

# Middleton Tyas and Moulton Village News

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It's a black and white drawing but can't you just see how what one day is a tentative green haze on the branches the next day turns to full spring glory when everything looks so new and shiny that it takes your breath away. Barred sunlight across the road, birds singing their hearts out from before dawn, daffodils everywhere. Even when you know that in a few weeks' time you'll be wishing those stupid collar doves would make some other noise or go away from immediately outside your window, the sound of them back in the garden cooing nearby is just wonderful.

It's not even as if, as in the past two years, we have had to struggle through a hard winter. We have really got off very lightly this time but even so spring, when it comes, is just overwhelmingly lovely. Get out and enjoy it!

If you are out in the garden getting it spruced up for summer can you spare a thought for two events coming up? The first is Moulton's Plant Sale in May. If you are splitting perennials or have a few spare pots (and who hasn't!) in which you could sow a few seeds which will be up by May, that would all help to swell the coffers.

The other is the Best Kept Village competition which will be judged in July. Now is the time to start thinking about a hanging baskets and pots and tubs full of flowers, which always seem to wow the judges. One pot outside every house would make a tremendous impact. If you really don't see yourself going to those lengths then a couple of packets of annuals just chucked on the soil now will provide a splash of colour in a few months time and you'll be doing yourself a favour too. The more you plant the better you'll keep the weeds down!

Talking of things growing, it's great to see a new incarnation of the WI (Tyas Tendrils) taking off and things happening to support the village's play park. Brilliant for the village if there is a new generation of residents willing to get stuck in and make things happen. It's a reason to feel optimistic about the future but what about now? Surely there is somebody who cares enough about the village to step up to the plate and join the parish council. If you have been thinking about it but never got round to writing that letter or making the phone call to Chris Jones or any of the parish council to find out what's involved, please do it now. We really do need you.

# 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.*

**At last! The light evenings and lengthening days are here. Lighter days, lighter meals, less effort all round. Perhaps a trip out and take a picnic at Easter? We've got the makings of an excellent picnic for you to choose from.**

- Scotch eggs
- Pork pies
- Pork and apple pies
- Steak and Gravy pies
- Mince and onion pies

(The last two are also available to order in a dinner plate size that would feed 4 – 6.

Then there's quiches:

- Broccoli and cheese
- Egg and bacon
- Leek and bacon
- Mushroom and bacon
- Cheese and tomato

Available in small or medium sizes or a larger tray-bake size to order.

If you prefer to make your own sandwiches our freshly sliced ham and sliced roast beef knock spots of anything else you can buy.

## **Lemon Swirl Cheesecake**

A really summery treat for four

**£2.29**

In the freezer cabinet

WINE OF THE MONTH

WAGONTREE

Merlot Cabernet Sauvignon

Surprisingly good, full Merlot

£5.65

(It's £5.99 in Lidl so stock up now!)

Two new sweets at a pocket money price from **HARIBO** (always a favourite)

- **STARMIX**
- **TANGFASTICS**  
**£1 a bag**

## **Maybe you left it in the shop?**

If you have lost car keys, house keys, tractor keys, items of jewellery, pens etc etc and you have tried hunting everywhere with no success, maybe you left them in the shop. We have loads of lost possessions just waiting for their rightful owners.

Just call in next time you're passing and see if you left whatever you're looking for here.

# YOUR VILLAGE NEEDS YOU!

No, not somebody else – **YOU**

## MIDDLETON TYAS PARISH COUCIL

There is a vacancy for a **PARISH COUNCILLOR** to be co-opted to join the existing team of four.

If you are interested in serving your community, have an interest in local affairs and have some spare time, including attending a monthly evening meeting (usually held on second Wednesday), please write and let us know why you would like to become a Parish Councillor and what qualities you feel you can bring to this position of responsibility.

Expressions of interest addressed to the Parish Council and marked “Confidential” should be sent as soon as possible to:

Mrs Christine Jones, Parish Clerk

The Old Chapel, Middleton Tyas, Richmond, DL10 6PP

or e-mailed to [clerk.mtyas@live.co.uk](mailto:clerk.mtyas@live.co.uk)

If you would like to discuss the position before applying, or need further information, please contact any Parish Councillor, or the Parish Clerk on 377062.

## News from the parish council

### **Council Tax**

The 0.4% increase in the Council Tax for 2012-13 is an adjustment of a decimal point because of the number of properties in the village RDC collects the tax from, which varies from one year to the next.

There is no actual increase in the precept, as has been the case for many years.

### **Best kept village**

We are entering the competition again this year and hope we can do a little bit better than last year. One or two areas in the Village let us down last year but hopefully these will look less untidy this time. Judging will take place in the first two weeks of July as usual so we have a little time to have a look round and get a good start to get the village ready for the judges.

### **Temporary Road Closure of Kneeton Lane**

Jacobs will be installing a conveyor belt underneath the road between Middleton Lodge and Barton Quarry. We are advised by NYCC that this work will now take place between 31 March and 15 April 2012. The closure will affect the stretch of road from the main entrance gates of Middleton Lodge to the T-junction with the Barton Road. We understand there will be pedestrian access and some resident vehicular access during the works. Any further information will be posted on village notice boards.

## Moulton matters

### **Book swap**

The next Bookswap will be held on Saturday 28 April from 1000 – 12 noon in St Andrew's Church. Homemade refreshments will be available. All proceeds will go towards Moulton village funds.

### **T'ai Chi**

Classes are held every Tuesday at 9.30 for an hour in St Andrew's Church. T'ai chi is great fun as well as being beneficial to both health and well-being. Come and see if this very gentle and meaningful martial art exercise is for you. There is no running or jumping about and it can even be done sitting on a chair. All you need is comfortable clothing. £6 per session.

### **Plant Sale**

**The Plant Sale** will be held on **Saturday 19 May at 2.00 pm**. So no need to rush off to the garden centre, come along and buy your bedding plants and annuals at this event. Refreshments will also be available.

## School report

### **Football success**

We are delighted that our Year 5/6 football team have recently enjoyed sporting success in a recent inter schools competition. Our Year 3/4 team also did extremely well in their tournament. Well done everyone!

### **Stained Glass Window**

The children having been working with artist Jane Littlefield to design and create a beautiful stained glass window for our school reception area. This was the culmination of our very successful Heritage Week project. We are delighted to say that the window is now complete and was fitted on Friday 16 March.

### **World Book Week**

We celebrated World Book Week with a variety of exciting events. The staff and children came to school dressed as their favourite book character and a wonderful array of characters wearing very creative costumes resulted. 'Jump To It', a West End London theatre company, came to school to put on a show for us which the children thoroughly enjoyed. We also held a recycled book fair which was well supported by both pupils and parents.

*Helen Richardson*  
Parent Governor

## Thank you

John King and Kate, Nick, Andrew and David Silk would like to thank all their neighbours and friends from the village and surrounding area for their kind words of sympathy and cards following the sad loss of Agnes at the end of December. Thanks to the Rev. David Lewis for a very comforting service and to all who helped with the tea in the Village Hall.

## New kissing gates

In 2010 Middleton Tyas Residents' Association approached Adrian Speir and Ralph Congreve to ask if it would be possible for some of the stiles across the footpaths around the village to be changed for kissing gates to make the paths more user friendly for elderly dogs – and their owners. Four kissing gates were requested and a plan was drawn up by John Vickers.

Following helpful discussions between Adrian Speir, Peter Penny and Andy Brown (both of NYCC Public Rights of Way Dept.) funding was obtained to facilitate the installation of thirteen new kissing gates to add to the four already

installed by Adrian and Ralph. This will enable a number of circular walks around the village to be more accessible. A plan of all these footpaths is available from Frank Jones (01325 377222) or John Vickers (01325 377525) who will also be pleased to give advice on the terrain.

We would just like to remind dog owners that their dogs must be under control at all times, and preferably on leads, when using these footpaths and it their duty to 'pick up' after their dogs. Many Happy Walkies!



## Red, White and Blue on The Green

Hope you can join us for an informal picnic on The Green to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, from noon on **Sunday 3 June**. If you would like to help please contact Susan Mahaffy on 377600 or Yvonne Nicholson on 377847. More details in next month's Village News.

## Memorial Hall

The Middleton Tyas Memorial Hall AGM will be taking place at 7.00pm on Thursday 12 April in the Memorial Hall. Everyone is very welcome.

## Tyas Tendrils

(That's the new name for the re-incarnated WI.) They are off to a flying start and have committed themselves to supporting 'Help for Heroes'. If you would like to support them and a very worthy cause that has a lot of resonance locally, then

come to their open meeting in April. You can even pay in cake - or just make them a cake anyway! Please read on.

## Tyas Tendrils WI

invite you to

**An evening with guest speaker Jill Grainge  
From 'Help for Heroes', Catterick Garrison**

Wednesday 4 April, 7.30 in the Memorial Hall

Jill will be talking about how 'Help for Heroes' began and what has been achieved in such a short space of time and how money has helped them secure a rehabilitation unit at Catterick. She will be sharing some inspirational stories of courage and determination.

Members and on-members of all ages are very welcome. The price for non members of all ages is £3 on the door or you can pay in cake instead! We are inviting for all members and non-members to bring a cake as Tyas Tendrils are supporting the 'Help for Heroes Colossal Cake Sale' on Thursday 5 April at Tesco, Catterick Garrison.

Further information from Clare Fish 01325 377722 or Michelle Hope 01325 339802

## Can anybody help?

Can anybody help me trace Kate Kendall, who lived in the village for several years until quite recently? She lived at 1 The Cottage (Dunroamin), School Bank, moving out about a year ago. Can anyone who can put me back in touch with her, please e-mail [globe\\_trotters@hotmail.com](mailto:globe_trotters@hotmail.com), or call 07845973635.

## Middleton Tyas Cricket Club



Unfortunately the Cricket Club Dinner Dance has had to be postponed. It is hoped to re-organise it for later this year.

## Anyone 4 cricket?

Calling all Boycott's, Botham's, Flintoff's or would be Tendulka's. Middleton Tyas Cricket Club is looking for new players of any ability and age to join our friendly



competitive team, who will be playing in the Darlington & District A Division this season. If you are interested in joining or just having a go, come along to indoor nets at Carmel School Darlington on Wednesday evenings 6pm-7pm calling m, running until 11<sup>th</sup> April, then (weather permitting) outdoor nets down at the cricket ground- Middleton Lodge.

For more information contact- Adrian Rummel 07799344814 or Dan Smith 0779129 1232. Check out the Cricket Club's web-site at [www.middletontyas.net](http://www.middletontyas.net).

## The Friends of Middleton Tyas Play Park

would like to invite you to  
**A Quiz Night**

Friday 11th May, 7.30  
in the Memorial Hall

£5 per person, teams of 4

Pie and Pea Supper included

Bring your own wine

Tickets available from  
Clare Fish 01325 377722  
Christine Jones 01325 377062  
Andrea Clayton 07971 642027

The Richmond Support Group  
St Teresa's Hospice  
invite you to

### TEATIME TREATS

Afternoon tea with bubbles and a cookery  
demonstration  
Thursday 3 May, 2.00

Generously hosted by Middleton Lodge

Tickets £12 are available from members of the  
Richmond Support Group or from Liz Barker, 23  
Oakfields, Tel 377544

## Coffee Morning success

Sam Brookes would like to thank everyone who attended or helped with the recent Coffee Morning in aid of the Amala Childrens Home, India. A fantastic total of £ 362.00 was raised. From the Morning there is one unclaimed raffle prize: peach ticket number 47.

Sam also completed a sponsored walk on Saturday 17 March from Keld to Reeth – a distance of over 12 miles - to add to this total. If you would like any further information about this cause or should you like to donate please contact Sam on 01325 377897.

## Do you remember?

**Thomas Henry Atkinson** who lived, with his wife **Jane Hall Atkinson**, at The Rookery, Middleton Tyas, in the early 1920's. Does anyone remember them? Or their children? Or have any information on them or their life in the village? I have a few snippets already -- Mrs Atkinson apparently paid for the (new) organ in the church. A descendant is trying to trace his family history and would very much appreciate any memories or documents relating to the Atkinsons. Many thanks for your help.

*Christine Jones - The Old Chapel – 377062*

## Trip to The Sage

Saturday 23 June  
Opera North

## Die Walkure

Last year's performance of Das Rheingold was superb – even the critics raved about it. The coach will leave Aldbrough St John at 2.00 pm to give time to eat on arrival if wished. The performance starts at 4.30 and ends about 10.00 with a meal interval. Coach and excellent seat - £53. Please contact Janet Hall on 01325 374112 Or [janet.hall@finklecroft.me.uk](mailto:janet.hall@finklecroft.me.uk).

A popular classics trip is planned for 6 April. Please ask for details.

## Bus timetable

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, Marine Barracks	0752	0952	1152	1352	1552	1705
Scorton, The White Hiffer	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)						
Code	Sch NSch					
Darlington, Morage 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, Marine 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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## Claiming dates

### April

- Wednesday 4 April 7.30 'Help for Heroes' – How it all began' WI Open Meeting with speaker
- Wednesday 11 April 7.00 Parish Council meeting
- Saturday 14 April Church Coffee Morning 10.00-12.00
- Saturday 28 April Moulton Bookswap 10.00-12.00

### May

- Friday 11 May 7.30 Quiz Night in aid of MT Play Park
- Saturday 29 May 2.00 Plant Sale, St Andrew's Church, Moulton

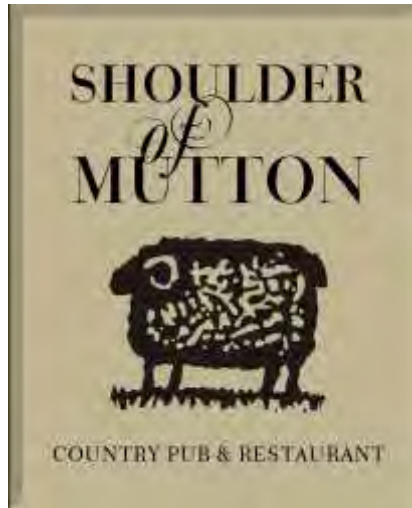
### June

- Sunday 3 June Diamond Jubilee Village Picnic
- Saturday 23 June Bookswap 10.00 – 12 noon, St Andrew's, Moulton

*All events are in the Memorial Hall unless otherwise stated.*

## Editor's corner

Copy for the may issue please by 20 April to 2 The Green , tel 377311 or e-mail me at [dianahthomas@gmail.com](mailto:dianahthomas@gmail.com).



**Tel No 01325 377271**

**We have a lot going on this Month so come down the Pub in April for**

**Join our Curry Club**

Every Tuesday Night, collect your loyalty card on your next visit to get some great offers, some people have already got free wine & free curries

**Gourmet Food & Wine Evening Thu 3<sup>rd</sup> May**

Our resident Chefs have prepared a delicious tasting menu using the region's finest produce and guest speaker from Simon Wrightson Wines will introduce the wines that compliment.

Space is very limited so please be sure to book early, in our "Upstairs" Private Room

**Take Aways**

Fancy a treat but don't want to eat out, can't be bothered to cook, well, Take Away Fish & Chips or Curry of the Day available from the Pub Sunday - Thursday evenings

6.00-8.30

£7.25 Fish & Chips

£8.95 Curry of the Day

**Friday Steak Night**

Go on Friday night treat, 2 of our great Sirloin Steaks and a bottle of House Wine £39.50 for 2

Quote steak night on booking

**Charity Fire Walk**

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> April

Have you ever fancied walking on fire? Now is your chance all in aid of Charity, Contact us now for a sponsor form, sponsor Fran & Kev to do it and come and watch.

**Coming in May**

Shoulder of Mutton Golf Day

Call for details and application form



## Letter from Rev David Lewis

### **Jerusalem**

Every few days I travel into Northallerton to do my shopping. Driving home up the A167 it is always a joy to come around the bend at Salutation Farm. In the distance, a mile away on the next ridge, you can see Great Smeaton shining in the sunlight – a place of dreams – the city set on the hill – the New Jerusalem. Well, maybe not quite. Or not quite yet. But what of the Old Jerusalem?

I have just finished reading Simon Sebag Montefiore's acclaimed book called 'Jerusalem – The Biography'. This magnificent work traces the history of the place from earliest times up to the present day, and tries to tell the story in an even-handed way that is fair to Jews, Christians and Muslims. On the whole the book is very readable, with helpful photos and maps. There are plenty of colourful characters and lots of significant events, for as the author says "the history of Jerusalem is the history of the world."

I must admit that at some points I got confused by the complicated names, and struggled to remember who was related to whom. Also, at times, the sheer amount of violence becomes sickening, as the reader is treated to yet another siege, massacre or atrocity. It is a fascinating history but also a very sad one in some respects. One example would be the Crusades – for many of us in the West these are perceived as a distant medieval thing that belong to a bygone era, but for many people in the Middle East the memories remain fresh and the Crusades might as well have happened last week.

Of course the current (seemingly insoluble) problems of the Holy Land are, at least in part, the fault of the British. During the First World War the Turkish Ottoman Empire was crumbling. The British government issued the Balfour Declaration promising Palestine to the Jews, at the same time that Lawrence of Arabia was promising it to the Arabs. It is pretty obvious, especially with hindsight, that this was a recipe for trouble in the future.

From a Christian perspective the most significant site in the city is the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, built over Christ's empty tomb. Sadly even this place has provided a focal-point for tension and trouble. The building is divided between six different denominations, and since

the Middle Ages the keys of the church have been entrusted to a local Muslim family in an attempt to keep the peace between the rival factions. It has also been the scene of tragic stampedes during the annual Easter ceremony of the lighting of the holy fire.

So it all adds up to a very messy history. And it was into this mess that Jesus chose to come. "And when he drew near and saw the city he wept over it, saying, 'Would that even today you knew the things that make for peace!' (Luke 19 v 41-42).

*David Lewis*

### **Easter Flowers**

We shall be decorating the church for Easter at 3pm after the Service of Meditation on Good Friday. Please would all arrangers come to the church at 3.00. Any donations of flowers or foliage or help that afternoon would be hugely appreciated.

### **St Michael's Majors**

This month's tea will be on Thursday 19 April , 3.00 – 5.00 in the Memorial Hall. The usual travel arrangements apply.

### **Bible study**

Our fortnightly Thursday morning sessions will start again on Thursday 19 April at 10.30 in All Saints' East Cowton annexe – all very welcome.

## St Michael and All Angels Church

### **COFFEE MORNING**

in aid of Church funds.

You are invited to drop in for a chat and relax  
on

Saturday 14 April 2012

10.00 am until noon

In the

Memorial Hall

Entrance £3-50 Adults

£1-75 Children

This includes coffee, tea or squash and  
bacon butty.

Book Stall and Raffle

We look forward to seeing you.

## Church Services

9.30 am	<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> April</b> Holy Communion ( CW ) <b>PCC meeting after the Service.</b>	<b>Palm Sunday</b>	Middleton Tyas	Rev. D. Lewis
7-30 pm	<b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> April</b> United Benefice Holy Communion ( CW )	<b>Maundy Thursday</b>	North Cowton	Rev. D. Lewis
2.00 pm	<b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup> April</b> Meditation	<b>Good Friday</b>	Middleton Tyas	Rev. G. Spedding
9.30 am.	<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> April</b> Holy Communion ( CW )	<b>Easter Day</b>	Middleton Tyas	Rev. G. Spedding
6.00 pm	Holy Communion ( BCP )		Moulton	Rev. G. Spedding
10.30 am	<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> April</b> Holy Communion ( CW ) Holy Communion ( CW )	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> of Easter</b>	Danby Wiske Manfield	Rev. D. Lewis Rev. W. Sims
9.30 am	<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April</b> <i>Morning Prayer</i>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> of Easter</b>	Middleton Tyas	Mrs. D. Pownall
1.30 pm	<b>Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> April</b> Wedding		Middleton Tyas	Rev. G. Spedding
9.30 am	<b>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April</b> Holy Communion Service for All	<b>4<sup>th</sup> of Easter</b>	Middleton Tyas	Rev. D. Lewis
6.30 pm	Confirmation Service		East Cowton	Rt. Rev. J. Packer
9.30 am	<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> May</b> Holy Communion ( CW )	<b>5<sup>th</sup> of Easter</b>	Middleton Tyas	Rev. D. Lewis

<b>Date</b>	<b>Sidesmen</b>	<b>Reading</b>	<b>Reader</b>
1 April 2012	Mrs. R. Aitken Mrs. P. Aitken	Philippians 2 : 5 - 11 Mark 11 : 1 - 11	p. 472 p. 468 Mr. H. Hodgkiss
8 April	Miss M. Brown Mrs. D. Carter	Isaiah 25 : 6 - 9 John 20 : 1 - 18	p. 483 p. 485 Mrs. M. Hill
22 April	Mr. S. Hill Mrs. M. Hill	Zephaniah 3 : 14 - end Luke 24 : 36b - 48	p.1055 p. 493 Mrs. E. Croft
29 April	Mr.W.A.C.Hindhaugh Mrs. S. Mahaffy	The Good Shepherd	Toby Holdstock
6 May	Mrs. M. Sheridan Mrs. J. Nimmins	Acts 8 : 26 - end John 15 : 1 - 8	p. 496 p. 499 Mr.W.A.C.Hindhaugh

### Cleaning rota

March 26, April 2	Mrs Thompson and Mrs Potts
April 9 and 16	Mrs Baxter and Mrs Gentry
April 23 and 30	Mrs Weightman and Mrs Hill

Please note there will be a United Benefice Service at North Cowton on Maundy Thursday at 7-30 pm.

**The Holy Week timetable can be seen at St. Michael's, St. Andrew's and the village notice boards.**

There are two services in the Benefice on Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> April at 10.30 am, you will be very welcome to attend either church.

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

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