

Middleton Tyas and Moulton Village News

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Let's hear it for the Village Shop

Here's our community shop, dressed overall, along with 279 other community shops throughout the country ready to celebrate Community Shops Fortnight this month. They have all of them been set up by their own rural communities to provide a needed service and to help maintain the service, connections, support and practical help that distinguishes a living village from an anonymous commuter suburb.

They almost all depend upon additional financial support from their communities whether it's through the parish precept, fundraising activities, share issues or donations. That's not as a result of business failure. If they were in places that offered brilliant commercial opportunities waiting to be snapped up they wouldn't need to exist.

Over the past fifteen years or so they have become a quirky, very British institution, each the product of its own community. So let's hear it for community shops, especially ours, which has suffered very badly in the past year from a fall off in trade. So much so that for six months the shop was losing, in round figures, £500 a month and by the end of March had got to the position where it could only have stayed open for another couple of months.

However, with a radical change in purchasing policy and your support, in May we made a £200 profit for the month. That's thanks to about £10,500 coming in over the counter and over £400 in other income including the profits from the All Morning Breakfast, purchase of shares and the Monthly Draw. Thanks you so much to everyone who has made that possible.

BUT, and it's a very big 'but', trading conditions are extremely tough, **We need to take £45 an hour to break even. We currently take £40.** Bridging that gap is achievable and we haven't got long to do it but May's results prove it is possible and we are in with a fighting chance.

Fifteen new customers a day each spending £5 would make the difference. So would upping the current average daily spend per customer from about £3.50 to £5. If you don't use the shop at the moment please give it a try. There's a lot tucked away in that small space and there must be something there for everybody. It really is the case that your spend will help make the critical difference and the more that comes in over the counter, the more can be spent on stock.

MIDDLETON TYAS VILLAGE SHOP NEWS

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

There's so much we would like to have in stock but where to put it all? The secret is (we hope!) to buy little and often and that's what we're doing.

Thanks to the good offices of Simon, Kevin and Fran at The Shoulder of Mutton, we are now able to get really fresh fruit and vegetables several times a week at competitive prices. Come and see for yourself.

The only thing holding us back is where to put it so the faster you buy, the sooner we can get in more! We'll also be happy to take orders if there is something you specially want.

THE SMALLEST BUTCHER'S SHOP IN THE WORLD!

(Actually it's in the chiller in the passage between the shop and the back office. The point is that Taylor's now deliver fresh meat on Monday, Wednesday and Friday so we will always have some of their range of meat in stock; loin chops or chump chops of lamb, chicken fillets, loin of pork, minced steak, sirloin or fillet steaks, gammon rashers and sausages – all your favourites for an easy-to-cook dinner. Some frozen meat from Taylor's is in the freezer alongside. The quality is excellent and it's competitively priced. If there is something you would particularly like, we'll be happy to get it for you if you order Tuesday, Thursday or Friday.

Edwina's cakes are selling like..... well, hot cakes

We're now buying in more of her iced sponges and a bigger range of scones (Have you tried ginger scones or cherry scones yet?) and slices. Flap jack always sells well but have you tried her Cappuccino Slice, Peanut Butter Slice, Caramel Shortbread or Bakewell Slice? We have a different selection every week so let us know if you have any special favourites. If only we had more room.....!

Supporting local producers

They don't come much more local than this so let's support our local suppliers!

- Our eggs come from Bruce Willis, Gilling West.
- Cakes come from Edwina's Cakes, Richmond
- Greta Crayton, Middleton Tyas, makes Cottage Pies, Fish Pies and Caribbean Pork.
- Liz Simpson, Middleton Tyas, makes Chilli con Carne, Sticky Toffee Pudding, Crostini, cakes and more
- Middleton Tyas Preserves make jams, chutneys and marmalades with local fruit in the village.
- Brymor Ice Cream comes from Jervaulx, Wensleydale.

WINE OF THE MONTH

The price of wine is going up and there's not much we can do about it but this one at £7.49 a bottle, punches well above its weight. It's expensive for us but it tastes a whole lot more expensive than it is.

WOLF BLASS

EAGLEHAWK

Shiraz from Australia

It's on special offer and it's a very special bottle.

We're open to offers!

Who knows, this month may see bumper crops of flowers, fruit and vegetables in the gardens. If you have surplus crops which you would be willing to sell or donate to the shop we'll be very happy to sell them to our customers. Every little helps!

News from the parish council

Best Kept Village

Judging will take place in the first two weeks in July, so please keep your front gardens and the footpaths and verges outside your property as tidy as possible, not forgetting of course to bring your waste and recycling bins and boxes in as soon as possible after they have been emptied.

Jubilee weekend

Many sincere thanks to everyone who helped to organise the Picnic on the Green, also the residents who provided extra tables, chairs, garden marquees and awnings. Despite the weather it was an enjoyable day.

Jubilee mugs

We are handing out the Jubilee Mugs to the parents who ordered them for their children, but were not at the picnic to be presented with them.

Armed Forces Flag

We have a flag to be flown at the Memorial Hall on Armed Forces Day, 30 June, as a tribute to everyone connected with the Armed Forces.

Moulton matters

Plant Sale

The Plant Sale held on Saturday 19 May raised £505.92 from the sale of plants, refreshments and the tombola. Thanks to everyone who donated and grew plants, helped before the event and on the day. All proceeds will go towards Moulton village funds.

Diamond Jubilee

More than 80 villagers and their guests braved bitterly cold temperatures and fortunately, it remained dry throughout the afternoon. The site of the old village hall, which has been landscaped and turfed in the last year, was renamed as the „Moulton Diamond Jubilee Garden“.

Rita Lee who has lived in Moulton longer than anyone else unveiled a plaque and planted a tree to commemorate the event. Thanks to everyone who contributed to the buffet, helped to organise the event and attended on the day.

Bookswap

The Book Swap and sale of refreshments and cards held on 28 April raised £66.42. Thanks to all who assisted. An additional £ 30.20 was raised in April from „Books in the Bus Shelter“. Watch out for the new date on the blackboards when books have been refreshed.

Thank you for the generous donations of books. We now have so many there is a storage problem! Therefore we will now only swap fiction books and regrettably we are unable to accept any new stock for the time being. The next Book Swap will be held on Saturday 28 July from 10.00 – 12 noon in St Andrew's Church. Homemade refreshments will be available. All proceeds will go towards Moulton village funds.

Best Kept Village Competition

Judging of the Best Kept Village will be in the first two weeks of July. The verges will be tidied and mown by the „Grass Cutters“ and if you see any litter, please pick it up! Good luck with your hanging baskets and borders.

Diamond Jubilee celebrations

Thank you so much to everyone who made the Jubilee Celebrations in Middleton Tyas a success. Help was forthcoming in so many ways - ahead of the event, during it, and afterwards. To those who baked the „crown jewels“, gave donations, supported the raffle, supported the Pub Quiz that Dorothy so generously put on last month for Jubilee funds, a sincere thank you to you all. School children well and truly added to the attractive look of the Hall (see separate notice of thanks). Finally, a big thank you to all who came along to the Picnic, especially those having to sit outside and brave the cold!

As a result, £302 has been handed to the Parish Council to date, our wish being that something suitable be acquired for the Village to commemorate this very special event in our nation's history, clearly something that many of us wanted to be part of.

July 15 is the last date to claim the first prize – PINK TICKET 484 (telephone 377600). If unclaimed, it will be raffled to raise further money for the above memorial.

The Diamond Jubilee Committee

Jubilee jacket found

A waist length black waterproof jacket was found in one of the tents on the village green, after the Jubilee Picnic on Sunday 3 June. The jacket has a zip fastener at the front, Mountainline on the front and on the label inside, side pockets /zip fasteners and velcro patches. There is a waterproof lining and the letter K embroidered underneath the collar. Owner please contact, Val Wilkinson 01325-377564.

School report

School Summer Fayre

Well, the sun shone and the people came! The PTA had said that the objective of this event was not about raising lots of money but was all about providing a fun day for the children and I certainly think this outcome was achieved! Many thanks to everyone who kindly donated prizes and came along to support this event by parting with their money so generously. The fete was a great success, and despite not being a major fundraiser, the event still raised over £900 which will be put towards a special Olympic treat for all the children in school

Cycling Proficiency

Half of our Year 6 pupils have recently undergone a quite intensive two-day cycling proficiency test. They were taught about the Highway Code, how to check their bike is in a roadworthy condition and how to ride safely on the roads. All the children who passed the test were rewarded with a badge and certificate. The remaining children will do their cycling proficiency test in the coming week.

'Boden' evening

A lovely time was had by all who attended our Boden evening. Thank you to everyone who came along to support this event. As this was such a success, we are hoping to repeat it in the Autumn term.

School Partnership

We are delighted to have been asked to support another school, whose own head teacher is retiring in July. Mrs Price will spend half the week with the pupils and staff at Bainbridge School and half the time at our school. During her absence, our Deputy Head, Mrs Gardner, will be in charge, supported by the rest of our school staff. Mrs Price said "It is a real honour to have been asked to support another church school. We were chosen as we are a high performing school and all the children, staff and governors will benefit from shared learning as part of this partnership. The two schools' governing bodies have been working closely to ensure this year-long collaboration is a success for both schools.

Olympic Celebrations

The children celebrated the 2012 London Olympics by going to see the Olympic torch as it passed through our region. The whole school enjoyed a picnic lunch, with the Infants going up to Aysgarth Falls and the Juniors going to

Richmond School to participate in their Olympic events.

Kenya Visit

Following our visit by Mr Onkongo from our link primary school in Mbita, our year 6 teacher, Mr Charles Staincliffe, has recently returned from a reciprocal trip to Kenya. He took with him a Water Filter for Kamayoge School, which was funded with monies raised by our children.

Helen Richardson
Parent Governor

To the Children of Middleton Tyas School

The art and craft work you produced for our Diamond Jubilee Celebrations made a delightful and colourful display in the Memorial Hall. Your cards for the Queen were beautifully done, and your wishes and words to her were charming. We have sent your cards to the Queen and we are certain she will appreciate receiving them.

Let's hear it for the Village Shop

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Next, the shop needs more volunteers to work in the shop, behind the counter. A couple of hours once a month on a Saturday morning or on a weekday afternoon would help to spread the load among volunteers enough to keep the show on the road. Yes, you're busy. We all are. But if you could shoehorn in a couple of hours to help in the shop on a regular basis that really could make the difference between it staying in business or not.

Finally, the shop needs money: people to dream up and run a couple of fundraisers a year, people to support share issues, people to buy raffle tickets. Every pound will help to reach that critical £45 an hour coming in.

Yeah, yeah, yeah. Heard it all before? Nothing to do with you? Well without your support in keeping up May's momentum the hard truth is that, despite the best efforts of the people who got the shop going in the first place, the current loyal customers and the people already working in the shop, this community doesn't have the will to sustain one of its mainstays. And that would definitely not be something to celebrate.

FRIENDS OF THE VILLAGE SHOP

Meeting Thursday 5 July
7.00
Memorial Hall

Whoever you are, if you would like to support the shop in any way at all, please come.

Middleton Tyas Golf Society

The annual golf competition for the Middleton Tyas Shield and Green Blazer is once again scheduled to take place at Appleby Golf Club on Wednesday 12 September. The programme will follow the usual format with arrival at Appleby in time for bacon rolls and coffee, to tee off in the nine hole Team Competition around 10.00. Lunch is served in the club house around 12 noon and the individual Stableford competition for the main prizes takes place from 1.00, with prize-giving in the clubhouse around 6.00, followed by dinner.

This is the 30th Anniversary of the village golf competition and once again we hope for a good turnout with fine weather and a challenging event. Last year we had a total of 36 entrants, with some making arrangements to pay all costs on the day. Unfortunately several entrants did not attend which resulted in extra catering costs as all meals had to be booked in advance. It was only due to our excellent long relationship with the Appleby Golf Club that these costs were covered by the club. The non-attendance did, however, result in a major rescheduling of the afternoon arrangements, although as a result, a little more time was made available for presentations and dinner.

This year, in order to better plan and schedule the full day's programme, all monies due must be paid along with the submitted entry form, by the required date. On the basis of last year's experiences, it would seem that a maximum of about 30 entrants is right to allow for the golf, meals and prize-giving to take place in the overall time schedule which the Appleby Golf Club can allocate.

A minibus will leave the village around 8-30 and return from Appleby after prize-giving and dinner. Entry forms will be available in the Post Office / Village Shop and The Shoulder of Mutton from mid-July onwards.

We all look forward to another challenging and enjoyable event at Appleby.

Jim Wilkinson

Cheap heating oil

If you use oil to heat your home you could buy it for up to 8p a litre less if you joined a bulk-

buying group within the village. The larger the order the lower the price. The minimum order would always be 500 litres (by law). For those who burn oil in Agas the necessary additives would be provided. I am new to the village and have to heat my house with oil. I am not connected to oil companies in any way. If this sounds of interest to you please email me on harris.potter10 @gmail.com within two weeks of receiving this newsletter. The system would be most efficient if it operated solely by email as it could get cumbersome if numerous telephone calls had to be made. If enough people respond I will then book the Memorial Hall and we can meet to discuss the practicalities of running such a system for our mutual benefit.

*Michael Harris,
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Middleton Tyas.
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'The Mists of Time'

It's now just about 18 months since so many people in the village bought copies of my book and supported the project in many different ways so I wanted to give you all an update on events since then.

Following the launch, I set up a web site to deal with online sales and the South Georgia Heritage Trust (SGHT) also processed sales via their web site, through their network of supporters and from the museum on the Islands of South Georgia. Mainly through the publicity achieved by the SGHT outlets, sales went well and last autumn I was invited to meet the Princess Royal, Patron of the SGHT, at a function in the House of Lords which was organised by the SGHT to thank all their sponsors and fund raisers.

The season for cruises in the Southern Ocean is from October through to May and during that period, many ships visited South Georgia and sales continued to grow. One order was for 50 books to be sent to a company in Switzerland. I never really got to the bottom of that order, but a sale is a sale!!

In April this year I received an e mail from a man in Germany who said he had found my book on a cruise ship and wanted my permission to reproduce it in German with a view to marketing it into the German market and on German cruise ships which frequent the Southern Ocean. That project is well under way and the German version will be launched in October this year, with all proceeds again going to the South Georgia Heritage Trust.

To date I estimate that sales and donations which have come through the book will have produced around £14,000 which is a tremendous result in such a short time and in such difficult economic conditions.

The Trust currently uses all funds raised to support a major vermin eradication project on South Georgia, which it is hoped will clear the islands of rats, which were brought there by the whalers around 100 years ago. This is considered critical for the future of so much of the wildlife which inhabits these remote islands as the rats destroy eggs and kill young birds. This is the largest project of its kind ever undertaken and is planned to run until 2015.

Thank you for all your support to date and I hope that sales continue to grow to support what I consider a very worthwhile charity, working hard to protect a little part of nature, on the „other side of the world“.

Jim Wilkinson

WE CAN DANCE

is having a Coffee Morning
at Northallerton Town Hall
Wednesday 4 July 2012
From 8.30

Tombola, Book Stall and Bric a Brac
Come along and enjoy a coffee and a scone

Donations of Tombola prizes, Bric a Brac and
books

would be very welcome

Please ring Pauline Aitken 377137 to arrange
collection/delivery

All proceeds in aid of *We Can Dance*

Middleton Tyas and Moulton WI 'Tyas Tendrils'

We should like to invite all ladies to sample the
delights of our next Guest Speaker!

Simon, the Head Chef from The Shoulder Of
Mutton, is coming to cook a couple of delicious
recipes on Wednesday 4 July at 8pm. Doors
open at 7.30pm. Non-members £3.00, which
includes refreshments, at the door.

Claiming dates

July

Thursday 5 July 7.00, Friends of the Shop meeting

Wednesday 11 July 7.00 Parish Council Meeting

Saturday 21 July Coffee Morning from 8.30 am

Northallerton Town Hall

Saturday 28 July Book, 10.00 – 12.00 Book Swap,
Moulton

August

Thursday 9 August, 10.00- 12.00 Friends of MT

Village Shop Coffee Morning, Richmond Town Hall

Saturday 25 August, 10.00 – 12.00 Book Swap,
Moulton

September.

Thursday 6 September 10.00 Friends of MT Play
Park Coffee Morning, Richmond Town Hall

Saturday 22 September, 10.00- 12.00, Book Swap,
Moulton

October

Saturday 13 October Autumn Warmer from 12.00

Saturday 27 October, 10.00 – 12.00 Book Swap,
Moulton

November

Saturday 10 November Christmas Fayre from 10.00

Saturday 24 November, 10.00 – 12.00 Book Swap,
Moulton

December

Thursday 20 December 10.00 Tyas Tendrils Coffee
Morning, Richmond Town Hall

All events are in the Memorial Hall unless otherwise
shown.

Across the Atlantic

***The music of Ton Lehrer and Michael
Flanders and Donald Swann***

***An evening with Graeme Danby and Valerie
Reid***

Saturday 21 July at 7.30

The Town Hall, Richmond.

***International performers Graeme Danby and
Valerie Reid leave behind La Scala, Covent
Garden and English National Opera for one
night only as they explore the Gnu, the
Hippopotamus and Poisoning the Pigeons in
the Park! All in aid of local charity 'We
Can Dance', supporting music and dance for
children with special educational needs.***

***Tickets from Eileen Davies, (377869), The
Tourist Information Office in Richmond and
Middleton Tyas Post Office.***

Registered charity no. 1136698

Editor's corner

Copy for the August issue please by 20 July to 2
The Green, telephone 377311 or e-mail me on
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Church News

Letter from Rev Davis Lewis

Keeping up morale:

In an era of austerity it is more important than ever to maintain our morale. This summer we have got two quite extraordinary events which might help us to do so. Both are „once in a lifetime“ occasions.

The first was the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebration, including the spectacular pageant of boats on the River Thames, a star-studded concert outside Buckingham Palace and a Service of Thanksgiving in St Paul's Cathedral. These events were primarily about celebrating 60 years of faithful service on the throne and thanking the Queen for her remarkable devotion to duty. At the same time the various street-parties and local events gave opportunities for people to come together and affirm the value of their local community alongside our sense of national identity.

At all levels it is to do with having a sense of belonging – knowing that we are part of something larger than just ourselves. Indeed the fact that our Royal Family is a *family* is significant in itself. At the pinnacle of the British state we do not have a politician: we have a *family* and in its way that fact affirms the value of every other family in the country. Whether we think about family, village, nation or church, all of them are about relating to other people in some entity that is bigger than just ourselves, and these things in turn can give us a sense of belonging and worth.

The other extraordinary event this summer is, of course, the Olympic Games taking place in London. For everybody involved in the daily grind to survive and prosper, sport of various forms can provide a pleasing distraction that excites and inspires.

In a sense sports and games are trivial compared to “real” life. Having said that, they can provide a metaphor for real life. Certainly it would be easy to be cynical about the Olympics, with its history of corruption, political interference, cheating and drug-taking. In spite of all that the Games are also about human beings striving to achieve – trying to overcome their limitations and fulfil their potential – and that in turn can encourage the rest of us to give our best to the activities in which we are involved. And if the competitors representing

Britain perform well and win gold medals it can be a source of pride and joy – a further boost to morale.

Seeking to fulfil our potential as human beings is a deeply Christian thing, as is the desire to see other people flourishing. It is tied up with the whole mystery of human life and God's involvement in it. In the famous film „Chariots of Fire“ the Olympic athlete Eric Liddle says “I believe God made me for a purpose, but He also made me fast, and when I run I feel His pleasure.”

David Lewis

Songs of Praise

A service of praise, thanksgiving and celebration of Her Majesty the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and of our nationhood.

Sunday 22 July, 6.00

A wide range of readings, songs and hymns, followed by refreshments in the church to which everyone is cordially invited.

ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS CHURCH

Coffee and Biscuits

Drop in for a chat and relax after shopping

Saturday 21 July 2012

From 8.30am
Northallerton Town Hall

Tombola, Book Stall, Bric a Brac and Cards

Contributions for the Tombola and Bric a Brac
Would be very welcome

Please contact Daphne 377786, Diana 377641
or
Pauline 377137 to arrange collection / delivery

All proceeds in aid of Church Funds.

St Michael's Majors

The outing will be on July 12 at Mainsgill Farm, 3.00 – 5.00. The usual travel arrangements apply. There will be no tea in August.

Church services

9.30 am.	Saturday 1st July Holy Communion (CW)	4th after Trinity	Middleton Tyas	Ven. S. Golding
9.30 am. 6.00 pm.	Sunday 8th July <i>Morning Prayer (BCP)</i> <i>Evening Prayer (BCP)</i>	5th after Trinity	Middleton Tyas Moulton	Mrs. H. Haydock Mr. H. Swanston
9.30 am.	Sunday 15th July Holy Communion (CW)	6th after Trinity	Middleton Tyas	Rev. D. Lewis
6.00 pm	Sunday 22nd July Songs of Praise	7th after Trinity	Middleton Tyas	Rev. D. Lewis
10.30 am.	Sunday 29th July Holy Communion (CW)	8th after Trinity United Benefice Service	East Cowton	Rev. D. Lewis
9.30 am.	Sunday 5th August Holy Communion (CW)	9th after Trinity	Middleton Tyas	Rev. D. Lewis

Date	Sidesmen	Reading	Reader
1 July 2012	Dr.N.C.Weightman Mrs. L. Weightman	2Corinthians Mark 8 : 7 – end 5 : 21 - end	p. 546 p. 546 Mr. S. Hill
8 July	Mr. S. Hill Mrs. M. Hill	Ezekiel Mark 2 : 1 - 5 6 : 1 -13	p. 550 p. 552 Mr. R. Congreve
15 July	Mrs. S. Vaux Mrs. M. Parker	Ephesians Mark 1 : 3 - 14 6 : 14 - 29	p. 556 p. 557 Mrs. E. Croft
22 July	Mr. R. Aitken Mrs P.Aitken	Jeremiah Mark 23 : 1 - 6 6 : 30 – 34, 53 - end	p. 561 p. 563 TBA
5 August	Mrs. C. Harvey Mrs. E.Croft	Ephesians John 4 : 1 - 16 6 : 24 - 35	p. 573 p. 574 Mr. W.A.C.Hindhaugh

Flowers

Muriel Hill will be looking after church flowers this month.

Cleaning rota

July 2 & 9 Mrs I Stead and Mrs Wood
July 16 & 23 Mrs Craggs, Mrs White and Mrs Begley

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

Please note there is no service at Middleton Tyas on Sunday, 29th June. You will be very welcome to attend the United Benefice Service at East Cowton at 10.30 am.

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