



MIDDLETON-BY -YOULGRAVE NEWSLETTER JULY/AUGUST 2025

80th Anniversary of the end of World War 2: on Sunday August 31st at 3.30pm the Middleton and Smerrill Parish Council will be holding a commemorative tea in the Village Hall to mark the end of World War 2 in August 1945. The tea will honour the memory of those from the parish who lost their lives on active service and the Australian airmen who died in the air crash near Smerrill Farm in January 1944. The event has been made possible by a UK Government grant to parish councils in England.

Invitations will be delivered to all residents in August. Everyone is welcome to this free event. Come and enjoy a cream tea, cake or a glass of fizz. More details to follow.

The Old Roads and Trackways of Middleton and Smerrill

An exhibition by Charles Monkhouse

Middleton Village Hall 18-25 October 2025

An exhibition that explores past and present road and trackways of Middleton and Smerrill. The exhibition centres round a new map of the parish which explores the evolution and history of routes though Middleton and Smerrill from the Neolithic Highway between Arbor Low and Minninglow to the industrialisation of Long Rake in the 18th century. The map is supported by commentaries on each road or track, and by a collection of historic maps that have informed the project. The exhibition opens on Saturday 18 October with an afternoon session for residents only.

MIDDLETON-BY-YOULGRAVE PROGRAMME OF EVENTS – 2025 TO 2026:

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **END OF WW2 COMMEMORATIVE EVENT:** to mark the 80th anniversary of the end of WW2 – Sunday 3rd August, 3.30pm, Village Hall.
- **BATEMAN ARMS:** Saturday 6th September, 5.30pm-12.
- **HARVEST SUPPER:** Friday 10th October, 7.30pm for 8.
- **THE OLD ROADS AND TRACKWAYS OF MIDDLETON AND SMERILL:** Saturday 18th October to Saturday 25th October.
- **CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY:** Sunday 7th December, 3pm.
- **LIGHTS, MUSIC & CAROLS IN THE SQUARE:** Sunday 7th December, 5pm.
- **COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS PARTY:** Friday 12th December, 7pm.
- **BATEMAN ARMS:** Saturday 7th February 2026, 5.30-12
- **WELL-DRESSINGS(s):** Saturday 23rd May – Saturday 30th May.
- **VILLAGE MARKET/OPEN GARDENS & EXPLORE MIDDLETON:** Saturday 23rd May, midday to 4pm.
- **WELL-DRESSING TEAS:** Saturday 23rd/Sunday 24th May.
- **MIDDLETON ROCKS:** Saturday 6th June, 5.30pm to midnight.
- **MIDDLETON VILLAGE HALL CHARITY AGM:** Tuesday 16th June 7pm.

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