

# Middleton Tyas and Moulton Village News

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## Of bees and bluebells

It might be a couple of weeks later than usual but sometime this month we will be rewarded with one of the most beautiful sights of the year – woodlands carpeted with bluebells as far as the eye can see. That intense blue is almost dizzying and the fragrance is fresh, honeyed and distinctive. We are very fortunate to be able to visit several around here. Did you know that in the UK we have 60% of the world's population of bluebells? We are very lucky to have several bluebell woods near us.

Let's hope the bluebells do some good for our poor benighted bees who depend heavily on them as a major nectar flow at this time of year. As a result of a succession of indifferent summers and an exceptionally long and wet winter combined with widespread use of a pesticide which is fatal to pollinating insects, bumble bees and honey bees have suffered a catastrophe drop in numbers. We can all help by growing nectar plants that will provide forage for bees but, if you want to do something even more pro-active, have you thought about becoming a bee-keeper?

If you would be interested in getting involved in this fascinating hobby and doing your bit to support British wildlife at the same time, Richmond Beekeepers' Association would be very pleased to hear from you. You can contact Philip Braithwaite, Secretary on 07764 883782 or e-mail him on [pdbraithwaite@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:pdbraithwaite@yahoo.co.uk). For anybody interested in getting started with beekeeping, there is an introductory weekend training course at Foxglove Covert Nature Reserve, Catterick Garrison on 25/26 May. The course costs £40, which includes a book with all you need to know to get started. Philip Braithwaite has more information on this. Or if you don't want to commit yourself at this stage but would like to know more about what's involved in keeping bees Louis and Sandra Baxter would be very happy to show you their hives. You can contact them on 377291.

## MIDDLETON TYAS VILLAGE SHOP NEWS

Tel: 377198 Open Monday to Friday 8.00 – 5.30, Saturday 8.30 – 1.00

*Make it your shop and make your voice count.*

£1.22 each

Well, we keep on hoping it will soon be time to dust off the barbecue and chill the beer. Meanwhile, let's be realistic about this and look forward to a warming curry!

Have you tried our Really Indian Curry Sauces? There's a Hot version and a Mild. They are both made with all natural and fresh ingredients and are based on a recipe which uses tomatoes, onion, garlic and a variety of spices. No thickening, no gluten, no nasty additives. And if you do fire up the barbecue after all, you can freeze the Really Indian Curry Sauce for the next time the sun doesn't shine.

£3.25 per carton

### Our milk is organic

In case you hadn't noticed: we now stock Organic milk from Acorn Dairy. Whole milk, Semi-skimmed and Skimmed, still at the same price.

### Carrick's are back

We now stock Carrick's fruit and vegetables and will be happy to take orders. They currently deliver to us once a week but the more you buy, the more often we can ask them to call.

We also have Carrick's fish cakes back in stock:

- **Salmon and Broccoli**
- **Smoked Haddock and Spring Onion**

### Just for a change...

... We're now stocking Seabrook Crisps:

- **Salt and Vinegar**
- **Cheese and Onion**

56p per bag

A traditional tea-time treat and at a special low price into the bargain: bargain:

### McVitie's Ginger Cake

Usually £1.65 but we have it at £1.49

### Need something to nibble?

If you're feeling very virtuous, you could just dip in some sticks of celery or carrot. If not, crisps or torn-off chunks of a warm demi-baguette or French loaf would be good. Either way, the magic ingredient is

- **Primula Sour Cream and Chive Dip**

£1.42

- **Primula Thai Sweet Chilli Dip**

£1.65

**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**

£1.72

### **Middleton Tyas Annual Meeting & Parish Assembly**

The Parish Assembly is held each May in order to provide a public forum for 'village organisations' to report to residents on their activities over the past twelve months. All residents are cordially invited to attend from **7.00pm** (to approx 8.30pm) in the **Memorial Hall on Wednesday, 22 May 2013.**

Those invited to present reports are the Parish Council, Police, County and District Councillors, Memorial Hall Management, Neighbourhood Watch, Residents' Association, Primary School Governors, Church PCC, WI, Cricket Club, Gardening Club, Village Shop and Village News. (If anyone else would like to give a report, please contact Christine Jones, Parish Clerk on 377062.)

Following each report you will have the opportunity to ask any questions you may have. A copy of the meeting agenda is on each of the three village notice boards; or you can have your own copy from the Clerk.

**This is your village** - please come along and support the organisations which help to make it thrive!

### **Moulton matters**

#### ***Moulton Plant Sale***

The Plant Sale will be held on 11 May at St Andrew's Church from 11.00 to 3.00. All contributions of plants and items for the tombola will be most welcome – come along and stock up your garden for the summer.

#### ***Bookswap***

The last Book Swap held on a chilly Saturday 23 March raised £23 for Moulton village funds. A note for your diary that the June Bookswap will now be held on Saturday 15 June rather than 22 June as previously advertised.

#### ***Best Kept Village Competition***

We received £400 as our prize for the 'Best Kept Village 2012'. In addition to the new noticeboard, two flower troughs have now been purchased and have been placed on the Middleton Tyas and Scorton Roads boundary markers. We have some remaining funds that will be used for summer bedding in the troughs. The competition this year is for all villages in the area with judging as normal in the first two weeks of July.

### ***Church Cleaning:***

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

May: Mr and Mrs Stephens

June: Ms Spence and Mrs Richardson

## **Plant Sale**

at

**St Andrew's Church,  
Moulton**

**Saturday 11 May  
11.00 to 3.00**

**Come along and stock up  
your garden with summer  
bedding, tomatoes and  
herbs, all locally grown**

**Tombola**

**Refreshments will be  
available**

**If you have plants or items for the  
tombola you would like to donate,  
please contact Sue or Jo - 377815 or  
339029, or bring them along on the  
day**

**All proceeds will contribute to  
Moulton Village Association funds**

### **Neighbourhood Watch**

The police have alerted us to a scam which has recently been taking place in North Yorkshire. Please beware!

An elderly North Yorkshire resident has been contacted over the telephone by persons purporting to be from the NatWest Bank, convincing him that there were issues with his

account, that they wanted to change his account details and transfer the money across from his current account. This has resulted in a large sum of money being transferred to an account in West Yorkshire. We need people to be aware that this scam is taking place and that people may become the target. Banks would never ask for such details or actions over the telephone. If wary ask for a name and telephone number. DO NOT ring that number. DO go to your own branch and speak to somebody and report this.

### **Property Watch**

Every year the police recover hundreds of thousands of pounds worth of stolen property which cannot be returned to the rightful owners because there is no way of identifying who it belongs to. Without an owner it is much more difficult to bring charges against the criminals involved, leaving them at large to steal again.

A special Property Watch pack is available from the police, which includes a pen containing ink which is only visible under UV light. All police forces throughout the UK have such lights so all you need to do is write your postcode and house name or number somewhere on the item where it cannot easily be wiped or washed off.

Also in the pack are window stickers, which have a known criminal deterrent value and a property list, which is invaluable to the police in the event of a theft. It's a good idea to mark your own and your children's mobile phones, i-pads and anything else which might attract the opportunistic thief.

Property watch packs are available if you contact  
Kath.leonard@northyorkshire.pnn.police.uk

### **Ringmaster**

Phyllis Dinsdale, our Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator has forms for anyone who would like to join Ringmaster, North Yorkshire Police's e-mail system for keeping you up to date on any current risks or criminal activity or situations which the public should be aware of. It is possible to receive this information by telephone if you do not have access to e-mail. You can contact Phyllis on 377754.

### **Mobile Police Office**

The Mobile Police Office will be in Middleton Tyas once a month, generally on the last Saturday of the month, from 12.15 to 12.45.

This is a chance to come along and speak to PC John Wilbor and PCSO Gavin Dobson regarding any quality of life issues, crime prevention, or simply to air your views about things that are happening in the village.

### **Dates:**

**25 May**  
**22 June**  
**24 August**  
**28 September**  
**26 October**  
**30 November**  
**28 December.**

### **Thank you**

Greta and Jim Crayton would like to thank all those friends and neighbours who sent expressions of concern during Greta's recovery from hospitalisation recently and also for the many spontaneous offers of help –too many to mention but we have been overwhelmed by the response, which only confirms our sincere belief that this is a special community with heart and is the main reason we have spent thirty-six years of our lives here over two periods. We just love the place.

### **Greta's pies**

The supply of Greta's savoury foods will continue uninterrupted but only on the second and fourth Thursdays in the month in future. Please come long and buy them. The Shop deserves our support.

*Jim Crayton*

### **Do you remember Hamish Cowell?**

Former Middleton Tyas resident, Hamish Cowell, has been appointed Her Majesty's Ambassador to the Republic of Tunisia and will take up his appointment during July.

Hamish, the son of Barry Cowell, Middleton Tyas Estate manager, spent his childhood in the village, living at Brook House until he moved to St Andrews with his mother, sister and brother in his teens. He joined the FCO in 1987 and has spent much of his career on Middle East and North African issues in Cairo, Tehran and covering Middle East and North African issues in Paris and Brussels. He is currently Head of the North African Department in the FCO. He has also served as speechwriter to the Foreign Secretary and Private Secretary to the Minister of State.

On his appointment Mr Cowell commented : “I am delighted and honoured to be appointed as Ambassador to Tunisia, the birthplace of the Arab Spring, and I look forward to working closely with the government and people of Tunisia to strengthen and deepen further relations between our two countries.”

## Swaledale Festival

The Swaledale Festival's annual Reeth Lecture will be delivered - in Reeth, naturally - by architectural broadcaster and author Lady Lucinda Lambton, on the coyly titled subject of Temples of Convenience.

A native of Newcastle upon Tyne, Lucinda Lambton has researched, written and presented nearly 100 films for the BBC and ITV, including the award-winning Sublime Suburbia. In Temples of Convenience she looks at the history and social background of the smallest room in the house. With the aid of her own superb photographs, she will demonstrate how the humble 'throne' can be a thing of beauty.

The 2013 Reeth Lecture takes place on **Friday 7 June at 15:00, in Reeth Methodist Church**. Tickets are £10. There should be time for questions from the audience, and light refreshments will be available afterwards.

Frequently described by national papers as among the best festivals in the country, the Swaledale Festival runs from 25 May to 8 June, and packs an exciting programme of over 50 individually ticketed events into a summer fortnight, including classical, folk, jazz, brass bands, poetry, drama, art exhibitions and guided walks in stunning scenery. Events take place in churches and chapels throughout the northern Dales of Swaledale, Wensleydale and Arkengarthdale in North Yorkshire.

Other 2013 highlights include guitarist John Williams, composer John Rutter, the Leyland Band, the Hallé Soloists, Northern Sinfonia, the Royal String Quartet, Charlotte Barbour-Condini, Roger McGough, and Barry Cryer with Colin Sell.

Programme information and online ticketing are available at [swalefest.org](http://swalefest.org), or the Box Office can be phoned at 01748 880019 (10 - 4, Monday – Saturday.)

## Claiming dates

### May

Saturday 11 May Moulton Plant Sale

Thursday 9 May 6.30 Parish Council meeting

Wednesday 22 May 7.00 Middleton Tyas

Annual Meeting and Parish Assembly

### June

Wednesday 5 June Coffee Morning from 8.30  
Northallerton Town Hall

Thursday 13 June 7.00 Parish Council Meeting

Saturday 15 June 10.00 – 12.00 Book Swap,  
Moulton

### July

Sunday 7 July 2.00 – 6.00 Open Gardens

Saturday 27 July 10.00 – 12.00 Book Swap,  
Moulton

*Events are in the Memorial Hall unless shown otherwise.*

## Editor's corner

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## Church News

*Letter from Rev David Lewis*

*Broken for you*

I am sure that we have all got our own memories of school dinners. Many of those memories are likely to be bad ones. At my secondary school some of the dinners were ok. Most were pretty awful. The most popular item on offer each day was chips. The problem was that only limited numbers of chips were available. So the people at the front of the dinner queue got chips, whilst those further back had to make do with some kind of reconstituted mashed potato.

The consequence of this was entirely predictable. Every day when the school bell rang for lunchtime there was a stampede. Boys poured out of the school buildings and ran across thirty yards of open space to the dining hall which was a separate building, with access through a set of swing doors.

One day something terrible happened. The bell rang. The stampede began. But on this particular day the cooking staff had not yet unlocked the swing doors. The first boy to sprint across to the dining hall ran headlong into the doors and broke both arms. A few moments later the doors were at last unlocked, and the kid with the broken arms lay on the ground screaming whilst everyone else ran past him or over him to get to the chips.

A dreadful incident – but one that tells us quite a lot about human nature and the nature of human society. A memorable illustration of selfishness and stupidity. Two broken arms making a statement about the brokenness of this world.

It says in John's gospel that Jesus "knew what was in the heart of man." (John 2 v25). Jesus of Nazareth had no illusions about human nature, or about the brokenness of the world. At the Last Supper he knew that one of his disciples was about to betray him, and that another one would deny him. He knew that the rest of his friends would desert him and run away. Everything was crumbling around him, and a fearful ordeal lay ahead. And it was at this very moment that he took a piece of bread and spoke to them about brokenness – "tonight broken bread, to be followed tomorrow by a broken body". Broken bread for a broken world.

As we come to the eucharist today there is nothing we can bring to it except our own brokenness – our own need for mercy and forgiveness, for grace and healing. And here we encounter Jesus. "On the night when he was betrayed he took bread, and when he had given thanks he broke it and said "this is my body, which is broken for you." (1 Corinthians 11 v23-24).

*David Lewis*

### **Open Gardens Great & Small.**

St. Michael & All Angels' Church

#### **Open Gardens**

on Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> July 2013.

From 2.00pm until 6.00pm

With proceeds going towards  
Church funds.

Anyone who is willing to open  
their garden on this day please

Contact Pauline 377137, Mary  
377477 or Diana 377641

## **ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS CHURCH**

### **Coffee and Biscuits**

Drop in for a chat and relax after shopping

Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> June 2013

From 8.30am

### **Northallerton Town Hall**

Tombola, Book Stall, Bric-a-Brac and  
Cards

Contributions for the Tombola and  
Bric-a-Brac would be very welcome

Please contact Daphne 377786, Diana  
377641

or Isobel 377025  
to arrange collection / delivery

All proceeds in aid of Church Funds.

### ***ERTM Bible Study***

Our fortnightly Thursday morning sessions led by Revd David Lewis and Canon Rachel Stowe will continue on May 9, 23, June 6, 20, July 4, 18 at 10.30am at All Saints' Annexe – all welcome to explore in greater detail the issues raised in our Lent group film 'The History of Christianity' – there are lots! (Who noticed what was different about the Creed at the Archbishop of Canterbury's service?)

### ***Thank you***

The 'Bacon Butty Morning' in the Memorial Hall raised £362. Our thanks go to everyone who supported us. The money raised will go towards church funds.

*Diana Donnison*

## Church services

<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May 6<sup>th</sup> of Easter</b> <b>Holy Communion ( CW )</b>		<b>Middleton Tyas</b>	<b>Rev. L. Thorius</b>
<b>Sidesmen</b>	Mrs. C. Harvey Mrs. E. Croft	<b>Reader</b>	Mrs. D. Carter	Acts 16 : 9 - 15 John 14 : 23 - 29 p.783 p.785
<b>9.30 am.</b>	<b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May 7<sup>th</sup> of Easter</b> <b>Morning Prayer ( BCP )</b>		<b>Middleton Tyas</b>	
<b>Sidesmen</b>	Mr. S. Hill Mrs. M. Hill	<b>Reader</b>	Mr. R. Congreve	Exekiel 36 : 24 - 28 Acts 16 : 16 - 34 p. 1055 p. 787
<b>6.00 pm</b>	<b>Holy Communion ( BCP )</b>		<b>Moulton</b>	<b>Rev. D. Lewis</b>
<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May Pentecost</b> <b>Holy Communion ( CW )</b>		<b>Middleton Tyas</b>	<b>Rev. L. Thorius</b>
<b>Sidesmen</b>	MrWAC.Hindhaugh Mrs. S. Mahaffy	<b>Reader</b>	Mr.WA.C.Hindhaugh	Acts 2 : 1 - 21 John 14 : 8 - 17 p. 791 p. 794
<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May Trinity</b> <b>Morning Prayer ( CW )</b>		<b>Middleton Tyas</b>	<b>Mrs. D. Carter</b>
<b>Sidesmen</b>	Mrs. D. Carter Miss M. Brown	<b>Reader</b>	Mrs. M. Hill	Proverbs 8 : 1 – 4, 22 - 31 John 16 : 12 - 15 p.796 p.798
<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 60th. Anniversary of the</b> <b>Coronation of Queen Elizabeth 11</b> <b>Holy Communion ( CW ) Baptism of Freya, Euan</b> <b>&amp; Florence Millar</b>		<b>Middleton Tyas</b>	<b>Rev. D. Lewis</b>
<b>Sidesmen</b>	Mrs. M. Sheridan Mrs. J. Nimmins	<b>Reader</b>	Mrs. C.Harvey	Galatians 1 : 1 - 12 Luke 7 : 1 - 10 p.803 p.804

**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 6 and 13 May     Mrs Jen Smith and Mrs Weightman  
20 and 27 May       Mrs Simpson and Mrs Alsop

### **Flowers**

Muriel Smith will be in charge of flowers this month.

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

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