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What's all the fuss about?

The A1 Leeming to Barton Scheme is one of the largest and most complex civil engineering projects in the country, interesting and challenging for all sorts of reasons. Living with it though, we understandably just want to know when it's going to be finished. The recent announcement that work would continue until the end of the year wasn't exactly a cause for celebration. So, another whole holiday season in prospect looking for cunning ways of avoiding Scotch Corner during the hours of daylight because it's jammed solid with traffic and during the hours of darkness because it's closed? I talked to representatives of the project team to see if there was any good news.

Most immediately, the contraflow system on the A66 should be coming towards an end before the school summer holidays and this will help with the traffic flow at Scotch Corner and make life easier if you are heading west. The section of the motorway between Leeming and Catterick Central is well advanced and the 50mph speed restriction here should soon be a thing of the past. That section of the local access road (LAR) is also due to be open by the end of August so if there are any problems on the motorway, traffic can be taken off fairly seamlessly. The LAR between Catterick North and Richmond Road (the A6108) won't open until September but that's better than the end of the year.

When can we look forward to an end to the not very magical mystery tour of negotiating cones and roundabouts when all you want to do is go to Richmond? That won't happen until after the summer holidays but should take place in September. As for Scotch Corner roundabout itself, that is due for completion in October. *Continues on page 9*)

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

Thank you to everyone who had a go on our Guess the Number of Eggs game. Congratulations to Vanessa and Jim who correctly guessed that there were 137. And thanks to Jim who gave the eggs back to the shop to give out to customers for free - although that means I'm now faced with free chocolate every time I'm in work. Bang goes the diet. Helen

Still on the chocolate theme Mrs Crimble's **Double Choc Brownies** are a dream They're gluten-free but they are totally moist, chocolatey and delicious. £1.85 for a pack of four.

Support Yorkshire producers! Drink more beer!

You've heard about the Great Yorkshire Brewery's **Yorkshire Warrior** beer before, now they have been joined by:

- Monkman's Slaughter not as violent as it sounds! Mr Monkman grows the barley, Mr Slaughter is the brewer and chemist. It's been brewed in Cropton since 1603.
 6.5%AV
- Yorkshire Blackout a C18 London style beer showcasing flavours of chocolate and vanilla. 5% AV
- Two Chefs seasoned with a pinch of lemon thyme, acknowledging the chefs at The Star and the Pipe and Glass inn. 4%AV

- Yorkshire Classic a light, smooth, malty taste balanced with complex biscuity flavours. 45AV
- Not forgetting Yorkshire Cider 'Tastes like apples and nowt else' 4.8%AV

All £2.10 for 500 mls

Support Yorkshire producers! Eat pizza!

Try our Yorkshire Handmade Pizzas

- Classic
- Pepperoni and Roast Red Pepper

£3.75

Support Yorkshire Producers! Buy cards!

Fans of Mark Denton's lovely cards showing his photographs of Yorkshire landscapes and life of town, coast and countryside, of whom there are many, will be delighted to hear that Mark is bringing out a new card featuring Middleton Tyas Church. Supplies should be arriving any time soon.

Stuck for something to read?

We have a display of previously read paperbacks inside the door. They're yours in exchange for a donation to shop funds. Buy a cup of coffee and read a chapter outside in the sunshine before you go home.

A problem with soggy bloomers!

Look away now if you're shocked! There's something not quite right about our white bloomer loaves. We've taken it up with the supplier and hope to have them back in stock once the problem is solved.

News from the parish council

There has been considerable progress on the projects related to surface water management in Middleton Tyas since the last Parish Council meeting.

Starting at the top of the village, Euro Garages and Moto have agreed the cost of three exploratory archaeological trenches and contractors are instructed to start the work towards the end of May.

Moving down the village to below Garden Cottage a manhole has now been constructed in the culvert that runs through the village from Kneeton Park. It is also good to see that the diversionary works to take excess water from the Slough into Cow Pasture has now started and will be finished in the next couple of weeks.

Finally, further design work on the wider catchment attenuation above Kneeton Lane has been completed; this project promises to capture much of the water that runs down through the village in times of heavy rainfall and then to release it at a reduced rate which the drains can deal with.

So, some really good news. Those affected will also want to know that Landteam is investigating the sewage smell coming off the field to the rear of the Scotch Corner Services.

Play Park

The Parish Council recognises that the continuing closure of the play park has, understandably, been a source of great frustration to many residents. This closure has been necessary to enable the new grassmatting to bed in and the new grass to become established. During this time, A1L2B has installed new fencing to make the park secure and we have replaced a number of the components in the trim trail. Following a safety inspection by an outside agency, some further minor works are required. However, we hope to reopen the play park, with exception of the slide, in the very near future. This piece of equipment will remain out of use and will be fenced off until the work to address a number of safety issues has been completed.

The Richmondshire Rover

The Richmondshire Rover has now been operating for several months. We have received a number of

enthusiastic reports from residents who have used it. Early indications are that it has the potential to be a real success and to become a vital link for the village. The Little White Bus Company will be reviewing the service this summer to confirm that it is viable and to determine whether any changes to the timetable are required. Please give the service a try and let us have any suggestions by the end of May to improve the service.

Planning issues

Peter Featherstone, RDC Planning and Development Manager, will be coming to the next parish council meeting on 11 May to explain the local planning system and how it affects us.

There will be a Q&A session after his talk. If you have any specific issues of concern to do with village planning please let the Parish Clerk know by 4 May so that Mr Featherstone can be made aware beforehand.

PARISH ASSEMBLY

Parish Assembly? Groan! Yawn! I'd rather chew glass than go to another ********** meeting! Is that a fair summary of your immediate reaction?

Then that is such a shame. The Parish Assembly is the one opportunity that everyone in the parish has to get together with all the agencies, organisations bodies and clubs that have a role in the parish to call them to account, hear what has been going on in the past year and have their say in shaping things for the future. It isn't a parish council meeting though the parish council has the formal responsibility for ensuring that it takes place every year.

It's the discussion that takes place which is the important bit. It is always interesting and generally results in some change, hopefully an improvement to some aspect of village life. Sometimes the discussion can be hard-hitting, usually it is cooperative and optimistic in outlook. Things usually are when you get the right people together.

It's actually an essential contribution to community life. And it only takes an hour and a half out of your life! Please don't be put off by the apparent formality of the agenda on page 4. We rattle through the agenda and it's the discussion that goes with it that matters. Please make this the year when you decide that, because you are a

ANNUAL MEETING & PARISH ASSEMBLY for the Parish of Middleton Tyas

to be held in the **Memorial Hall** on **Thursday 18 May 2017 at 7.00 pm**

This annual meeting is for <u>ALL RESIDENTS of the PARISH</u> and you are cordially invited to attend. It is your chance to hear what your County Councillor, District Councillor, Parish Councillors, the Police and many village organisations have been doing over the past 12 months. You will also have the opportunity to ask the presenters any questions you may have. PLEASE COME ALONG AND SUPPORT YOUR VILLAGE COMMUNITY AT THIS ANNUAL GATHERING. Members of the Press are also welcome to attend.

DRAFT AGENDA

- 1. Apologies
- 2. Minutes of the last meeting held on 26th May 2016
- 3. Matters Arising from the last Minutes

Annual Reports from:

- 4. Parish Council Chairman
- 5. Parish Council Treasurer
- 6. County Councillor
- 7. District Councillor
- 8. North Yorkshire Police
- 9. Cricket Club
- 10. Memorial Hall Management Committee
- 11. Middleton Tyas C of E Primary School / School Governors
- 12. Neighbourhood Watch
- 13. Residents' Association
- 14. St Michael & All Angels Parochial Church Council
- 15. Village History Society
- 16. Village News
- 17. Village Shop Management Committee
- 18. Emergency Plan Update
- 19. Any other business
- 20. Questions from residents

(Meeting should end at approximately 8.30pm)

MIDDLETON TYAS PARISH COUNCIL

Interested in local planning issues?

Concerned about plans for a specific development?

Worried about plans for future development?

Peter Featherstone, Planning and Development Manager for Richmondshire District Council will be coming to the next Parish Council meeting on Thursday 11 May at 7.00

He will be talking about the local planning system and how it affects Middleton Tyas.

This will be your chance to ask him general and specific questions about planning.

If you now what you would like to ask him about specific issues, please contact the Parish Clerk, Christine Jones (<u>clerk.mtyas@live.co.uk</u> or telephone 377062) by 4 May so that Mr Featherstone can be made aware of the topic that particularly interests you.

Moulton matters

Plant Sale 2017

We look forward to welcoming you to the Plant sale on Saturday May 6^h from 11.00 to 3.00. Donations of plants of all sorts, both outdoor and indoor may be brought along to St Andrew's Church on Friday 5^h at 6.00 pm or on the day. Why not clear out the potting shed? Let us have your redundant tools, the pots you no longer need and any other garden paraphernalia. Donations of cakes and other produce will also be

welcome on the day.

Our legendary bacon and/or sausage butties will be available and why not have a go on our fabulous tombola!

Thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing you.

Books in the Bus Shelter

The sale of books, DVDs and CDs in the bus shelter during March and April raised £22.68. 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. All proceeds will go towards Moulton Village Association funds.

Best Kept Village

Moulton has entered The Rotary Club of Richmond Best Kept Village Competition once again. Everyone in the village makes a terrific effort to keep verges, beds and baskets in tip top condition and we have been successful in recent years. Good luck in keeping them in good shape. The judging will take place during the first two weeks of July.

Sadly the judges will miss seeing the fantastic display of daffodils around the village. These were planted by the Moulton Village Association back in the autumn in memory of Marg Nicholson. We'll have plenty of photographs to display for the judges and we trust you have enjoyed them.

Highways Maintenance

The corners by the church have been re-instated after installation of the cabinet and the corner of the Green has been repaired by the company whose vehicle damaged it.

Village Communications

If any resident would like to receive updates from NYCC, RDC, A1I2b 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.

May: Mr and Mrs Stephens June: Jo Spence

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 <u>http://www.ef-mtschools.co.uk</u>, then News and then Newsletters and sign up for the weekly Newsletter.

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NCR 16

A big thank you to all who attended the Bridge Afternoon in the Memorial Hall on Friday 10 March. The afternoon was in aid of the Middleton Tyas Community First Responder group and raised the magnificent sum of £556.85 including several donations.. A big thanks also to the organisers, Joan Stenson, Shanah Smailes and Liz Barker and the folks who kindly donated raffle prizes This money has already been spent on cold weather kit, training equipment and resuscitation equipment.

The team is now six strong, two of whom are undergoing Ambulance Service training and hope to be qualified soon. The aim is to get the team to a strength of 10-12 which will enable us to be on call thirty days every month.

We are still looking for volunteers, and a room to carry out our training once a month which we hope to get in the village. Of course we are also always looking for funds to support our (hopefully) increasing numbers.

This brings me back to where I started. Again thanks to all who supported the Bridge Afternoon and "Come on all you would be medics'. We need you.

Please support us. Remember one day you may need us. NCR 16 Co-ordinator Tony Smailes Tel: 339856

Scanner Appeal Coffee Morning

Many thanks to everyone who supported the recent coffee morning in aid of the MRI Scanner Appeal for the Friarage Hospital, Northallerton which, thanks to your generosity, raised £315.

The coffee morning provided a good opportunity for the Middleton Tyas Arts and Crafts group to display the knitted goods it has been producing over the past year.

The group, which was set up originally to provide space and a regular opportunity to meet and

exchange ideas for people pursuing a variety of hobbies, turned to knitting to support a Richmondshire Soroptimists project to supply brightly coloured jumpers and hats for HIV babies in Zimbabwe. After that, the group just kept knitting and has now supported a project in Kenya with clothes for babies and small children and sent premature baby knitteds to a hospital in New Zealand.



Pauline Aitken, Thelma Marshall, Diana Donnison, Susan Mahaffy (still knitting!) and Rosa McKibbin with some of the knitted goods on display.

The group is currently working with 'Knit for Peace', a humanitarian organization which liaises with charities working all over the world and in the UK, wherever there are people in desperate need of blankets and warm clothing. The blankets and knitted clothes for all ages and a knitted doll displayed at the coffee morning are now on their way.

When not knitting, the group has also produced colourful backpacks, made from curtain material samples which will be filled with school supplies and sent to Mary's Meals, a Scottish charity supporting children's educational needs in parts of Africa.

If you have any unwanted knitting wool, preferably double knitting but we'll work with anything, spare knitting needles or unwanted knitting patterns please ring 377600.



CUBAN RUM NIGHT Friday 19 May, from 6.00 until Midnight. Taster Evening with Havana Club £35pp, including three cocktails and tapas.

OPEN AIR THEATRE-PRIDE AND PREJUDICE

Thursday 8 June, starts at 7.45 on The Main House lawn Tickets £15pp for adults, £10pp for children aged 5-14 years. Children under 5 years are free of charge.

MINI SHOOT DAY WITH BRETT HARKNESS Saturday 17 June, from 9.30 - 6.00 Family photo shoot session available on the estate. £95 per 20 minute session

FATHER'S DAY LUNCH AT THE COACH HOUSE Sunday 18 June, from 12.00 – 4.00. Two courses for £28, three courses for £35

SUMMER OUTDOOR CINEMA SEASON Film listings coming soon.

OPEN AIR THEATRE-JANE EYRE Thursday 6 July, starts at 7.00 on The Main House lawn. Tickets £15pp for adults £10pp for children aged 5-14 years. Children under 5 years are free of charge.

OPEN AIR THEATRE-THE WIND IN THE WILLOWS Wednesday 26 July, gates open at 2.00, performance at 3.00

£8.50pp or £30 for a family ticket (2 adults, 2 children or 1 adult, 3 children)

OPEN AIR THEATRE-DOGS DON'T DO BALLET

Wednesday 16 August, gates open at 2pm, performance at 3pm Children's outdoor theatre performance £8.50pp or £30 for a family ticket (as above)

OPEN AIR THEATRE-COMEDY OF ERRORS

Thursday 7 September, 7.45pm Tickets £15pp for adults, £10pp for children aged 5-14 years. Children under 5 years are free of charge

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For more information or to book an event please visit our website: <u>www.middletonlodge.co.uk/events</u> or telephone 01325 377977

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Middleton Tyas Memorial Hall Wednesday 10 May 2.00-5.00 Bridge with an Afternoon Tea & Raffle

Tickets, £10 per person, are available from Joan Stenson (Tel 339081) or Shanah Smailes (Tel 339856)

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What's all the fuss about?

(Continues from page 1) Over the summer period A1L2B's contractors will be doing all they can to ease the traffic pain at Scotch Corner and elsewhere. The phasing of traffic lights is constantly monitored and adjusted and extensive research is being carried out to help traffic flow. Behind the scenes a traffic management team works 24/7 videoing traffic flow and reacting promptly to problem areas building up.

That's all very good but what about the feeling, which I think we all share sometimes, that things are left half done and some areas are never going to be finished. You rarely see anybody actually doing anything at Scotch Corner roundabout and the stretch between Kneeton Lane and Silver Street (the road from the Barton Interchange into Barton) just looks like abandoned banks of earth.

The problem with Scotch Corner roundabout is that space is very restricted. It's not possible to bring in the heavy equipment needed <u>and</u> keep the road open, quite apart from ensuring the safety of the people working there. So virtually all the work is done at night and things go quiet "We Can Dance" Registered Charity no 1136698

Ascot Ladies' Day At Crathorne Hall Yarm On Thursday 22 June 2017 Buck's Fizz reception at 11.30 am Followed by Lunch at 12.30 pm

Afternoon refreshments at 3 pm

Full televised coverage of the afternoon's racing programme – Betting Sheets available

Pretty Hat Competition - Raffle

Tickets £25.00 Available 01325 335998 and 01325 377633

during the day. Obvious when it's pointed out, isn't it? You can keep abreast of planned closures by following A1L2B Traffic Management Cascade which gives you a week-by-week map of closures for the whole project area. This can be requested from their public liaison team, either by e-mailing enquiries@a1l2b.com or calling 01677 932 300.

As for Kneeton Lane and Silver Street, that hasn't been forgotten. There is still work to do, due to be completed in October, on both junctions to take it easier and smoother for vehicles to negotiate the turnings. As for the landscaping, not unreasonably, you don't plant trees and grass during the summer months when it is likely to be dry so the remainder of the planting won't resume until November. We may have to put up with the weeds until then but part of the contract is to look after landscaping for five years after completion so the thistles etc should, in the longer term, be dealt with.

So why has the delay happened in the first place? How come the extra six months? You've probably all heard by now about the further archaeological dig that is taking place but there is also the massive challenge of not only improving the road but working with third parties who need to divert utility services as well. Gas, electricity, water, telephone supplies and fibre-optics all need to be diverted to allow for the new routes of the road. All have different requirements and are managed by different organizations with different priorities, timescales and budgets from Highways England. There is a whole team working on the co-ordination required with the owners of the supplies.

The whole project is the second largest in England (until recently it was the largest) and has been a huge learning opportunity for contractors and for the government. These things go in waves and road building projects on this scale are currently reaching completion with no more immediately to follow. Once these are completed, things should go quiet until 2020 when we can expect it all to take off again (though not near here, we hope!)

In its day the construction of the main road North by the Romans was similarly technologically advanced. Maybe they had the similar management problems? Who knows? But we'll come back to the Romans at Scotch Corner next month. *Editor*

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Church News

Rev Jenni Lane was on holiday at the time of going to press.

New Hymn Books

St Michael's Church has recently bought 100 new hymn books - Ancient and Modern -Hymns and Songs for Refreshing Worship. This new hymn book embraces all the traditional hymns, but also has around 250 extra hymns and songs that are more modern and familiar to families. The books are already in use and are proving to be very popular.

The books cost £10 each, and we are inviting anyone who would like to fund a book or a number of books to let us know, and we will inscribe in the front any dedication they may wish to record eg in memory of a loved one. Any contributions will help to support the running of our village church.

If you would like to dedicate one or more books please contact Liz Croft or Steve Hill next time you visit he church.

St Michael's Majors

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The tea this month will be on the second Thursday, which is May 11. The usual travel arrangements apply.

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

Saturday 20 May 2017 10.30 - 12.00 in the Memorial Hall.

Adults £4 Children £2.00

We look forward to welcoming new and old friends

Open Gardens Great and Small

St Michael and All Angels Church **Open Gardens**

Sunday 25 June 1.00 5.00

Entrance £4pp 50p for children

This includes tea/coffee and a cream scone

Come and watch the Morris Dancers

Proceeds in aid of church funds

Church flowers

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Pauline Aitken and Mary Parker will be doing the flowers for the first half of the month. If anyone would like to fill in for the second half of the month or any other time, please do. Many thanks Sara Vaux

Claiming dates

Saturday 6 May 10.30 am - 12 noon. Coffee Morning with Bacon Butties Saturday 6 May Moulton Plant Sale Thursday 11 May 7.00 Parish Council Meeting June

Sunday 25 June 2.00 - 6.00 Open Gardens Great and Small 1.00 – 5.00

Thursday 8 June 7.00 Parish Council Meeting

October

Tuesday 17 October 11.30 – 3.00 'Bloom where you are planted' with Lucy Smith NAFAS The Coach House Middleton Lodge

Editor's corner

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

(CHURCH SERVICES – MAY 2017	
Sunday 7th May	4 th . Sunday of Easter	Middleton Tyas
9.30 am New Family Service with Holy Communion		Rev . J. Lane
Sidesmen	Miss M. Brown	Mrs. P. Swanston
Reader	Mrs. E. Croft	
Readings	Acts 2, 42-47 P 204	John 10, 1-10 P 206
There	will be refreshments after this se	rvice
Sunday 14th May	5 th . Sunday of Easter	Middleton Tyas
9.30 Morning Prayer CW		Mr. H. Swanston
Sidesmen	Mrs. P. Aitken	Mr. R. Aitken
Reader	Mr. A. Hindhaugh	
Readings	Acts 7, 55-60 P 207	John 14, 1-14 P 209
Sunday 14th May	5 th . Sunday of Easter	Moulton
6pm Holy Communion BCP		Rev. J. Lane
Readings	Acts 7, 55-60 P 207	John 14, 1-14 P 209
Sunday 21 st May	6th. Sunday of Easter	Middleton Tyas
9.30am Holy Communion CW(T)		Rev. J. Lane
Sidesmen	Mrs. M. Hill	Mr. S. Hill
Reader	Mrs. S. Vaux	
Readings	Acts 17, 22-31 P 210	John 14, 15-21 P 213
Sunday 28 th . May	7 th . Sunday of Easter	Middleton Tyas
9.30am Morning Prayer CW		Mrs. V. Waugh
Sidesmen	Mrs. S. Mahaffy	Mrs. S. Baxter
Reader	Mrs. V. Thomas	
Readings	Acts 1, 6-14 P 218	John 17, 1-11 P 220

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/b1 May and 8 MayMrs Cook and Mrs Millar15 May and 22 MayMrs Simpson and Mrs Alsop29 MayMrs Whittle and Mrs Aitken

Flower Rota: Pauline Aitken and Mary Parker will be doing the flowers for the first half of the month. If anyone would like to fill in for the second half of the month or any other time, please do.