

Readers who have enjoyed John Davies's drawings for the Village News will be interested to know that this month's Christmas drawing is available as a Christmas card from the Village Shop. The cards are in packs of 5, price £2. John is kindly donating the proceeds from sale of the cards to the Village Shop.

Nearly Christmas already? How has that happened? We're only just beginning to get used to cold weather! However, it's really happening and it's time to look forward to all the traditional events that mark the village calendar, especially at this time of year.

On Saturday 5 December there will be the Festive Supper at the Memorial Hall. This isn't a fundraiser: it's just an opportunity to come and enjoy a glass of wine and something to eat and to meet up with friends and neighbours for a chat and a sociable evening. This year it will be a hog roast and puddings, with a vegetarian option.

Less work for everybody and it sounds a really appetizing innovation.

Next is 'Carols on The Green' on Thursday 17 December at 7.00. This has taken place in all weathers, retreating to the Memorial Hall if it is really awful. (But this is Yorkshire, remember, and we don't give in easily!) If it's fine starry night this is an absolutely magical occasion, just gathering round the Christmas tree to sing carols for half an hour by torch light and the lights of the Christmas tree before hot-footing it to the hall for very welcome mince pies and mulled wine. It's especially good when, as has been the case for the last few years, there are a good number of families with young children there. One really hopes that, for the children especially, this will be one of their abiding memories of Christmas

Sadly, there won't be any carol singing round the village this year, which seems a great pity after many years of maintaining the tradition. People move away or run out of puff and, unfortunately we seem to have run out of new people to take it on. It's a loss to the village and also a financial loss to the church and the Memorial Hall. Thanks to the characteristic generosity of residents and people travelling via Scotch Corner Services, carol singing regularly raised £700 - £800 a year, for many years matched by Barclays Bank Matched Funding Initiative. Definitely the end of an era. (Or maybe just a pause of a year or two until a new group of singers take up the challenge.)

BOB & PAULINE AITKEN
**Would like to wish all our friends and
neighbours in Middleton Tyas a very
Merry Christmas and a Happy New
Year.**



**Instead of sending Christmas Cards we have made
donations to The Village News & the British Heart
Foundation**

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MIDDLETON TYAS VILLAGE SHOP NEWS

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Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays

**WISHING YOU ALL A VERY
MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A
HAPPY NEW YEAR.**

Christmas Opening Hours

Boxing Day	closed
Monday 28 December	closed
Friday 1 January	closed
Saturday 2 January	open as usual

Look out for our Christmas raffles!

Tickets will be on sale very soon!

There are two raffles this year:

- Two major prizes
- A special raffle for a wonderful Christmas cake made by Mary Parvin

To be on the safe side, just in case you don't win the raffle, we are selling

EDWINA'S DELICIOUS CHRISTMAS CAKES

Lots of different shapes and sizes, iced, not iced, whatever you fancy. Just come in to discuss exactly what you would like. Then cross that one off your to-do list!

FEELING THE COLD?

We have LAMB'S NAVY RUM in stock. £9.49 a half bottle. Not bad for your own internal central heating system.

Fancy a turkey sandwich to get you in the festive mood?

We have vacuum packs of HAIGH'S succulent, sliced turkey. Go on, treat yourself!

What your mince pies have been waiting for!.....

**MRS DARLINGTON'S MINCEMEAT WITH
BRANDY
£2.49 for 410g**

**And what better to drink with them
than a bottle of Martini's
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THE PERFECT ANY TIME FIZZ
£9.49**

You should definitely treat yourself to a glass of something bubbly when you're filling the Christmas stockings. We can help with chocolate treats to go in the stockings too.

Dairy Milk Buttons £1.38 for 72g box
Mini Smartie Penguins 65p
Malteser Merryteaser Reindeer 59p

**VICTORIA CHRISTMAS BISCUIT
SELECTION
£3.25 FOR 300G**

A huge thank you to John Davies who is donating proceeds from the sale of his 'Light in a Stable' Christmas card to the shop. They are available in the shop in packets of five for £2.

News from the parish council

Village Website

Have you visited the Village website? It contains a lot of information for village residents and is funded by the Parish Council to help inform and promote the village. www.middletontyas.org.uk is the address. If you have a business locally then you might also consider using the website for reasonably priced, focussed advertising at very reasonable rates. Please speak to the Parish Clerk if you would like to know more about charges and uploading adverts or installing links to your own web site.

Historic Milestone

Perhaps you have been wondering what is happening about the historic milestone which used to look so attractive sitting at the top of the Slough. Well, the intact bits have been removed for safe keeping. The residual base will be removed and the damage to the wall at the top of the Slough repaired as soon as the necessary planning permission has been given. Thereafter, it is to be hoped that the milestone can be repaired and, if so, repositioned on the village green where it should be safe from further vehicular damage.

SmartWater

If you are a member of Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) there is currently an offer whereby you can buy a SmartWater Home Security Pack (a forensic marking system capable of protecting household items such as tablets, smartphones, golf clubs, bicycles and jewellery etc) for a one off payment of £25 (compared with the normal annual price of £59.88. This offer is not open to non-NHW members - perhaps it is the stimulus you need to join? Phyllis Dinsdale is the local co-ordinator on 377754 and if you are a NHW member and you would like to know more about the SmartWater offer, Terry Wallis is the contact via ekirkbymoorsidehw@hotmail.co.uk

HGV's in the village

Changes to the signage at the top of the village (following a meeting of interested parties including the Parish Council, the Police and NYCC representatives) seem to have eased the problem of HGV's trying to transit the village, particularly when the A1 is closed for roadworks. It is unlikely that we will entirely solve this problem and if you see an HGV trying to go through the village then please take the number or better still a photograph and contact 101.

Moulton matters

Highways matters

NYCC Highways were informed regarding the potholes on the bend by the church. These were inspected by NYCC Highways and three have now been patched. Potholes are only repaired once they meet the 40mm depth 'intervention level'.

Dog fouling

There has been an increased incidence of dog fouling in the village, including on residents' gardens. Dog owners - Please pick up. Thank you.

Books in the Bus Shelter

The sale of plants, produce, books and folders in the bus shelter raised £27.07 during October. 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.

Unfortunately a small number of books were recently stolen. "Books in the Bus Shelter" is very popular and this is unusual so we will continue with the service.

Church Cleaning:

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

December: Jo Spence and Helen Richardson
January: Mr and Mrs Gentry

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Big Man's Breakfast - 7 November

Despite appalling weather the Big Man's Breakfast on 7 November was a great success and raised £607.50 to support the marketing project for the Village Shop.

Many thanks to all who attended, the Big Man Team for all their hard work, and to everyone who very kindly donated raffle prizes and cakes.

We will provide a full update on the progress with the Village Shop Projects at the AGM in February. In the mean time, please support the shop with your custom – it is, as ever, a case of 'Use it or Lose it'.

Steve Hill

Chair, Middleton Tyas Village Shop

The Beacon

Can you help us to make Christmas for some young service personnel who are in danger of being homeless this Christmas?

Lucy, Lottie, Millie and I are collecting:
Toiletries (male and female)
Tea, coffee, sugar, biscuits, UHT milk
Cleaning products (washing powder, bin bags, washing up liquid, toilet rolls)
Non perishable items (beans, soup, pasta, cakes)
Christmas treats (mince pies, chocolate)
Or anything else you would like to donate.

We'll be taking your donations to The Beacon, which is a new thirty-one unit housing, training and support centre based near Catterick Garrison, providing specialist support to single homeless veterans from around the country.

It targets single ex-servicemen and women who are most at risk of homelessness, providing them with temporary accommodation for up to 18 months. The centre provides access to top of the range IT equipment, on-site training facilities, as well as guiding residents into employment and permanent housing.

The Beacon is a lifeline to the small majority of people leaving the services who find themselves alone, homeless and struggling to re-adjust to civilian life. Christmas can be an especially bleak time.

Liz Simpson is happy to accept at the Village Shop any donations that you wish to give and the shop has also kindly offered to make a donation. If you can help with a small gift from the list of

suggestions above you really make a difference to these young people.

We'll be taking everything to the Beacon on 21 December.

Thank you very much for your support.
Clare Baxter, Lucy, Lottie and Millie

FESTIVE SUPPER

SATURDAY 5 DECEMBER

7.30 – 10.00

IN THE MEMORIAL HALL

Tickets £10 which includes a HOG ROAST and A CHOICE OF PUDDINGS

WINE BY THE GLASS - £2.50

Tickets available from the Post Office. There will be a vegetarian option. Please let Dorothy know if you would like to order this or if you have any other dietary requirements.

Are you new to the Village?

Everybody is very welcome to the Festive Supper on 5 December but the hall Committee would like to extend an especially warm welcome to anyone who has recently moved in to the village. We have contacted everyone we know of and offered them complimentary tickets for the Festive Supper but if you have slipped through the net do please contact Dorothy in the Post Office and she will make sure you have your complimentary tickets. We look forward to starting off the Christmas festivities with you then.

Memorial Hall Committee

Art/Craft Group

Is painting or drawing a hobby of yours, or is there a craft you enjoy?

Perhaps you might like to bring along your work and be part of an informal group of like-minded residents meeting in the Memorial Hall, Middleton Tyas. The proposal is to hold a block of eight weekly sessions of 2 hours each, beginning early in January 2016.

The choice of times is either Mondays 10.00 – 12.00 or Mondays 2.00 – 4.00

If you would like further details, or if you are definitely interested, could you contact me by 15 December with your preferred time of day, so that the outcome can be announced in the January 2016 Village News (tel. 377600). The cost per person is unknown as yet but we have to cover the cost of Hall hire.

Susan Mahaffy

Neighbourhood Watch

Phyllis Dinsdale has decided that, after ten years as Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator, it is time for her to stand down. Thank you very much, Phyllis, for just quietly getting on with the job for such a long time. We need more like you!

Thieves don't stop for Christmas

The nights are getting darker earlier and the demands of Christmas are drawing nearer. Just be aware at home to be secure when going out or being inside the house of making sure your outside doors are locked and that small valuables such as handbags, wallets and car keys are not left on display near outside doors. Take them upstairs when you go to bed. If going away consider automatic lights and cancel milk and papers and let your Neighbourhood watch co-ordinator know or a good neighbour. You can mark valuable property using Smartwater (www.Smartwater.com) or with an ultra violet pen with your postcode and house number. If parking your car up don't leave valuable items or presents in view. Satnavs and laptops can be tempting. Don't leave your keys in ignitions for even a short period- the garage forecourt, the paper shop. Please report any suspicious activity in your area, suspicious persons or person cold calling and call it in on 101. We are not having a high incidence of crime but let us keep vigilant and safe.

PC John Wilbor

Memorial Hall closure

The Memorial Hall is being decorated internally in the New year. Work will take two weeks from 4 – 15 January so use of the hall will be limited during this period. By the second week it may be possible to have some use of the hall during the evenings but please contact Dorothy Logan at the Post Office to discuss availability.

Organisations which meet in the hall regularly should note that they may have to postpone meetings planned for this period.

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

Dorothy Logan at the Post Office
Ken Etherington - 377605

Middleton Tyas Cricket Club

Christmas Draw and Domino Knockout

Sunday 20 December 7.00
The Shoulder of Mutton
Middleton Tyas

Numbers are now available in the pub

Lots and lots of festive prizes to be won!

Entry for the Dominoes £4 per person
Including Pie and Peas Supper

YOGA CLASSES

Dru Yoga 2016 term begins

Monday 11th January

6-7pm St. Andrews Church,

Moulton

**For more information and to book
your place**

contact Jo Morgan 07872

527212/01748 829880

jomorganyoga@gmail.com

*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*

News from Doctor's Lane Surgery Aldbrough St John

Sister Jill James is retiring

Sister Jill James will be retiring on 31 December. Despite all the changes over the years to the District Nursing service, Jill has continued to be an invaluable part of our practice team in Aldbrough. She has gone the extra mile for our older, housebound patients and those at their end of life at home. She will be sadly missed. We are aware that many of you or your relatives have benefited from her care and might like an opportunity to express your thanks. We therefore have A5 sheets of paper available at Reception for messages which will be added to a book with photographs.

Christmas surgery hours

Mon 21st Dec	8:30 – 18:00
Tues 22nd Dec	8:30 – 18:00
Wed 23rd Dec	8:00 – 18:00
Thurs 24th Dec	8.30 – 12:00
Fri 25th Dec	CLOSED
Mon 28th Dec	CLOSED
Tues 29th Dec	08:30 – 18:00
Wed 30th Dec	08:00 – 18:00
Thurs 31st Dec	08:30 – 12:00
Fri 1st January	CLOSED

If you are likely to run out of your repeat medication over the holiday period please order in good time as Dispensary is extremely busy at this time of year. The Doctors and Staff would like to wish all patients a Happy and Healthy Christmas and New Year.

Claiming dates

December

Saturday 5 December 7.30 Festive Supper

Thursday 10 December 7.00 Parish Council meeting

Thursday 17 December 7.00 Carols on The Green

Sunday 20 December 7.00 Cricket Club

Christmas Draw and Domino Knock out 7.00
Shoulder of Mutton

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

Editor's corner

Please note that copy for the January issue is needed early in order to get the Village News published before the printers close down for Christmas and the New Year. Last date for copy is **Wednesday 16 December** to me at 2 The Green, telephone 377311 or email me on dianahthomas@gmail.com. Meanwhile, Happy Christmas everybody!

Carols on the Green

Middleton Tyas

Thursday 17 December, 7.00



Please join us to sing

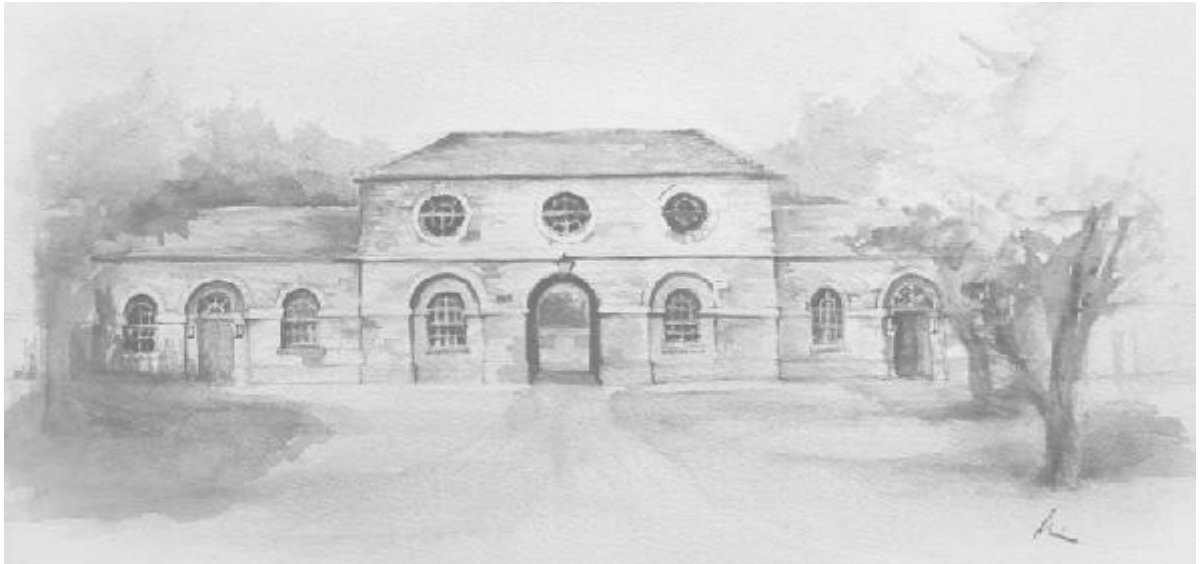
Carols on The Green

(or in The Memorial Hall if it's wet)

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

All are very welcome.

St. Michael & all Angels Church



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

Coach House Christmas

Book a private dinner party with friends or family for an intimate celebration over the festive period, host up to 24 guests in our private dining room and indulge in our seasonal lunch, afternoon tea or dinner menus

**Christmas Afternoon Tea at The Coach House
 Available Wednesday to Saturday 2.30pm – 4pm
 during the month of December**

Speciality tea or cafetiere of local coffee, selection of finger sandwiches, fruit scone with strawberry preserve and cream, selection of sweet pastries and a glass of mulled wine

£20pp

Upgrade to include a glass of Laurent-Perrier £28pp

**Christmas Fair at Middleton Lodge
 Thursday 3rd December from 6.30pm**

Indulge yourself and your loved ones at our festive fair

Perfect for those unique Christmas gifts

Tickets: £10 booked in advance, £12.50 on the door

2nd Editions Exhibitions

4th December from 12noon until 9pm

A unique collection of photography, art and sculpture

in the Stalls Lounge

on display until 9th December

**Christmas Cocktail Evening at The Coach House
 10th December from 6.30pm**

Cocktail masterclass with Callum Farrand-Marstrand,
 REN facial demonstration with
 Selena Blain and

Make-up demonstration with Jo Leversuch

£25pp to include arrival drink, 2 cocktails and a gift to take home

**Winter Wonderland Ball
 18th December from 7pm**

Prosecco on arrival and 3 course dinner

Live music from swing singer Chris Didcote

Donations for The Great North Air Ambulance

£55pp

**Burns Night Ball
 23rd January 2016**

Champagne reception, Piper, Ode to the Haggis,
 3 course dinner & Ceilidh band.

Black tie, kilts and cocktail dresses

£55pp

Coming Soon... please register your interest with our reception

Nutritional Workshop 28th January 2016

Dinner Party Cookery School Feb/March 2016

Please see full details of all our events at

<http://www.middletonlodge.co.uk/offers-and-events/events/>

01325 377977

Church News

A letter from the vicar, Jenni

As some of you may know, Byron fought a hard fight with his health last month and lost the battle. He was my life and was the very present friend in times of trouble. At the age of 4 it was untimely and a very traumatic and emotionally-wrecking couple of weeks.

Many would comment that a dog is just a dog, but a dog can also be a friend that offers unconditional love.

We were truly blessed by the prayers and support of many friends, and on his and my behalf I wish to thank you whole-heartedly.

I take solace in the fact that for my first degree I was allowed to investigate the question of whether dogs (and indeed other sentient beings) have a place in eternity. In the beginning, God breathed the breath of life into human and animal-kind alike. I concluded that such a Creator that rejoices in all His creation would not consider perfection after life as we know it, without the entirety of all He gave that breath to. The image of eternal life in Isaiah sees the wolf lying down with the lamb: nothing will harm or destroy another. Eternity has enough room for all creation.

But what of grief? I have always likened it to waves: a storm and torrent initially which eventually calms, but still throws in a rogue wave when one least expects it.

Alan Pemberton penned the following:

When all seems lost, when life seems cruel and events unbearable, we must remember that everything is subject to change: nothing is permanent!

Therefore these bad times will pass and the light will shine again.

Change is in the nature of things, it was ever thus.

So have faith and hard as it may seem at times, look back and realise how much we have grown from our past pains and testing obstacles.

With all its apparent dis-ease, pain is the touchstone of spiritual growth and thus the doorway to paradise.

And so we cling to the knowledge of God, knowing that His ways were never and will never

be our ways, but nevertheless, He remains steadfast even when He appears absent.

On a more positive note, from next month, this letter will be written by the newest addition to the canine clan, Charlie. Charlie has big paws to fill, but I hope he will rise to the challenge.

With love and best wishes

Jenni

Autumn Warmer.

A huge thank you to everyone who donated, helped and attended the Autumn Warmer.

The event raised £209.15 towards Church funds.

Thank you all.

Diana Donnison.

THE CHILDRENS' SOCIETY

Dear Box- holders,

I will be collecting boxes in January. If you prefer to empty the box yourself that is fine. I have had a heartfelt plea from the society. More and more young people are in need, yet fewer people are giving, and many have reduced their giving.

We are asked if we could give just TWO POUNDS more each; this would help the society to continue the excellent work it is doing. Also, if we could encourage more people to be box holders, that would help.

I am just passing on the message! I know you are all very generous in your giving and thank you for your continued support.

Many Thanks.

Liz Croft

Church Flowers.

We don't have flowers in church during Advent but please could all arrangers join in to make the church beautiful for Christmas at 10am on Tuesday 22 Dec. Many thanks.

Sara

St Michael's Majors.

How time flies! It is Party Time again. Please note, everyone, that our Christmas Party will be on the first Thursday, 3 December, in the Memorial Hall 3.00 – 5.00. Usual travel arrangements apply.

CHURCH SERVICES – DECEMBER		
Sunday 6th December	2 nd Sunday of Advent	Middleton Tyas
3pm An Advent Carol Service- a service of carols and readings		Lay Led
Sidesmen	Mrs. M. Hill	Mr. S. Hill
There will be no morning service at Middleton Tyas. Holy Communion 8am Croft, 9.30am Cleasby		
Sunday 13th December	3 rd Sunday of Advent	Middleton Tyas
9.30 Morning Prayer BCP		Mr. H. Swanston
Sidesmen	Mrs. S. Mahaffy	Miss M. Brown
Reader	Mrs. E. Croft	
Readings	Zephaniah 3, 14-20 P 679	Luke 3, 7-18 P 681
Sunday 13th December	3 rd . Sunday of Advent	Moulton
6pm Evening Prayer BCP		Mr. M. Idale
Readings	Zephaniah 3, 14-20 P 679	Luke 3, 7-18 P 681
Sunday 20th December	4 th . Sunday of Advent	Middleton Tyas
Holy Communion CW(T)		Rev. J. Lane
Sidesmen	Mrs. L. Weightman	Dr. N. Weightman
Reader	Mrs. V. Thomas	
Readings	Hebrews 10, 5-10 P684	Luke 1, 39-55 P684
Thursday, 24th December.	Christmas Eve	
4pm Crib Service	Middleton Tyas	Rev. J. Lane
6pm Carol Service	Moulton	H.Swanston, E.Croft
Friday, 25th. December	Christmas Day	
9.30 Holy Communion CW(T)	Middleton Tyas	Rev. J. Lane
Sidesmen	Mrs. S. Baxter	Mrs. M. Parker
Reader	Mrs. M. Hill	
Readings	Hebrews 1, 1-4 P 21	John 1, 1-14 P22
Sunday 27th December		
10.30 Holy Communion CW	A JOINT SERVICE AT GREAT SMEATON Rev. D. Lewis	
There will not be a service at Middleton Tyas.		

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 December 7

w/b December 14 and 21

Mrs Whittle and Mrs Aitken

Mrs Parker and Mrs V Thomas w/b Dec 28

Mrs I Stead and Mrs Wood