



The archaeological survey at Scotch Corner

For much of the past year you have possibly been intrigued by all the little orange, yellow and green markers that sprang up in the scraped-bare soil on the roadworks around Scotch Corner – evidence of the archaeological survey being undertaken ahead of the land being buried under the new road structure.

To the un-tutored eye, an archaeological site is pretty difficult to interpret but gradually it becomes possible to make out post-holes, hearths and the footings and rain gullies of round houses and remains of Roman, stone-built buildings and walls. Round houses were circular buildings, 12 – 14 metres in diameter, with a low wattle and daub wall and a steeply pitched roof. Around the building would typically be a rain gully, a soak away trench dug to take the run-off from the roof, the 'shadow' of which may still be visible.

Scotch Corner has a fascinating story to tell. It had long been speculated that there must have been a settlement there. After all, it is a piece of prime real estate, standing as it does at the elevated end of a long ridge with a steep fall in all other directions. This makes it a good look-out point and the sandy, well-draining soil must always have been a good site to build houses. The hypothesis was supported by the discovery a few years ago, when the A66 was widened just west of Scotch Corner, of evidence of Iron Age round houses. Further later remains were found when the site for the Health Club at Scotch Corner was excavated

What was unexpected was just how old the Scotch Corner settlement is. There is evidence of round houses 200 years before the Romans came and it is thought there may have been a settlement here from as early as 600 – 800 BC. It is this date range which makes the site so singularly important. The most 'recent' buildings at Scotch Corner date from about 80 AD and that is the date of the earliest buildings discovered at the Catterick excavations. *(Continues on page 4)*

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- Yorkshire Moors
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Make it go further with cooked rice, diced cucumber or red pepper and lettuce.

Need an instant dessert?

A carton of cream and a packet or two of

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£1.65 for six or £2.44 for 4 nests.

Job done!

Better still!

Combine meringues with some Brymor ice cream 500g and 1litre cartons in stock in a variety of delicious flavours:

- Banoffi
- Cherry Whim Wham
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- Ginger
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- Rich dark Chocolate
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- Vanilla

Need a drink after all that?

ISLA NEGRA MERLOT

from Chile is on special offer at
just £5.99 a bottle

New Year opening

Friday 1 January closed

Saturday 2 January Open as usual

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

News from the parish council

Three items from the parish council this month: First, some good news: the Parish Council is not asking for any increase in the total village precept for 2016/17.

Next, a reminder that parking on pavements can present a real problem for anyone with a push chair or a wheel chair so please bear this in mind whether you are parking at the top of the village, near the school or anywhere else in the village.

And, finally the transfer of the playing field, car park, etc, from RDC to the Parish Council is now complete. A small working group is developing ideas for their future use and these will be presented to the village in due course. .

We wish you all a very
MERRY CHRISTMAS
and a happy and peaceful New Year.



Moulton matters

Highway matters

NYCC Highways has been informed once again regarding the potholes on the bend by the church, despite having been repaired just one month ago. The condition of Hall Road has also been reported as an 'emergency pothole'. Potholes are repaired once they meet the 40mm depth 'intervention level'.

Dog fouling

RDC has recently launched a campaign against dog fouling. This will involve using spray paint to highlight instances of dog fouling and using a template to spray messages on the ground where an owner has failed to pick up. The spray paint is water based and non toxic and will last approximately six weeks. Three different colours will be used on a monthly rotation to enable the Dog Warden to measure the success of the campaign.

Books in the bus shelter

The sale of plants, produce, books and folders in the bus shelter raised £27.86 during November. 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.

January: Mr and Mrs Gentry

February: Mr and Mrs Nicholson

School report

The lead-up to Christmas in our school was a busy but very exciting time.

During the first week of December Mr Joram Malombo, a teacher from one of our Kenyan partnership schools, was in school visiting classes to share in our Guided Reading sessions and teaching our children about his country and school as well as some Kiswahili.

The weeks of hard work by the children and staff in KS1 and FS2 preparing for their Christmas Nativity 'Children of The World' was evident in their wonderful performances, which were enjoyed by proud parents, families and friends. The KS1 and FS2 children also enjoyed an outing to watch the pantomime 'Jack and the Beanstalk' at the Georgian theatre in Richmond, whilst the KS2 children had a Christmas party in school with lots of fun and games.

The whole school then enjoyed a fabulous Christmas dinner which was served to the children by the staff, as is traditional.

In the final week of term we had a wonderful Christmas celebration in Church and said a fond farewell to Mrs Susan Gardner, our Deputy Head, who is moving on to Richmond Methodist School having taught in our school for seventeen years. We all wish her well in her promotion.

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.

Archaeological survey at Scotch Corner

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It looks as though Scotch Corner was always a civilian settlement, not a military one. Earlier excavations have shown that Roman settlements along the A66 were fortified, as was the settlement at Catterick: Scotch Corner was not. There is also evidence at Scotch Corner (from remains of buildings and artefacts such as pieces of pottery) that Romans and the native people lived alongside each other. Quite what the relationship was we shall probably never know but it is a reasonable supposition that there was at least a thriving trading relationship.

One of the most tantalizing discoveries was the discovery of a trackway which headed north-west from Scotch Corner. Did this link up with the settlement known to exist at Melsonby and possibly lead on to Stanwick? We may never know because the unexcavated section is on private land and it would be prohibitively expensive to carry out the scale of excavation it would take to find out for sure.

Scotch Corner has proved a complex site to interpret. It was clearly at the ancient hub of roads at the eastern end of the Roman frontier and the settlement extended over 1 – 1.5 kilometres. Houses, tracks, walls and ditches overlay and/or cross each other and the area around the present Scotch Corner junction was regularly ploughed in the Middle Ages, which confuses the situation even further. There is much that we shall never know and the excavations are now either being covered up or buried under new developments, just as they have been since time immemorial. However, without the present road-building we would never have known as much as we now do and what has been discovered has been painstakingly mapped and recorded for future generations

History Society

Please note : As the Memorial Hall is being decorated in January we will not be having a meeting. The next meeting will be Thursday 4. February.

Arts and Crafts

Eight sessions of two hours have been booked for a newly formed group to meet in the Memorial Hall on Monday afternoons from 2.00 – 4.00.

Beginning on Monday 18 January, it will run for eight weeks.. The cost per person will be £16 for the term, payable at the first class. Feel free to come along on 18 January to see if you might be interested in joining others, to enjoy doing your pastime. (Any queries- please ring 377600)

Neighbourhood Watch

Beware of courier scams

A courier scam has recently been reported in Ruislip, London, where a resident received a phone call from a fake 'courier' company saying a parcel was on its way. On arrival, the recipient was asked to pay a small delivery charge by credit or debit card. Unknown to them, the handheld machine was used to clone their card and, later, to withdraw a large amount of money from various cash machines.

Be wary of accepting any surprise gift or package, which you neither expected nor personally ordered, especially if it involves any kind of payment as a condition of receiving the gift or package. Also, never accept anything if you do not personally know or there is no proper identification of who the sender is.

Beware of you are buying on-line

Fraudsters have set up a high specification website template advertising various electrical goods and domestic appliances at below the market price. Unfortunately, the goods don't exist. The fraudsters request your card details via the website; however the purchaser will then receive an email stating the payment failed and that you should pay via bank transfer.

The fraudsters are fraudulently using the well-known and widely recognised Trusted Shop Trustmark. Since they have not been certified by Trusted Shops you would not be covered by the Trusted Shops money-back guarantee.

- Check the authenticity of the websites before making any purchases. Conduct a 'who is' search on the website which will identify when the website has been created, be wary of newly formed domains. You can conduct this search using the following website - <https://who.is/>.
- Carry out online research in relation to the website, company name and the business address provided to identify any poor feedback or possible irregularities.

- Check the Trusted Shops Facebook page where warnings about websites using their Trustmark are published. If you are in doubt about the legitimacy of a Trustmark then you can contact Trusted Shops on 0203 364 5906 or by email service@trustedshops.co.uk. They will confirm whether they have certified that website.
- Payments made via bank transfer are not protected should you not receive the item. Therefore always try to make the payment via PayPal or a credit card where you have some payment cover should you not receive your product.
- If the item advertised seems too good to be true, then it probably is.

If you believe that you have been a victim of fraud you can report it online http://www.actionfraud.police.uk/report_fraud or by telephone 0300 123 2040.

YOGA CLASSES

**Dru Yoga 2016 term begins
Monday 11th January
6-7pm St. Andrews Church,
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**Burns Night Ball at Middleton Lodge
23rd January 2016**

Champagne reception, Piper, Ode to the Haggis,
3 course dinner & Ceilidh band.
Black tie, kilts and cocktail dresses
£55pp

**Nutritional and Lifestyle Workshop at The
Coach House**

Thursday 28th January 2016 from 9.30pm

2 ½ hour workshop, 3 course lunch, selected refreshments
REN skincare and Voya demonstration,
With Kate Chaytor-Norris,
£75pp

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**Dinner Party Cookery School at Middleton
Lodge**

Thursday 17th March 2016

9.30am-4.30pm

Come along and learn how to prepare a delicious dinner party menu
Coffee and pastries on arrival,
4 hour cookery school workshop, 3 course lunch
including 2 glasses of Prosecco
£110pp

The Coach House Vouchers

Treat someone with an unforgettable experience at our Georgian country estate, dinner and night away at The

Coach House, a champagne afternoon tea, a relaxing facial or massage in The Treatment Rooms or take part in a traditional shooting day

Please call our reception team for further information

Coming Soon.....

Whiskey tasting evening at The Coach House

The Coach House, restaurant and rooms, will be closed from Monday 4th January and will reopen at 6pm for dinner on Wednesday 20th January, to book a table please call 01325 377071

The Treatment Rooms at Middleton Lodge will be closed from Monday 4th January and will be taking bookings for appointments from Thursday 21st January.

Please see full details of all our events at <http://www.middletonlodge.co.uk/offers-and-events/events/>

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File & Polish	£8.00	Eyebrows	£5.00
Manicure	£22.00		
Pedicure	£22.00		
Gel Polish on top of acrylic	£5.00		
		<u>Spray Tanning</u>	
		Half Body	£10.00
		Full Body	£15.00
<u>Eye Treatments</u>		*Patch test required 48 hours prior to treatment for tinting/perming*	
Eyelash Tint	£8.00		
Eyebrow Tint	£5.00		
Eyelash Perm	£25.00		

Contact Emily 07753356731

Claiming Dates

Monday 18 January 2.00 4.00 First meeting of Arts and Crafts Group
 Because of the hall closure this month the Parish Council meeting will be on
Thursday 21 January 7.00

Editor's corner

The Village News could find itself seriously strapped for cash this year so donations from individuals and organisations would be even more welcome than usual. More of that next month. Please make cheques payable to Middleton Tyas and Moulton Village News.

Copy for the February issue please to 2 The Green or ring 377311 or e-mail me at dianahthomas@gmail.com.

Church News

A letter from Charlie – the Vicar's dog

Dear All
 Let me introduce myself. My name is Charlie and I have taken over from the great HRH Byron II. I have been told I have big paws to fill..... I shall try my best.

Being only 6 months old, Christmas was a whole new experience for me. And it seems that there is no such thing as peace in this house. My doggy ears rang to sounds of excited woofs from Ty, my new friend who leads me into allsorts of mischief. It is with this in mind that the family start to panic slightly when the two of us are out of sight. 'What are they up to?' asks the biscuit-buyer, aka Jenni, with a suspicion usually reserved for telephone sales people and certain funeral directors. 'It's all gone quiet and I can't see them.....'

We managed a whole five minutes before the biscuit-buyer decided that bribery was the only way forward and attempted to unearth us by shaking the biscuit box vigorously. Sure enough, with the highest pitch woof I've ever heard, Ty flew in from the back garden covered in mud.... With me hot on his tail. He launched at the Christmas decoration box and became tinsel-wrapped and glitter-covered. The biscuit-buyer jumped, I hid under the table and the Christmas star was catapulted across the room. This was snatched up in the jaws of Dodger who flew off, tail wagging madly, and proceeded to dash round and round the house, trying to yip through a mouthful of gold tat. Mayhem ensued....

Once the decorations had been rescued and relative peace had been restored, I decided that it was my role to ensure no further trouble happened, and kept a watchful eye. I am supposed to be filling big paws, after all.

It was some days later that I noticed a Christmas package under the tree was moving. On closer inspection, I found that Ty had chosen the largest parcel he could find and was deftly and remarkably quietly for him, removing the paper.

Is that yours?' I woofed in his ear. 'Ty rules say that what's mine is mine and what's yours is mine unless what's mine is broken, then you can have it if you really want it. This is mine.' Ty replied. In a fit of pique I replied, 'That is not yours. You need to learn some manners and a bit of patience. When Christmas arrives, I'm sure Father Christmas will leave you something if you have been good, which is questionable, and then

you will be allowed to unwrap what is yours, and only yours. And, by the way, just because it's a big parcel doesn't mean it's better! Love is not measured by size.'

Ty looked rather taken aback. And I felt rather taken aback. Where had those thoughts come from? I'd sounded just like the biscuit-buyer and maybe the influence of Byron has somehow rubbed off on me.

And so we had a rather busy Christmas, but we wish you all a very [peaceful, blessed and happy New Year

*With love, Charlie
(and Ty, Dodger and Jenni)*

St Michael's Majors

The tea this month will be on Thursday 21 January, 3.00 – 5.00. The usual travel arrangements apply.

Church flowers

As we are having to tidy the vase cupboard in church and won't have so much room in future, please would anyone who has left vases in church please collect them.

ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS CHURCH MIDDLETON TYAS

As you may have seen, there won't be any heating on in church on Sunday 10 January. This is because we are finally starting our improvements to the church, and a temporary interruption to the heating system is necessary. The heating will be back on for the following week!

We are installing a small kitchen facility for refreshments, and a toilet. There is bound to be some disruption but services should be able to continue as normal.

As a new year begins, I would like to thank all those whose unstinting work has meant that we have had a clean, warm church, beautifully decorated with services nearly every Sunday. There are too many people to mention by name, but you know who you are!

Happy New Year!
Liz Croft. Church Warden.

All Saints Church, Manfield Sunday 31 January

THE MANFIELD PUDDING CLUB

Pre-Lenten Event

A **Free Lunch** after the **Joint Church Service** will be given in Manfield Village Hall courtesy of the Manfield Parochial Church Council.

A lunch consisting of a basic main course followed by a selection of puddings is on offer. However, ladies (and gentlemen), are asked to devise, prepare, or even buy a pudding to be consumed by the assembled company. The pudding voted '**the best**' will win a prize for its owner.

Licensed bar - Raffle

If you would like to come please ring Ian Appleyard 01325 374670 or 018333 638847 or Richard Watson 01325 374609 by Sunday 17 January.

As there is no such thing as a free lunch; donations will be welcome; suggested contribution £5.00

A new venue for morning coffee?

The Crown – Manfield's Bistro

A new look to the Village Inn

Carley and Colin have taken over the running of the Crown following the retirement of Peter and Karen Hynes. With them comes a new look - coffee, home made savouries and cakes are being served Wednesday - Friday 10.30 – 1.00, Saturday and Sunday 10.30 - 11.30 while at the same time the tradition of serving award winning cask ales is being retained. The same service is available during normal opening hours now extended from 4.00 – 11.30.

Future plans include an extended kitchen and a convenience shop.

CHURCH SERVICES – JANUARY 2016		
Sunday 3rd January	Epiphany Sunday	Middleton Tyas
9.30 am A Family Service with Holy Communion and Epiphany Carols		Rev . J. Lane
Sidesmen	Mrs. P. Aitken	Mr. R. Aitken
Reader	E. Croft	
Readings	Ephesians 3: 1-12 P 35	Matthew 2: 1-12 P 36
Sunday 10th January		
Baptism of Christ		
THERE WILL NOT BE A SERVICE TODAY AT MIDDLETON TYAS AS THERE WILL NOT BE ANY HEATING!		
There is a service of Morning Prayer at Manfield, 9.30, or Holy Communion at Moulton , 6pm.		
Sunday 10th. January	Baptism of Christ	Moulton
6pm Holy Communion CW (T)		Rev J Lane
Readings	Acts 8: 14-17 P 691	Luke 3:15-17, 21, 22 P 691
Sunday 17th. January		
2 nd . Sunday of Epiphany		Middleton Tyas
9.30am Holy Communion CW (T)		Rev. J. Lane
Sidesmen	Mrs. M. Hill	Mr. S. Hill
Reader	Mrs. V. Thomas	
Readings	1, Corinthians, 12: 1-11 P 693	John 2: 1-11 P 693
Sunday 24th. January		
3 rd . Sunday of Epiphany		Middleton Tyas
9.30am Morning Prayer CW		Mr. M. Idale
Sidesmen	Mrs. S. Mahaffy	Miss. M. Brown
Reader	Mr. P. Nimmins	
Readings	1 Corinthians 12: 12-31a P 697	Luke 4: 14-21 P 698
Sunday 31st. January		
10.30	4 th . Sunday of Epiphany	Manfield
A joint service of Holy Communion at All Saints Church, Manfield. No 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 28 Dec and 4 January Mrs I Stead and Mrs Wood
w/b 11 and 18 January Mrs White and Mrs Begley
w/b 25 January and 1 Feb Mrs McKibbin, Mrs Vaux and Mrs Benson

Flower rota

Sara Vaux (377228) is in charge of flowers this month.