



All wrapped up for another year

The gentleman in the red coat has been and gone for another year and, bar a flurry of celebrations for the New Year, things tend to go very quiet and, when we do surface, there's a mood of taking things seriously, resolving to do better in future and generally knuckling down to paying the bills and dealing with the worst the winter can throw at us.

If that thought alone is enough to drive you back under the duvet then here's a few pointers to make you feel better about January.

By the time you read this we shall almost certainly be past the shortest day. Even though you don't notice the difference for a couple of weeks, January definitely means more daylight.

The 19 January is the date the northern hemisphere begins to incline back toward the sun so things start to get warmer. Believe me, summer is on its way!

It's the month of stunning melon-yellow skies on clear afternoons. Overlaid with velvety black silhouettes of bare trees, it's a glorious sight that you don't find everywhere in this country. Makes it worth putting up with icy pavements, snow, delayed trains, brown envelopes etc etc etc.

MIDDLETON TYAS VILLAGE SHOP NEWS
Tel: 377198 Open Monday to Friday 8.00 – 2.00,
Saturday 8.30 – 1.00

**HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR
CUSTOMERS!**

And if you still just a potential customer, then
Happy New Year to you too. Do come and see what
we can offer. You'll be very welcome.

Still in the mood to party?

Spare a thought for whoever is driving!

**Belvoir's non-alcoholic drinks can make it look
as though you have been thinking about them all
along**

Mulled Winter Punch	£2.95
Handmade Lemonade	£2.75
Elderflower Cordial	£3.99
Spiced Winter Berry Cordial	£4.15

**If you are cooking up a feast all over again for
New Year, then how about these additions to the
menu for your wheat intolerant guests?**

**Gordon Rhodes, whom the packet tells us was a
global explorer who brought back all sorts of
spices which up until now have only been sold in
the catering profession, has two new products
which could make a winter feast a lot more
digestible!**

A Jolly Good Stuffing

Gluten-free sage and Onion stuffing £2.55

Drop Dead Gorgeous

**Gluten-free Bread Sauce mix
£3.00**

Not sure when your guests will be dropping in?

Panna Cotta or Sicilian Lemon Pot
From Devilishly Delicious

**That's the dessert solution. A £3.25 pack serves
four and all you have to do is heat, chill and serve
in individual ramekins or a pastry case. A pack
will keep in the fridge for several months too!**

**If you are still out on a round of visiting friends,
we still have lots of boxes of unusual chocolates in
stock .**

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Thursday , Friday, 8.30 – 1.00

Elizabeth Shaw's Dark Chocolate Mint Flutes **even
sound as though they might not be fattening.
Hmmm. Dream on! Delicious though! £2.99**

**Or how about a 100g bar of Choc Stars. Not too
much and it looks really wacky. Sure to be a
talking point £2.75**

**If you are beginning to get in the mood for a post-
Christmas diet but know you'll only dream about
chocolate, why not treat yourself to a bar of
Green and Black's 70% Cocoa solids Dark
Chocolate. £2.49 It's true that just one section
will satisfy the craving for chocolate. (After that
it's up to you to put the rest away for another day
though!)**

**Going away for New Year? The perfect gift from
Yorkshire. YORKSHIRE HONEY ON THE
COMB.**

Cut comb 227g	£3.75
Honey on the comb 397g	£7.95
Circular honey on the comb 227g	£4.95
Honey in a 454g jar	£4.95

A calorie-free gift from Yorkshire
**A fine bone china mug in a gift box by Wildlife
Artist Joanne Kell £6 each.**

**If you're staying home curled up with a book and
a cuppa, then we have a new range of Border's
biscuits to tempt you. All the old favourites such
as Red Berry Rascals, Dark Chocolate-coated
Ginger and Raspberry , White Chocolate and
Pistachio Nut, plus we've got Lemon Drizzle
Cookies. Now how delicious do they sound?**

OK You're on a diet and you can't be tempted.
We've laid in supplies of Sweetex. Only £2.15 for
600 tablets!

News from the parish council

Flooding

A formal meeting with Richmondshire District Council will be held at a date still to be agreed in January in the Memorial Hall to consult with residents about future development in the village. Please keep an eye on the village notice boards for information about the date and time.

Drainage

A meeting will be held at a date still to be agreed in January in the Memorial Hall with the developers of the proposed building on land North East of Dixhome to explain the method of surface water drainage from the site.

Flooding

The NYCC senior flood management officer has now completed the county's Local Flood Risk Management Strategy. We will keep you informed about any details concerning flooding in the village.

Libraries

Until 18 February people in North Richmondshire are being consulted over changes to the Library Service. Any enquiries should be made to Julie Blaisdale on 01609 533494. Details can be found on the county's website:

www.northyorks.gov.uk/libraryconsultation

How are you on the Highway Code?

Not as good as you should be? That's probably true of all of us. Rightdriver.co.uk has a contract with the Driver and Vehicles Standards Agency to provide free Highway Code education for car, motor bike and lorry drivers. Go to their website and you can find a revision bank of 3000 theory test questions from the Highway Code for cars, motorbikes, lorries and buses. All questions include explanations of the answers so you can bone up on the material in depth if you want to. However many years you have been behind the wheel, this will help you become the effective and safe driver that you would like to be.

Middleton Tyas Cricket Club

We shall 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.

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.

Brian Stead and family would like to thank everyone for their kind thoughts, cards, charitable donations and support through a very difficult and sad time.

It means a lot to all of us to know that people care so much. Thanks too to Kevin and Fran at the Shoulder of Mutton and finally a big thanks to Rev. Jennie Lane for her support.

Claiming dates

January

Thursday 8 January 6.30 Parish Council meeting

February

Thursday 12 February 6.30 Parish Council meeting

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. I hate asking you for money, especially at a time when so many more deserving causes are doing the same thing. (At least I don't ring you up at home though to bend your ear so that might put the Village News further up your list of priorities!) The parish council supports the Village News with an annual grant but it would very quickly cease publication if it were not for the generosity of kind individuals who take the time to send me a cheque or some cash to keep the Village News going. Things would also rapidly grind to a halt if it were not for the kind group of **people who deliver the Village News to your house every month, rain or shine -**

January as well! So a donation is, as much as anything, an acknowledgment of their hard

work. Cheques to Middleton Tyas and Moulton Village News please.



For all our offers and events please contact 01325 377977 or email info@middletonlodge.co.uk

The Coach House Vouchers

Well, what about The Coach House at Middleton Lodge wrapped up in a big red bow? Sound good? Well you can now buy a gift card for a loved one for dinner, bed and breakfast at The Coach House, on a date of your choosing (or leave the date open and let them decide). What better way to keep the Christmas cheer going, with a night away in 2015. They will be able to enjoy our head chef Gareth Rayner's mouth-watering menus; followed by indulging their sweet tooth with one of head pastry chef Henny's magnificent creations and our head mixologist David will be more than happy to create one of his irresistible delicious cocktails.

The night won't stop there; they can then retire to one of our beautiful and uniquely styled chic bedrooms, for an evening of pure relaxation and luxury. The next morning, enjoy an invigorating walk around the 200 acre country estate or ask to borrow a couple of the Coach House's mountain bikes to explore the local villages and countryside, followed by a hearty English breakfast in the authentic old stable dining rooms.

Clay Pigeon Shooting

Coaching sessions on Middleton Lodge Estate commencing January 2015. Please see website or call 01325 377977 for full details. Sessions

available for beginners on a one to one basis, groups or experienced shooters wanting to brush up their skills. Children welcome between 10 and 15 years of age.

Burns Night Charity Ball Saturday 24th January 2015

Champagne Reception at 6.30pm
3 course set menu dinner cooked by award winning chef Robert Taylor
Ode to Haggis, piper and Ceilidh

Tables of 6-10
Doors open 6.30pm - Midnight
Tickets on sale now: £50pp
All inclusive package of £220 per couple for dinner, en suite bedroom and breakfast

The charities which we shall be supporting this year are Great North Air Ambulance and Children's Heart Unit Fund.

Valentine's Night at The Coach House

The Coach House provides the perfect, intimate surroundings for a romantic, candle-lit dinner to share with someone special. The evening is priced at £49.50 and includes champagne and strawberries on arrival, a delicious three course dinner, followed by coffee and petit fours. Why

not upgrade to our DB&B package and spend the night with us is one of our stylish, contemporary bedrooms. This is priced at £260 per couple.

January and February offers

Church News

Byron's column

Now I don't consider myself to be a dog of mature years, but I always prefer to seek out heat wherever I can find it. I am of a delicate nature, my coat is thin and my ears get cold, and I believe that stepping outside my own front door when it is cold, is something that only the most fool-hardy biscuit-buyer would do. Although this pretence doesn't work for the most part, it's worthwhile giving it a go.

However, Dodger seems to love weather in general. Snow, ice, rain, wind: he'll spend hours careering around regardless, whatever the weather. This causes me little concern, as things are certainly much quieter when the yipping is confined to the garden and I am elsewhere.

However, in true Dodger style, he can't possibly keep anything to himself – unless it's food or toys or a treasure of great worth, which then gets buried in his bed. Trouble, teeth and trauma, however, he happily shares. Thus it was following a particularly cold and muddy frolic that my happy dreams in front of the fire were disrupted when one day Dodger flew in from the back garden covered in mud and shivering, shortly followed by Ty. They launched themselves in my general direction and settled on top of me to defrost their wet, frozen paws and ears.

Now I don't care what the biscuit-buyer says about loving my neighbour as myself, I was not a happy Byron. I decided that life would be better away from a wet Dodger and Ty and skulked off to find a duvet. But I can never be left in peace. The biscuit-buyer soon sought me out. 'Hello Byron', she said. 'Hiding from the puppies are you?' 'Don't ask me to play with them outside, because it isn't going to happen', I grumbled. 'Don't worry, I wouldn't even suggest it', she replied. 'I know you're not a cold weather fan. I'm sure this weather won't go on for much longer. The spring will arrive soon enough; we'll see new life and the

During January and February we are offering two nights at The Coach B&B for the price of one. Only one Friday or Saturday can be included in this offer.

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Christmas Fayre.

Many thanks to everyone who helped to make the Christmas Fayre such a success. Thank you goes to the Village Primary School for allowing us to use their hall. The extra space for stall-holders, and visitors was greatly appreciated. The stall holders who produced such a wonderful array of Christmas Gifts. Finally to those who baked the delicious cakes and helped to set up and serve the coffee and cakes on the morning. We are delighted to say we made £406 towards church funds.
Diana Donnison.

St. Michael's Majors

The tea this month will be on 15 January, 3.00 – 5.00 in the Memorial Hall. Usual travel arrangements apply.

Church Flowers.

The new flower rota is in church, please could all arrangers fill in the spaces. Thank you.
Sara Vaux

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Guiding future development in Middleton Tyas

Richmondshire District Council would like to invite all residents to contribute to local development guidance for Middleton Tyas. The Council has gathered together a lot of information about the village including its local context, history, local services and infrastructure. This information is useful in helping us to update the village development limit. But it would help us to run this information past as many people as possible so that we can fully understand local conditions. We have put together this material in to a report together with maps of local important features. These are available to download from the planning page on the Council's website www.richmondshire.gov.uk/planning. You will be able to send us your comments by email or by post using the contacts on this page. A drop-in session will also be held in Middleton Tyas, where you can meet with officers from the Council's Community Development Team. Council Leader Cllr John Blackie will host a question and answer session about local development issues and national planning policies at the end of this session. We are aiming to hold this event in the last week of January 2015 and will publicise time and place in the New Year. For further information on the session please contact the Community Development Team on localplan@richmondshire.gov.uk or 01748 821900.

Church Services

Sunday 4th January	Epiphany Sunday	Middleton Tyas
9.30 am Holy Communion CW (T) Family Service		Rev . J. Lane
Sidesmen	Miss M. Brown	Mrs. S. Mahaffy
Reader	E. Croft	
Readings	Ephesians 3, 1-12 P35	Matthew 2, 1-12 P 36
Sunday 11th January	Baptism of Christ	Middleton Tyas
9.30am Morning Prayer BCP		Mrs. E. Croft
Sidesmen	Mrs. C. Harvey	Mrs. D. Donnison
Reader	Mr. P. Nimmins	
Readings	Genesis 1, 1-5 P411	Mark 1, 4-11 P413
Sunday 11th. January		Moulton
6pm Holy Communion CW (T)		Rev J Lane
Readings	Acts 19, 1-7 P413	Mark 1, 4-11 P413
Sunday 18th. January	2 nd . Sunday of Epiphany	Middleton Tyas
9.30am Holy Communion CW (T)		Rev. J. Lane
Sidesmen	Mr. R. Aitken	Mrs. P. Aitken
Reader	Dr. N. Weightman	
Readings	Revelations 5, 1-10 P417	John 1, 43-51 P418
Sunday 25th. January	Conversion of Paul	Middleton Tyas
9.30am Morning Prayer CW		Mr. M. Idale
Sidesmen	Mrs. S. Vaux	Mrs. M. Parker
Reader	Mrs. M. Hill	
Readings	Jeremiah 1, 4-10 P952	Matthew 19, 27-30 P955

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

Cleaning Rota:

w/b January 5 Mrs Stead and Mrs Wood
 January 12 and 19 Mrs White and Mrs Begley
 January 26 and Feb 2 Mrs McKibbin, Mrs Vaux and Mrs Benson

Flower Rota: Sara Vaux is in charge of flowers this month