

MIDDLETON BY YOULGRAVE NEWSLETTER – SEPT 2020

2020-21 Village Hall Programme of Events

In view of current pandemic circumstances, the Village Hall Committee has decided not to publish an annual programme of events for 2020-21.

Consequently there will be no Harvest Supper in October, nor will there be the Children's Christmas Party or community Christmas Party.

In January we will review the prospects for staging the Bateman Arms in February.

However, we are planning the Market on Spring Bank Holiday Saturday 29th May, consisting of the Well Dressing, Stalls, Middleton Trail and Teas (Sat/Sun). Consequently, we will as in previous years establish a Market planning team in January. Anyone who would like to join it is very welcome.

We propose to hold Middleton Rocks after the Spring Bank Holiday events.

Clearly these arrangements will be subject to Coronavirus regulations.

We will not be accepting hall bookings until further notice.

All these matters will be kept under review, including if restrictions at some point are significantly changed.

Parish Council News

PARISH COUNCIL – CLIMATE AND NATURE EMERGENCY GROUP

The new group met in the Village Hall on Monday 7th September to consider local priorities to put forward to the Parish Council Meeting on 16th September.

There was a wide-ranging discussion about how the climate and nature emergency impacts on our community and what we can do practically to help.

The key issues that were reported to the Parish Council Meeting focused on Bradford Dale – the management of the river, the overflow of sewage after heavy rainfall, ash dieback and air quality in Middleton.

The Parish Council will address these concerns with the river keeper from the Haddon Estate and with the Severn Trent Water Authority.

The group will meet again (most likely as a Zoom meeting) once we have some further information about how these issues are being taken forward and to make future plans.

If you would like to join the group, you will be most welcome. Please contact Dianne on 01629 636088 or diannejeremy782@btinternet.com

CONTACTING THE LOCAL MP – Sarah Dines, MP for Derbyshire Dales, is asking parish councils in the constituency if they have any local issues which she can take up for them. Parish councils can make representations at any time to the MP. Middleton and Smerrill Parish Council will be pleased to raise any local issue with her if asked by residents.

Matthew Lovell, the Parish Clerk, can be contacted at: email parishclerk@middletonbyyoulgrave.org.uk ; phone 01629 636151.

THOMAS BATEMAN BI-CENTENARY YEAR 2021 - We reminded residents in the last newsletter that next year is the bi-centenary of the birth of Middleton's best-known resident, Thomas Bateman the celebrated Victorian archaeologist, born on 8th November 1821 in Rowsley. He is buried in the tomb behind the Chapel.

This Grade 2 Listed tomb's surrounds and approaches are being upgraded by the Parish Council, which is responsible for its care.

At its meeting on 16th September, the Parish Council set up a review to consider how the community can best mark the bi-centenary. It will consider at its November meeting proposals coming from the review.

The Parish Council welcomes any contributions to this review. If you have any specific proposals for a 'Bateman Festival', please contact Paul: jeremy782@btinternet.com or on 636088.

Middleton Village Hall Charity AGM, September 10th 2020

The 2020 AGM minutes/ Annual Accounts have been posted on the village notice board and will shortly be on the Village Hall page on the Middleton and Smerrill Parish Council website.

The charity's Annual Report will be sent to all residents.

Harvest Service at St Michael and All Angels Church

Our Harvest Service in Middleton in will be held at 6.45pm on Sunday 4th October. Everyone is welcome and the service will comply with Covid-19 secure requirements.

This year the contributions will go to the local food bank. If you would like to contribute, we would like donations of tinned food, rice, pasta and other items that can be stored.

Contributions can be brought to the service on 4th October or, alternatively, placed in the Food Bank donations box in the playground shed which will be regularly checked and the items collected. Thank you.

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 Middleton 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 mm