



## Two cheers for democracy

I started off thinking the Village News would do its bit and bring you up-to-date information about the forthcoming election (November 15) for the new role of Police and Crime Commissioner in this regional police area. Then I found out how little effort is being put into giving the electorate the information it is entitled to which struck me as shameful, contemptuous of the electorate and a very dangerous precedent. Forgive me if you feel I am on a rant: I just feel this needs saying.

The role of the Police and Crime Commissioner will include:

- Meeting the public regularly to listen to their views on policing
- Producing a police and crime plan setting out local policing priorities
- Deciding how the budget will be spent
- Appointing Chief Constables and dismissing them if needed.

I'm not proposing to argue whether or not this is 'a good thing', merely to put forward the view that, if we are being given this choice, then the conduct of this election should be up to national standards (pretty high standards by any global measure) of any other democratic and non-discriminatory election.

At the time of writing this (22 October) it is not possible to find out who is standing for election in this police force area nor what they propose to bring to the office. That information will be available on the website [www.choosemyppcc.org.uk](http://www.choosemyppcc.org.uk) from 26 October. Alternatively you can ring 0800 1 07 07 08 and order printed information about our candidates. I got through on the third attempt having twice been told that the network was very busy and to try later. In other words, if you want to vote, you have to make a positive and prolonged effort to find out the information you need to make an informed choice. I don't recall ever having been in this position when it came to electing MPs or councillors.

In the 21st century making the information available on the web seems an obvious thing to do but internet access is still far from being available to every voter. As for having to ring up to actively order printed information about our candidates.... Come on! Our role in the democratic process is simply to think about the choices and vote accordingly, not to have to go on an information search first.  
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# MIDDLETON TYAS VILLAGE SHOP NEWS

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

## Coming clean about the price of wine.

The price of wine has gone up – a lot. You wouldn't think so to look at major super market deals of 3 bottles for £12 but that's all to do with their buying power and selling loss leaders to get you in the door. We can't even buy it wholesale at £4 a bottle. However, all the wine in the shop is currently under £8 a bottle, much of it well under that. You won't find anything in M&S Scotch Corner for less than £8. And we do hunt for wines that are good value for their price. Like this one....

### WINE OF THE MONTH

**BANROCK 2009  
Chardonnay Verdelho**

This is very special. Fresher, more citrusy than a straight Chardonnay. Refreshing but full.

The RRP is £12.99 but we're selling it at £7.55. What's not to like!

At £5.99 a bottle there's

### ECHO FALLS CALIFORNIAN WHITE WINE

A fruity, citrusy white wine from a vineyard that's been in the wine business for over 100 years so they know what they're doing. Very drinkable!

IF YOU'RE A FAN OF EDWINA'S CAKES WHY NOT LET HER TAKE CARE OF YOUR CHRISTMAS CAKE AND MINCE PIES? ALL SIZES AVAILABLE. WE'RE TAKING ORDERS NOW. LET US KNOW JUST WHAT YOU'D LIKE AND WE'LL DO THE REST.

We're delighted to be stocking:

### NICK STAFFORD'S HAMBLETON ALE

**Yorkshire Bitter**

**Stallion**

**Nightmare**

**White Boar**

**All at £2.50 for 500mls**

From the middle of the month we'll be rolling out our Christmas stock. To get you thinking about a Christmas feast (Or Christmas presents) here's just some of the produce you'll find under the Middleton Tyas Preserves label.

### *Apple and Sloe Cheese*

### *Damson Cheese*

Fruit cheeses were a hit last year. Despite the lack of fruit we've managed to find enough to make some more this Christmas

### *Raspberry jam*

### *Strawberry Jam with Grand Marnier*

### *Blackcurrant Jelly with Cassis*

### *Apricots and Almonds in Brandy Syrup*

Made in the village. A unique gift which we'll be happy to gift wrap for an extra 50p

### *Cherry and Walnut Mincemeat*

### *Apricot and Orange Mincemeat*

Make the most delicious mincepies ever

### *Cranberry and Orange Compote*

### *Redcurrant Jelly with Port*

Perfect with ham, turkey, goose or game

**DON'T FORGET. THE SHOP WILL BE CLOSED WEDNESDAY FROM 1.00 ON WEDNESDAY 31 OCTOBER FOR STOCK TAKING AND WILL CLOSE AT 5.30 FROM THURSDAY 1 NOVEMBER.**

## News from the parish council

### ***Crime in the village***

A property was broken into during the day towards the end of September and several items were stolen. Security devices at an adjacent property were tampered with, presumably to facilitate a later return and break-in there too. Now the dark nights are here and Christmas not too far away this kind crime is likely to increase. Please remain vigilant and report anything suspicious to the police on 101 or, in the case of an emergency, on 999.

### ***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***

We still do not yet know if we will be included in BT's main contract to provide fast broadband to North Yorkshire – apparently it could be another month or so before we hear. If we are not included, there may be other possibilities but only if, as a community, we can show that there is interest in better broadband. So, it remains important that you complete an expression of interest form if you have not already done so. Expression of interest forms can be obtained through the Village Shop or by contacting John Ross on 01325 339949. After

completion please return your form to the Village Shop.

There are a couple of websites for you to visit if you want to keep fully up to date with what is happening with regard to broadband, these are: [www.superfastnorthyorkshire.com](http://www.superfastnorthyorkshire.com) and (mainly for background information) <http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=17168>

## **Moulton matters**

### ***Bookswap***

The next Book Swap will be held on Saturday 24 November from 10.00 – 12 noon in St Andrew's Church. Homemade refreshments will be available. All proceeds will go towards Moulton village funds.

## **Neighbourhood Watch**

An account of two particularly nasty crimes being perpetrated in other parts of the country, particularly in rural areas, so beware!

The first is that gangs are putting a child's car seat at the side of the road with a fake baby in it ie a large doll or a blanket bundled up to look like a baby to a passing motorist. This is particularly likely to happen in wooded or rural areas. Drivers who stop to investigate, particularly likely to be women, are attacked and robbed.

Police advice is on no account to stop or even slow down but to report the incident to the police on 999 once at a safe distance.

The other scam is to throw eggs at the windscreens of passing cars at night. If the driver stops to clean the windscreen they are likely to be attacked. Turning on the windscreen wipers or, worse still, using the windscreen washers in an attempt to clear it can be equally dangerous as the mix of egg and water produces a cloudy liquid which almost totally obscures the windscreen, forcing the driver to pull over and stop, making him or her immediately vulnerable to attack.

These reports have come via Victim Support in Humberside and there is no suggestion that these incidents have happened locally but forewarned is forearmed.

## **Pedlar's Certificate**

Anybody who comes to your door selling goods should have an official Pedlar's Certificate and

the police strongly urge that you should ask to see this before you even consider buying anything from them. If they do not have it with them they are committing an offence and you should have no dealings with them. If they are abusive or you feel in any way threatened don't hesitate to contact the police who are keen to deter any un-certificated traders from coming to our area.

You can contact PC John Wilbor or leave a message for him by dialling 101, then pressing option 2 and asking for him by my full name or collar number. (See below.)  
If you are using his collar number please state each number clearly and individually.

**PC391 John Wilbor**  
**Beat Manager/ Wildlife Crime Officer**  
**Richmond Safer Neighbourhood Team**  
**North Yorkshire Police**

A copy of a sample Pedlar's Certificate, so you know what you can expect to see follows on page 5.

## Village Shop Forum

A quarterly meeting for all residents to review progress with the Village Shop.

Thursday 22 November 7.00  
Memorial Hall

## Shop news

### ***A taste of Christmas***

The shop will soon be looking Christmassy and gorgeous, thanks to the efforts of Yvonne Nicholson, Joan Jemison and Susan Mahaffy and this month you'll see it gradually filling up with Christmas goodies. Saturday morning 2 December from 10.30 onwards we'll be offering a taste of all our Christmas produce. Do drop in, start stocking up for, do some Christmas shopping and fill in an order form for a Christmas cake, a hamper, a great big pie, choose a few bottles of wine or just come for the chat and get in the Christmas spirit.

### ***Facebook***

Thanks to Gill Wilkinson the shop is now on Facebook so if you want to keep up with all the new offers as they come in just add Middleton Tyas Village Shop to your friends list today – and please tell all your other friends about us too.

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

As the song has it. Well, seven more actually. Three people so far have offered to just be around in the shop from 5.00 – 6.00 so there are two people present for cashing up and closing down the shop. Nothing arduous – it's just that there is safety in numbers and you can feel a bit isolated and vulnerable in the shop after dark. Thank you very much to the three who have offered so far. If we could make it ten that would only mean doing one hour once a fortnight. Come on heroes, where are you? Please ring me on 377311 or ring the shop on 377198 if you could help.

### ***Earlier closing***

Don't forget, the shop closes at **5.30** from Thursday 1 November. If this causes you a real problem give the shop a ring on 377198 and we can arrange for you to pick up your shopping after hours.

## Middleton Tyas And Moulton WI Tyas Tendrils

Two more events in 2012. Anyone is most welcome to come to either or both of these evenings.

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

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

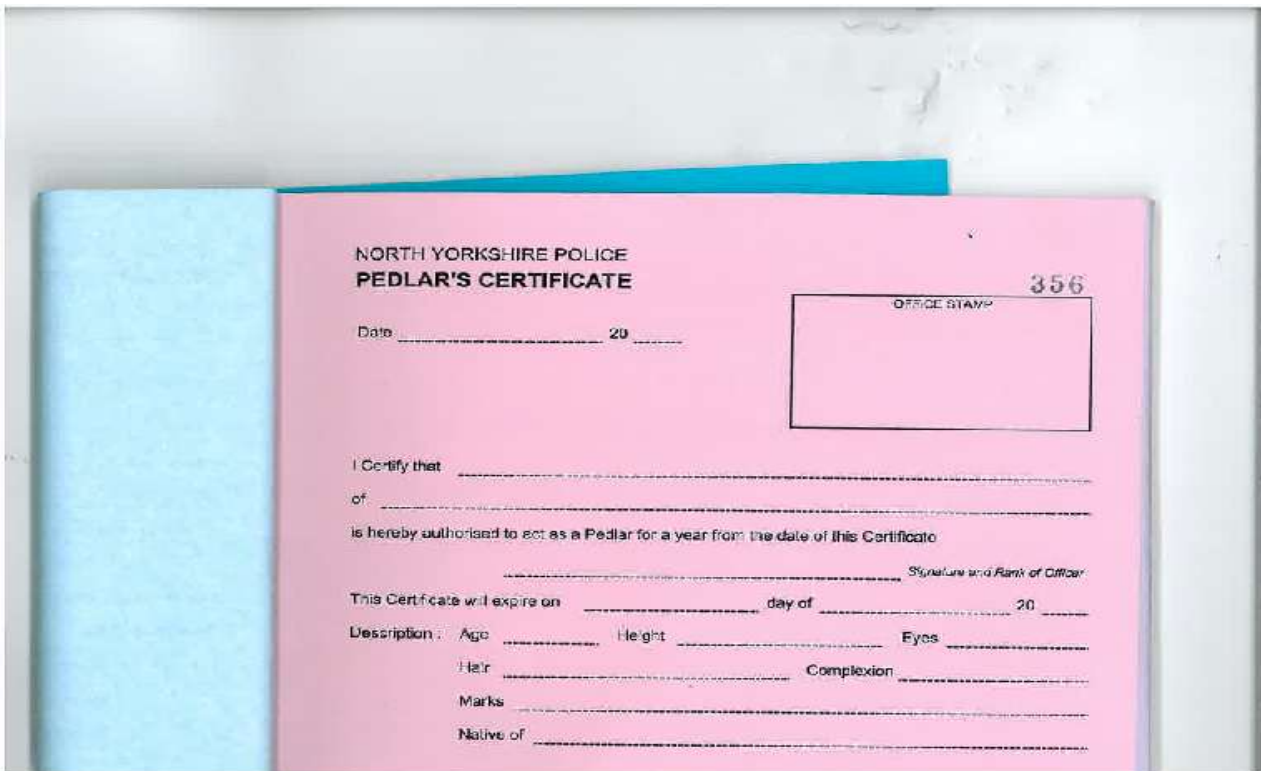
Tyas Tendrils WI evenings start at 7.30 in the Memorial Hall. Non-members £3.00, which includes refreshments.

## **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 (377847) or  
Pauline Aitken (377137)



## Remembrance Sunday

Due to the 11 November this year falling on a Sunday, no service will take place at the Memorial Plaque in the gardens of the Memorial Hall, however, a cross will be laid at 11am so there is an opportunity for residents wishing to observe the two minutes silence to attend.

## Carol Singing on The Green

Another date for your Christmas diary. Thursday 20 December at 7.00. As many people as possible gather round the Christmas Tree on the Green to sing carols. Fingers crossed for a starry night. If you've never been before please come. It's a magical occasion, especially good when there are children there. *(I haven't heard yet about mince pies and mulled wine in the hall afterwards but I'm guessing. That's always pretty good too! Ed)*

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Unless central government is reserving enormous powers to itself in matters of policing (quite possible) this election is a very important marker in the future development of our civic life. But the paucity of information about whom

we are actually voting for seems to me to represent a ugly shift in the democratic process. Somewhere, the political advantages of a very low turn out have already been factored in and efforts are being made to ensure that the turn-out is low.. We cannot be so poverty-stricken that it is no longer possible to give the whole electorate the timely information to which it is entitled.

Unfortunately the Village News will have had to go to press before 26 October so it can't bring you any hard information about this election, only exhort you to look at [www.choosemypcc.org.uk](http://www.choosemypcc.org.uk) or, if you can be bothered, ring 0800 1 07 07 08 for the information to which you are entitled and get out on 15 November and vote. (I'd really like to be wrong about this and to find that by the time you read this you will be awash with information through your door.)

*Editor*

## Carol Singing

Please come and be involved with the carol singing around the village. The more the merrier. You don't have to be a wonderful singer, just come along and add to the 'gladsome sound' . If you think you cannot sing

but would like to join in the Christmas Spirit, then you could always shake the bucket. Join us for as long or short time as you can spare on one or more of the following occasions:

Thursday 13th December 6pm meeting at the Village Green, we shall start there and work to the top of the village and then back down to the green.

Tuesday 18th December 6pm meeting at the Green, we shall start there and work our way down the village.

Friday 21st December 4pm - 6pm Moto Services, Scotch Corner.

It can be pretty cold walking slowly round the village!  
Offers of hospitality would be very welcome. Please contact Barbara Oram 339130 **If you would be willing to help us get warm again..**

### **Claiming dates**

#### **November**

Wednesday 8 November 7.00 Parish Council Meeting

Saturday 10 November Christmas Fayre from 10.00

Saturday 24 November, 10.00 – 12.00 Book Swap, Moulton

#### **December**

Sunday 9 December 5.00 Advent Carol Service St Michael's Church

Thursday 13 December 7.00 Parish Council Meeting

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

Thursday 20 December 7.00 Carols round the Christmas Tree on The Green

Monday 24 December 4.0 Crib Service St Michael's Church

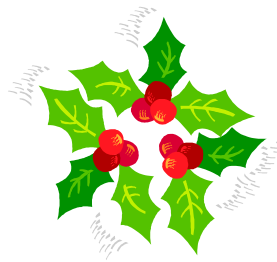
All events are in the Memorial Hall unless otherwise shown.

#### **January**

Thursday 10 January 7.00 Parish Council Meeting

### **Editor's corner**

Copy for the December issue please by 20 November to 2 The Green, telephone 377311 or e-mail me on [dianahthomas@gmail.com](mailto:dianahthomas@gmail.com)



## **FESTIVE SUPPER**

Saturday 1st December 2012

7.30pm to 10.00pm  
in the  
Memorial Hall

The Christmas Season Starts  
now!

The hall will be decorated for  
Christmas

There will be festive music, a  
light supper and a Bar

Tickets Only £5, which includes  
your first drink, are available  
from the Post Office.

**A warm festive welcome to  
everyone.**

## Church News

**Letter from Canon Rachel Stowe**

### What really matters

Yesterday my nine-year-old granddaughter was constructing a wordsearch about 'Christmas'. One of her sisters suggested 'Jesus' as a possible word but she said "No". I asked her why, saying (naturally!) that Jesus is who and what Christmas is really all about. "But Jesus isn't exciting" she replied, and this linked in with something which seems to be very much in the air around us at the moment. What *really* matters?

I take my cue from the opening of East Cowton's splendid 'Big Fish, Little Fish' liturgy.

We are not once a week friends – we are the family of God.

We are not a cosy club – we are the Body of Christ.

We are not just strangers meeting – we are the temples of the Holy Spirit

We are not here by accident – our Father has called us to worship

We are not just filling up an hour – Jesus wants us to know him better

We are not just going through the motions – the Holy Spirit has some special words for us

So come; draw near to our God – and our God will draw near to us.

Deep in our hearts we know that the first priority for the Christian church is not just the people – it is Jesus, son of God whose Holy Spirit is always with us. The church exists because of him and for him, and its buildings are built for his worship and its clergy trained in theology, not social work. Yes, there may be community spin-offs in the church's numerous activities and concerns which are fulfilling, comforting positive and good but they are nonetheless secondary, reflecting Jesus's second great commandment to love our neighbours as ourselves. We are richly blessed in our villages with so many who do just that.

But the first great commandment, as Jesus makes plain, is to self-give in loving the Lord our God with all (not just a bit!) of our being, and that is not an easy option. But, as a front runner for the Archbishopric of Canterbury said recently and others have picked up on, what and who really matters is Jesus. So great credit to those of our PCC's who have recognised this and are taking a deep breath in supporting, alongside their Methodist colleagues, a local youth and schools worker to have an important part in the task of sharing the excitement of Jesus to our young people.

So, remembering that it was said that Christianity only survived in communist Russia thanks to the Babouskas, the grannies, I must have further conversations with my granddaughter, because what really matters to us is that we are the family of God, the Body of Christ, temples of the Holy Spirit. As St James said in his Epistle - draw near to our God, and our God will draw near to us. Love and every blessing to you all.

*Rachel*

### All Souls Service

For the Parishes of Croft, Eryholme  
and 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.

To be held at St Michael and All Angels Church  
On Thursday 1 November 2012 at 7.00pm

### East Richmond Team Ministry

#### A Service of Remembrance

For those who died in two World Wars  
and other conflicts

9.30 am  
Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2012  
St Michael & All Angels Church  
Middleton Tyas

### St. Michael and All Angels' Church



#### Christmas Fayre

To be Held in the Memorial Hall  
Middleton Tyas  
Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> November 9.30am – 12noon

**Come and get into the Christmas Spirit!  
Make a start on your Christmas Shopping  
And support the Church at the same time.**

# Church Services

7.00 pm	<b>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November All Saints Day</b> <i>All Souls Service</i>	Middleton Tyas	Rev. D. Lewis
9.30 am	<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> November 4<sup>th</sup> Before Advent</b> <i>Holy Communion ( CW )</i>	Middleton Tyas	Rev. D. Lewis
9.30 am	<b>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November Remembrance Day</b> <b>Remembrance Service</b>	Middleton Tyas	Rev. D. Lewis
6.00 pm	<i>Evening Prayer ( BCP )</i>	Moulton	Rev. D. Lewis
9.30 am	<b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2<sup>nd</sup> Before Advent</b> <i>Holy Communion ( CW )</i>	Middleton Tyas	Ven. S. Golding
9.30 am	<b>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> November Christ the King</b> <i>Morning Prayer ( CW )</i>	Middleton Tyas	Mr. M. Idale
11.00 am	<b>Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December</b> Wedding	Middleton Tyas	Rev. D. Lewis
1.30 pm	Wedding	Middleton Tyas	Rev. D. Lewis
9.30 am	<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 1<sup>st</sup> of Advent</b> <i>Holy Communion ( CW )</i>	Middleton Tyas	Ven. S. Golding

<b>Date</b>	<b>Sidesmen</b>	<b>Reading</b>	<b>Reader</b>
4 November	Mrs. S. Vaux Mrs. M. Parker	Hebrews 9 : 11 - 14 Mark 12 : 28 - 34	p. 650 p. 650 Mr W.A.C.Hindhough
11 November	Mr. R. Aitken Mrs.P. Aitken	Jonah 3 : 1 – 5, 10 John 15 : 12 - 17	p. 659 Bible Mr. R. Congreve
18 November	Mrs. C. Harvey Mrs. E. Croft	Hebrews. 10 : 11 - 14 Mark 13 : 1 - 8	p.666 p.667 Mrs. M.. Hill
25 November	Mr. S. Hill Mrs. M. Hill	Daniel 7 : 9 – 10, 13 - 14 John 18 : 33 - 37	p. 670 p. 671 Mr. H. Hodgkiss
2 December	Miss M. Brown Mrs. D. Carter	1Thess. 3 : 9 - end Luke 21 : 25 - 36 :	p. 674 p. 674 Mrs. C. Harvey

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

**Please note our Joint All Souls Service with Croft and Eryholme is on Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> November at Middleton Tyas at 7.00 pm.**

## Flower rota

Amanda Congreve (377207) and Liz Croft (377867) are in charge of flowers this month.

## Cleaning rota

November 5 & 12 Mrs Jen Stead and Mrs M Stead  
November 19 and 26 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*