

## Driving in the dark



Whatever sort of rubbish picture is this? Well actually it's exactly what you see (or don't see) when you come off the brightly lit Scotch Corner and drive in the dark down the poorly lit main street of Middleton Tyas. This photo was taken about twenty yards uphill from the corner of Village Farm. You can just see the curve of the kerb at the junction into Village farm at the bottom of the picture. It was taken without flash but with a low light setting. The two white flashes on the right of the picture are reflections off registration plates of cars parked on the opposite side of the road. And here's the most terrifying thing: the flashes of light you see on the left are reflections and one rear light of the car parked further down the road which you are seeing over the roof of a car parked in front of it. The problem is that the car nearer you is parked the wrong way round, ie facing towards you, so there are no reflectors and the number plate is too dirty to reflect any light at a distance of about thirty yards.

Scary, isn't it? This is something which a number of people have asked me to mention in the Village News. It is an offence to park a car facing oncoming traffic during the hours of darkness. Something which we are all more likely to be guilty of is not wiping reflectors and lights on a regular basis. At this time of year and surrounded as we are by road works, it takes no time flat for them to become increasingly ineffective and you can see (or rather not see) what the consequences of that can be.

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## MIDDLETON TYAS VILLAGE SHOP NEWS

Tel: 377198 Open Monday to Friday 8.00 – 2.00, Fridays also 5.00 – 7.00, Saturday 8.30 – 1.00

### MIDDLETON TYAS POST OFFICE

Telephone: 339111

**Opening hours: 8.30 – 1.30, Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays**

**By the time you read this we'll be back in business in the newly re-furnished post office.**

**Re-opening had to be delayed for a week because of problems in getting some of the new equipment but we hope you will find it's been worth the wait.**

**Customers who use hearing aids will be interested to hear that we now have an easy to use hearing loop. Just mention it to Dorothy if you would like to give it a try.**

**Many thanks to all our customers for your patience with the inconvenience while we were closed.**

### **Did you enjoy your Big Man's Breakfast?**

Don't forget you can buy the same delicious eggs, which come from Gilling West, and Taylor's pork sausages, which have come all the way from Darlington. It doesn't come much more local than that!

### **Talking of local....**

We currently have in stock local honey produced by master beekeeper Peter Schollick who lives in Richmond. He is one of the most highly regarded beekeepers in the country and we're lucky to have his honey practically on our doorstep.

£4.99 per 454gms

### **Competing with the big players**

Don't assume that our prices must be higher than the supermarkets because of their buying power. It's often not the case. Take **Taylor's Coffee**. Ours is £3.50, which is the same as Sainsbury's regular price and only 3p more expensive than Morrison's.

### **Let's hear it for the Yorkshire Warrior!**

We are currently stocking Yorkshire Warrior, a special beer brewed by The Great Yorkshire Brewery to celebrate the achievements in the field of battle of The Yorkshire Regiment. This is made up of a number of distinguished former Yorkshire regiments which have three hundred years of valour to their names. The celebratory beer is in support of the regiment.

£2.10 per 500mls

### **Feel like a snack?**

New from **Snak Shed**:

- **Bombay Crunch Mix** 65p
- **Oat and Fruit Flapjack** 80p
- **Ripe Fruits of the Vine** £1.10

### **Crackers about Mondovino?**

We know lots of customers love this range of savoury crackers. You just wait 'til you try:

- Black Olive and Caper Crackers
- Wild Mushroom Crackers

£2.35 for 70gms

They're just delicious to nibble on their own or with a glass of wine. If it's something to bring out the best in a piece of cheese try these:

### **Grandma Wild's Oaty Biscuits for Cheese**

- **Tomato and Linseed**
- **Black Pepper and Poppy Seed**
- **Mature Cheddar**
- **Red Pepper and Pumpkin Seeds**

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## News from the parish council

There was no parish council meeting in February and therefore there is no news this month.

### Moulton matters

#### **Community Defibrillator**

After a wonderful Community effort, the defibrillator has been purchased and delivered to the village. It is located at the car park entrance to the Black Bull Inn and an awareness session will be held. If an emergency occurs, you must first dial 999. If appropriate, you will be asked if there is a defibrillator in the village and will be given instructions. The defibrillator itself also gives instructions in its use. Thanks once again to all who have made this important project possible.

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

The sale of books, DVDs and CDs in the bus shelter during January and February raised £23.35. Thanks to all who have supported the village. Good quality fiction books are always welcome. Please leave them in the bus shelter rather than trying to squeeze them into the boxes if they are full. Thanks.

Sadly, we have to report books and CDs have once again been stolen. This has been reported to the Police. The boxes and lids have been replaced by the Moulton Village Association.

All proceeds will go towards Moulton Village Association funds.

#### **Highways Maintenance**

Following a Freedom of Information request and some detective work, Highways are using the Government "Pothole Action Fund" to repair and resurface Hall Road from the Manor to Moulton Hall cattle grid. As we go to press, the work should have taken place in the week commencing 20 February.

The large pothole adjacent to St Andrew's Church has been repaired once again. Highways consider the other two large holes are not yet deep enough (40mm) to deserve repair. Once they reach this depth, they will be reported once again.

A request has been made to NYCC to refurbish the rumble strips on Scurragh House Lane and the Cowtons road together with cleaning drains on Scurragh House Lane that are full of silt.

The new sign for the plinth on the Cowtons road should be delivered in the next two weeks and will be funded by the MVA.

#### **Plant Sale 2017**

The Plant Sale will be held on Saturday 6 May. Please remember to plant a few extra seeds for the Sale. We will also be happy to receive garden paraphernalia such as pots, tools, feeders, machinery and children's garden toys. Donations of cakes and other produce will be welcome. Thank you.

#### **Village Communications**

If any resident would like to receive updates from NYCC, RDC, A112b and other organisations, please contact John Gentry at Garth Cottage and you will be added to the "Bcc" list. If anyone already receiving these communications changes their email address or no longer wishes to receive them, please let John know.

#### **Church Cleaning:**

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

March: Mrs Atkinson and Mrs Vaux

April: Mr and Mrs Whitehead

### School Report

Keep up to date with all that is happening at the School by signing up for weekly newsletters that will be emailed to you. Please go to the school web site which is <http://www.ef-mtschoools.co.uk>, then News and then Newsletters and sign up for the weekly Newsletter.

You can also keep up to date by using the links below:

Blog - [www.blog.ef-mtschoools.co.uk](http://www.blog.ef-mtschoools.co.uk)

Facebook - [www.facebook.com/efmtschoools](http://www.facebook.com/efmtschoools)

Twitter - [www.twitter.com/ef\\_mtschoools](http://www.twitter.com/ef_mtschoools)

### Big Man's Breakfast

The Big Man's Breakfast raised a net £650 last month for the Friends of the Shop account. This was a great achievement especially in view of the poor weather on the day.

I would like to thank all who supported the function by joining the fun, the guys who cooked and served the breakfast, the cake makers (complete sell out!), and those who donated prizes. All this effort is so worthwhile to keep our vitally important shop and post office thriving.

*Steve Hill - Chairman*

## BRIGHT AND BREEZY?

Certainly bright and early on the morning of

**FRIDAY 24 MARCH from 8.15 onwards 'til the Red Nose can't take any more!**

This year's theme is 'Comic Adventure', and one hard-to-read comic will appear that morning near the shop, certainly bright eyed, though not bushy tailed, raising money for those less fortunate than ourselves as part of

## COMIC RELIEF

Please drop your spare coins in her Comic Bag in passing, and make her day even brighter. More importantly, help brighten the lives of others.

### Claiming dates

#### March

Thursday 9 March 7.00 Parish Council meeting  
Saturday 11 March 11.30 – 1.30 Homemade Soup and a Roll Lunch  
Tuesday 14 March 7.00 Village Shop AGM

#### April

Thursday 13 April 7.00 Parish Council meeting

#### May

Saturday 6 May 10.30 am - 12 noon. Bacon Butties and Coffee  
Saturday 6 May Moulton Plant Sale

#### June

Sunday 25 June 2.00 – 6.00 Open Gardens Great and Small 2.00 – 6.00

### Editor's corner

Many thanks to all the contributors who helped me to get this issue out early and to Susan and Norman Mahaffy who took over getting it out to our faithful distributors on time.

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

## Nearly there!



*Dorothy Logan puts down the vacuum cleaner and the damp cloth for a couple of minutes during the day spent getting ready for the big re-opening of the newly re-furbished post office.*

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## MIDDLETON LODGE

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### MOTHER'S DAY AT THE COACH HOUSE

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March  
12pm – 4pm

Join us on Mother's Day for Gareth Rayner's traditional Sunday Roast  
Two course for £28, three courses for £35 and our normal children's menu  
We'll even throw in a little present for mum!

#### EASTER FAMILY FUN DAY AT THE COACH HOUSE

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April  
11.00am - 3.30pm

Join us for a magical family fun day on Good Friday at The Coach House. With eggcellent activity, from a traditional Punch and Judy show, a Petting Zoo to an Arts and Crafts Room and Easter Garden Making. Plus our annual our annual Easter Egg Hunt in the grounds.

Adults and children's tickets are priced at £6.50pp  
or £20 for a family of four (2 adult, 2 children/ 1 adult, 3 children).

Children under 12 months will be free of charge.

Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

Tickets must be purchased in advance.

To book please visit [www.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk) and search for Middleton Lodge.

#### THE WIND IN THE WILLOWS

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> July

Children's outdoor theatre at The Coach House

An open-air production by Immersion Theatre, full of enchantment, merriment and madness, join us for the afternoon as we follow Mole in his quest for adventure

£8.50pp for adults and children

£30 for a family ticket (2 adults, 2 children or 1 adult, 3 children)

Gates open at 2pm, performance begins at 3pm

#### DOGS DON'T DO BALLET

Wednesday 9 August 2017

Children's outdoor theatre at the Coach House

The acclaimed Blunderbus is returning to The Coach House for its third year running, with this year's touring summer show, Dogs Don't Do Ballet,

A very funny tale of a small dog with big dreams!

£8.50pp for adults and children

£30 for a family ticket (2 adults, 2 children or 1 adult, 3 children)

Gates open at 2pm, performance begins at 3pm



## KISS THE MOON

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## TREATMENTS OF THE MONTH

Voya Detox Herbal Bag Massage 90 mins (£60)  
Voya Organic Anti-Aging Facial 75 mins (£60)  
Deluxe Pedicure (£35)

## MIDDLETON LODGE VOUCHERS

The Middleton Lodge Estate vouchers make the perfect gift and are available to buy from The Coach House shop.

## OPENING HOURS

Open 7 days a week for breakfast, lunch and dinner  
Afternoon teas available Monday – Saturday  
Market menu available Monday – Saturday 12pm – 2pm

## SAMPLE MARKET MENU

2 courses 15  
3 courses 20

### STARTER

Mushroom veloute, crispy egg yolk, pickled mushrooms (v)  
Beetroot salad, horseradish, sorrel (v)

### MAIN

Confit duck leg, pancetta, mushrooms, fried duck egg  
Roast cod, mussels, samphire, mariniere jus  
Mushroom tart, wild mushrooms, onion jam, truffle (v)

### DESSERT

Chocolate brownie bar, caramel popcorn, toasted marshmallow  
Hazelnut Mille - Feuille, coffee ice cream, caramelised white chocolate

\*can be omitted for vegetarians

For full details of all our events and offers please visit [www.middletonlodge.co.uk/offers-and-events/](http://www.middletonlodge.co.uk/offers-and-events/) 01325 377977



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**Home. There's no place like it!**

sudden commandment even stopped little yip in his tracks as he shook himself back into consciousness. 'That's enough!', the biscuit-buyer looked stern.... This didn't bode well, 'Charlie, come with me'.

The lead went on and I was dragged out of the Rectory, across the road and down a country lane. I looked at her hopefully, fully expecting to be let off to go and root out unsuspecting wildlife, but no.... we walked in silence.

Eventually she stopped. 'Listen', she whispered. I stopped and we both stood still, breathing in the cool air and taking time to enjoy the beauty of the countryside around us. 'If you stopped to take a deep breath and enjoy this God-given beauty Charlie, it would do wonders for my blood pressure. Every now and again we have to take time to stop, be still and listen. Even Jesus took himself away from the clamour of life so he could rest and be open to his Father's voice.'

And so I sat down and tried to look interested. It was amazing what smells filtered through my snout and into my brain, and all the different sounds of countryside and wildlife I could hear as the wind ruffled my slightly soggy ears. Maybe there was something the biscuit-buyer was right about: all this glory in the world which I spent my time chasing or digging... so many sights, sounds and smells I missed. I began to relax....

.....RABBIT!!!! 'Some things you win, some things you lose', muttered the biscuit-buyer.

*Charlie*

### **Church Flowers**

No flowers in Lent but please will helpers take their diaries to church one day and fill in a week or two on the flower rota. Many Thanks  
*Sara*

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

This month's tea will be on Thursday 16 March. All travel arrangements as usual.

## **Church News**

### **Reflections from Charlie, the Rectory Hound.**

March! Hints of spring in the air, the bird song becomes more hopeful and I embark on bouncing around the place more than usual. With Bach the ever effervescent puppy in my wake, we make up a terrier/saluki force to be reckoned with. No-one or no-thing is safe. The world and all that is in it is mine!! At least that's my take on things.

For a reason I can't fathom, Jenni, aka the biscuit-buyer, seems to be rather anti-mayhem. She just doesn't get it. I frequently find myself being yelled at in exasperation as I fly around the garden with discarded items of clothing which have obviously been put in the laundry basket so that Bach and I can play 'tug-of-war' and 'bury the sock'. It's all great fun. I love it. Bach, loves it. Dodger woofs his support and Samson snoozes on the sofa with one eye open in case of incoming pelts of mud and flying paws.

I had just undertaken an ill-timed emergency stop which had catapulted Bach into the sideboard, knocking off a 'Know your Saluki' book and another entitled 'Oh God, Why?', when the biscuit-buyer snapped. 'STOP', she yelled. The



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**Saturday 11 March 11.30 – 1.30**  
Memorial Hall  
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### **Open Gardens Great & Small.**

St. Michael & All Angels Church  
**Open Gardens**  
on Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> June 2017.

With proceeds going towards  
Church funds.

More information to follow in future  
issues of the Village News



<b>CHURCH SERVICES – MARCH 2017</b>		
<b>Sunday 5th March</b>	<b>First Sunday of Lent</b>	Middleton Tyas
<b>9.30 am Holy Communion CW ( T)</b>		Rev . J. Lane
Sidesmen	Mrs. E. Croft	Mrs. P. Swanston
Reader	Mr. A. Hindhaugh	
Readings	Romans 5, 12-19 P 95	Matthew 4, 1-11 P 96
<b>Sunday 12th. March</b>	<b>Second Sunday of Lent</b>	Middleton Tyas
<b>9.30am Morning Prayer BCP</b>		Mr. A.Hindhaugh
Sidesmen	Mrs. M. Hill	Mr. S. Hill
Reader	Mrs. V. Thomas	
Readings	Genesis 12, 1-4a P 97	John 3, 1-17 P 98
<b>Sunday 12th March</b>		Moulton
<b>6pm Evening Prayer BCP</b>		Rev J. Lane
Readings	Genesis 12, 1-4a P 97	John 3, 1-17 P 98
<b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Third Sunday of Lent</b>	Middleton Tyas
<b>9.30am Holy Communion CW</b>		Rev. J. Lane
Sidesmen	Miss M. Brown	Mrs. S. Mahaffy
Reader	Mrs. S. Vaux	
Readings	Romans 5, 1-11 P 103	John 4, 5-42 P 104
<b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Mothering Sunday</b>	Middleton Tyas
<b>9.30 Family Service with Holy Communion</b>		Rev. J. Lane
Sidesmen	Mrs. P. Aitken	Mr. R. Aitken
Reader	Mrs. P. Swanston	
Readings	1 Samuel 16, 1-13 P 107	John 9, 1-41 P 109

**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](mailto:jennilane2013@btinternet.com)

Cleaning Rota:  
w/b 6 and 13 March Mrs Mahaffy and Mrs Donnison  
20 and 27 Mrs brookes and Mrs Potts

Flower Rota:  
There are no flowers during Lent.

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