



PARISH NEWS

FEBRUARY/MARCH 2017

MIDDLETON, NORTH RUNCTON & EAST WINCH

DESIGN FOR NEW MIDDLETON PLAYING FIELD REVEALED

The picture below is an illustration of how the playing field will look when it is completed. The whole project is costing £80,000 which is financed by grants and donations. The company Wicksteed have been chosen as the supplier and there are facilities for all age groups ranging from children to adults, which include adventure areas and adult gym equipment. There is also seating/picnic areas where parents can relax whilst their children are enjoying themselves on the play equipment. One area that is guaranteed to be popular is the zip wire. Trees adjacent to the village hall will be removed before work begins thereby giving a clearer view to the field from the road. It is anticipated that work on the playing field will commence some time in March.

If anyone would like to see a larger illustration of the playing field or would like more information please contact the Parish Clerk, Kate Senter on 01553 841387.



LOCAL MP OPPOSES SILICA SAND EXTRACTION

By Sarah Juggins

Residents in West Bilney and East Winch received a boost to their campaign to stop silica extraction in the surrounding woodland area when Sir Henry Bellingham, MP for North West Norfolk declared himself "totally opposed" to quarrying in Forestry Commission woodland.

The local community of West Bilney and East Winch learnt last autumn that West Bilney Woods was one of several sites ear-marked by the County Council as a potential site for silica sand extraction and since then, a group named CASE (Campaign Against Silica Extraction) has been working to raise awareness of the issue.



The MP for NW Norfolk joined members of CASE for a briefing about the situation and a walk through the threatened woodland. After the meeting, Sir Henry said: "It was a pleasure to join a number of West Bilney residents on a walk through West Bilney wood. It is a truly beautiful wood, and one that is enjoyed by many walkers, riders and cyclists. I received a full briefing on the possible threat to the wood and surrounding area as a result of the proposal by Norfolk County Council to include this area as one of their possible silica sand sites."

"Although this is only one of a number of sites that have been identified for further examination, I am personally totally opposed to valuable Forestry woodland being quarried - especially at a time when both the Government and the Commission have stated that the county needs more forestry and woodland."

"Another reason why this particular site is so unsuitable is that it would put intolerable extra pressure on both Common Lane and surrounding roads including the the A47. For all these reasons I will be pressing NCC to now withdraw this site from further consideration."

Matthew Owsley-Brown, a local resident, said: "We are delighted that Sir Henry Bellingham took the time to visit us and hear our arguments. Our hope is that Norfolk County Council will remove West Bilney from the list of potential sites so that this threat to our community and woodland is permanently removed, at the minute it hangs like a dark cloud over all of us who live here."

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North Runcton and West Winch Neighbourhood Plan

The Plan has now been submitted!

The proposed Neighbourhood Plan has now been submitted. The BCKLWN consultation period began on 19th December 2016 and continues until **13th February 2017**.

Any interested person may submit comments on the plan and the supporting evidence, and all the comments received during this consultation will be used by an independent examiner to decide whether the proposed Neighbourhood Plan meets the statutory tests and can therefore proceed towards a local referendum.

Obviously the Parish Councils hope that the plan will be accepted in its entirety and that it can be fully adopted by BCKLWN after a local referendum later in the year. The Neighbourhood Plan team have worked very hard to respond to all previous comments and to provide thorough evidence that supports all of the proposed policies. **We feel that letters of support for the Plan could be very useful at this stage of the process.**

The Plan and supporting documents (which include a full record of all consultation over the last 5 years and a Surface Water Management Strategy commissioned by the Parish Councils in 2014) can be viewed on the Borough Council's website at www.west-norfolk.gov.uk and, during office hours, at the Borough Council's office in King's Lynn.

The Borough Council notice states:

Comments and other representations about the proposed Neighbourhood Plan must be made in writing to the Borough Council, and received by 5pm on Monday 13th February 2017. They may be submitted via the Council's on-line consultation portal at www.west-norfolk.gov.uk, by email to ldf@west-norfolk.gov.uk, or by post to the address to Planning Policy Team, Borough Council of King's Lynn & West Norfolk, King's Court, Chapel Lane, King's Lynn, PE30 1EX.

Please note you can also see all the submitted Neighbourhood Plan documents on North Runcton and West Winch Parish websites – along with more explanation about Neighbourhood Plans in general and why the Parish Councils think the Plan is so important. You can also find a Frequently Asked Questions page – which may help you to better understand the process. Go to: <http://northrunctonpc.norfolkparishes.gov.uk/nrwwpc>

Richard Morrish – Chair of NRWW Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

EAST WINCH VILLAGE HALL S.O.S

By Terry Robertson, Hon. Treasurer

The Trustees of East Winch Village Hall will be hoping that after reading this appeal, they will receive a positive response to their request for new volunteers (Trustees). This would enable the current Trustees to continue with the running and administration of the hall.

The simple fact is that without the help and dedication of our current Trustees the village hall could not continue to function.

I have been carrying out Treasurer's duties for the past ten years; however my own health problems have forced me to confront the fact that I cannot continue as Hon. Treasurer and will be resigning my position at the end of March 2017.

Depending on the outcome of this appeal the remaining Trustees will need to make a decision, no later than **the end of March**, whether they can still operate and run the hall under these reduced circumstances or in a "worst case scenario **close the hall**". It would be such a shame if the hall which has been part of the community since the 1950's has to close because there were not enough people to run it.

If you feel you can offer any help in any way or you know anyone in East Winch/West Bilney, willing to volunteer for this interesting and worthy cause, please let me know on 01553 841309.

Middleton Parish Council Chairman's Report

By Mick Porter

The Parish Council (PC) were advised by a parishioner that there has been an increase in HGV's using Station Road. This was confirmed by those councillors who live along Station Road and Hill Road. The Parish Clerk has contacted the Highways Department of NCC and it has agreed to carry out a vehicle survey for a week at each of the roads.

At the December meeting the councillors reviewed the three plans and quotations for the new playing field equipment. It was agreed that the best value for the amount of equipment and its price was that presented by Wicksteed. It was also noted that a generous donation from Middleton Aggregates has helped to secure the grant from WREN which has now been approved. [**Editor's Note:** For further information on the layout and equipment to be provided in the new playing field, please see the article on the front page.]

For a financial settlement the PC has agreed to surrender its lease on the allotment adjoining Random Harvest, Sandy Lane, Blackborough End.

One of the parishioners, whose property backs onto the playing field, advised the PC that there was no longer a fence between the field and her property. People were straying into her garden thinking it is part of the playing field. The Parish Clerk agreed to look into boundary responsibilities and advise the parishioner accordingly

The PC agreed to investigate the cost and sighting of CCTV at the Parish Pit to counteract fly tipping.

The PC has been advised by our Norfolk County Councillor that there will be an increase in the county rate for the next financial year. With regards to the precept for Middleton the PC agreed to keep this at the same level as last year.

There appears to be an issue with blocked drains in Hill Road. Highways are to be advised.

EAST WINCH NEWS

The Pentney Hoard

Where are the Snettisham torcs kept? At the British Museum, of course. And the Oxburgh dirk? Yes, it must be the British Museum. And what about the Pentney Hoard? You've got it, it's the old BM. Except that, until **25th February only**, two of Pentney's six huge silver Saxon brooches are being displayed in Lynn Museum, open from Tues - Sat, 10-4. Don't miss them!

In addition, there will be a lecture on Saxons in Norfolk and the brooches at the museum at **2.30pm on Wednesday, 8th February**. Cost £2.

Decision over Rights of Way deferred.

In the autumn, Norfolk County Council ordered that all the paths applied for on the south side of the A47 in Bilney and East Winch should become rights of way. This order was provisional and time for objections was allowed until 16th December. In early December an objection was filed. The application papers have been forwarded to a government inspector who will, sometime in 2017, set up a tribunal. It is possible that the process will take up to 9 months, but at least his decision will be final, one way or the other.

Church News

It's all about the Christmas services! The Christingle on Christmas Eve was such fun with lots of parents and children, and unexpected additions to the service, including a mouse song. The collection was sent to the Children's Society. Thanks to all who made it such a success. The carol service at Bilney was notable for marking the beginning of Betty's 80th birthday celebrations, which, I believe, lasted for 3 days! The Velzeboers and Coxs had filled the church with beauty, and John played his battery-operated keyboard as if his life depended on it!

5 – A – TIME – QUIZ (answers on Page 15)

1. In Broad Street "Chopstix" has gone. What store has replaced it?
2. At the Hardwick, DFS has moved one unit across. What has moved into the empty site?
3. A King's Lynn sporting team is the reigning National League Champions. Which sport?
4. Which famous diarist was M.P. for Castle Rising in 1673?
5. Why was there controversy about the siting of the railway station?

Middleton Carpet Bowls Club Knockout Champions 2016

By Peter Wall, Hon Secretary

Throughout the year members meet on Tuesday evenings to play friendly matches with opponents randomly drawn. Additionally, during November and December the members play knockout matches in singles and pairs. The 2016 finals were played on the Tuesday before Christmas, when the members enjoyed a traditional social evening.

The Singles Champion was Nigel Gray (pictured below), who was presented with the Herbie Ogden Memorial Singles Trophy.



The Pairs Champions (pictured below) were Brian Roberts (left) and John Sutcliffe (right), who were presented with the Herbie Ogden Memorial Pairs Trophy.



The trophies are in memory of Herbie Ogden, who was a founder member of Middleton Carpet Bowls Club and chairman for several years until his passing in 2012.

Middleton Carpet Bowls Club meets at the Village Hall on Tuesdays 7pm to 9pm. Relaxed friendly sessions – new members most welcome.

Carpet bowls is also played at Cameo Cafe in the Village Hall on 2nd & 4th Wednesdays 2.30pm to 4.30pm.

The True Spirit of Christmas at North Runcton Carol Service

All Saints Church in North Runcton was all most filled to capacity for a service of lessons and carols on Christmas Eve. The service was heralded by three young members of the congregation ringing a peel on the three bells in the church tower with the congregation being guided to the church door by lanterns on either side of the pathway.

The seasonal feeling was helped along by the wonderful crib scene and decorations including a Christmas tree.

The last carol was sung as Reverend Riaz led, firstly the children, followed by the congregation, out of the church and across the village green to the Village Meeting Place where mulled wine, soft drinks and nibbles were being served.

The Churchwarden, Ken Matthews and helper, David Ellis, are grateful to whoever saved them food and drink as their responsibilities meant they were delayed in being able to join the festivities!!

Perhaps we can completely fill the church at our next carol service?

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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.

HOW TO REPORT FLY TIPPING

The Borough Council is responsible for dealing with fly tipping and have a new on-line reporting system. To report an incident of fly tipping, please use the following link:
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North Runcton Village Meeting Place Fundraising Campaign Launched!

Thanks to all those who attended the launch party on a very wet and cold 10th December, to kick off our fundraising for the Village Meeting Place renovation works – which we hope to begin in the summer of 2017.

Our grateful thanks to the *Fenland Ukuleles* who entertained us, the mulled wine all got drunk and we raised £200. We have since had two generous pledges to immediately push our total over the £1,000 mark.

The VMP is an important community asset – but no significant money has been invested in it since the community took on the school in the 1980s – more than 30 years ago. We need to make sure the building can continue to give the community service for the next 30 years.

We have set a target of raising £100,000. We have applied for a grant and we are looking for other sources of funding – but we will still need to raise money in the community. We therefore need as many residents as possible to contribute to raising this money.

Please help us with this important project! *What can you do to help?* Could you hold a sponsored event? Would you like to mark an event or remember a friend by making a donation in their name? ***We are proposing to have a plaque to record anyone making a donation of £250 or more.***

Our next fundraising event is a Quiz Night on Friday, 3 March from 7.30pm in the VMP

This will include a light supper and a bottle of wine/ soft drinks per team of 4. So gather your friends, and get your thinking caps on for a fun evening with a prize for the winning team. Everyone welcome - we can match up teams on the night. Any help or ideas for this or future events we hold would be greatly appreciated!



For more details on the above event/ticket bookings, please contact our Clerk, Rachel Curtis email: northrunctonparishclerk@outlook.com or Tel: 01553 673043, or Amanda Dobbing Tel: 01553 841628. Information on this and upcoming fundraising events can always be found on the Parish Council website at: <http://northrunctonpc.norfolkparishes.gov.uk/>.

Conundrum! Action and Reaction! John 1:1-18

In his preface, John outlines a conundrum, an action and a reaction, which he then expounds in the rest of his Gospel. No one has seen God, so people do not know him – this is the conundrum. The world and its people are seemed enveloped in darkness. Assuming that John wrote primarily for a Jewish audience, this is an outrageous claim. Steeped in the Scriptures (Old Testament) and rich experiences of God, surely they would know God. In John's analysis, however, people did not have a saving knowledge of God. Similarly, today, people may have heard of the God in books or in Holy books.

To overcome this conundrum an action was required. If people did not know God, he must be introduced to them – but who could do this job? If no one had seen God, humans could not solve the problem. God therefore had to act to

introduce himself. And **He did!** God became one of us and introduced Himself in a way that we could recognise. This Jesus, the eternal, divine, incarnate Word, introduced God to people – and he still does.

According to the third law of motion, every action is matched by an equal, opposite reaction. When the embodied Word came into the world to introduce God, how did people react? John describes two reactions. Although the world was created through the Word, it did not recognise or accept. There were however, people who did not accept the Word, and who did believe in him, they became part of God's family through a new birth.

What is our reaction been to God's grand and gracious action? How will we like John the Baptist, explain to people the human conundrum and the divine answer?

Rev. Riaz

East Winch Parish Council Meeting 9 January

By Nell Steele

At this meeting there was dissatisfaction that the broken posts in Station Rd had not been mended. The Clerk reported that NCC Highways had notified him that the posts had been delivered to the contractors, and he had expected they would have been done by now. He will follow this up. The trod was also said to be a swamp from the north side of the village hall, and there were concerns that the edges of the road seemed to be sinking too. The state of Common Rd where, as ever, heavy vehicles are squashing down the verges, was mentioned.

The Council was asked if it could help with speeding up the provision of Broadband to West Bilney. In East Winch it works well. The clerk stated that 2020 seemed to be the date now set for wider availability.

Terry Robertson again made a plea for new Village Hall trustees. If no-one else comes forward, the hall will have to close or significantly reduce the activities held there.

Mr Harrod reported that the noticeboard at the village hall had proved so unsatisfactory that the suppliers were going to install another one. The notices on the board now were completely sodden and could not be saved. Laminated notices would help. He had been to a meeting at Sibelco in December. The company had said they now expected to submit their application for

planning permission to extract sand from the field north west of the village in January. There would be a leaflet drop in East Winch so that people were aware. They had also made what seems to have been a rather lukewarm response to the possibility of extraction in Bilney Woods. Details of their comments appear on the village website.

Borough Councillor Mr Moriarty said that he had been to look at the railings at the corner of Gayton Rd and the A47 with Toby Coke, though their main purpose there had been because there was no lowering of the kerb on either side of the A47, so that wheelchair users couldn't cross the road. Mr Harrod pointed out that the state of the path would prevent any wheelchair user from getting to the road even if the kerbs were lowered.

The precept for the following year was discussed. The Council will be able to pay for the extension of LED lights down Gayton Rd without increasing the precept, but will not have the money for other projects unless the precept is raised. It may be possible to purchase a speed sign which also records the speed of vehicles as well, if not this year, then next. Although other ideas were mentioned, it seemed that there had been no demand or, as in the case of a path leading to the Post Office, the difficulties were too great. Eventually, the Council agreed not to raise the precept this year, but to make an effort to find out what was most required over the coming year to plan for 2018/19.

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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

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The Exhibition will run from Tuesday 25th April until the Bank Holiday Monday on the 1st May. As the exhibition will be in the school it can't be as big as when it was in the church, therefore it will be limited to 100 pieces.

Artists living within a 50 mile radius who wish to apply to take part should register with hans@norfolkcreativearts.co.uk to receive an application form. The closing date for applications will be **Friday, 31st March**. It will then go to a panel of judges to choose the final 100. A donation will be given to St Botolph's in aid of this event. Good Luck.

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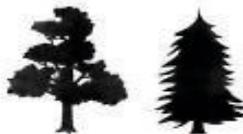


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Leziate, Ashwicken & Bawsey Women's Institute



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 or we have social activities such as games, quizzes, competitions & lunches.

21 February: Presentation by Chris Dixon on World War 1

21 March: Presentation on the history & daily running of Waitrose Supermarkets

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.

An Evening with Chris Knights

Tuesday 28th February, 7.30pm

We look forward with eager anticipation to Chris Knights' presentation – on whatever wildlife subjects and locations he chooses. Chris is well known as a conservationist, award winning photographer and film maker. Whatever the topic it is bound to be enthralling, entertaining and informative with superb photography.

Dragonflies with Dr Pam Taylor

Tuesday 28th March, 7.30pm

We are delighted to welcome Dr Pam Taylor on her first visit to NarVOS. Pam is President of the British Dragonfly Society and she is also Norfolk County Recorder for Dragonflies. About 32 species are found in Norfolk. With such a knowledgeable and enthusiastic speaker we are bound to have 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.

VIEW THE PARISH NEWS ON-LINE

View the Parish News in colour on line at the 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.

5 – A – TIME ANSWERS (from Page 4)

1. Lavitta
2. B and M bargains
3. Roller Hockey
4. Samuel Pepys
5. Demolition of part of old town wall.

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 April/May issue is Friday, 17 March.



MIDDLETON & DISTRICT ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Our next evening buffet is on **Wednesday, 15th February** at the William Burt Social Club at 6.30pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

To book places contact Lilian Fisher 01553 841852 or email lilianfisher@talktalk.net. Places must be booked by Friday 10th February.

There will be a raffle, donation of prizes greatly welcomed, all proceeds of which will go to the Middleton & District Branch of the RBL.

We have our Branch meeting on **Monday, 13 March** in the William Burt Social Club at 7:30pm. All Branch members are welcome to attend.

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.**

1 February: An afternoon of musical entertainment.

1 March: Cream Tea.

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

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.

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.



Cameo Café

We continue to meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month 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.

If you feel you would enjoy this, please join us.

Hilary Hickman

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.

EAST WINCH VILLAGE HALL "125 CLUB" CLOSURES DOWN

By Terry Robertson

The 125 Club, which has been running a monthly prize draw for many years and supplied funds to help with the village hall finances, has now closed down. The Trustees are looking at another way to raise much needed funds for the village hall. Meanwhile, many thanks for your support in the past.

The winners of the final December 2016 Draw were: **£75 Prize Winner** Mrs S STOVOLD (71); **£15 prize winner** Mr T ROBERTSON (44); **£10 prize winners** Mrs S BLAND (76) & Mr J SMITH (22).

West Winch Bowls Club

Membership for the 2017 season is now due. The cost remains the same as last year at just £16 and is open to everyone regardless of where they live. The club is seeking new members of either sex regardless of their bowling ability. A pre-season meeting will be held in the pavilion on **Monday 6th March** commencing at 7:30pm. Members and non members are invited to attend. At this meeting it will be decided on what date the green will be opened in April.

For more information contact David Skerritt KL 840339 or dauidskerritt@live.co.uk or any member of the committee.

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Sunday, 12 February

9.30am **W Winch** Holy Communion

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

11.15am **Middleton** Holy Communion

3.00pm **N Runcton** Evening Service

Sunday, 19 February

9.30am **W Winch** Holy Communion

11.15am **E Winch** Holy Communion

11.15am **Middleton** Morning Prayer

3.00pm **N Runcton** Evening Service

Sunday, 26 February

8.00am **W Winch** Holy Communion

10.00am **W Winch** Morning Prayer

10.15am **N Runcton** Holy Communion

10.30am **E Winch** Morning Prayer

11.15am **Middleton** Holy Communion

Wednesday, 1 March - Ash Wednesday

4.00pm **Middleton** Communion with distribution of Ashes

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11.15am **Middleton** Holy Communion

3.00pm **N Runcton** Holy Communion

Sunday, 2 April

10.00am **E Winch** Benefice Service **immediately** followed by Coffee & Lunch in the Village Hall

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



Mothers' Union News

Our 2017 programme starts on **Tuesday, 21st February** with consideration of the place of women in the Christian Life. This is in Church Farm Barn at 7.30 pm.

In the past we have had no MU meeting in March but instead we have arranged and held a service for Women's World Day of Prayer. This year rather than arrange a local service we have decided to join one of the town churches on **Friday, 3rd March**.

We also plan to have a branch meeting in March. **Exceptionally we shall hold this on Monday, 20 March at 7.30 pm at Church Farm, when the Rev Keith Horsfall will talk on his ministry in France. Please note the change of day to accommodate Rev Horsfall's chemo treatment.**

We are still looking for surplus Moses Baskets for new babies whose mothers are in financial need or other difficulties. If you can help please contact Gill on 01553 840320.

Best Wishes and a Happy New Year.

Hilary Hickman

The Community Hour Together To Know and Share

The Bishop of Lynn, the Rt Revd Jonathan Meyrick, will be visiting our Benefice and representatives of all organisations and denominations in the Benefice of Middlewinch (i.e. West Winch with Setchey, North Runcton, Middleton, and East Winch with West Bilney) are warmly invited to join us at the Community Hour Together to hear stories and experiences of people in the Benefice. Refreshments will be available and there will be the opportunity to talk with the Bishop and for everyone to get to know each other.

The visit will take place on **Thursday, 30 March at 4pm, at West Winch Primary School Hall**

If you would like to join us, please book your place in advance by contacting either Kenneth Matthews, KL 842262, Jane Pearson, KL 841688 or Amanda Hart, KL 841236

Revd Riaz

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The Council meets on the second Tuesday of each month (except August) at 7.45 pm at the Village Meeting Place.

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