



What's the first wildflower of spring in our villages? Not snowdrops or aconites, though they are much more spectacular and, in fairness, gladden the heart rather more. No, first off the blocks is the butterbur, shown above. It grows in drifts on the right hand side as you go down The Slough and starts to flower at the very beginning of January and is still in full bloom at the time of writing. It is actually quite an insignificant looking flower, more a whispered hint of spring than a joyful shout but very welcome even so, especially if it's not growing in your garden.

See the three fat little buds breaking through the leaf mould? They account for the plant's traditional name in Dorset of '*early mushroom*'. It's not recommended eating but it used to be dried, powdered, mixed with wine and taken as a remedy for fevers and a preventative of the plague. Hence it's German name of *pestwurz*. Its common name here reflects the fact that the large flat leaves, which come later in the spring, were traditionally used to wrap butter. The leaves can grow as large as rhubarb leaves and were apparently used in this country in rural areas as a temporary sunhat or to keep off the rain. In fact, its Latin name, *petasites hybridus*, refers to an old Greek word, *petasos*, which was a wide-brimmed hat.

So much history in one small flower! No doubt the habit of younger brothers to throw the burrs which follow in late summer at outraged older sisters goes back to time immemorial too.

Thank you so much to all the generous people whose donations have made the occasional full colour picture in the Village News a possibility. I do try to thank everybody personally but I don't always know who has left donations at the shop. My thanks here are no less heartfelt. Thank you very much.-----

## MIDDLETON TYAS VILLAGE SHOP NEWS

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## A MESSAGE FROM YOUR VILLAGE SHOP

Sales in the first quarter of the Middleton Tyas Community Shop's financial year (Nov-Jan) have dropped dramatically and losses are mounting. Sadly, this really *is* now getting to be a very real case of 'use it or lose it'.

The arrival of Greggs and Subway at the Moto services has taken away a large share of our casual/passing trade. M&S made a huge impact on our sales when it arrived, and continues to do so, as does the ease of on-line shopping.

It has for a long time been a delicate balancing act to keep the shop making any sort of profit. But the average spend per customer has decreased along with the footfall, and unless both pick up, it can only spell the very unfortunate closure of the shop. We simply cannot afford to continue running at a loss.

We have tried to keep up with the times. We now have a website ([www.middletontyasvillageshop.com](http://www.middletontyasvillageshop.com)), we have a Facebook page (search for Middleton Tyas Community Shop & Post Office) and we have loyalty cards. We have also reduced our minimum spend when using a credit or debit card.

We have given the shop a makeover. Two new chillers replaced our very old one (fully

paid for with grants), which gives us room for more variety in stock. We re-arranged other items to make finding them easier. We listened, as we always have done, to our customers' requests and have ordered stock accordingly whenever possible.

Reducing the opening hours wasn't a move we took lightly – we simply weren't making anywhere near enough in sales to cover the wages for those extra hours. Moreover, our willing band of volunteers is very small, and there just aren't enough of them currently to cover those hours.

We are part of the community and, because of that, we play our part by ordering local produce wherever we can. We sell eggs laid in Gilling West, Haigh's meats, honey from Richmond, and cakes from Richmond-based Edwina's too. We help local artists by providing an outlet for their cards and most of our meats and soups are good old Yorkshire produce. There's Liz-made meals of course too!

There is the once weekly coffee shop and we raised funds from organizing the Big Man's Breakfast. As research, we have visited other similar shops to ours in North Yorkshire and Northumberland to see what it is they are doing right, only to find very similar stock to ours, at far higher prices! Wherever we have visited, we have taken away good ideas for consideration and implementation.

Our message is simple - we, the community, need to turn this shop around or else we, the community, will lose it. And that would be a terrible shame, not just for those customers who stay loyal and depend on us, but to all the people who've put in such hard work in the eleven years it has served our village.

*Middleton Tyas Village Shop Committee*

## **News from the parish council**

There was no parish council meeting in February, thus nothing to report this month. The next meeting will be on Thursday 10 March at 7.00 in the Memorial Hall

## **Moulton matters**

### **Highways**

The potholes on the corner near the Church were reported as an "emergency pothole". These have now been filled and NYCC Highways have been asked for details regarding a longer term repair.

### **Books in the Bus Shelter**

The sale of books, CDs, videos and folders in the bus shelter during January and February £77.30. Thanks to all who have supported the village and for the generous donation recently of a large quantity of books. Good quality fiction books are always welcome. Please leave them in the bus shelter. All proceeds will go towards Moulton Village Association funds.

### **Moulton Plant Sale**

The Plant Sale will be held on Saturday 7 May at St Andrew's Church. Please remember us when starting to get out in the garden and greenhouse. If you have any garden paraphernalia to donate, please contact Chris and John, 377328.

### **Church Cleaning:**

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

March: Mrs Atkinson and Mrs Vaux

April: Mr and Mrs Whitehead

## **The Middleton Tyas History Society**

There will be no meeting in March. The next meeting will be on Thursday 7 April at 7.30 in the Memorial Hall.

## **Activ Kids**

If you are shopping in Sainsbury's and are offered Activ Kids vouchers at the checkout, just say 'Yes'. Even if you don't have children or grandchildren at school, the village school would be pleased to have them. There's a collecting box in the Post Office.

## **Report from Doctors' Lane Surgery**

The Patient Participation Group (PPG) carried out an initial survey just before Christmas and is very grateful to everyone who took part. The survey

was extremely useful and gave the group food for thought!

The results showed that, on the whole, patients are happy with the surgery and the services offered by the doctors and health professionals. On the basis of comments received about accessibility, the group concluded that the mix of appointments and daily open access was the still the best option. Doctors Lane Surgery is one of only two surgeries using this system in the Richmond, Hambleton and Whitby area. Other models had proved to have appointment availability problems.

Access to the surgery first thing in the morning also gave rise to several comments and is being considered as are the other comments made.

### **Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB)**

We are fortunate that a representative from CAB holds drop-in sessions on Wednesday mornings in the surgery waiting room (a private area is also available for discussions).

### **Helping the frail elderly**

The surgery has received funding for a project to support the frail elderly. Patients are identified using various factors including medication, hospital admissions and chronic disease. The aim is to improve the delivery of patient care by delivering holistic chronic disease management to patients in their own home and increase or improve the use of self-supported management. The practice nurses will arrange to visit those identified to carry out the checks.

## **Village Shop comes to the rescue**

*Couldn't get into town. Important birthday tomorrow. No card, no present. Surely a village store wouldn't be able to save me? However – perfect! Quality card and a Special Limited Edition Wine to mark 2015's Ashes for the cricket-mad recipient. Thank you so much, Village Shop  
Carol Denham*



## 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

### April

Saturday 9 April 10.30 – 12.30 Coffee and Bacon Butties

Thursday 14 April 7.00 Parish Council Meeting

### May

Saturday 7 May Moulton Plant Sale

### June

Sunday 12 June Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party Moulton

## Editor's corner

### Thanks

I mentioned last month that a fundraising event or two would significantly help the Village News finances. No sooner the word than the deed: half the proceeds of last month's quiz at The Shoulder of Mutton came to the Village News and were a very welcome addition to the funds. Very many thanks to Dorothy and her regular quiz-goers.

### Donations

Please don't feel it's too late to make a donation to the Village News! Every year people say to me 'Oh, I meant to give you something and then forgot'. I quite understand. Everyone has a busy life and the Village News may not be top of your to-do list. If so, why not take out a standing order? Even a small payment once a year would be welcome. Here's the account details:

Account name: Middleton Tyas Village News

Sort code: 20 – 25 - 29

Account number: 80644390

Otherwise, I'm still very happy to receive cheques made out to Middleton Tyas Village News or cash left either at the shop or through the letter box at 2 The Green. It's never too late!

### Copy date

Copy for the April issue by 20 March please to me at 2 The Green, telephone 377311 or email me on [dianahthomas@gmail.com](mailto:dianahthomas@gmail.com).



**Beauty By Emily Rose**  
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Nail Treatments		Waxing Treatments	
Acrylic Nails	£25.00	Full Leg	£18.00
Acrylic Overlay	£20.00	Half Leg	£13.00
Infills	£15.00	Bikini Line	£10.00
Gel Polish	£15.00	Underarm	£10.00
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Eyelash Tint	£8.00	*Patch test required 48 hours prior to treatment for tinting/perming*	
Eyebrow Tint	£5.00		
Eyelash Perm	£25.00		

Contact Emily 07753356731

## Claiming dates

### March

Thursday 10 March 7.00 Parish Council Meeting  
Saturday 12 March 10.30 – 12.30 Coffee and Bagels

## Church News

### St Michael and All Angels Church



#### **Coffee & Bagel and a selection of Danish Pastries**

in aid of Church funds.

You are invited to drop in for a chat and relax  
with New and Old Friends

on

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2016**  
**10-00 am until 12-00 noon.**

In the

Memorial Hall

Entrance £3-50 Adults

£1-75 Children

This includes coffee, tea or squash  
and a Bagel or Danish Pastry.

Raffle

We look forward to seeing you.

### St Michael and All Angels Church

#### **Coffee Morning**

Proceeds in aid of church funds

**Come along and enjoy a chat, coffee/tea and a  
bacon butty**

**On Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2016**  
**at 10-30 am until 12-30 pm**  
**in the Memorial Hall**  
**Adults £3.50 Children £1.75**



**We look forward to welcoming new and old  
friends.**

### **A note from Charlie, the Rectory lurcher.**

It's all been a bit soggy for a doggy, and as I  
peered out of the window at the gathering rain  
clouds (again), I was reminded of something  
written by a much wiser person than myself.....

#### **Noah's Ark.**

*Everything I need to know about life, I learned  
from Noah's Ark.*

1. *Don't miss the boat.*
2. *Remember, we are all in the same boat.*
3. *Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah  
built the Ark.*
4. *Stay fit. When you're 600 years old,  
someone may ask you to do something  
really big.*
5. *Don't listen to critics; just get on with the  
job that needs to be done.*
6. *Build your future on high ground.*
7. *For safety's sake, travel in pairs.*
8. *Speed isn't always an advantage. The  
snails were on board with the cheetahs.*
9. *When you're stressed, float awhile*
10. *Remember, the ark was built by  
amateurs; the titanic by professionals.*
11. *No matter the storm, when you are with  
God, there's always a rainbow waiting.*

#### **St Michael's Majors**

The tea this month will be on Thursday 17 March  
3.00 – 5.00 in the Memorial Hall. Usual travel  
arrangements apply.

#### **Church Flowers**

As there is no service at Middleton Tyas on Good  
Friday, 25 March, could all flower arrangers come  
at 10.00 am that day to do the flowers for Easter.  
Many thanks.

Sara

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## Services for the Easter period

### Palm Sunday

Sunday 20 March 9.30 Middleton Tyas  
Sunday 20 March 11.00 Croft

### Holy week

Monday 21 March 7pm Moulton

Tuesday 22 March 7.00pm  
Manfield

Wednesday 23 March 7.00pm Croft

Thursday 24 March 7.00pm Middleton  
Tyas

Friday 25 March 2.00 Barton

All evening services will be Holy Communion.  
Good Friday afternoon will be a service of  
meditation.

### Easter Day Holy Communion:

Sunday 27 March 0930 Cleasby w. Stapleton  
Sunday 27 March 11.00 Croft  
Sunday 27 March 11.00 Eryholme.

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

### Church cleaning rota for March

Week beginning 7 and 14 March:  
Mrs Laycock, Mrs Mahaffy and Mrs Donnison

Week beginning 21 and 28 March:  
Mrs Brookes and Mrs Potts

Mrs Brookes and Mrs Potts will clean the brasses  
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## Church services - March

<b>Sunday 6th March</b>	Mothing Sunday	Middleton Tyas
<b>9.30 am Family Service with Holy Communion CW ( T)</b>		Rev . J. Lane
Sidesmen	Mr. S. Hill	Mrs. M. Hill
Reader	Mrs. Swanston	
Readings	2 Corinthians 1, 3-7 P115	Luke 2, 33-35 P116
<b>Sunday13th. March</b>	Fifth Sunday of Lent	Middleton Tyas
<b>9.30am Morning Prayer BCP</b>		Mr. A.Hindhaugh
Sidesmen	Mrs. D. Donnison	Mrs. S. Baxter
Reader	Mrs. V. Thomas	
Readings	Isaiah 43, 16-21 P746	John 12, 1-8 P 748
<b>Sunday13th March</b>		Moulton
<b>6pm Evening Prayer BCP</b>		Rev J. Lane
Readings	Isaiah 43, 16-21 P746	John 12, 1-8 P 748
<b>Sunday 20thMarch</b>	<b>Palm Sunday</b>	Middleton Tyas
<b>9.30am Holy Communion CW</b>		Rev. J. Lane
Reader	Mrs. E. Croft	
Readings	Philippians 2, 5-11 P 752	Luke 23 , 1-49 P 756
Sidesmen	Mrs. M. Sheridan	Mrs. J. Nimmins
<b>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup>. March Holy Communion 7PM</b>	<b>Maundy Thursday</b>	Middleton Tyas Rev. J. Lane
<b>Sunday 27thMarch</b>	<b>Easter Day</b>	
<b>There is no service at Middleton Tyas. There will be services at other churches as follows:</b>		
11.00 AM Holy Communion BCP	Croft	Rev. J. Lane
9.30 AM Holy Communion CW	Cleasby	Rev. J. Lane
11AM Holy Communion	Eryholme	Rev. J. Lane
<b>Please see separate notice for other services in Holy Week at local churches.</b>		
<p><b>All readings are as detailed in the Revised Common Lectionary unless otherwise shown.</b>            If anyone needs the services of a priest, please contact Rev. J. Lane on 01325 377918 or e-mail <a href="mailto:jennilane2013@btinternet.com">jennilane2013@btinternet.com</a></p>		