Middleton Tyas and Moulton Village News

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An A1 update from Highways England

Thank you all for your support and patience during the work on the Leeming to Barton upgrade of the A1M. Highways England is pleased to report that we are more than half way through construction of the £380 million scheme which is planned for completion in Spring 2017. The scheme is being completed by our delivery partners Carillion Morgan Sindall joint venture on our behalf. This very large project involves the management of a workforce of 750 – 800 people. Around 65,000 vehicles travel along the route each day. So far, we have successfully completed the following work:

- We've opened new sections of A1 between Scotch Corner and Catterick North Junction, around Catterick Central Junction and around Leeming Bar.
- We've installed bridge beams at Kneeton Hall, Tunstall Road, catterick Central Junction and over the River Swale.
- We've constructed a temporary pedestrian bridge crossing over the A1 to the north of the new Catterick Central Junction.

We currently plan to open the new northbound A1 to traffic between Catterick North Junction and Scotch Corner in early 2016. Once this is open we will be able to carry out work on the existing northbound carriageway so that it can form the route of the new local access road.

This winter we plan to start work on the north bridge at Scotch Corner, allowing for improvements on the existing roundabout. During this work we need to keep the connection between the A1 and the A66 open during peak times. This means that we are likely to need to put in place some traffic restrictions during the night time – more information will be published on our website http://www.highways.gov.uk/roads/road-projects/a1-leeming-to-barton-improvement/ If you have any queries or would like further information please do contact the Public Liaison Team on 01677 932348 or email a1leemingtobarton@highwayssengland.co.uk

MIDDLETON TYAS VILLAGE SHOP NEWS

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Sweet Moments

That's what we have to grab when we can now autumn is really here! It's also the name of a local company – well, Northallerton – which produces sweet snacks. They are inexpensive, a generous size for one person and totally delicious. And we've got a whole selection of them! Call in and be sure of your own **Sweet Moment**

- Fruit Flapjack
- Salted Caramel Flapjack
- Bakewell Flapjack
- Sultana and Oatie Cookie

54p each

BACK IN STOCK!

Mary Berry's Hollandaise Sauce £2.69

This is just so good, as regular customers know. You couldn't make it any better at home. Delicious with fish or Eggs Benedict for a breakfast or lunchtime treat.

In fact, it would go very well with a Carrick's fishcake too. We have two new flavours as well as the regular favourites.

- Salmon, sweet potato and coriander £1.22
- Crab and lobster £1.75
- Thai style cod and prawns £1.50
- Sea bass, ginger and lime £1.62
- Smoked haddock and spring onion £1.22
- Salmon and broccoli £1.22
- Salmon and sweet potato £1.22

VOUCHER

£1 off on production of this voucher

TAYLOR'S DECAFFE GROUND COFFEE

VOUCHER

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Mrs Darlington's Tartare Sauce

Another favourite back in stock! EPICURE SALMON PATE

£2.85 for 100g

Don't carry much cash?

Not a problem. You can now use your debit or credit cards for purchases of £5 or more, not £10 as previously.

Fancy a flutter?

Whether you are a football aficionado or just fancy a flutter, why not play our Football Prediction Game next time you are in the shop. It only costs a £1 and who knows, it might just be your turn to be lucky!

You're guaranteed to be lucky....

....with our Loyalty Card. Every time you spend more than £5 in the shop, you get a star on your Loyalty Card. When you've got ten stars, that means a £5 voucher to spend in the shop. You can't lose!

News from the parish council **Burglaries**

There has been a small number of burglaries in the local area in recent weeks so please ensure that you take sensible security precautions to safeguard your property and belongings particularly if you are going out or leaving your home unoccupied for any length of time.

HGV's in the village

Unsurprisingly perhaps, there have been several incidents when HGV's have found their way into the village when the A1 has been closed due to the road works and on a couple of occasions this has resulted in damage to property when they have subsequently tried to turn round. This is not an easy problem to solve as the vehicle drivers are often from abroad and have little or no understanding of English such that the plethora of signs at Scotch Corner mean little to them. The Parish Council is in the process of arranging a meeting of interested parties to see if we can improve on the current situation.

Historic milestone

On the subject of roads and damage, you will probably have noticed that the historic milestone at the top of the Slough has recently been comprehensively damaged, presumably by a large vehicle. We have been in touch with the various authorities concerned and our own historical society. It is not yet clear if the milestone can be repaired but we are taking steps to ensure it does not sustain any further damage while we investigate how best it can be restored and re-positioned so that it is safe in future.

Transfer of ownership

Finally and significantly, we have been working for some time with Richmond District Council to agree the transfer of ownership to the Parish Council of the land adjacent to the school and including the car park off Five Hills Lane, the playground, the field which is currently used mainly as a football pitch and the MUGA. There is potential benefit to the village owning this land within the constraint that it is not to be used for building and must be used for village recreational purposes. At last Thursday's meeting we agreed to form a sub-group of the Parish Council to identify how we should proceed. If you have any thoughts or ideas on how we should take this opportunity forward or if you would like to be part of the group considering options please contact the Parish Clerk. Christine Jones or a member of the Parish Council.



The damaged milestone at the top of The Slough

Moulton matters Broadband in Moulton

previously advised "Superfast North Yorkshire" has confirmed that we will not be able to receive high speed broadband services. Following a community initiative, we are now able to receive wireless broadband through Clannet. A tree that was affecting some properties has been felled and accordingly, much of the centre of the village is able to receive the signal. Those who have signed up to receive wireless broadband with Clannet report considerably faster speeds. If you are interested, contact Nick Hall at Clannet: 01757 668179 or 0845 564 5256 or email halln@clannet.co.uk.

Best Kept Village Competition

The results of this year's competition saw Moulton placed third, a respectable 4% off the winner, West Burton which scored 90%. Eppleby came second with 88%, Moulton scored 85% and Middleton Tyas were fourth with 84%. Thanks to all who carefully tended their flowers and verges.

Grit bins

A review of the provision of grit bins has been carried out by NYCC Highways. They have proposed removing the majority of the bins in the village. The Chairman of the Parish Meeting has challenged the proposal and will carry out a reassessment with Highways and Cllr Michael Heseltine.

Books in the Bus Shelter

The sale of books and books in the bus shelter raised £63.82 over the summer months. Thanks to all who have supported the village. Good quality fiction books are always welcome. Please

leave them in the bus shelter. All proceeds will go towards Moulton Village Association funds.

Church Cleaning

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

October: Mr and Mrs Whitehead November: Mr and Mrs Stephens

Flu vaccinations

There's no getting away from it. Winter is on its way. For some, you can minimise the misery by making sure you don't get flu. Flu vaccinations are available to people over 65 or who have certain health conditions that put them at risk of flu and carers. If you want to check whether you are eligible please contact your surgery.

Scorton Health Centre is offering flu vaccinations on a walk-in basis between 11.00 – 11.30 am Monday to Friday. Aldbrough St John Surgery has drop-in flu clinics on Wednesday 30 September 10.00 – 12.00 in Barton Community Centre (NB Not the Village Hall) and Saturday 3 October 9.00 – 12.00 at the surgery or any weekday morning. 8.30 – 10.00.

Do you want to be involved in the community?

The Village Hall Management Committee has a vacancy for the role of Secretary.

Can you help?

Please contact the following for more information

Barbara Oram – 339130 Dorothy Logan at the Post Office Ken Etherington - 377605

VACANCY

There is a vacancy for a cleaner at the Memorial Hall for four hours per week. (Flexible.)

Please contact Dorothy at the Post Office for further details. Telephone 339111.

'Here Lies a Hero'

Professor John Oakley's talk about the Battle of Britain pilot, Peter Pease, who is buried in St Michael's Church yard, raised £300 which has been divided equally between St Michael's Church funds and Help for Heroes.

Many thanks to everybody who came and to the members of Middleton Tyas History Society for their help behind the scenes.

Susan and Norman Mahaffy

At 12.00 on Sunday 27 September Professor Oakley will be at the graveside of Peter Pease to commemorate the 75th anniversary of his funeral. Anyone wishing to join him is very welcome.

YOGA CLASSES

Dru Yoga class - St. Andrews Church, Moulton Monday 7 September from 6.00-7.00

For more information and to book your place please ring Jo Morgan 07872 527212/01748 829880

Dru works on body, mind and spirit improving strength and flexibility, creating core stability, building a heightened feeling of positivity, and deeply relaxing and rejuvenating your whole being.

Bring your own mat and blanket

QUIZ NIGHT Friday 2 October

Tickets are £5 per person, on sale at the Post Office. Teams of four.

Pie and Peas included but bring your own drinks and glasses.

Proceeds in aid of the Memorial Hall.

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Service of Remembrance



There will be a short service held in the Memorial Hall Gardens on Wednesday 11th November in remembrance of those villagers who fought for our freedom. Will those wishing to attend please meet in the gardens at 10.50 am.

The service will commence at 10.55am and finish about 11.10am. There will be two minutes silence at 11.00. A small cross of poppies will be laid on behalf of the village

Room at the Inn?

The charity HOST is seeking friendly people who could volunteer to offer an invitation to adult international students for a day, weekend, or four days at Christmas. Learn about other cultures, welcome a guest far from home, and make the world a little friendlier! To be put in touch with your local organiser, visit www.hostuk.org or call 020 7739 6292.

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Gas safety

North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service is working to raise awareness of gas safety issues to keep the public safe from dangerous and poorly maintained gas appliances, which cause gas leaks, fires, explosions and carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning.

In the last year engineers prevented deadly gas incidents in at least 68,000 homes by switching off dangerous appliances. Almost half of these incidents were caused because a gas appliance had not been regularly serviced and had been left in a poor state. It is estimated that 1 in 6 gas appliances is unsafe.

With 20 deaths and 1,000 gas-related injuries in the last three years, it's vital that people make sure their gas appliances are safety checked every year by a registered engineer. Anyone who works on gas appliances while not being Gas Safe registered, is working illegally.

- Get all your gas appliances safety checked once a year by a registered engineer and sign up to a free reminder service at www.StayGasSafe.co.uk
- Make sure your engineer is legal and safe, by making sure they are registered with Gas Safe Register, the UK's official gas authority. You can check by calling 0800 408 5500 or visiting www.GasSafeRegister.co.uk
- Check for warning signs that your appliances aren't working correctly, such as a lazy yellow flame instead of a crisp blue one, black marks on or around the appliance and too much condensation in the room.
- Fit a carbon monoxide alarm.

To find out about dangers in your area visit www.StayGasSafe.co.uk and to find a Gas Safe registered engineer call 0800 408 5500 or visit www.GasSafeRegister.co.uk. North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue offer free home fire risk checks, providing advice, checking existing smoke alarms, and in certain cases may be able to supply and fit new smoke alarms for free. To book an appointment visit http://www.northyorksfire.gov.uk/communitysafety/fire-safety-visit or call 01609 788545.

Claiming dates

October

Friday 2 October Quiz Night Thursday 8 October 7.00 Parish Council meeting Saturday 24 October 11.30 – 1.30 Autumn Warmer

November

Thursday 12 November 7.00 Parish Council meeting

Wednesday 11 November 10.55 Service of Remembrance

Saturday 21 November Turkey and Trifle Lunch 12.30 – 2.30

All events take place at the Memorial Hall unless stated otherwise.

Editor's corner

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

Urgent Notice

There have been three sheep savaged in two separate incidents within the Ball Pens field off the nearest section of Cow Lane to the village. The damage appears to have been caused by dog bites and has left two of the sheep with serious injury and one dead.

The incidents took place on the 6 September and the latest on the 19 September. If anybody from the village had seen or heard of any suspicious activity in or around the area, can you please contact Edward Speir on 01325 399 250 or 07947 733 303 or contact PC391 Wilbor on 07966 973 023, or ring 101 if you see any such incident occurring.

WANTED

Do you have any oddments of wool/yarn? Any colour at all, in double knit, 4 ply or 3 ply that you can spare.

It is for knotting simple little tops and bonnets for new babies in poor areas of Zimbabwe.

Any balls of wool to Susan at Rowangarth, Middleton Tyas, telephone 377600.

Church News

Byron's Column: thoughts from a Rectory lurcher

Summer was a wonderful time for a lurcher of greatness such as I. Jenni, aka the biscuit-buyer had a couple of weeks off, so I was the centre of attention (obviously). I also thought I would take the opportunity, now that I had the space away from guarding the Rectory from squirrels, to consider the various comments which the biscuit-buyer had recently uttered, and undertake a sensible doggy 'sift' of them. The biscuit-buyer is often wittering on about prayer, and a friend of the family (who is much more learned and far more sensible than anyone else, certainly the biscuit-buyer anyway), suggested I write a prayer, and so I put paw to pen and paper as I had the space and the time.

I started with something obvious: Almighty Creator, grant to Dodger the serenity to keep his yip under control, the courage to leave the squirrel chasing to someone greater than he (i.e. me), and the wisdom to know that I am always right.

I was rather proud at this effort. With ink splodges and the odd paw-print where Ty had stuck his snout in, and an eaten corner where Dodger had 'helped', I offered it to the biscuit-buyer. She looked rather doubtful at my offering. 'Byron', she said, 'Dodger can write his own prayer – you don't need to do it for him. Prayer is a very personal thing, which is what makes it so special.'

Well what could I write that was any better than that? I had voiced all my feelings in a couple of sentences, and Dodger didn't seem to mind that I had penned such thoughts on his behalf. Anyway, he was off wreaking havoc somewhere else, so what he didn't know wouldn't harm him. However, the look on the biscuit-buyer's face said otherwise.

And so I tried again:

Creator God, thank you for fox smells, autumn leaves, rivers and rabbit holes.

Thank you for duvets, fires, biscuits and sausages.

Forgive me when I get it wrong (very occasionally), and help me to get it right (which I do most of the time anyway). Keep me from temptation, because I can find my own way there.

Be with little doggies less fortunate than myself, (even if I do have to put up with Ty and Dodger), and remember all of your creation when the going gets tough for them, as it does for us all.

Remember all those who have to make important decisions (the bishops), and all those who think they're important (the biscuit-buyer) when they're really not. Help me to remember that, at the end of the day, your decisions are the only ones that count (but, please God, don't tell the biscuit-buyer I said that).

And when we come to meet you and you welcome us home to sit in front of your fire, remember that we were mere earth-bound creations, often chasing the wrong stick and then eating it.

Amen.

P.S. Dear God, why Ty?

Byron



AUTUMN WARMER

Come and join us in the Memorial Hall on Saturday 24 October 11.30 to 1.30 Enjoy some home-made soup and crusty bread, tea or coffee. Book stall.

£4.00pp children £2.00, in aid of Church funds We look forward to greeting new and old friends.

St Michael's Majors

The tea this month will be on Thursday 15 October, 3.00 -5.00. The usual travel arrangements apply.

Church Flowers

Liz Croft and Sara Vaux will be in charge this month. Harvest Festival will be on 4 October and there is a wedding that weekend. If anyone would like to put any flowers in church for Harvest

please contact Liz on 377867 as Sara will be away that weekend.

ST.MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS CHURCH

Do join us for our

HARVEST FESTIVAL

On Sunday 4 October at 9.30



St Michael's Makeover

Over the past three years St Michael's & All Angels Church PCC has been planning to implement a number of projects to upgrade the facilities and systems to make the building more accessible and user-friendly to all. To that end we have:

- removed the old unreliable boiler and replaced it with a modern, efficient unit that will keep the church warm at lower cost.
- installed a water supply that supports the new heating system, and will provide piped water for a range of uses.
- Provided disabled access via the North door that is wheelchair friendly and a level path from the door to the lych gate.
 Provision of disabled access is required for public buildings under the Disability Discrimination Act 2005, and we are now fully compliant. More importantly, we can now offer easy access to all without the risks of manhandling wheelchairs and their occupants down a series of steps

The next, and largest, project is the installation of toilet and kitchen facilities in the bell tower area of the church, and, in preparation for that work, we have already moved the Victorian font out of the bell tower to a new location near the South door (which is in keeping with liturgical practice). Toilet facilities are not only important for families attending church services, but also for the large number of wedding parties that use our church for their marriage celebrations. The kitchen facilities will include a sink, hot water heater, and cupboard space that will help us use the church more as a community facility than just as a place of worship. To facilitate disabled access to the toilet and kitchen area, we will be lowering the bell tower floor, and an oak screen will cover off the area so that the toilet cannot be seen by the congregation. The screen will match, as far as possible, the woodwork of the organ. Drainage will be via an environmentally friendly trench arch system, which has been successfully used by many churches around the country over the past decade

Carrying out these types of works in a Grade 1 Listed Building is a monumental bureaucratic process with many agencies requiring to be consulted including Richmondshire District Council. Historic England, Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings, Victorian Society, and, of course, the Diocese of West Yorkshire and The Dales. All the works are being overseen by a professional archaeologist, and building control permissions have been received in addition to planning permissions for all external work.

If we can beat the bureaucracy, we hope the toilet/kitchen project works will start in October, and there will be no disruption of Sunday services during implementation - although we will use the North door entrance whilst the trench arch system is installed under the main path to the South entrance.

How are the projects being funded you ask? Applications were made to over 30 grant funding bodies, and we have attracted £17000 of awards, with the balance coming from church funds. Church funds are reasonably healthy, but donations will always be most gratefully received to help reduce the balance.

We have placed a copy of the architect's drawing for the toilet and kitchen facility on the wall of the bell tower in the church, and if anyone has a question on the plans or the projects please do give the Project Manager, Steve Hill, a call on 01325 377700.

Steve Hill

CHURCH SERVICES – OCTOBER		
Sunday 4 ^h . October	18 th . After Trinity	Middleton Tyas
9.30 HARVEST FESTIVAL - A Communion	Family Service with Holy	Rev. J. Lane
Sidesmen	Mrs. P. Aitken + Child	Mr. R. Aitken + Child
Reader	TBA	
Reading	Matthew 26, 26-28	
Sunday 11 th . October	19 th . After Trinity	Middleton Tyas
9.30am. Morning Prayer BCP		Mrs. E. Croft
Sidesmen	Mrs. M. Sheridan	Mrs. J. Nimmins
Reader	Mrs. V. Thomas	
Readings	Job 23: 1-9, 16, 17 P623	Mark 10, 17-31 P627
Sunday 11 th . October	19 th . After Trinity	Moulton
6pm. Holy Communion BCP		Rev. J. Lane
Readings	Hebrews 4 : 12- 16 P626	Mark 10, 17-31 P627
Sunday 18 th . October	Luke The Evangelist	Middleton Tyas
9.30 Holy Communion CW (T)		Rev. J. Lane
Sidesmen	Mrs. M. Parker	Mrs. S. Vaux
Reader	Mrs. M. Hill	
Readings	2 Timothy 4: 5-17 P 1019	Luke 10: 1-9 P1020
Sunday 25 th . October	Last Sunday After Trinity	Middleton Tyas
9.30 Morning Prayer CW		Mrs. V. Waugh
Sidesmen	Mrs. L. Weightman	Dr. N. Weightman
Reader	Mrs. E. Croft	
Readings	Job 42: 1-6,10-17 P634	Mark 10: 46-52 P637

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

Cleaning Rota

W/B Oct 5 and 12 Mrs Baxter and Mrs Gentry
Oct 19 and 26 Mrs Hill and Mrs Nimmins

Flower Rota

Liz Croft and Sara Vaux are in charge of flowers this month.

If anyone needs the services of a priest, please contact Rev J Lane on 01325 377918.