

*The twelfth month:  
dark Days, silent woods,  
muddy lanes, Empty fields,  
cold and rain, Carols and lights,  
families gather, Evening parties,  
traffic stilled, Merry Christmas!  
feasts, enjoyments, Best wishes to all.  
Old Year's End, resolve and hope  
with longer days, Returning life in  
village gardens.*

# MIDDLETON TYAS VILLAGE SHOP NEWS

Tel: 377198 Open Monday to Friday 8.00 – 5.30, Saturday 8.30 – 1.00  
Post Office Tel: 339111 Open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, 8.30 – 1.00

Happy Christmas to all our customers!  
We're packed to the roof with Christmas goodies to make your preparations easier. In fact, we can do just about anything but the turkey!

So find a pen and paper, sit down and make yourself a cup of coffee and read on until something catches your eye. Talking of coffee, TAYLOR'S OF HARROGATE have brought out a special CHRISTMAS BLEND which is perfect with all those rich, fruity, Christmas flavours.

**CHRISTMAS BLEND**  
£4.05 for 227gms

How about letting us doing the heavy work? Just about any cut of meat, pies, sausages, quiches from small to party size, Taylor's will be happy to oblige and have it all here ready for you to collect by 23 December.

All your greengrocery requirements and any fish you want over the Christmas period including Carrick's own smoked salmon from a 125g pack to a whole side of smoked salmon.

Just get your order in by Friday 19 December and consider the job done!

That takes care of the hard work: now for the goodies. Go on, indulge yourselves!

**OGMORE VALE, VIENNESE MINCEPIES.**  
A light, delicious take on the traditional  
£1.99 for a pack of three

Or something else which is rapidly becoming part of the Christmas tea table

**STOLLEN**  
Marzipan and fruit loaf

£5.10 for 750g  
£1.80 for 200g

Another traditional German Christmas treat

**PFEFFER-NUSSE SPICED BISCUITS**  
£1.65 a pack and terribly moreish!

If just one helping of Christmas pudding is enough for you then Wilkin and Son have just the answer. Their CHRISTMAS PUDDING is perfect for one generous or two modest helpings and it's only £1.90.

Not a Christmas pudding eater but you would still like something a bit special?

**COTSWOLD HAND-MADE AND GIFT-WRAPPED CHOCOLATE MERINGUE CUSHIONS.**

**£2.80**

Just add a few raspberries and some cream and nothing could be better.

Christmas wouldn't be the same without some traditional shortbread. As well as the traditional tartan tins you can buy year WALKER'S shortbread in mini star shapes (£1.60 for 125 g) or Scottie dogs (£1.99 for 110 g)

(Now those really would look good decorating a large marzipaned fruit cake)

## GIFT IDEAS FOR FOODIE FRIENDS!

**STEWART'S SHORTBREAD ROUNDELS**  
in a smart black tin for £4.99 for 125g.

**WILKIN AND SON'S TIPTREE PRESERVES**

Special Preserves in a gift box  
Box of 4 £3.99  
Box of six £4.99

**SULTAN'S TURKISH DELIGHT**

Assorted flavours £4.49 for 454gms  
Rose and Lemon £2.65 for 325gms

**MONTY BOJANGLES CHOCOLATES**

Mint Chocolate Truffles £3.50  
Crumbly and Soft Truffles £2.45  
Rich French Truffles £3.70

**MONTY BOJANGLES LUXURY FRUIT JELLIES** £.80

**HOUSE OF DORCHESTER LUXURY CHOCOLATES**

Caramel Collection £4.75  
Mint Collection £4.75

## News from the Parish Council

### ***Village seats***

The village seats have recently been refurbished. Thanks to Ray Craggs.

### ***New PCSO***

Our new Police Community Support Officer is Daniel Loughran 3562. Please ring 101 or 999

### ***Scotch Corner Retail Park***

We have sent our comments and concerns regarding this application to the RDC Planning Committee. We have been told it will be discussed at a Planning meeting at the end of January.

### ***Parking – west end of village***

A meeting was held at Moto Services with County Councillor Michael Heseltine, County Highways, the police and a small group of residents. As a result two or three possible ways of helping to ease the problem were suggested by County Highways and we are going to consult all concerned residents for their views.

### ***December meeting***

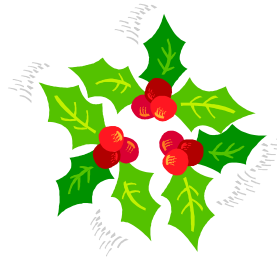
The next Parish Council meeting will be on 11 December at 6.30 in the Memorial Hall.

## **Locating private sewage pumping stations for transfer to Yorkshire Water**

Government legislation means that from 1 October 2016 ownership of and responsibility for all eligible private sewage pumping stations in Yorkshire will automatically transfer to Yorkshire Water. This is good news for customers since it'll mean that they are no longer responsible for future maintenance and repair costs associated with the stations. Yorkshire Water predicts that there are more than 700 private pumping stations in our region but it does not know the location of all of them. It is therefore starting a customer campaign this winter asking people to report their pumping stations to Yorkshire Water. If you have a private pumping station please contact Yorkshire Water as soon as possible by calling 0345 1 24 24 24.

## **Ebola Appeal**

The community's response to this Appeal was truly heart warming. £915 was raised and has been sent to St. John of God Hospitaller Order via Brother Robert of Darlington, to help them with their work in Sierra Leone Thank you.  
*Susan Mahaffy*



## **FESTIVE SUPPER**

Saturday 6th December 2014

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  
hog roast supper and a Bar

Tickets £7.50 available from the  
Post Office.

**A warm festive welcome to  
everyone.**

### **Many thanks to all our volunteers!**

The Village Shop's Management Committee would like to thank all the volunteers who kindly give their time and energy to help our shop. Whatever capacity your role is, your help is invaluable in keeping the shop open. We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a happy 2015!

### **Looking for Fern**

Many readers who helped Sarah Clement-Dawson and her family to look for their much-loved Golden Labrador, Fern, since she went missing last August will be saddened to hear

that she was, in fact, killed on the A1M between Barton and Scotch Corner on 28 August, four days after she went missing. Because of what appears to have been a total failure in communications between the various agencies which are responsible for dealing with this sort of accident and notifying the owners if the animal is micro-chipped, Sarah did not eventually find out what had happened until 18 November.

Sarah would like to thank everybody who helped over the past three months with searches, sightings and keeping in contact on Facebook and Twitter and asks you to join her by signing the e-petition in support of Harvey's Law. You can log on at

<http://epetitions.direct.gov.uk/petitions/62490>



## CAROL SINGING

### Thank you

Thank you so much to everyone who sent letters, cards, e-mails, good wishes and condolences during Peter's illness and following his death. Thank you also for the many kindnesses shown to us both by so many people. They meant a great deal to us.

*Josephine Collis*

### Richmondshire Choral Society Christmas Concert

Saturday 20 December 7.30

St Mary's Church, Richmond

Vaughan Williams – *Fantasia on Christmas Carols*

Britten – *A Ceremony of Carols*

Rutter - *Requiem*

Catrin Woodruff (Soprano)

Musicians from Cleveland Chamber Orchestra

Conductor – Su McConnack

Tickets £10, under 19's free, no ticket required

Buy on-line at

[richmondshirechooralsociety.org.uk](http://richmondshirechooralsociety.org.uk) or from  
Castle Hill Books or choir members. Tickets  
may be bought by post if you contact 01325  
374112

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 cannot 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:

**Tuesday 16th December 6pm** meet at the Village Green.

**Wednesday 17th December 6pm** meet at the Village Green.

**Friday 19th December 4pm - 6pm** meet and sing in the Moto Services, Scotch Corner.

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

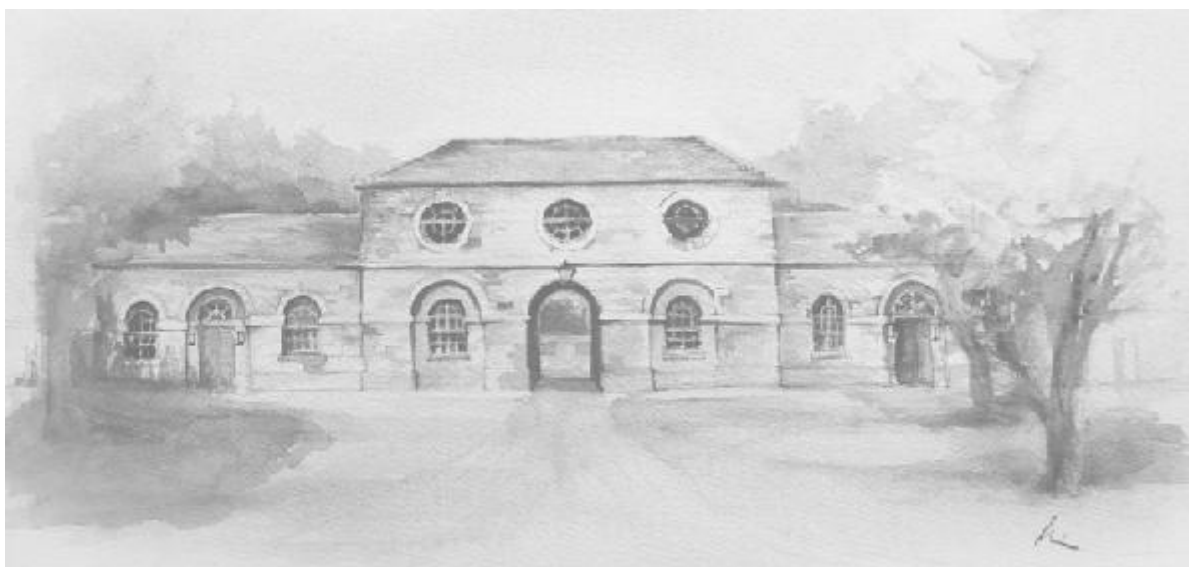
It can be pretty cold walking slowly round the village!

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.





## Upcoming events at Middleton Lodge

Please contact 377977 or [info@middletonlodge.co.uk](mailto:info@middletonlodge.co.uk) for tickets and more information

### Ladies Christmas Shopping Fair

Middleton Lodge's fantastic Christmas Fair takes place on Wednesday 3 December at 7.00. Come and Christmas shop with us whilst enjoying a glass of mulled wine and mince pies in our gorgeous 'dressed for Christmas' Georgian mansion. There will be an array of over 20 local businesses, crafts and stalls to browse. Tickets are £10 if booked in advance and £12.50 on the door. All proceeds from this event will be donated to the charity 'The Celebration of Life After Cancer'.

### Christmas Wreath Making

Come and enjoy a relaxing day to put you in the mood for Christmas with Briar House flowers on Monday 8 December from 10.00 to about 3.30. Learn how to make a beautiful evergreen wreath to hang on your door. Tuition and all materials are provided. Start the day with coffee and mince pies and enjoy a light lunch and a glass of champagne later. The price of the day is £55, which includes your own gorgeous wreath to take home. Places are limited as we want to keep this class small so . please call soon to book on **07740520323** or email [felicity@briarhouseflowers.co.uk](mailto:felicity@briarhouseflowers.co.uk)

### New Year's Eve Dinner

#### *With live music*

Dress to impress and come and join us for our fabulous New Year's Eve Dinner Party Night. Tickets are priced at £75pp which includes a glass of champagne on arrival and at midnight. There's a five-course set dinner menu by our

award winning chef Gareth Rayner. Check out our website for a sample menu. Live music is provided by singer songwriter Richard Thompson who is currently touring with Jools Holland.

Arrival drinks are served from 7.00 and we invite you to be seated by 7.30 in order to be served at 8.00. If you would like to stay the night, four bedrooms are available for £250, which includes breakfast.

### Burns Night Charity Ball

**6.30 - midnight**

Saturday 24 January will be the time to pipe in the haggis and pay tribute to the great Robert Burns as we celebrate this special occasion at our famous Middleton Lodge Charity Ball.

Why not book a table for 6 – 10 people and enjoy a champagne reception followed by a three course set dinner cooked by award winning chef Robert Taylor. There's the traditional piper and The Ode to the Haggis followed by a ceilidh.

The cost is £50pp or you can upgrade to our all-inclusive package of £220 per couple for dinner, en suite bedroom and breakfast.

### Still looking for the perfect Christmas present?

Why not give them a Coach House voucher for dinner and a night away. Blissful!!!!!!

## Carols on the Green

Middleton Tyas

Thursday 18 December  
7.00



## Carols on the Green

or

*(In the Memorial Hall if wet)*

*Followed by Mulled Wine and  
Mince Pies  
in the Memorial Hall.*

**All are very welcome.  
St. Michael & all Angels  
Church**

### Editor's corner

I shall need copy for the January issue by Wednesday 17 December latest please in order to get it put together printed and out to distributors before Christmas. You can contact

me at 2 The Green, telephone 377311 or email me on [dianahthomas@gmail.com](mailto:dianahthomas@gmail.com).

## Wind in the Willows – The Musical



The Library Theatre Touring Company

presents

## Wind in the Willows, the Musical

on Sunday 14 December  
at 2.30  
In the Memorial Hall

Tickets on sale  
at the Post Office  
Adults £6  
Children £3

### Claiming dates

#### December

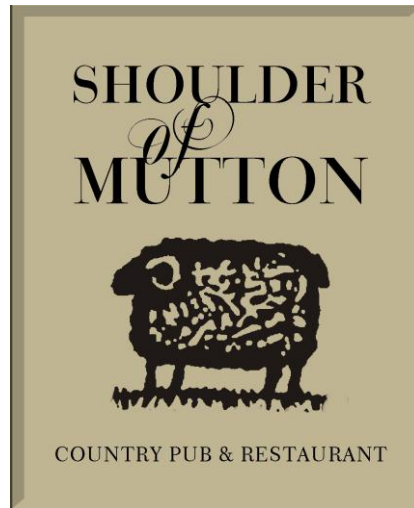
Thursday 11 December 6.30 Parish Council Meeting  
Tuesday 16 December 6.00 Carol Singing round the village  
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Friday 19 December 4.00 – 6.00 carol Singing Moto Services  
Sunday 14 December 2.30 Wind in the Willows – The Musical  
Thursday 18 December 7.00 Carols on the Green

#### May 2015

Moulton Plant Sale

All events are in the Memorial Hall unless shown otherwise.





### **It's Christmas! Well almost!**

Have you thought about what you are doing, have you planned your Christmas gatherings be it a family get-together for Sunday lunch or a Christmas evening with work colleagues and friends, we can take care of it. No party too small. Don't forget we have our

'Upstairs' room available for this.

Also Christmas Day, what better way to spend it than at your local pub. We take care of it all. Best of all no washing up after.....

New Year's Eve, you all remember how good last year was or if you were not there you heard how good it was. Well we are doing it all again and we only have a few places left

### **Gourmet Burger Week**

Tuesday 9th - Saturday 13th December. Watch out on our website & Facebook page for more details.

We have just launched our Winter Menus and we have some old favourites back. Check out our website for more details.

**Coming soon in the New Year,**

**Bollywood Night**

**Steak Week**

**Thai Night**

**And lots of other great nights and days to watch out for**





## **Festive fun with family and friends**

Middleton Tyas Cricket Club will be holding their annual Christmas Draw and Domino Knockout on Sunday 21 December at the Shoulder of Mutton, Middleton Tyas. Start time 7.00, entry to Domino Knockout £4.00 per person including Pie & Pea Supper.

The club is on a mission to raise £3000 this coming year for much needed new equipment, including a new roller as the team cannot play without a suitable pitch/wicket fit for purpose. Any support for these events and forthcoming fund raisers would be much appreciated.

We shall also be holding a glamorous Dinner & Dance on Saturday 14 March 2015 at Scotch Corner Hotel (Holiday Inn). Watch out for further details. Numbers are still available for our 100 club which is drawn on the first Sunday of every month. Numbers cost £12 per year. For further details contact Jenn Smith 377087 or 07790078428.

## **Church News**

### ***St Michael's Majors***

The Christmas Party will be held in the Memorial Hall on Thursday December 11th 3-5 pm, usual travel arrangements apply and no raffle prizes need be brought.

### ***Church Flowers.***

We don't have flowers in church during Advent but please could all arrangers meet to beautify the church for Christmas on Tuesday 23 December at 10.00.

## **A letter from Byron**

**It's approaching Christmas and a young boy is praying upstairs while his brother sits by him and his grandma is downstairs. He prays "Lord I pray for a Nintendo DS game, an ipod, and AN X BOX!!!"**

**You don't have to shout", says his brother "God's not deaf." "I know" said the little boy, "but grandma is."**



As Christmas fast approaches, and the hustle and bustle take hold, why not take time out to join us at one of our services to celebrate the real meaning of Christmas? The best things in life are not always wrapped up in paper and tinsel.

With best wishes for a joyous Christmas and blessed New Year,

Byron, Dodger, Ty and of course Jenni, aka 'the biscuit-buyer'

Church Services - December				
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> December		2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent		Middleton Tyas
5pm An Advent Carol Service- a service of carols and readings			Rev. J. Lane	
Sidesmen		Mr. R. Aitken		Mrs. P Aitken
There will be no morning service at Middleton Tyas. Holy Communion 8am Croft, 9.30am Cleasby				
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> December		3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent		Middleton Tyas
9.30 Morning Prayer BCP				Mr. H. Swanston
Sidesmen		Mrs. M. Sheridan		Mrs. J. Nimmins
Reader		Mrs. C. Harvey		
Readings		Isaiah 61, 1-4, 8-11	P399	John 1, 6-8, 19-28 P402
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> December				Moulton
6pm Holy Communion BCP				Rev J Lane
Readings		1, Thessalonians 5, 16-24	P 401	John 1, 6-8,19-28 P402
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> December		Middleton Tyas		Rev. J. Lane
9.30 Holy Communion CW (T) including the Baptism of Peter Bainbridge				
Sidesmen		Mrs. S. Vaux		Mrs. M. Parker
Reader		Dr. N. Weightman		
Readings		Romans 16, 25-27	P405	Luke 1, 26-38 P406
Wednesday, 24 <sup>th</sup> December.		Christmas  Eve		
4pm Crib Service		Middleton Tyas		Rev. J. Lane
6pm Carol Service		Moulton		
Thursday, 25 <sup>th</sup> . December		Christmas Day		
9.30 Holy Communion CW(T)		Middleton Tyas		Rev. J. Lane
Sidesmen		Mrs. D. Donnison		Miss M. Brown
Reader		Mr. A. Hindhaugh		
Readings		Hebrews 1, 1-4	P21	John 1, 1-14 P22
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> December		No Service at Middleton Tyas or Moulton		
10.30 Holy Communion		Croft		D. Mills
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2015		An Epiphany service for all ages will be held at Middleton Tyas,9.30am		

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 01325 377918 or e-mail [jennilane2013@btinternet.com](mailto:jennilane2013@btinternet.com)

Cleaning Rota:

w/b	1 and 8 December	Mrs Whittle and Mrs Aitken
	15 and 22 December	Mrs Parker
	29 December and 5 January	Mrs I Stead and Mrs Wood

There are no church flowers during Advent. Offers of flowers and or help would be very welcome on 23 December 10.00