

The Beast from the East

A quick look at Middleton Tyas after a mauling from the beast!



Your Village News

It's that time of year again! I hate to ask you when there are so many people at home and abroad in desperate need of financial help but please, if you are even mildly pleased to see a copy of the Village News come through your letter box each month, think about making a donation to make sure it continues. Without your individual support it just wouldn't happen.

It wouldn't happen either without the team of distributors who put it through your letter boxes every month. But for this amazing network of 15 people (not counting helpful spouses and families!) who actually get it to delivered to you it would all be a waste of effort. So very many thanks to all of them. We couldn't manage without you! Nor could we manage without all the regular contributors. Thank you so much, If you would like to make a donation to the continued running of the Village News please leave a Cheque (made payable to Middleton Tyas Village News) or donation in an envelope in the Village Shop.

Craig Jones
mtmvillagenews@hotmail.com

"The family of John Davies wish to thank everyone for the messages of condolence and support they have received on John's passing."

Many thanks, Elizabeth

Conservation of wildlife and ground nesting birds

It is coming up to a very busy time of year for all birdlife. Dennis Parvin and the team at Murky Hill are working hard to create a habitat that is conducive to success of all birdlife and the farm is lucky to have a small number of the native and increasingly rare grey partridge, as well as waders such as lapwing, oystercatchers and curlew.

These species are declining in number and key to their success is providing safe habitat. Dennis has had to speak to a number of people recently about controlling their dogs. Disturbance due to dogs hunting in fields, hedgerows and wildlife corridors can make the difference between success and failure for these species. The footpaths are an excellent resource for the village but can we ask you to ensure that walkers remain on the footpath and their dogs under very close control or on the lead please.

If anyone from the village would like more information on the work done to re-establish grey partridge in the area please the look at the GWCT link below.

<https://www.gwct.org.uk/game/research/species/grey-partridge/>

Notice of Memorial Hall AGM

The Middleton Tyas Memorial Hall Management Committee AGM will take place at 6.00pm on Tuesday 24th April 2018 followed at 6.45pm by the Trustee's AGM

There are 5 trustees for the Memorial Hall who meet once a year, 2 of the trustees are elected for a period of two years. At this AGM the election will take place for a vacancy of an elected trustee. Nominations for this Trustee are requested at this meeting. If you require any further information regarding the trustees' responsibilities please contact Peter Monaghan tel 377548 email Peter.monaghan84@gmail.com. ALL RESIDENTS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND

Claiming Dates

Moulton Plant Sale 2018: Saturday 12 May

Lunch and Flower arranging St Michael's 26th June

Grand National Coffee Morning 14th April 10:30 am to 12:30pm in The Memorial Hall

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Thursday, 12th April 2018 in the Memorial Hall starting at 7.10pm prompt.

60s Night: Finklepickers Live(ish) at Middleton Tyas Memorial Hall



May 12th 2018 from 7.30pm
Tickets £6.00
from Dorothy at the Post Office
Refreshments & Bar

Thank you so much

I cannot thank you enough for your amazing gift in response to handing over the reins of the Village News to Craig. It was totally unexpected and I am overwhelmed by your generosity. I don't feel I deserve it when there are so many people who do all sorts of things to add to the quality of life in our two communities but I am very touched by your appreciation for the Village News.

I am already enjoying thinking about what I might buy. Some garden furniture maybe? Something beautiful for the house? Whatever it is, I'll know when I see it and shall greatly enjoy the search.

One thing I should like to do is share your generous gift in some way so I've decided that I would like to put some of the money towards the on-going purchase of plants or bulbs to make our two villages look beautiful. Moulton's dark red geraniums looked stunning last summer and this spring we will start to see more daffodils, crocuses and snowdrops coming up in Middleton Tyas. The slow-down on completion of the road works has held us back somewhat but over the next few years I'm confident we can do a lot more planting and make sure that open spaces in and around the village are a joy to look at which everyone can share. Nothing would give me more pleasure than to contribute to that.

Diana Thomas

St. Michael's Majors.

The tea this month will be on the 19th. Usual time, place and travel arrangements apply.

Moulton Matters

Plant Sale 2018

Although the plant growing season may seem a way off with the recent weather, we are calling all gardeners, shrub and flower growers, bakers and produce makers!!

The Plant Sale will be held on Saturday 12 May

We welcome donations of plants of all sorts, both outdoor and indoor.

Why not clear out the potting shed? Let us have your redundant tools, the pots you no longer need and any other garden paraphernalia clogging up the man (or woman) cave! Please contact Chris or John if you have items to donate to the sale: 01325 377328.

Donations of cakes and other produce will 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 welcoming you to Moulton.

Community Defibrillator

A refresher session was held at the Black Bull Inn recently led by the Yorkshire Ambulance Service. Information was given regarding what to do in an emergency and in use of the defibrillator. The message from YAS was that we should not delay in calling 999 if an emergency arises and that instruction will be given by the operator in use of the defibrillator which is located at the entrance to the Black Bull car park. 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 February raised £25.35. 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.

All proceeds will go towards Moulton Village Association funds.

Best Kept Village Competition 2018

Moulton has entered the Rotary Club of Richmond competition for this year which will be judged during the first two weeks of July. You may recall we have won the competition several times in recent years and came a credible second last year by just one point. Once the weather perks up, please treat your verges, flower beds and baskets to a spruce up. Benches, notice boards and the bus shelter will all receive attention and thanks for the tremendous effort everyone makes.

MIDDLETON TYAS VILLAGE SHOP

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After the bitter cold and seemingly endless school snow days at the beginning of March, spring is finally attempting to poke its daffodilly head up out of winter's gloom. It was lovely to see so many people using the shop when the snow hit – it was a welcome lift after a slow February. We can only apologise if we ran out of anything – particularly milk. We suffer supply problems just like anyone else (especially as Liz and I have to go get so much of it from the cash and carry on our days off) – we can ask for more milk to be delivered but if it doesn't arrive, there's not much we can do about it short of kidnapping any local cows. The milk does cause us constant issues. Being organic, the use by dates are never brilliant so it is a perpetual battle to get the stock level just right.



Thanks this month goes to James and Hana at the Shoulder of Mutton for raising money for the shop with their Charity Scratch Cards. Unexpected but gratefully received! Thanks also to Rosa for knitting the very cute little chicks which hid a choccy egg inside.



In the 'there's nowt like planning ahead' category ... Win a Christmas Cake! Mary Parvin, she who makes and donates the beautiful Christmas cakes for the shop to raffle, is taking part in this year's Lake District Mighty Hike, raising money for Macmillan Cancer Support. To help raise more money for this fantastic charity, Mary will make a cake for the person who guesses closest to the time she takes to hike the 26 miles (eek). Entry is £2 and the form is in the shop. Have a go – even if you don't want the cake (I'll have it...), it's for a great cause.



Because it's always a disappointment when huge, attractive packaging reveals not much substance inside, here's an alternative to those 'they ain't what they used to be' Easter Eggs - 300 grams of mini eggs lovingly bunged into a bag, just for you! For just £2.20! A bit of a steal really, with Tesco and Sainsbury's selling 90g bags of mini eggs for £1...



Following the overwhelming number of people who came forward to volunteer to cover some morning shifts (none!), we have to warn those early birds that when we have no cover, the shop will be opened at 8am on the dot by the paid staff coming in an hour earlier.



Our Guess the Number of Eggs is back, ready for Easter. £1 a go, guess the right amount of eggs and win either the eggs or £20 in vouchers to spend in the shop!



For those of you with gluten issues, we currently have in stock Mrs Crimble's brownies, pastry mix, chocolate madeleines, chocolate macarons and Lovemore jam tarts. As someone with a bit of an issue myself, I can safely say the brownies are the best gluten free something I've ever had. No sawdust, cardboard or brick thoughts at all!



**St Michael and All
Angels Church
Grand National
Coffee Morning
Proceeds in aid of
church funds**

**Come along and
enjoy a chat,
coffee/tea
and a Bacon Butty**

**On Saturday 14th
April 2018**

**At 10.30 am until
12.30 pm
in the Memorial Hall**

**Come and have a
flutter**

**Adults £4.00
Children £2.50
We look forward to
welcoming
new and old
friends**

An Easter message from Charlie, the Rectory canine.

With hints of spring in the air, the longer days and the appearance of the sun which enables me to squirrel watch whilst sun-bathing, we can perhaps believe that the winter months are drawing to a close. It has been a tough winter for many of us, but Christ's resurrection conquers the darkness so that we can live in hope and love. As we read in Ecclesiastes, 'to everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: time to be born, a time to die; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh'.

This Easter-tide, may you all be filled with the joy and hope of the Christian message, and have a laugh at these (apparently real) church bulletins below:

- This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs. Lewis to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.
- Thursday night – potluck supper. Prayer and medication to follow.
- Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our church and the community.
- For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.
- This afternoon there will be a meeting in the south and north ends of the church. Children will be baptized at both ends.
- The service will close with "Little Drops Of Water." One of the ladies will start quietly, and the rest of the congregation will join in.
- Miss Charlene Mason sang, "I will not pass this way again," giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.
- The sermon this morning: "Jesus Walks on the Water." The sermon tonight: "Searching for Jesus."
- The Rector will preach his farewell message after which the choir will sing "Break Forth into Joy."
- Eight new choir robes are currently needed, due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.
- The church will host an evening of fine dining, superb entertainment, and gracious hostility.
- Bertha Belch, a missionary from Africa, will be speaking tonight at Calvary Methodist. Come hear Bertha Belch all the way from Africa.
- Today's Sermon: HOW MUCH CAN A MAN DRINK? with hymns from a full choir.

Wishing you all Easter blessings and love from us all at the Rectory.

Moulton Matters (Contd)

Highways Maintenance

Following the recent bad weather, a request has been made to NYCC to repair various potholes around the village. Holes will only be repaired if they reach 40mm in depth.

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.

April: Mr and Mrs Whitehead

May: Mr and Mrs Stephens

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Ore-some Copper Belles WI

This month we had our Cheese and Wine evening. It was a lovely opportunity to meet new people and find out more about each other. We drank plenty of wine, ate lots of cheese and, in good old WI tradition, we sang Jerusalem. This hymn is the WI anthem and was historically sung by members at the beginning of every WI event. Don't worry, we won't have to sing it at every one of our meetings; we just thought it would be nice to pay tribute to this historic tradition. Thank you to Hana Buhlova who helped us by playing the piano and lending us her amazing singing skills. I'm not sure we'll be releasing any charity singles yet though!

Thanks to everyone who came along. Hopefully everyone made some new friends and will encourage others to join us too. Next meeting is on Tuesday 10th April at 7:15 pm in the Middleton Tyas Memorial Hall. Come and join us to learn about the beautiful art of bobbin lace making. I'm sure, as is becoming the Ore-some Copper Belles WI tradition, we be finishing our evening with a few drinks in the pub too. New members are always welcome. Follow us on Facebook at Ore-some Copper Belles WI

St Michael and All Angels' Church
Invite you to Lunch followed by a flower demonstration by Mildred Stafford on Tuesday 26th June 2018 at 12.00 Noon, More to follow in next month's Village News

News from your Parish Council

Just a reminder: Please don't leave valuables in sight in your car!

Northallerton Courthouse

There is a proposal to close Northallerton Courthouse. The Parish Council has been asked to make a response to this proposal. We have done so and are opposed to this measure.

Playpark and Sports Field update

Since taking over the responsibility for the Play Park and Sports Field, the Parish Council has been faced with a number of new challenges and a steep learning curve in terms of Health and Safety with respect to all users of both facilities, young and old. With this in mind, your Council embarked on a project, first of all to ensure that the present Play Park was made safe and up to an acceptable standard then to upgrade and develop the facilities for all users. These include pre-school children to 15 year olds, disabled residents of all ages, adults, and the more mature residents of our village, as well as for wider community events. We are currently looking at three concept proposals and intend to consult as many people as we can, particularly those who have ideas they would like to share with us. When we have firmed up and selected a partner we will organise a presentation of the whole scheme to the village and other stakeholders and finally seek financial grants to see the project through. In the meantime, we will continue with our fundraising during the year, in order to raise as much match funding as we can. Watch this space!

Bulb Planting

The planting of bulbs in the Village continues with snowdrops being the next priority. All help is welcome with this task, please contact Diana Thomas on 01325 377311 if you are able to offer some time.

Village Speed Awareness Initiative

Many people have raised concerns about traffic going at excessive speed through the village, and we are sure that we would like to see it reduced both for safety and the environment. Many villages have already joined the Speed Awareness Scheme, to help remind drivers of the need to obey the local limits of 20, 30 and 40mph when travelling through their villages. Some roads are narrow with sharp bends and it can be very worrying trying to cross the road, particularly if you have children or are elderly. In order to get the scheme up and running here in Middleton Tyas, we do need another two volunteers. Please, if you would like to find out more or discuss how the scheme operates, call Gordon Davies on 01325 377450 or email him on gordondavies1942@gmail.com

Surface Water Management

Progress continues to be made in improving surface water management in the village. The works completed by Landteam on the Slough have been seen in action on several occasions recently and it is clear that they are diverting water into Cow Pasture and away from the drains at the bottom of the village.



Similarly, the recently constructed ponds behind Village Farm have been filling with water and reducing significantly the flow down to Kneeton Lane. At the top of the village Edward Speir is in ongoing discussions with the MOTO and Eurogarages legal teams and he believes that agreement is near. In between the top and the bottom of the village there remain problems with the drains on Middleton Tyas lane which will be at least partly addressed by the proposed catchment pond below the service area. The water going onto the roads near to the new Dixholme houses is a relatively new issue and we understand that responsibility for that is being disputed by Highways England and Yorkshire Water -we are trying to find out more about this. Photos below show the improvements to Cow Park and the new Catchment Pond behind Village Farm.





SHOULDER *OF* MUTTON

Tuesday 'Turf' Night £20

**The Turf Board to Share Between 2 With 2 Pints of Bitter
Black pudding and pulled pork bon bons, bbq spare ribs,
katsu chicken and Yorkshire chorizo with chipotle mayo,
paprika aioli and sweet chilli sauce.**

Wednesday 'Curry Club' Night £10.50

Every Wednesday Night A Choice of 4 Curries, Rice, Dips and Naan Bread.

Thursday 'Steak' Night £25

**Enjoy 2 x 6oz Rump Steaks with Double Dipped Chips, Grilled Mushrooms and Tomato with a
Bottle of House Wine.**

Upgrade to Steak and Prosecco For £30

Or Upgrade to a 8oz Ribeye or a 10oz Sirloin For An Extra £5 Each

Friday 'Fizz' Night A Bottle of Prosecco with

**Two Fresh Beer Battered Haddock In Local Ale Batter, Double Dipped Chunky Chips,
Mushy Peas and Tartare Sauce For £30**

OR The Surf Board

**Two miniature prawn cocktails, goujons of haddock and tartare sauce, smoked salmon and
horseradish mayonnaise, crevettes, wholemeal bread and butter For £25**

To book a table, please ring 01325 377 271 or email:

jameswilliamson@shoulderofmuttonmiddletontyas.com



MIDDLETON LODGE

WHAT'S ON: MARCH – JUNE 2018

EASTER OPEN GARDEN

at THE COACH HOUSE

Fri 30 Mar
-Mon 2 Apr

This Easter weekend we will be opening The Kitchen Garden for hotel and restaurant guests to explore. Lunch guests will also be able to take their little ones an egg hunt, around the estate.

Fri-Mon

HUGEL WINE DINNER

at THE COACH HOUSE

Tue 3 Apr

Gareth Rayner will be pairing a five course tasting menu, with a different Hugel wine for every dish served.

£60pp

CHILDREN'S CREATIVE DANCE CLASSES

in THE FIG HOUSE

Tues 17 Apr
- 22 May

*Victoria Sellers teaches children the concepts and skills of imaginative dance. Whilst the kids are dancing away, parents can swing by The Coach House for a coffee and cake. ***

£30*

SPRING FLOWER WORKSHOP

in THE FIG HOUSE

Sun 22 Apr

Join us for a spring flower workshop hosted by Kirsty from The Wilde. Using a selection of seasonal blooms, learn to create your very own floral design.

£35pp

**(£30 for a block of six-week sessions) ** (4-5pm session is for 5-7 yrs & 5-6pm is for 8-11 yrs)*

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WHAT'S ON: MARCH – JUNE 2018

YORKSHIRE GARDEN PARTY

at THE KITCHEN GARDEN

Fri 4 May *As Yorkshire's biggest bike race cycles into Richmond over the May Bank Holiday weekend, we'll be hosting up a big old family knees up in the Kitchen Garden.* £25pp/£12.50pc

FITNESS & SPORTS MASSAGE

at THE ESTATE

April - May *From Yoga to Post and Pre-natal Pilates, we run a range of six-week exercise sessions. Our resident Pilates instructor Kate, is also a trained sports masseuse and personal trainer, please call us for more information.* £30*

FATHER'S DAY LUNCH

at THE COACH HOUSE

Sun 17 Jun *Spoil your your Dad to a hearty Sunday Roast at The Coach House. We'll even treat him to a to a beer on us. Two courses £28 and £35 three courses.* 12-4pm

THREE INCH FOOLS PRESENTS A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM

in THE KITCHEN GARDEN

Thur 28 Jun *Join us in The Kitchen Garden for an open air Theatre performance of this musical take on an Shakespearian classic.* £14pp

**(£30 for a block of six-week sessions)*

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THURSDAY 12th APRIL 2018

MEET THE BREWER WITH BLACK SHEEP

Enjoy dinner accompanied by four different beers with a talk from one of the brewers of the famous Black Sheep brewery in Masham, North Yorkshire.

From 7pm, 3 courses £24.95 per person

THURSDAY 11th MAY 2018

**AN EVENING FOR GIN LOVERS WITH
MASON'S YORKSHIRE GIN & FEVER - TREE**

Learn more about Mason's Yorkshire gin and Fever - Tree tonics, our chefs have created a three course dinner paired with a Mason's gin and tonic.

From 7pm for a gin cocktail on arrival,
dinner from 7.30pm, £39.95 per person

THURSDAY 17th MAY 2018

**AROUND THE WORLD DINNER
ITALIAN NIGHT**

As our around the world dinner series continues join us for a fantastic three course Italian dinner with a glass of Prosecco on arrival.

From 7pm, £25 per person

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CHURCH SERVICES – APRIL 2018

Sunday 1st April	EASTER DAY	Middleton Tyas
10.30 am Holy Communion Family Service		Rev. J. Lane
Sidesmen	Mr. S. Hill	Mrs. M. Hill
Reader	Dr. N. Weightman	
Readings	Acts 10, 34-43 P 191	Mark 16, 1-8 P 487
PLEASE NOTE THE TIME- 10.30. This is a joint service for the East Dere Street Benefice.		
Refreshments will be served after this service.		
Sunday 8th April	Second Sunday of Easter	GREAT SMEATON
10.30am Holy Communion		
PLEASE NOTE – THERE WILL NOT BE A SERVICE AT ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH TODAY		
Sunday 8th April	Second Sunday of Easter	Moulton
6pm Evening Prayer BCB		E. Croft
Readings	Acts 4, 32-35 P 488	John 20, 19-31 P 489
Sunday 15th. April	Third Sunday of Easter	Middleton Tyas
9.30 Holy Communion CW		Rev. J. Lane
Sidesmen	Mrs.S. Mahaffy	Mrs. M. Sheridan
Reader	Mr. S. Hill	
Readings	Acts 3, 12-19 P 491	Luke 24, 36b -48 P 493
Sunday 22nd April	Fourth Sunday of Easter	Middleton Tyas
9.30 am Morning Prayer CW		V. Waugh
Sidesmen	Mrs. P. Swanston	Miss M Brown
Reader	Mrs. V. Thomas	
Readings	Acts 4, 5-12 P 494	John 10, 11-18 P 496
Sunday 29th April		MANFIELD
10.30 am Holy Communion		Rev. J. Lane
PLEASE NOTE: THIS IS OUR FIFTH SUNDAY JOINT SERVICE THEREFORE THERE WILL NOT BE A SERVICE AT MIDDLETON TYAS.		
<i>*If anyone would like to attend the service on Sunday 8th April at Great Smeaton, or 29th April at Manfield but need transport, please contact Liz Croft who will try to arrange lifts.</i>		

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 Cleaning:

Apr 2-9 Mrs Baxter & Mrs Gentry, Apr 16-23 Mrs Hill

Flower Rota :

Muriel Hill will be in charge of Flowers in April.