

CHENEY CHATTER

MIDDLETON CHENEY PARISH COUNCIL

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

When is the Annual Parish Meeting?

This year the Annual Parish Meeting will take place at 7pm on Monday the 22nd of April, at Middleton Cheney Community Library.

What is the purpose of the Annual Parish Meeting?

The purpose of the meeting is to give the Parish Council, and other local organisations an opportunity to let local residents know what they have been doing over the past year. The meeting is also an opportunity for electors to have a say on anything they consider valuable to the people of the Parish.

What else happens at the meeting?

The meeting can also be an opportunity for local groups, clubs, societies and other voluntary and statutory organisations to provide an exhibition and/or have representatives from the group to address those present at the meeting about the work they do and what they are involved in.

Who can attend the meeting?

The Annual Parish Meeting is for all electors in the Parish. It is not a meeting of the Parish Council. Anyone is welcome to attend the meeting. However only registered electors of the parish may speak and vote during the meeting.

Will I be able to ask questions and make suggestions?

Any registered elector may ask a question of the Parish Council which will usually be answered by the Chair, the Clerk of the Council or a designated Councillor. An elector may also make a suggestion and comment on anything pertinent to the residents of the Parish. This will be welcomed and is the whole purpose of the meeting.

What is the Annual Parish Meeting?

Who will chair the meeting?

The Chairperson of the Parish Council will chair the meeting. The Chair will usually convene the meeting but it can also be convened by any two councillors, a Councillor representing the Parish on the Unitary Authority or any six local electors.

Will Parish Councillors be at the meeting?

All Parish Councillors will be invited to attend. However, the purpose of the meeting is to enable the electors to find out what is going on in the parish and to have their say.

Will minutes of the meeting be taken?

Minutes of the proceedings will be recorded. The minutes will be reviewed and signed at the next Annual Parish Meeting. (2023 minutes will be signed at the beginning of 2024 meeting)

How long will the meeting last?

The length of the meeting is dependent on the number of electors present, the number of questions asked and the discussion that is raised. Generally, the meeting will not last longer than two hours.

Where can I get copies of papers for the meeting?

The agenda calling the meeting will be published 7 days before the meeting. The agenda and supporting paper work will be available to download on our website. <https://www.middletoncheney.org.uk/>

If you would like paper copies, please contact our Clerk
Pip Davis
Parish Meeting Rooms
Middleton Cheney
Banbury, Oxon,
OX17 2LR

01295 713500
Or email clerk@middletoncheney.org.uk

NEWS

Middleton Cheney Tennis Club

No it's not an April fool!



Our new 2024 season for adults starts on Monday 1st April at 5.30pm.

Come along on the day to try tennis for free, or join us at an adult club night on Sunday, Monday or Wednesdays from 5.30pm.

Middleton Cheney Tennis Club welcomes new members, the adult subscription is on the first year.



To find out more or ask about coaching call Helen 077951 961306

BE THE CHANGE

Middleton Cheney currently has **2 Parish Councillor vacancies.**

The Parish Council forms the level of government closest to the people.

You will:

- Be **PASSIONATE** and **ENGAGED** with your community
- REPRESENT** the interests of residents
- Have time **DEDICATED** to village projects and research

You will receive **introductory training** and **support to develop** your knowledge in areas that **interest you.**

Get in touch for an informal chat *and* more information



COUNCILLOR VACANCIES

We're looking for residents to join forces with the Council to identify an event to co-ordinate in 2024. Whatever you can bring to the table, we want to hear from you!

01295 713500 clerk@middletoncheney.org.uk



COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Middleton Cheney Community Library opened 155 times in 2023 and gave a warm welcome to over 6,500 visitors topped off with a very successful craft session for children just before Christmas.

Your library is now re-organised and repainted to maximise space and allow room for the burgeoning local studies section. Children's activities are going from strength to strength and we did restart evening activities...paused awaiting a volunteer to coordinate them. Regular out-of-hours lettings are increasing. The book swap and jigsaw swap are both flourishing and in apple pie order (most of the time).

You do not need to bring a book or jigsaw in order to take one as we always have more donations than we need!! We now know when all of the county stock was last taken out so we can cull old stock more efficiently to make room for new books, which we can now choose for ourselves, suggestions welcome.

Even the outside light has been fixed...we were asking for that pre-pandemic! The library is an ideal "volunteering venue" cosy and welcoming. If you want to help us for a few hours every month please contact middletoncheneycml@gmail.com. The more volunteers we have the longer we can open.

NEWS

Councillor Ruth Hoose interviews Kay Andrews-Kuhn of the Lynden Players

How long have the Lynden Players been based in Middleton Cheney and on average how many shows and performances do you do each year?

The Lynden Players began in 1975, created by a group of WI members. Gradually the group expanded to include men, and the society has entertained the village and surrounding areas ever since. Our usual format is a spring show in May, often a musical, with a pantomime or Christmas show in December.

Previous spring shows have included classic musicals such as South Pacific and Singin' in the Rain. Some of our best successes have been more modern musicals such as Little Shop of Horrors, Return to the Forbidden Planet and 9-5 The Dolly Parton Musical. Lynden Players have also taken on the challenge of Shakespeare with A Mid Summer Night's Dream and most recently The Complete Works of Shakespeare (Abridged).

We love a panto (doesn't everyone?) and have performed many traditional titles: Cinderella, Dick Whittington etc., plus some new and original stories.

Some years have also seen a 'supper show', who can forget Fawlty Towers, Bouncers or The Trench. We have also competed at the prestigious Lighthorne Festival against other drama groups.

One of our aims is to support new and local writers. Our latest production is Audition Day, a comedy written and directed by Ken Lusted. It will be a supper show and takes place 16-18 May 2024. Don't miss it; it's a very funny show which lifts the lid on Amateur Dramatics, something that Ken obviously knows very well! Menu and ticket prices to be announced shortly, keep an eye on our website or facebook page.

LYNDEN PLAYERS

How long have you been writing plays and pantomimes? Do you usually perform in them as well?

I have been very lucky to be able to write and direct shows for Lynden Players. I wrote my first show in 2015–Hood the panto–which was an epic production with a huge cast including a long list of fairy tale characters and a time travelling cyborg. I said never again, but two years later came back with CAMP, a rom-com-who-dunnit set in the 1970s, with a killer soundtrack and platform shoes The memory of the entire village hall singing Tiger Feet will always be one of my proudest moments.

I said never again (again) and instead wrote a one act play for Lighthorne Festival in 2019. I still hold the title of 'rudest play ever to appear at the festival' for PLOT (it was also one of the funniest!). This was followed up by a second act: The Plot Thickens in 2022, which we took on tour. The best things come in threes, they say, so I wrote my third and final panto, AHOY which was performed in December. Set on board a luxury liner in the 1930s, AHOY was a heady mix of glamour, great songs and bad jokes, and an unexpected plot twist!

I don't perform in my own shows, but I do love to be on stage, especially in a pantomime. There's nothing like the buzz of being in front of an audience and I'm looking forward to treading the boards again soon.

Have you a favourite production?

I have loved all the pantomimes that I've been involved with since 2005 when I joined the group. My first role was Porthos in the Three Musketeers. I have played a male character quite a few times, principal boy in tights and boots when I was younger, now I seem to get the 'older' male roles with a bushy moustache or beard. That's showbiz, folks!

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LYNDEN PLAYERS

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I have a couple of favourites where I managed to bag the dream role. I played Lady Bracknell in *The Importance of Being Earnest*, complete with outrageous hats and the famous handbag line. It was such an honour to be part of a great cast in one of our best shows. I was also lucky enough to be cast as Bottom the Weaver in *A Mid Summer Night's Dream*. Shakespeare was a new experience for most of us and a real challenge to learn the lines but it was such a fantastic thing to be part of. I still have the donkey's head and a bunch of happy memories.

What aspect of being part of the Lynden Players do you find most rewarding?

Quite simply, Lynden Players is a family affair—our last show featured several mothers, fathers and their children in the cast and crew, we have had grandparents, brothers, sisters, you name it. I have made my best friends there and a big part of the enjoyment is doing something we love, together. There are a few drama queens (or is it just me) but like any family, we pull together and support each other. It's great fun and we laugh a LOT.

How many people are involved in each production, including cast and backstage crew?

All shows are different, but the Christmas panto is usually the biggest production in terms of numbers. For the last show there was a cast of 21 plus 12 juniors and 4 band members.

Add to this a large production team, director, producer, musical director, choreographer, lighting, sound, stage manager and backstage crew, wardrobe, hair and make up, props, box office and front of house team, set design and build, box office and marketing, bar, prompt, chaperones. Some of these jobs were covered by cast members but you can expect at least 20 more people to be involved, often family and friends, and other LP members. The more the merrier! We have some excellent young adults in our team

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who are learning practical skills but also workplace skills: team work, time management, creativity and resourcefulness.

Our supper shows are very popular, and these create extra jobs in the kitchen and for serving, setting up tables in advance and washing up afterwards. It is hard work, but we make it fun and it's really rewarding—honestly!

How can people contact you if they wish to become involved with the Lynden Players and what is the time commitment over the year?

The best way to contact us is by email lyndenplayers@gmail.com You can also leave a message on our website www.lyndenplayers.com or Facebook pages. We have open auditions and readings two or three times a year, you are also welcome to come to rehearsals and see what goes on—we are in the village hall from 8pm on a Wednesday night, let us know in advance and someone will meet you and have a chat.

The time commitment is really up to you. If you want to be on stage, there are weekly rehearsals and show week is very busy. There are lots of other ways to get involved that are just as important: we always need members who like to paint scenery, sew, design posters, organise, deliver flyers or make tea. For every show there's also hair, make up, first aid, chaperones, prompts, back stage, set building, sound, lighting, music, social media content, website and PR. If you want to learn some new skills, we have experienced members who would love to show you the ropes. If you can spare one or two weekends or a few evenings we would love to meet you.

We are a friendly bunch and organise social events throughout the year: quiz nights, theatre trips— maybe you could be our new event planner? Don't worry if it's not for you—we have lots of vacancies for audience members. See you at the next show...?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WARM MIDDLETON

Library

Tuesday 2-6pm

Wednesday 10am-2pm

Friday 2-6pm

All the family are welcome to come in, sit and read the books and newspapers, use the computers and access the internet. Membership not required.
middletoncheneycml@gmail.com
073001261000

All Saints Church

Tuesday 6pm Service

Wednesday 10am-12:30pm

Service 10-10:30am

Jolly Tea Pot 10:30am-12:30pm

Pop in for tea or coffee and a chat.

Thursday 10am Service followed by coffee.

Sunday 10:30am Service followed by coffee.

079525419068

Over the Winter months a number of spaces will be made available for residents to use to keep warm and save heating costs.

Henry's Café

Monday – Friday 9am-3pm

Special lunches (2 courses £9.00) on Tuesdays and Wednesdays

All customers welcome to sit with a cup of tea.

Blankets are also available.

01295 711444

The Dolphin

Monday CLOSED

Tuesday-Thursday and Sunday 12pm-11pm,

Friday-Saturday 12pm -12am

Kristian Burgess and his team welcome anyone, please come in and sit over a drink.

01295 713544

The New Inn


Monday – Saturday 12pm-11pm

Sunday 12pm-10pm

Customers are welcome any time. Please come and enjoy affordable drinks / hot drinks / smaller menu items etc. at lunch times.

Monday-Thursday evenings 2-4-1 offers on main courses.

01295 710978



MIDDLETON CHENEY
FOOTBALL CLUB

Middleton Lionesses


Girls Football

Every Sunday @ Chenderit School
Playing Field

10:00-11:00am Age 7, 8 & 9
11:00-12:00am Age 10, 11 & 12

£3 per session (first session free)

To register for a place, please email
football@middletoncheneyfc.co.uk



Foodbank

Rev. Nick has been running a foodbank for several years now and, as is to be expected, calls on the foodbank are high at present.

If you are able to pop a few extra items in your basket this week and drop them off at All Saints we, and the recipients, would be very grateful.

The foodbank is for anyone who needs it, in Middleton Cheney and the surrounding villages.

Please contact Rev. Nick on 07925 419068 for further information.

Thank you

EVENTS

EASTER CONCERT

Faure's Requiem & Cantique de Jean Racine performed by The Brackley Jubilee Choir

Faure's Requiem & Cantique de Jean Racine
Organist: Jonathan Clinch - Royal Academy of Music

Soprano Soloist: Lydia Bruton
Baritone Soloist: Michael Ferguson

Saturday 23rd March 2024 @ 7.30pm, St Peter's Church, Brackley.

Last performed by The Brackley Jubilee Choir in 2015, Faure's Requiem & The Cantique de Jean Racine are amongst the most widely performed choral works, with Fauré's Requiem generally considered the composer's greatest achievement. Written in memory of his father and first performed in Paris in 1888, this magnificent work is admired for its clarity, balance, serenity, and ethereal beauty, and enjoys tremendous popularity with concert goers and lovers of sacred music everywhere.

Chair of Brackley Jubilee Choir, Auriel Warwick said: "Our Easter concert is a tribute to Faure and Bruckner, whose anniversaries take place this year. The music we're singing is beautiful and so accessible to those on the threshold of 'classical' music."

In acknowledgment of the 150th anniversary of the birth of Austrian composer and organist Anton Bruckner, this concert programme will also include a selection of choral pieces from Bruckner's expansive catalogue of sacred music, to complete an evening of engaging and varied music – sure to please both regular and new audience members from the growing Brackley and District community.

Diary note: Saturday 23rd March 2024 @ 7.30pm, Easter Concert at St Peter's Church, Church Road, Brackley. NN13 7BB. Tickets: £12.00. Available in advance via a Choir member or at the door.

Marigold Day at All Saints A date for your diary

All Saints is looking forward to its annual wash and brush up. There is plenty to do so we hope that as many as possible will be able to come along on:

Thursday 7th March 2024 at 10.30am

Unfortunately, our regular team of cleaners is much depleted, largely due to age and ill health.

If you are able to offer to clean on a regular basis we would be delighted to hear from you!



MIDDLETON CHENEY
Football Club

TOURNAMENT 2024

SUNDAY 30 JUNE

at the Playing Fields, Astrop Road,

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

To help deliver another successful tournament, we need over **250 hours** of volunteer support.

Parents, coaches and supporters, please could you give us a few hours of your time in the run up to the tournament and on the day please.

To support the tournament, please contact:
tournament@middletoncheneyfc.co.uk

You could help us with:

- * Entrance gate
- * Registration
- * BBQ
- * Refreshments
- * Food and refreshment shopping
- * Planning
- * Sponsorship

All volunteers will receive a BBQ and drink voucher

GROUPS



Middleton Cheney Garden Club

for anyone who has a garden or who enjoys visiting gardens



We look forward to welcoming you to our Spring meetings, see dates below

We are a friendly and supportive group of enthusiasts who welcome all age groups. Come along and meet new people, develop a hobby that has a positive impact on both mental health and the environment.

Our meetings are generally held on the third Monday of the month at 7.30pm in the Library throughout the Autumn, Winter and Spring.

In the Summer we have a programme of outdoor events and visits.

Annual membership : £12 plus £4 entry to talks (exceptions may apply).

Dates of our next talks at the Library at 7.30pm

Monday 18th March : Talk "the History and Development of Hill Close Gardens in Warwick" by Mike Sheldon
 Monday 15th April : Talk "My Garden" by David Vale who opens his garden for the NGS and Katherine House

Contact us via email :

middcheneygardenclub@btinternet.com

or phone Janine Burton Tel 712408

Website www.middletoncheneygardenclub.co.uk

All Saints Church

Sunday Services for March

Sunday 3rd at 10.30am – Morning Praise

Sunday 10th **Mothering Sunday**
 10.30am – Holy Communion

Sunday 17th at 10.30m – Morning Praise

Sunday 24th – **Palm Sunday**
 10.30am – Holy Communion

Easter Week

25th March – **Monday in Holy Week**
 6.00pm Holy Communion

26th March – **Tuesday of Holy week**
 6.00pm Holy Communion

27th March – **Wednesday of Holy Week**

10am Holy Communion

28th March – **Maundy Thursday**
 7.30pm Last Supper Mass

29th March – **Good Friday**

11am Easter Garden

9.00pm Compline

31st March Easter Day

11.00am Family Communion

Sunday Services for April

Sunday 7th April at 10.30am – Morning Praise
 Sunday 14th April at 10.30am – Holy Communion

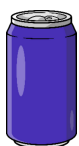
Sunday 21st April at 10.30am – Morning Praise
 Sunday 28th April at 10.30am – Holy Communion

Midweek

There will be services each week on Tuesdays at 6pm and on Wednesdays and Thursdays at 10am. Wednesday services will be followed by Jolly Teapot – coffee/tea cake and chat from 10.30 – 12 noon. A warm welcome to anyone who would like to join us.



Now collecting scrap copper



Middleton Cheney Recycle

CAN recycle
 Drinks cans (soft drinks, beer etc)
 Pie / quiche cases

Collection points:

Creampot Cottage (15b Glovers Lane)
 The New Inn
 Chenderit Music Block (students only)

CAN NOT recycle
 Food cans (beans, soup, dog food)
 Items still containing drink/food

- Abandoned vehicles
- Bus Stops
- Car parks
- Crash Barriers - Damaged / Missing
- Dog fouling
- Drain Covers
- Drains
- Flyposting
- Flytipping
- Footway/Footpath
- Graffiti
- Highway Bridges - Damaged/Unsafe
- Kerbs
- Parks/landscapes
- Pedestrian Barriers - Damaged / Missing
- Public toilets
- Rights of Way Road Markings - Worn/Faded
- Roads
- Rubbish (refuse and recycling)
- Safety Bollard - Damaged/Missing Sign
- Street cleaning
- Street lighting
- Street nameplates
- Traffic Signals / Signalled Controlled Crossings
- Vegetation
- Verges - Damaged by Vehicles
- Winter Maintenance

SERVICES

MIDDLETON CHENEY PARISH COUNCIL

Contact clerk@middletoncheney.org.uk:

Cemetery and allotments

Street lights (except MAIN ROAD)

 *Dog waste bins - Collected weekly*

Grass-cutting

Litter pickers:


Richard Jerrams Coughtry, Debbie Burdett



Volunteer animal warden

Contact 07879 895927

EMERGENCY SERVICES AND UTILITIES

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Police

999 for emergencies

101 or text 181110 101 for non-emergencies

Ambulance Service

999 for emergencies

111 for advice on urgent medical problems

Fire Service 999

Defibrillators

41 Main Road, OX17 2ND

111 Main Road, OX17 2PD

Hospitals

*Horton General Hospital, Oxford Road,
Banbury, OX16 9AL, 01295275500*

UTILITIES

Emergency Gas Service 0800 111 999

Power Cut Helpline 105

Water (Anglian) 0800 771 881

Roadworks www.one.network

