



## Middleton Cheney Garden Club



For anyone who has a garden or who enjoys visiting gardens

**We look forward to welcoming you to our Autumn meetings  
(see dates below)**

We are a friendly and supportive group of enthusiasts who welcome all age groups in the enjoyment of growing and nurturing plants, garden design and the environment.

**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 All Saints Church throughout the Autumn, Winter and Spring.

In the Summer we have a programme of outdoor events and visits.  
Annual subscriptions: £12 plus £4 entry to a talk (exceptions may apply).

**Here are the dates of our next talks at All Saints Church, at 7.30pm**

*Monday 17th October : "Beyond the Garden Gate" The National Garden Scheme and growing for charity by David and Jill Edwards*

*Monday 21st November : Question Time, bring your own questions to our garden team*

*Monday 5th December : Gardening for the Winter Solstice (Christmas meeting with festive refreshments and nibbles)*

Contact us via email  
[middcheneygardenclub@btinternet.com](mailto:middcheneygardenclub@btinternet.com)

or by phone  
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Chairman David Thompson Tel 01295 711115

Website [www.middletoncheneygardenclub.co.uk](http://www.middletoncheneygardenclub.co.uk)

### Are you part of a local group / organisation or running an event?

If so then we would love to help publicise you to the community!

**Please send any copy to :**  
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**Deadline for January issue Fri 9th December 2022**



# Cheney Chatter

AUTUMN ISSUE  
OCTOBER 2022



## Welcome to the Autumn edition of Cheney Chatter

In September we mourned the death of Queen Elizabeth II who reigned for 70 years and 214 days. As the longest reigning British monarch and longest verified reign of any female sovereign in history, She showed such a devotion to duty.

As a village we came together to pay our respects in various ways. Many residents signed the Books of condolence at the Parish Council Office, All Saints Church and the library. The Proclamation of Accession was marked with a procession led by the Royal British Legion and Scouts, a church service, plus a candle lit time of reflection and laying of flower tributes on the village green. Opportunities, however sad, for our village to come together as a community.

This issue contains contributions from some of our village groups which give the opportunity to meet together under brighter circumstances. I hope you enjoy!

**Our Winter edition will be distributed in January. Deadline Fri 9th Dec 2022**  
**There will also be a bonus "Christmas Edition" detailing the various festive events and services happening in the lead up to Christmas. Deadline Fri 4th Nov 2022.**

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*Editor : Cllr Nina Truman*

**Editors Apology :** In the Summer Issue I referred to our lovely village church as St Mary's and of course it is All Saints. Thank you to those who pointed that out and my sincere apologies for the mistake.

## A message from Middleton Cheney Parish Council

*Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. [John 14:27]*

It has been with the greatest sorrow and sadness that we have mourned the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. After a long life of faith, duty and service, a great light has gone out. Her Majesty was an extraordinary person, who lived an extraordinary life: a constant presence and example for each of us, guiding and serving us all for as long as any of us can remember. Throughout her reign, and seven decades of extraordinary change and challenge, Her Majesty was the epitome of duty, stability, wisdom and grace. In 1947, before she ascended to the throne, she stated that "My whole life, whether it be long or short, will be devoted in service."

Her Majesty honoured that promise.

I am immensely proud of our Parish Clerk and Councillors who organised and managed the relevant events and appropriate avenues for residents to mark the occasion and pay their respects, which I know was widely appreciated within the community.

As the nights begin to draw in now, we are nearing the timely completion of our street lighting upgrade project, which will represent an improved lighting provision, while offering significant energy cost savings. The PC has a number of other improvement projects in the pipeline, including remedial works to bus shelters and play areas, keep an eye out for those.

*"The wind is rising, and the air is wild with leaves. We have had our summer evenings; now for October eves!" – Humbert Wolfe*

**Cllr Alan Youel, Chairman  
Middleton Cheney Parish Council**

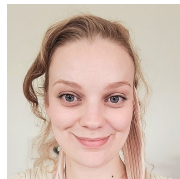
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I'd like to thank the Parish Council and residents of Middleton Cheney for the encouraging welcome I've received since starting in August. I was raised, educated and married in Middleton Cheney and have continued to enjoy the Parish with my family.

By acting with integrity, transparency and accountability, I look forward to my further work supporting the council in ensuring the interests and spirit of Middleton Cheney is nurtured and future-proofed.

For residents looking to be signposted towards a service in the community or would like a matter brought to the attention of the Parish Council, please contact me via the following -

clerk@middletoncheney.org.uk  
Tel : 01295 713500  
or pop in to the office Tues/Thur 9am-12noon, Weds 3pm-6pm.



**Pip Davis, Clerk  
Middleton Cheney Parish Council**



### Regular Service Pattern

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays: Informal Service @ 10:30

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays: Holy Communion @ 10:30

Wednesdays and Thursdays: Holy Communion @ 10:00

*Some Sunday services are streamed live on YouTube,  
search - All Saints Middleton Cheney*

**13<sup>th</sup> November is Remembrance Day**

### Other Weekly Activities

**Jolly Teapot – Wednesdays from 10.30 until 12.30**

Share a cup of tea or coffee, cake and biscuits and a chat

**First Steps – every Wednesday during term time from 2-3pm**

For all pre-school aged children and their carers.

An hour of singing, stories, fun, and activities;

### Special Services and Events

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November at 7pm - A Service for All Souls**

A quiet service of remembrance for loved ones who have died

### Coming up in December:

There will be a **Christmas Tree Festival** on the weekend of 3<sup>rd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> December. Please contact Chris Wells on 710076 if you would like to help set up or if you and/or your company would like to take part .....and at 5pm on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> there will be a **Christingle Service**

MC Singers concert on 11<sup>th</sup> and Carols in the Churchyard on 18<sup>th</sup>

*Details of services and events at [www.allsaints-mc.church](http://www.allsaints-mc.church)*

## Slimming World

The group meets on a Tuesday at 6pm at the memorial hall, Astrop road, Middleton Cheney. We are a group that helps men & women eat healthy & lose weight. I have been running the group for 20 years. We are a very friendly group.

Contact [Achieveoxfordshire.org.uk](http://Achieveoxfordshire.org.uk) if you would like 12 free weeks

Jenny 07483297751

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## Volunteer Driver Service North Oxfordshire

Our volunteer drivers help people to get to essential appointments, providing a friendly and affordable solution when other transport isn't possible for any reason.

Telephone: 0300 3030 125

Email: [info@volunteerdriverservice.org.uk](mailto:info@volunteerdriverservice.org.uk)



## Village Story

Hi,

I'm Jacob and I would like to share my first experience of skydiving.

I live in Middleton Cheney, and I decided to go Skydiving for my 16th Birthday. But instead of just jumping out of a plane, I decided to jump out of a plane and raise money for Cancer. I raised over £500, and I got a thank you card from the Cancer Support team, who told me to have a fantastic day, which I did.

The dive was SICK! I jumped from 13000 feet on Wednesday 31st August 2022 at the Hinton skydiving centre. It was a really cool day. My best memory of the jump was when I fell through a cloud that had a circular rainbow around it.

Everyone was really nice, and I enjoyed it a lot and would love to do it again.



What an amazing experience, and a fantastic amount raised! Do you have a story to share for our Winter Issue?

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## Village lighting



You will all by now be aware that the majority of the lamp posts in the village have now been replaced with LED bulbs. We are still waiting for a few final issues to be completed.

This project and investment became necessary as parts for the old sodium lights were becoming obsolete. The council also felt it was the right thing to do environmentally and to help reduce our electricity bill. The lights on Main Road are the responsibility of West Northants Highways and so have not been upgraded by the Parish.

We really would like some feedback from residents particularly as other parishes are now asking for our advice!

Please contact the clerk at [clerk@middletoncheney.org.uk](mailto:clerk@middletoncheney.org.uk) if you have any comments, concerns, or questions about this project.

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## Useful Contacts

### 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  
Main Road, OX17 2PD

### Hospitals

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

### Utilities

**Gas** If you have concerns regarding a gas leak or carbon monoxide, call 0800 111 999  
**Electricity National Power Cut Helpline** call 105  
**Water** 0800 771 881

**Northamptonshire Highways** <https://one.network>

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## Cheney Chatter Christmas Issue

We'd love to provide a bonus additional festive issue of The Chatter advertising events the community can enjoy in the run up to Christmas.

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## LOCAL GROUPS AND ORGANISATIONS

### Middleton Cheney WI Craft Fair

Village Hall Saturday 15th October 10am - 4pm

A variety of stalls to enjoy including the WI cake stall. Refreshments will be available. Not all stalls will have card payment facilities, so it is advised to take cash to avoid disappointment!

The WI meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month in the Village Hall at 7.30pm (except August). Women of all ages are welcome. You can attend two meetings as a guest (£2 charge) before deciding if you want to join.

Please contact **Carole Nadin, President** for further information  
[carolenadin@hotmail.com](mailto:carolenadin@hotmail.com)



### History Society

Would you like to know more about the history of your village; your local area; or subjects of general historical interest?

#### Our autumn programme includes

"Banbury Munitions Factory" - 24th Oct

"Food of the gods", the 'tempting' history of our relationship with Chocolate - 28th Nov

Meetings take place at All Saints Church on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of most months, starting at 7.30p.m.

Visitors always welcome! £4 per visit.  
Annual membership £12.

#### For more information contact

Chris 01295 710076 / Nigel 01295 710278



### IPMS Middleton Cheney Scale Model Club

We meet once a month (normally the third Thursday every month), starting from 7pm until 9pm at the library.

We build anything from aircraft to sci-fi and everything in between.

We also attend model shows up and down the country throughout the year.

If you want to join or have any questions, please email the club

[ipmsmiddletoncheney@outlook.com](mailto:ipmsmiddletoncheney@outlook.com)  
or search us on facebook  
**IPMS Middleton Cheney.**

Sam and Richard (chairman & secretary)



**Middleton Cheney Age Concern** meet the first Wednesday of each month in the village hall. The group welcomes anyone aged 55 and over.

Cost £2.50 which includes a speaker or entertainment with afternoon tea, (at extra cost) bingo and raffle.

**For further information please contact :**  
**Sue Jeacock**  
**01295 710674 / 07514 821880**

### Brackley Jubilee Choir

The Brackley Jubilee Choir is a non – auditioning community choir and has been performing in Brackley and surrounding villages for over 40 years. We sing formal choral works and some concerts of lighter works.

We meet at the Brackley Baptist Church on a Tuesday evening during term time from 7.30pm to 9pm.

If you are interested or have any questions please contact the Secretary

**Karen Lesniak 01280 706692**  
**07730 461492**



### Middleton Cheney Tennis Club

**Have you been thinking about picking that tennis racket up again? Are you keen to get fit in a fun way? Are you thinking of introducing your child to a fun sport?**

Don't take our word for it, why not just come along and visit us whatever your level of tennis or age, we are sure Middleton Cheney Tennis Club has something to offer you. Our Club is friendly and relaxed, offering opportunities for our members for social and competitive tennis.

**Adult Club Sessions** – Monday, Wednesday, & Sunday evenings with all abilities, just turn up, and mix in. Non-members are welcome to try a session for free and we have spare racquets.

**Adult Matches** – we have two teams in the Banbury Summer League and welcome members who feel confident and competent enough, for more of a challenge in competitive matches.

**Adult Cardio Tennis** is a series of tennis-based activities played to lively music. It does not require tennis skills, but keeps your heart rate up, burns calories and is great fun. Whether the ball goes in or out is irrelevant as the main purpose is to get fitter! (Held Tuesday mornings during term time)

**All year round tennis** - In the winter, activities at the club don't stop with club sessions on Wednesday and weekend afternoons, and keeps members playing (in wind, rain, snow or shine!). We also have competitive matches playing in the winter floodlit league.

**Coaching** - the club places great emphasis on the development of junior tennis, encouraging participation in the sport for fun from an early age. Sessions are available on Saturday mornings. Adult coaching is also available.

See our website to find out more

[www.middletoncheneytennisclub.com/](http://www.middletoncheneytennisclub.com/)