

## MIDDLETON BY YOULGRAVE NEWSLETTER – SEPT 2018

### **Walking Festival: *Middleton by Walking***

A new event in Middleton's social calendar! Over three days of October half term, Saturday 27<sup>th</sup>-Monday 29<sup>th</sup>, *Middleton by Walking* will explore Sites of Meaning in walks aimed at families. Funds for the Village Hall will be raised through guided walks and the sale of leaflets and refreshments. The programme of events is attached with this newsletter. It is also available on the Village Hall website page [www.middletonbyyoulgrave.org.uk](http://www.middletonbyyoulgrave.org.uk)

Further details are now available on: [www.middletonbywalking.org.uk](http://www.middletonbywalking.org.uk) and [www.facebook.com/middletonbywalking](https://www.facebook.com/middletonbywalking)

### **Harvest Supper 2018**

The Middleton Harvest Supper will be held in the village hall on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October 7.30 for 8.00. If you would like to come, please RSVP by Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> October. The booking details were distributed earlier this month: if you have lost it, a copy is attached with the newsletter!

### **Bateman's Tomb**

Bateman's Tomb project is looking for volunteers!

The Parish Council are owners of the Listed Monument and have been working with the Conservation Heritage Team at the Peak District National Park Authority to come up with a scheme to effect some basic repairs and preserve this unique piece of village history. Having met the PDNPA Team on site, ideas for cutting back vegetation and roots that are lifting sections were discussed with the possibility of a mini dig to uncover the front foundations under the supervision of a qualified archaeologist.

The Parish Council has secured a small grant to assist with the professional help and some initial specialist repairs but is looking for volunteers from within our community who would like to get involved in the practical and research elements that greatly assist this type of project.

One of the main wish list items is for an early photograph of the site – we have close ups of the tomb from various more recent sources but what it looked like in the early part of the century before the boundary railings from the road fell into disrepair would be of great interest.

Please speak to one of the councillors or email the Parish Clerk if you would like to get involved or can help us with an early photograph.

Matthew Lovell, Parish Clerk: [parishclerk@middletonbyyoulgrave.org.uk](mailto:parishclerk@middletonbyyoulgrave.org.uk)

### **Finding out about Middleton by Youlgrave – its history**

We have as a community been very fortunate to benefit from two initiatives which explored its history. The Middleton History Group, chaired by Henry Brocklehurst, published in 2001 'Our Middleton', a history of the parish written to celebrate the passing of the millennium. More recently an oral history project was undertaken collecting the fascinating recollections of village life from a number of local residents.

Recently there has been discussion on the possibility of a further initiative to identify surviving evidence of Middleton's past, including photographs, maps, title deeds, building plans and other documents.

Would you be interested in helping to take the idea forward? Do you possess any such material? Would you be willing to let it be copied and catalogued? If a new Middleton History Group is formed, would you like to join in its work? Several residents have expressed interest in helping to put together a new project. If you are interested or could let us know about interesting photos and documents you hold, please contact Paul Jeremy on 01629 636088 or by email: [jeremy782@btinternet.com](mailto:jeremy782@btinternet.com)

The next step will be to hold a meeting open to anyone interested in Middleton's past. This will be advertised in the near future.

### **Finding out about present-day Middleton**

Besides this monthly newsletter, more information about the parish can be found on the Parish Council's website, including pages relating to village events and developments. All Village Hall publications are posted on the website. New residents may find this especially helpful!

[www.middletonbyyoulgrave.org.uk](http://www.middletonbyyoulgrave.org.uk)

The Parish Council and the Village Hall Committee also provide up to date information on village affairs on the notice board in the Square.

### **VHC contact details**

If you would like to be put on our email address list, please contact the Secretary.

If you have any queries on anything to do with the Village Hall Committee's programme or this newsletter, please contact Mary Marsh, VHC Secretary 01629 636532 or at [villagehall@middletonbyyoulgrave.org.uk](mailto:villagehall@middletonbyyoulgrave.org.uk)