



And did those feet,
in ancient times...

This lovely picture first appeared in the Village News in December 2002 and it is a pleasure to run it again. Its gentle reminder of light in the darkness speaks to the age-old human longing for light, hope, peace, joy and renewal even in the dark heart of winter.

In the sixteen years that I have been editor John Davies has produced so many beautiful drawings for the front page. We have been so fortunate that a small village community newsletter like the Village News has had drawings of such quality which, I know, have given many people a lot of pleasure. Thank you very much, John.

Thank you also to all the regular contributors who have faithfully supplied copy month after month and have kept us all up to date with unfolding events. It would really all have been a bit pointless without you.

And it would never have happened at all without the support of the team of distributors, some of whom have been doing the job longer than me. Not many places have a monthly newsletter delivered to every household free of charge. I think that is something of which we can be very proud and for which I take no credit.

That the Village News happens at all is due to the financial support from Middleton Tyas Parish Council and several other local organisations; to the support of the businesses which choose to advertise with us; and most of all to the many individuals who put their hands in their pockets (especially at this time of year!) and make a donation because they feel the Village News is worth supporting. I have appreciated your support more than I can adequately say.

I realise this is beginning to run the risk of turning in to an Oscars Awards – type speech but I have just to mention Graham who has helped me with all the technical difficulties (To the very last! This issue has taken the biscuit for computers crashing, not speaking to printers or scanners etc), delivering copies to distributors, doing the accounts etc. It has been a total double act.

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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**

Big Thanks

Big thanks to Hollyacre Farm, Gilling West, our egg supplier, for very kindly donating all the eggs consumed at the Big Man's Breakfast.

Still looking for little Christmas presents?

The perfect gift for people who miss Middleton Tyas – Richard O'Neill's range of products bearing a summer or winter image of Middleton Tyas would be perfect.

- Boxed Mugs £5.00
- Tea caddy with tea bags £7.80
- Prints £5.00
- Mouse mats £4.00
- Blank cards for your own message plus tea towels, tote bags and aprons

New from Border Biscuits - Snack Packs!

A brilliant addition to lunch boxes. They come boxes of eight twin-packs in four different flavours.

£2.65

And a very more-ish addition to the Border Biscuits range:

Luxury Shortbread Fingers
£1.85

**COME AND SEE US AT THE SCHOOL'S
CHRISTMAS SHOPPING EXTRAVAGANZA
ON THURSDAY 7 DECEMBER AT 6.00**

Picky eaters?

Most kids eat pasta but if yours takes a bit of persuading this might just do the trick.

Organic Farm Kid's Pasta - £1.75

Every mouthful is a farm animal shape

Special requests from customers.....

..... but they'll be happy to share with you.

- Tetley's Red Bush Tea bags - £2.09
- Crimble's Belgian Choc Brownies - £1.60

It's the time of year to lay in delicious nibbles and we've got loads of them!

- Randles Cheese Straws with Mediterranean Herbs £2.85
- Randles Honey and Mustard Cheese Palmiers £2.85
- Mondovino Wild Mushroom Crackers
- Mondovino Black Olive and |Caper Crackers both £2.35
- Thomas J. Fudge's packs of Sunflower and Caraway and pumpkin and Sesame Crackers £3.55
- Tangy Stilton Wafers ££3.25
- Melty Cheddar Wafers £3.25

Still thinking about Christmas Baking?

- Robinson's Mincemeat £1.69 for 411gms
- Currants and Sultanas £`1.45 for 375 gms

Bah Humbug!

We've got loads of remedies for Festive Flu, colds and sore throats, though we hope you won't need them.

Benylin Cold and Flu Capsules, Lemsips, Buttercup Cough Syrup, Strepsils, Locketts , Nurofen etc etc

**HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND A GOOD NEW
YEAR TO ALL OUR CUSTOMERS**

We'll be closed Christmas Day, Boxing day and New Year's Day. Otherwise business as usual.

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This is a joint December/January issue so I have no hesitation about talking about new beginnings even though we haven't even had Christmas yet.

This is my last issue of the Village News and as from the February issue, Craig Jones will be your new editor. You can contact him on mtmvillagenews@hotmail.com or at Virginia House, The Green, Middleton Tyas or by telephoning 07525466755. I'm sure he will want copy by the 20th of the month too.

I'm very much looking forward to seeing Craig's new incarnation of the Village News, (especially when it just comes through my letter box like everyone else's!) and I wish him every success.

The Village News will continue to be a diary of upcoming events in both villages plus print-ready copy from you of anything you want included. Every three months or so there will be a bumper issue in full colour with some feature articles and photos of recent events.

Finally, I'd like to thank you, the faithful readers who have read this far. You are what it has always been about.

I wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a safe, hopeful, joyous and peaceful New Year.
Diana Thomas

News from the parish council

Play Park

Residents will be aware that work is almost complete in line with the Annual Inspection recommendations meaning that the Park is becoming a real asset to the community.

However, we do need some people to organise events in order to raise money enabling us to make it even better. Please could you contact us if you can help at all? We need help to do things, not just come up with ideas.... All suggestions will be welcomed.

Surface Water Management

The third catchment pond above Kneeton Lane is almost finished, meaning that this phase of the project is completed. It is hoped that the catchment pond below MOTO will be constructed during the Spring when the weather is more suitable and agreement and funding by Eurogarages and MOTO is finalised.

Defibrillator awareness session open to all residents

Residents are invited to an open session intended to raise awareness of how to use our defibrillator which is situated on the wall outside the Memorial Hall. This will be on 6th December at 2pm **in the Memorial Hall**. Please put it in your diaries. All are encouraged to attend.

Building a sustainable future for the Friarage

In October, South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust launched a programme of engagement events entitled Building a sustainable future for the Friarage which will run until Wednesday 20 December 2017.

The purpose of these events is to:

- Share our current challenges so we can start a conversation about how these might be addressed and to help shape any proposals going forward.
- Gather feedback and thoughts on how we can deliver safe and sustainable services in the long term from our Friarage site, given the challenges we face.
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The Trusts's Director of Estates, Procurement & ICT, Kevin Oxley, has been invited to join the next meeting of Middleton Tyas Parish Council on **Thursday 14 December 2017, which starts at 7.10.**

All residents are invited to attend the event in the Memorial Hall to hear what Kevin Oxley has to say and to join in a Q&A session afterwards.

Further information is also available on the Trust's website at www.southtees.nhs.uk/friarage including a resources section with leaflets, Q&A and other information.

Moulton matters

Books in the Bus Shelter

The sale of books, CDs and produce in the bus shelter during October and November raised £58.39. We have already beaten our total for 2016 and will update in February once we have the proceeds from December. Thanks to all those who have supported us during 2017 and we look forward to seeing you at the bus shelter in the New Year.

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.

December: Jo Spence.

January: Mr and Mrs Gentry

Quiz Night in Moulton

This will be in February. Watch out for the date.

Community First Responders

It is nearly a year since I started the scheme at a local level here in Middleton Tyas. At the time of writing, from 17 April to date we have attended 24 calls, all as a result of 999 calls. Although we might wish none of them had been necessary, I am sure our presence, together with that of the regular Ambulance Service, was a godsend to the unfortunate people involved.

Community support has been patchy, The Memorial Hall Committee has kindly allowed us to use the hall on two evenings for our training sessions and a Bridge Afternoon, also in the hall, provided a kick start for our fund raising to purchase uniform and equipment. Several months ago I also wrote to all the businesses on the Scotch Corner Services area, Middleton Lodge and the Parish Council hoping for some support but haven't had a response as yet.

So it is working but we could do so much more. My main plea is for more volunteers. We should like to have enough volunteers to offer cover every day but with only three teams, which is what we have at present, that's difficult.

January is the traditional time for recruitment so I am hoping about six more people will join this very worthwhile cause. How about it? If you are interested, please call me and I will give you any information you need to help you make the decision. The minimum age is 16 and there is no upper age limit. I know of one responder who is 89!

Finally, the usual plea of any volunteer group trying to provide a service is, of course, money. During this year we need to find about £1000 for uniform and equipment. Need I say more?

Thanks for reading this and I hope you feel that you might be able to help in some way. We really

do need your support and, you never know, you might need us one day.

Tony Smailes, Co-Ordinator NCR 16

Tel: 339856

Email: tsmailles@gmail.com

WI

The next meeting of Middleton Tyas WI will be on Tuesday 12 December in the Memorial Hall at 7.00. New members are very welcome. The evening will include a Christmas Felt Bauble Workshop, If you are a possible new member or you missed the last meeting please ring Leanne on 377321 to confirm that you are coming so we can order enough materials for everyone.

Thank you

Very many thanks to everyone who supported in any way the Arts and Crafts Group coffee morning in aid of the Friarage Hospital MRI Scanner Appeal on 4 November. We raised £380.

Susan Mahaffy

Congratulations

Many congratulations to Greta and Jim Crayton (24 Oakfields) who celebrated their Diamond Wedding on 7 September. They celebrated by re-visiting the hotel near Loch Lomond (where else?) where they spent their honeymoon and have received a message of congratulations from Her Majesty the Queen. They have expressed the wish for no fuss, cards or presents please but I am sure everyone would join me in sending them congratulations and all good wishes

Editor



Middleton Tyas C of E Primary School PTA presents

Christmas Shopping

Extravaganza

Thursday 7th December

6 – 8.30 pm

Entry Adults £2 Children FREE

The very best Christmas Fair with over 30 amazing stalls:



- ★ Fashion Accessories
- ★ Handbags and Jewellery
- ★ Food and Drink
- ★ Books and Toys
- ★ Shabby Chic Gifts
- ★ Homeware and Lots More
- ★ Tea/Coffee and mince pies

For More Information: 01325 377285

Email: friends@ef-mtschoools.co.uk

Middleton Tyas Primary School, Kneeton Lane, Middleton Tyas,
Richmond, DL10 6SF

CALL THE MIDWIFE

A Christmas theatrical treat by the children at Middleton Tyas Primary School.

All residents and friends are warmly invited to the Christmas Dress Rehearsal.

Tickets are free but seats are limited so please ring the school on 377285 to reserve your tickets.

We look forward to seeing you there and on behalf of the staff and pupils wish you all a very Happy Christmas.

A Christmas Afternoon Tea

At Middleton Tyas Memorial Hall
Sunday 10 December, 3.00 – 5.00

Tickets available from the Post Office
£10 for adults, £5 for children
(Including a welcoming sherry drink or juice)

In aid of
'We Can Dance'

A charity providing dance lessons for children with special needs helping them to experience joy and laughter.

A truly festive occasion for all the family. Visit from Santa and a Christmas Raffle

YMCA Richmond, The Jonas Centre, Redmire
and

THE STATION SINGERS

Present

CHRISTMAS CONCERT WITH CANDLELIGHT

Saturday 9 December at 7.30
St Mary's Church Richmond £8, £10 on the door

Tickets available from Castle Hill Books,
Husbands and Wives, King Street Kitchen and
Gift Shop. All in Richmond.

A BIG THANK YOU to all the residents of Middleton Tyas who very kindly participated in Trick or Treat night, from me (Leanne), the parents and children of the village. All the children received loads of sweets and thoroughly enjoyed the night. This is only possible because of your generosity in taking part and making this a fun night out for the kids. I hope you all enjoyed the scary costumes and happy faces that came to your door on the night.

Leanne Harknett

Hallowe'en Disco

Thank you so much to everyone who came. The kids looked amazing in their costumes. Their faces were a picture eating the sour sweets and touching the hidden spiders legs and bat poo !!! We raise £100 for the memorial Hall along with having lots of fun, just look at the state of those parents...



Church News

The musings of Charlie, the Rectory canine

Christmas is my favourite time of the year. There are lights, and food to be filched, and parcels to be ripped open, and food to be filched and if I'm in the right place at the right time, more food to be filched. The only draw-back to Christmas is my nose. I have a condition which the biscuit-buyer, aka Jenni, has found out is called 'snow nose': in short, on the longest day of the year my snout is black, on the shortest it's light pink. Apparently it's a temperature thing, but it doesn't

stop Eve singing 'Charlie the pink-nosed doggy' when she's feeling festive.

The other thing I like about Christmas are all the doggy gift catalogues that land on the doormat. I spend hours writing my Christmas present list – making sure I carefully copy just which magazine my choices have come from, together with page numbers and where necessary, codes, just to avoid any confusion.

Alas, I am never left to anything in peace, and as I was given particular thought as to what bed I would like (memory foam or goose down – decisions, decisions), a voice said, "I got a cow for Christmas last year." This threw me slightly. I couldn't remember there being an abundance of beef, and just how had the biscuit-buyer managed to sneak it into the Rectory when I wasn't looking? In fact I was temporarily rendered speechless, which obviously gave Jenni the opportunity to continue unhindered. "Some friends bought a cow on my behalf so that a meaningful contribution could be made to those in much greater need than ourselves Charlie. You can send hens, goats, cows, seeds, and loads of other stuff too. What is really amazing is that such a small amount of money can do such a lot."

I didn't like the direction the contribution was going. "Don't be daft!", I yapped, "Where are you going to find a box big enough to send a cow to Africa?" Silly human..... never thinks things through. "Websites, Oxfam, even adverts in newspapers have details on how to do this. You donate money on behalf of someone which goes towards things that are most needed, and in return, the donor receives a thank you card and details on how the gift helps. It's a brilliant Christmas present for the dog who has everything, which incidentally you do." "I don't have a memory foam bed", I replied. "There are doggies both here and in Africa which don't have a home, let alone a bed!", the biscuit-buyer replied. I sensed that resistance was futile. I sloped off muttering, "I'll just get cold and feel unloved then.....". "Jolly good", she retorted.

“Means I can have my own bed back.” Bah humbug!

Wishing you peace and joy from all in the Rectory this Christmastide. *Charlie*

Archaeology Talk

A huge thank you to everyone who came to Dr Jonathan Shipley's second talk on the archaeological finds at Scotch Corner. Thank you also to the willing helpers who contributed so much to making it an interesting and enjoyable evening. Your efforts were greatly appreciated.

The money raised from the second talk was £491, which was quite brilliant.

Diana Donnison

Big Clean in St Michael's Church

Many thanks to those who were able to give their time and effort to bring our church up to its fresh and sparkling best once again. All who worship and visit, regularly compliment us on the high standard maintained. Your hard work on big clean day, and throughout the year is greatly appreciated.

Thanks again to you all

Muriel Hill

Church Flowers

Please could all you lovely flower arrangers meet at the church on Friday 22 December at 10.00 to decorate the church for Christmas. I will bring the usual red carnations and if you could all bring a bunch of something else cheerful, and some greenery, that would be lovely.

I will be responsible for the flowers in January but would be grateful if you could all fill in the odd slot on the new rota which is now up in church. Very many thanks to you all in advance.

Sara

St Michael's Majors

I hope you have all remembered that the Christmas party will be held on Thursday 7 December. Usual time, usual place and we will ring those who need help with travel. If any one knows anybody who would like to join us for the party please let Liz, Jean, Pauline or me know in advance and we will ask them personally.

The tea in January will be held on the third Thursday which is the 18th.

Sara

St Michael and All Angels Church

Please join us for a candle-lit

ADVENT CAROL SERVICE

on Sunday, 3rd December
at 3pm in church

Everybody Welcome- bring a neighbour
along too!

Have a good sing and listen to a selection
of readings



*Please join us to sing
Carols on the Green*

**On Tuesday 19 December at
7.00**

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

***If the weather is bad carol singing will
be in the Memorial Hall.***

St. Michael & All Angels Church

Church cleaning rota

w/b 4 December Mrs Whittle and Mrs Aitken
w/b 11 & 18 December Mrs Nimmins
w/b 25 Dec & 1 January Mrs I Stead & Mrs Wood
w/b 8 & 15 Jan Mrs White Mrs Begley
Jan 22 & 29 Mrs McKibbin Mrs Vaux &
Mrs Nimmins

Thursday 21 December 7.00 Parish Council meeting

January

Thursday 11 January 7.00 Parish Council meeting

February

February 8 7.00 Parish Council meeting-----

Claiming dates

December

Saturday 2 December 7.30 – 10.00. Festive Supper

Thursday 7 December 6.00 - 8.30 Christmas Shopping Extravaganza MT Primary School

Sunday 10 December A Christmas Afternoon Tea 3.00 – 5.00

Thursday 14 December 7,00 Parish Council meeting

Monday 18 December 2.00 Dress rehearsal of 'Call the Midwife', MT Primary School

Tuesday 19 December 7.00 Carols on The Green

Editor's Corner

Don't forget, the next issue will be February 2017 for which the copy date is 20 January, Copy should be sent to Craig Jones, your new editor, at mtmvillagenews@hotmail.com or to Virginia House, The Green, Middleton Tyas or by telephoning Craig on 07525466755.

CHURCH SERVICES – DECEMBER 2017		
Sunday 3rd December	Advent Sunday	Middleton Tyas
3pm An Advent Carol Service- a service of carols and readings		Rev. J. Lane
Sidesmen	Mrs. M. Hill	Mr. S. Hill
THERE WILL NOT BE A MORNING SERVICE AT MIDDLETON TYAS		
Sunday 10th December	2nd Sunday of Advent	Middleton Tyas
9.30 Morning Prayer (CW)		Mr. A. Hindhaugh
Sidesmen	Mrs. S. Baxter	Mrs. J. Nimmins
Reader	Mrs. Croft	
Readings	Isaiah 40, 1-11 P396	Mark 1, 1-8 P398
Sunday 10th December	2nd Sunday of Advent	Moulton
6pm Evening Prayer BCP		Mr. M. Idale
Readings	Isaiah 40, 1-11 P 396	Mark 1, 1-8 P 398
Sunday 17th December	3rd Sunday of Advent	Middleton Tyas
Holy Communion CW(T)		Rev. J. Lane
Sidesmen	Mrs. S. Vaux	Miss M. Brown
Reader	Mr. Hindhaugh	
Readings	Thessalonians5, 16-24 P 401	John1, 6-8, 19-28 P 402
Saturday, 24th December.	Christmas Eve	

4pm Crib Service	Middleton Tyas	Rev. J. Lane
6pm Carol Service	Moulton	Led by E.Croft & S.Vaux
Sunday, 25th. December	Christmas Day	
9.30 Holy Communion CW(T)	Middleton Tyas	Rev. J. Lane
Sidesmen	Mrs. P. Swanston	Mrs. Croft
Reader	Mrs. Hill	
Readings	Hebrews 1, 1-4 P 21	John 1, 1-14 P 22
Sunday 31st. December 2017		
10.30 Holy Communion CW	A JOINT SERVICE AT CROFT	
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

CHURCH SERVICES – JANUARY 2018		
Sunday 7th January	Epiphany Sunday	Middleton Tyas
All-Age Family Service with Holy Communion		Rev. J. Lane
Sidesmen	Mrs. D. Donnison	Mrs. J. Nimmins
Reader	Mrs. S. Vaux*	
Readings	TBA	
Sunday 14th January	Baptism of Christ	
Morning Prayer CW (T)		E. Croft
Sidesmen	Mrs. P. Aitken	Mr. R. Aitken
Reader	Mrs. V. Thomas*	
Readings	Genesis 1, 1-5 P 411	Mark 1, 4-11 P 413
Sunday 14th. January		Moulton
6PM Holy Communion BCP		Rev. J. Lane
Readings	Acts 19, 1-7 P413	Mark 1, 4-11 P 413
Sunday 21st. January	Second Sunday of Epiphany	Middleton Tyas
9.30am Holy Communion CW (T)		Rev. J. Lane
Sidesmen	Mrs.L. Weightman	Dr. N. Weightman
Reader	Mr. R. Congreve*	
Readings	1, Corinthians 6, 12-20 P 417	John 1, 43-51 P 418

Sunday 28^h. January	Third Sunday of Epiphany	Middleton Tyas
9.30am Morning Prayer CW		TBA
Sidesmen	Miss Brown	Mrs. Baxter
Reader	Mrs. P. Swanston*	
Readings	Genesis 14, 17-20 P 421	John 2, 1-11 P 423

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READERS PLEASE NOTE: As we have a double issue, at the time of going to press I have not received the official reading list for January, and have put together what appear to be the correct readings. If I receive a new list I will forward any changes as soon as possible. Liz Croft

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