

Middleton Tyas and Moulton Village News

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Can you solve a mystery?

This month's drawing shows the road along from the junction with the Memorial Hall on the corner. You're looking from just outside the shop, with Cumberland Gardens going off to the right. Now what is the name of this road? Opinions vary: Lodge Lane, Kneeton Lane or The Lonnen – take your pick. Is it just an extension of Kneeton Lane? If it's Lodge Lane presumably that refers to Middleton Lodge. Or does it signify something else altogether? As for The Lonnen..... If anyone has any clues about any of these names, it would be interesting if you would get in touch with Susan and Norman Mahaffy who could share it with us all next month. Their contact details appear on page 7.

With any luck (well, more accurately, with the help of some very speedy deliveries by our distributors) you will receive this issue in time for you to find out, if you don't already know, about the coffee morning on Saturday 1 March which Caroline Harvey and friends are very kindly organising to raise funds for the Village News. I am enormously grateful to them for offering to do this and the response so far has been so encouraging and quite humbling. Whatever the morning raises will be very welcome, of course, but it is also so gratifying to know that the Village News has supporters in both villages willing to give up their Saturday morning. Now all it needs is for everybody else to come along and drink their coffee!

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

At last! Spring has to be on its way though winter can still have a sting in the tail. We've got just the thing to tickle the taste buds and spice up all sorts of dishes with hardly any effort from you.

Have you tried Carrick's delicious new flavour fish cakes?

COD AND PRAWN THAI FISHCAKES.

£1.50 each

Cook them in a pre-heated oven (180* gas mark 5) for 25 minutes or fry gently until golden. Some green beans, sugar snap peas or some green salad and you've got the perfect lunch.

Well, almost perfect! What Carrick's recommend is a spoonful of their very own CHILLI JAM, £3.50, to complete the dish.

As well as being the finishing touch to Cod and Prawn Thai Fishcakes, CHILLI JAM will transform all sorts of dishes - sweet or savoury.

- Add a dessertspoonful to a chicken or pork casserole for a special warming zing of flavour.
- Dissolve one tablespoonful in a tablespoonsful of boiling water and you have the perfect glaze for roast pork, roast chicken or roast ham.
- It works really well with salmon too. Dry fry or poach pieces of salmon and just when they are ready add a swirl of CHILLI JAM dissolved in a little boiling water and a finely chopped spring onion.
- Warm up the zest and juice of a lemon, a dessertspoonful of CHILLI JAM and a knob of butter and stir it through a pan of freshly streamed shredded spring cabbage. From plain to extra special in no time at all!

- Add a spoonful to stir fried vegetables just before you serve them.
- Chilli and chocolate are a great marriage of flavours. Try adding two tablespoons of CHILLI Jam to your favourite moist chocolate cake recipe. Not too strong, just gives it an intriguing warm spiciness.
- It's perfect in ice cream too! Dissolve a dessertspoonful in a tablespoonful of boiling water and stir gently through a litre carton of soft scoop vanilla ice cream, then put it back in the freezer to chill thoroughly. Absolutely delicious with fresh pineapple.

People are becoming much more discriminating about where their food is sourced. (Much more so since the horse meat scare last year, but we won't go there!)

Do you know that all our eggs are free range and they come from Gilling West. We have a delivery every week and we sell out every week too so you know whatever you are buying from us is as fresh as can be.

- LARGE EGGS £1.35 FOR 6
- MEDIUM EGGS £1.25 FOR 6

NEW IN! NORFOLK CAKES1

APPLE AND DATE
CHERRY AND ALMOND

£2.90

Don't forget it's Mothering Sunday on 30 March. We'll have enough chocolates and other treats to keep you in her good books!

News from the parish council

A1 Upgrade Public Enquiry

An Inquiry was held at Scotch Corner Hotel early in February to hear three alternative routes opposing the Highways Agency's preferred route for a Local Access Road between Scotch Corner and Barton. All three would mean changes to the route that could possibly delay completing the upgrade by as much as a year. The Parish Council told the Inquiry Inspector we have had to wait for so long for the upgrade to be finished we find any further delay unacceptable.

Moulton matters

Bookswaps

Bookswaps will resume in March and the next will be held on Saturday 22 March from 10.00 – 12.00 in St Andrew's Church. We have had a wonderful supply of fresh books over the winter so come along and stock up. Refreshments will be available. All proceeds will go towards Moulton village funds. 'Books in the Bus Shelter' continue to be well supported. Watch out for the new date on the blackboards when books have been refreshed.

Plant sale

The ever popular Plant Sale will be held on Saturday 10 May at St Andrew's Church. Please remember us when planting next summer's stock and pop in an extra for the Plant Sale – thanks.

Church Cleaning:

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

March: Mrs Atkinson and Mrs Vaux

April: Mr and Mrs Whitehead

School report

PJ and Onesie Day

The school council have been busy making posters to support a fund raising event. The children and staff helped to raise funds for new lunchtime play equipment by taking part in a Pyjama and Onesie day. The children paid to come to school in their night clothes, with a prize going to the class who raised the most money. An amazing £177.23 has been raised so far.

All the money raised will go towards buying new toys and games for the children to use during their lunchtime breaks, such as sand and water play, small world and den building equipment.

Any donations from the local community will be

very gratefully received and these can be sent directly to the school.

Gymnastics Competition

A group of children from Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 took part in an inter-school gymnastics competition, held at Richmond School. The children had to complete a series of gymnastic moves using various apparatus including the vault, balancing and a floor routine.

Overall, the children came 5th, with one of the individual competitors claiming 1st place.

Well done to everyone who took part and represented our school.

Trip to London

There has been a positive response from children and parents about our planned trip to London. This exciting excursion will take place in June, with children and staff catching the train to the capital to watch the West End musical hit 'The Lion King' and go to some of the museums. This supports our links to the primary school in Mbita as well as linking to the topics the children have been studying this term, 'Teeth, Tails and Talons', 'Rotten Romans' and 'Transport'.

Football

Our school football teams will be taking part in competitions against other local primary schools. Our Year 3/4 team will be competing against Brompton-on-Swale, whilst our Year 5/6 team will play Bolton-on-Swale.

Street Dance

Our partnership with Eppleby Forcett primary school is working extremely well and benefiting all the children from both schools. By sharing teaching expertise, the children from Eppleby have been participating in our wonderful Forest School activities whilst the children have been learning how to street dance together.

Helen Richardson

School Press Officer

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.

Middleton Tyas Community Shop Questionnaire – analysis of results

1. The Middleton Tyas Community Shop Committee distributed a questionnaire in January aimed at determining residents' views on the use of the shop, and to canvass for ideas on improving the service it offers. So thanks go to those who returned the questionnaires. We distributed over 250 questionnaires and received 32 completed forms – a disappointing result. The returns we received were largely from shop enthusiasts, most of whom are already acting as volunteers or supporting the shop through donations and fund raising.
2. Every return indicated that the shop was either very important or important with 60% stating they use the shop daily and the balance weekly. In terms of shop opening hours, 90% use the shop from Monday to Friday, and 60% use it on Saturday. The most popular shopping time is from 0800-1400 with only 20% stating they use the shop between 1400 and 1730.
3. As we might expect in a rural village, virtually everyone uses the car for weekly supermarket shopping, and the Community Shop is largely used as a convenience store. A growing number of people now use on line shopping for their weekly groceries. Most returns indicated that customers were happy with the services and stock the shop offers. A few felt that products were too expensive, but most people recognize that a community shop cannot compete with supermarkets on price and level of stocks.
4. We very much appreciate the offers of help contained in a number of returns, and all who volunteered have already been contacted to take their assistance forward. However, we currently do not have enough volunteers to help run the shop effectively, and I would like to reiterate the appeal made in the questionnaire for more volunteers to come forward to help out so that we can maintain the required level of service and opening times. Additionally, we urgently need

someone to fill the vacancy on the Management Committee as Secretary.

5. The Management Committee has examined all ideas put forward in the returns, and will take forward all those that are feasible. Unfortunately, in some cases, good ideas cannot be followed through for staffing, space, security, or legal reasons.
6. Thank you for your support of our community shop.

Steve Hill

Chairman

Middleton Tyas Community Shop

Neighbourhood Watch

Would anyone who is willing to be the co-ordinator for the centre of the village, from the Shoulder of Mutton up to Westfield Gardens, please contact Phyllis Dinsdale on 377754. The vacancy has arisen following the death of Michael Kurdi.

Phyllis has also received a number of complaints about dog fouling on the verge outside Kneeton Cottages. Obviously this is an area where children are likely to be running around before and after school and the thoughtlessness of a few dog owners results in a horrible job for somebody cleaning up after the dogs and also cleaning the children and their shoes.

Allowing your dog to foul this or any other public area in the village is not only anti-social, it is an offence for which there is a penalty of £1,000. One culprit owns a large dog and is clearly there early in the morning so don't say you haven't been warned.

Happy 70th Birthday! Happy Birthday!
Happy, happy, happy!

No chance of getting away with this one, Rod!
Russ and all the family want to send you all
best wishes for your recent birthday.

T'ai Chi

T'ai Chi classes are held every Tuesday at 9.30 for an hour in St Andrew's Church, Moulton. Come and see if this very gentle and meaningful martial art is for you. There is no running or jumping about involved and you can even do it sitting on a chair. All you need is comfortable clothing. £6 per session.

How many gentlemen bakers does it take to make a cup of coffee?



About fifteen or so! (Only kidding!) That's the size of the team that Jim Wilkinson got together to run the Man-Made Breakfast on 25 January. And what a fantastic event it was too. Hard work for the gentlemen but great fun for everybody there! Here's what Jim had to say about it.

"It was a resounding success! The kitchen crew cooked 120 breakfasts and the team of waiters delivered a sumptuous plate to every customer. At one stage there was a queue for seating and suggestions were even made that pre-booking was necessary to guarantee a seat. An early warning for the next occasion when the village men repeat the event!

A full table of Man-Made goodies was completely sold out, back up supplies of bacon / sausages / eggs/ beans / milk and bread were required from the Village Shop and all-in-all the Breakfast turned out to be a classic village event. The Hall buzzed with conversation and tables and chairs were still occupied as the clock approached 2-00pm.

With proceeds coming from the breakfast / the raffle / the produce table and the silent auction for a litre bottle of Scottish Malt Whisky, the Breakfast raised just over £700 for the Village Shop finances. At the time of going to press, no deaths have been reported from food poisoning, so it all looks good to go for another Breakfast later this autumn."

Claiming dates

March

Saturday 1 March 10.00 – 12.00 Coffee Morning in aid of the Village News
Thursday 13 March 6.30 Parish council

Friday 14 March 6.30 Cricket Club Annual Dinner Dance , Holiday Inn, Scotch Corner
Saturday 22 March 10.00 – 12.00 Book Swap St Andrews church, Moulton

April

Saturday 5 April 10.30 – 1.00 Bacon Butty Coffee Morning

May

Saturday 10 May Moulton Plant Sale

Events are in the Memorial Hall unless shown otherwise.



ST DAVID'S DAY
SATURDAY 1 MARCH

COFFEE MORNING

10.00 – 12.00
in
THE MEMORIAL HALL

IN AID OF MIDDLETON TYAS
AND MOULTON VILLAGE NEWS

ENTRANCE £2.50 CHILDREN £1.50

RAFFLE

The Middleton Tyas
Memorial Hall
Management Committee
AGM will take place at
6.00pm on Tuesday 1st
April 2014.

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
WELCOME TO ATTEND
THE AGM.**

Middleton Tyas Cricket Club

Indoor cricket nets start on Sunday 23 February at Carmel School Darlington 11am – 12 noon. Everyone's welcome, the club is always looking for new members, all playing abilities or just to support and encourage. For more information call Marcus Burnett on 07940648458 or Dan Smith on 07791291232. Don't forget the annual Cricket Club Dance on Friday 14 March at Scotch Corner Hotel. Tickets are still available at £25.00 per person for a three course dinner & disco/music. Get together with family & friends for a fun filled evening and don't forget your dancing shoes!! For tickets or more information call Jenn Smith on 01325 377087 – 07790078428.

Editor's corner

Norman and Susan Mahaffy will be guest editors for the April issue. Please let them have copy by 20 March at Rowangarth, Smithgutter Lane or telephone 377600 or email nwm17@tiscali.co.uk. The web version will be put on the village website on 11 March.

Church News

Letter from Canon Rachel Stowe

Better Together?

Recent research has shown that whilst Cathedral congregations are increasing, church growth diminishes the larger the grouping of churches. Keeping our ERTM show on the road has been a hard task for many, most especially for our Acting Team Rector, Revd David Lewis, but also for the other members of the Team at local level, notably our noble army of churchwardens, PCC secretaries and treasurers, and our Readers and assistant clergy.

But there have also been many shafts of sunlight. Several of our parishes have joined in the funding of our youth and schools worker, Grace Caldwell, and this is a real plus. Our fifth Sunday services have brought many together in prayer and worship who may never otherwise have met each other. And having a full church is a real morale booster. Our Thursday morning Bible Studies have drawn from many of our parishes greatly enhancing both our prayerful contemplation and stimulating debate; the joint Confirmation classes are doing the same for our young people.

So on that positive note we now have our Thursday Lent Groups starting on 13 March; 10.30am at East Cowton Church annexe and 7.30pm at Great Smeaton Rectory. This year we are joining in with the national course as commended by our Archbishops called 'Pilgrim – Turning to Christ – a course for the Christian journey'. It's fascinating and thought-provoking whether you are a lifelong Christian or just

searching for the meaning of life. If you are techno-savvy, watch the promo video on Utube (I'll have to wait for the grandchildren to show me!). But whatever, just come along to one of our groups and see for yourself.

'Happy are those whose hearts are set on the pilgrim way'. *Psalm 85 verse 5.*

May God bless you all as you work out what is important in your life this Lent.

Rachel



COFFEE MORNING

in aid of Church funds.

St Michael and All Angels'

You are invited to drop in for a chat and relax with New and Old Friends

on
Saturday 5th April 2014
10-30 am until 1-00 pm
In the
Memorial Hall

Entrance £3-50 Adults
£1-75 Children

This includes coffee, tea or squash
And a bacon butty.
Raffle

We look forward to welcoming you.

St Michael's Majors

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

Church Services

3.30 pm.	Saturday 1st March	Baptism of Baby Howell	Middleton Tyas	Rev. W. Simms
9.30 am	Sunday 2nd March	Next before Lent Holy Communion (CW)	Middleton Tyas	Rev. G. Dear
Sidesmen	Mrs C. Harvey Mrs. E. Croft	Reader Mrs M. Hill	2 Peter Matthew	1 : 16 - 21 17 : 1 - 9 p 82 p.82
7.30 pm	Wednesday 5th March	Ash Wednesday Holy Communion (CW)	North Cowton	Rev. L. Thorius
7.30 pm	Holy Communion (CW)		Manfield	Rev. D. Lewis
9.30 am.	Sunday 9th March	1st of Lent Morning Prayer (BCP)	Middleton Tyas	Mrs. D. Carter
Sidesmen	Mrs M. Sheridan Mrs. J. Nimmins	Reader Mrs C. Harvey	Genesis Matthew	2 : 15-17: 3 : 1- 7 4 : 1 - 11 p.94 p.96
6.00 pm	Holy Communion (BCP)		Moulton	Rev. D. Lewis
9.30 am	Sunday 16th March	2nd of Lent Holy Communion (CW)	Middleton Tyas	Rev. D. Lewis
Sidesmen	MrWAC Hindhaugh Mrs S. Mahaffy	Reader Mr. P. Nimmins	Romans John	4 : 1 – 5, 13 - 17 3 : 1 - 17 p98 p99
9.30 am	Sunday 23th March	3rd of Lent Holy Communion	North Cowton	Rev. D. Lewis
11.00 am	Holy Communion (CW)		Eryholme	Rev. D. Lewis
1.00 pm	Saturday 29th March	Wedding	Middleton Tyas	Rev. D. Lewis
9.30 am	Sunday 30th March	Mothering Sunday All Age Worship	Middleton Tyas	Rev. L.Thorius
Sidesmen	Miss M. Brown Mrs D. Carter	Reader Toby Holdstock	John	19 : 25b - 27 p116
9.30 am	Sunday 6th April	5th of Lent Holy Communion (CW)	Middleton Tyas	Rev. D.Lewis
Sidesmen	Mrs. S. Vaux Mrs. M. Parker	Reader Mrs E. Davies	Romans John	8 : 6 - 11 11 : 1 - 45 p119 p119

Please note there are no services at Middleton Tyas on Ash Wednesday 5 March and Sunday 23 March. You will be very welcome to attend North Cowton or Manfield at 7.30pm on the 5 March and North Cowton at 9.30 am. or Eryholme at 11.00 am. on the 23 March

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

Cleaning rota

w/b 24 Feb and 3 March	Mrs Jenn Smith and Mrs Weightman
March 10 and 17	Mrs Laycock and Mrs Mahaffy
March 24 and 31	Mrs Thompson and Mrs Potts

There will be no flowers in the church during Lent.

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