

MIDDLETON-BY-YOULGRAVE NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2023

Bateman Arms, Saturday 11th February:



"Is there a pub in this village."

"Yes there is, for one night only each year!"

Don't miss the chance to catch up with friends over a pint or a glass of wine.

Bateman Arms is open in Middleton Village Hall from 6pm until midnight on Saturday 11th February.

Wines, traditional ales, lager, cider, soft drinks, pub games, crisps and nibbles.

This is our opportunity to enjoy country pub hospitality with friends and neighbours.

Come and support your 'local'.

Forthcoming events – dates for your diary:

- **2023 Well-dressing:**

Saturday 20th May - claying in the playground shed;

Sunday 21st – Friday 26th May – petalling;

Saturday 27th May Well dressing(s) displayed for a week.

- **2023 Village Market and Well-dressing Teas**

Saturday 27th May – stalls in the Square, Bouncy Castle, Morris Dancers, Middleton Walk and Open Gardens, Barbecue, Teas in the village hall (also on Sunday 28th May).

- **2023 Middleton Rocks, Saturday 3rd June** in the village square.

- **2023 Ceilidh, Saturday 2nd September** at Greencroft Farm

Village Market Appeal

The market relies on suitable donations /support /offers of help. This year we intend to have the following stalls – Plants , Cakes , Books, Bric-a-Brac, Upcycled/Nearly New Stall, Tombola and a raffle. At this early stage we are asking residents to bear these in mind – for example if you are able to raise some seedlings and/or provide some cuttings for the plant stall these would be welcome. If you have donations you would like to offer now we can store these until the market. A Working Group will be meeting to plan and organise this year's events. If you would like to join the group please contact Dianne ([01629 636088/07801696465/](tel:01629636088)
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Parish Council News:

Coronation of King Charles III on May 6th – Councillors raised the question of how this historic event may be marked in Middleton. This will be considered as further guidance from the government about community events is published. Details to follow in the next newsletter.

Climate and Nature Group

The diseased ash tree bordering the picnic garden has now been removed and the stone wall will be repaired as soon as possible. The borders in the picnic garden are already showing signs of the spring flowers that were planted as bulbs. The snowdrops are also growing in the grass bordering the memorial playground. The village planter is also (slowly) springing into life and there should be a very attractive and colourful display as the 'lasagne' of planted layers begins to flower in the Spring.

Initiatives to provide support for the hedgehog population now include providing some suitable shelters in the garden of St Michael and All Angels' church now that the Youlgrave PCC have given permission for this.

Priorities for the group this year will be to maintain the improvements made to the environment in the public areas of the village and to establish the community herb garden so that residents are able to start using the culinary herbs.

Support for the hedgehogs is also important as some may be displaced by the construction work on the Greencroft Farm site.

Litter picks will also be held as there is an increasing amount of litter on the surrounding verges and roadsides.

This group meets on Monday mornings at 11am in the Square for coffee, chat and gardening. The first meeting of 2023 will be held on **Monday 23rd January at 11am**. New members welcome.

Portrait of Middleton Project:

Portrait of Middleton final newsletter is being distributed with this Middleton Newsletter. Thanks to everyone who contributed to making the project and the exhibition such a success.

Middleton Village Hall Bookings: please contact Pete Worrall, Bookings Secretary, at peterjworrall@aol.com

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