

Middleton Tyas and Moulton Village News

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Cinderella goes to the ball

If you stop to think about it, our small community is amazingly well provided with places to eat to suit all tastes and budgets. There's The Vintage, Fratello's at the Holiday Inn, The Shoulder of Mutton and The Black Bull, now joined from last month by The Coach House at Middleton Lodge. Apart from our good fortune as potential customers, they are very significant employers. Middleton Lodge, for instance, now employs 77 people locally.

The stable block at Middleton Lodge has always been a very beautiful range of buildings designed by York architect John Carr in the eighteenth century but for many years it has showed its age very sadly. Now this Cinderella has really gone to the ball!

The buildings themselves have been painstakingly restored to their spare, elegant glory now housing a restaurant, bar, nine en suite bedrooms and further rooms still under wraps until the New Year, which will include a spa treatment room and meeting rooms.

Although the restaurant is in what was originally the stable block, there's nothing rustic about it now. It's airy and, spacious with plenty of room between tables and the gently subdued colour scheme and elegantly simple table settings ensure that the atmosphere is restful and relaxing. From the beginning of December there will also be a private dining room which can seat up to 24 people. Adjoining the restaurant is a bar where mixologist David Ball will mix you some amazing cocktails – Strawberry and Black Pepper Daiquiri for instance - as well as all the classics. It sounds a brilliant way to start the evening or just to call in with a couple of friends. Perhaps take your drinks into The Snug, a darkly cosy cave of a room with a log fire, comfortably seating half a dozen people.

You'll find the same simple elegance, comfort and eye for detail in the bedrooms: lovely exposed beams, an interesting mix of modern and restored furniture and spacious and luxurious bathrooms. No miserable little single use bottles of bodywash cum shampoo here!

The Coach House restaurant is open all day from breakfast starting at 7.00 to dinner in the evening. Coffee or tea and cakes are available during the morning and afternoon and lunch can be anything from a shared grazing platter (Pork rilette, cod cheek beignets, crispy mussels, bread and pickles at the time of writing) to a three course meal. Later in the day, from 6.00 – 7.00 Wednesday to Friday, there's a Market Menu for early diners costing £14 for two courses or, for a more leisurely dinner, you can choose from the dinner menu prepared by Chef Gareth Rayner, who joined the Coach House from the multi-award winning restaurant at Wynyard. *Continues on page 4*

MIDDLETON TYAS VILLAGE SHOP NEWS

Tel: 377198 Open Monday to Friday 8.00 – 2.00, Saturday 8.30 – 1.00
Post Office Tel: 339111 Open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, 8.30 – 1.00

The weather has finally turned to what we expect from the autumn and, with the clocks going back, we really have to accept that winter is upon us and it's not too early to start thinking about Christmas.

Christmas?!!! I haven't given it a thought yet!!

Don't worry. We can help you to get started, which will make the whole thing easier.

Why not order a Christmas cake from EDWINA, who supplies us with freshly baked scones and cakes every week. She can cope with all shapes and sizes of cakes, plain or marzipanned and fully iced if you prefer. Call in the shop to discuss how you would like it.

If you want to try out Edwina's cakes we now have a new range of loaf cakes in stock.

- Fruit
 - Ginger
 - Date and Walnut
 - Cherry and Almond
- All £1.95

When you are thinking about a party or how to cater for a houseful at Christmas remember that our suppliers will be more than happy to help.

- Taylor's pies and quiches, roast ham and turkey breast in any quantity you like
- Carrick's fruit and vegetables boxed up for you to collect plus Carrick's smoked salmon or any other fish requirements
- Wines by the case. We can offer you a special discount too.

And for something rather special as a Christmas gift, come and look at our fine bone china mugs decorated by wildlife artist Joanne Kell. Only £6.

When it's gloomy and cold outside there's nothing like a traditional hot meal to cheer you up. Liz Simpson has been busy cooking so you don't have to.

- Beef in Rich Red Wine Sauce £2.75
- Cottage Pie £2.50
- Fish Pie £3.50

Enough for one hearty eater or two more modest appetites..

And after that, you might just make room for

- Liz Simpson's Sticky Toffee Pudding £3.95 for 500 gms

We're just beginning to get on our **Christmas chocolates** too.

Stocking fillers for the children:

- Galaxy White Chocolate with a bubbly centre 60p
- Merryteaser Reindeer 60p
- Cadbury Dairy Milk Mousse Snowman 65p

And if it's boxes of chocolates you're looking for we can help you there:

- **Ferrero Rocher**
£4.99
- **Lindt Lindor**
Milk Chocolate Truffles
£3.99
- **Black Magic**
£3.99
- **Heroes**
£4.59
- **Milk Tray**
££4.29

News from the Parish Council

There is no news from the parish council this month as the October meeting will not have been held until 30 October.

Putting something back into the community

Do you feel you would like to put something back into our village community? Or, perhaps you have recently moved here and would like to get to know people and do something worthwhile locally? Or, maybe you want learn some new skills and beef up your CV?

As long as you are 18 or over and are on the electoral roll you are eligible to become a parish councillor. At present, we need one more councillor but we are hopeful that in the next few months the rules will become more flexible so that we can increase the number.

You need to live or work in the parish and be able to commit one evening a month to attend meetings and, between meetings, be involved in the workings of the council. The Parish Council is friendly and supportive and meetings are definitely un-stuffy. (We also try to keep them as short as we can and it is rare for them to last much more than an hour). We often have to work with other agencies, such as the District and County councils, the Police, the Highways Department and so on – we have all learned a lot about how local government works.

Some of the things the parish council has been involved in recently are:

- making the case for and securing high speed broadband in the village
- promoting flood prevention measures
- securing a local access road as part of the A1 upgrade, thus ensuring that traffic is not diverted through the centre of the village whenever the motorway has to be closed

Major issues coming up in which the parish council will represent the interests of the village are:

- The proposed development of housing north of Kneeton Park
- The proposed development of a retail centre south-west of Scotch Corner

Whether you are still at school, working or retired with years of professional and life experience behind you we would be delighted to hear from you. In the first instance you may like to have an informal chat with the Parish Clerk or any of the parish councillors - our

contact details are displayed on every parish notice board. We very much look forward to hearing from you.

Moulton matters

Village Green

At a number of Parish Meetings over recent months, the village has debated an opportunity provided by the District Council to take over ownership of the Village Green areas. At the Parish Meeting on 7 September it was unanimously agreed by those present to not proceed to transfer ownership from the District Council to the Parish Meeting. Accordingly, the District Council will continue to maintain the Village Green areas.

Dog Waste

There has been an increased incidence of dog waste being left on verges and pavements in the village in recent weeks. As the Parish Meeting does not raise a precept, there are no funds to purchase a dog waste bin and the Parish Meeting does not wish to see litter bins introduced to the village. Residents with dogs are therefore requested to pick up and take home dog waste. It may be placed in your grey bin. Drivers have also requested that those out in the dark with their dogs wear bright clothing and carry a torch.

Diamond Jubilee Garden and Church Garden

For a number of years, the gardens and the verge outside and opposite the Church have been cut by a group of residents on a rota basis using the MVA mower and strimmer. We do need additional volunteers to cut these areas to keep our village looking tidy. The more volunteers, the less frequent an individual would be required to cut. If you would like to volunteer, please contact David Whitehead : 377632

Bookswap

The Bookwap held on 11 September raised £76.10. Thanks to all who attended and helped on the day and for recent donations of books. Bookswaps will resume in the spring and in the meantime, donations of books may be left in the Bus Shelter. A further £19.80 has been raised from Books in the Bus Shelter since September. All proceeds will go towards Moulton Village Association funds.

Church Cleaning rota

November: Mr and Mrs Stephens

RDC Business Support Grant

Richmondshire District Council has decided to re-open its Small Business Grant Scheme from the beginning of October. The aim of the aim is to support businesses with financial support to implement changes/improvements which will either increase their annual business turnover or create employment opportunities. The maximum grant available is **£1,000** and the amount applied for should not exceed 75% of the total project costs. A total of £60,000 has been set aside to allocate over the next two years with each scheme running from October to October.

To be eligible for a grant your business must:

- located within the boundary of Richmondshire
- employ four or less full time equivalent employees
- be solvent with a maximum of £25,000 in your business reserves.
- Have a business bank account.

Both existing and new/start-up businesses are eligible to apply this year. For more information contact **Samantha Coultish**, Business and Community Support Officer, Richmondshire District Council:

samantha.coultish@richmondshire.gcsx.gov.uk

Shop Treasurer – now what?

As you know, Sandy Baxter will stand down as our Treasurer at the next AGM in February 2015. It is vital for the continued operation of the shop that we find a way forward. We have appealed a number of times for a volunteer, but, to date, no-one has come forward.

We have therefore decided to search for a paid part time accountant to deliver the service. Clearly, this will add to the shop's costs, and make it even more challenging to break even.

We shall call an emergency open meeting at the end of November specifically to address this issue. Please watch for the flier through your door, and attend the meeting in order to give your views.

In the meantime, if you are interested in this new post, or would offer your services as a volunteer in this vital role, please contact me on 377700 or Sandy Baxter on 377291

Steve Hill

Chairman – MT Community Shop

The Middleton Tyas People's History Society

The next meeting will be on Thursday 6 November at 7.30 in the Memorial Hall. Whether you have lived here all your life or have only just arrived but are interested in the history of the village do come along... have a chat, a glass of wine, and share your ideas. From anecdotes, newspaper cuttings, family documents etc, we can build up a fuller picture for future generations to enjoy. For more information contact Liz Croft on 377867.

Service Of Remembrance

There will be a short service held in the Memorial Hall Gardens on Tuesday 11 November in remembrance of those villagers who fought for our freedom. Will those wishing to attend please meet in the gardens at 10.50. The service will commence at 10.55, finish about 11.10 and include two minutes silence at 11.00. A small cross of poppies will be laid on behalf of the village.

Please can you help?

Our much-loved eight and a half year old pet Golden Spaniel (bitch) went missing from Low Chantry Farm Boarding Kennels, Middleton Tyas on Sunday 24 August 2014 whilst in their care. There have been several sightings around Barton, DL10 in the days following her disappearance but she was very scared and lost. We are desperate to have her home and are offering a reward for her safe return.

If you have any information please contact 07975594306 / (01325) 374373 or sarah.clement-dawson@live.co.uk

The Coach House

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As far as possible food is sourced locally and the present menu has a lovely autumn feel to it: ox cheek with smoked mash, foraged mushrooms, truffle and bay onions, for instance.

If you want to choose something special to complement your meal Sommelier Jim Conway is available to help but if you're happy ordering from the wine list yourself then that's fine. The aim is that from the moment your step out of your car you feel totally at home and relaxed.

LADIES' NIGHT

Saturday 1 November, 7.00 – 10.00

Skeeby Village Hall

Includes demonstrations from SAKS, BEAUTY
@ LIBERTY and PAMPERED CHEF

And stalls from PHOENIX TRADING, MOCHA
CHOCOLATE, HOUSE OF COLOUR, BUZZ
CLOTHING and LUCY LOCKET.

Tickets £5 available from 01748 822585
Ticket includes drink and chocolate on arrival



The Library Theatre Touring Company

Presents

Wind in the Willows, the Musical

2.30pm on Sunday 14th December 2014

In the Memorial Hall

Tickets will go on sale at the Post Office in
November

Adults £6
Children £3

MIDDLETON TYAS MEMORIAL HALL

QUIZ NIGHT

FRIDAY 7th November 2014
7.00pm for 7.30pm

With Quiz Master
Geoff Smith

£3.50 per person includes Pie and Peas
Supper

Teams of four

Bring your own drinks and glasses

Prize for the winning team

Tickets at the Post Office
Proceeds in aid of the Memorial Hall

Designer Cashmere Sale

Judy Brown will be selling Designer Cashmere
In the Memorial Hall
Thursday 6 November
1.00– 6.00

EBOLA APPEAL

COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 1 November, 10.00 – 12.00

Memorial Hall

Cake stall
Offers of home-made cakes would be very
welcome.

If you are unable to come but would like to
make a cash donation please contact Susan
Mahaffy on 377600.

NARNIA CHARITY BALL

Cocktails
7.30 - 8.00

Black Tie

Friday 28 November 2014

MIDDLETON LODGE, MIDDLETON TYAS
RICHMOND DL10 6NJ

We Can Dance
(Registered Charity Number 1136698)

Email Patricia: patriciabegley4@gmail.com
Or text Sarah Burke on 07768985056

Sleighs 1.00am

Tickets £60

Claiming dates

Events are in the Memorial Hall unless shown otherwise.

November

Saturday 1 November 10.00 – 12.00 Ebola
Appeal Coffee Morning

Friday 7 November 7.00 Memorial Hall Quiz
Night

Saturday 8 November 9.30 – 1.00 St Michael's
Church Christmas Fayre at Middleton Tyas
Primary School

Tuesday 11 November 7.30 PTA Quiz Black
Bull

Tuesday 25 November 7.30 PTA Quiz Black
Bull

December

Sunday 14 December 2.30 Wind in the Willows

Thursday 18 December 7.00 Carols on the
Green

May 2015

Moulton Plant Sale

All events are in the Memorial Hall unless
shown otherwise.

Editor's corner

Copy for the December issue by 20 November
please to me at 2 The Green, telephone 377311 or
email me on dianahthomas@gmail.com.

Church News

***Byron's Column: a view from the life of the
Rectory lurcher***

I wish I had the faith that the innocence of the
young seem to have. Dodger now believes that

he has a direct hotline to the divine, following an incident with a roast chicken. Said chicken apparently 'flew down' from the kitchen sideboard whilst only he and Ty were watching. It was purely down to the fact that things seemed ominously quiet for a few minutes that the biscuit-buyer actually found the result of the apparent miracle. Dodger spent a good two days looking as if he'd swallowed the chicken whole (which, in essence he did).

Anyway, my point is, that since this incident, Dodger has turned into some kind of born again Jack Russell. He now believes that the power of prayer results in such miracles, and I regularly find him meditating in the garden, whilst considering the squirrel, in an attempt to 'pray' it down from the top of the tree.

'Silly dog' I muttered from my chair, whilst watching Dodger sitting in the rain. 'He's got as much sense as that squirrel, if you ask me. Neither of them have the intelligence to work out that whilst the other one sits there, neither will move.' 'Now, now Byron, that's a little harsh', came an all too familiar voice. 'Huh!' I replied, 'Dodger thinks he's within divine favour. He thinks that all his prayers will be answered at the click of a paw! How ridiculous!' 'Byron', the biscuit-buyer replied. 'When was it you last sat down to pray?' 'Well..... I pray that Ty will lose his voice, and that Dodger will lose his squeaky toy, and that they'll both lose their dog biscuits in my direction.' 'Byron, when did you last sit down and pray for someone other than yourself?' Well that had me stumped. 'But Dodger isn't praying for anyone but himself', I replied. 'Just that chickens will fly into his mouth bringing squirrels with them'. 'Never mind Dodger' said the biscuit-buyer, 'I'm talking about you.'

I sensed that this was not the end of the matter. I was right. 'Byron, prayer is a powerful thing. Maybe Dodger hasn't got things quite right with his conversation with God, but at least he's having one, and whilst he's sitting out there in the rain, who knows what God might be saying to Dodger in between the pleas for falling squirrels. It's important to talk to God, and even more important to listen. And we need to remember to thank God for the good things and the gifts we've been given – I bet Dodger remembered to say thank you when he'd finished scoffing chicken. And anyway, look on the positive side, whilst Dodger sits in the rain praying, we've all been

granted a little peace and quiet. Wouldn't you say that that's a miracle in itself?'

Byron

Autumn church clean

I would like to say a very big thank you to all those ladies and gentlemen that came and did such a wonderful job 'spring cleaning the church. We had two very busy days that left the church sparkling and smelling so fresh.

Thanks also to those who turn out every week to keep it looking so good.

Jean Nimmins

Christmas Fayre

St. Michael & All Angels Church will be holding a Christmas Fayre at the Village School, on Saturday, 8 November from 9.30 – 1.00.

Anyone wishing to have a table at this event will be most welcome.

Please contact Thelma 377561 or Diana 377641.

Carols on The Green

Carols on The Green will be held this year on Thursday 18 December at 7.00

St.Michael and All Angels' Church



Christmas Fayre

**To be Held at Middleton Tyas
Primary School**

**Saturday 8th November 9.30am – 1.00pm
Variety of Stalls. Scones, cake and mince
pies for sale.**

**Come and get into the Christmas Spirit!
Make a start on your Christmas Shopping
And support the Church at the same time.
Entry £1-00 to include a coffee,**

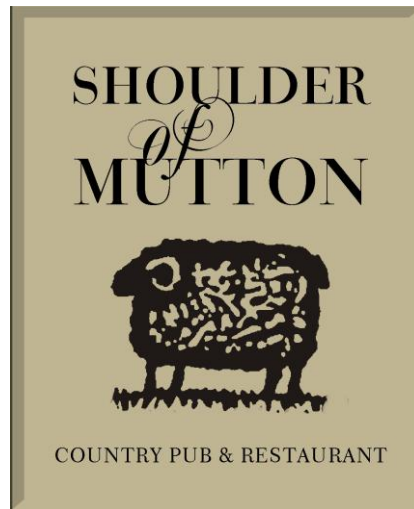
St Michael's Majors

There will not be a tea this month but the Christmas Party will be held early in December, the date to be confirmed in the December issue, but most probably the second Thursday, 11 December.

Autumn Warmer

Once again a big thank you goes to everyone who helped and supported the Autumn Warmer. All the homemade soups were enjoyed and it is always a compliment when

people take some home for later. The wonderful amount raised £329.00 will go towards church funds. *Diana Donnison.*



What's going on this Month in the Pub

We are now taking Bookings for Christmas

Yes its that time of year again, the festive season is almost upon us, we will be open as usual serving food throughout the Festive Period, Christmas Day is selling out fast. We have our 'Upstairs' private room available for any Christmas parties and family gatherings. New Years Eve will be party time, a change on previous years with a Disco & Karaoke till the early hours of the morning.

The Pubs Take Aways

Our Takeaways menu is as follows, served 7 nights a week

Fish, Chips & Mushy Peas £7.25
Curry of the Day, Rice & Naan Bread £8.50
Sausage, Mash & Onion Gravy £7
Beef & Ale Pie Chips & Peas £8.50

November Game Festival

This is running for a week Tuesday 18th – Saturday 22nd November

With the success of the Lobster Festival and our Moules and Frites Event we are sure this is going to be a great week if you like your Feathered & Furred Game, Venison, Partridge, Mallard, Pheasant, Teal, Hare and Grouse should all form part of what we will be serving.

Keep an eye on our Website, Noticeboards and Facebook for more details as we get closer to the date.

If you haven't checked our website out for a while it's been updated

www.shoulderofmuttonmiddletontyas.co.uk

It's a great way to see what we have coming up and what is happening

Gourmet Burger Week

Tuesday 9th – Saturday 13th December

Same as the Game Festival keep any eye on Website, Facebook and Noticeboards for more information.

Pub Quiz Last Wednesday of the month

If you haven't been for a while why not give it a go, if you can't make a full team up we can get you paired up as part of a team.

Church services – November		
Sunday 2nd November	4 th before Advent	Middleton Tyas
9.30 Holy Communion CW(T)		Rev. J. Lane
Sidesmen	Mrs. S. Baxter	Mrs. S. Mahaffy
Reader	Mr. N. Weightman	
Readings	1 Thessalonians 2, 9-13 P 368	Matthew 24, 1-14 P369
Sunday 9th November	Remembrance Day	Middleton Tyas
9.30 Service of Remembrance		Rev. J. Lane
Sidesmen	Mrs. S. Vaux	Mrs. M. Parker
Reader	Mr. A. Hindhaugh	
Reading	Matthew 25, 1-13	
Sunday 9th. November	St. Andrew's Moulton	Rev. J. Lane
6pm. Holy Communion		
Sunday 16th November	2 nd Sunday before Advent	Middleton Tyas
9.30 Holy Communion CW (T)		Rev. J. Lane
Sidesmen	Mrs. C. Harvey	Miss M. Brown
Reader	Mrs. E. Croft	
Readings	1 Thessalonians 5, 1-11 P386	Matthew 25, 14-30 P387
Sunday 23rd November	Christ the King	Middleton Tyas
9.30 Morning Prayer CW		Mr. M. Idale
Sidesmen	Mr. S. Hill	Mrs. M. Hill
Reader	Mrs. S. Vaux	
Readings	Ezekiel 34, 11-16, 20-24 P388	Matthew 25, 31-46 P391
Sunday 30th. November	No Service at Middleton Tyas	
10.30 Holy Communion CW		Manfield

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

If anyone needs the services of a priest, please contact Rev. J. Lane on 377918 or email jennilane2013@btinternet.com

Cleaning rota

w/b 3 and 10 November
17 and 24 November

Mrs Cook and Mrs Millar
Mrs Simpson and Mrs Alsop

Flower rota

Jean Nimmins (377868) and Sara Vaux (377228) will be in charge of flowers this month.
