

## **MIDDLETON BY YOULGRAVE NEWSLETTER – DEC/ JAN 2019**

### **Bateman Arms**

The Bateman Arms once-in-the-year opening will be on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> February, from 7.30pm. We are serving local real ales supplied by Howard Town Brewery, wines and soft drinks.

Enjoy traditional pub games: dominoes, darts and mini table skittles.

Everyone is very welcome to this winter season social. Come and meet up with friends and make new ones!!

### **2019 Well Dressing and Village Market: diary note**

The well dressing will be unveiled and the market held on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May. This will include stalls, Morris Dancers, traditional children's games and the Middleton trail and open gardens pioneered last year. Teas will be provided in the village hall over the weekend. Further details soon!

### **Middleton Children's Mapping Workshop**

This project is for 12 Middleton by Youlgrave primary school children. It seeks to engage children in a common activity, namely introducing them to some of the history of the Middleton and Smerrill parish. It will involve a series of workshops in the village hall and visits to a number of sites between half term and Easter. The workshops will be led by Charles Monkhouse and Amy Bingham. A writer will be working with the children over several workshops. The project will culminate in a map of Middleton and art work produced by the children. This is a local initiative, but not organised by the VHC.

### **Middleton's History**

A coffee morning was held on 25<sup>th</sup> November to discuss new initiatives:

- (1) working with local residents to identify what records of past life in Middleton they might possess – photos, plans, maps, drawings and paintings, title deeds, school reports and certificates, etc.
- (2) building on an oral history project of 2008-09 recording senior residents' recollection of parish life. This would only be possible with the consent and cooperation of the then project organisers.

A further meeting will be held in the spring to take these ideas forward. Again this initiative is local, but not organised by the VHC. If you are interested in becoming involved, please contact Paul on 636088.