

Hundreds of visitors 'dig' the Archaeology at Catterick



A programme of archaeological excavations has been taking place along the route of the Highways Agency's upgrade of the A1 in North Yorkshire. On 24 January 2015, contractors Carillion Morgan Sindall Joint Venture, in association with Aecom and Northern Archaeology Associates, held an open day that was attended by over 600 members of the public. This gave people the opportunity to see some of the remains of the former Roman town, Cataractonium. The town derives its name from the latin term Cataracta, often considered to be a waterall or rapids and this is considered to be the most likely origin of the name.

On the open day visitors were escorted in groups of up to 80 to see parts of the Roman Dere Street and associated town houses. Dere Street is the Roman road that extends from York to Inchtuthill in Scotland. The road may have been built upon an earlier route that extends north through the Vale of Mowbray towards the River Tees. The present A1 joins this route and in places it overlies the Roman road. A number of finds from the excavation include sherds of pottery, fragments of glass vessels, animal bone and worked architectural fragments were also on display.

Based on comments and feedback, those who were able to attend had a great day out. Members of the public were clearly fascinated to find evidence of so much history virtually on their doorstep. Dave Lowery, Project Director, for the Carillion Morgan Sindall Joint Venture contractors said: ***"This is an excellent example of engaging with our local community. We have had an extensive volume of archaeological works on the scheme and it is great to engage with the community on their personal interests, further harnessing our good relationships."***

Elsewhere on the road a number of other archaeological sites have been found varying in date from 8,000 BC to the post Roman period (after 400AD). It is hoped that we will have further news of excavations closer to Middleton Tyas for a future edition of the Village News.

Article provided by the Carillion Morgan Sindall Joint Venture on behalf of the Highways Agency.

MIDDLETON TYAS VILLAGE SHOP NEWS

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Telephone: 339111

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Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays

Hooray! We've nearly made it through to spring again. Evenings lightening, bulbs shooting, birds singing again. It's enough to make you feel like.....
..... baking a cake!

If you are really in the mood for some serious baking, we now have trays of 30 fresh free-range eggs from Gilling West.

At £5.25 a tray, that's a saving of £1.50 over buying them half a dozen at a time. Thirty eggs is too many? Why not buy a tray with a friend?

If eating cakes rather than baking them is more your style, you'll be pleased to hear we've expanded our range of cakes from Edwina's of Richmond. Her loaf cakes, scones and mini-tarts go like, well, ... hot cakes actually

- Mini Bakewell tarts
- Mini Almond tarts
2 for £1.15
- Fruit scones
- Ginger scones
- Cheese scones
2 for £1.15
- Lemon Drizzle loaf cake
- Fruit loaf cake
- Ginger loaf cake
£2.15 each

**GOOD NEWS FOR BORDER'S
BISCUITS FANS.....**

.....We've got a big selection of all regular favourites and maybe one or two new ones coming in this week!

Is this your secret weakness?

Pfeffer Nüsse? You know, those little round sugar-coated spicy biscuits from Germany?. We have some reduced to just **£1 a bag**.

Go on, indulge yourself. And then there's no more until next Christmas!

Hollandaise Sauce

You know how hard it is to find a really good Hollandaise Sauce? Look no further. **Mary Berry's Hollandaise Sauce**, £2.85 a jar, is every bit as good as you could make at home. Dream of Eggs Benedict, smoked salmon topped with a spoonful. Mmmmmmm!

WINES OF THE MONTH

HARDY'S CABERNET SHIRAZ MERLOT

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This is the real thing, not sugar syrup with added maple flavouring. Competitively priced at £6.29 for 300mls

News from the parish council

Parking – west end of the village

As a result of the consultation with residents it was agreed to have a trial with H markings in front of residents' driveways to see if it helps to relieve the parking problem.

Yellow lines on Oakfields

NYCC Highways are going to re-surface the road on Oakfields and residents were asked if they wanted to retain the yellow lines. Most of the residents asked said they did not want the yellow lines back. However, they did say there is a problem with parking on Cow Lane near the entrance to the estate.

Scotch Corner Retail Outlet

Richmondshire District Council has approved Outline Planning Permission for the development of a Retail Outlet on the Richmond road at Scotch Corner.

Slurry smell

The recent awful slurry smell is being investigated by Richmondshire District Council. If any one would like to voice their concerns on the subject or to ask how the investigation is going will you please ring the RDC offices on 01748 829 100.

Moulton matters

Broadband in Moulton

A test is being carried out this month to determine whether we might be able to receive wireless broadband in the village as we are not going to receive 'Superfast fibre broadband'. If you are interested in being included in the test, without commitment, please contact Julia Stephenson on julia.chestnut1@yahoo.co.uk

Bookswaps

Bookswaps will resume this year on Saturday 21 March from 10.00 to 12 noon. Come along and refresh your stock. Further Bookswaps will be held in May, July and October. Good quality fiction books are always welcome. Bring them along to a Bookswap or leave them in the bus shelter.

During 2014, £144.80 was raised from Books in the Bus Shelter. Thanks to all our supporters. All proceeds will go towards Moulton Village Association funds.

Best kept Village competition

The bench has been purchased and will be placed on the Green once the weather improves. The Diamond Jubilee Garden Plaque will also be placed at this time. The Parish Meeting agreed to participate in the competition once again this year.

Church cleaning

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

March: Mrs Vaux and Mrs Atkinson

April: Mr and Mrs Whitehead.

News on the Ebola situation

The two hospitals in Sierra Leone and Liberia run by the Hospitaller Order of St. John of God have re-opened, in a limited way. The Brothers are working in cooperation with national and International agencies and hope to return the hospitals to full services gradually.

By the end of 2014, £12,000 was sent to these hospitals. Almost £3,000 of that was raised at the coffee mornings in Scorton and Middleton Tyas, and by carol singing at Tesco. Thanks to all who gave of their time, support and donations.

The threat of the disease is certainly not over however, even if it is no longer headline news. The numbers infected did drop, but February 2015 is showing a slight increase in the number of new cases. There are still ongoing needs therefore, not least for the many children orphaned by this dreadful disease. Two quotes from a letter of thanks sent to us in late November, by Brother Robert Moore show how worthwhile it was - "It is an amazing and outstanding achievement", and "Your efforts are being put to good use".

Thank you.

Dorothy Rowbotham and Judy Brown
would like to invite you to a

CASHMERE SALE

at Middleton Tyas Memorial Hall

on Monday 9 March 10.00 to 1.00

COZMIC RELIEF

Please note that Dorothy is preparing to hit the 'road' outside the Post Office /Community Shop from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 on

FRIDAY 13 MARCH

Come rain or shine (ideally both, to make a rainbow) she'll be there, hoping you'll feel sorry for her and pop money into her pot of gold, as it's for a good cause.

N.B. Should it be really cold, don't be surprised if she has a red nose – and please don't embarrass her by making a big thing of it. She can't help it, but you can!

WE CAN DANCE

(Registered Charity No. 1136698)

We are delighted to confirm that £10,700 was raised at our Narnia Ball which was held last November at Middleton Lodge.

It was a truly magical evening enjoyed by 175 guests. We would so like to thank everyone for their kind generosity.

We now fund five teachers who support dance activities for children with Special Educational Needs in eight schools within the North East.

Yvonne Nicholson

The Middleton Tyas Memorial Hall Management Committee AGM will take place at 6.00pm on Thursday 16 April 2015.

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.

Pop-In Coffee Shop

The Pop-In Coffee Shop launched by the Village Shop a few weeks ago has become a regular feature of Thursday mornings. Open from 8.45 – 11.00 in the Memorial Hall, the Coffee Shop attracts a steady 15 – 18 people, sometimes considerably more.

Numbers are likely to increase now that, thanks to the generosity of Martin Fielding, the Coffee Shop is now able to offer customers an individually freshly-made cup of Costa coffee – Americano, Latte or Cappuccino, whatever you fancy. At £1.50 for a Cappuccino or Latte and £1.30 for an Americano, that is far and away the cheapest Costa coffee you will find in the country, never mind within a five mile radius! If you prefer tea or instant coffee, then that's still available for just £1 including re-fills and a free biscuit for good measure.

Gordon Davies, who looks after marketing for the shop says: 'It has really exceeded our expectations and now we can offer real Costa coffee as well, I think numbers will increase

further. We don't get many takers first thing but after 10 o'clock or so there's a real buzz with a steady stream of people in and out. I think we'll move the hours on a bit, perhaps opening at 10.00 and staying open longer, in line with what our customers seem to prefer. We'll put up plenty of notices around the hall and shop when that happens.'

If you would be willing to spend an hour or two at the Pop-In Coffee Shop helping to serve coffee and the odd bit of washing-up, even on an occasional basis, Gordon would love to hear from you. Either call in on a Thursday morning, leave him a message at the shop or ring him on 377434.

Middleton Tyas History Society

The next meeting will be on Thursday, 5 March in the Memorial Hall. Everyone is welcome. We are very informal, but we do want to discuss funding towards rent, stationery etc.

I have been given some interesting material which was collected by the late Stan Davison, so if you want to know how a drowning in Skeebby, children lost in the snow and mad dogs affect Middleton Tyas, come and join us!

Middleton Tyas Cricket Club

Your Cricket Club needs help!

We are in desperate need of buying a large roller for the preparation of the wicket. We struggled without one last season and now the pitch is in a dangerous condition. The team and members have set themselves a target of £3000 which hopefully will be enough to buy a second-hand roller. We have already made a good start from the Draw & Dominoes at Christmas, now for the rest! Some of the members are going to walk the Yorkshire Three Peaks at the end of March and are looking for sponsorship; we have also arranged a Dinner & Dance, details included in this news letter. Why not get together with a group of friends and have a fun evening? Raffle tickets will be sold on the evening or, if you cannot make it, may be bought from Jenn Smith. We are also hoping to organise a family fun day at the cricket ground in the summer so watch this space for further information! Did anyone hear the interview done by BBC Tees Sport advertising our campaign on Tues 17 February? Hopefully it will help us raise the funds. There has been a cricket club in Middleton Tyas since 1890 and it would be tragic for it not to continue. Any support will be very much appreciated. Further details

contact Jenn Smith on 07790078428 or Marcus Burnett on 07834455568.

2015 Swaledale Festival

Details of this year's Swaledale Festival have recently been published in the Festival's brochure and on its new website at www.swalefest.org. There is a terrific line up with such world class artists as the King's Singers, Tenebrae Consort, the Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain and the Black Dyke Band. For jazz fans Liane Carroll brings her friends who include top jazz pianist Gwilym Simcock and for the folk fans Kathryn Tickell brings her new band, The Side. From Colorado come the Railsplitters with their bluegrass and in Reeth for the Reeth Lecture is popular science presenter Adam Hart-Davis asking the question "Are we alone in the universe?". For those who want to join in, there is another choral Big Sing Day with Bob Chilcott.

As always, local performers are also well represented in ensembles such as the Muker, Reeth and Leyburn bands and the Swale Singers. Northern Voices from Darlington give a joint concert with Northumbria based women's choir Werca's Folk and soprano Rowan Pierce, who has sung with many local choirs, has her own recital with pianist Simon Passmore from Hexham. These two first met at the 2010 Festival when Rowan took part in Dame Emma Kirkby's master-class and have performed together several times since.

There are also the popular themed walks, the quoits challenge, astronomy watches and other events over the two weeks. For full details of the Festival either see the website or, if you would like a copy of the brochure contact enquiries@swalefest.org or telephone the office on 01748 880018.

Drawings for a Village Newsletter

Readers who have admired the drawings which John Davies has often provided for the front page of the Village News over the past thirteen years will be pleased to hear that John has now produced *Drawings for a Village Newsletter*, a book of 23 of the best drawings of aspects of our two villages. If you would like a copy, price £6, please contact John on 377343 or email him on jdavies343@btinternet.com.

Editor's corner

Copy for the April issue please by 20 March to 2
The Green or ring me on 377311 or email
dianahthomas@gmail.com.

Claiming dates

March

Friday 6 March 7.30 Friends of MT Play Park
Quiz Night

Thursday 12 March 6.30 Parish Council meeting

Saturday 14 March 7.00 MT Cricket Club Dinner
and Dance Scotch Corner Hotel

Saturday 21 March 10.00 – 12.00 Bookswap, St
Andrew's, Moulton

April

Thursday 9 April 6.30 Parish Council meeting

Saturday 11 April, 10.30 – 12.00 Bacon Butty
and Coffee Morning

June

Wednesday 24 June Summer Luncheon with
flower demonstration, Middleton Lodge Coach
House

*Events are in the Memorial Hall unless shown
otherwise*

Church News

Byron's Column

I sometimes wonder about the intelligence of Ty
the Saluki puppy. He's so busy bouncing around
that I'm sure he dislodges the odd brain cell as he
does it. And his latest revelation only proves my
point.

The day was warm and sunny: spring seemed to
have edged a tentative toe in the door. As I dozed
in the sun, with one eye open of course, Ty flew
at me and landed on my head yipping excitedly
and squashing my snout to the ground. This was
hard to ignore, and as I was a captive audience,
literally, I decided that I'd better listen and attempt
to decipher the excited yips in my ear.

At this point I need to give you some background
information. Ty has, or had, a toy – an orange
squeaky toy in the shape of a space hopper –
with two horns/ears, and when lobbed, created a
squeak which Ty constantly failed to resist. Now
Ty was very attached to this toy. He took it to bed,
which the biscuit-buyer loved. On a number of
occasions she mentioned that there was nothing
better than a loud 'squeak' at 2am when Squeaky
was accidentally rolled on.

However, Ty seems to take no survivors.
Squeaky developed a tear from constantly being
squeaked, and his squeak started to wane. Ty
took offence at this, and decided to wage war on

Squeaky. Well, I'm sorry to say that Squeaky put
up a brave fight but lost the battle for supremacy
over an over-boisterous Ty, and departed this life
in a cloud of stuffing and orange rubber. RIP
Squeaky..... with rather a lack of sympathy on
my part for Ty who had, after all, brought about
the early demise of his best friend.

However, it seems the biscuit-buyer took pity. In
her infinite wisdom, she thought it a good idea to
replace Squeaky with another, identical Squeaky.
She'd left it in the garden at the original site of
destruction for Ty to find. This had completely
thrown the dense dog, and thus he had careered
over to me and flung himself on my head.
Once I had managed to dislodge his paw from my
snout, I enquired as to the reason behind Ty's
sudden explosive arrival. 'He's alive, he's alive!!!!
He's come back to life!', he yipped, wagging his
tail and bouncing around in joyful circles. I was
fairly sure I'd heard these words somewhere else
before, but couldn't quite put my paw on it. 'He
was dead – I saw him dead with my own
eyes..... And now he's back!!!' And off Ty went
– to throw Squeaky around the garden in a loving
embrace, accompanied by yips and squeaks. The
world, as I knew it, had gone quite mad.
And so now we have a puppy who believes in
resurrection. What a ridiculous concept. Not even
the biscuit-buyer would take things that far, surely.
Byron

The Children's Society

Many thanks to those who held
collection boxes last year. A total
of £245.35 was banked for the
society last month. Thank you for
your ongoing support for such a
good cause. If anybody else would
like a box, please contact me.

Thank you.

E. Croft tel:377867

Thank You.

A huge thank you once again to
everyone who helped and supported
the Valentine's Coffee Morning. The
final amount raised for church funds
was £ 208.85.

Diana Donnison.

St Michael's Majors

The tea this month will be held on Thursday 19
March. The usual travel arrangements apply.

Summer Luncheon

There is to be a Luncheon with Flower Demonstration at the Coach House, Middleton Lodge on Wednesday 24 June. Look out for further details in future issues of the Village News.



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 11 April
10-30 until 12-00
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.

Wednesday 1st. April: 19.00 at St. Peter's Croft
Maundy Thursday 2nd. April: 19.00 at St.
Cuthbert & St. Mary's Barton

Good Friday:

14.00 Meditation at St. Michael and All Angel's
Middleton Tyas

Easter Day Holy Communion:

09.30 at St. Peter's Cleasby w. Stapleton
11.00 at St. Peter's Croft

*If anyone requires a lift to these services, please
approach the churchwardens who will be more
than happy to help.*

Easter Services

Following on from the success of joining together
for Midnight Mass at Barton, the Easter services
across the northern end of the team are as
follows:

Palm Sunday

10.30 at St. Mary's Eryholme

Holy Week:

Tuesday 31st March: 19.00 at All Saint's
Manfield

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Middleton Tyas Cricket Club

Annual Dinner Dance

Tickets **£30.00** per person including **3-course meal** and **disco**

The dinner dance will be held on
Saturday 14th March at the **Holiday Inn Scotch Corner** – arrive at **7pm**

Dress to impress (black tie recommended)

Accommodation available from £65 per room bed & breakfast

Menu

Starter

Winter Vegetable Soup

Main

Chicken Supreme leek and bacon veloute

Served with Steamed Vegetables and Potatoes

Vegetarian Option:

Vegetable Wellington

with Coarse Grain Mustard and Cream Sauce.

(Please advise on booking if selecting this option)

Dessert

Chocolate Fudge Cake with Vanilla Cream

To find out more or to book your tickets,
please phone Jen Smith on 01325 377087
before Friday 27th February 2015.

Prepayment required



*Please call reception to book on 01325 377977 or email info@middletonlodge.co.uk
All our events are available to purchase as vouchers making the perfect gift for someone special*

Meet the Wine Maker Dinner' Thursday 12 March
Bodega Ruca Malen is a boutique winery in Mendoza, Argentina, producing elegant, stylish wines from classic grape varieties. Hailing from Argentina's premier wine region and home to over half the country's cultivated vines, Ruca Malen embodies the rich history, spirit, and pedigree of Mendoza winemaking.

Gareth Rayner our Head Chef has created an exclusive 4 course menu to perfectly complement the wine including traditional Argentinian cuisine which pairs perfectly with these bold Wines. The wines included will be a Sparkling Wine, Ruca Malen Chardonnay, Ruca Malen Malbec, Kinean Malbec (TBC), Ruca Malen Petit Verdot and a Cabernet Sauvignon

Arrival drinks from 7.30pm, dinner will be served at 8pm

The cost of the evening is £50pp to include four courses, with matching wines, drinks reception and Guest speaker.

FOR THIS NIGHT ONLY WE ARE OFFERING AN ALL INCLUSIVE OVERNIGHT'S STAY FOR 2 PEOPLE FOR £180 (*£90 per person) *based on 2 people sharing a double room (includes 4 course Dinner - 1 glass of sparkling wine, 4 glasses of Wine, a beautiful stylish en-suite bedroom at The Coach House and breakfast)
Limited availability - please call reception to book on 01325 377977 or email

info@middletonlodge.co.uk

Middleton Lodge and The Coach House are holding an Easter Family Fun Day on Friday 3rd April from 11am until 4pm

Come and join us for plenty of fun Easter activities

- Easter Egg Woodland Trail - follow the clues to find the hidden eggs. Prizes for everyone who guesses the secret code
- Easter arts and crafts
- Easter garden making
- Egg Decoration
- Fancy Dress (a prize for the winner)
- Maybe some surprises along the way.....

Tickets available on the day only - priced at £8.50 per child, families with two children £12.50 and families with three children £15.50 Adults are free of charge

Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times

Don't forget to book in advance for lunch at The Coach House on 01325 377977/01325 377071 or email info@middletonlodge.co.uk

Church services

Sunday 1st March	2 nd . Sunday of Lent	Middleton Tyas
9.30 am Holy Communion CW (T)		Rev . J. Lane
Sidesmen	Mrs. S. Vaux	Mrs. M. Parker
Reader	Mr. P. Nimmins	
Readings	Romans 4, 13-25 P 455	Mark 8, 31-38 P456
Sunday 8th March	3 rd . Sunday of Lent	Middleton Tyas
9.30am Morning Prayer BCP		Mr. A.Hindhaugh
Sidesmen	Mrs. L. Weightman	Dr. N. Weightman
Reader	Mrs. E. Croft	
Readings	Exodus 20, 1-17 P 457	John 2, 13-22 P 461
Sunday 8th. March		Moulton
6pm Evening Prayer BCP		Rev J Lane
Readings	Exodus 20, 1-17 P457	John 2, 13-22 P461
Sunday 15th. March	Mothering Sunday	Middleton Tyas
9.30am All Age Service with Holy Communion		Rev. J. Lane
Sidesmen	Miss M. Brown	Mrs. S. Mahaffy plus Children
Reader	Mr.S.Hill	
Readings	2 Corinthians 1, 3-7 P 115	Luke 2, 33-35 P116
Sunday 22nd March	5 th . Sunday of Lent	Middleton Tyas
9.30am Morning Prayer CW		Mrs. V. Waugh
Sidesmen	Mr. R. Aitken	Mrs. P. Aitken
Reader	Mr. A. Hindhaugh	
Readings	Jeremiah 31, 31-34 P465	John 12, 20-33 P 467
Sunday 29th March	A joint service of Holy Communion at Manfield Church, 10.30 am.	

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 2 March Mrs Mckibbin, Mrs Vaux and Mrs Benson
 w/b 9 and 16 March Mrs Laycock, Mrs Donnison and Mrs Mahaffy
 w/b 23 and 30 march Mrs Potts and Mrs Thompson

Flower Rota:

There are no flowers in the church during Lent