

Middleton Tyas and Moulton Village News

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*You are cordially invited to
A Diamond Jubilee Picnic
Sunday 3 June
From 12.00 noon
Middleton Tyas Village Green*

Everybody is invited to come and celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee with an informal picnic on The Green on Sunday 3 June. Bring your own picnic and drinks plus your own cutlery and crockery. There will be seats and tables and The Green will be decorated with bunting. Children's Jubilee artwork (see below for details of this) will be on display in the Memorial Hall together with the 'Crown Jewels'. Supposing it rains? No problem. We'll just have it in the Memorial Hall instead.

You could make the picnic totally easy by just getting it all from the Village Shop. The shop will be open from 11.00 – 1.00 on the Sunday morning selling plated salads, sandwiches, pies, scotch eggs, cakes, crisps, soft drinks, wine and beer for your picnic. To be certain of getting exactly what you want, complete the order form in this issue of the Village News and drop it in to the shop by Wednesday 30 May. After that it's first come, first served! The shop will also be selling tea, coffee and cakes and ice cream during the afternoon.

There's still some planning work to be done and the next meeting is on Monday 21 May at 11.00 in the Memorial Hall. If you would like to help on the day in any way or have any ideas of your own about how we could celebrate this unique occasion, you would be very welcome at this meeting or ring Yvonne Nicholson on 377847 or Susan Mahaffy on 377600..

Calling all children

Send the Queen your very own Diamond Jubilee message. Design her a Diamond Jubilee card and write your message inside. The card should be no bigger than A4 folded in half. All entries will be sent to Buckingham Palace after they have been put on display in the Memorial Hall on the day of the picnic. And if you are still feeling creative make yourself a crown to wear at the picnic. All children under the age of 16 at the picnic must be accompanied by an adult.

News from the parish council

Temporary road closures

1 Scotch Corner

The Highways Agency is going to resurface Scotch Corner roundabout from 14-28 May. The work will be done overnight from 8.00 – 6.00. From time to time they will have to close the A6108 Richmond and Middleton Tyas junctions and diversions will be signposted through local roads.

2 Kneeton Lane

Kneeton Lane will be closed from 2 - 10 June to enable contractors to put in a tunnel for the conveyor to take stone from Middleton Lodge to Barton Quarry. The tunnel will be under the road near Under Kneeton and the Lodge Gates. The road will be closed from the Lodge entrance (Cricket Field) and the Barton road junction. It is hoped that people will not have too much trouble getting about over the Jubilee weekend.

Copper cable thefts

PC John Wilbor attended our April meeting and told us it is very difficult to prevent such thefts happening as the Police cannot be everywhere at all times. BT do have some form of alarm system on some of their cables but whether they are going to put one on the cable between the Barton exchange and Middleton Tyas we do not know. PC Wilbor again stressed the importance of remaining vigilant and reporting anything suspicious to the Police on 101 or 999 in an emergency.

Parish councillor

There is still a vacancy for a councillor. If anyone is interested in becoming a parish councillor please contact the Parish Clerk on 377062 or any parish councillor. Contact details are on the three village notice boards.

Middleton Tyas Annual Meeting and Parish Assembly

Wednesday 16 May 7.00
Memorial Hall

All residents are invited to come and hear from representatives of local organisations about what has gone on in the past year. There will be an opportunity for questions from the floor and discussion of issues of local concern and interest.

Moulton matters

Plant Sale

Moulton will be holding a **Plant Sale on Saturday 19 May from 11.00 at St Andrew's Church**. Come along and buy your summer bedding, tomato plants and other perennials at this event. Delicious homemade snacks will be available. A tombola will also be held, so come along with lots of change and stock up your gardens. Proceeds will be going toward Moulton village funds. Watch out for the banner!

Bookswaps

The Bookswap and sale of cards held on 24 March raised £68.20. Thanks to all who assisted. An additional £19.30 was raised in March from 'Books in the Bus Shelter'. Watch out for the new date on the blackboards when books have been refreshed. The next Bookswap will be held on Saturday 23 June from 10.00 – 12.00 noon in St Andrew's Church. Homemade refreshments will be available. All proceeds will go towards Moulton village funds.

Best Kept Village Competition

We have entered this competition once again this year. The 'Grass Cutters' are doing a terrific job with the verges around the village. The judges will be looking out for colour and neatness as well as evidence of community activity. So please bear this in mind when planting out your hanging baskets and borders. Judging will take place in the first two weeks of July.

School report

Cross Country

We are delighted to have achieved sporting success in the recent Cross Country event held at Catterick Racecourse. Our Year 5 boy's team came first and all the children who participated did extremely well.

Stained Glass Window

Our beautiful stained glass window has officially been blessed. A special assembly was held in school and members of the local community who had come in to help with the Heritage Week project were invited to join the school for this special celebration. Afterwards the guests enjoyed tea, coffee and cake, served by BINC, the school's young enterprise initiative.

Spring Ball

The school PTA are delighted to announce that

the recent James Bond themed Spring Ball has raised over £5000. The event was held at Middleton Lodge, by kind permission of Mr James Allison and family. Guests were greeted by a choir from Darlington Arts Centre who serenaded them with a medley of James Bond theme tunes as they enjoyed a drink on arrival. During the evening a silent auction and raffle were held. Later the 137 guests enjoyed a delicious three course meal with coffee, followed by music and dancing.

The money raised will be put towards the building of an outdoor classroom. The PTA would like to thank everyone who kindly donated prizes for the auction and raffle.

Topics This term the Infants are looking at the topic of 'Pirates' and the Juniors are 'Going For Gold', linking their topic to the up and coming London Olympics.

Helen Richardson
Parent Governor

All change at the Village Shop

At the AGM on 30 March, Jill McMullon, Gerry Hudson and Liz Croft stood down as directors of the Village Shop and new directors were elected. The village owes Jill, Gerry and Liz a great debt of gratitude for keeping the shop going through thick and thin. They have made a huge investment of their time, energy and commitment and the shop is a great asset, whether or not you personally shop there. It is a hub of village life and, with the pub and the school, adds significantly to the desirability of the village. You just read any estate agent's blurb about Middleton Tyas to see how often it gets a mention.

The new directors are Diana Thomas (Chairman), Sandy Baxter (Treasurer), Peter Collis (Secretary) Frances Hacking (Licensee), Simon Edwards and Jed Etherington. We have taken over at a difficult time for small businesses everywhere, compounded in our case by the opening of M&S Simply Food at Scotch Corner. But we are fighting back. Sandy is putting in a huge amount of time getting to grips with the financial picture and drawing up a financial plan for the next year and onward.

Some new faces are appearing behind the counter and we are gradually compiling a good, easy to understand training programme for all aspects of shop activity. We have been true to our word and people who have offered to help in the shop are only doing as much or as little

as they want to. It's not a question of 'Offer in a moment of weakness and you are stuck for life.' Needless to say we would be very glad of more offers of help, particularly to serve in the shop for a couple of hours every other week or so. Less if that's what suits you.

We're pressing ahead with our promise to promote truly local produce and word is getting around about Liz Simpson's totally yummy Sticky Toffee Pudding. Other products will be following over the coming weeks and we are pleased to be able to offer competitively-priced fresh meat which comes in three times a week from Taylor's, who already supply the very popular pies and cooked meats.

On Saturday May 19 we're holding an All Morning Breakfast in the Memorial Hall, the first of what we hope will be many events which raise the profile of the shop, showcase our products, make a few pounds for the shop but also, and as importantly, are just sociable, enjoyable events for everyone. So come in, buy a paper and then go to the hall to meet your friends, have a chat or read the paper and enjoy a bacon buttie, croissants and marmalade or Danish pastries and a cup of tea or coffee. We'll be much in evidence at the Diamond Jubilee Village Picnic too, supplying everything you might need for a picnic and cakes, ice creams, tea and coffee during the afternoon.

It should be fun but it is also a pretty tough challenge for a small enterprise such as the shop in a very choppy economic ocean. We are working really hard at it but to make this thing succeed we need all the support we can get, particularly in terms of customers from the village. Every pound you spend with us makes a real difference. Next month we'll be able to let you know the date of the first open meeting for shareholders, Friends of the Shop and anyone who has an interest in how the shop is doing, when we will share with you our analysis of the business and financial plan for the first year of trading on our watch.

Neighbourhood Watch

During March there were three instances of diesel theft from lorries parked up in the Scotch Corner area, indicative of the general rise in diesel thefts. Lay-bys around the village are clearly vulnerable and every one is asked to take note as you drive past and if you see anything suspicious to report it to North Yorkshire Police on 101.

Middleton Tyas Village Shop

invites you to
An All Morning Breakfast

in the Memorial Hall
Saturday 19 May
10.00 – 12.00

Bacon Butties and tea or coffee
£3.50, Children £1.75

Also on sale:

Freshly baked Croissants and
marmalade and Danish pastries
£1 extra.

Top-ups of tea and coffee free.

Raffle

Middleton Tyas Golf Society

The annual outing for the Middleton Tyas Golf Society will again be held at Appleby Golf Club on Wednesday 12 September.

This is the 30th year that the Invitation Shield has been competed for, Ken Hodgson, 1982, being the first winner's name inscribed on the shield. This year's competition will follow the usual format, starting with the nine-hole team competition in the morning followed by the main individual competition over 18 holes in the afternoon. The usual meals and refreshments will be available from the Appleby Golf Club.

Full details of times, costs and where application forms will be available from, will be included in the July Village News.

Lost ?

A brass key has been found in the used stamp pot in the post office. Presumably it was dropped by somebody using the post office. It can be claimed from the shop.

WE CAN DANCE

Would like to invite you to our

ASCOT'S LADIES DAY

Crathorne Hall, Yarm
Thursday 21 June at 1.30

**Champagne Cocktail reception
and
Traditional Afternoon Tea**

**Have a flutter as you watch the
racing live**

**Bottle of champagne for the most
elegant hat**

**Tickets £20.00 available from
Pauline (377137)
or Yvonne (377847)**

Registered charity No. 1136698

Middleton Tyas and Moulton WI 'Tyas Tendrils'

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday 2
May at 7.30 in the Memorial Hall.
Please come along and bring a friend. The
more the merrier.

Non-members £3.00, which includes a cup of
tea or coffee with cake and biscuits, and a
good evening.

For more information please contact the
Committee Secretary - Michelle Hope on
07934 676933.

Middleton Tyas Village Shop Jubilee Picnic Order Form

For collection from 11.00 Sunday 3 June. Please pay when you place your order

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone _____

	Quantity	Price £
Plated salads with roll and butter £3.00 each		
Ham		
Roast Beef		
Gala Pie		
Filled Petit Pain rolls £1.95 or Demi baguettes £2.95		
<i>Please write in which size you would like (PP or DB) and the quantity of each</i>		
Coronation Chicken PP/DB		
Tuna Mayonnaise PP/DB		
Egg mayonnaise.....PP/DB		
Ham PP/DB		
Beef PP/DB		
Cheese PP/DB		
Would you like salad garnish or pickle, mustard or horseradish with your sandwich order? Please write in what you would like alongside each sandwich option.		
Taylor's Pork Pies		
Individual 80p		
Pork and Apple 85p		
1lb Pork Pie £1.89		
1.5lb Pork Pie 32.83		
2lb Pork Pie £3.37		
4lb Pork Pie £6.61		
Taylor's quiches		
Egg and ham £2.30		
Leek and ham £2.30		
Bacon and mushroom £2.30		
Cheese and tomato £2.30		
Cheese and onion £2.30		
Broccoli and cheese £2.30		
TOTAL		

Church News

Letter from Rev Geoff Spedding

Further changes are afoot in the East Richmond Team Ministry - yes – again!

At the end of March, we were given the following announcement to make regarding a new appointment for my wife, Lesley :

The Revd Lesley Anne Cheetham, presently Vicar of Easby, Brompton-on-Swale, Bolton-on-Swale and Skeeby in this diocese, to be Chaplain at Overgate Hospice, Elland, in the diocese of Wakefield.

In the normal run of things, it is likely that Lesley's departure from N Yorkshire and the beginning of her new post will take place in late June.

As you may well know, I have been granted leave of absence for May, June and July. On my return, I will be able honour my commitments to ERTM, both taking planned weddings, and sharing the Sunday services until the end of September. This will give opportunity for David Lewis to take some holiday before the winter season opens up.

My last Sunday will be 30 September, which will be one of our 5th Sunday United Services – venue to be decided. So it will be a chance for me to bid farewell to many of the Team together on that occasion.

The time has rocketed by! Three years!! And then, very suddenly, it all comes to an end. I had thought until just a few weeks ago that I would be returning to ERTM on an open-ended basis after my time away. Now, Lesley's appointment has hastened the time of my retirement proper. It's really important for us to be able to move to West Yorkshire, as Lesley's parents both turn 90 this year; neither of them is in particularly good health – Mother's mobility and sight is poor, and Father has been diagnosed with Alzheimer's, so they are going to need a good deal of support in the immediate future; and Lesley is the only surviving child! So this opportunity has come just at the right time and place for us.

It will mean our removal to West Yorkshire – to a house high on the hills above Halifax. I'm going to have to learn how to garden at altitude (about 1000ft) – a big change from Swale-side! But I'm looking forward to dog-walks on the

hills! I'm sure there will be plenty of opportunity for good-byes later in the summer. Hopefully by then we'll have clear news about a new Team Rector
With all good wishes
Geoff Spedding

ERTM Mothers' Union

A copy of the MU submission to the Home Office's consultation on the definition of domestic violence is available on the MU table in All Saints' annexe. Yes, sadly this problem is far from unknown in our villages. A churches response pack on domestic abuse is available from www.restoredrelationships.org (part of Tear Fund)

ERTM Bible Study

Our fortnightly Thursday morning sessions led by Revd David Lewis and Canon Rachel Stowe will continue on May 3, 17 and 31 at 10.30am at All Saints' Annexe – all welcome. The Lent groups studying 'The King's Speech' found it so riveting that a request was made for a showing of this film, which will take place at All Saints' Annexe, East Cowton (with its super large screen) on Thursday evening 21 June. Admission by ticket (no charge, but a limited number) are available from members of the group.

St Michael's Majors

This month's tea will be held on Thursday 17 May from 3.00 – 5.00 in the Memorial Hall. The usual travel arrangements apply.

Claiming dates

<p>May Friday 11 May 7.30 Quiz Night in aid of MT Play Park Saturday 29 May 2.00 Plant Sale, from 11.00 St Andrew's Church, Moulton</p> <p>June Sunday 3 June Diamond Jubilee Village Picnic Saturday 23 June Bookswap 10.00 – 12 noon, St Andrew's, Moulton</p> <p>September Thursday 6 September 10.00 Coffee Morning, Richmond Town Hall In aid of Friends of Middleton Tyas Play Park <i>All events are in the Memorial Hall unless otherwise stated.</i></p>
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Editor's corner

Copy for the June issue by 20 May please to dianathomas@gmail.com, 377311 or 2 The Green, Middleton Tyas.

Church services

9.30 am.	Sunday 6 th May Holy Communion (CW)	5 th of Easter	Middleton Tyas	Rev. D. Lewis
9.30 am. 6.00 pm.	Sunday 13 th May Morning Prayer (BCP) Holy Communion (BCP)	6 th of Easter	Middleton Tyas Moulton	Mr. M. Idale Rev. D. Lewis
2.00 pm.	Saturday 19 th May Wedding		Middleton Tyas	Rev. D. Lewis
9.30 am.	Sunday 20 th May Holy Communion (CW)	7 th of Easter	Middleton Tyas	Ven. S. Golding
1.00 pm.	Friday 25 th May Wedding		Middleton Tyas	Ven. S. Golding
9.30 am.	Sunday 27 th May Morning Prayer (CW)	Pentecost	Middleton Tyas	Mrs. V. Waugh
12 noon 2.30 pm.	Saturday 2 nd June Wedding Wedding		Middleton Tyas “	Ven. S. Golding Ven. S. Golding
9.30 am.	Sunday 3 rd June Holy Communion (CW)	Trinity Sunday	Middleton Tyas	Ven. S. Golding

Date	Sidesmen	Reading	Reader
6 May 2012	Mrs. M. Sheridan Mrs. S. Vaux	Acts John 8 : 26 - end 15 : 1 - 8	p. 496 p. 499 Mr.A.W.C.Hindhough
13 May	Dr. N.C.Weightman Mrs. L.Weightman	Isaiah John 55 : 1 - 11 15 : 9 - 17	p.1061 p. 502 Mr. R. Congreve
20 May	Mrs. J. Nimmins Mrs. M. Parker	Acts John 1 : 15 – 17, 21 - end 17 : 6 - 19	p. 503 p. 505 Mrs. S. Vaux
27 May	Mr. S. Hill Mrs M. Hill	Ezekiel John 37 : 1 - 14 15: 26–27, 16:4b-15	p. 507 p. 510 Mr. P. Nimmins
3 June	Mr. R. Aitken Mrs.P. Aitken	Romans John 8 : 12 - 17 3 : 1 - 17	p. 513 p. 514 Mrs E Davies

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

Flowers: Daphne Carter will be in charge of church flowers this month.

Cleaning rota

Week beginning 7 & 14 May Mrs Jen Smith and Mrs M Stead
21 & 28 May Mrs Simpson and Mrs Alsop

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.

We're proud to announce the opening of

THE SMALLEST BUTCHER'S SHOP IN THE WORLD!

(Well, don't ask us to prove that but it's pretty small.) The point is that Taylor's now deliver competitively-priced fresh meat three times a week so we will always have some of their range of meat in stock; chops, chicken fillets, loin of pork, minced steak – all your favourites for an easy-to-cook dinner. If there is something you would like especially, like a half leg of lamb, we would be happy to order it for you, though we might struggle with keeping a turkey. After all, it is an extremely small butcher's shop! Come and see for yourself.

Word is getting around.....

Liz Simpson makes an extremely yummy

Sticky Toffee Pudding

A pudding for 3 –4 people is £3.75 and you'll find them in the Deli counter

Here's something new to nibble with a drink:

CROSTINI

Little bread rounds slowly baked with olive oil, garlic and salt. Top them with cheese, pate, salami or just eat them straight from the bag. They are very, very more-ish At £1.50 for 150g, they are a great deal cheaper than you'll find in Sainsbury's or Morrison's and they are locally made. What's not to like?

We decided to try selling cake by the slice for people who fancy something nice for tea but don't want to buy a whole sponge. You are obviously enjoying this idea! If you're lucky the cake of the day will be one of Liz Simpson's Victoria Sponges!

FRESH CREAM AND STRAWBERRY MERINGUES

That's another experiment that seemed to go down quite well. Look out for them on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from now on.

WINE OF THE MONTH

We've got the perfect summer drinking to go with crostini. Fans of Wagon Tree Merlot Cabernet Sauvignon will be pleased to discover.

WAGON TREE ROSE

Is similarly surprisingly good, full and flavoursome. And at £5.65 it's still cheaper than you'll find at Lidl's.

DIARY DATES

Please come and sample our
ALL MORNING BREAKFAST
Saturday 19 May in the Hall – bacon butties, croissants and marmalade and Danish pastries with your cup of tea or coffee.

JUBILEE PICNIC – Sunday 3 June.
We'll be open from 11.00 – 1.00 for all your picnic requirements including cakes, crisps, cheese, soft drinks etc. To be sure of getting what you would like, use the order form in this issue. Let us know if you would like a bottle of wine (or three !) kept in the chiller for you.

May Bank Holiday - Monday 7 May. We'll be open 8.30 – 10.30