

MIDDLETON-BY-YOULGRAVE NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2024

Bateman Arms, Saturday 10th February:



Bateman Arms is open in Middleton Village Hall from 6pm until midnight on Saturday 10th February.

This is our first community event of 2024. Don't miss the chance to catch up with friends over a pint or a glass of wine.

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.

Forthcoming events – dates for your diary:

- **2024 Well-dressing:**

Saturday 18th May - claying in the playground shed;

Sunday 19th – Friday 24th May – petalling;

Saturday 25th May Well dressing(s) displayed for a week.

- **2024 Village Market and Well-dressing Teas**

Saturday 25th May – stalls in the Square, Morris Dancers, Open Gardens, Barbecue, Teas in the village hall (teas also on Sunday 26th May).

- **2023 Middleton Rocks, Saturday 1st June** in the village square.

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. We can also offer space in the new Community Greenhouse! 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](tel:01629636088)/[07801696465](tel:07801696465)/diannejeremy782@btinternet.com)

Parish Council News:

Climate and Nature Group

The climate and nature group gardeners are very keen to start the work needed to establish the community greenhouse and begin to raise the plants for the Village Market on May 25th. More details on how you can be involved will follow in the next newsletter.

The greenhouse will be situated at the rear of the village hall. We would welcome any support to help build the base of the greenhouse and if anyone has unwanted garden tools or plant trays etc any donations will be gratefully received.

The work will also be supported the purchase of the two child-safe water butts and the heavy duty wheelbarrow.

The weekly gardening meetings resume this month, after a short break in December. Come and join in or chat to the gardeners, 11am on Monday mornings.

Following the recent heavy rainfall and storms there is plenty of clearing and tidying up to be done, including the removal of fallen branches and other debris.

The bulbs in the gardens and planter are beginning to grow and we can look forward to some more signs of Spring and some welcome bright colours before long.

Several bushes in the picnic garden have been pruned or removed to allow for further planting in the borders. If you did not visit the herb garden last year, please check it out this summer and let us know if you would like to see a particular culinary herb. Don't forget that once they are growing, all residents are welcome to cut some herbs for their own use.

Thank you to everyone involved in the work to maintain and develop our green spaces. The Middleton hedgehogs had a good year in 2023 and we hope you will continue to support these endangered creatures once they re-emerge this year when the weather is warmer.

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 Paul Jeremy, : 01629 636088 or email jeremy782@btinternet.com