

Middleton Tyas and Moulton Village News

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Broadband? Nothing to do with me.

You'd be surprised. It's not just businesses and nerdy types who are adversely affected by the slow broadband speed we suffer from here. If you have a computer and use e-mails and the internet for anything at all you will have discovered that it can be agonisingly slow to send or download information. Just sending or receiving a picture, in the way that you might show a snap to a friend, can take many tedious minutes or, in the end, may prove impossible. Maybe that just sounds like a minor inconvenience. (Though the question still remains as to why you should pay as much or more than other parts of the country for what is a pretty rubbish service.)

More seriously, if you work from home nowadays then you almost certainly need good internet access and fast broadband speed in order to be able to send or receive large amounts of data, whether that is engineering drawings, art-work, draft business documents, computer programmes, or a million other things. For nearly ten years from 1996 I worked from home. In those days we sent stuff around on floppy disks (you don't have those any more) or on paper copies. It worked very well and enabled me to work with colleagues all over this country and abroad as effectively as if we were in the same office. I wouldn't be able to do that now because the standards of the technology necessary to make this sort of thing happen, including fast broadband speed, have moved on so much in the last few years and it's just not possible to do it from here.

Still feeling it's nothing to do with you? Perhaps you don't have a computer or you go somewhere else to work in the time-honoured fashion. But it does affect us all. Anybody planning to work from home in a job that is in any way dependent on reasonable and speedy internet access (and that covers a very wide spectrum of employment) and looking to settle around here would immediately have to cross Middleton Tyas and Moulton off their list of possible places to live. It's good mix of ages that keeps village communities vibrant; houses saleable; schools in business. So it's actually quite serious for all of us that a service which is well on its way to becoming as essential as any of the other utilities should be so poor here. Please support the parish council's efforts to secure funding to tackle the problem. See 'News from the parish council' on page 3.

News from the parish council

Website Update

We now have an embryo village website and a contract with a website development company. Various people have provided material for this project which it is hoped will become a focus for village information for the future. The website will include a special version of the Village News, information about the Village Shop, details of what's going on in the village, Parish Council agenda and minutes, information about clubs and societies, the Church and Ringmaster alert messages from the police. Over the next couple of months work will go on to complete the initial live version of the website and we will keep you informed of progress. In the meantime if you run a business or community activity which you would like to publicise through the website or if you would just like to be involved in its development please contact John Ross (01325 339949).

Broadband Update

Anyone who uses the internet will know the frustration of the slow broadband speeds we endure. We hope to improve matters by attracting some of the funds earmarked to provide good quality broadband within North Yorkshire. However, these funds are limited and we need to make our case. We have already collected a number of letters from businesses which are adversely affected by current broadband speeds and there will be a meeting on 28 September when we will learn more. In the meantime, if your business is hampered by low broadband speed or, you are individually disadvantaged by current speeds please let John Ross know (01325 339949) and your information can be added to the growing body of evidence in support of our case.

Moulton Matters

Book Swap

The Book Swap held on Saturday September 17 raised £64.46. All proceeds are going towards the project to create a community facility in St Andrew's Church. The next Book Swap will be held on Saturday 15 October from 1000 to 12 noon.

Moulton Community Facility at St Andrew's

The main building works have been completed and we are pleased to advise we now have a fully functioning kitchen and working toilet St Andrew's!! A path to access the toilet is to be laid and tiling and decorating is being carried

out by village residents. Thanks to all who have supported the project so far. Fund raising will continue to ensure we replenish funds. To book St Andrew's for your next event, please call John Gentry at 01325 377328.

Table Top Sale

There will be a Table Top Sale on 26 November. A table may be purchased for £10. Please contact Sue (377815) or Chris (377328) to reserve your table.

Best Kept Village

The competition for villages of less than 400 residents was won this year by Cleasby. As regards Moulton, the judges "were particularly impressed by the bus shelter and flower beds. However they felt [you] were let down by the condition of the farmyards and barns". Clearly the condition is out of our control, so well done anyway to those who made an effort to keep our village looking good.

Dog fouling

Once again there has been an increase in fouling. Please pick up after your dog.

MIDDLETON TYAS MEMORIAL HALL

QUIZ NIGHT

FRIDAY 7 OCTOBER

7.00 for 7.30

with Quiz Master Geoff Smith

£3.50 per person includes Pie and Peas

Supper

Teams of four

Bring your own drinks and glasses

Prize for the winning team

Tickets at the Post Office

Proceeds in aid of the Memorial Hall

Clean Bill of Health

Perhaps you have read recently that the Food Standards Agency is currently carrying out an inspection of all premises, including shops and restaurants, from which food is sold. The Village Shop was visited by an inspector working incognito (presumably as a mystery shopper) on 2 September. The outcome was that the shop scored the top rating of 5 for food hygiene. Well done!



Operation Piggy Bank

OK It's getting serious. Have you got 11 February , 7.00 for 7.30, in your diaries now? At the Memorial Hall. That's the time and the place for the Operation Piggy Bank Auction of Promises. Who's running it? The Friends of the Village Shop.

Why Operation Piggy Bank? The Village Shop is now ticking over nicely as a business. But there's not much in the piggy bank for replacing ageing equipment or branching out in new areas. That's where Operation Piggy Bank comes in – to raise the cash with an auction of promises and other events, like the coffee morning in Richmond last month which raised £237.

And to have one helluva good time! Which is something this village has always been very good at. So please, what we need are generous offers, mad offers, fun offers, quietly modest offers of promises large and small. Please give Sandy Baxter a ring on **377291** if you are willing to promise anything from a week in the sun to a week of walking someone's dog; from a case of champagne to a bag of Liquorice Allsorts; a flight in a light aircraft to cleaning your car.

Middleton Tyas Golf Society

On 14 September, a blustery autumn morning, twenty-nine golfers competed at Appleby Golf Club in the annual Middleton Tyas Golf Society competition. A super days golf took place with some excellent performances in the testing conditions. The morning nine-hole team competition was won By Stuart Thompson, Graham Mathews, Richard Frost and Andrew Yarrow with a team score of 45 points. Following a lunch of soup and sandwiches in

the clubhouse, the competition for the coveted Middleton Tyas Shield and Green Blazer commenced. The 18 hole Stableford competition was won by Jim Wilkinson with 41 points. Playing off 20 handicap, Jim had net birdies on 9 of the eighteen holes, a memorable performance and well deserving of the first prize. In second place with 39 points was Richard James and in third place with 38 points was Stuart Thompson. Frank Bacon came fourth also with 38 points but beaten on count back over the last nine holes. The standard of golf this year was very high with the top eight players all finishing with 36 points or more. Roger Roper won the longest drive with a monster of 320 yards. Steve Chapman won nearest the pin with a sweetly struck 5 iron to 15 feet.

All present agreed that once again Appleby Golf Club had provided magnificent facilities and hospitality for the event. Thanks to everyone who brought prizes and helped in so many ways to make the day the success it was. The competition will be returning to Appleby in 2012, provisionally on Wednesday 12 September.

Richard Roper

Middleton Tyas and the World Cup

We just lost to New Zealand in the final by three points! No, not that World Cup, but it's still pretty good. Maureen Mitchell's grandson Alex Gray, who anybody who was a pupil or had children at Barnard Castle School between 2002 and 2009 will remember, recently captained the England under-20's team in the Under-20's World Cup in Italy. He started his rugby career aged six at Mowden, progressing to West Hartlepool at eight. After playing for Barnard Castle School throughout his time there he joined The Falcons straight from school and has this season joined London Irish. Congratulations to him and to his grandmother, who doubtless spent many winter Saturday afternoons shivering on touchlines throughout the North East!

Carol Service

This year the Catterick Group of Women's Institutes and St Michael and All Angels' Church are joining together for the annual carol service in the church at 3.00 on Sunday 4 December. Please put this date in your diary. The service is for everyone and it is hoped that as many people as possible will come to share in this Christmas celebration.

Richmond - Darlington						
Monday to Saturday (not Bank Holidays)						
Service No	X34	X34	X34	X34	X34	34A
Richmond, Market Place	0735	0935	1135	1335	1535	----
Brompton-on-Swale, River Lane	0745	0945	1145	1345	1545	----
Catterick, The Angel	0750	0950	1150	1350	1550	----
Catterick, Main Barracks	0752	0952	1152	1352	1552	1705
Scorton, The White Heifer	0802	1002	1202	1402	----	----
Moulton, Moulton Village	0807	1007	1207	1407	----	----
Middleton Tyas, Shoulder of Mutton	0812	1012	1212	1412	----	----
Scotch Corner	0814	1014	1214	1414	----	----
Darlington, Tubwell Row	0829	1029	1229	1429	----	1735

Darlington - Richmond						
Monday to Saturday (not Bank Holidays)						
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Darlington, Vicarage Road	----	----	----	----	1620	----
Darlington, Tubwell Row	0835	1035	1235	1435	1625	1740
Scotch Corner	0850	1050	1250	1450	1640	1755
Middleton Tyas, Shoulder Of Mutton	0853	1053	1253	1453	1643	1758
Moulton, Village	0858	1058	1258	1458	1648	1803
Scorton, The Green	0903	1103	1303	1503	1653	1808
Catterick, Main Barracks	0913	1113	1313	1513	1703	1818
Catterick, The Angel	0915	1115	1315	1515	----	1820
Brompton-on-Swale, River Lane	0920	1120	1320	1520	----	1825
Richmond, Market Place	0930	1130	1330	1531	----	1836

NOTES:
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 NSch Runs during school holidays except Bank Holidays

Stay at home Christmas?

Are you staying at home for Christmas? Would you open your home and share Christmas with a student from China, India, or some other part of the world, who would otherwise be stuck at an almost deserted UK university? HOST invites you to give Christmas, perhaps for the first time in their life, to someone who is a guest in this country, who would love to experience your way of life and make your stay-at-home Christmas special. HOST will match you with one or two guests to suit your household. More volunteer hosts are urgently needed for 1-3 days at Christmas, and weekends all year round. Please see www.hostuk.org or call your local voluntary organiser for a chat: Corinne Serle 01132 776109.

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Our next meeting will be held at 7.00 on Wednesday, 5 October when the guest speaker will be our village friend, Liz Croft, who will give a talk on her holiday entitled 'Sights and Sounds of Peru'. Visitors are invited to join us at 7.30 for the talk, followed by tea and biscuits.

Carol singing

Time to start tuning up! Dates for carol singing around the village are shown in Claiming Dates. Offers of pitstops for those evenings would be very welcome and, most of all, offers

t come and sing. You don't have to sing well – just lustily! And if you can't do that, offers to come and shake the bucket are also very welcome!

Claiming dates

October

Sunday 2 October 10.30 Harvest Festival St Michael's Church
 Friday 7 October Memorial Hall Quiz 7.00 – 10.00
 Wednesday 12 October 7.00 Parish Council meeting
 Saturday 15 October 12.00 – 2.00 'Autumn Warmer'
 Saturday 15 October St Andrew's Church, Moulton 10.00 – 12.00 Book Swap

November

Wednesday 9 November 7.00 Parish Council meeting
 Friday 11 November 10.50 Remembrance Day Service
 Saturday 12 November St Michael's Church Christmas Fayre
 Saturday 26 November Table Top Sale St Andrew's Church, Moulton
 Saturday 26 November 10.00 – 12.00 Book Swap, Moulton

December

Friday 2 December 7.00 – 10.00 Festive Supper
 Sunday 3 December 3.00 St Michael's Church
 Thursday 15 December 6.00 – 8.00 Carol singing round the village
 Tuesday 20 December 6.00 – 8.00 Carol singing round the village
 Wednesday 22 December 7.00 – 8.00 Carol singing on The Green
 Thursday 23 December 4.00 – 6.00 Carol singing at Moto Services, Scotch Corner

All events are in the Memorial Hall unless otherwise stated.

Editor's corner

Copy for the November issue please by 20 October to 2 The Green or e-mail dianahthomas@gmail.com or telephone 377311. I have said I will look after the 'What's on when?' page on the village website. If your organisation has a calendar of events for 2012 I should be very happy to post these on the website if you send me details.

You will have noticed some changes in the layout of this month's issue, particularly in relation to information from the church, which is now all grouped together. I hope this hasn't caused you any confusion.

Church News

Letter from Rev David Lewis

These days there is a strange social phenomenon which I am sure you will have noticed. You are likely to see it every time you go shopping in Darlington or Northallerton or anywhere else. I refer, of course, to the business of people wearing replica football shirts with players' names written on the back. This behaviour is so commonplace you might hardly notice it: countless examples of people wandering around labelled as 'Beckham' or 'Rooney' or 'Gerrard' or 'Lampard' or whoever. But when you stop and think about it, it is odd. Why would a man walk down the street wearing a shirt with another man's name on it?

It is very strange. After all, hasn't the person wearing the shirt got a name of his own? Why is he borrowing someone else's? Very strange and very sad. I don't think you need to be a professional psychologist to see the sadness in it – that a person should feel so inadequate that he has to label himself as someone else in order to feel he's got an identity.

The replica football jersey is just one feature of our so-called 'celebrity culture'. And of course it is closely allied to our 'consumer culture'. Every season the football clubs churn out fresh versions of their kit, sell replicas, and rake in the money from their hapless legion of worshippers. In effect the commercial imperative says "to be happy, buy this shirt and become someone else". Or, if a business is aiming its marketing at ladies, "buy this beauty product and you too can look like your favourite celebrity film star or pop singer".

The Church has been slow to respond to these cultural trends. (You don't see many people wearing shirts with 'Rowan' or 'Sentamu' on the back). But the Christian gospel should have plenty to say about it. As Christians we believe that, in some sense, God created each one of us. We believe that Christ revealed God's love for each individual. We also believe that he died to save us. All of these beliefs imply that every individual has an intrinsic value and is worthy of respect – even more so when you consider that each person is unique.

The commercial world says "buy our product and become someone else." The Christian gospel says "God wants to change you.....into yourself. He wants you to become the person who, at the deepest level, you already are. As Saint Augustine put it, "we are made for God and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in Him." As human beings our deepest desire is to do God's will, actually, even if many people spend a lifetime trying to avoid God by chasing any number of distractions. The gospel message is that you can have peace with God through Christ – that in Christ you can become yourself.

In which case – be thankful for the name you have got. And more than that, "rejoice that your names are written in heaven." (Luke 10 v20).

David Lewis

St Michael and All Angels

HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE
Sunday 2 October at 10.30 followed by
refreshments in the Church
Everyone is very welcome

St. Michael and All Angels' Church.

Sunday 9 October at 9.30

An Informal Service For All.

This service is for all ages, with children in mind. They may wish to bring a favourite toy along or dress up. Success of this service depends on you.

We look forward to welcoming you All.

Autumn Warmer

Come and join us in the Memorial Hall on Saturday 15 October 12-00 to 2-00 pm
Enjoy some home-made soup and a roll, tea or coffee and biscuits.+ Book stall.
£3-50 per head in aid of Church funds

Look forward to greeting you.

All Souls Service

for the parishes of Croft, Eryholme
& Middleton Tyas with Moulton

A service of song and prayer to remember all who have died. All are welcome to light a candle in memory of loved ones.

Service to be held at St.Peter's Church Croft,
on Wednesday 2 November at 7.00 pm.

East Richmond Team Ministry

A Service of Remembrance

For those who died in two World Wars
and other conflicts

9.30, Sunday 13 November
St Michael & All Angels Church

Church Services

10.30 am	Sunday 2nd October 15th after Trinity Harvest Festival	Middleton Tyas	Rev. D. Lewis
9.30 am. 6.00 pm	Sunday 9th October 16th after Trinity Informal Service for All Holy Communion (BCP)	Middleton Tyas Moulton	Rev. D.Lewis Rev. G. Spedding
9.30 am 12.30 pm	Sunday 16th October 17th after Trinity Holy Communion (CW) Baptism	Middleton Tyas Middleton Tyas	Canon R. Stowe Rev. D.Lewis
9.30 am	Sunday 23rd October Last after Trinity Morning Prayer	Middleton Tyas	Mrs. V. Waugh
10 30 am	Sunday 30th October All Saints Day Holy Communion United Benefice Service	Croft	Rev. D. Lewis
7.00 pm	Wednesday 2nd November All Souls Day All Souls Service	Croft	Rev. D. Lewis
9.30 am	Sunday 6th November 3rd before Advent Holy Communion	Middleton Tyas	Ven. S. Golding

Date	Sidesmen	Reading	Reader
2 October	Mrs. M. Sheridan Mrs. J. Nimmins	Philippians 3 : 4b - 14 Matthew 21 : 33 – end	p. 340 p. 341 Mr.R. Congreve
9 October	Miss M. Brown Mrs. P. Swanston	Isaiah 25 : 1 - 9 Matthew 22 : 1 - 14	p.344 p. 347 Mrs E. Croft
16 October	MrW.A.C.Hindhaugh Mrs. S. Mahaffy	1Thessalonians 1 : 1 - 10 Matthew 22 : 15 - 22	p.351 p. 352 Mr. H. Hodgkiss
23 October	Mrs. S. Vaux Mrs. M. Parker	Leviticus 19 : 1 – 2,15 - 18 Matthew 22 :34 - end	p.355 p 357 Mr.W.A.C.Hindhaugh
6 November	Mr S. Hill Mrs M. Hill	1Thessalonians 4 : 13 - end Matthew 25 : 1 - 13	p.381 p.382 Mrs. M. Hill

Everyone will be very welcome at these services.

All readings are as detailed in the Revised Common Lectionary unless otherwise shown.

Please note change of time, the Harvest Festival Service will commence at 10.30am on Sunday, 2nd October.

The 30th October is a United Benefice Service at Croft starting at 10.30am there is no other service in the Benefice on this Sunday. Our joint All Souls Service with Croft and Eryholme is on Wednesday 2nd November at Croft.

Cleaning rota

Sept 26 & Oct 3	Mrs Fox and Mrs Donnison
Oct 10 & 17-	Mrs Baxter and Mrs Gentry
Oct 24 & 31	Mrs Weightman and Mrs Hill

If anyone needs the services of a priest please contact Revd. David Lewis on 01609 881205 or email davidlewis648@btinternet.com

MIDDLETON TYAS VILLAGE SHOP NEWS

Tel: 377198 Open Monday to Friday 8.00 – 6.00, Saturday 8.30 – 1.00

Make it your shop and make your voice count.

Oh no! The clocks go back this month and then we really will be staring winter in the face. Time to curl up by the fire and think about something warm. Here's a good way to start.

How about the easiest curry you can possibly imagine? An onion, meat of your choice – we've got that too – and a bottle of one of Patak's Indian sauces:

- Butter Chicken
- Madras
- Korma
- Rogan Josh
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All at £1.80

While that's cooking you could nibble a samosa – we have them in packs of four for £1.69 and, with Uncle Ben's Express rice just £1.89, the job's done!

If your pleasures come even simpler than that, you could just make yourself a slice of toast, butter it generously and top it with *Middleton Tyas Preserves*.

Three new Autumn jams just in:

- *Blackberry and Apple*
- *Plum and Walnut with Brandy*
- *Damson*

(Sorry we missed the greengages. Perhaps next year.)

Also from *Middleton Tyas Preserves*:

- *Spicy Beetroot Relish*

A mild, sweet pickle with just a hint of warming horseradish and mustard seed. Beetroot like you've never known it and really very more-ish!

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!

ISLA NEGRA

A very quaffable Chilean Red, mellow and fruity with a hint of chocolate. Back in stock at a very competitive £5.20.

WINES OF THE MONTH

MAKULU - South Africa

Chenin Blanc

Serve with seafood, smoked salmon, chicken, pasta or salads

Pinotage

Serve with rich meat dishes, venison, game birds, roasts and mature cheeses

£6.20

Sweets to suit everybody's tastebuds

- **Guzzle Puzzle** – 52p
(Ask your kids what it means! Fruit and spice flavoured gums with all natural ingredients and no E numbers.)
- **Dark Kit-Kat** – 60p
Coated with 70% cocoa solids chocolate
- **Galaxy Little Bit More** – 87p
In delicious Caramel or Cookie Crumble flavours
- **Dairy Box** - £3.50
- **Black Magic Favourites** - £3.50
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