

Middleton Tyas and Moulton Village News

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The Zetland Hunt sets off down Smithgutter Lane after a stirrup cup at The Shoulder of Mutton

A bright future?

How's this for a traditional sight? Black and white just didn't do it justice so I decided to splash out on full colour. It would be good to carry more photos and to have more full colour but that depends entirely on your generosity, which is one way off saying that it's by no means too late to think about a donation to keep the Village News coming through your letter box every month. It's not just about money either. It wouldn't happen at all without the people who faithfully send copy every month and the team of distributors who are out in all weathers to make sure your copy arrives. If you know of anybody who would like a copy and doesn't currently receive one, please let me know and we'll arrange for them to get one. On the other hand, if you would find it just as easy to read the Village News on the village website every month, let me know and we'll take you off the distribution list for paper copies.

This month sees a major event in the Village Shop's Year. We all know that normally attending an AGM can be only fractionally more interesting than watching paint dry but that's not the case with the shop's open meetings. The issues discussed and the outcomes are often things which get to the heart of what living in a village is about. So far, through thick and thin, the community has come up trumps and supported the shop with time, money, custom and ideas for raising extra cash. This year the biggest issue to grapple with is the lack of people to staff the shop. Don't feel that if you come to the AGM you'll find yourself in an apron behind the counter before you know what's happened! Yes, the shop seriously needs more volunteers, but it also needs people from all walks of life who care about its future to thrash out the problem and together come up with some possibly quite radical solutions. Details are on page 4: please come.

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



Mary Parvin draws the winning ticket in The Christmas Raffle for a beautiful iced Christmas cake which she had especially made. The winner was Dorothy Logan.

Support local suppliers!!!!

Ultimate English – made in Harrogate

- **Luxury Butter Fudge - £4.99 for a 250gm presentation tin if you buy two. The usual price is £6.99**
- **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.

It's marmalade time!

All that citrus fruit is heavy to carry and Seville oranges are not that easy to come by. Just leave your order with us and Carrick's will deliver whatever you want to the shop.

Long, slow breakfast/ quick lunch?

With Christmas out of the way we've got room to stock up on Arthur Haigh's gammon rashers, bacon and black pudding. With some eggs, sausage and mushroom (we've got all of those in stock too), how can you resist?

We've just re-stocked with the full range of delicious soups from

YORKSHIRE PROVENDER

Just what you need to keep winter on the outside.

News from the parish council

Traffic at Moto Services

We are going to write to NYCC. Highways to ask if they can put up a Stop sign at the exit from Moto Services. There are times when drivers leaving the services assume that all the traffic from Scotch Corner is going into the service station and not, as in many cases, travelling into the village. Hopefully a stop sign will improve road safety.

Playing field

We now have the papers for the transfer of the playing field from RDC to the parish council. A solicitor will be appointed shortly to deal with the legal side of the matter.

Mobile telephone signal

Now that the village has secured a place in the high speed broadband roll out programme it is time to see if we can find a way to bring a decent mobile telephone signal to the village. The parish council is addressing this issue from a number of different angles. It would be wonderful if we could help to convince local and national government that this is an issue which needs government support; to this end members of the parish council are seeking a meeting with our MP. It may also be possible to convince the mobile telephone operators that they should take action independently of government and that is the second angle of approach. If anyone in the village is able to help with this challenge please contact the parish clerk or one of the parish councillors.

Broadband update

You may have been wondering what has happened to the high speed broadband we expected to have access to by the end of 2013. I have been trying to find out what is happening and have been told that we are part of the current roll out plan and can expect the service to be available some time in the spring. Apparently, a host of technical reasons can delay activation which may explain why the new distribution box you may have spotted in the village is not yet live. If you want to be informed when high speed broadband is available you can register at www.superfastnorthyorkshire.com/where-and-when so that you will receive an e-mail when you can order a fibre service from your internet service provider. Finally, Superfast North Yorkshire are arranging a number of seminars to help businesses gain maximum benefit from the new broadband service. The first seminar

will be at Solberge Hall, Northallerton on Thursday, 6 February. More information and how to book can be found at www.sfnyc.co.uk

John Ross, Broadband Champion

Moulton matters

Books in the Bus Shelter

Many thanks to everyone who has supported Books in the Bus Shelter. During 2013 we raised £184.29 for Moulton village funds.

Church Cleaning

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

February: Mr and Mrs Nicholson

March: Mrs Atkinson and Mrs Vaux.

School report

Working Hard

All the children are busy studying this term's topics, 'Teeth, Tails and Talons', 'Transport' and 'Rotten Romans' with some wonderful topic work emerging.

Sports

Year 3 and 4 children will be attending a multi skills event at Richmond School. Our pupils will also be participating in Key steps gymnastics. There will be lots of other sporting activities happening over the coming term, including football matches against other local primary schools.

Global School Partnership

We are delighted to have secured funding for the Global School Partnerships which will enable us to continue our links with our partner school in Kenya, Kamayoge Primary School, in Mbita district, Lake Victoria. Members of our staff will travel to the school and we will then host a reciprocal visit. This beneficial project allows our pupils to share learning experiences with children from Africa.

Half term

We break up for the half term holiday on Friday 14 February at 3.15 and we return to school Mon 24 February at 8.45.

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

The Village Shop AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the Village Shop will take place on Thursday 6th February, 2014, at 7.00 p.m. in the Memorial Hall. Whilst this meeting is primarily for shareholders, an invitation to attend is extended to all members of the community.

The shop is a vital resource for the community, and this is an opportunity not only to conduct the formal business of the company, but also to engage in discussion about ways in which we can make the shop even more vibrant.

Middleton Tyas Shop 100 Club.

The Village Shop 100 Club draw starts a new membership from this month. Last year's 100 Club was the best supported draw we have had for ages. If you haven't yet renewed your membership or would like to become a member there's still time to be entered in this month's draw for prizes of £30, £20 and £10. Just hand over your £24 annual membership too whoever is behind the counter and we'll be happy to oblige!

HELP HELP HELP HELP HELP HELP HELP

The Village Shop needs help! If you can spare the occasional two hours to help out behind the counter on Saturdays from 9.00 – 11.00 or Tuesdays from 1.00 – 3.00 we should be delighted to hear from you.

Talk to Liz Simpson in the shop or ring Angela Yarrow 377479 or Sandra Baxter 377291.

Neighbourhood Watch

There has been a string of house burglaries in which money and jewellery, among other items, have been stolen from homes in nearby villages in the past couple of months. The police are keen to emphasize the importance of being vigilant about the safety of your own property and your neighbours'.

Have you seen this vehicle?

Talking of being vigilant, have you seen this vehicle? It's a blue Subaru Legacy registration number W664 RSC. It has been involved in a number of suspicious incidents recently in this area and the police want to be informed if you spot it. Don't wait for anything suspicious to happen. Just ring the police on 101 and let them know where it is.

Congratulations

'Our' police officer, PC John Wilbor, was recently presented with the World Wildlife Fund Enforcer of the Year Award. He was described as a hero in the fight against rural crime, including poaching. This has included bringing to book people illegally hunting hares with dogs in broad daylight. PC Wilbor was quick to share the credit for the award with the team of

Borderwatch volunteers, some of whom live in Middleton Tyas.

Middleton Tyas Cricket Club

Thank you to everyone who supported our Christmas draw & domino knockout at the Shoulder of Mutton, this raised valuable funds for the club. Congratulations to Liz Lewington who was a worthy winner and Brian Stead who came a close second. Special thanks to Dorothy Logan who once again kept us all right.

The annual Middleton Tyas Cricket Club Dinner Dance will be held on Friday 14th March at Scotch Corner Hotel. This event has always been great fun and helps to raise a little bit of money for a really good cause right here in the village. Tickets are £25 per person and include a 3-course dinner and a disco – so get your dancing shoes on, the more the merrier! For more information, or to purchase your tickets please phone Jen Smith on 01325 377087 by Friday 28th February. The Middleton Tyas Cricket Club is always looking for new members so if you think you might be interested in playing cricket next season (or umpiring) please get in touch with Jen on the number above.

Indoor nets will start on Sunday 23 February at Carmel School Darlington 11am – 12 noon.

North Yorkshire Constabulary: Recruiting special constables

Would you like to make a positive difference to your community? Have you thought about volunteering as a Special Constable? Once selected, 'Specials' complete a training programme, after which they have the same powers as regular officers and wear the same uniform.

On 13 January 2014 Chief Constable Dave Jones and Police and Crime Commissioner for North Yorkshire, Julia Mulligan, launched a force-wide campaign to bolster the ranks of Special Constables: trained volunteers who work alongside and support regular police officers and police community support officers (PCSOs).

Julia Mulligan said: "Becoming a Special Constable for North Yorkshire Police is one of the most challenging and rewarding voluntary roles possible. Our Specials come from many different walks of life but all share a desire to

make a real difference. They volunteer at least four hours per week and forge a vital link between their community and the police service."

In order to ensure the Special Constabulary reflects the communities they serve, North Yorkshire Police is particularly keen to hear from people aged over 35, those who live in rural areas and people from ethnic minorities.

Superintendent Richard Anderson, who leads the Special Constabulary in North Yorkshire Police, said: "This is a very exciting time for the Special Constabulary and we need as many people as possible to find out more about the role and hopefully decide it's something for them. I know from my own experience how valued Special Constables are by police officers and their local communities. This is a chance to join the policing family and be part of something special on both a personal and professional level. We look forward to seeing you." More information is also available by visiting the new North Yorkshire Police Special Constable recruitment microsite www.nypspecials.com

Carol Singing.

A very big thank you:

- To all those who gave their time continuing the tradition of carol singing around the village.
- To the residents who gave generously.
- To Moto Services for allowing us to sing on their premises.
- To the kind residents who provided refreshments, which were greatly appreciated.

The total amount raised was £611.11p which will be divided between the Memorial Hall and Church Funds.

Barbara Oram

Saturday 8 Feb 0930 – 1300
Richmond Methodist Primary School

Richmondshire Choral Society

is holding a **choral workshop**

singing Faure Requiem and a little bit of Vaughan Williams Dona Nobis Pacem

All singers welcome to come along **FREE** (thanks to a grant from the Vaughan Williams Charitable Trust)

If possible please let us know of intended attendance on 01325 374112 or publicity@richmondshirechoralsociety.org.uk

Saturday 22 March, 1930

Richmondshire Choral Society

Concert in St Mary's Church, Richmond

**Vaughan Williams *Dona Nobis Pacem*
Faure *Requiem***

With players from Cleveland Chamber Orchestra and soloists from Royal Northern College of Music

Conductor – Peter Collis

Tickets, price to be confirmed, will be available from choir members, Richmond TIC, Castle Hill Books by mail from 01325 374112 or online via the Richmondshire Choral Society website.

Claiming dates

February

Thursday 13 February 6.30 Parish council meeting

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

March

Thursday 13 March 6.30 Parish council meeting

Friday 14 March 6.30 Cricket Club Annual Dinner Dance, Holiday Inn, Scotch Corner

Events are in the Memorial Hall unless shown otherwise

Editor's corner

Many thanks to all the people who have so kindly sent me donations for the Village News. Listen, can you hear the begging bowl being rattled still more loudly? I'd feel more confident with another couple of hundred pounds in the bank. If I could just leave that thought with you.... Meanwhile if you have anything you would include in the March issue please send me copy by 20 February to

dianahthomas@gmail.com or drop it in at 2 The Green or ring me on 377311.

Church News

Letter from Rev Lynn Thorius

Isn't the Liturgical year just amazing? Five weeks ago we celebrated Jesus' birth. Three weeks ago we celebrated his Baptism. And now here we are in count down toward Lent.

I find it rather tempting to wonder about what happened to Jesus in the middle years of his life. Did he learn carpentry from Joseph? Did he tell wonderful stories with hidden meanings? We do not know.

In fact we actually know very little about what happened in the intervening years. We know about the incident in Jerusalem when Jesus stayed behind in the temple, and his parents thought they had lost him and we know about the moment when he turned his back on Galilee and seeks out his cousin, on the banks of the river Jordan, but we know very little else.

In this age of celebrity culture, it is almost unthinkable that a saviour the messiah could stay hidden for so many years..... Jesus is clearly not one for the X Factor treatment. However, you may wish to place his cousin John the Baptist in 'I'm a celebrity get me out of here' on the grounds of his chosen life style. (Eating locusts and wearing strange clothing.)

Perhaps Jesus is easier to miss than we might imagine. The star that shone to guide the wise men no longer lights the way at the start of his public ministry. And what a ministry.
Lynn Thorius

St Michael's Majors

This month's tea will be on Thursday 20 February from 3.00 – 5.00 in the Memorial Hall. The usual travel arrangements apply

Church Services

9.30 am	Sunday 2nd February 2014 Presentation of Christ in the Temple Holy Communion (CW)	Middleton Tyas	Rev. D. Lewis
Sidesmen	Dr. N.Weightman Mrs L.Weightman	Reader Dr. N.Weightman	Hebrews 2 : 14 - 18 p.56 Luke 2 : 22 - 40 p.57

9.30 am.	Sunday 9th February 4th before Lent Morning Prayer (BCP)	Middleton Tyas	Mr W.A.C. Hindhaugh
Sidesmen	Mr. R. Aitken Mrs. P. Aitken	Reader Mrs. D. Carter	Isaiah 58 : 1 - 12 p. 58 Matthew 5 : 13 - 20 p. 62

6.00 pm	Evening Prayer (BCP)	Moulton	Mr. H. Swanston
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9.30 am	Sunday 16th February 3rd before Lent Holy Communion (CW)	Middleton Tyas	Rev. D. Lewis
Sidesmen	Mr. S. Hill Mrs M. Hill	Reader Mr. P. Nimmins	1 Corinthians 3 : 1 - 9 p.65 Matthew 5 : 21 - 37 p.65

9.30 am	Sunday 23rd February 2nd before Lent Morning Prayer (CW)	Middleton Tyas	Mr. M. Idale
Sidesmen	Mrs. S. Vaux Mrs. M. Parker	Reader Mr.WACHindhaugh	Genesis 1 : 1 - 2. 3 p.73 Matthew 6 : 25 - 34 p.78

9.30 am	Sunday 2nd March Next before Lent Holy Communion (CW)	Middleton Tyas	Rev. D. Lewis
Sidesmen	Mrs. C. Harvey Mrs. E. Croft	Reader Mrs M. Hill	2 Peter 1 : 16 - end p. Matthew 17 : 1 – 9 p.

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

Cleaning rota

w/b 10 and 17 Feb Mrs Croft and Mrs Hall
w/b 24 Feb and 3 Mar Mrs Jenn Smith and Mrs Weightman

Flower rota

Muriel Hill and Jean Nimmins 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 davidlewis648@btinternet.com