



PARISH NEWS

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2017

MIDDLETON, NORTH RUNCTON & EAST WINCH

TANK'S THANKS!

Back in April I ran the Virgin London Marathon raising money for the Cystic Fibrosis Trust. Well I'm pleased to say I completed the 26.2 miles in 4 hours 24 minutes and 28 seconds raising £3,511.26.

While I was running I had a sea of people screaming 'Run Tank Run' 'Go on Tank' and even one said 'Tank you're not so much of a Tank this year' which made me smile. It was a very challenging day but well worth every moment.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank everyone who supported me with sponsors also the well-wishers who gave encouragement while I was running past in training; all this meant the world to me as it's not every day you run a marathon for a friend's daughter.



I would also like to thank Middleton Carpet Bowls Club for their donation which unfortunately could not be added to my fundraising total, but has been donated.

Thank you very much for everyone's generosity.

Matt King (a.k.a. TANK)

All Saints Church North Runcton Churchyard "Tidy Up"

At the end of the tidy up last year, the consensus of the task force was "We should do it again next year".

Never one to forget such an offer, Churchwarden, Ken Matthews, is again looking for willing volunteers, armed with wood trimming and clearing equipment, to maintain the excellent results of last year's hard work.

The date for the "Tidy Up" is:

Saturday 7th October, 9.00am – Noon?

If you are able to help, please give Ken a call on **01553 842265**

Refreshments will be provided.

CRYPTIC CROSSWORD FEATURE

The Parish News is delighted to bring our readers a new series of original cryptic crossword puzzles. Middleton resident, Adrian, recently contacted me to say his friend - who goes by the name of "**Cryptish**" - was happy to offer his original and previously unpublished puzzles for publication. Cryptish tells me he has been a cryptic cruciverbalist for over 4 decades.

His first puzzle can be found on page 7. Rather than make you wait two months for the answers, the solution can be found on page 19. No peeking! The solution is fully annotated to help beginners learn the cryptic crossword language.

There may not be space for a puzzle in every issue, but please let me know if you enjoy the puzzle and would like to see more.

Chris Hudson, Editor

YARD SALE

SATURDAY, 5 AUGUST
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Thank you so much to everyone who helped
in any way at the flower festival.

Also thank you to the generous donations we
received. Without all the help and
thoughtfulness from lots of good people we
wouldn't be able to raise the funds for the
church.

This year's event raised £2,730 which is our
record year.

Once again many thanks for all who
supported us.

Lynda Fuller

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Saturday, 2nd September
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Can you help the homeless?

Volunteers are needed to help at a winter
night shelter for the homeless to be set up at
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CHURCH NEWSROUND

EAST WINCH

Churches Open Week
Saturday 5th - Sunday 13th August

Many churches in the diocese will be open during the day, including ours. There will be a small exhibition in All Saints about our old church books.

The Graves and Monuments of St. Cecilia's, West Bilney

Doesn't sound like a fun event, does it? But you need to hear Dr Julian Litten on the subject of graves! Nothing could be more interesting! He's going to run a study afternoon from 2-4 on **Saturday 19th August**, and you'll love every minute! There are refreshments afterwards, too. The talk will cost £10, to raise funds for the Norfolk Churches Trust. (In the Gayton magazine the cost was said to be £5. My mistake: it's £10. Nell)

WEST WINCH

Saturday 23 September

Coffee Morning with Home Made Cakes
10 am to 12 noon at West Winch Church Hall.

Sunday 24 September

Harvest Service at **11.30am** at West Winch Village Hall (William Burt Centre) followed at **12.30 pm** by Harvest Lunch.

Members of our sister churches who have their own service on that day are very welcome to join us for lunch. Cost £8-50. Please bring a glass and your own drinks (plates and cutlery supplied). Please book via Maggie on 840223 or Linda on 840295.

HAZARDOUS WASTE AMNESTY 16 & 17 SEPTEMBER

The **King's Lynn Recycling Centre at Willows Business Park, Saddlebow** will be holding a hazardous waste amnesty on **Saturday, 16 September and Sunday, 17 September**. You can dispose of hazardous waste such as paint, weed killers and other household chemicals free of charge. Full details at www.norfolk.gov.uk/hazardouswaste.

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

By Chris Dixon



Frederick Cross Bardell

The Cross Bardells lived at Primrose Farm, Wormegay Road, Blackborough End. The three daughters and three sons, of which Fred was the youngest, all worked on the farm and they had a lodger, Reginald Lee-Scott, who was a teacher at Middleton School.

The first stage of the Battle of Passchendaele, Pilkem Ridge, began on 31st July 1917 with some success. On 16th August the second stage, Langemarck, began but soon became bogged down under incessant rain and impassable mud.

Little is known of Frederick's military service. He may have volunteered or been conscripted and may have served at home or abroad for years or only weeks, but about a month before his death he was transferred from the 8th Suffolk to the 2/7th Worcestershire Regiment. They had spent weeks training, well behind the lines and on the evening of 17th August 1917, his Battalion finally arrived in the trenches. As they approached the front at Wieltje, just north east of Ypres, their commanding officer's horse was killed under him.

The next day German shelling was reported as lighter than usual, but during routine trench duties, Frederick, aged 20 and two others were killed. The three men are buried together at White House cemetery, St Jean, about a mile from where they died.

John Smith Sampher



Private 203325. 2nd Battalion Middlesex Regiment. Died of wounds in France and Flanders on 23rd August 1917. Aged 36. Enlisted in Ipswich. Born and lived in King's Lynn.

[Editor's Note: Information on John Sampher taken from the Roll of Honour for the North Runcton War Memorial re-dedication service on 9 August 2014.]

Middleton Parish Council Chairman's Report

By Mick Porter

The Parish Council (PC) discussed the recent Risk Assessment carried out on the council's assets, no significant hazards were identified in the report.

The Dyke in the Alley was again discussed and it was proposed that the dyke be piped and filled in. The PC would require costing for this and the approval of the NCC Water Management Team. If this proposal was agreed it would result in significant savings as the dyke would no longer have to be cleared of silt.

The new boundary fence erected between the playing field and the adjoining property has been vandalised, repairs will be carried out by the PC.

Concern had been raised regarding the height of the gym equipment making access for some adults difficult. It appears that the land has settled away from the concrete blocks upon which the equipment is mounted. This has also been noted at the base of some of the children's equipment causing a trip hazard. A meeting was held with Wicksteed, the equipment installers and their response is awaited.

As part of the new play equipment and seating area planters have been installed. The PC would be interested if a volunteer or volunteers would be willing to plant up the planters and maintain them. If you are interested please contact the Parish Clerk on 01553 841387.

The PC discussed moving the dog waste bin from its present location into the field. The Borough Council were contacted but they confirmed that they would not collect from the bin if it was moved to the proposed site. The PC will therefore erect a sign indicating where the dog waste bin is sited.

The PC was very pleased to welcome Graham Middleton, the new County Councillor for our parish. He has acquainted himself with some of the problems the PC is having with Norfolk County Council (NCC) in particular the drainage system in Blackborough End and the HGVs using Station Road. Correspondence has come to light which indicates that HGVs should not be using Station Road, this was an NCC decision dating back to 1997.

Correspondence was received from a parishioner regarding the track down to the playing field. They felt it was unsuitable as the material used had sharp projections in it. After much discussion the PC felt

that, with the movement of various vehicles in and out the field, the surface of the track would be compounded enough to remove any hazard.

The Chairman and Parish Clerk met with representatives of First Bus Group, NCC and the owners of the property adjacent to the east bound bus stop. Various points were discussed, even diverting the X1 bus around Hill Road and Station Road. Post the meeting the NCC has informed the PC that all things considered, although not ideal, the bus stop will have to remain where it is.

Please note the PC does not meet in August, the next meeting is on **6 September** commencing at 7.00pm. Again if anyone is interested in planting and maintaining the planters please contact the Parish Clerk 01553 841387.

A HEALTH HAZARD?

Dear Editor

I am of the opinion, and told the Parish Council, that the clinker covered access to the new play area at Middleton is a hands and knees hazard to young children and tots if they fall on this surface.

This 60 yard long clinker pathway (the only access), was laid at the same time as the £80,000 children's play area was constructed, which has rubber matting to protect children if they fall from the equipment.

The Parish Council, at their meeting in July, decided that no change to the surface of the access was necessary.

A question to parent and grandparents. Did I get it wrong?

If you agree with me, you could let the Parish Council know on 01553 841387 and also let me know on 01553 840083.

Eric Lamb

PROMS EVENING CONCERT

St Botolph's Church, Gayton Road, Grimston are having a "Last Night of the Proms" evening and concert in church on **Saturday 16th September at 7.30pm** with the Bilton Silver (Rugby) Band. Tickets will be £10 on the door.

Proceeds from the evening will be going to the church funds.

For more details and tickets please contact 01553 674286.

East Winch Parish Council Meeting 26 July

By Nell Steele

A use for the telephone box is still being debated. Mrs Davison, who had thought it could be used to house a unit to charge electric cars, reported that we might be able to get a charging unit from a non-profit making organisation. She will investigate further. Mrs Steele thought the council had abandoned the idea of putting a defibrillator in the kiosk too soon - although the village isn't far from the hospital, it could take long enough for an ambulance to get here to make the difference between life and death. Councillors thought the defibrillator might better be kept at the village hall, and Keith Harrod will ask the trustees what they think.

The replacement notice board is now up in the village hall car park.

There is no concrete news about fixing the railings by the Old Maid's Head, but the clerk believed that pressure is building up to get them repaired. Mrs Steele observed that the weeds on the corner are bad, and it was agreed that Juliette Banwell be asked to spray them.

A resident of Common Rd, West Bilney complained in Open Forum about the speed at which some cars drove past, well over 60mph, causing danger to children and pets. It was not obvious to drivers that there are several unseen houses with driveways opening into Common Rd. The clerk has written to Highways for advice.

There were no reports from NCC, but Jim Moriarty, our Borough Councillor, said that food waste will now be treated in an anaerobic digester, so it was no longer necessary to use bio degradable plastic bags. Ordinary ones, or newspaper, would do just as well.

On behalf of NCC, he reported that the Inspector had advised the council to remove the Bilney area from the possible area of search. Good news, certainly, but not the end of the story, as the Council will now have to hold another Public Consultation because of the change in the plan.

Mr Harrod reported that he continues to monitor the Borough Council's care of the playground. It had been like a hayfield, but just the day before the Council had cut it, for the 3rd time in a year. They hadn't cleared away the mown grass. Dry hay is a fire hazard. The Parish Council are likely to take over the care of the playground next year.

The seat outside Adrian Flux had been hit by a mower, pushing the concrete legs away from the base. Flux said, 6 weeks ago, that they would get their handyman to have a look. Nothing has been heard since then. Trod posts in Station Rd are

mostly OK, though one is bent over, and one cracked.

Concern was voiced that the vehicles working at the old Queensway petrol station were using the Coach Drive to access the site and not the proper entrance. Also, the hedges had been removed and not cut down. To be monitored.

Next meeting: Monday, 4th September, 7.30.

Our beautiful telephone box.

Do pause to admire our telephone box. Mr Bland cut back the hedges, cleared the ground, painted the box, and planted flowers. It looked wonderful in spring, with daffodils all around, and once again is surrounded by bright flowers.



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Some may have read that the Priory Ward councillor of the Borough Council of King's Lynn & West Norfolk has been chosen to be Deputy Mayor of the Council for the civic year of 2017/18.

As your local Councillor fulfilling that role I would love to bring the mayoralty out to events in East Winch.



So if you are organising an event in the community which you feel would benefit please do consider visiting the Borough Council website and making an official request. Protocol is that it is the Mayor who

is invited but, in her absence, as Deputy I can fulfil the function or an Honorary Alderman if I have a prior commitment.

One function I have is to Chair the Mayor's Charity Committee which is raising funds for the Purfleet Trust and One to One local charities.

I last ran a marathon in 1983 in Kings Lynn but have signed up for the Great East Anglian Run (GEAR) 10k run next May in King's Lynn and any sponsorship will help my boost my morale during my second run in 35 years and, more importantly, support these local charities working with the homeless and those with mental health issues. More info to follow.

Jim Moriarty, Borough Councillor



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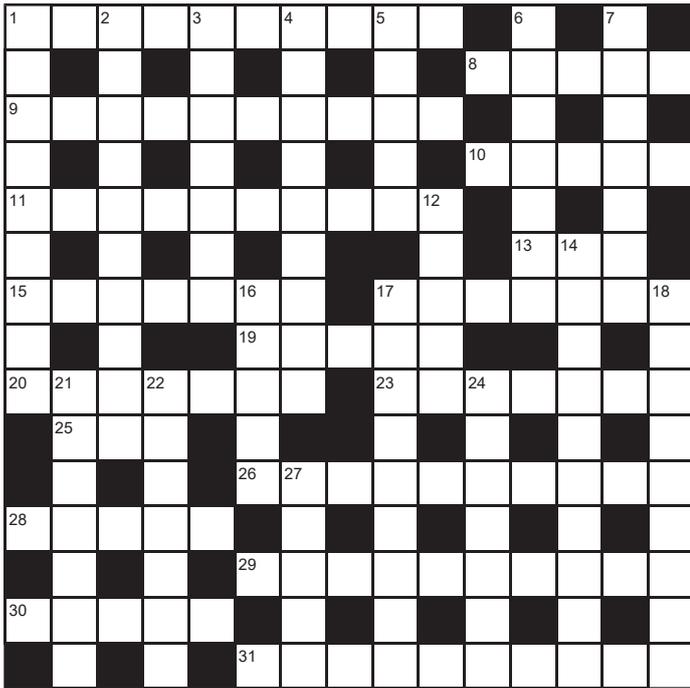
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CRYPTIC CROSSWORD PUZZLE No: 1
By CRYPTISH



- 20 Whaling grounds (7)
- 23 Go on without pause Peter (7)
- 25 Uncover the engine at the start of an American race (3)
- 26 Engineer escape and tour area lacking in atmosphere (5,5)
- 28 Unexceptional student in torment (5)
- 29 Inspectors obliged to arrest a viscount in denial (10)
- 30 "Beheading Permitted"- how nasty ! (5)
- 31 One promising to bring you down to earth (10)

DOWN

- 1 Sir told me about vets (3-6)
- 2 A pilot on the graveyard shift's rather fickle (3-2-5)
- 3 Jacob wasn't mentioned in that girl's case (7)
- 4 Come again to a dining room - how chaotic ! (4,1,4)
- 5 A stripper's about right for such looks (5)
- 6 Explain a European party line (7)
- 7 Washington's behind say Italy's retention of a non-nuclear missile (7)
- 12 On reflection some cheeseboards are too heavy (5)
- 14 Chances one's arm as kings rise at revolution (5,1,4)
- 16 Workers groan over getting left right out (5)
- 17 Pestered a drunk in *Dire Straits* (9)
- 18 Dog's dinner turned green due to Mercury (9)
- 21 Birds twist direction again and again (7)
- 22 A reference book (American version) has one page but is complex (7)
- 24 Miss the chance to use switches on watch (4,3)
- 27 Marriage at 16 (5)

ACROSS

- 1 Unusual location for scrambled Egg (3-3-4)
- 8 Golden wings presented to Nonsmokers' champ (5)
- 9 Prepare ready-made recipe primarily for night shift worker ? (10)
- 10 Exhausted and stoned ? (5)
- 11 So long as ye speak thus I'll go along with it (2,3,3,2)
- 13 When to expect separatists (3)
- 15 Great work receiving peonies regularly from both sexes (7)
- 17 Relinquish a title say rhetorically (7)
- 19 Jenny buries a man's remains (5)



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Village Meeting Place

Work on refurbishing the VMP is scheduled to start the last week in July and will be completed by September 15th. The works will include new windows, a new kitchen, work on the roof and internal refurbishment and redecoration. We have raised nearly £70K towards the £100K we need to pay for the work so please, if you are able to donate money to the fund or can arrange an event to raise money, we really do need your help. You can donate at www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/VMP. Thank you!

Let the party beGIN – and it went!

Friday, 23rd June saw a good crowd turn up for a gin tasting evening led by the resident expert, Helen, who introduced those present to 5 very different gins. There was something for everyone, providing you like gin, or sausages, because there was also a late evening barbecue to help soak up the gin. Thanks to Helen for presiding but also big thanks to Amanda and Sam for organising and hosting this enjoyable evening. The event raised just over £400 for the VMP refurbishment fund so congratulations to all concerned.

Stillborn twins

At the June Parish Council meeting a local farmer told of the harrowing experience he had had recently been through. One of his heifers was having problems delivering her calf and so, late in the evening, the farmer called the vet. The vet duly tried to deliver the calf and at just after two in the morning the heifer gave birth to two dead twin calves. The cause of the death of the two calves? The vet indicated that it may well have been that the heifer had ingested a parasite from dog faeces causing the calves to be stillborn, faeces that had been left on North Runcton Common.

If you have made the choice to own a dog, you also have the responsibility to ensure that you clear up your dog's poo. So please, if you visit North Runcton Common with your dog, do the decent thing and clean up after your pooch. Thank you!

New signs for Church Green

Further to requests from residents the Parish Council have erected signs on the bollards to make it clear that the road over Church Green is not an adopted highway and that parking and vehicular access is subject to restrictions.



CRAFT & COUNTRY FAIR

Now holiday time is here, the puzzle is how to keep the whole family happy, throughout the long summer days. The one date you need to earmark is **Sunday August 20, 10.00 am to 5.00 pm.**

That's the date of the Craft and Country Fair, staged by the Magpie Centre, home of West Norfolk Riding for the Disabled Association, at Wallington Hall, South Runcton, PE 33 0EP. Find us on the A10, about three miles north of Downham Market.

Motor vehicle fans are well catered for, with displays of classic cars, tractors and motorbikes, while art and design enthusiasts will be spoilt for choice by the 30 stands in the indoor school.

A Shire horse, complete with harness, will be on show, and a carriage driving demonstration sets out to prove that carriage driving is for everyone, not just the select few. In addition, Susi Rogers-Hartley (remember her from the Lloyds Bank TV ad?) illustrates how, as a wheelchair user, she transports, tacks up and mounts her lovely horse, Summer.

Children's attractions include a Pets' Corner featuring llamas and alpacas, and our feathered friends will be well-represented by a falconry display. Rumour has it that "Hagrid" of Harry Potter fame, is to put in an appearance, and there will be plenty of face-painting and bouncy castle activities, plus rides on the lovely Magpie Centre ponies.

If you have a competitive streak, you might like to make up a Tug o' War team to vie for a trophy, plus a cash prize, to be donated to the charity of your choice. Teams of eight (ladies or gents) are welcome. Just call Graham on 01366 388478 or 07957 335104 to register your interest. A mobility scooter race is also on the agenda: managing one of these is not as easy as it looks. Come along and have a laugh, or have a go yourself.

Sampling all these attractions is sure to work up an appetite, but there's plenty of delicious food on offer, including Sergeants' sausages and burgers, plus pizzas freshly-baked in a wood-fired oven, as well as a variety of home-made cakes.

Admission is £5.00 for adults; Children under 5 free; Children 5 - 16 £2.50; Family ticket (two adults plus three children £15), Concession (Disabled and Seniors) £4.00 – plus plenty of FREE parking.

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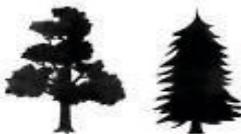


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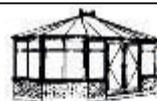
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Cost: £3.00

Please bring your own refreshments. Kitchen facilities are available. Toilets & free car-park. For more information please contact Joyce 01553 673949 or Jan 01553 841514.

Leziate, Ashwicken & Bawsey Women's Institute



We meet every 3rd Tuesday of the month (not August) from **2 - 4.30pm at Leziate Village Hall**.

At our meetings we have guest speakers who inform & entertain us on a variety of interesting topics or we have social activities such as games, quizzes, competitions & lunches.

19 September: The West End Waiters will be entertaining us with their unique blend of humorous songs & monologues. This meeting is open to everyone, so please come along & join us for the afternoon, refreshments available.

17 October: Harvest Tea - Come & join us to enjoy a lovely afternoon tea and celebrate Harvest time.

We would love you to join us for a "taster - afternoon" and if you like us perhaps consider joining our very friendly & informal group for future meetings.

For further information please call Jan 01553 841514 or Ali 01553 841267.

Nar Valley Ornithological Society (NarVOS)



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

Ramblings of an Accidental Birder with Steve de Roeck

Tuesday 29th August, 7.30pm

Steve de Roeck is a retired airline pilot with a passion for aircraft photography which has taken him all over the world. Steve has developed a keen interest in wildlife photography - thus becoming an 'accidental birder'. Expect his experiences of Kenya, but we might also get excerpts of Steve's trips to American National Parks, Patagonia and elsewhere. NarVOS should be in for a photographic treat.

Breckland through the Year with Paul Newport (The Breckland Birder)

Tuesday 26th September, 7.30pm

Paul Newport, from Watton, is known as 'The Breckland Birder'. Paul has been a birder for most of his life and lives in and loves Breckland. His aim, through his blog - *brecklandbirder.blogspot.co.uk* - is to provide a diary of his birding. If Paul's talk is as good as his blog NarVOS can look forward to a great evening.

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

NORTH RUNCTON 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.

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

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Middleton & District RBL members are invited to attend the Branch Annual General Meeting on **Monday 2nd October** at the William Burt Social Club, starting at 7.30pm.

Advance reminder Social Events - the Anniversary Dinner is at Middleton Hall Golf Club on **Friday 24th November** and our Christmas Buffet is at the William Burt Social Club on **Wednesday 13th December**.

Armistice Day Wreath Laying takes place at North Runcton War Memorial on **Saturday 11th November** and the Remembrance Day Parade takes place at West Winch Church on **Sunday 12th November**.

The final 2017 Branch Meeting will be held on **Monday 11th December**.



Cameo Café

We continue to meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month, **except August**, between 2:30pm and 4:30pm in Middleton Village Hall to enjoy a pleasant sociable afternoon with tea and cake.

It is a good opportunity to meet neighbours in comfortable surroundings and the bowlers who meet at the same time are happy to join us for refreshments.

There is no charge but contributions towards expenses are very welcome. You will be made very welcome if you feel like joining us.

Lunch Club usually meets on the 2nd Monday of the month at Middleton Hall Golf Club at 12.00 for 12.30pm. For further details contact Olive Turpin 840623.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB



If you are 50+ you are most welcome to join in the activities of the Friendship Club, which meets at 2pm on the first Wednesday of the month at Middleton Village Hall. **New members very welcome.**

No meeting in August

6 September: To Be Arranged

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

MIDDLETON CHURCH COFFEE MORNINGS

Our regular Coffee Mornings continue in the church on **Saturday, 5th August and Saturday, 2nd September from 10.00 am - 12 noon.**

We look forward to meeting again with our regular customers and new friends.



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.

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, Peter Wall on 840471.

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.

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West Winch Bowls Club

As at Press time, the Pre-Madonna's are flying high and are maintaining the top position of division 2 of EBA league. Meanwhile the bowlers of the Middleton League and the Albert Victor are holding their own and turning in credible results.

On the social side, the club recently held a late afternoon Roll Up which was followed by a Social evening consisting of nibbles, drinks and social chat. Ken Manning and his team continue to nurture the green. This has resulted in much praise being received from visiting teams. So well done one and all.

Non members of the club are warmly invited to come along and watch games being played on match evenings. We are always looking for 'new blood', so why not come along and give bowls a try. We have an excellent green here in West Winch – all at your service. The club is looking to expand its membership of Middleton, Fair Green, East Winch and N. Runcton players. The club is open to all readers of this magazine. Contact me or any of the committee who will only be too pleased to show you around and let you bowl a few woods. Remember, age and gender are not a problem. We look forward to seeing you.

David Skerritt, Chairman, West Winch Bowls Club.

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Cryptic Crossword Puzzle 1 Annotated Solution

ACROSS

- 1** OFF-THE-WALL ["Unusual"] The location of "scrambled" "Egg" (Humpty Dumpty) after his fall
- 8** GNASH [(to) "Champ"] G(OLDE)N "wings" = GN / ASH = "Action On Smoking and Health" ("nonsmokers")
- 9** DAYDREAMER ["Nightshift worker ?" (sleeping during the day)] "prepare" = Anagram of READY MADE / R(ECIPE) "primarily"
- 10** JADED ["Exhausted"] "stoned" = involving (stone) jade
- 11** IF YOU SAY SO ["I'll go along with it"] "so long as" = IF / "ye speak" = YOU SAY / "thus" = SO
- 13** ETA [Estimated time of arrival ("when to expect")] "ETA" = (Basque) "separatists"
- 15** EPICENE [Hermaphroditic ("from both sexes")] "great work" = EPIC / (P)E(O)N(I)E(S) "regularly"
- 17** DECLAIM ["Say (speak) rhetorically"] "relinquish a title" = De-Claim
- 19** ASHES ["Remains"] "Jenny" = (a female) ASS "buries" (surrounds) HE ("a man")
- 20** SCHOOLS [(of) Whales ("whaling grounds")] "grounds" (teaches) = SCHOOLS
- 23** SELLERS [Peter "Sellers" ("The Goon Show")] "go on" "without pause" (written without spacing) = "Goon"
- 25** UTE [Native Americans ("an American race")] U(NCOVER) T(HE) E(NGINE) "at the start"
- 26** OUTER SPACE ["Area lacking in atmosphere"] "engineer" = Anagram of ESCAPE & TOUR
- 28** PLAIN ["Unexceptional"] "student" = learner = L "in(side)" PAIN ("torment")
- 29** DISAVOWING ["In denial"] (Detective) "Inspectors" = DI'S & OWING ("obliged") "to arrest" (surround) AV ("a viscount")
- 30** AWFUL ["How nasty"] (the) "beheading" (of) "permitted" = (L)AWFUL
- 31** UNDERTAKER ["One promising" = one giving a promise = one undertaking = (an) "undertaker"] "one promising to bring you down to earth" (to bury in the ground) = (an) "undertaker"

DOWN

- 1** OLD-TIMERS ["Vet(eran)s"] "about" = Anagram of SIR TOLD ME
- 2** FLY-BY-NIGHT ["Fickle"] "pilot on the graveyard shift" = a night-flying pilot (a "fly-by-night")
- 3** HIRSUTE ["Jacob (The Bible) wasn't hirsute (hairy)] "hirsute" "mentioned" = Sounds like "her suit" = "That girl's (court) case"
- 4** WHAT A MESS ["How chaotic"] "come again ?" = WHAT ? / A MESS ("a dining room")
- 5** LEERS "a stripper's" = (Gypsy Rose) LEE'S "about" (surrounding) R ("right")
- 6** UNRAVEL ["Explain"] "A" "European" (French) = UN / RAVE ("party") / L ("line")
- 7** ASSEGAI ["A (non-nuclear) missile" (spear)] "Washington's behind" = US "bottom" = ASS & EG ("say" / for example) & I ("Italy") = ASS EG I / ASSEG I "retention of" (surrounding) "A"
- 12** OBESE ["Too heavy"] "on reflection" (to be read in reverse) "some" (not all) (CHE)ESEBO(ARDS)
- 14** TAKES A RISK ["Chances one's arm"] "revolution" = Anagram of AS KK ("kings" = playing cards) & RISE AT
- 16** NALGO ["Workers" (Trade union)] G(R)OAN getting "R(ight)" removed & replaced by "L(ef)t" = "getting L" with R "out" (removed) = G(L)OAN / G(L)OAN "over" (as anagram) = NALGO
- 17** DESPERATE ["In dire straits"] "drunk" = Anagram of PESTERED A
- 18** MESSENGER ["Mercury" (messenger of the Roman gods)] "dog's dinner" = MESS / "turned" "green" (as anagram) = ENGER
- 21** CURLEWS ["Birds"] "twist" = CURL / E(ast) W(est) S(outh) = 3 directions ("direction again and again")
- 22** OEDIPUS [(Oedipus) "Complex"] "a reference book" = Oxford English Dictionary = OED / OED ("American version") = OED US "has" (surrounds) I (Roman "one") & P ("page")
- 24** LOSE OUT ["Miss the chance"] "watch" (look) = LO / "to use" "switches" (as anagram) = SE OUT
- 27** UNION ["Marriage"] "16" = Solution to 16 Down = NALGO = (Trade) UNION

Church Services in August & September

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Sunday, 13 August

9.30am **W Winch** Holy Communion

10.30am **E Winch Village Hall** Morning Worship

11.15am **Middleton** Holy Communion

6.00pm **N Runcton** Evening Prayer

Sunday, 20 August

9.30am **W Winch** Holy Communion

11.15am **Middleton** Morning Worship

3.00pm **N Runcton** Evening Prayer

Sunday, 27 August

8.00am **W Winch** Holy Communion

10.00am **Middleton** Benefice Morning Worship

Sunday, 3 September

10.00am **N Runcton** Benefice Eucharist

Sunday, 10 September

9.30am **W Winch** Holy Communion

10.30am **E Winch Village Hall** Morning Worship

11.15am **Middleton** Holy Communion

6.00pm **N Runcton** Evening Prayer

Sunday, 17 September

9.30am **W Winch** Holy Communion

11.15am **Middleton** Morning Prayer

11.15am **E Winch** Service for Harvest

6.00pm **N Runcton** Evening Prayer

Sunday, 24 September

8.00am **W Winch** Holy Communion

10.30am **E Winch** Morning Worship

11.15am **Middleton** Morning Prayer

6.00pm **N Runcton** Holy Communion

Sunday, 1 October

10.00am **Middleton** Benefice Eucharist

Morning Worship is held each Wednesday morning at 9.30am in Middleton Church.



Mothers' Union News

Our meetings are usually at Church Farm Barn at 7.30pm on the 3rd Tuesday of each month.

We do not meet in August, but resume our monthly Branch meetings on **19th September** with a talk by Amanda Hart on 'My visit to Africa and Water Aid'. This is as usual at 7.30 pm in Church Farm Barn.

We also have a planning meeting with prayers at Mary Watson's home - Alpine Lodge, School Road - on the first Thursday of the month at 10.15 am and all members are welcome.

Enjoy the Summer.

Hilary Hickman

Mobile Library Timetable

The Mobile Library timetable for our area is as follows:

MONDAYS – normally every 2 weeks. Next visits on: **14 August; 11 & 25 September**

Middleton

Village Hall 09:40 - 10.05

Fair Green

Park Hill Estate 10:10 - 10:30

Graham Drive 10:35 - 10:50

Gate Inn 10:55 - 11:10

Middleton

42 Hall Orchards 11:15 - 11:25

88 Walter Howes Crescent 11:30 - 11:45

St Mary's Court 11:50 - 12:00

East Winch

Gayton Rd - Opp Windyridge 14:20 - 14:30

Town Close 14:35 - 14:45

Village Sign 15:05 - 15:15

Blackborough End

The Green 15:20 - 15:30

The Firs 15:35 - 16:00

TUESDAYS – normally every 4 weeks. Next visits on:

8 August, 5 September & 3 October

North Runcton

The Green 10:15 - 10:35

The Foldgate 10:40 - 10:55

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