

Middleton Tyas and Moulton Village News

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We're on the way up!

Well, that's it for another year. Put the Christmas tree out for re-cycling. Ditto the sweater emblazoned with a reindeer with a red nose that switches on and off. Well, it seemed entertaining at the time. Clear away the Christmas cards and open the pile of bills that sneaked in between Christmas and New Year. And the weather! January is when the weather gets serious and the holiday brochures coming through the letter box seem like a hollow joke. Beaches, blue sea, cloudless skies seem an impossibly long way off. Whatever is to be said for January?

On the other hand, by the time you emerge from Christmas and New Year celebrations we'll be two weeks past the shortest day. A few days after the children go back to school you can begin to see that it really is lighter in the afternoons. And although because of the way the earth tilts, even though the hours of sunlight are increasing things aren't warming up, once we get to the 23 January, that's the official end of our descent into colder and colder weather. From then on the Northern hemisphere starts to warm up. (Yes, I know March 2013 was colder than last January but that was just a temporary glitch, believe me!)

Before the end of the month the bulbs will be breaking through and robins who, despite the good press they get at Christmas, are actually still silent, will definitely be tuning up and their song is enough to gladden to most winter-weary soul even though they are actually just arguing about territorial rights. Four more weeks and you've left it too late to do the winter pruning. You just have to hang on in there!

January is also the time when I ask anyone who has read this far if you would please support the Village News with a donation large or small. It all helps. Thank you and a happy New Year to all our readers.

PS This copy may not be on the usual green paper. No change of house style. Just a consequence of the mad scramble to get this done by Christmas! *Ed*

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

Happy New Year to all our customers!
We hope you have all had a good Christmas and still feel in the party mood! No doubt we'll be stocking up on the healthy slimline foods to suit the mood later this month but not just yet.

Perhaps just a token gesture towards a lighter dessert which is still totally scrummy? We defy you not to find something here that you will enjoy.

BRYMOR ICE CREAM

1 Litre packs

Vanilla	£4.90
Ginger	£6.15
Christmas Pudding	£7.55
Chocoholic	£6.15
Diabetic Vanilla	£4.90

500ml packs

Vanilla	£2.90
Mint/Chocolate Crisp	£3.15
Crème caramel	£3.25
Nutty Toffee	£3.25
Ginger	£3.25
Rich Chocolate	£3.15

Still partying?

Here's the perfect gift to take with you.
Makes a difference from a bottle of wine!

NICK STAFFORD'S HAMBLETON ALES

- Stallion
- Yorkshire Bitter
- Nightmare
- White Boar

Select your choice for a gift pack of four

£10.00

FOSTER'S LAGER FOUR PINT TINNIES

(That's four one pint cans in a pack for just £5.29 Sorry if that's a disappointment! Get it?)

Here's another Yorkshire treat!

Ultimate English – made in Harrogate

- **Luxury Butter Fudge - £4.99 for a 250gm presentation tin**
- **Luxury Toffee Brittle** with assorted roast nuts
- **Luxury Toffee Brittle** with roasted almonds
- **Luxury Toffee Brittle** with roasted cashew nuts
- **Luxury Butter Fudge**
- **Luxury Sea-Salted Fudge**

£2.99 each per 150gm pack or £5 for two.

If what you really crave is a quiet sit down on your own with a cup of tea and something nice, then this may be just the thing:

From Botham's of Whitby

SHAH GINGER BISCUITS £1.35

Delicious biscuits made with a variety of warm spices of the Orient

Or if you need a serious sugar hit:

Lichfield's Millionaire's Shortbread – 79p

Lichfield's Rocky Road – 79p

There's still time to order a hamper made up to your requirements. How about Pheasant Pate, butter fudge, Yorkshire chutney, cheese biscuits, a box of chocolates and a bottle of wine? That should make anybody feel cherished!

**DON'T BE CAUGHT OUT!
WE'LL BE CLOSING AT 12.00 ON
SATURDAY 28 DECEMBER AND
WE'RE CLOSED ON NEW YEAR'S
DAY.**

News from the parish council

Parish precept

We have set the precept at £9000 for the year 2014/15, the same as last year.

Flooding

We are making slow but steady progress on the problem of flooding and sewerage. It is not easy to hurry things up with different firms and agencies involved but we remain hopeful they can be fixed.

School report

Welcome back!

We have returned to school after a welcome festive break, ready to work hard but also have lots of fun too. This term will see our Key Stage 1 children exploring "Teeth, Tails and Talons" whilst our Key Stage 2 children will be learning about the Romans.

Save the Children

At the end of last term, the staff and children supported 'Save the Children' by taking part in Christmas Jumper Day. There were a lot of colourful and festive jumpers on show and the children raised £128.

Thank you

A very big thank you to everyone who came along to watch our infant's Christmas production, The Magical Christmas Jigsaw. The children looked wonderful in their costumes and sang beautifully. Thank you to all the members of Key Stage 1 staff and parents who supported the children in learning their lines and songs and making some amazing props. Thank you to the PTA for providing the refreshments.

Christmas Fair

The PTA would like to thank everyone who supported our Christmas fair. It was a wonderful evening and raised over £2500.

Gardening Club

We are still keen to find someone to support our school Gardening Club, who meet once a week for an hour to tend the school vegetable and flower beds. If you could help this valued after school activity, please contact the school on 01325 377285.

Helen Richardson
School Press Officer

'What a Difference a Day Makes'

In March 2013, following an unplanned and enforced overnight stay in Dubai some 24 hours after bidding farewell to Christchurch, New Zealand, we felt that images captured of these two very contrasting places could be of interest to others. Christchurch itself had

suffered major damage two years earlier and signs of the devastation caused were still very visible.

We invite you to our slide show which will end with glimpses of glorious New Zealand. Proceeds from the event will go to Church Funds.

Jim Wilkinson, author of 'The Mists of Time' is joining us to tell or remind us of the invaluable work of the South Georgia Heritage Trust to help protect species there, including the magnificent but endangered albatross. The last few copies of his book will be on sale at £10. All proceeds from this will go to the South Georgia Heritage Trust, as will the proceeds from the sale of a fun Quiz Sheet with a nautical theme (Susan's sort of quiz!) which will be on sale that evening or later in the Post Office or Village Shop price £1. Answers in by 1 May, £15 to the winner.

'WHAT A DIFFERENCE A DAY MAKES'
WEDNESDAY 19 FEBRUARY
7.00 FOR 7.30
MEMORIAL HALL
TICKETS £5 AVAILABLE IN ADVANCE
FROM THE VILLAGE SHOP OR POST
OFFICE

Many thanks
Susan and Norman Mahaffy

Middleton Tyas Community Shop 100 Club.

The Village Shop 100 Club draw starts a new membership from February 2014. Last year's 100 club was the best supported draw we have had for ages and we hope that all current members will renew their subscriptions for next year. We'll endeavour to encourage a few new members to join so that we can reach a full complement of 100 members.

The draw is held monthly in the village shop with prizes of £ 30 / £ 20 and £10. Membership is just £ 24 for the full year. With three winning numbers each month all members have 36 chances to win and the money raised gives a significant boost to the cash flow situation for the shop.

I will be in touch with all existing members during January and along with the village shop staff, I will be working to achieve a full 100 club membership for 2014.

Jim Wilkinson.

Tel: 377564.

Man-Made Breakfast.

We're back!! Yes, as the result of an ever increasing demand, the gentlemen of the village are preparing to cook and serve another Man- Made Breakfast in the Memorial Hall on Saturday 25th January 2014. In addition to the breakfast , there will be a range of "man made" products for sale. A variety of cakes, scones, biscuits and who knows what else, will be on offer. Breakfast will be served to customers between 9.30 and 1.00 with all proceeds going to the Village Shop.

**January is just the right month to beat the winter blues and enjoy the
" Men's Special Breakfast "**

**So put a note in your diaries now!.
Breakfast £ 5.00 adults / £2.50 children. Pay on entry.**

The first of no doubt several planning meetings will take place at 1 Kneeton Park on Thursday 9th January at 7.30.

For further information, contact Jim Wilkinson Tel: 377564.

Many thanks

Many, many thanks to everyone who donated white and silver decorations for the Christmas tree at the top of the staircase at Kiplin Hall. We had fun decorating it and all your baubles look splendid. Special thanks to the unknown person who hung a white bauble on the shrub outside my front door - I was very tempted to leave it there! Also to Christmas Angels of York for their excellent bagful of baubles. The Hall looked splendid when we left with every room decorated for a 'White Christmas'. Let's hope we don't have one - at least not for too long!

Christine Jones

Claiming dates

January

Thursday 16 January 6.00 Parish Council meeting
Saturday 25 January, 9.30 – 1.00 Man-made Breakfast.

February

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

Events are in the Memorial Hall unless shown otherwise

Editor's corner

Copy for the February issue please by 20 January to 2, The Green or e-mail me at dianahthomas@gmail.com or telephone 377311.

Church News

Letter from Venerable Simon Golding

The feast of the Epiphany is one of my favourite festivals because the church still has the monopoly of the celebrations on the day when we commemorate the visit of the Magi, the wise men, to the infant Jesus. Before Christmas I was able to visit a special exhibition in London at the School of Oriental and African Studies on the ancient Persian religion of Zoroastrianism. It is ancient faith that played an important role in Jewish theology during the exile in Babylon, and the returning Jews brought back the concepts of resurrection and the supernatural to Jerusalem. These doctrines had become fully developed by the time of Jesus.

The Magi were probably adherents of the Zoroastrian faith and were representatives of the gentile world who came to worship the infant Son of God at Bethlehem. Their symbolic gifts of Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh represent his future role as King, Priest and Prophet and are an integral part of the Nativity narrative

By now you will have started the great clear up after Christmas and will be sorting out the presents you have received. I am sure that some will be things that you really wanted, others were perhaps quite quirky and interesting, but there will have been some that you will probably donate to the

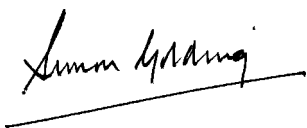
next raffle or to a charity shop. There is an alternative though for you to consider - the Food Share Scheme based in Northallerton.

Each Monday evening some 30 bags of food are distributed to people referred to the organizers. To receive emergency food help individuals and families must be able to demonstrate their need primarily by being referred through an agency or by self-referral. The agencies include Citizens Advice Bureau, Broadacres Housing Association, Hambleton District Council, GP surgeries and North Yorkshire County Council.

The scheme provides a three day emergency food parcel to people in temporary financial crisis to prevent them from having to go hungry because of their various circumstances. This could be because they have lost their jobs, become incapacitated or the result of a delay in benefit payments. The introduction of benefit changes by the Government has had an impact on many people.

Gifts for the Food Share may be left in St Mary's, Appleton Wiske or taken to the Furniture Store, next to the Dentist down the lane opposite the ASDA Car Park between 10 and 2, Monday to Friday. There is a call for tinned and dried food and basic toiletries. Such gifts might not have the appeal of Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh but they will be more than symbols to those who receive them. Across the Benefice you will be aware of local schemes in Darlington and Richmond. Please do all that you can at this special time of year to help those who are in need.

A Happy New Year to you all.



ALL AGE SERVICE The Epiphany

**5th January 9.30
Light Refreshments
provided after the service**

Where does all the money go?

In the last two issues, thanks appeared for those who supported the Winter Warmer and the Christmas Fayre. On both occasions people asked why the church needs these extra funds and where the money goes. This is an attempt to explain.

As with our own homes we have to cover lighting, heating and insurance. These three alone cost £5224 so far in the current financial year. We also pay £1350 to the East Richmond Team (ERT) Treasurer towards the running expenses of the clergy.

Our largest expense each year is the Diocesan Quota .This is the amount we pay each year to the diocese to cover the cost of providing clergy. The ERT comes within the diocese, headed by two bishops who are responsible for the salaries, housing and pensions of the clergy. You can see their budget on line showing these and all the other costs they have to cover.

This year we pay £13,536 and the amount each parish has to pay is reviewed annually. Calculations take into account the postcode, which gives nationally some indication of the prosperity or otherwise of the area. The second factor is the Adult Worshipping Congregation. This is the number of people in the pool of regular worshippers who attend the ordinary services over a twelve month period. In our case the number is twenty three.

In round figures the expenses listed above are £20,000 and last year the extra bits and bobs for everything, from buying candles to servicing

the organ, brought the overall total to £22,000, which, for twenty three people is an impossible target.

Fortunately, a good number of people, some of whom are not regular worshippers, support the church finances through regular standing orders to our account and without their help our churches would not survive. Of course, the social events you support always seem to make the difference between being in credit or debit at the year end. Last year the social events made £2667.

Although money is essential it doesn't actually make the church run. That is the work of loads of volunteers . For a start I think that the three main officials spend somewhere in the region of one thousand hours a year on church business. Now add to that those who help with the social events, the St Michael's Club for the youngsters, the St Michael's Majors for the elderly, our organists, the cleaning and flower arranging rotas, the sidesmen, readers, bell ringers, people who find sponsors and promote sales of our calendars, our secretary and all those who represent the church at various meetings throughout the year. Overall the time spent by our volunteers could easily reach two thousand hours a year and that's a lot of work.

I hope that puts you in the picture as to how the church is run. You may have noted that none of these comments has covered the ongoing major expense of maintaining the building but that's another story.....

A very happy New Year to you all.
Andrew Hindhaugh
Church Treasurer

St Michael's Majors

This month's tea will be on Thursday 16 January from 3.00 – 5.00 in the Memorial Hall. The usual travel arrangements apply.

Church flowers

The 2014 flower rota is up in the church porch. Would all flower arrangers please fill in some spaces.

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.

Church Services

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

9.30 am.	Sunday 12th January Baptism of Christ Morning Prayer (BCP)	Middleton Tyas	Mr. H. Swanston
Sidesmen	Miss. M. Brown Reader Mrs E. Croft Mrs D. Carter	Isaiah 42 : 1 – 9 P. 37 Matthew 3 : 13 – 17 P. 39	

6.00 pm	Holy Communion (BCP)	Moulton	Rev. D. Lewis
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11.00 am	Saturday 18th January Wedding	Middleton Tyas	Rev. D. Lewis Canon A. Harding
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9.30 am	Sunday 19th January 2nd of Epiphany Holy Communion (CW)	Middleton Tyas	Ven. S. Golding.
Sidesmen	Mrs. M. Sheridan Reader Dr. N.C.Weightman Mrs. J. Nimmins	1 Corinthians 1 : 1 - 9 p.42 John 1 : 29 - 42 p.42	

9.30 am	Sunday 26th January 3rd of Epiphany Morning Prayer (CW)	Middleton Tyas	Mrs. D. Carter
Sidesmen	MrW.A.C.Hindhaugh Reader Mrs S. Vaux Mrs. S. Mahaffy	Isaiah 9 : 1 - 4 p.44 Matthew 4 : 12 - 23 p.46	

9.30 am	Sunday 2nd February Presentation of Christ in the Temple Holy Communion (CW)	Middleton Tyas	Rev. D. Lewis
Sidesmen	Dr. N.C.Weightman Reader Mr. S. Hill Mrs. L. Weightman	Hebrews 2 : 14 – 18 p. 56 Luke 2 : 22 – 40 p. 57	

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

Cleaning rota

w/b	Dec 30 and Jan 6	Mrs Stead and Mrs Wood
	Jan 13 and 20	Mrs White and Mrs Begley
	Jan 27 and Feb 3	Mrs McKibbin and Mrs Vaux

Flower rota

The 2014 Flower rota is up in the church porch. Would flower arrangers please fill in the slots

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