

MIDDLETON BY YOULGRAVE NEWSLETTER - SPRING 2019

Middleton by Youlgrave 2019 Well Dressing:

The boards will be moved to the playground shed on Saturday 18th May. Why not come along and help clay the boards and prick out the design?

On Sunday 19th May we start the petalling. If you haven't tried this before, why not join our 'Petalling and Wine' taster session between 2-4pm? If you can't make it then, there's another session on Monday 20th May, again between 2-4pm. These sessions are intended to mix a bit of 'training' with fun and to increase our team of petallers!

How you can help the village market, Saturday May 25th midday – 4pm:

We are running cakes, books, plants, 'Shabby Chic' and tombola stalls.

All contributions will be very welcome.

There will be a bric a brac stall and flower display in the church.

We would once again ask for donations to the cake stall and the well dressing teas.

We are also looking for raffle and tombola prizes.

Further details about donations for all these stalls in our May edition/local flyer.

Children's activities at the market:

We are providing a choice of traditional children's games in the playground: quoits, whack-a-rat, bag-a-duck and kids' tombola.

We are offering on the Middleton Trail a mouse hunt with prizes!

Middleton Trail, Saturday May 25th midday- 4pm:

Building on last year's pioneering venture, the trail will take you to Rock Cottage, then down the drive to the gardens of Middleton Hall, after which you pass into The Garden House. You emerge opposite the church, walk back through the Square where two further gardens are available at Factory House and The Stone Barn. From there it is a short walk to the village hall and its delicious cakes and teas! A trail leaflet with a Middleton map is available and information boards are set out along the route.

Further details on the well dressing, market and Middleton Trail:

Final details on market arrangements and support you may wish to offer will

be set out in our next newsletter in early May. If you wish to make contact before then, please contact Paul on jeremy782@btinternet.com or on 636088.

The Middleton Children's Workshops:

These workshops, led by Charles Monkhouse, started earlier this year and are continuing until May. Six visits/activities to date have included a tour around the Sites of Meaning Stones on the Middleton and Smerrill parish boundaries, a workshop with writer River Walton, an exploration of Middleton's 19th century water system and a visit to Middleton Castle. Visits to Hardy's Well Mine and Arbor Low are planned. Materials are being prepared to add to the developing children's map of Middleton and Smerrill.

Middleton History initiative, Sunday 7th April:

This second session featured a display of private collections of photos and documents contributed by Ena Prime, Margaret Pursglove, Jean Edge and Alex and Vicky Bell. We are most grateful to them for allowing us to view this fascinating evidence about Middleton's history.

Peter Tapping presented clips from interviews with several long-standing residents, originally recorded in 2008-9 as part of the then Middleton Oral History Project. We are very grateful for Peter's compilation – he was one of the co-authors of that project.

The next meeting will be on Sunday 23rd June 11am in the village hall. Further details in the May newsletter.

Middleton hall questionnaire:

The Parish Council received a 53% response to the questionnaire, an encouraging return for this type of local consultation. All the returns were in favour of securing a village hall, with a wide range of comments made. The Parish Council is currently collating the comments and will report back to residents at earliest opportunity.

Parish Council nominations:

Three nominations have been received for parish councillors for 2019-23. The Parish Council has the option of co-opting two more parishioners, as occurred in 2015 when the last council was formed.