

Middleton Tyas and Moulton Village News

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It's a squeeze!

No, not the financial one, nor getting into the party dress! I mean getting everything into this month's issue of the Village News. As always in December there is simply so much happening. Whenever I write this page I have in mind those people who have moved into one or other village this year. The old hands know all our Christmas traditions but newcomers might be surprised at just how much goes on. It can be intimidating when you don't really know anybody but you really will be genuinely welcome at any or all of the following events. Newcomers should have received a free ticket to the Festive Supper on Saturday 7 December, which marks the beginning of our Christmas season, but if you have slipped through the net please ring Barbara Oram on 339130 and she will put that right.

Then the next day, Sunday 8 December, everybody is very welcome to the Advent Carol Service at St Michael's Church. That is followed by refreshments in the church, thus another opportunity to get to know people. Just pick on somebody, tell them that you are new here and we'll look after the rest! Then we're into serious carol singing around Middleton Tyas. If you sing like an angel, you'll be a friend for life but if you just join in the choruses or take a turn rattling the tin, you'll be very welcome too. Or if you would like the carol singers to come and sing for you and your family, that would also be great. Details are given inside this issue.

What has become a longstanding tradition in Middleton Tyas is singing carols on the Green one night in the week before Christmas. This year it is on Thursday 19 December at 7.00. It only lasts for about half an hour so you don't get frozen to the marrow and then everyone retires to the Memorial Hall for mince pies and mulled wine (another local tradition the happens with pleasing frequency!). The weather never stops us, though sometimes we have to take cover and sing in the Memorial Hall but, if it is a lovely starry night, it really is a magical occasion. In recent years it has been lovely to see new young families coming to this one.

The following day the school has its Christmas service at the church to which the community as a whole is invited and there is still the Crib Service and the Carol Service at Moulton, both on Christmas Eve, still to come. After that, it must be admitted the villages descend into Christmas quiet. A very happy Christmas to you all.

MIDDLETON TYAS VILLAGE SHOP NEWS

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

Last month we talked about stocking up the Christmas larder. Now it's time to get really serious about it! Many of you look forward to a traditional raised pie at Christmas and Taylor's are happy to oblige. We'll be taking orders up to THURSDAY 19 DECEMBER for you to collect from MONDAY 23 DECEMBER.

Large pork pies

1lb	£1.52
1.5lb	£2.25
2lb	£2.65
4lb	£5.20

Pork and Apple Pie, Pork, Apple and Cranberry and Pork and Black Pudding Pies, cocktail sausages, roast or ready-to-cook, and Devils on Horseback are also available to order.

If you are planning a party then, as well as pies, Taylor's will be happy to help with large and tray-size quiches, cooked and sliced ham, beef or turkey and sausage rolls.

We also have in stock packs of roast ham from ARTHUR HAIGH. Might be worth putting a couple in the freezer now for when unexpected gusts arrive for tea.

And talking of tea.....

Have you tried our freshly-baked sweet mince pies? Available in packs of four. Pop them in the oven for five minutes, slip a spoonful of brandy under the lid and let your guests think you made them yourself!

If mince pies aren't really your thing, why not try some

PFEFFER NUSSE

Traditional German spiced biscuits that taste and smell like Christmas should but are light and not too sweet. Still very more-ish though!

£1.55 per 200gms

You have to have some shortbread at Christmas, don't you? This year we have traditional WALKER'S SHORTBREAD but

in the cutest Scottie Dog shapes. They would look so effective trotting across the Christmas tea table and they're as delicious as ever.

£2.15 a packet.

CHRISTMAS NOVELTY CHEESES

Here's something you won't have seen before! From Wensleydale Creamery 90gms mini cheeses shaped like

- Father Christmas
- the Snow Dog
- the Snowman

£1.48 each

Meanwhile we still have to eat between now and Christmas! We're stocked up with YORKSHIRE PROVENDER SOUPS in the full range of winter flavours:

- Silky Butternut with gentle spices
- Tomato and Red Peppers
- Pea and Spinach
- Creamy Mushroom with Fresh Herbs
- Root Vegetable with Pearl Barley
- Beetroot with Horseradish

£2.59

If you love the home-made flavours of YORKSHIRE PROVENDER SOUPS, you'll love their new freshly-made pasta sauces.

- Classic Carbonara
- Brilliant Bolognese
- Creamy Cheese.

£2.25 per 300g which serves four with pasta. Packs can be frozen. If you enjoy them, let us know and we'll stock them regularly.

Spice up those Boxing Day cold cuts! WILDON GRANGE DRESSINGS

- Ginger and Lime
 - Izzy's Interesting Italian
 - Dot's Delicious
 - George's Gorgeous Garlic and Honey
- £3.25

Don't forget to buy a raffle ticket for Mary Parvin's gorgeous iced Christmas cake whenever you're in the shop!

HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO ALL OUR CUSTOMERS!!

News from the parish council

Aerial photography of the village

The parish council has been approached by Angus Benson-Blair about aerial photography of the village and is circulating his letter for your information and interest.

Reading a recent issue of the Village News, I noticed a request to contribute to the village website and, being new to Middleton Tyas, I am keen to start contributing to life here. As my work revolves around aerial photography, I thought that getting some photos and video of the village from the air for the website would be a good start. However, I am very conscious that, due to the Press, some people look on our remote unmanned air systems wary of their privacy. I completely understand this. So, before I start taking any photos I would like to ensure that everyone is happy with the idea. I would also like to reassure everyone that privacy and consent are two things that I take very seriously.

Ideally what I would like to do is to start filming as winter sets in, particularly when/if we get snow on the ground and then continue into the summer months to get a good portfolio of the village. Before each flight I will of course be seeking permission of each property that I wish to film and overfly, so please don't worry about suddenly seeing my aircraft above your garden! If I don't get a response from someone I have asked then I will simply assume that permission has NOT been granted and I will not film or overfly the property.

Of course, if anyone would like to see the footage or photos that we are taking out of curiosity or to ensure that we are operating ethically, then I would be only too delighted. We work from home and I can give a good tour of our aircraft, our processes and of course our archives, all over a good cup of tea. If you have any questions in the meantime then please feel free to pop by or drop me an email (angus@bbstratus.com). Finally, if you would like to get a flavour of what this project could be like then please look at our homepage: www.bbstratus.com.

Angus Benson-Blair
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Oil-buying cooperative

Yorkshire Energy Partnership is a not for profit organisation owned by the local authorities of York and North Yorkshire whose role is to identify communities which would benefit from an oil-buying cooperative, engage with residents and then negotiate with a number of local oil suppliers for the best deal. They then advise interested residents of their findings and arrange for the oil to be ordered and delivered. Yorkshire Energy Partnership has been asked by Richmondshire District Council, with which it has a long- standing relationship, to set up this oil cooperative service. The aim of the service is to reduce the cost of oil to residents and help alleviate fuel poverty.

If you feel you would be interested in buying your oil this way please contact any member of the parish council or contact Martha Holmes, the oil-buying cooperative coordinator for Richmondshire, on 01904 545020 or at oilrichmond@energypartnership.org.uk

Parking near Scotch Corner

Roadside parking at West End of the village adjacent to Scotch Corner has become an increasingly contentious issue with cars being parked across the pavement and occasionally left there for as long as a week at a time. The police response is that where there is a clear case of obstruction – ie cars parked within 10 yards of the services entrance or parked such that pedestrians cannot get past on the footpath, then they can act if the offence is reported to them. Where cars are legally albeit thoughtlessly parked then no offence has been committed and they cannot act.

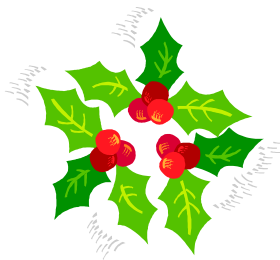
Mobile Police Office

The Mobile Police Office will be in Middleton Tyas once a month, outside the Memorial Hall, 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. This month the mobile office will be there on **28 December**.

Neighbourhood Watch

The police are again warning about the theft of fuel from vehicles, particularly HGV 's. Please remember also that it is a 'popular' time of year for poaching. If you see any vehicles or behaviour which strikes you as suspicious ,

please contact the police on 101 and your report will be followed up.



FESTIVE SUPPER

Saturday 7th December 2013

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,
will be available from the Post
Office.

School report

Easy fundraising

By registering with

www.easyfundraising.org.uk and choosing
Middleton Tyas School as your cause you can
help us to raise money when buying on-line! So
far we have raised an amazing £104 in a short
space of time. With Christmas approaching, we

could raise hundreds by having you register.
Thank you.

HELP WANTED – School library

Our school library is an important resource and
the children thoroughly enjoy borrowing and
reading these books.

Is there a parent, grandparent or member of
the community who could spare one afternoon
a week to come into school and help to run our
school library?

If you are interested and think you could help,
please contact Mrs Gardner on
01325 377285.

Christmas gift idea

Our children have all been involved in drawing
their portraits which have now been turned
into a tea towel. These will be available for sale
at our Christmas Fair on 21st November or if
you cannot attend the fair, they will be
available direct from the school. Price 1 x tea
towel = £5, 2 x tea towel = £8.50, 3 x tea towel
= £12 – a lovely gift idea or a memento of your
child's time in our school.

Christmas service

Our Christmas church service takes place on
Friday 20 December at 2.00. Members of the
community are warmly invited to join pupils
and staff at this special service.

This will also mark the end of term as we break
up on this date at 3.15.

Helen Richardson

School Press Officer

Editor's corner

The January issue has to be back from the
printers by 20 December this year. That means
that the copy date for the January issue is
Monday 16 December. I'm sorry the
November issue was such a shambles. Some of
it (ie the two missing pages) was a problem at
the printer's end. The rest (ie the omission of
content which should have been there) was my
fault. Fingers crossed this month's is less of a
nightmare.

More to the point: A very happy Christmas to
you all!



Carol singing round the village

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 can not sing but would like to join in the Christmas Spirit, then you could always shake the bucket. Please come and join us on one or more of the following occasions:

Thursday 12 December 6pm meet at the Village Green.

Tuesday 17 December 6pm meet at the Village Green.

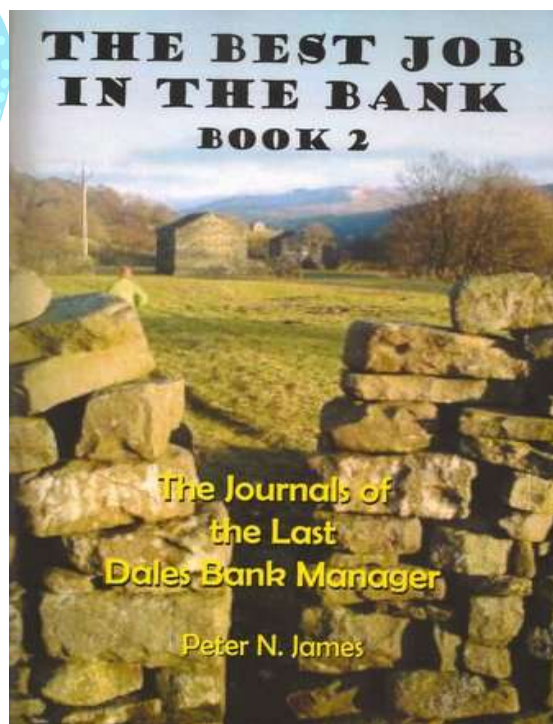
Friday 20 December 4.00 – 6.00 meet and sing in the Moto Services, Scotch Corner.

If anyone can play an instrument to accompany the singers it would be much appreciated.

It can be pretty cold walking slowly round the village!
Offers of hospitality would be very welcome. Please contact Barbara Oram 339130

All proceeds to be shared between the Memorial Hall and St Michaels Church.

The Best Job in the Bank



If you are looking for a stocking-filler for someone who loves this part of the world, look no further. 'The Best Job in the Bank -The Journal of the Last Dales Bank Manager – Book 2' is out in print and already on sale.

Those of you who read Book 1, by Middleton Tyas author Peter Nimmins, writing under the thinly disguised nom de plume of P N James, will know that you are in for a refreshingly light-hearted account of the life and times of a country bank manager – a way of life that is long since gone..

Book 1 described how a man from a very urban background came to one of the most rural bank branches in the North and began his tour of duty in Hartley, a close-knit Pennine market town. In Book 2 Peter shares further entries from his journal of his time there.

Profits from Book 1 have gone to the Herriot Hospice Homecare and £1500, which includes matched funding from the bank, has already been raised. Profits from sales of Book 2 will also go to the same charity.

Copies of the book, price £5.99 are on sale at Middleton Tyas Village Shop or can be bought directly from Peter at 7 Cumberland Gardens.

"Carols on the Green"

Middleton Tyas

Thursday 19th December

7pm.



*Please join us to sing
"Carols on the Green"
or
(In the Memorial Hall if wet)*

Claiming dates

December

Saturday 7 December 7.30 Festive Supper
Sunday 8 December 5.00 Advent Carol Service St Michael's Church
Thursday 12 December 6.00 Carol Singing , The Green
Thursday 12 December 6.30 Parish Council meeting
Tuesday 17 December 6.00 Carol Singing The Green
Thursday 19 December Carols on the Green 7.00
Monday 20 December 4.00 carol Singing Scotch Corner Services
Tuesday 24 December 4.00 Crib Service

St Michael's Church

January

Thursday 16 January 6.00 Parish Council meeting

February

Wednesday 19 February 7.00 for 7.30 'What a Difference a Day Makes'

Events are in the Memorial Hall unless shown otherwise

Church News

Letter from Rev David Lewis

'Let there be light'

Light versus darkness. From earliest times the contrast would have been obvious to primitive people. When our ancestors were living in caves they would have gathered around a fire on cold evenings. The fire gave warmth and light. It was the means for cooking whatever food was available. It gave protection against any wild animals that were prowling around. Huddling together around the flames would have been the best part of the day – soaking up the heat and light and telling stories. Actually it is not so different today. There is nothing like an open fire to make a pub or a restaurant feel more inviting.

It is hardly surprising that the contrast of light and darkness became symbolic of so much more. We associate darkness with fear: "what is lurking in the shadows beyond the camp fire?" Darkness became synonymous with ignorance, misunderstanding and evil. At the same time light developed positive connotations: it represents security, knowledge, wisdom, hope and goodness. The Bible draws heavily on the imagery of light and darkness, and at one point Jesus declares "I am the light of the world."

As winter closes in we naturally use light in most of our rituals. At All Souls Day (November 2nd) candles are lit in memory of loved ones. Guy Fawkes' Night involves bonfires and fireworks, both of which depend upon the background darkness for their impact. The traditional Advent Ring has candles representing those who paved the way for the coming of the Messiah. The Christingle Orange represents the world, and it includes a candle shining for Christ as the light of the world. Children marvel at the fairy lights on the Christmas tree. And at Epiphany the three Wise Men visit the baby Jesus and then travel home carrying the news of his birth to the ends

of the earth: indeed the very name “epiphany” means “shining forth” in the original Greek.

In Roman times there was a midwinter feast. Its Latin name was “*natalis solis invicti*” which means “the birth of the undefeated sun.” This marked the point – around December 25th – at which they could detect that the daylight was starting to lengthen again. Of course when the Church became powerful it hijacked the old pagan festival and gave it a Christian twist. Thus the “birth of the unconquered sun” became the “birth of the unconquerable Son (of God)” – better known to us as Christmas.

“The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.” Those words from the first chapter of John’s Gospel are often read at church services around Christmas. Let us pray that the light of the newborn Christ might shine in our lives during this year’s festivities.

Wishing you a very happy Christmas and New Year
David Lewis

Christmas fayre

Very many thanks to everyone who helped to make the Christmas Fayre such a success. Thank you to the school for allowing us to use the hall. The extra space for stall-holders and for visitors was greatly appreciated. Thank you too to all the stall-holders who produced such a wonderful array of Christmas gifts and thank you to everyone who came and supported the event. We are delighted to say that we made £488 towards church funds.

Diana Donnison

2014 Village Calendar.

Monthly calendar with donated photographs of scenes in and around the village.
Calendars will be available from the Village Shop or Pauline Aitken on 377137.
Price £4-50p each.
Proceeds towards St Michael and All Angels Church funds.

St Michael’s Majors

WE look forward to seeing you at our Christmas Party on Thursday 12 December 3.00 – 5.00 in the Memorial

Hall. The usual travel arrangements apply.

ADVENT CAROL SERVICE

On Sunday 8 December at 5.00

ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS CHURCH MIDDLETON TYAS

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

ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS’ CHURCH

CRIB SERVICE
for all the Family.

on TUESDAY 24 DECEMBER at 4.00

with the Rev’d David Lewis

EAST RICHMOND TEAM MINISTRY
CROFT, ERYHOLME
MIDDLETON TYAS AND MOULTON

CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2013

TUESDAY 24TH 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

WEDNESDAY 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 29TH DECEMBER
UNITED BENEFICE HOLY COMMUNION at 10.30am
GREAT SMEATON

Church Services

9.30 am	Sunday 1st December 1st In Advent			Middleton Tyas	Rev. L. Thorius	
	Holy Communion (CW)					
Sidesmen	Mrs. S. Vaux	Reader	Mrs. M. Hill	Romans	13 : 11 - 14	p.02
	Mrs. M. Parker			Matthew	24 : 36 - 44	p.02

5.00 pm.	Sunday 8th December 2nd in Advent			Middleton Tyas	Rev. L. Thorius	
	Advent Carol Service					
Sidesmen	Dr. N. Weightman	Reader	TBA			
	Mrs.L. Weightman					

9.30 am	Sunday 15th December 3rd in Advent			Middleton Tyas	Bishop James Bell	
	Holy Communion (CW)					
Sidesmen	Mr. R. Aitken	Reader	Mrs. D. Carter	James	5 : 7 – 10	p.09
	Mrs. P. Aitken			Matthew	11 : 2 - 11	p.09

2. 00 pm	Friday 20th December			Middleton Tyas	Rev. Gatterell	
	M. Tyas Primary School Christmas Service					

9.30 am	Sunday 22nd December 4th in Advent			Middleton Tyas	Mr. M. Idale	
	Morning Prayer (CW)					
Sidesmen	Mr. S. Hill	Reader	Mrs C. Harvey	Isaiah	7 : 10 - 16	p.10
	Mrs. M.Hill			Matthew	1 : 18 - 25	p.12

4.00 pm.	Tuesday 24th December Christmas Eve			Middleton Tyas	Rev. D. Lewis	
6.00 pm.	Crib Service			Moulton	Mr. H. Swanston	
11.30 pm.	Midnight Holy Communion			Croft	Rev. C. Lingard	

9.30 am	Wednesday 25th December Christmas Day			Middleton Tyas	Ven. S. Golding	
	Holy Communion (CW)					
Sidesmen	Mrs. D. Carter	Reader	Mr. P. Nimmins	Hebrews	1 : 1 – 4	p.21
	Mrs. J. Nimmins			John	1 : 1 - 14	p.22

10.30 am.	Sunday 29th December 1st of Christmas			Great Smeaton	Rev. D. Lewis.	
	Holy Communion (CW)					

9.30 am	Sunday 5th January 2014 Epiphany			Middleton Tyas	Rev. D. Lewis	
	Service for All					
Sidesmen	Mrs C. Harvey	Reader	Toby Holdstock	The Three Wise Men		
	Mrs. E. Croft					

You will be very welcome at all these services.

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

The Advent Carol Service on the 8th December starts at **5.00 pm.** Please note there is no service at Middleton Tyas on Sunday 29th December. You will be welcome to attend the Communion service at Great Smeaton at **10.30am.**

5 January 2014 is our Service for All, we look forward to seeing you at 9.30 am.

Cleaning rota;w/b 2& 9 Dec: Mrs Whittle and Mrs Aitken; w/b16 & 23 Dec: Mrs carter, Mrs Wilkinson and Mrs Parker: w/b 30 Dec and 6 Jan Mrs Stead and Mrs Wood

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