

# Middleton Tyas and Moulton Village News

No. 430

October 2012



Last month we reported on what people think makes a perfect village. You could add to that list ‘a clean, quiet, safe children’s play area’. We’ve got one of those too. It’s tucked away behind the school on the edge of the playing field and you probably wouldn’t know about it unless you have children or grandchildren.

For young children it’s a delightful spot to rush around, play on the modest play equipment, meet friends, have a picnic, do whatever it is little children like doing while whoever is with them enjoys a sit down. There’s now a generation of parents in the village who played there as children and now take their own children there and visiting grandchildren make a bee-line for it too. It’s a real asset and the focus of many happy childhood memories.

A year ago a group of users and devotees of the play area, (adult ones, that is) fearing that threatened withdrawal of council support for the play might mean its demise, got together to form the Friends of Middleton Tyas Play Park. Fundraising started with a ‘Slide into September’ which was a new twist on ‘Bob-a-Job’ and was followed by a Christmas party, a Hallowe’en party and a quiz. These events have raised about a thousand pounds and the group feels it is just getting going. The first priority is a slide and a refurbishment of the equipment already there. That is going to take in the region of £4 - £5,000 and will need some serious fundraising. The next event planned is a Hallowe’en Hooley. Read all about it in this issue. Please buy tickets if you can and come and join the party but donations and sponsorship or the donation of raffle prizes would also be very welcome. If you’d like to contribute in any way or you’d like to be involved with the group’s activities contact Andrea Clayton or Chris Jones. And if you’d like to buy tickets for the Hallowe’en Hooley, just ring 377470, 377062 or 377722.

# MIDDLETON TYAS VILLAGE SHOP NEWS

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

**Heigh-ho. It's definitely Autumn. Time to have tea by the fire or draw the curtains early and open a bottle of something warming. The dismal summer has meant there is a shortage of fruit so we haven't made any Middleton Tyas Preserves this summer and there won't be much chutney either. (We still planning to cook up for Christmas though. More about that next month.)**

**Meanwhile, we've made sure you won't miss out:**

## TIPTREE JAMS

Apricot	£2.20
Morello Cherry	£2.20
Strawberry	£2.36
Sweet Tip Raspberry	£2.36

## CHUTNEYS

Raydale Preserve's Elijah's  
Yorkshire Chutney with Porter Ale  
£3.12

Soft Cheese Lover's Red Onion  
and Apple Chutney  
£2.90

Tiptree Organic Chutney £1.78

A wedge of cheese, some chutney and a chunk of good bread and life begins to look better already. Our freshly-baked bread has a regular following and for those who crave the texture and full flavour of old-fashioned bread we now have two regular favourites:

Organic white boomer	£1.60
Rustic rolls	51p each

All you need now is a slice of freshly cut Somerset Brie. We can help you there: it's just 92p per 100g.

## WINE OF THE MONTH

### WOLF BLASS EAGLEHAWK SHIRAZ

This has been a real find, as many of you have discovered. This month it is on special offer - £6.99 instead of £7.49.

Also at the same special price:

### WOLF BLASS CHARDONNAY Too good to miss.

**We also have a Kumala Pinotage Shiraz at £6.59 which is very good drinking for a cold evening and we're looking for more supplies of the Banrock Chardonnay Verdelho which flew off our shelves. The trouble is, it seems to have flown off everybody else's too and it's hard to find!**

## KEEP CHECKING OUR WINE SHELVES!

These Ginger Beers are strictly for the grown-ups! They are also really good drinking.

Crabbie's Fiery Ginger Beer £1.07 for 200mls – Not for the faint-hearted!  
Crabbie's Cloudy Traditional Ginger Beer  
- a full flavoured, not-too-sweet thirst-quencher.

**Sorry about this. The shop will close at 1.00 on Wednesday 1 October for the annual stock take. Back to normal the next day.**

## News from the parish council

### Water management

We are engaged with North Yorkshire County Council and Yorkshire Water on pressing issues concerning flooding and sewerage. Work is progressing slowly, but we are hopeful of a positive outcome.

### Best Kept Village – What to do with the Money Competition?

**Something for everyone! We have again won our category of the Rotary of Richmondshire's Best Kept Village competition and our prize is £400 to be spent on something which benefits our community. The only limitation is that we must use the money to buy something physical to which we can attach a small plaque. In the past we have bought benches which are usefully deployed about the village and there is still room for more of those. However, the Parish Council would like to broaden the debate by opening a competition for ideas about how the money could best be spent. It is possible that a well-positioned bench could still win the day but does anyone have any other ideas?**

The competition will be judged by the Parish Council and it is open to anyone who lives or studies in Middleton Tyas. The winner will receive a £20 voucher to be spent in the village shop. Entries can be submitted as e-mails to [Clerk.mtyas@live.co.uk](mailto:Clerk.mtyas@live.co.uk) or in writing to the Parish Clerk at the Old Chapel. The closing date for entries is Friday, 30 November 2012, which will allow for a decision to be made at the December Parish Council meeting. Good luck.

### Broadband

You will have read in the national and local press about government initiatives to improve broadband speed in the UK from which you may have gained the impression that you will soon be enjoying super fast broadband with all the benefits that brings. These benefits are not just about internet use: they also concern house values and desirability. I hope that you may also have seen the various items in the Village News over the last 18 months or so where we have explained that there are no guarantees that our village will actually gain from these government initiatives.

The fact is that we do not yet know if we will be included in the main contract which has been awarded by NYCC to BT - it may be another

month or so before we do hear. We earnestly hope that we will benefit for that would be a massive boost to our village. However, if we do not, there may be other possibilities but only if, as a community, we can show that there is interest in better broadband. So, what to do? Quite simply, it is important that you complete an expression of interest form **now**. Expression of interest forms can be obtained through the Village Shop or by contacting Councillor John Ross on 01325 339949. After completion please return your form to the Village Shop.

### Moulton matters

#### Best Kept Village Competition 2012

Congratulations to Moulton for being this year's winner in the category for less than 400 residents. All that hard work has finally paid off.

### Parish meeting

A Parish Meeting will be held on Tuesday 23 October at 7.30 in St Andrew's Church at which everyone will have an opportunity to discuss how the £400 prize may be spent. A representative of Richmond Rotary will also be present.

### Bookswap

The Book Swap and sale of refreshments and cards held on 25 August raised £65.50. Thanks to all who assisted. An additional £17.50 was raised in August from "Books in the Bus Shelter". Watch out for the new date on the blackboards when books have been refreshed.

The next Book Swap will be held on Saturday 27 October from 10.00 – 12 noon in St Andrew's Church. Homemade refreshments will be available. All proceeds will go towards Moulton village funds.

### School report

#### Welcome back

We begin our new term by welcoming back Mrs Price, who was unwell at the end of last term. She would like to thank everyone for their kind thoughts and prayers during this rather dismal time. We also welcome twenty-three new starters in our reception class as well as seven other children throughout the school. Mr Ben Gatrill joins our teaching staff and Miss Turnbull returns to teach in Gardner's Griffins.

We are looking forward to a year of excitement, challenge and progress for all.

### **Congratulations**

Congratulations to Miss Wright who will shortly be Mrs Weaver. We wish her all the best for a long and happy marriage.

### **Topics**

The children are going to be looking at The Dales this term and this will involve covering all areas of the curriculum through fun and fascinating discovery and learning. There will also be a trip to the Dales where the children will explore the geography and history of this beautiful region and they will also have the opportunity to visit Bainbridge Primary School.

### **Residential Trips**

Our Year 4 children have recently enjoyed a two-night trip to Robinwood where they participated in a variety of exciting and challenging activities. In October our Year 6 pupils will be heading off for a four-night stay at High Force where they will be taking part in Forest Schools activities, team building challenges and other stimulating activities.

*Helen Richardson*  
Parent Governor



To purchase your ticket for 'A Right Royal Year – an evening with canon Richard Cooper' call in at the Post Office or Shop or contact Yvonne Nicholson on 377847 or complete the tear-off application on page 6 and return it to Yvonne or the Post Office or shop.

### **Man-Made Breakfast.**

The gentlemen of the village performed wonders with their cooking and baking skills which were on display at the Man-Made Breakfast on Saturday 1 September.

**The Hall was just about full right through from 10.00 until 12.30 and all the man made goodies were sold out long before the end. The event was a huge success**

**with great atmosphere as well as great food. So well done to all the guys who were involved and raised £412 for shop funds. A fantastic result.**

**Will there will be an encore before Christmas??**

**Domino players wanted**

**Would you be interested in playing 5's and 3's for the Shoulder of Mutton Domino Team on Monday evenings? Either regularly every Monday or just occasionally to fill in when the team is short? If you would, please contact the Shoulder of Mutton (377271) or Mike Logan (377431) or just call in any Monday evening for a friendly game.**

### **Situations vacant**

We had a brilliant response to the request last month for people to help with collecting cakes from the baker's and for volunteer shoppers for the Village Shop. Also an offer to set the shop up on Facebook and to update the village website regularly so watch this space on that front. Thank you so much to everyone who has volunteered.

### **'Give me a hero....'**

Well, several actually. Now the nights are getting darker we're looking for volunteers who would be willing to come into the shop from 5.00 to about 6.00 just to be there at the end of business and during cashing up. There's no getting away from the fact that the shop, tucked away as it is, is vulnerable to the wrong sort of attention (even though we live in a low crime area) particularly during the hours of darkness and the one person usually working in the shop at the end of the day is in a very isolated situation. Would you be available for an hour every week or two to keep him or her company? Just sit and read the paper if you like or help to close the shop down for the night. It's having somebody else on the premises that is the important thing. Please ring the shop (377198) and leave your contact details if you would be willing to help.

### **Shop Forum**

**The subject of the vulnerability of the person working in the shop after dark, when there are very few people about was well discussed at this meeting. One solution is to close earlier. Another is to make sure there is more than one person present at the end of the day. The pro's and con's of both were well-aired. We've**

decided to close at 5.30 instead of 6.00 from Thursday 1 November and, as you see from the paragraph above, we're also looking for volunteers willing to just be there for there for an hour to cover cashing up and closing.

If you want some shopping but know you can't get to the shop before 5.30 please just give us a ring on 377198 and we'll make an arrangement to have your shopping available for collection after hours.

#### Dog fouling

It's a perennial problem. The majority of dog-walkers are perfectly responsible and are equipped with poly bags when they take their dogs out, but there are always the anti-social few who allow their dogs foul grass verges, leaving nearby householders to clear up. Much of this seems to happen at night. – perhaps dogs are even allowed out on their own late at night. Allowing your dog to foul public spaces is an offence and if you are confident you can identify the dog and the owner you should have no hesitation in reporting it. Forms are available from RDC or the Parish Clerk or any member of the parish council.

#### Middleton Tyas And Moulton WI Tyas Tendrils

These events are what we have planned for the next few months. Anyone is most welcome to come to any or all of these evenings.

**3 October: Practise massage and facials at home**

**7 November: Zumba for any age!**

**5 December: Wine and Cheese Quiz.**

Tyas Tendrils WI evenings start at 7.30 in the Memorial Hall. Non-members £3.00, which includes refreshments.

#### MIDDLETON TYAS MEMORIAL HALL

#### QUIZ NIGHT

**FRIDAY 5 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

#### We Can Dance invites you to A Pre-Noel Lunch

**Exclusive festive shopping with a  
little bit of 'fizz', followed by lunch at  
1.00**

**Thursday 22 November 11.30  
Crathorne Hall, Yarm  
Tickets £25 available from  
Yvonne Nicholson (3777847) or  
Pauline Aitken (377137)**

#### Classical concert trips

Janet Hall in Aldbrough St John hopes to run another series of trips to classical music concerts in Middlesbrough Town Hall, Leeds Town Hall, The Sage Gateshead and opera at the Grand Theatre, Leeds starting in September. The coach picks up in Aldbrough St John and Melsonby but can also pick up in Barton, and Gilling West and Richmond may be included subject to destination and numbers. If you don't like going to concerts on your own or driving long distances at night, this is an ideal solution. For more information contact [janet.hall@finklecroft.me.uk](mailto:janet.hall@finklecroft.me.uk) or 01325 374112

## Claiming dates

### **October**

Friday 5 October 7.00 for 7.30 Quiz Night

Wednesday 10 October 2.00 'Afternoon Tea with Bubbles' Middleton Lodge

Saturday 13 October Autumn Warmer 12.00 – 2.00

Friday 26 October 7.30 'A Right Royal Year'

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.

## Editor's corner

Copy for the November issue please by 20

October to 2 The Green, telephone 377311 or e-mail me on [dianahthomas@gmail.com](mailto:dianahthomas@gmail.com)

