

Middleton Tyas and Moulton Village News

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‘Tis the season to be jolly.....

.....And what better way to start than with the Festive Supper in the Memorial Hall on Saturday 1 December? Tickets £5 are on sale in the Post Office now.

After that it's singing all the way to Christmas. Apart from the fact that that old message about the renewal of life and hope in the darkest days of the year still works its magic, singing out loud for the sheer pleasure of it has well-documented health benefits. There, you never heard that before as a plea to get you out singing carols with your neighbours. But it's true. You may feel cold, but it's nothing that a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie won't put right and you are guaranteed to feel - well, in some way happier for joining in. Two evenings singing around the village, starting at 6.00 on Thursday 13 December, followed by a couple of hours at Scotch Corner Moto Services from 4.00 – 6.00 Friday 21 December. Contact Barbara Oram on 339130 if you'd like to find out more and come to any or all of these .

Then there's Carols on the Green on Thursday 20 December at 7.00. If you haven't been before it is a truly lovely occasion, especially if it is a starry night. Half an hour of singing your heart out then off to the Hall for mulled wine and mince pies. (Bit of a theme emerging here!) It's lovely that so many families with young children come now. I wonder if the children will remember this as part of their childhood Christmases in years to come?

If singing in the warm is more your style, then there's the Advent Carol Service on December 9 at 5.00 at St Michael's Church and the Carol Service at St Andrew's Moulton on Christmas Eve at 6.00.

Still more Christmas music with a Candlelit Christmas Concert at St Mary's Church Richmond on Wednesday 12 December at 7.30 (Lots of popular and folk songs and a chance to sing some more carols) and The Richmondshire Choral Society Concert on Saturday 15 December at 7.30 when you can just sit back and let some of the great music of the season, conducted by local resident Peter Collis, wash over you. Wherever you are, a very Happy Christmas to you all.

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. You've heard all about the hampers and our own Christmas produce from the flyer that has come through your door. But there's more coming in all the time and we're very happy to take orders for Christmas cakes, mince pies, roast ham, roast beef, sausages in all shapes and sizes, pork pies and quiches to feed from one to twelve people.

There's so much more and no room to tell you about it! Please come in and see for yourself and have a taste of all our Christmas goodies on Saturday 1 December from 10.00.

Meanwhile the shortest day is coming up! What you need is some deliciously warming, good-as-homemade soup.

YORKSHIRE PROVENDER

- Pea, Spinach and Coriander
- Beetroot with Parsnip, Horseradish and Ginger
- Tomato and Red Pepper with Wensleydale Cheese and Rosemary
- Winter Root Vegetable with Pearl Barley and Thyme
- Onion with Yorkshire Hambleton Ale and Mustard
- Happy Christmas to all our customers!

Feeding carol singers?

Edwina will bake as many mince pies as you like. All you have to do is pop them in a warm oven. Maybe ease the top off and slip in a spoonful of brandy first? Bliss! And only 40p each. (The carol singers are optional!)

Run out of Christmas cards?

We can help you there too. We have a range of charity cards. You could solve a Christmas present problem too by enclosing a **VILLAGE SHOP VOUCHER** as a little gift. We have them in £5, £10 and £20 denominations and you can spend as you go. Use half the token on

one occasion and come back to spend the rest as often as you like

Here's a new idea for a leisurely breakfast on Christmas Day

Almond Croissants

85p

A subtle hint of marzipan inside and the outside sprinkled with flaked almonds. We'll bake them for you ready to just warm through on Christmas Day or you can buy them frozen to bake at home. Equally delicious for a fireside tea-time treat.

BORDER BISCUITS

They're selling like hot cakes!

Chocolate covered Brownies - £2.31

Chocolate Chip Cookies £1.89

Red Berry Rascals £1.89

Cranberry and Pumpkin Seed Cookies

Spicy Ginger Crunch £1.89

Dark Chocolate Ginger £1.93

Pecan, Maple Syrup and Granola Cookies
£1.89

Blackberry and Apple Crumbles £1.89

CHRISTMAS ICE CREAM

From Brymor

- Champagne sorbet
- Christmas pudding
- Raspberry
- Chocolate
- Rich, Dark Chocolate
- Ginger
- Vanilla

All available in 500g cartons. Vanilla is also available in a 1 litre carton.

**A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL
OUR CUSTOMERS**

News from the parish council

More crime in the village

Unfortunately there has been another property burglary in the village. Ironically at the September of Richmondshire Area Committee meeting the new Area Police Superintendent, Andy McMillan stated there had been a 10% reduction in crime on the previous year's figures. He reminded people to be constantly vigilant and to follow the slogan - Lock it or Lose it – and to routinely lock up sheds outbuildings, homes and vehicles.

The police also suggest that if you are going out, even during daylight hours, it is a good idea to leave some lights and a radio on. If they think someone may be at home, opportunistic thieves are more likely to leave your property alone.

Moulton matters

Bookswap

The Book Swaps and sale of refreshments and cards held in September and October raised £90.50. Thanks to all who assisted. An additional £15.85 was raised from 'Books in the Bus Shelter'. Watch out for the new date on the blackboards when books have been refreshed.

The Book Swaps will take a break over the winter months and the next will be held on Saturday 23 March from 10.00 – 12 noon in St Andrew's Church. Homemade refreshments will be available. All proceeds will go towards Moulton village funds. 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

Another scam has come to light this month. This one arrives by post and claims that there is an intestate estate somewhere left by someone with the same surname as you and you stand to be left some money if you just get in touch with the sender of the letter, no doubt supplying some bank details as you do so. The old adage that, if something seems too good to be true it almost certainly is, applies here. Disregard any such letter. The only concerning bit is where the sender has got your full name and address from.

Last month we carried a message from PC John Wilbor about the importance of asking to

see a proper Pedlar's Licence from anybody who comes to your door selling. PC Wilbor says that rather than just ringing 101 and, if he is not available, leaving a message for him, what you should do is ring 101 and say that you want to report a suspect person knocking on doors. That way a unit can be directed to attend the area immediately and there is a better chance of catching the offender.

If you want to contact PC Wilbor you can do so by dialling 101, then pressing option 2 and asking for him by his full name or collar number. (See below). Additionally, you can contact him on his mobile number 0796 697 3023 but do be aware that he may not be on duty at the time or he may be driving and unable to take your call, in which case it will go into the answering machine system

PC391 John Wilbor

Beat Manager/ Wildlife Crime Officer

Richmond Safer Neighbourhood Team

North Yorkshire Police

<p>Jean and Ron Burn wish to thank friends and neighbours for their kind words, cards and flowers following their recent bereavement of their son Michael.</p>

Fund-raising for new play equipment

Our recent '*Halloween Hooley*' raised over £1200 towards our fund-raising for a new slide for the Children's Play Park and also towards the wonderful work undertaken by Breast Cancer Care. Those who attended will know that we had a very 'spooky' night at Darlington Rugby Club. So many people supported our event through donations of time, cash, raffle prizes and items for the auction, and we are very grateful to everyone whose kindness and generosity helped to make the evening such a success.

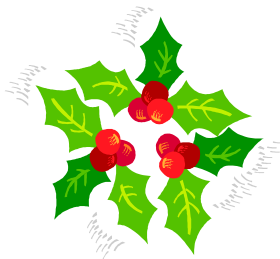
Our fund is growing and, with several grant applications pending, we hope to be in a position to reach our initial goal of a new slide in Spring 2013. We look forward to your continuing support.

Friends of Middleton Tyas Play Park

'A Right Royal Year'

Many thanks to everyone who supported or in any way helped with the evening with Canon Richard Cooper – 'A Right Royal Year' – and

thanks, of course, to everyone who came. We raised an amazing £965.
Yvonne Nicholson.



FESTIVE SUPPER

Saturday 1st December 2012
7.30 – 10.00
In the Memorial Hall

The hall will be decorated for
Christmas

The Christmas Season Starts
now!

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.**

TYAS TENDRILS

Invite you to a
**WINE AND CHEESE EVENING
WITH FUN QUIZ**

On Wednesday 5 December

In the Memorial Hall

From 7.30

With optional

‘Wine and Cheesy Quiz’

Prize for the highest score

**No Raffle, No Tombola, No
Auction**

**Just a fun evening to kick off the
Festive Season**

Members, Non-members

And Men – all welcome

Tickets £5 each from

**Michelle Hope (07934 676933),
Clare Holdstock (339183)**

**Chris Jones (377062) or Dorothy
Logan at the PO**

Please support your local WI

**New members always welcome –
Ask for details Office.**

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..

TYAS TENDRILS WI

Coffee Morning

Richmond Town Hall

Thursday 20 December

9.30 – 12.00

Coffee/Tea and Biscuits – 70p

Refills – 30p

Mince pies - 30 p

TOMBOLA* RAFFLE* CAKE STALL* BRIC-A-BRAC*

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Please join us to sing

'Carols on the Green'

***Followed by Mulled Wine and Mince
Pies in the Memorial Hall.***

Thursday 20 December at 7.00

All are very welcome.

St. Michael & all Angels Church

CHRISTMAS CONCERT by CANDLELIGHT"

St Mary's Church Richmond, Wednesday 12
December at 7.30 in aid of the Friends' of Garget
Walker House & The Station Singers' Bursary Fund

**The Station Singers choirs – Platforms 1 & 2 and
the Branch Line –will sing, under musical
director Carol Gedye extracts from Les
Miserables, a Beatle medley, folk/gospel songs
and will conclude with Christmas carols, with
audience participation**

Garget Walker House supports people with
dementia, their families and carers and is in aid of
their new project "Singing for the Brain"

Tickets £5.00 in advance from The Wives Kitchen,
Tourist Information office, Castle Hill Book Shop,
The Station, St Mary's Church or Garget Walker
House [ticket includes homemade refreshments,
mulled wine or fruit juice]; tickets on the door £6.00.
There will also be a raffle. Enquiries: 01748 –
824795/829861

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

We have to be quick off the mark with the
January issue in order to get it to the printers
before they close down for Christmas and the
New Year. Please would you send me copy by
Friday 14 December absolute latest to 2 The
Green, telephone 377311 or e-mail me on
dianathomas@gmail.com

Church News

Letter from Rev David Lewis

The two basic questions:

So Christmas approaches once again – the season of Carol Services and parties, turkeys and tinsel, mistletoe and mince pies. And with any luck they might put one or two decent films on the television as well.

One of my favourite films from yesteryear has to be 'The Eiger Sanction' starring Clint Eastwood and set in Switzerland. It is a thriller with an absolutely ludicrous plot and, dating from the 1970's, the jokes are by no means all politically correct. But the mountaineering sequences, including those filmed on location on the North Face of the Eiger, are truly spectacular. Clint Eastwood actually did the climbing and stunts for his character in the film, without using a double. At one stage during the filming tragedy struck. Two stuntmen were ascending a rope when the one in front dislodged a large boulder. It fell and killed his colleague below. According to Eastwood's account the filming was immediately stopped. Lots of little men in suits flew in from the United States waving pieces of paper and making a fuss. Meanwhile the actors gathered in a huddle. "What do we do now?" they asked.

It strikes me that this is the classic situation that confronts us repeatedly in church life. Having been a clergyman for nearly a quarter of a century I have seen plenty of situations (and no end of crises) in numerous churches and parishes. But with almost any scenario you can boil it down to two basic questions:

1. Where is God in this?
2. What are we going to do next?

Beyond those two questions, the rest is mostly just details.

When Christmas is over and we are moving into a new year, maybe these are the questions we should ask ourselves. Classic questions we can pose to ourselves as individuals, but also as churches and PCC's. Questions that could legitimately be asked of the East Richmond Team Ministry, or indeed of the Church of England as a whole.

Of course the tendency in a lot of cases is to jump to the second question and ignore the first one. However, this is unlikely to lead to good or happy results. Pure activism (especially of the brainless or feverish variety) is unlikely to lead to any genuine growth of the Kingdom of God. For that matter, if Clint Eastwood and his companions

had considered *both* questions, they might have produced an even better film.

Wishing you every blessing for Christmas and the New Year,
David Lewis

Autumn Church Clean

Thank you so much to all those who came on the Tuesday and the Wednesday to help with the big clean at Church. Once again we had a wonderful team of really busy happy workers who left the Church sparkling. You all did a fantastic job. Many, many thanks
Jean Nimmins

ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS' CHURCH

ADVENT CAROL SERVICE

On Sunday 9 December at 5.00

This service is for everyone so please do come and make this a real Christmas Celebration.

Refreshments afterwards.

St Michael's Majors

The Christmas Party will be held in the Memorial Hall on December 6 from 3.00 –5.00. Usual travel arrangements apply, we hope that as many members as possible will join us.

Church Flowers

Please could flower ladies (and gentlemen!) meet in the church at 10am on Thursday 20 when we will prepare the decorations for Christmas. If that date doesn't suit anyone please liaise with me and arrange a vase that we could leave you to do at a time that does suit, thank you.

Sara (377228)

EAST RICHMOND TEAM MINISTRY CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2012

MONDAY 24 DECEMBER - CHRISTMAS EVE
4.00 pm. CRIB SERVICE (for the family) at M. TYAS
6.00 pm. CAROL SERVICE at MOULTON
11.30 pm. MIDNIGHT COMMUNION at CROFT

TUESDAY 25TH DECEMBER - CHRISTMAS DAY
9.30 am. HOLY COMMUNION at M. TYAS
10.00 am FAMILY SERVICE at CROFT
11.00 am HOLY COMMUNION at ERYHOLME

SUNDAY 30th DECEMBER 2012
UNITED BENEFICE HOLY COMMUNION at 10.30am
BIRKBY OR MANFIELD

11.00 am	Saturday 1 st December	Wedding	Middleton Tyas	Rev. D. Lewis
1.30 pm		Wedding	Middleton Tyas	Rev. D. Lewis
9.30 am	Sunday 2 nd December	1 st Sunday of Advent Holy Communion (CW)	Middleton Tyas	Ven. S. Golding
5.00 pm..	Sunday 9 th December	2 nd Sunday of Advent Advent Carol Service	Middleton Tyas	Mr. M. Idale
9.30 am.	Saturday 16th December	3rd Sunday of Advent Holy Communion (CW)	Middleton Tyas	Ven. S. Golding
9.00 am	Friday 21st December	M. Tyas Primary School Christmas Service	Middleton Tyas	
9.30 am	Sunday 23rd December	4th Sunday of Advent Morning Prayer (CW)	Middleton Tyas	Mrs. V. Waugh
4.00 pm	Saturday 24th December	Christmas Eve Crib Service	Middleton Tyas	Rev. D. Lewis
6.00 pm		Carol Service	Moulton	Mr. H. Swanston
11.30 pm		Midnight Holy Communion	Croft	Rev. D. Lewis
9.30 am	Sunday 25 th December	Christmas Day Holy Communion (CW)	Middleton Tyas	Rev. D. Lewis
10.30am	Sunday 30th December	1st of Christmas Holy Communion (BCP)	Birkby	Ven. S. Golding
10-30am		Holy Communion (CW)	Manfield	Rev. D. Lewis
9.30 am	Sunday 6th January 2013	Epiphany Service for All	Middleton Tyas	Rev. D. Lewis

Date	Sidesmen	Reading	Reader
2 December	Miss M. Brown Mrs. D. Carter	1Thessalonians Luke	3 : 9 - end p. 674 21 : 25 - 36 p. 674
9 December	Mrs. M. Sheridan Mrs. J. Nimmins	Malachi Luke	3 : 1 - 4 p. 676 3 : 1 - 6 p. 678
16 December	Mr.A.W.C.Hindhaugh Mrs. S. Mahaffy	Philippians Luke	4 : 4 - 7 p. 680 3 : 7 - 18 p. 681
23 December	Dr. N.C.Weightman Mrs. L. Weightman	Micah Luke	5 : 2 – 5a p.682 1 : 39 - 45 p.684
25 December	Mr. R. Aitken Mrs. P Aitken	Hebrews John	1 : 1 - 4 p. 21 1 : 1 - 14 p. 22
6January2013	Mr S. Hill Mrs.M. Hill	The Three Wise Men	Toby Holdstock

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

The Advent Carol Service on the 9th December starts at **5.00pm**. Please note there is no service at Middleton Tyas on Sunday 30th December. You will be very welcome to attend the Service at Birkby or Manfield at **10.30am**. 8th January 2012 is our Family Service, we look forward to seeing you at 9.30 am.

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