken by Paul Tibbs for Your Local Paper

On Friday 23 January Jasper Cooper came to open our newly stocked library. The picture shows him in the library with some of our children. As part of the school's drive for continual improvement we have been looking at ways to encourage children to read more. To make the library more welcoming with an attractive selection of books we enlisted the help of the Norfolk Children's Book Centre. A specialist came out and reviewed all the books, cleared out those no longer considered of value and prepared a report recommending the books we should buy and how to set up the library for maximum effect. We now have a library

that operates like a public library and all books are categorised using the Dewey decimal classification system. New books have been purchased from donations of £1,250 made by Garry Mansell (one of the school governors) and Middleton Aggregates. The children would like to say a big thank you to both donors. We also have a dedicated Teaching Assistant who manages the library and runs reading groups and lunchtime reading clubs.

Very soon some of our children will visit the public library in King's Lynn. Part of that experience will demonstrate that their school library runs just like a public library and is to be valued and respected.

Our aim is to encourage more boys to read and a proven method for this is the use of Kindles so when more donations have been received we will buy a small stock of Kindles. If you would like to make a donation please drop it into the school office or send to – Middleton C of E Primary Academy, School Road, Middleton, PE32 1SA.

Linda Creed, Chair of Governors

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WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

by Chris Dixon

Herbert Allcock Died 18 March 1915



Herbert was born in Dereham on the 5th November 1884.

He moved to Guist, Norfolk, with his mother who later married Robert Mack and by 1911 the family had moved to Lynn Road, Middleton. Robert worked as a blacksmith and coachbuilder and Herbert was the elder stepbrother to Bessie, Fred, Frank, Tom, May and George Mack.

He probably joined the navy in 1902 aged 16, for the 12 years service commitment; he was due to leave in November 1914, but was retained because of the war. He served aboard HMS Invincible and in 1909 was transferred to HMS Inflexible which, at the outbreak of the war, was the flagship of the Mediterranean fleet. Early on the first day of the war, she had spotted the German cruisers Goeben and Breslau off the North African coast, but was unable to engage them because war had not yet been declared. Later in the day, when it had, the Germans had made their escape.

The Inflexible returned home on 18th August and on 11th November she set sail for the South Atlantic, with several other ships, to engage the Germans who had recently defeated a British squadron at Coronel, off Chile. On 7th December she reached Port Stanley in the Falkland Islands and was heavily involved the next day in the sinking of the German cruisers Scharnhorst and Gneisenau.

Herbert's ship returned to Gibraltar for repairs and on 24th January 1915 arrived at the Dardanelles. She was involved in the bombardment of the Turkish forts at the opening of the Battle of Gallipoli on 19th February. This had little effect and was repeated on 15th March, with similar results. On 18th March, HMS Inflexible was in the first line of ships in a more serious effort to enter the Dardanelles and she received several hits from the Turkish guns, one of which destroyed a gun turret where Herbert, a gunner, was probably killed.

Herbert was unmarried. He was buried at sea and is commemorated on the Chatham Memorial.

MIDDLETON PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

A47: A reply has been received from the Highways Agency to the questions the Council raised following the conclusion of the Speed Limit Review. The Agency has advised that there are no set time scales for a further review of speed limits. They also stated that the level of speeding noted during the survey did not meet the parameters necessary to consider the installation of speed cameras.

Playing Field: The Council has now received a revised quotation for the work to create a new car park at the Village Hall as part of the Playing Field project. This quotation would allow the project to be progressed. The quotation is to be reviewed in detail to ensure that the project requirements can still be met. If this is the case the Council can then obtain quotations for equipment and submit the necessary grant applications.

Blackborough End Green: The Council has agreed to investigate the steps necessary to register this land as a Village Green.

VAS Sign: The Council considered a request to locate the speed warning sign in Hill Road. It was agreed to approach County Highways who will need to agree the location and, if approved, to purchase the necessary mounting pole and brackets.

Speed Gates: The additional speed gates have been manufactured and will be collected by the Highways Department for fitting very shortly.

5 – A – TIME – QUIZ (answers on Page 17)

1. The Norfolk Green 505 bus terminates at which Lincolnshire town?
2. When did zeppelins drop bombs on King's Lynn?
3. Which is the "new locally owned bus company in West Norfolk"?
4. Complete the row of four stores at The Hardwick. Carpetright, Argos, Mothercare, ?
5. Why was The Queen in King's Lynn on February 2nd?

Community Drivers Scheme – Great News

As a result of the request for more volunteer drivers in the last issue of the 'Parish News', Colin Skipper has signed up one new local resident.

Ideally, to give good cover, especially for holidays, two more drivers should ensure that for the foreseeable future, nobody in our community will be refused transport to get to hospital, the doctor or the dentist.

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West Norfolk Village Games

This annual event is being held at Lynnsport on **Sunday 28 June 2015**. This will be our 7th year of entering as the G.L.E.A.M. team, made up from people who live in the parishes of Gayton, Leziat, East Winch, Ashwicken or Middleton.

We need people to take part in the following events:

Badminton: senior & junior events

Table Tennis: senior & junior events

Mini Athletics: combined senior & junior event (over 11 as at 01.09.14)

Netball: senior & junior events (juniors over 11 as at 01.09.14)

Squash – senior event

Indoor Bowls: senior & junior events

5-a-side-Football: senior & junior events (juniors over 14 as at 01.09.14, i.e. school years 10 and 11)

Darts: senior team

Gladiator Challenge: junior event (juniors over 8 and under 11 as at 01.09.14, i.e. school years 4, 5 or 6)

Mini-Soccer: junior event (juniors over 9 and under 11 as at 01.09.14, i.e. school years 5 or 6)

Archery: senior and junior events

Rounders: combined senior and junior event

Fitness Triathlon: combined senior and junior event (juniors over 12 as at 01.09.14, i.e. school years 8, 9, 10 and 11)

'Senior' means aged over 16 years and 'junior' means under 16 and over 8 years as at 01.09.2014, unless otherwise stated.

If you would like to take part or would like further information, please contact Sarah Byatt ASAP either by email:

villagegames@hotmail.co.uk or telephone 01553 630993. First-come-first-served!

Sarah Byatt, Village Sports Co-ordinator

PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

Copies of the minutes from North Runcton Parish Council meetings are available on the website:

www.northrunctonpc.norfolkparishes.gov.uk.

However, if you would like a paper copy sent in the post then please contact Rachel Curtis – Clerk to North Runcton Parish Council, Tel: 01553 673043.

POETRY FOR PLEASURE

By Darrell Ryan

I have been writing poetry on and off for many years now. I find it easier when inspiration presents itself perhaps by an event, a conversation or random thoughts which may be comical, poignant, sad, or serious. Many people write poetry that is never read by anyone which is frustrating. So how do you share your poetry with like-minded people?

There are several small press magazines that will publish people's poems etc, although apart from competitions there is no reward other than the kudos gained from other poets' reactions on your writing in a comments page in every issue.

I belong to one such magazine called "Dial 174". The editor is John Claypole who lives in Peterborough, contact number 01733 252087. The magazine is issued quarterly and the cost is £22 per year. Writers send poetry, short stories etc to John who as editor decides whether to publish them or not. Seeing your writing published and receiving favourable comments from the other poets and writers is very rewarding.

The Parish News is pleased to publish below another of Darrell's poems. Darrell says of his poem "Life Cycle" that, although the subject matter is a flower, the deeper meaning is about what we have learned and gained after losing someone, perhaps best described as resurrection.

Life Cycle

By Darrell Ryan

I planted a seed in my garden,
And watched each day as it grew,
The leaves were of emerald green,
The petals a beautiful hue,
I watered and tended the blossom,
I gave it my love and my care,
Where ever I searched in my garden,
Its beauty I could not compare,

And bright shone the velvety petals,
As it reached for the summer's blue sky,
I prayed it would grow there forever,
But I knew that one day it would die,
As summer grew old into autumn,
The leaves turned to yellow and gold,
The petals now laid in my garden,
Its beauty was withered and old,

As I stood there alone I remembered,
The seed I had planted in spring,
I recalled all the pleasure and beauty,
In my garden a flower could bring,
As I knelt down to dig out the rubbish,
The blossom now looked like a weed,
But there in the soil I discovered,
My flower had left me a seed.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Middleton Parish Council will be holding its Annual Parish Meeting at **7pm on Wednesday, 1 April** in the Village Hall.

This is not a routine Parish Council meeting, but is instead an opportunity to hear about what the Parish Council has been doing on your behalf over the past year and for parishioners to ask any questions. It also gives groups, clubs and organisations in the Parish the opportunity to report on their activities and achievements in the year.

Please come along to have your say on local issues.

Dial-A-Bus Service to King's Lynn

West Norfolk Community Transport provides our area with a dial-a-bus service **every Friday into King's Lynn**. The service operates from the following areas: FAIR GREEN - MIDDLETON – LEZIATE – ASHWICKEN - EAST WINCH. The service starts at 10:00 am, returning at 1:00 pm. The cost is £4 return for Dial-A-Bus members with Concessionary Pass, or £5.50 for non-members. Please ring the Dial-A-Bus office weekdays, daytime on 01553 770310 to get further information or Membership forms.

East Winch Parish Council Meeting 2nd March 2015

Norfolk County Councillor Toby Coke spoke to the meeting and answered questions from the public on the A47 and other roads. He said that NCC had agreed that after 2020, the priorities would be firstly the Acle straight and then the A47 from Tilney to West Bilney. He thought that at that point a speed reduction and a crossing might well be considered. To help him to push for improvements, he would welcome information from the public, including notification of accidents and photographs.

Re minor roads, the erosion of banks and the amount of mud on the road was mentioned, and the need to extend the 30 mph limit along the Ashwick Road.

Cllr Cook also told the meeting about the recent conference on new technologies for dealing with waste. NCC is considering plants serving small areas, to minimise traffic flow and different technologies for different wards. He said there had been three very interesting speakers whose proposals are being followed up.

Mrs Steele outlined the requirements for Speedwatch volunteers. We would need a minimum of 6 people. So far no one had contacted her about it. Some councillors thought it would be more useful to invest in another speed sign which also recorded speeds at which traffic was going. Further information to be sought.

Mrs Steele has emailed the bus company asking for a bus stop in West Bilney. Mr Bland is now looking after the village seats as well as the bus shelter. There were complaints that the side of the road was falling away in Gayton Rd, and that NCC hadn't installed extra posts in Station Rd as promised. Bushes cut back outside Wilson Drive hadn't been cleared properly. The volunteers who look after the existing speed sign were thanked for all their trouble.

The next meeting should take place on Tuesday, 5th May, but because the Village Hall is a polling station, it may be necessary to change the date.

Nell Steele

MIDDLETON PARISH COUNCIL NEEDS YOU

At the May Elections Middleton Parish Council will have vacancies for up to five Parish Councillors. The Council needs you to step forward to represent the needs of the Community and help provide a voice for the Parish within the Borough and County. Without a full complement of Councillors, the Parish Council will not be effective

The Council has many achievements, but there is more to do including a major project to deliver a significant upgrade of the equipment on the Playing Field **which will not progress unless we have a full quota of Councillors**.

The phrase: "They need to do something about.." is often heard these days regarding local community improvements. It is only when that becomes: "**We** need to do something about" that there is a chance of making things happen. This won't be the case unless the vacancies on the Council are filled.

If you can spare a few hours a month to help improve your Community **please stand for election to the Parish Council in May**.

Please contact our Clerk Kate Senter on 01553 841387 or middletonparishcouncil14@gmail.com who will make sure you receive all the necessary information. For an informal chat about what being a Parish Councillor involves please call our current Chairman Mark Fuller on 01553 841549.

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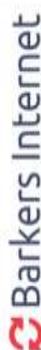
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3rd April, Good Friday: Meet at the Village Hall at 11am. Walk round the village with the cross, praying and singing hymns at stopping points. Finish at Wymondely, Station Rd for prayer and a hot cross bun.

5th April: After the service of Holy Communion at 10.30, there will be an Easter Egg hunt in the churchyard, or inside the church if the weather is poor.

25th April: Rogation Walk. Meet at the church at 11am.

Bible Study. We meet on Wednesdays at 7pm at each others' houses. Bible study starts at 7.30pm. For this session we are studying Mapping Trinity, an imaginative and inspiring course. The guide will be supplied. The first meeting will be on 22nd April at Janet Weaver's house; Grizedale, Wormegay Rd, Blackborough. On 29th April we will meet at Wymondely, Station Rd, East Winch, Margaret McKay's house. Come and see!

Church and churchyard spring cleaning, Saturday 18th April. Please join with us in tidying up. Outside there's ivy to be removed, bushes to be cut back, graves to clean up. Inside, a lot of cobwebs have to go and some polish wouldn't come amiss! We will meet at **10.30am** and there'll be refreshments to keep you going.

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OVER THE GARDEN FENCE with Steve Donoclift

Firstly, let me thank all you lovely people who were concerned about me working straight after my hernia operation - but it is a case of having to do so. However, I know you all look after me and the boys, so thank you. It's this great little village again.....love it.

Anyway, can't believe we are coming into April. I hope your snowdrops have given you guys as much pleasure as mine have, they have been a real picture. April brings us ever warmer days but can bring us some intense showers, but now is the month you can start thinking about cutting that lawn for the first time this year. Keep the weeds under control, don't let them get a head start. April evenings can still be cold so protect delicate fruit blossoms, tie climbing roses back and also mulch roses, Azaleas and Rhododendrons. This will stop them drying out as the days get warmer.

Ponds this time are coming back from a winter's rest, with frog and toad spawn in abundance if not already hatched. It's a good time to split water lilies to stop them overcrowding your pond.

At this time of year our summer migrants will start to arrive, such as the Chifchaff and Willow Warbler. The dart shaped Swallows, Sand and House Martins are also heading north to grace us during the longer days. Yes, Spring is here, enjoy this most beautiful time of the year, in the garden or walking in the countryside. Take it all in and cherish it.

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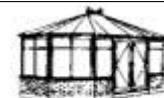
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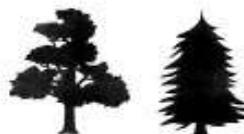
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Mothers' Union News

Members enjoyed meeting with Rev Riaz and Mary in January and hearing something of their life in Pakistan with interesting photographs to explain more of the work they had undertaken there.

The next meeting will be **Tuesday 14th April** when Mrs Linda Nash, wife of the Rural Dean will be our speaker. She is going to share with us what music means to her and how her life has changed since her husband ceased to be the manager of a pig farm and became an Anglican priest.

Our May meeting will be on **Tuesday 12th May** when Ms Hazel Wood will speak to us about the work of the Missionary Aviation Fellowship.

Both meetings will be at Church Farm at 7.30pm. New members and visitors are always welcome.
Gill

Leziate, Ashwicken & Bawsey WI

Leziate Village Hall

Meetings are held on 3rd Tuesday of the month at 2pm. except for July & August when outings/lunches are arranged.

Our excellent speaker for February was Gill Southgate who gave a talk on Guide Dogs for the Blind. Gill sadly lost her sight at the age of 18 in a car accident and she told us of her amazing story and of how her guide-dogs have enriched her life and given her the confidence to live in a world without her sight which is something we all take very much for granted.

21 April: Violet Giles - Floristry Demonstration
Come & join us for a sociable afternoon with refreshments. Please have a few taster visits before you decide to take up membership - we are sure that you will enjoy your visits.
For more information please contact - Janet Eason 01553 841514 or Ali South 01553 841267.

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Nar Valley Ornithological Society (NarVOS)



Indoor meetings at the Barn Theatre, Sacred Heart Convent School, Swaffham. Access and parking from Sporle Road.

Wader Quest

with Rick & Elis Simpson
Tuesday 28th April, 7.30pm

The sub-title of this talk is 'In search of waders around the world'. Many people are fascinated by wading birds but there is more to Wader Quest than looking at waders across the globe. Many waders are under threat and Wader Quest was formed in 2012 to raise money for and awareness of wader conservation. Rick and Elis are certain to demonstrate their passion for waders through this talk.

Madagascar – Birding in the Eighth Continent

with John Geeson
Tuesday 26th May, 7.30pm

John and Judy Geeson went with a Tropical Birding tour to Madagascar, an utterly unique island of wildlife wonders. We welcome Norfolk resident John to NarVOS to give us his account of their trip to this fascinating island, often referred to as the eighth continent, which has well over 100 bird species found nowhere else on earth. It should be a great evening.

Visitors most welcome. Admission £2 on the night if you are not a NarVOS member. For more information about this meeting or NarVOS call Ian Black on 01760 724092.

Would you like to publicise your local event in the Parish News?

If so, please send details by e-mail to: editorofparishnews@gmail.com or by phone on 01553 849725. The deadline for the June/July issue is Friday, 15 May.



MIDDLETON & DISTRICT ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

I start this report on a sombre note as recently two of our members have passed away, Joyce Wells and John Galley. Joyce had transferred in to our branch last year and played a very active role, helping us with the Poppy Appeal and attending all our Functions. John Galley was our former Poppy Appeal organiser and branch committee member. Our deepest sympathy goes to both families.

Our April Evening Buffet will be on the **15 April** at the William Burt Centre, West Winch, **6.30 pm for 7 pm**. Please book tickets for this by contacting Lillian Fisher 01553 841 852 email lilianfisher@talktalk.net For those of you that have never attended one of our buffets please come and enjoy an evening with us, all are welcome. Not only do we provide you with a full buffet but also wine and or soft drinks are all included in the ticket price of just £6

We have a sponsored walk/run on **10 May in North Runcton**. The course is only one mile long starting and finishing at the Scout Hall, but you are encouraged to complete as many laps as you wish. Monies raised will go to our Branch Funds and the Poppy Appeal. All are welcome to enter, including wheelchair and pushchair users, dog walkers and serious runners. Sponsorship forms are available to download from our Facebook page. Go to our website and click on the Facebook button. Sponsorship forms can also be obtained from Julian Kirk by calling 07816 909870.

Our 2015 Agenda /Events list is now live on www.britishlegion-middleton.co.uk.

Julian Kirk, Chairman

Lunch Club usually meets on the 2nd Monday of the month at Middleton Hall Golf Club at 12 for 12.30pm. For further details contact Olive Turpin 840623.

Lonely? Housebound? New to the village?

We are a group of people from St. Mary's Church Middleton who are willing to offer company and support. If you would like one of us to visit you, please contact Joan Van Dyke on 840716. If you live in North Runcton, please phone Wendy Galley on 840344 and somebody from West Winch Church will visit you.

CARPET BOWLS



Carpet Bowls has a growing following in Middleton and the sessions are open to players from North Runcton as well. Join us at the Village Hall on Tuesday evenings at 7pm. Please wear soft flat shoes. More details from Club Secretary, Mick Porter on 841427.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB



If you are 50+ you will be most welcome to join in the activities of the Friendship Club, which meets on the first Wednesday of the month at Middleton Village Hall.

1 April: Easter Crafts

6 May: Cream Tea

Further details from John Turtle (840280) or Pauline Crump (840053).

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. Contact Nigel Gray (01553 841541) for more information.



Cameo Café

Cameo Café is held at the Village Hall on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month from 2.30pm till 4.30pm. The Café is supported by members of the Middleton Mothers' Union to provide an opportunity for people of all ages to call in for a "cuppa" and cakes or biscuits and to enjoy some friendly company. Carpet bowls is also played and new players, including beginners, are most welcome. Refreshments are free but we are grateful for donations towards the running costs.

The **Community Car Scheme** is to help villagers who have no transport, who are elderly or disabled to attend at local doctors' or dentists' surgeries, opticians, health clinics or to keep hospital appointments. A small charge is made to cover petrol expenses. If you require help or further information, or if you wish to volunteer help in any way, please contact Colin Skipper on 842448.

West Winch Bowls Club - Give Bowls A Try!

Throughout the winter months the green is being nurtured and maintained thanks to a group of willing members. The opening of the green is expected to be in late April. The club has entered a selection of leagues which provides competitive play at most levels of competence.

The club is looking for new members of all abilities including the beginner. Anyone interested in playing Bowls can come along on **Saturday 11th April at 2pm for 2-30pm** for a friendly Roll-Up. The Club is situated adjacent to the William Burt Centre. All are welcome to come along and have a go. A guaranteed warm welcome awaits you. Tuition will be given to the novice ensuring that he/she can attain maximum benefit and enjoyment from the sport. Age or gender is no barrier. For more information, contact the Secretary John Sills on 01553 842476.

FLOWER FESTIVAL ALL SAINTS CHURCH NORTH RUNCTON

Friday June 19th to Monday 22nd June

There will a meeting on **Monday April 27th at 7pm at North Runcton Church** to organise the flower festival. We need lots of help from flower arranging to selling raffle tickets. Regardless of abilities we will find jobs for all.

Also we need items for the stalls, tinned goods, bottles or unwanted gifts for the tombola.

Please come along. We do need your help to raise money for our church. If you would like to help but can't make the meeting, please phone me on 01553 840553.

Many thanks
Lynda Fuller

West Winch William Burt Social Club

The Social Club is situated in Watering Lane, West Winch. Membership is now available by applying to the Secretary.

The Entertainments Officer has been busy organising a full and varied programme of entertainment for Saturday nights throughout 2015. The club now has a different band appearing every month in the Function Room, and these bands seem to be popular with members as these nights are extremely well attended. On other Saturday nights, music for your pleasure and for dancing is provided by either duo or solo artists. Other events take place in the club including quiz nights and the ever popular Friday night cash bingo.

The Social Club has once again resumed responsibility of providing bar facilities for Village Hall hirings. The bar area has been subjected to complete renovation and redecoration. It has undoubtedly enhanced the ambiance of the village hall as well as offering a wide range of beers, spirits, wines, tea, and coffee to potential customers.

Membership of the Social Club is guaranteed to residents of West Winch, Setchey and North Runcton. Membership is also available to others residing in other areas at the discretion of the Club Committee.

The club also has snooker & pool table and a dart board for members to enjoy. During the daily Happy Hour, all drinks are discounted by 10%. Tea and coffee is offered for sale catering for the teetotallers. Sky Sports TV is also provided for live viewing of a variety of sports.

The Function Room is available for hire by individuals, companies or by members at reasonable prices.

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Church Services in April

Tuesday, 31 March

7.00pm **Middleton** Benefice Devotion

Wednesday, 1 April

7.00pm **East Winch** Benefice Devotion

Thursday, 2 April - Maundy Thursday

7.00pm **W Winch** Benefice Eucharist with Washing of Feet

Friday, 3 April - Good Friday

10.00am **Middleton** Easter Garden

3.00pm **N Runcton** Benefice Eucharist: Stations of the Cross

Saturday, 4 April - Holy Saturday

8.00pm **W Winch** Benefice Eucharist - Lighting of the Easter Fire

Sunday, 5 April - Easter Day

9.30am **W Winch** Holy Communion

10.30am **E Winch** Holy Communion

11.15am **Middleton** Holy Communion

3.00pm **N Runcton** Holy Communion

Sunday, 12 April

9.30am **W Winch** Holy Communion

10.30am **E Winch** Morning Worship

11.15am **Middleton** Holy Communion

3.00pm **N Runcton** Holy Communion

Sunday, 19 April

9.30am **W Winch** Holy Communion

11.15am **Middleton** Morning Worship

11.15am **E Winch** Holy Communion

2.00pm **N Runcton** Evening Prayer

Norfolk Churches Tour:

2.00pm **N Runcton**; 3.00pm **E Winch**

4.00pm **Middleton** (for Tea); 5.00pm **W Winch**

Sunday, 26 April

8.00am **W Winch** Holy Communion

9.30am **N Runcton** Holy Communion

10.00am **W Winch** Morning Worship

10.30am **E Winch** Morning Worship

11.15am **Middleton** Holy Communion

Information on services in May will be displayed and announced in each church.

A short Morning Prayer Service is held each Wednesday morning at 9.30am in Middleton Church.

MESSY CHURCH

The next "Messy Church" get together will be held in the Scout HQ, North Runcton on **Friday, 17 April at 4 pm**. We look forward to welcoming families for an enjoyable time together. The meal will be chicken and chips with a suggested donation of £1.50 per person. For further information please contact Rev. Riaz 841519 or John Turner 840589.

The Lord is risen!

Reflection on Matthew 27:62-28:1-15
by Rev Riaz Mubarak

From the time our Lord Jesus Christ rose from the dead to ascend to heaven, the Resurrection has been viewed differently by different people. And their descendants!

For the Scribes and Pharisees, the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ was cunningly crafted fiction. Others took it as a con game from which they could enrich themselves, and still do. The establishment saw Jesus' Good News as a threat, sealed his tomb and posted a guard outside it.

Yet, women overcame a fear bigger than the rock that sealed Jesus' tomb. They risked their lives in an attempt to purify His body in accordance with the rituals of their belief. Their loyalty and faith were rewarded with an unsealed tomb and a guard of angels.

Overwhelming these perceptions and others is God's gift in which the tomb of Jesus is transformed into a seat of angels and the beginning of a new life.

That tomb was the seat of angels as well as the point of beginning of a New Life. The tomb, the rock and the angels have transcended time and space to become the bedrock of our Christian beliefs.

Let us, this year, renew our fellowship with angels, our new life, with our fellow humans and most of all with ourselves.

Peace and Goodwill to all.

Riaz

EASTER GARDEN

There will be a family service in Middleton Church on **GOOD FRIDAY at 10am** where the children are invited to bring a bunch of small flowers for the Easter garden, which they will help to make. Afterwards we will hear the Easter story, sing some Easter songs and finish by enjoying hot cross buns. Please join with us on this special occasion.

5 – A – TIME ANSWERS (from Page 3)

1. Spalding
2. January 19th, 1915
3. Lynx
4. Boots
5. Opened new Fire Station

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The Council meets on the first Wednesday of the month (except August) in the Village Hall at 7pm from October to March and at 7.30pm from April to September.

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