



PARISH NEWS

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MIDDLETON, NORTH RUNCTON & EAST WINCH



Marathon Challenge Completed - Thank You

by Stewart South

At 67 years of age and with only one kidney I can proudly announce that on Monday, 26th October 2015, I completed the Dublin Marathon - all 26 miles 385 yards of it.



Stewart at the finish line

I started my training in January, beginning with 3 mile runs and then regularly adding a mile or two. I liked the idea of running in Dublin for a number of reasons: I had never visited the city before; I was guaranteed a place; it was not too far away; and as the

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FIRST WORLD WAR - THE CAMPAIGN IN PALESTINE

As a postscript to Chris Dixon's article in the October/November edition of Parish News my Great Uncle William Herbert Newell was also in the Second Battle of Gaza.

William was one of eleven children and was born in Swaffham on the 3rd April 1899 to William and Frances Newell sandwiched between two sets of twins. The family moved to Gloresthorpe Farm, Ashwicken and it is quite possible he worked at Middleton Towers as well. Certainly I can remember being told someone worked at the Towers but whether this was William, William Snr or his older brother Tom, my Grandfather, I cannot remember. Tom also enlisted in the Norfolks and saw action in Belgium and whilst injured survived the war. Some of the older village residents may remember Tom Newell as he lived in Walter Howes Crescent.

William was killed in action on the 19th April 1917. There is no known grave and he is commemorated on the Jerusalem Memorial (pictured below). He had just turned 18 two weeks before.

Ken Harpley



East Winch Parish Council Meeting 2nd November 2015

Councillors Toby Coke (Norfolk County Council) and Jim Moriarty (KLWNBC) both attended. Cllr. Coke particularly wanted to inform us that over the next 3 years, NCC's budget would be cut by £111 million. Though the council was investigating sharing some resources with neighbouring counties, the cuts would hurt, with children's services being a likely casualty among others. NCC wants to hear the public's views on what could or could not be cut.

The contract giving the Parish Council ownership of the telephone box is about to be signed. Though we would like to move it, BT advises against it, as not only is it extremely heavy, and would have to have the electrics dug out, but the cast iron frame is very brittle, and movement might break it.

The Walton Rd sign on the A47 is going to have another sign fixed to the back of it so that it can be seen from either direction.

The street lights in Town Close are to be replaced by LED lighting soon. This will save electricity and maintenance charges. A complaint about the road surface in Town Close had been received. It was felt that, though rough, there were no potholes, and in any case it would be better to wait till after the winter if repairs were needed. The resurfacing of the footpath seems to have been done well in places, but poorly in others.

In the play area, the Council is researching the best sort of bench to install, and the clerk is to investigate the cost of removing the tyres.

Jennifer Lamb spoke about her Neighbourhood Watch group, which has also set up a No Cold Calling area. She said it has had a beneficial effect on the people within the area, and encouraged others to set up similar groups. Her Neighbourhood Watch scheme mainly involves informal social gatherings through which members find out when their neighbours will be away and, most important, get to know each other.

The extension of the silica sand mining was discussed, as there is now a 6-week consultation period about the next potential areas for extraction: an area running from Church Lane south through Bilney Woods towards Shouldham. One of the concerns is the proposal that lorries carrying the sand to Leziate should use Common Rd and the A47. A meeting will be arranged during the consultation period.

The next regular meeting will be on Monday, 4th January 2016.

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STEWART'S MARATHON

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event took place in October it gave me all the summer for training.

I had hoped to raise £2,000 for Addenbrooke's Charitable Trust in order to support the Kidney Transplant Unit at Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge. This is where I donated a kidney to our younger son Joel in 1999, following his acute kidney failure. Also, this is where our other son Oliver had a kidney transplant in 2002, from an anonymous donor.

After months of training and some setbacks, including an inflamed left foot and then a tooth abscess just a week before the marathon, I flew off to Dublin with my back-up team of my wife Alison, sons Oliver and Joel, and Joel's wife Carly.



Race day turned out to be a grey, drizzly affair but much, much better conditions than the torrential rain and 45 mile an hour winds that had been forecast. I had hoped to beat 5 hours so I started off behind the 4:40 pacemakers, but they were too slow! So, I headed for the 4:30 pacemakers. And so I proceeded to half distance

where I was cheered on by my family. Later I slipped off the pace a bit, but I still finished with a sprint in a very satisfying time of 4hrs 34 mins 15 secs.

Memories? There are lots. Everyone was so friendly - spectators and fellow runners alike. It was the hilliest course I've ever run. Some well-meaning jokers held up a placard at the foot of what regular runners call Heartbreak Hill; it said: 'It's just a hill - Get over it!'

On the back of my running vest I had printed: **SIGN UP AS AN ORGAN DONOR**, and after

about 10 miles a young woman ran alongside me and read the slogan out loud. She then informed me that her sister had had a heart transplant a week earlier. I told her I had donated a kidney to my son. "Top man," she said and then ran off ahead of me.



I've now got the marathon medal (pictured above) and, as they say, I've got the T-shirt. And, overwhelmingly, I have received over **£3,500 in sponsorship**. A huge thank you to all of you who have supported me. You have been amazingly generous people - some of you I know well, some I know vaguely and some I do not know at all. I appreciate your kindness. Fundraising is always hard work but I must thank the Parish News for the fantastic publicity. It certainly helped make my sponsorship task that much easier. *(I can still be contacted on 01553 841267.)*

Heartfelt thanks.

Stewart

5 – A – TIME – QUIZ (answers on Page 19)

1. What is the 2015 Pantomime at the Corn Exchange?
2. The A10 Road starts at the Hardwick Roundabout. Where does it end?
3. What has replaced the Thai Restaurant in Surrey Yard?
4. In years gone by, what were "Shambles" and where were they found in Lynn?
5. What does the word "Lynn" or "Linn" mean?

CHRISTMAS PUZZLE PAGE

As this is our Christmas edition, it seemed the right time to brighten things up with some fun material for all the family. This selection is aimed primarily at our younger readers, who perhaps don't usually regard the Parish News as essential reading - can't imagine why! But with the growing popularity of colouring for adults, perhaps everyone will be able to while away a few moments over the festive period.

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CHRISTMAS WORD SEARCH

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MIDDLETON PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

Playing Field Project: The Council is now at the final stages of collating everything necessary to apply for a grant to get the playing field project finally underway! Following the consultation with residents back in August 2013, the Council has spent a lot of time talking with different suppliers about each aspect of the project. There has been a lot of negotiation on price with suppliers of the various aspects of the project but the Council has now gathered all quotations and information it needs. The Council has discussed the project at each one of its meetings since August 2013 including at the Annual Parish Meeting in April 2014 where several residents attended to view the plans and drawings that the Council had procured from an Architectural company and playing field equipment suppliers. The Council has agreed to take out a £30,000 Public Works Loan Board Loan to cover the remaining cost of the project that the £50,000 grant that it hopes to achieve from WREN doesn't cover. The Council has been pleased to receive phone calls from residents who would like to be involved in the landscaping element of the project around the new picnic area. The Council will know if it is successful in its grant application early next year. If it is, then work can start as early as May 2016. If you would like more information on the progress of the project, please do contact the Parish Clerk, Kate Senter.

Trod: The Council is very pleased that the trod it applied for funding for in 2014 has finally begun to be installed by Norfolk County Council Highways on Hill Road between Parkhill and the A47. This will ensure the safety of the many dog walkers, runners and hikers who regularly traverse the road to access North Runcton.

VAS Sign: The Council has three new sites to position the VAS sign at across the Parish. The VAS sign will now also be positioned in Tower End, near the bus shelter on Hill Road and on Station Road, just past the Post Office. The sign is also now being moved every two weeks to ensure maximum impact. The sign collects data on all vehicle movements and this is downloaded and sent to the police regularly. If the data shows a consistent level of speeding this will prompt further attention from the police.

Circus Visit: The Council has been approached by Circus Tyanna who would like to visit and provide their circus show in April/May 2016 on the playing field. The Council hopes to be able to accommodate them and feels this will be a lovely village/family event for the Parish.

COULD YOU HELP RIDING FOR THE DISABLED?



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The evening started with a homemade meal followed by dessert, and homemade chocolates with coffee. We then had a fantastic raffle which helped us raise £300 for church funds - our best year yet.

Lets hope we can get together over Christmas for Carols, mulled wine and mince pies.

Lynda Fuller

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The Advent and Christmas

By Rev Riaz Mubarak, Rector

Advent is a season of waiting, expecting, and hoping. Beginning four Sundays prior to Christmas and ending on Christmas Eve. Advent helps us prepare for the coming, or “advent” of the Christ child at Christmas. The word “advent” means “coming” or “visit”.

For hundreds of years, Christians have used an Advent wreath to inspire their hopes for the coming of Christ. By lighting candles and reading Bible verses, we are reminded about the meaning of Christ’s birth and become more excited about his coming in the past, in the future, and in our own lives.

There is no set meaning for the candles of the Advent wreath except for the middle candle, which always signifies the birth of Jesus the Christ and is often called the Christ Candle.

Advent wreaths employ candles with a variety of colours. Some wreaths use all white candles; others use three purple or blue candles, one pink candle, and one white candle in the middle. The understanding of the Advent wreath with many Christians for whom the purple candles remind us of how serious and solemn God’s people have been in waiting for the Messiah. The pink signifies the joy of our waiting. The white is triumphant and celebrative because Christ is born.

What follows is a guide for personal, family, or corporate worship that can accompany the

lighting of the candles of the Advent wreath. Children, have great expectations and hopes during Advent – usually associated with Christmas presents, Santa Claus and so forth. Rather than discouraging these hopes I would urge parents to help their children get the “feel” of Advent by relating their hopes to biblical Advent themes.

In the Christian season of Advent, we prepare for the “advent” of Christ at Christmas.

- We remember Israel’s hope for the coming of God’s Messiah to save, to forgive, and to restore.
- Our hope for the second coming of Jesus.
- Our need for a Saviour to save us from our sins.
- We prepare to welcome Christ at Christmas into our world . . . and into our hearts.

By lighting one candle each week of Advent, we help ourselves get ready for the birth of Jesus. The candles have different meanings, each based upon the Bible. These meanings help us understand how special the birth of Jesus is for us.

Prayer for God’s Help

Dear God, thank you for this season of Advent that helps us prepare for the coming of Christ at Christmas. As we read the Bible and light a candle, may excitement for Christ’s coming burn in our hearts. Amen.

Riaz

East Winch Church News

By Nell Steele

Yes it's happened! The work is finished! A bit later than expected, it's true, but we were finally signed off on 6th November. The last thing to be finished was the doorstep for the west door, as the stone the builder had hoped to use turned out to be faulty and he had to get another one.

A wonderful team of volunteers cleaned the church (and my goodness there was a lot to clean!), transforming it just before the All Saints Day service on 2nd November. It is now clean, reasonably warm compared with how chilly it used to be, and though we can't get rid of the bats, most of them leave the church in the winter. Inside the church there's a display of photos of the work carried out and of the grotesque heads round the windows which are too high up to see from the ground. A larger selection of photos is displayed on the East Winch and West Bilney website.

One embarrassing thing is that no-one noticed until the scaffolding was down that after repainting the clock faces, the hands had been replaced so that they showed different times. This is not easy to rectify from inside, and we'll have to get a specialist in to fix it. Bother!

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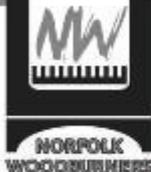
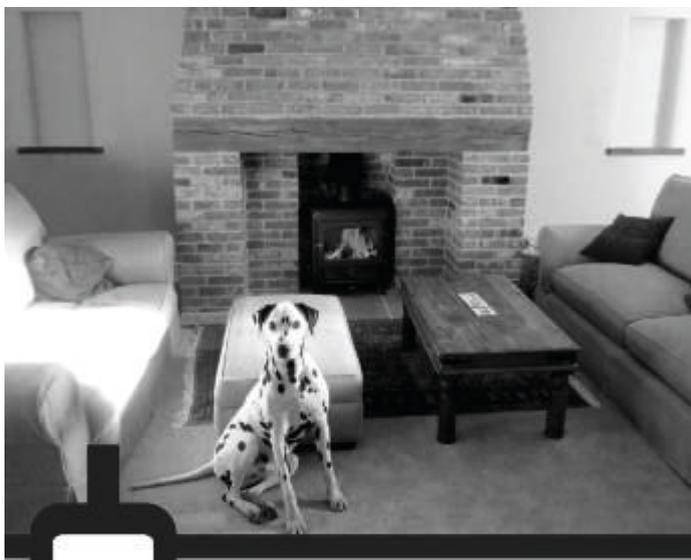
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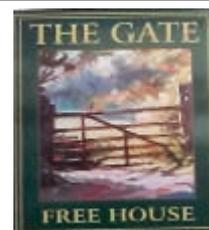
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OVER THE GARDEN FENCE

With Steve Donoclift

I am sitting here typing on a cold evening, the leaves are all down and winter is poking its head around the corner, waiting for Autumn to leave the stage.

But whilst I am inside on a cold evening, we must not be fooled into thinking that there is nothing to do in the garden during the Winter months; there is a multitude of tasks that can be carried out, such as rose regeneration, cutting back the dead wood on hedges, infilling hedges (as long as the ground is not frozen), prune buddleia, although I normally leave buddleia until early Spring. Apple trees can be pruned as well.

Winter is always a good time to fix fences, remember the more you can do this time of year will mean your garden will look even better for next year.

With the advent of colder days and even colder nights, you may start to see some of our migrant birds, such as the Fieldfare and Brambling. Swans such as Bewick's and Whooper have all ready arrived and just a reminder that our own Hedgehogs will be hibernating in leaf piles and heaps of twigs, so be careful especially if you want to have a fire!!

This year has gone SO SO FAST. It has been a pleasure to write my articles in the Parish News and I look forward to being with you all in 2016. That being said I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the people who give me and my boys support and help and I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a VERY, VERY happy gardening New Year.

Take care,
Steve

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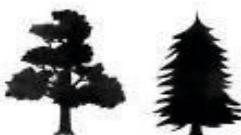


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MAGPIE CENTRE CAROL SERVICE

Christmas kicks off at the Magpie Centre, home of West Norfolk Riding for the Disabled, with a Carol Service, followed by mince pies and mulled wine (or apple juice) at **6 pm prompt on Thursday, 10 December** in the indoor school, Wallington Hall, South Runcton, PE33 0EP. Find us on the A10, three miles north of Downham Market.

The event will last about an hour. Singing will be led by the choir of Nelson Academy, Downham Market. Admission is free, so this is your chance to have a singalong, meet riders, volunteers and some of our lovely ponies, and find out what we do. Although the event is indoors, be sure to wrap up warm, and we look forward to welcoming you.

Nar Valley Ornithological Society (NarVOS)



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

Peru Illustrated talk with Sue Bryan Tuesday 26th January, 7.30pm

Many of you know Sue Bryan as a NarVOS member as well as for her work at RSPB Titchwell. Sue loves birdwatching, be it local or across the globe, and she has made at least two trips to Peru. Her presentation is bound to bring out the best of this birding paradise. This NarVOS meeting will start with a short AGM, prior to Sue's talk, but we request that everyone turns up for 7.30pm.

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.

Leziate, Ashwicken & Bawsey Women's Institute

We meet every 3rd Tuesday of the month 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 & on some afternoons we have games, quizzes & competitions.

15 December - Christmas Tea with card & present exchange

Come & enjoy a cuppa with us & then maybe decide if you would like to join our very informal & friendly group for future meetings.

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

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 February/March issue is **Friday, 15 January**.



MIDDLETON & DISTRICT ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Our Christmas Evening Buffet will be on **Wednesday, 16th December** at the William Burt Social Club, West Winch, 6.30 pm for 7 pm. Please book tickets for this by contacting Lillian Fisher 01553 841852 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

Our 2016 Agenda/Events list is now live on www.britishlegion-middleton.co.uk.

Julian Kirk, Chairman

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. **New members very welcome.**

2 December: Making Christmas Cards & Gifts

16 December: Christmas Lunch, Middleton Hall Golf Club

There is no meeting in January.

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

FATAL ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENT AT EAST WINCH - 100 YEARS AGO!

By Terry Thacker

A lot of people had known John Curl, at least the older people of Middleton. They could remember his time as head gardener to Sir Lewis Jarvis of Middleton Towers. He would talk to anyone who would listen about how he prepared the cricket pitches there. In those days, before the present century, Norfolk County Cricket Club would play its home games at Middleton Towers.

But Mr. Curl had been widowed these twenty years. He was fortunate to have an unmarried sister to keep house for him after his retirement to East Winch. What a terrible shock for her that he should have come to such an end as this; a shock for everyone who knew him. But then, what a splendid funeral he was given at Middleton church! Those sailors and their Petty Officer following the hearse! What a beautiful floral tribute in the form of an anchor from the RNAS, the finest of all the wreaths and flowers which accompanied the coffin.

And it could not be said that the sailors had actually caused the accident; they were obeying orders after all. No-one had said at the inquest what those orders were. According to the vicar, the motor was chasing a *hostile aircraft* – a Zeppelin, I suppose. In May 1915, the war was growing more dangerous – how typical of those cowardly Germans to attack civilians here in Norfolk. There was the damage and casualties from the air raid at King's Lynn recently, now there were newspaper reports of incursions over Southend. It was strange that the papers had not mentioned any attacks around Lowestoft, which was where the motor cars were supposed to be going to.

The RNAS mobile section was based at Newmarket, and had responsibility to defend to whole of Norfolk and Suffolk from enemy air attacks. Their vehicles were equipped with machine guns and searchlights on high-angle mountings. At the inquest Major Lucas said that the speed of the car *was consistent with the instructions of superior officers*, but gave no further details. Surely a speed of 30mph along the main road to East Winch was rather excessive. It was certainly outside Mr. Curl's

experience, as he tried to deal with the motor, a following motorcycle and also Mr. Price's approaching coal cart.

He should have kept walking with his niece, instead of trying to cross. Some folk thought he was becoming senile, and would not walk with her. But there was nothing wrong with his hearing or his eyesight, and the time was only a quarter to seven. Of course, the driver sounded his horn, and the Lieutenant shouted a warning. The sailors said they gave him the merest glancing blow from the spare wheel as they overtook the coal cart, a matter of three inches.

At least they stopped, took him up and sped on to the Swaffham cottage hospital. But there was no hope for Mr. Curl. Dr. Thomas stated that he only lived for another two hours – his skull was fractured and an ear totally severed by the impact. And the coroner directed the jury to ignore the question of speed, and to find a verdict that *death was caused due to injuries received by being accidentally knocked down by a motor car*. The Petty Officer driver and the Sub-Lieutenant were extremely sorry; the officers and men of no.2 squadron RNAS expressed much sympathy; even the Admiralty sent its deepest regret and sincere sympathy.

So began the month of May 1915. Just the previous week Rev. Alexander had organised a recruiting meeting at Middleton Shepherds' Hall. He had even secured the attendance of popular Labour MP Mr. George Edwards. The few young men who turned up were urged in fiery language to volunteer to defend their homes and Dear Old England, rather than strolling around the country lanes with their sweethearts. Next, the accident, the funeral, and the inquest were dealt with in the space of a week. And then on 7th May came news that the liner SS Lusitania had been sunk by German submarines with heavy loss of life. The people of Middleton and district had much to ponder in those times.

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10.30am **E Winch** Morning Worship

11.15am **Middleton** Holy Communion

3.00pm **N Runcton** Evening Prayer

Saturday, 19 December

3.00pm **W Bilney** Carols by Candlelight

Sunday, 20 December

10.00am **W Winch Village Hall** Benefice
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3.00pm **E Winch** Christingle

Thursday, 24 December - Christmas Eve

6.00pm **W Winch** Crib Service

9.30pm **N Runcton** Mass for Christmas

Friday, 25 December - Christmas Day

9.30am **W Winch** Holy Communion

10.30am **E Winch** Holy Communion

11.15am **Middleton** Family Service

Sunday, 27 December

10.00am **Middleton** Benefice Eucharist

Sunday, 3 January 2016

10.00am **W Winch** Benefice Eucharist

Sunday, 10 January

9.30am **W Winch** Sung Communion

10.30am **E Winch** Morning Worship

11.15am **Middleton** Holy Communion

11.15am **N Runcton** Holy Communion

Sunday, 17 January

9.30am **W Winch** Sung Communion

11.15am **Middleton** Morning Worship

11.15am **E Winch** Holy Communion

3.00pm **N Runcton** Evening Prayer

Sunday, 24 January

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

Morning Worship is held each Wednesday morning at 9.30am in Middleton Church and every Thursday morning at 10.00am in West Winch Church.

5 – A – TIME ANSWERS (from Page 3)

1. Robin Hood.
2. London Bridge
3. A Mexican Restaurant
4. Butchers Stalls in Saturday Market Place
5. A pool or lake.



Mothers' Union News

Our meeting on **Tuesday 8th December** is our Christmas meeting at Ataraxia, Blackborough End, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Van Dyke. This will be a sharing of favourite Christmas readings and carols with festive refreshments.

There is no meeting in January but all monthly meetings in the next year will take place on the **third Tuesday** in the month. This change from the second Tuesday has been made to accommodate a monthly Bible Study which will be run by Canon Paul Alton and Rev Riaz. This will also take place at Church Farm.

We are currently arranging the programme for the new year and if anyone has any suggestions of suitable speakers we would love to hear from them. New members and visitors are always welcome and anyone wishing to know more about the work of the Mothers' Union is encouraged to ring me on 01553 840320

With best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

Gillian Boon (leader)

VIEW THE PARISH NEWS ON-LINE

Lost your copy of the Parish News or just want to check on back issues? The Parish News is available to view in colour on line at the new Middleton Parish Council web-site.

Go to the "Community" section of the web-site and you'll find the Parish News page with information on publication deadlines and downloads.

Bible Study

Bible Study has started again on Wednesdays at 7pm for 7.30pm. It takes place at the houses of people in Blackborough End, East Winch, Gayton and Grimston - and there's room for more variety! If you'd like to come along, please get in touch with Nell Steele, 01553 840814.

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