



At last! It feels as though spring is on the way. The snowdrops and aconites fulfilled their February promise and this month, unfailingly, there will be signs of daffodils no matter what the weather throws at us. Unfortunately it's not a very spring-like news topic for the front page this month but it is something that very much concerns us all.

Over the past few months we have experienced a spate (by our standards) of burglaries and attempted burglaries, the most recent being from Chris and Sheila Alsop's house in Middleton Tyas. Sheila gave the Village News the details of their experience in the hope that it will alert other residents to be watchful of their own property.

In Chris and Sheila's case, three mountain bikes were stolen from their garage between 8.00 – 9.00 in the evening. The family had been in and out of the house doing things until this point and had only just come back indoors, intending to go back and lock up later. So that's the first lesson. These thieves are quite brazen and are not deterred by the thought that you may be at home or that they may be seen taking away something as bulky as three bikes. Keep your garages and sheds locked up all the time, even when you are at home.

That morning Chris and Sheila had noticed that their back gate was open although they were both confident that they had closed it the night before. It's very likely that the thieves had either attempted to take the bikes before or that they had been around their property previously 'casing the joint'. So that's another lesson. Although it goes against the grain in what we still feel to be a 'safe', essentially rural village, make your property as inaccessible as possible to unwanted visitors – padlocked gates, proximity lights, whatever it takes to make your property a bad bet to would-be thieves. And routinely keep your garage locked all the time unless you are getting the car in or out. *(Continues on page 3)*

## 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.*

Easter at the end of this month so  
spring must be on the way.

Before that though, we've got  
Mothering Sunday to remember.  
We can help you out with cards  
and chocolates And we have a  
selection of Easter cards too.

We can't begin to compete with  
supermarkets on Easter eggs but  
if you want a little chocolatey  
treat with Easter in mind then  
look no further. As well as boxes  
of chocolates we have:

### Cadbury's Mini Eggs

#### Malt Easter Mini Bunnies –

A bagful of chocolate bunnies for  
£1.29

#### Aero Chocolate Lambs

65p

#### Malt Easter Milk Chocolate Bunny

Filled with a crisp and creamy  
Malteaser centre – 62p

Cadbury's Crème Egg 52p

Lindt Lindor Creme Egg 69p

### ARE YOU A BLUE CHEESE LOVER?

We have:

- **Wensleydale Blue** £2.32  
per 140g
- **Yorkshire Blue** £2.94  
per 180g
- **Roquefort** £3.85 per  
150g

Just waiting for you.

### WINE OF THE MONTH

Early spring sunshine in a glass;  
crisp, dry, perfect before a meal or  
any time you need a lift!

#### MARTINI PROSECCO

£9.99

A good Prosecco is often a much  
better buy than a mediocre  
champagne at twice the price.

We have a tremendous range of  
biscuits squeezed into a small  
space such as:

### Border Biscuits

- Butterscotch Crunch
- Lemon Souffle
- Butter Crunch
- Chocolate and Walnut  
Brownies
- Pecan and Maple Syrup  
Granola Biscuits
- Yoghurt, Cranberry and  
Pumpkin Seed Crumbles
- Dark Chocolate Ginger
- Spicy Ginger
- Belgian Chocolate Chip  
Cookies

### Middleton Tyas Branded

- Cherry and Almond Cookies
- Chocolate Chip Cookies
- Real Chocolate and Orange  
Cookies
- Lemon Chip Cookies

## *Moulton matters*

### **Bookswap**

The next Book Swap 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. During January, £8.00 was raised from 'Books in the Bus Shelter'. Watch out for the new date on the blackboards when books have been refreshed.

### **Church Cleaning:**

Thanks to all who have volunteered to clean St Andrew's.

March: Mrs Atkinson and Mrs Vaux

April: Mr and Mrs Whitehead.

## **Refuse and re-cycling collection**

*(Hopefully you won't need this information for the next year but you never know. Ed)*

During severe weather, all refuse collections will be postponed until weather conditions improve. All kerbside collections of green recycling boxes and blue recycling bags will be cancelled to allow all resources to be directed into collecting household waste and servicing bring bank sites.

Residents are advised to leave their grey household waste bin out until it is collected. Residents are advised to take in their recycling and if possible take it to their nearest bring bank site - the list of these can be found at [www.richmondshire.gov.uk](http://www.richmondshire.gov.uk). Alternatively, all excess recycling will be taken on the next scheduled recycling collection day and can be left out in bags or other suitable containers. Notification of delays to household waste collections and cancellations of recycling collections will be placed on [www.richmondshire.gov.uk](http://www.richmondshire.gov.uk) and also given to the local media.

Please be assured that the quality of the refuse and recycling services remains our priority."  
*Richmondshire District Council*

## *Plan on local policing*

North Yorkshire's draft Police and Crime Plan was recently published by Julia Mulligan, Police and Crime Commissioner for North Yorkshire. Every Commissioner is required to produce a Police and Crime Plan, which sets out how they plan to make their area safer. Julia's Plan focuses on:

- Reducing crime across the county
- Having more people feeling safe in their homes and in the streets
- Increasing confidence and satisfaction in North Yorkshire Police
- Providing better protection for vulnerable people and victims of crime

Regarding the draft Police and Crime Plan, Julia Mulligan said, "I have worked with partners, the police and the public to produce North Yorkshire's first Police and Crime Plan. It is our view of what we think we can improve in North Yorkshire and how we can work together to achieve it. There are six clear themes, but you can sum up the Plan in four words: **Be safe, feel safe.**

We are privileged to have the lowest crime rates in the country in North Yorkshire, and I will endeavour to keep it that way. But I will also focus on helping people to feel safe in their homes and on the streets. That is why victims of crime will be a priority, as will increasing the confidence and satisfaction with the North Yorkshire Police. However, the Plan is only a draft, and it is not yet finished. Before it can really be considered North Yorkshire's Plan, I need the views, feedback and criticisms from the general public, partners and other interested parties.

We have a website where you can find out more – [www.crimeplan.org.uk](http://www.crimeplan.org.uk) – or please keep a look out for leaflets in your local libraries, police stations and other public buildings."

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There is a strong feeling that Middleton Tyas is currently being targeted. Stealing three bikes at the same time is hardly an opportunistic theft. The thieves must have known they were there and must have had transport to take them away. Chris and Sheila are the first to

admit that they would often have the bikes outside in the garden during the day, working on them, preparing to take them out or just moving them out of the way in the garage. Somebody noticed. So the lesson here is not to leave desirable items in full view, whether it's lawnmowers, children's bikes or anything else which somebody may notice and come back for.

Finally, if you are the victim of a burglary or an attempted burglary, it would be helpful if you could let our Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator, Phyllis Dinsdale, know so that a warning can be passed round the rest of the village. She can be contacted on 377754. Phyllis's understanding is that there is no Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator in Moulton. If you would like to set up a network in Moulton she would be very happy to help.

I am a mobile hairdresser with over 25 years experience, working mainly with the more mature lady for perming and shampoos and sets.

Treat yourself to having your hair done in the comfort of your own home.

For more information contact Julie Thornton on: 01748 822878 or 07967673691

**The Middleton Tyas Memorial Hall Management Committee AGM will take place at 6.00pm on Thursday 11 April 2013.**

There are five trustees for the Memorial Hall who meet once a year, two of the trustees are elected for a period of two years. At this AGM the election will take place for a vacancy of an elected trustee. Nominations for this Trustee are requested at this meeting. If you require any further information regarding the trustees' responsibilities please contact Barbara Oram tel 339130.

**ALL RESIDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND THE AGM. IT IS YOUR MEMORIAL HALL.**

## THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

HELPING TO IMPROVE THE LIVES OF THE MOST VULNERABLE CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE ACROSS THE COUNTRY

Many thanks to those of you who have held collecting boxes for the Children's Society. I have banked £225.63 this year, which is a very creditable amount. If any body would like a box, please ask me and I will arrange to collect some from the headquarters. The boxes are collected one a year, in January- all you need to do is drop in your bits of odd change- It soon adds up!

Thanks. Liz Croft 01325 377867  
[elizabeth.croft213@btinternet.com](mailto:elizabeth.croft213@btinternet.com)

@gmail com or give me a ring on 377311.

## Richmondshire Choral Society

Saturday 27 April 7,00pm

St Marty's Church , Richmond

## Handel's Messiah

Soloists

Rowan Pierce - soprano

Anna Huntley – Mezzo soprano

Michael Bradley Tenor

Dominic Barberi – Bass

Cleveland Chamber Orchestra

Conductor – Peter Collis

Tickets are £10 from choir members,

Richmond TIC, by mail or on the door or £9 +

10% admin fee from

[richmondshirechoralsociety.org.uk](http://richmondshirechoralsociety.org.uk)

Contact 01325 374112 or see website for further information.

The retiring collection is in aid of Coram children's charity – originally the Foundling Hospital that Handel himself supported with performances of 'Messiah'

## Church News

*Letter from Martin Idale*

### **So what's a Reader?**

"You'll always be seen as stand-in clergy."

That was said to me by a friend of mine who had been a Reader for nearly forty years.

Often, I have to admit, it does feel like that. So when David Lewis asked if one of the Readers would like to do the magazine letter this month, and I drew the short straw, I thought it might be a good idea to explain what a Reader is.

Some people think we are clergy. I have been addressed as 'vicar' or even 'reverend', especially by strangers after I have taken a service. We are neither. It's easier sometimes to say what we are not, rather than what we are. So here goes. We are not clergy or even trainee clergy. The usual definition of Reader ministry is that it is a preaching and teaching ministry. The clue is in history. After the Reformation in the sixteenth century in the reign of Elizabeth the First, two important things happened in the church in England. The first was that there was a shortage of priests (a bit like today!). After the split from Rome, some priests could not accept it, and stayed with the Catholic Church. Much more important though, the Bible was now translated into English and accessible to ordinary people. The emerging protestant church had a faith strongly founded on scripture. The people (that's what laity means) had a passion for learning and understanding the Bible. Where there was no priest, or where the priest was not seen as a good preacher, the people invited educated lay people to preach. They were known as Lecturers, (the words has the same root as 'read') and they were the first Readers.

Today we are called Readers, because we are allowed to take, ie 'read' some services, though of course, as ordinary Christians, we get involved in all the things like pastoral work, which all Christians do. So how do you become a Reader? First, and most important, do you feel it is something God is calling you to do? If you have ever thought about it, it may be God speaking to you. He doesn't always speak like the big pointing hand of the lottery, but 'it could be you'! And you don't have to buy a ticket!

There is a three-year training period, partly study and partly practical, during which time

you will be well prepared. It's nothing to be frightened of. Just look in the Bible at the reluctant ones God called; Moses, Isaiah, Jeremiah etc. Why not you? All you need is a faith that you want to share with others. If you think this may be for you, come and talk about it with Di, Viv or me.

Martin Idale

### ***St Michael's Majors***

This month's tea will be held at the Memorial; Hall on Thursday 21 March, 3.00 – 5.00. The usual travel arrangements apply.

### ***Easter flowers***

Sara Vaux will contact people about decorating the church for Easter once details of Good Friday services have been confirmed. If you would like to donate flowers or greenery or contribute to the costs of the flowers please ring Sara on 377228.

## **COFFEE MORNING**

in aid of Church funds.

### **St Michael and All Angels'**

You are invited to drop in for a chat and relax on

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2013  
10-30 am until 1-00 pm

In the  
Memorial Hall  
Entrance £3-50 Adults  
£1-75 Children

This includes coffee, tea or squash  
bacon butty and biscuits.  
Raffle

We look forward to welcoming you.

## **Claiming dates**

### **March**

Saturday 23 March 10.00 – 12.00 Book Swap,  
St Andrew's Church , Mloulton

### **April**

Saturday 6 April 10.30 – 1.00 Coffee and  
Bacon Butty Morning

Saturday 27 April 10.00 – 12.00 Book Swap  
St Andrew's Church , Mloulton

### **May**

Saturday 11 May Moulton Plant Sale

Copy for the April issue by 20 March to 2, The Green , telephone 377311 or email  
[dianahthomas@gmail.com](mailto:dianahthomas@gmail.com)

## Church Services

<b>9.30 am</b>	Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March 3 <sup>rd</sup> of Lent Holy Communion ( CW )		<b>Middleton Tyas</b>	<b>Rev. D. Lewis</b>	
<b>Sidesmen</b>	Mrs. S. Vaux Miss. M. Brown	<b>Reader</b>	Mrs. C. Harvey	1 Corinthians 10 : 1 - 13 Luke 13 : 1 - 9	p. 740 p. 741
<b>9.30 am.</b>	Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> March Mothering Sunday All Age Service		<b>Middleton Tyas</b>	<b>Rev. D. Lewis</b>	
<b>Sidesmen</b>	Mr. S. Hill Mrs. M. Hill	<b>Reader</b>	Toby Holdstock	Exodus 2 : 1 - 10 Luke 2 : 33 - 35	p. p.
<b>6.00 pm</b>	Holy Communion ( BCP )		<b>Moulton</b>	<b>Rev. D. Lewis</b>	
<b>9.30 am</b>	Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> March 5 <sup>th</sup> of Lent <b>Holy Communion ( CW )</b>		<b>Middleton Tyas</b>	<b>Rev. L. Thorius</b>	
<b>Sidesmen</b>	Mr R. Aitken Mrs P. Aitken	<b>Reader</b>	Mr. P. Nimmins	Philippians 3 : 4b - 14 John 12 : 12 - 1 - 8	p.747 p.748
<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March Palm Sunday</b> <b>Morning Prayer ( CW )</b>		<b>Middleton Tyas</b>	<b>Mrs. V. Waugh</b>	
<b>Sidesmen</b>	Mrs C. Harvey Mrs E. Croft	<b>Reader</b>	Mrs. E. Davies	Isaiah 50 : 4 – 9a Luke 19 : 28 - 40	p.751 p.749
<b>7.30 pm</b>	<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March Maundy Thursday</b> <b>United Benefice Holy Communion ( CW )</b>		<b>Croft</b>	<b>Rev. D. Lewis</b>	
<b>2.00 pm</b>	<b>Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March Good Friday</b> <b>Meditation</b>		<b>Middleton Tyas</b>	<b>Ven. S. Golding</b>	
<b>9.30 am</b>	Sunday 31 <sup>th</sup> March Easter Day Holy Communion ( CW )		<b>Middleton Tyas</b>	<b>Rev. D. Lewis</b>	
<b>Sidesmen</b>	Mrs. D. Carter Miss M. Brown	<b>Reader</b>	Dr N.C.Weightmar	Acts 10 : 34 - 43 Luke 24 : 1 - 12	p.761 p.760
<b>6.00 pm</b>	Holy Communion ( BCP )		<b>Moulton</b>	<b>Rev. D. Lewis</b>	
<b>10.30 am</b>	<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2<sup>nd</sup> of Easter</b> <b>United Benefice Holy Communion ( CW )</b> <b>Baptism of Holly Simpson</b>		<b>Middleton Tyas</b>		
<b>Sidesmen</b>	Mr.WAC Hindhaugh Mrs S. Mahaffy	<b>Reader</b>	Mrs S. Vaux		p. p.

Please note there will be a United Benefice Service at Croft on Maundy Thursday at 7.30pm.  
**The Holy week timetable can be seen at St. Michael's, St. Andrew's and the village notice boards.**  
**You will be very welcome at all these services.**  
 All readings are as detailed in the Revised Common Lectionary unless otherwise shown.

### Cleaning rota

W/b March 4 Mrs Brooke and Mrs Nimmins  
 March 11 and 18 Mrs Laycock and Mrs Donnison  
 March 25 Mrs Thompson and Mrs Potts

If anyone needs the services of a priest, please contact Revd. David Lewis on 01609 881205 or email  
[davidlewis648@btinternet.com](mailto:davidlewis648@btinternet.com)