



About bees

June already! Time to sit in the garden, sun on your back, smelling the flowers, listening to bird song and the humming of bees, thinking idle thoughts. So here, for no good reason, are a few facts about bees, which may just float through your mind when you're sitting relaxing in the sun.

- There are twenty four species of bees in the UK. Some live in small colonies or virtually alone; some live in larger colonies in trees, old walls or underground. Almost none of them stings and they all contribute massively to the pollination of fruit and flowers. So give them a break: don't try to swat them, squash them, flap your arms at them or generally harass them if your paths cross. If you do want to get away from a bee, make for deep shadow: they can't see you very well in shade.
- Most bees collect enough pollen and nectar for their immediate needs. It is just one species, *Apis mellifera*, the honey bee, which collects and stores large quantities of nectar for honey.
- In the height of summer a hive may contain 40,000 or more bees. Most of them are sterile females who do all the work. The males are called drones and they are bigger and furrer than the females. You don't see them around much. They lounge about in the hive throughout their lives, being waited on hand and foot, waiting only for the message that there is an unmated queen in the area who might be glad of their services. Then off they go, quite high up in the air, to strut their stuff. You might think that they would be better off staying at home since the drones which do successfully mate with the queen, die immediately as a result. Those who make it back to base find their luck has run out in about September when they are physically manhandled out of the hive and killed or just left to die of cold and hunger. Makes you think, doesn't it? *Continues on page 3.*

MIDDLETON TYAS VILLAGE SHOP NEWS

Tel: 377198 Open Monday to Friday 8.00 – 2.00 Saturday 8.30 – 1.00



Proud to announce the arrival of twins!

Display units, that is, not babies! With the help of grants from Richmondshire District Council and the Friends of the Shop, we have replaced two old and worn out refrigeration display units with new energy efficient models. This enables the shop to keep more fresh produce chilled, and makes better use of available space. Additionally, we have bought a new newspaper display unit. Come and see the new stream-lined layout!

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- Worker bees are usually worn out after six weeks or so of foraging, so have to be constantly replaced throughout the spring and summer. Not surprising when you consider that about a million flying hours go into producing a single jar of honey. Or, put another way, each teaspoonful of honey has cost the lives of something like a dozen bees.
- Honey now has to have a 'Best before' date on the label. That's actually totally unnecessary. Honey was found in pyramids from Ancient Egypt in the 1960's and it was still perfectly palatable. Honey contains a natural fungicide so it virtually never goes off.
- There is locally produced honey for sale in the Village Shop. Enjoy!

News from the parish council

May's parish council meeting will be on 21 May ie after publication of this issue. Full news next month.

Don't forget that the Best Kept Village judging will take place during the first two weeks in July. When you are filling pots and hanging baskets, please spare one or two for the front of your house and garden to create a real splash of colour for July. And if you are making free with the edge trimmers, loppers and secateurs, please give a little trim to anything on your property which looks as though it could do with a haircut. (*Teenage sons excepted! Ed.*)

Neighbourhood watch

Incidents involving crime are down at the moment but it still pays to be vigilant. Theft of fuel is on the rise, especially from parked vehicles. If you possibly can, park your vehicle in a way which makes it difficult to access the fuel tank.

And please make a point of locking your vehicle whenever you leave it and either remove all valuables or, if you must leave them, make sure they are out of sight.

If you see anything suspicious please don't hesitate to contact the police on 101 for non-emergencies and 999 if you feel it is an emergency.

Mobile Police Office

If you want to speak to a member of your local Safer Neighbourhood Team on any issue regarding quality of life, crime prevention or simply want to air your views on things happening in your area, you are welcome to come to the Mobile Police Office which will be in Dalton on Tees on Saturday 4 July at 1.00.

Middleton Tyas History Group

The group will meet in The Memorial Hall at 7.30 on Thursday 4 June.

Anyone is welcome, to share memories, photographs, etc, to help us build up an archive of our village history ... before memories are forgotten and it is too late!!

NEPAL EARTHQUAKE APPEAL



THANK YOU EVERYONE WHO HELPED AND CONTRIBUTED TO THE COFFEE MORNING HELD ON 2 MAY IN AID OF THE NEPAL EARTHQUAKE APPEAL. WE RAISED A SPLENDID £710

Caroline Harvey

LAND AND SEA AN EXHIBITION OF PAINTINGS

**Saturday 6 June 10.00 – 4.00
St Andrews Hall, Moulton**

Local artists Colleen Vaux, Diana Bourne-Arton and visiting Australian artist Gail Dell, will be exhibiting their recent body of work. They are all contemporary artists and draw their inspiration from the landscape around them, the coastline, the sea and harbours. As experienced painters, they have produced an exciting body of work and are coming together for the first time to exhibit their work, which is similar in style and approach.

Everyone is welcome to come along to view the work. All paintings will be for sale and 10% of the profits will be donated to the Nepalese Disaster Appeal.

Claiming dates

June

Saturday 6 June 10.00 – 4.00, St Andrew's Hall, Moulton LAND AND SEA, an exhibition of paintings

Saturday 13 June School Fair, MT Primary School

Thursday 11 June 6.30 Parish Council Meeting

Thursday 18 June Ascot Ladies' Day Crathorne Hall

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

July

Thursday 2 July Summer Fund-Raising Ball MT Primary School, Middleton Lodge

Thursday 9 July 6.30 Parish Council Meeting

Saturday 11 July Bookswap, Moulton

Events are in the Memorial Hall unless shown otherwise.

Editor's corner

Next month's issue will be a joint July/August issue. If you would like anything relating to either month in that issue please would you let me have copy by 20 June at 2 The Green, telephone 377311 or email me on dianahthomas@gmail.com.

Ascot Ladies' Day at Crathorne Hall Yarm on Thursday 18th June 2015

Buck's Fizz Reception at 1:00pm

followed by Afternoon Tea at 2:30pm

Full televised coverage of the afternoon's racing

programme - Betting Sheets available

Pretty Hat Competition - Raffle

Tickets £20.00

In aid of "We Can Dance" Registered Charity no
1136698

Haven't got a hat for Ascot Ladies' Day?

You can still look wonderful! Fabulous hats to Hire @325 per hat are available on the day courtesy of Catherine Hart. (All monies received will be donated to We Can Dance.)

Ticket enquiries: June Chamberlain 01325 335998 or Pat Begley 01325 377633.



*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*

COMING SOON

Located in the Coach House, we are very excited to announce that we will soon be opening The Treatment Rooms at Middleton Lodge. We shall be offering the ultimate in relaxation here in The Treatment Rooms, situated in the beautiful old stone buildings, arched windows and flower filled gardens of The Coach House. Think wood panelling, linen, light streaming through large arched windows, birds singing in the apple tree outside and gorgeous products. In this wonderful setting, we have a great team of talented therapists, who will provide a full menu of signature massages, body wraps, and facials to provide deep relaxation.

We have also secured the exclusive local use of two fantastic product ranges: REN (high performance products derived from plants and minerals that leave you smelling wonderful), and Voya (a completely organic seaweed based product range hand harvested in Ireland, which again only includes plant-based products and is highly effective in eliminating aches and pains, and working against cellulite).

UPCOMING EVENTS

Edition's Exhibition of Arts, Sculpture and Photography

Thursday 4 June 12.00 – 9.00

This is the *début* exhibition of 'Editions', new up and coming photographer Tracy Kidd alongside established artist and sculptor Sarah and David Cemmick. These three artists would love to share their creativity with you in celebration of the British countryside.

As we expect this exhibition will be very busy, please register your interest in advance by emailing tracy@tracykiddphotography.com or contact Tracy for more details on 07966 213410.

Nutrition and Lifestyle Workshop

Thursday 11 June

Following the success of her first Nutritional Workshop in February we are delighted to offer another date with Kate Chaytor Norris. Kate trained at Optimum Nutrition in London, one of the leading educational establishments to focus upon all aspects of nutrition and health from both a holistic and scientific perspective. Come and learn how to make the right choices with regard to diet, supplements and lifestyle. They may help you to deal with conditions as varied as drying

skin and hair, changing body shape, fluctuating hormones and menopause, thyroid function, arthritis, declining mental function, circulatory

issues and cancer. Kate will also examine the Western view of female ageing and compare it with that of other cultures to enable us to feel more positive and inspired about the next phase of life. Don't be the one to miss out, gain the knowledge to enable you to sail on feeling healthy, sexy and vibrant! Kate will also test your iodine and zinc levels and find out how acid or alkali you are. These tests will be done as part of your workshop.

The workshop, which costs £75 pp, lasts for four hours and includes a three course lunch with selected refreshments. To reserve your place please call Kate directly on 07889 174297 or 01325 722453 or email kate@croftestate.co.uk. If you have any difficulty contacting Kate please call our Reception on 01325 377977 and we will pass the booking on for you.

An Evening with *Hooker & Young*

Thursday 18 June

The Coach House is delighted to host an evening with Hooker & Young Darlington, one of the five award winning salons from the North East. Lesley Charles, Franchisee of the Year, Toni Stephenson, North Eastern Hairdresser of the Year, Tom Maddison, Extension Specialist and Colby Crabb, Hooker & Young Rising Star. The talented team will inspire, and share a wealth of knowledge with you collectively and individually. The evening will include live tutorials and demonstrations. Everything you wish to know about colour and style, leaving you looking and feeling fabulous.

Clothes will be by Elan (Grange Road, Darlington) and make-up by Amanda Bell. After all the excitement sit back and enjoy a delicious two course meal especially created by our head chef, Gareth Rayner, in our Coach House Restaurant. The evening is priced at £37.50pp and includes

Prosecco on arrival and dinner. Please arrive for drinks in 'The Stalls Lounge' by 6.00 latest to reserve your seats as the show will commence promptly at 6.30.

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Thursday 2nd July 2015
7.30 pm – 12.30 am
£40 per person



3 Course meal, glass Prosecco on arrival
Live Band – Auction - Raffle
Tickets available from Anne Lawrence on 07734 528921

Church News

A letter from the Vicar's dog

After a month off from putting paw to paper, many people have said that they much prefer my superior thoughts to that of the vicar's ramblings, and so with the encouragement of some dog biscuits, I have been persuaded to consider life in the rectory from a lurcher's eye-view.

I have had a very amusing month. The vicar, aka the biscuit-buyer decided, following an ill-timed escape attempt and a rugby tackle, to take the over-sized puppy Ty, in hand. And so, from my chair, I have watched, smiling quietly to myself, as the battle between two forces have faced one another in the garden. In the blue corner, next to the large tree is Ty the saluki, and in the red corner, next to the bit of the garden which is still grass-less due to winter dog races, is the biscuit-buyer: both armed with secret weapons, him with a very high, extremely accurate leap, and her, with cheese.

The amount of noise the two have been making has kept the squirrels at bay, so in the absence of garden-guarding, I thought it expedient to oversee the 'training' procedure, and stick in my two-penn'orth when required. Quite why this seems to have frustrated the biscuit-buyer further, I have no idea. The increasingly louder yells of 'Ty.....here.....,TY!!', have all but drowned out my encouraging barks. And I have to give it to him, Ty displays a certain talent for attacking when his opponent is off her guard. I witnessed the complete felling of the biscuit-buyer in one such attack, as Ty ambushed her whilst she was arguing with my instructions. It was following a similar defeat when I thought I might encourage the biscuit-buyer, who having

crawled back inside, was sitting head in hands and eyeing the wine rack. 'Maybe Ty is a little on the slow side,' I offered, 'after all you have been doing that cheese thing for a whole week now, and all you've accomplished is an over-attentiveness to the fridge on his part'. The biscuit-buyer smiled wanly at me, and said, in typical fashion: 'Byron, I seem to remember that the dog training classes we did together regularly ended in furore as you completely ignored me and tried to lick every dog and person in sight.' 'Well that just shows what a loving dog I am', I replied, ignoring the slight against my obedience skills. 'At least we persevered', I continued, 'even if you did end up in the pub after every session.' 'I guess you're right Byron,' she replied, to my shock. 'I just need to persevere a little more with Ty. It's just that I'm fed up with trying to get the grass stains out of my jeans, and the local shop thinks I'm feeding mice.' I sensed the time was right and the ground suitably prepared to plant a few pearls of doggy wisdom. 'Julian of Norwich said: "God did not say 'You shall not be tempest-tossed, you shall not be work-weary, you shall not be discomforted'. But He did say, 'You shall not be overcome,'" I said. The biscuit-buyer looked temporarily taken aback and swiftly put back the bottle of Merlot she'd been caressing. 'Byron, you never cease to surprise me, and I never stop learning a thing or two from sharing my life with you. And on the back of those words of wisdom you have just uttered, I can confidentially say that the one thing I have learnt is that what can't be cured, must be endured.'

Quite what that's meant to mean I have no idea.
Byron

Church services - June

Sunday 7th. June	1st. Sunday after Trinity	Middleton Tyas
9.30 am. Pet Service- A service for all, with pets! The service will be outdoors if fine, indoors if wet. Everybody welcome.		Rev. J. Lane
Sidesmen	Miss M. Brown	Mrs. D. Donnison
Readers: Children – to be announced. Readings: To be announced		
Sunday 14th. June	2nd Sunday after Trinity	Middleton Tyas
9.30am Morning Prayer BCP		Mr. A. Hindhaugh
Sidesmen	Mrs. S. Baxter	Mrs. S. Mahaffy
Reader	Mrs. M. Hill	
Readings	1 Samuel 15.34 – 16. 13 P 527	Mark 4, 26-34 P 532
Sunday 14th. June	2nd Sunday after Trinity	Moulton
6pm Holy Communion BCP		Rev J Lane
Readings	2 Corinthians 5, 6-10, 14-17 P 531	Mark 4, 26-34 P 532
Sunday 21st. June	3rd. Sunday after Trinity	Middleton Tyas
9.30am Holy Communion CW(T)		Rev. J. Lane
Sidesmen	Mrs. M. Sheridan	Mrs. J. Nimmins
Reader	Mrs.S. Vaux	
Readings	2 Corinthians 6, 1-13 P 540	Mark 4, 35-41 P 541
Sunday 28th. June	4th. Sunday after Trinity	Middleton Tyas
9.30am Morning Prayer CW		Mrs. V. Waugh
Sidesmen	Mrs. S. Vaux	Mrs. M. Parker
Reader	Mrs.E. Croft	
Readings	2, Samuel 1. 1, 17-27 P 542	Mark 5, 21-43 P 546

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 June 1 and 8 Mrs Whittle and Mrs Aitken
 June 15 and 22 Mrs Parker and Mrs Potts

Flower Rota:

Sara Vaux (377228) and Carey Benson-Blair (377076) will be in charge of flowers this month.