# MIDDLETON-BY-YOULGRAVE NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2022



# **Parish Council News**

The Picnic Garden now has four new planters which will be used to provide culinary herbs for the Community Herb Garden. Some herbs have already been planted: rosemary, thyme and marjoram to date. Other herbs will follow, but meantime the planters contain wallflowers and Spring flowering bulbs to create a colourful display. Once the herb garden is established next year, the herbs will be labelled and available for residents to use. We are grateful to the Heritage Lottery Fund for the grant to support this initiative as part of the Portrait of Middleton project. Volunteers in the Climate and Nature Group meet every Monday at 11am to maintain the picnic garden and other public areas.

We are still awaiting analysis of the air quality data – information to follow.

# **Christmas parties**

SAVE THE DATES!

The Children's Christmas party will held <u>on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 3pm</u> in the Village Hall, followed by a festive event in the Square when the Youlgrave

Silver Band will play and the Christmas tree lights will be switched on. All are welcome.

The Community Christmas Party will be held on <u>Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December</u>, 7.30 for <u>8pm</u> in the Village Hall.

Invitations, with further details, will be sent out for both of these parties. There is a small group working on plans for the children's party this year and any additional offers of help with this would be welcome. Please contact Dianne (01629 636088) if you are interested.

#### Portrait of Middleton – THE EXHIBITION

Invitations to the Portrait of Middleton Exhibition have been distributed – this is a reminder!

The exhibition of the photographs and stories will be staged in the Village Hall from Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November to Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December.

The exhibition opens at 2pm on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November – a celebration for residents, please bring a cake to enjoy with a cup of tea or coffee.

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> Residents, Relatives and Friends 2-4pm.

21<sup>st</sup> November to 2<sup>nd</sup> December -open by arrangement (01629 636088 // 07885625834)



There have been plenty of sightings of Middleton hedgehogs in the last few weeks.

We have put up one warning sign about slow-moving hedgehogs crossing the Square.

As the weather gets colder, these creatures will be less active but will still appreciate a bowl of fresh water (not milk) and some suitable hedgehog food. They like meatbased cat and dogfood and there are lots of hedgehog foods available. Please do not feed them mealworms as these can kill them.

### Remembrance Sunday -

November 13<sup>th</sup> Church Service at 6.45pm St Michael and All Angels, Middleton. All welcome.



**Middleton Village Hall Bookings:** please contact Pete Worrall, Bookings Secretary, at <a href="mailto:peterjworrall@aol.com">peterjworrall@aol.com</a>

# **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: 01629 636532 or email villagehall@middletonbyyoulgrave.org.uk