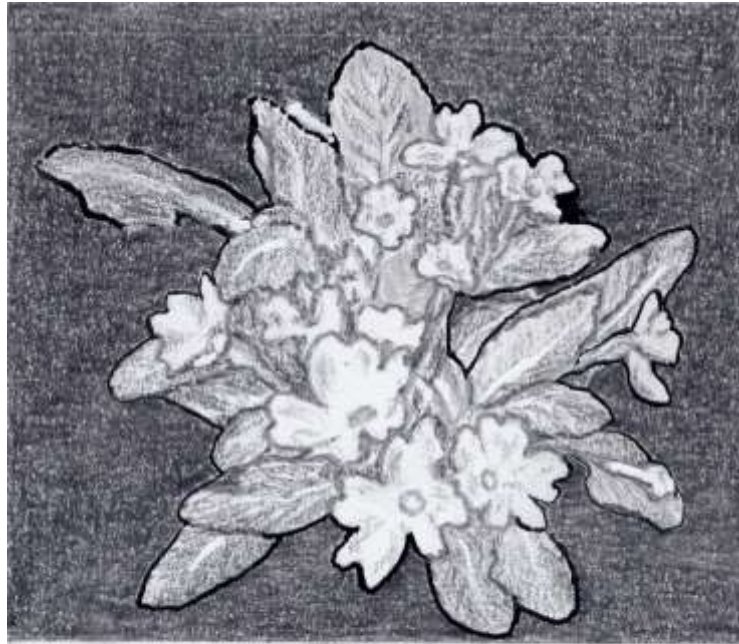


Middleton Tyas and Moulton Village News

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PRIMROSE

‘first-rose’

primula vulgaris

pale yellow flower of Spring in open woods & grass.

‘At the time of writing it feels as though spring will never come and we will always be under a grey blanket of cloud wondering whether the next precipitation will be rain, sleet or snow. Perhaps by the time you read this you will be enjoying a cup of tea outside in glorious sunshine admiring the primroses and daffodils which at last dare to show their colours.

As soon as the soil warms up a bit no doubt we shall all be outside, willingly or not, clearing up slimy, rotten leaves and stalks, booting the lawnmower into life and imagining how wonderful it will all look in a couple of months time.

Whether sharing your plants and gardens with others or just admiring the efforts of other people is your thing, there are two events coming up which should appeal to everybody. The first is the Moulton Plant Sale on Saturday 11 May. If you are sowing seeds or splitting plants please pot up a few extra in a good cause. If you would like to fill your garden or just your windowsill with herbs, flowers or vegetables already well into growth, make a note in your diary now and come along. No doubt there will be delicious cakes and tea on sale as well.

Then on Sunday 7 July from 2.00 – 6.00 St Michael’s Church will be holding an afternoon of open gardens, great and small. It’s always fascinating to see the variety of gardens there are tucked away and, who knows, this year you might even see them in sunlight! Whatever the weather, there’s bound to be a delicious cake at this event too. If you would be willing to open your garden, no matter how small or weed-friendly it is, please contact Pauline 377137, Mary 377477 or Diana 377641. Proceeds from this event will be going to church funds.

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.

Spring is really here and there's a bank holiday weekend to look forward to after the long winter slog.

This month we've got a sweetie menagerie!

Malt Easter Mini Bunnies –

A bagful of chocolate bunnies for £1.29
Each mini bunny contains 62 calories. (As if you care!)

Malt Easter Milk Chocolate Bunny

Filled with a crisp and creamy Malteser centre – 62p (Don't even ask about the calories in this one!)

Aero Chocolate Lambs 65p

Kinder Happy Hippo 37p

Even though the sun's out it's still nice to have tea by the fire. What could go better with that afternoon cuppa that toasted hot cross buns?

We have them in packs of six for £1.29 and we can supply them frozen if you prefer so you have them to hand whenever you fancy a teatime treat.

Just the thing to nibble with a glass of wine. From Crimble's:

- **Tomato, Olive and Oregano Cheese Bites**
- **Sour Cream and Onion Cheese Bites**

Not sure of the price yet. We've snapped them up as soon as they became available !

WINE OF THE MONTH

Every body's drinking rose wine! It used to be just a summer favourite now it's popular all the year round. And this one has a dedicated following!

**SEVEN TENTHS SPANISH
ROSE
£5.49**

Slightly dryer than the Californian version and perfect for any anytime glass of sunshine.

Last month's order of Border Biscuits obviously hit the spot!

We've almost sold out but reinforcements are on the way! All the usual flavours plus three more which sounded too delicious to resist.

- **Strawberry Shortbread Fingers**
- **Glace Cherry Shortbread Fingers**
- **Cranberry and Orange Shortbread Fingers**

EASTER OPENING

GOOD FRIDAY 8.30 – 10.00

EASTER MONDAY 8.30 – 10.00

Happy to bake bread, rolls or croissants to order for you to collect We'll be open as usual on Easter Saturday 8.30 – 1.00.

News from the parish council

Flooding and sewerage

We had a meeting recently with Michael Denny from Yorkshire Water to talk about the three main areas in the village where sewerage discharge through the manhole covers are a problem during heavy rain. He understands our concerns as he deals with the same problems in many other parts of the county, and is going to liaise with Cathy Stephenson, North Yorkshire's Flood Prevention Officer and NYCC Highways to find the most cost effective method of dealing with it.

A1 Upgrade

The plans for the upgrade are the same as they were at the time the project was cancelled two or three years ago. At the recent exhibition at Catterick Bridge Hotel officials from the Highways Agency promised us there would be a Local Access Road between Scotch Corner and Barton.

Rough sleepers

There is a new initiative by North Yorkshire and York Forum for helping rough sleepers, (although in many areas this is very unlikely). If there is any Voluntary or Community Groups who would like more information please contact North Yorkshire and York Forum on 01845 526909 or Email: jeanette.lilley@nyyforum.org.uk.

Moulton matters

Bookswap

The next Book Swap will be held on Saturday 27 April from 1000 – 12 noon in St Andrew's Church. Homemade refreshments will be available. All proceeds will go towards Moulton village funds. During February, £15.50 was raised from 'Books in the Bus Shelter'. Watch out for the new date on the blackboards when books have been refreshed.

Moulton Plant Sale

The Plant Sale will be held on 11 May at St Andrew's Church. Whilst you are preparing the seeds for your own garden, why not plant a few extras that can be sold at the plant sale. All contributions of flowers, vegetables and herbs are most welcome – thank you.

Best Kept Village Competition

We received £400 as our prize for the 'Best Kept Village 2012'. A new notice board has been made and put in place and with the remaining funds, two flower troughs have been purchased. These will be placed on the

Middleton Tyas and Scorton Roads boundary markers soon. We have entered the competition once again this year with judging as normal in the first two weeks of July.

Church Cleaning:

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

April: Mr and Mrs Whitehead

May: Mr and Mrs Stephens

School report

World Book Day

The children and staff had a great day dressing up as their favourite book character to celebrate World Book Day. They were involved in various book studies and activities. In the afternoon, some of our older pupils spent time reading stories and sharing books with our younger children.

The children had spent the previous weeks voting for their favourite books. The results showed that our children enjoy funny fiction stories with the Horrid Henry series of books by Francesca Simon being KS1 favourite and Ratburger by David Walliams the KS2 favourite.

Comic Relief

Once again our pupils supported this event by coming to school dressed as a Superhero, with the children each paying a £1 donation. We sold the Comic Relief red noses in school and also held a cake sale. All proceeds from these three fundraising events, which to date total a fantastic £199, will be going directly to Comic Relief.

Spellathon

The whole school is currently taking part in learning a selection of age-appropriate spellings to help raise money for Mencap. The Spellathon is part of a fundraising event with the children being sponsored to learn their spellings!

Easter

Our Easter church service will take place in St Michael's and All Angels at 2.00 on Thursday 28 March. This also marks the last day of the spring term. Children return to school on Monday 15 April at 8.45 for the start of a busy but exciting summer term.

A Date for your Diary – BODEN Evening

Following our very successful event last year, a Boden Evening will be held at the school on

Friday 24 May at 7.00. This is your chance to view the new summer range, try it on and buy it! The entry cost is just £2.50 per person to include a glass of wine and nibbles. Please contact the school on 01325 377285 for tickets and further information.

Helen Richardson
Parent Governor

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.

Church News

Letter from Rev David Lewis Coming to our senses

Many of us are familiar with Jesus' parable of The Prodigal Son. The story tells of a young man who leaves home and squanders his inheritance in loose living. He descends into misery and ends up feeding pigs – a particularly horrific fate to contemplate for Jesus' original Jewish listeners. For this man reality has begun to bite. Then, in a haunting phrase, the text tells us that 'he came to his

senses' (Luke 15 verse 17). What does this mean?

Most obviously it means that the man recognised he was in a bad place and needed to get out of it. Returning home and throwing himself on his father's mercy was his only hope. "I will arise and go to my father" he says – however painful and embarrassing the reunion was likely to be.

But 'coming to his senses' surely involves more than that. It hints at a growing self-awareness. The young man had left home with money, and also with pride, ambition and a determination to have a good time. Indeed he was carrying a whole self-image that was, in fact, a delusion. Feeding the pigs he finds that his earlier fantasies about himself have been stripped away. They have been revealed to be a mirage.

Reality is biting. The man regrets what he has done. But at a deeper level he is disappointed about who he *is* – about the person he has been revealed to be.

Richard Holloway, the former Bishop of Edinburgh, writes in his autobiography: "The big discovery we make in life is the person we have been *revealed* to be. We don't have that knowledge when we start out. We imagine there is a list of characteristics we can acquire if we fancy them, whereas the main lines of our personality were cast before we knew it." (In *Leaving Alexandria*).

This does not mean we have no control over our decisions and choices. But we have little control over them unless (or until) we accept the reality of who we actually are. And as we grow older life reveals that reality to us.

Recently I came across a prayer from Kenya which, I am sure, will resonate with many of us: "Lord Jesus, you invited us, when tired, to come to you. Despite all your goodness to us, we do sometimes grow tired. Tired of our work. Tired of life's routine. Tired of our failure. Tired of our sin. Tired even of ourselves. We come to you for deliverance from our weariness. May we find in you the source of new life, and a purpose in living it. Amen."
David Lewis.

St Michael's Majors

This month's tea will be held at the Memorial Hall on Thursday 18 April, 3.00 – 5.00. The usual travel arrangements apply.

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 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.

Richmond Deanery Mothers' Union

This year members from the East Richmond Team Ministry MU are hosting the Deanery Lady Day Service at All Saints' Church, East Cowton, on Monday 8 April at 2.00 with refreshments afterwards. The service will be led by the Acting Team Rector, Revd David Lewis, and the preacher will be our Area Dean, Revd John Richards. All, whether members or not, are very welcome.

Rachel Stowe

Parish of Middleton Tyas with Moulton.

The Annual Meeting of Parishioners will be taking place at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 23rd April at St. Andrews Chapel, Moulton. Everyone is very welcome

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

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

Claiming dates

April

Saturday 6 April 10.30 – 1.00 Coffee and Bacon Butty Morning

Thursday 11 April 6.30 Parish Council meeting (venue to be confirmed)

Tuesday 23 April 7.30 Annual meeting of Parishioners ,St Andrew's Chapel, Moulton

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

May

Saturday 11 May Moulton Plant Sale

Thursday 9 May 6.30 Parish Council meeting

Events are in the Memorial Hall unless shown otherwise.

Editor's corner

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Church Services

10.30 am	Sunday 7 th April 2 nd of Easter United Benefice Holy Communion (CW) Baptism of Holly Simpson	Middleton Tyas	Ven. S. Golding
Sidesmen	Mrs. M. Sheridan Reader Mrs. S. Vaux Mrs. J. Nimmins	Acts 5 : 27 - 32 John 20 : 19 - end	p. 767 p. 770

9.30 am.	Sunday 14 th April 3 rd of Easter Morning Prayer (BCP)	Middleton Tyas	Mr. H. Swanston
Sidesmen	Dr. N. Weightman Reader Mr. S. Hill Mrs. L. Weightman	Zephaniah 3 : 14 - end Acts 9 : 1 - 6	p. 1049 p. 771

6.00 pm	Evening Prayer (BCP)	Moulton	Mr. H. Swanston
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3.00 pm	Saturday 20 th . April Wedding	Middleton Tyas	Ven. S. Golding
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9.30 am	Sunday 21 st April 4 th of Easter Family Communion (CW)	Middleton Tyas	Rev. D. Lewis
Sidesmen	Mr R. Aitken Reader Toby Holdstock Mrs P. Aitken	The Good Shepherd	

9.30 am	Sunday 28 th April 5 th of Easter Morning Prayer (CW)	Middleton Tyas	Mrs. V. Waugh
Sidesmen	Mrs S. Vaux Reader Mrs. E. Croft Mrs M. Parker	Genesis 22 : 1 - 18 Acts 11 : 1 - 18	p. 1059 p. 779

9.30 am	Sunday 5 th May 6 th of Easter Holy Communion (CW)	Middleton Tyas	Rev. L. Thorius
Sidesmen	Mrs. C. Harvey Reader Mrs. D. Carter Mrs. E. Croft	Acts 16 : 9 - 15 John 14 : 23 - 29	p.783 p.785

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 April 1	Mrs Thompson and Mrs Potts
April 8 and 15	Mrs Baxter and Mrs Gentry
April 22 and 29	Mrs Hill

Sara Vaux will be in charge of lowers this month.

If anyone needs the services of a priest, please contact The Rev'd. David Lewis on 01609 881205 or email davidlewis648@btinternet.com