

# MIDDLETON-BY-YOULGRAVE

## NEWSLETTER MARCH 2024

Plans for the spring events are already underway.

The Village Market and Well-dressing weekend is May 25<sup>th</sup> /26<sup>th</sup>

Middleton Rocks will be held in the Square on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June.



Key dates:

### **2024 Well-dressing**

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May – boards come out of the river – supervised children welcome at 9 am. Followed by claying in playground shed. Further details/timings in next newsletter.

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May – Petalling – times for daily petalling sessions will be displayed outside the shed – please come and get involved. Novices welcome. Individual boards for children are available.

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May – Well-dressing(s) displayed for a week.

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

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May – Stalls in the Square, Morris Dancers, Open Gardens, St Michael and All Angels' Church will be open with Flowers and Music, Barbecue/burgers, Teas in the Village Hall ( Teas also on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May).

To make this village event a success we will need volunteers for well-dressing preparation and donations of items/offers of help for the market/teas. If you can help/donate items please contact Dianne

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**Stalls will include** – Plants, Cakes and Bakes, Bric a Brac, Books, Vintage/Pre-Loved ( clothes and homewares), BBQ burgers, Raffle, Tombola, Skittles (in playground).

## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

### Community Herb Garden is OPEN for residents!

Don't miss the lovely display of Spring flowers in the Picnic Garden this year. The daffodils are spectacular and the snowdrops have been fantastic.

There are four planters in the picnic garden and all of these contain culinary herbs that are free for residents' use. The different herbs are clearly labelled and you will find MINT, SAGE, CHIVES, ROSEMARY, MARJORAM, PARSLEY and more.

Everyone is welcome to visit the garden, enjoy the flowers and snip a few herbs for the pot at the same time. If you don't find your favourite herb and it is one that will grow in our Derbyshire climate, just let the garden group know and we will try to plant it!

### ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The 2024 Annual Parish Meeting was held on Wednesday 13 March at 7.15pm in the Village Hall. The Annual Report of the work of the parish council will be published in the April edition of 'The Bugle'.

PCSO Anthony Boswell attended the meeting and noted that the Police Rural Crime Team has data tags available to farmers to assist theft recovery. He also raised awareness of the 'Derbyshire Alert' community messaging system. Registration is free to residents and allows you to receive messages about your local area, but also allows you to feed back information to local policing teams. You can register online at [derbyshirealert.co.uk](http://derbyshirealert.co.uk)

Our District Councillor, Laura Mellstrom is currently raising the issue of Middleton Toilets with the District Council. The toilets are only open between March and October instead of 12 months of the year which was a 50 year agreement made in 1994.

### COMMUNITY GREENHOUSE **CHANGES ARE HAPPENING BEHIND THE VILLAGE HALL...**

The Parish Council has recently obtained funding to make improvements to the area behind the village hall to develop its use for the community.

The old toilet block has a new roof and new doors to make it safe and secure.

The new greenhouse, which will be used to grow plants for the Village Market and will also be available for community use, was delivered on March 7<sup>th</sup> and is now fully constructed!

The work of all the volunteers in the Climate and Nature Group who are continuing to make this vision a reality is greatly appreciated. **Details to follow in next newsletter about how residents can register to use the greenhouse.**

Parish Council Minutes and Agendas are displayed on the Notice Board in the Square.

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