

MIDDLETON BY YOULGRAVE NEWSLETTER – SUMMER 2020

Coronavirus and the Village Hall

Regrettably, the lockdown from 23rd March has meant the cancellation of the village 2020 Well Dressing, Market and Middleton Trail, and Middleton Rocks.

We did however have a special 2020 well-dressing made by Oriel Carlin-Monkhouse aged 7. Oriel made her 'Rainbow' well-dressing as part of a Youlgrave school project. Oriel's well-dressing was displayed at the well by the postbox in Middleton. If you missed it, it is displayed online: www.middletonbyyoulgrave.org.uk/local-interest/well-dressing-pictures/

The Village Hall Committee will prepare an annual 2020-21 programme in early September. The hall will not be available for hiring until further notice. When so, it will be on the covid-secure basis required for village halls.

Full details of the annual programme and booking arrangements will be provided in the September newsletter.

Middleton Village Hall Charity 2020 AGM, Thursday 10th September

The Middleton by Youlgrave Village Hall Charity 2020 AGM was originally scheduled for 23rd June but was postponed due to the lockdown.

It will now be staged on Thursday 10th September at 8pm in the Village Hall. As stated above, the hall will be laid out on a social distancing basis.

We would welcome new members joining the committee.

The VHC Annual Report will be presented at the AGM and subsequently published, as in 2019.

Thomas Bateman bi-centenary year 2021

As many residents are aware, 2021 is the bicentenary of the birth of Thomas Bateman, the celebrated archaeologist.

The Village Hall Committee is going to consider at our meeting on 10th September how we might celebrate Bateman's achievements and life.

We hope to work closely on these plans with the Parish Council and the Middleton History Group.

We invite residents to let us have any ideas for Bateman events.

So far under consideration are a Bateman exhibition in the village hall and a visit to the permanent Bateman exhibition at the Weston Park Museum in Sheffield.

All suggestions very welcome! Please contact Paul on 636088 or email

jeremy782@btinternet.com

Middleton and Smerrill Parish Council

ROAD CLOSURE: Derbyshire County Council is undertaking road works on Alport and Conksbury Lane starting on Monday 24th August. The road will be closed for two weeks between 08.00 and 16.00. The road works will extend from The George car park on Conksbury and down Alport Lane to New Road. Full details are provided in the attachment/3rd page of hand-delivered newsletters.

ROGUE TRADERS: DCC is also warning of rogue traders offering to re-surface drives with 'left-over' materials from road works. DCC never makes such offers.

CLIMATE CHANGE AND MIDDLETON AND SMERRILL PARISH:

Derbyshire Association of Local Councils is working with different local agencies to bring people together to think globally and locally about the impact of Climate Change. The Parish Council has appointed Dianne Jeremy as its representative on climate change issues.

There will be a meeting in the Village Hall on Monday 7th September at 7pm for anyone who is interested in this issue. It is intended that local priorities identified by this focus group will be put forward to the Parish Council when it meets on 16th September.

If you would wish to attend this climate change meeting on September 7th, please contact Dianne (01629 636088/ diannejeremy782@btinternet.com) so that the necessary 'Covid 19' requirements/risk assessments can be completed. [Could meet outside if fine weather].

Middleton History Group

During the lockdown the group has been working remotely compiling the Middleton History Catalogue based on private collections we have seen prior to the lockdown.

When we have had the opportunity to see remaining collections hitherto uninspected due to the lockdown, we will be in a position to complete the catalogue.

We intend when that has been done to produce a Middleton Community History Report reporting back to residents as to what has been uncovered in private collections.

We will provide details of our next meeting when regulations and circumstances permit.

Contacting the Village Hall Committee

If you have recently moved to the village, you may like to join our Village Hall email address list which keeps residents in touch with developments by means of our newsletters and other notices.

If so, please contact Mary Marsh, VHC Secretary: 016329 636532 or email villagehall@middletonbyyoulgrave.org.uk

