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HELP

We need help to man the church (ladies lunch breaks). We also need lots of greenery for arrangements. Homemade cakes for the stall and refreshments. Tins, bottles, unwanted gifts for the tombola. Raffle prizes. Bric-a-brac.

If you need anything collecting please ring me. But most of all we would like to see you all during the weekend to support our church.

Look forward to seeing you all.

Lynda Fuller
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JOIN THE PARISH NEWS EDITORIAL TEAM

Could you spare some time to help produce the Parish News? We currently have an editorial team of one. This is not the most robust arrangement, with no contingency for absence, illness or worse!

As well as finding, receiving and editing news items and other material for each issue, there is also an important task of working with current and potential advertisers who generate the income on which the future of the magazine depends.

It would be great if we could create a small Editorial Team to share the workload, contribute ideas for articles and help shape the future development of the magazine. No prior editorial experience is required (as you can tell from my efforts), but basic IT skills and the ability to use e-mail are essential.

If you are interested and would like to find out more, please contact me either by e-mail at editorofparishnews@gmail.com or by phone on 01553 849725. I look forward to hearing from you.

Perhaps I could also take this opportunity of thanking all existing contributors and encouraging all our readers to let me know if you have news or other items that you would like to see included in the magazine.

Chris Hudson, Editor

LOOK OUT FOR HEDGEHOGS!

by Pat Lorber

With the return of longer days and better weather, many of us will be back out working in our gardens. Whether it is a matter of tidying up lawn edges or more substantial projects clearing overgrown areas, the strimmer may well be back in action.

Strimmers are useful garden tools but can be lethal to hedgehogs, which sometimes have limbs and noses amputated and have to be put down. PLEASE use your strimmer with care, and if possible leave areas under hedges as wildlife cover, because they may well contain a hedgehog asleep in its nest, possibly with babies.

You may well have seen the article in the Lynn News recently about the teenage oafs who were found kicking a young hedgehog around like a football. It was rescued in time, but please be alert for mindless cruelty.

If you would like to do more to help hedgehogs in your garden, they really benefit from extra food, using it as a supplement to their natural diet. Meaty cat or dog food, hedgehog food, meal worms and chopped, unsalted peanuts are all suitable. Water can also be scarce at certain times of the year and is the **only** thing you should give them to drink - never milk. More tips about how to help hedgehogs to thrive are available at www.hedgehogstreet.org.

West Winch Bowls Club

League fixtures have now commenced in four different leagues. The club has organised informal Roll Ups to take place on the green on Thursday evenings when no league fixture has been arranged for that particular day. These evenings provide the ideal opportunity for those who have never played before to come and try their hand.

The club is seeking to expand its membership and is open to everybody. Age and gender poses no problems. Ladies are especially welcome as the club is keen to support a ladies team for next season. A social evening has been arranged for every month throughout the season. For more information contact Chairman David Bull 01553 673876 or Secretary John Sills 01553 842476.

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A TRIBUTE TO VIOLET TROW "THE POST LADY"

By Helen Few

I first met Violet nearly five years ago at Cameo Cafe. Although she only lived in the next road we had not met until then. I got very close to Violet and she used to tell me of her life as a post lady and how she loved every minute of it.

She worked in that job for 17 years before she retired. On her retirement there was a collection amongst the residents of the village and she got some lovely presents, including a beautiful chiming clock.

Violet and her husband Bill moved to Fair Green nearly fifty years ago when Bill got a job at Johnsons, Motor Engineers in Kings Lynn. She had been looking for a job when someone told her that there was a vacancy for a post lady in the very area in which she lived so she applied. She was thrilled to get the job as she had always worked outside on her father's farm and wouldn't have liked being cooped up indoors.

She got to know everyone in the village. The children used to run to meet her when she delivered the letters, and they used to call her "nanna" or "aunty". She often used to have some of them come round to visit her and would give them tea. I remember her telling me that one winter when it had been snowing, she had some letters to deliver to Mr Fines who lived in the big house at the top of Hill Road. She was dragging her bicycle over the snow to get up the drive and Mr Fines saw her coming and went out to help her and then he took her in doors and gave her some brandy.

She had a very happy childhood and when she left school she worked on her father's farm at Brandon Creek. She had a great love for all animals and when she was fifteen she helped her father deliver a foal late at night. She was really excited, and stayed in the barn all night as she didn't want to leave him - needless to say, he was her favourite. She also had a good singing voice and used to sing in the choir at the Methodist Chapel at

Brandon Creek where she used to worship with her parents and brother.

Violet met Bill Trow when she went to the Isle of Wight for a holiday one year; she said he was the love of her life; sadly he passed away five years ago.

Violet passed away on 14th February aged 89 years after having been taken to hospital with a blood clot in her leg three weeks earlier. My poem is dedicated to Violet.

REMEMBERING VIOLET

*We all remember Violet
She lived in Brookwell Springs
She was a lovely lady
And liked to have nice things*

*She used to bring our letters
And every day was seen
Riding on her post bike
Through Middleton and Fair Green*

*After she'd retired
From her postal duties
She helped to form the Friendship Club
For the over-fifties*

*When she lost her husband Bill
Violet was so lonely
Then she went to C.A.M.E.O
Run by the Mothers' Union*

*It was there that she made lots of friends
And liked to have a natter
With cups of tea and fancy cakes
And lots of lively chatter*

*Violet was so courageous
She faced her problems bravely
Now sadly, we must say goodbye
To this dear lovely lady.*

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

1. Who donated the new clock at the Bus Station?
2. Which Discount Store is next to Poundland in town?
3. Which store is sharing the shop at Monsoon in the High Street?
4. Who are Alastair Watson and Elizabeth Janes?
5. Who has recently been awarded the Honorary Freedom of the Borough?



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PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

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

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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.

TREASURER REQUIRED

for approximately 4-5 hours a week to assist **Phobbies**, a small day centre for physically handicapped people.

This registered charity club meets in Providence Street, King's Lynn one day a week (Monday) and the help we are looking for involves basic book keeping, experience not essential. All expenses paid.

If you think you can help and would like to know more, please ring:
Pat Clare on 01553 840274

William Burt Social Club

The Chase the Ace jackpot is proving popular with the membership. The prize money now stands at approximately £2,000 with 38 cards remaining. A detail of play is available in the club. The Accumulator was won recently and prize money is now £50, incremented by £10 weekly if not won.

Names are being taken for those wishing to go to the Thursford Christmas Spectacular on Sunday 6th December, 2pm performance. Cost including bus fare is £49.50.

Once a month a band is booked to appear on a Saturday night at the club whereas either a duo or solo artist provides music for either listening or dancing on Saturday evenings.

Thursday night is Quiz Night starting at 8pm with teams of four players. Cost is £2.50 per person. The winning team receives a cash prize.

Membership is currently open to residents of West Winch, Setchey and North Runcton as well as for those from other areas. For more information, see the club website: www.williamburtsocialclub.co.uk or contact Steve Perrin 01553 842323.

NEW CHURCHWARDENS

Two new churchwardens have been elected at North Runcton Church, and they have taken their oaths at the Archdeacon's visitation on 7th May at St. Faith's. They are: Richard Barrett Tel: 01553 842527 or 01904 492519 and Mary Angelina Tel: 01553 841519.

FAREWELL REPORT FROM MIDDLETON PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

After 8 years as Chairman of Middleton Parish Council, Mark Fuller stood down at the recent elections. This was his final annual report to the Council.

A47

During the year the Council has continued to press the Highways Agency for improvements to the A47 through the Village. In the autumn, as part of a formal review of the speed limits, the Council argued for a reduction to 30mph through the main part of the village, an extension to the 40 mph limit to the West to cover all the residential housing and a reduction to 50mph for traffic approaching the Hill Road junction.

We were extremely disappointed in the outcome of the review which, based on traffic surveys/ observation and an examination of collision statistics concluded that there was no evidence to support any changes to existing speed limits. Further communication has indicated that there are no plans for a future review in the absence of significant changes or a deterioration in the collision statistics.

Other Highways Issues

The Council remain concerned at the regular reports we receive about speeding traffic. The situation appears to be worse during the summer months prompted by increasing numbers of vehicles trying to avoid the congestion around the Hardwick Roundabout. We have expressed our concerns about the potential increase in congestion caused by the planned development of housing around North Runcton and will continue to work with other local Councils to press for appropriate mitigation measures.

As part of the County Council's Highways Improvement Scheme we were able to secure 50% of the funding necessary to purchase a Vehicle activated speed sign. We are able to deploy this at locations in the Parish which have been approved in advance by the County Highways Team. We have recently applied to locate it at an additional site in Station Road. I am very grateful to Mr Smith and Mr Wood for taking on the maintenance of the sign which involves charging it and moving it on a four weekly basis.

We have applied to the current Improvement scheme for 50% of the funding to create a "trod" (an informal footpath) to run from the end of the path on Hill Road to the A47 which will significantly improve the safety of the many pedestrians who use this route as part of a circular walk. In the last week we have received confirmation that our bid has been given the go-ahead. We are also very grateful to King's Lynn Caravan and Camping Site for confirming a donation of £1,000 towards the remaining cost.

We have continued to request the assistance of the Police in carrying out random 'speed checks.' However we have been advised that due to resource constraints their capacity to do this is severely restricted. Consequently we are particularly grateful for the continued work of our Speed Watch team co-ordinated by Mr Porter and very encouraged that we now have some volunteers to work north of the A47. However more volunteers would increase the frequency of the checks that can be carried out and we would urge anyone who can spare just a few hours a month to support this vital activity to contact the Clerk.

Finances

For the financial year 2015/2016, the Council decided to hold the precept at its current level. Due to an increase in the tax base for the parish residents should notice a small decrease in the amount of tax payable to the Parish Council.

Playing Field

Acting on advice from the Crime Prevention Officer we are exploring the possibility with the Village Hall of locating at least some of the equipment in the current car park to reduce the risks of vandalism. This will mean creating additional car parking space at the rear of the hall.

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As The Crow Flies - Tales of a Birdwatcher

by Trevor Rackstraw

One sad failing of the modern birdwatcher (not all, I hasten to add in case I risk upsetting someone without such failing) is the desire to create lists. There's a world list, a UK list, perhaps a Western Palaearctic list, a year list (every year), a county list (several if, like me, you move counties) and a few other possibles for the more imaginative birder.

We are not **twitchers!** Well, not always. And there are degrees of twitching that may involve chartering a plane to fly to the Shetlands, or the Scillies, for the day; driving to North Wales overnight; taking a detour via Southend when going to Scotland. I'll leave the reader to decide the degree of my quest for the Long-tailed Skua.

LTS would be new for my Norfolk list. I've seen one, a sick juvenile, many years ago on a reservoir in Buckinghamshire (so it was on that county list when I lived there) and I saw a few last summer from San Francisco but I'd never seen one in Norfolk. So this one, and it was a full breeding plumage adult with tail streamers, was special. And it was available. Most Norfolk LTS's are fly-bys, birds on migration that appear at one end of the telescope view and disappear out the other end as they fly by. Only they seem to avoid my telescope view. This bird was hanging around, even sitting on the beach, at Titchwell. How could I fail and how could I ignore it?

I made a sudden last minute decision to drive to Titchwell on the Saturday evening. It had been seen throughout the day but I was only aware of this as I came in from the garden. Grabbing my binoculars, telescope and wife, I headed north. There were people, birders, on the beach at Titchwell who had seen it, even photographed it. Apparently it was last seen heading towards Skegness. Depression, I'd missed it.

We hung around for an hour with no joy and headed home. Arriving home, there

was a telephone message from Ben, my son. 'Did you take your phone? I texted you.' I rang him. The bird was seen at Thornham, on the beach, at 2015. I'd given up and left Titchwell at about – you guessed it – 2015.

Ben and I made plans to go to Titchwell/Thornham the next morning. We set off at five-thirty to arrive at Titchwell at soon after six. At least no problem parking. And no LTS. We walked to Thornham. Waited, walked back, came home, even more depressed.

On Monday afternoon, I got a call from Ben. 'The LTS is back. I can't go but I think you should.' **HE** thinks I should! So do I. I'm in the car and at Thornham Point as quickly as the dodderly old folk on the back roads allow (on any other day, I'm a dodderly old folk).

Well, I still didn't have my phone but I did have my good views of the bird from the Titchwell side of Thornham Harbour. If I'd had my phone, I'd have known that Ben was on the Thornham side of Thornham Harbour, watching me watching the bird. We met up half an hour later at Titchwell as we both collected the bonus bird, another Norfolk first for my list, a Spotted Crake.

Now, is that twitching? Or is it just common sense, grabbing what opportunities present themselves?

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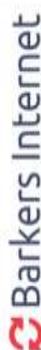
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East Winch Parish Council Annual Parish Meeting and Council Meeting.

In the course of the two meetings, new councillors (Mrs J Bettany and Mrs P Blowers) were welcomed, and Tony Hephher and Richard Cox, who had not stood for re-election thanked for their work for the Council. The chairman (Nell Steele) and vice chairman (Keith Harrod) were re-elected. The chairman's report was received, as were reports on the United Charities, the Village Hall and the church.

The path which runs from Holland House to the right of way leading to Grandcourt Farm was open and welcomed by walkers. Mr. R Wilson has sent the Parish Council a draft contract, but the council feel it's wise to take legal advice before agreeing to it. It was reported that the right of way itself was not being maintained adequately. The footpath from the A47 to East Walton was in an even worse state, and nothing had been done by NCC to improve matters. It was decided to ask Mr Wallace of Highways to attend the next meeting and explain the lack of action.

The Chairman reported that she'd heard from only one person who offered to be a speedwatch volunteer, and it was agreed that the project would be abandoned for the time being, especially as teams in other villages had apparently often disbanded after disagreements.

A parishioner had suggested that the Council adopt the red telephone box. Nell Steele had made preliminary enquiries, which the clerk is to pursue, as all councillors liked the idea.

The playground grass is not being mowed regularly any more. Enquiries are to be made about paying for a contractor ourselves. Paula Blowers listed the number of play items that had not been replaced over the years. She believed it would be used if equipment was replaced, a view that hadn't been prevalent at previous meetings.

Paula had also been asked by people whose gardens backed on to Short Drove, to complain that unless the gate was unlocked and tankers could get in, they could not fill their oil tanks. Mr A Wilson said that Wilson Farms did not want to be unreasonable, and suggested that Robert Wilson was contacted in two weeks, as he was presently away.

The next meeting will be at 7.30 on Monday, 7th July.

Nell Steele

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OVER THE GARDEN FENCE with Steve Donoclift

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But no matter how you look at things, it is hard to believe that we are halfway into the year. Our summer birds are here, Swallows, Martins and Swifts, Willow Warblers and Chiffchaffs. I was listening to a Nightingale not so long ago, the most beautiful song !

Although this month brings warm, delicious days it also encourages weeds in the garden. Hoeing is the best defence against these invaders. Once on the surface the weeds will shrivel and die. Be prepared to water, but try to target the plants that need the water, rather than watering for watering sake. This time of year cut the grass once a week, also consider hanging out your hanging baskets, none better than ones obtained from Mitre Farm.

As June progresses into July and the weather hots up, remember that laying a thick layer of mulch will help to retain moisture and keep the weeds down. If you have a pond, be aware that water levels are liable to drop and it is up to you to keep the pond topped up. Aerating ponds can be done by putting the sprayer attachment on the hose. Remember also that Hedgehogs are active this time of year, so leave something in your pond so our spiky friends can get out.

I leave you all with this Quote, "I pray that the life of this spring and summer may ever lie fair in my memory." - Henry David Thoreau.

Enjoy. See you next time, *Steve*

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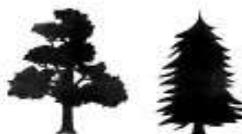
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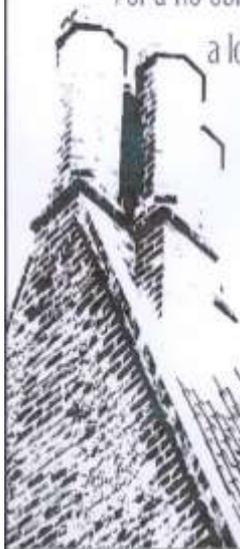
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Mothers' Union News

Members enjoyed meetings with two exceptional speakers recently.

In April, Mrs Linda Nash, wife of the Rural Dean was our speaker. She shared with us how music has played such a big part in her life and how her Christian life has progressed from her school days until her husband became an Anglican priest. She was truly inspiring and has promised to return next year to share part two of the story. We are looking forward to this.

Our May meeting when Ms Hazel Wood spoke to us about the work of the Missionary Aviation Fellowship was very interesting and thought provoking in a different way. For many of us it was a revelation to learn how MAF work with so many other charities to bring aid, medical care, education and the Christian faith to so many countries where people are in distress.

On **9th June** we have a speaker from a debt counselling agency, Suzanne Bashy, telling us of her work and on **14th July** we meet at Dane House for a garden meeting and Bring and Buy in aid of MU funds.

New members and visitors are always welcome. Please contact me on 01553 840320 if you would like to know more.

Gill

WATLINGTON MEDICAL CENTRE NEWS

It seems the hay-fever season is once more in full swing- for many who have had treatment before it will be possible to order medications you need from your repeat prescription list; please remember our Pharmacist, Otto, can give you very helpful advice about the various "over the counter" medications available many of which may be cheaper than a prescription charge.

West Norfolk Carers support unpaid carers and are now running a monthly Drop In session at the Medical Centre –they are able to help with a variety of aspects including finances, form filling, support and advice about services etc. Please call reception regarding the dates they will be here if you would like to get some help from them.

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Advertisers like to know where their business comes from. So if you respond to an advert, **please mention that you saw it in the Parish News.**

SEE 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.

Nar Valley Ornithological Society (NarVOS)



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

Members' Evening

including Willow Tits with Allan Hale
Tuesday 30th June, 7.30pm

We are opening up this meeting to NarVOS members and visitors. We will have one or two short presentations, including a fascinating account of Willow Tits in NarVOS, as above. Also, we will have all sorts of exhibits, books, photos, etc that members bring along. We tried something similar a couple of years ago which was a great success.

Tracking Ospreys to Africa

with Lucy McRobert from 'A Focus on Nature'
Tuesday 28th July, 7.30pm

NarVOS is delighted to welcome Lucy McRobert - a researcher, campaigner, educator, environmental historian, wildlife journalist and Creative Director of 'A Focus on Nature'. She has written for *BBC Wildlife* and *Birdwatch* magazines, as well as appearing on BBC's *Springwatch Extra*. Lucy has worked with the Rutland Osprey Project and she is well qualified to talk to us about the Osprey tracking scheme.

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.

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 August/September issue is Friday, 17 July.



MIDDLETON & DISTRICT ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Our event in June is a Cream Tea and a concert performed by the King's Lynn Male Voice Choir. This is being held on **Sunday, 7th of June** at the William Burt Centre. 13.30 for 14.00. Tickets are £5 from Lilian Fisher who can be contacted on 01553 841852 or by e-mail at lilianfisher@talktalk.net.

Our July Evening Buffet will be on **Wednesday, 15 July** at the William Burt Centre, West Winch, **6.30 pm for 7 pm**. Please book tickets for this by contacting Lilian Fisher - contact details as above. 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 or soft drinks are all included in the ticket price of just £6.

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

Julian Kirk, Chairman

LIVING INDEPENDENTLY in **LATER YEARS (LILY)** is an online directory for West Norfolk that brings together information about a wide range of activities, services, advice and guidance, primarily for the over 65s, providing an easy-to-access, easy-to-use reference and signposting guide.

Simply ask LILY at www.asklily.org.uk

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

Lonely? Housebound? New to the village?

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

CARPET BOWLS



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

FRIENDSHIP CLUB



If you are 50+ you will be most welcome to join in the activities of the Friendship Club, which meets on the first Wednesday of the month at Middleton Village Hall. **New members very welcome.**
3 June: Talk & Demo by the Fire Service
1 July: Coach outing to Holt & Sheringham
Further details from John Turtle (840280) or Pauline Crump (840053).

Middleton Badminton Club

Play badminton most Monday evenings (not Bank Holidays) at the Village Hall from 7pm to 9pm. The club is friendly and always welcomes new members. Contact Nigel Gray (01553 841541) for more information.



Cameo Café

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

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

GARDEN FETE AT RED OAKS

Rectory Lane, North Runcton
2-4PM ON SATURDAY, 11 JULY

Proceeds this year will be shared between Tapping House & the East Anglian Air Ambulance. The raffle will be in aid of St Mary's Church West Winch.

Gifts for raffle prizes and the following stalls would be greatly appreciated:- Tombola, Cakes & Preserves, Plants & Vegetables, Books & Bric-a-brac (good quality). Collection can be arranged. Please contact Hedley Chapman 01553 840854.

St Cecilia's Church, West Bilney

On the weekend of **20th and 21st June**, there will be a mini flower festival at the church, with the theme of music, as St Cecilia is the patron saint of music. The church's historic books will also be on display. At 2pm on Sunday 21st there will be a concert by a quartet of young players, and the weekend closes with a service at 6pm.

RSPCA East Winch Wildlife Centre East Winch PE32 1NR Open Day, Sunday 28th June 10a.m. to 4p.m.

Take a rare look behind the scenes at the Wildlife Centre - see seals, orphan birds and young hedgehogs being fed. Events will also be taking place e.g. hedgehog trail, dissecting owl pellets and there will be a variety of stalls.

All money raised on the day will help towards providing accommodation for sick, injured and orphaned wildlife. Admission adults £3, children £2. Free parking. No dogs except assistance dogs.

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Coffee mornings in Middleton Church

Saturday 6th June 9.30 - 12.00
Saturday, 4th July 9.30 - 12.00

Everyone is welcome to come along to our coffee mornings in Middleton Church to raise funds for our church roof repairs. Free entry. Various stalls, home-made cakes, jams, preserves etc.

Our coffee mornings will continue through to September. Please put the following dates in your diary: 1 August and 5 September.

SUMMER GARDEN FETE

ATARAXIA, WATER LANE,
BLACKBOROUGH END

SATURDAY JULY 25th 2pm - 4pm

In aid of St. Mary's Church Middleton.
Teas with cakes and various stalls please
come and support us.

All Saints' Church, East Winch

Work, funded mainly by the Heritage Lottery Fund, has started on the tower, and will continue for about six months. It will not prevent people from visiting the church, except when the heating is renewed later in the year, but please be careful in the churchyard, as at present there are scaffolding poles lying around. Before the masons start work, the honey bees in the tower will have to be removed!

During British Summer Time the church is open on Saturdays, and for the first week in August it'll be open every day. We hope to hold holiday activities for children then and there'll be a poetry reading (not too highfallutin') too.

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Church Services in June & July

Sunday, 7 June

10.00am **Middleton** Benefice Eucharist

Saturday, 13 June

Afternoon, **Messy Church**, West Winch School

Sunday, 14 June

9.30am **W Winch** Sung Eucharist

10.30am **E Winch** Morning Worship

11.15am **Middleton** Holy Communion

11.15am **N Runcton** Holy Communion

Sunday, 21 June

9.30am **W Winch** Sung Eucharist

11.15am **Middleton** Morning Worship

11.15am **E Winch** Holy Communion

6.00pm **N Runcton** Songs of Praise

6.00pm **West Bilney** Evening Worship

Sunday, 28 June

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

Sunday, 5 July

10.30am **N Runcton** Benefice Eucharist with Picnic

Sunday, 12 July

9.30am **W Winch** Sung Communion

10.30am **E Winch** Morning Worship

11.15am **Middleton** Sung Communion

6.00pm **N Runcton** Holy Communion

Sunday, 19 July

9.30am **W Winch** Sung Communion

11.15am **Middleton** Morning Worship

11.15am **E Winch** Holy Communion

6.00pm **N Runcton** Evening Prayer

Sunday, 26 July

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

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

5 – A – TIME ANSWERS (from Page 3)

1. King's Lynn Civic Society
2. Bargain Buys
3. Accessorize
4. Winners of the Grand East Anglian Run on May 3rd
5. Local historian, Dr Paul Richards for eminent services to King's Lynn.

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Having received three quotations for the work we have identified one Contractor whose price would enable us to have sufficient funds left to significantly improve the quality and range of equipment. Subject to final confirmation the Council hope to be in a position to submit the necessary grant applications in the next few months.

Christmas Production

After a break the Council organised another Christmas production in the Village hall. The attendance of just over 70 was rather disappointing and has questioned the viability of any such events in the future

Conclusion

I would like to thank Mr Skipper for his work with the community car scheme and thanks are also due to our community Speed Watch volunteers. I would also like to acknowledge the work of Mr Gardner in maintaining our informative and engaging website.

We are also grateful to our Litter Contractor Mr Smith for the cheerful and effective manner in which he carries out what can be a challenging task.

I would personally like to thank my Vice Chairman Mr Porter for his support and work with the local safer neighbourhood forum. Thanks are also due to all our Councillors for their support and commitment.

Particular thanks are due to our Clerk, Kate Senter for her dedication and enthusiasm which has contributed significantly to our work and the wider community.

This is my last annual report as I will be standing down after ten years as a Councillor, the last 8 of which I have been fortunate to have been elected to serve as Chairman. I believe that in that time we have demonstrated that a small number of committed and dedicated volunteers can make a real difference to their Community.

In this respect it is particularly disappointing to note how we have struggled to find sufficient volunteers to support important projects such as Speed Watch or even to fill vacancies on the Council. The challenge for the future is whether our Community is prepared to actively support a progressive Council committed to maintaining and improving its amenities.

Mark Fuller

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East Winch All Saints

PCC Secretary: Mrs J Weavers 840510 **Treasurer:** Mrs W Smith 842281

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

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

East Winch (www.eastwinchandwestbilney.co.uk/parish-council)

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The Council meets every other month, normally on the first Monday of the month, at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

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