

### Claiming Dates:

7<sup>th</sup> Feb 2020 Vision Talk – Memorial Hall (see page 3)  
13<sup>th</sup> February Parish Council meeting  
7<sup>th</sup> Mar 10am - 12 Scones & Tea MH  
4<sup>th</sup> Apr 11am -12:30pm Grand National Bacon butty MH  
16<sup>th</sup> May 2020 - Moulton Plant Sale

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### Editor's Note

If you would like anything in future editions please send to Craig Jones [mtmvillagenews@hotmail.com](mailto:mtmvillagenews@hotmail.com)

The cut off dates for entries into the Village news are:

20<sup>th</sup> February for March's issue  
20<sup>th</sup> April for May's issue  
20<sup>th</sup> May for June's issue  
20<sup>th</sup> June for Jul & Aug Issue

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### Christmas Presents Appeal

*Raffles are a great way of adding money to the good causes we support in the Village.*

*Now would be a good opportunity to offload any gifts surplus to requirements and potentially languishing in cupboards somewhere. It would also spread the load upon those volunteering or working for such good causes as the Hall, Shop and our quizzes, who more often than not also provide the prizes out of their own pockets as well as doing all the organising etc.*

*Please leave any gifts at the Shop for our future events.*

Best regards  
Peter

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### Thank you

Thank you so much to the bunch of stalwarts who set up the Christmas Tree on The Green this Christmas. It was a beautiful shape, beautifully lit and absolutely vertical. - no mean feat. It was a joy to look at and a source of real pleasure. Thank you very much for doing it.

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### Snowdrops still wanted

This season we've planted more daffodils around the village, concentrating on the lane up to the church and the new junction of the access road to Moulton up at Scotch Corner. (A very hard dig!). This year's planting was experimental because the ground is very heavy and clayey and we need to see how well bulbs can cope with the conditions before we invest more money and effort.

We can still find good homes for more snowdrops around the village so if you have loads of snowdrops which would benefit from splitting once they've finished flowering please let me know or just leave them in a pot/ cardboard box/ carrier bag/ old washing up bowl on my doorstep and I'll make sure they are planted.

We had a late gift of several hundred garden bulbs of all sorts. Look out for three pots in the Memorial Hall garden in the spring as well as many smaller pots already planted up for you to buy. Proceeds will be shared by the village bulb planting project and the shop.

Diana Thomas  
2 The Green  
01325 377311

~ FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL ~

### COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH (CSW)

A group of volunteers has now been trained and had a practice session, which some of you may have been aware of. Official 'live' sessions are now in operation, so please always remember to respect the speed restrictions throughout the village.

### PLAY PARK REFURBISHMENT PROPOSAL

An open event was held in the Memorial Hall on Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> November which some of you attended. There were full colour displays of the Parish Council Project Team's proposals for the updating and renewal of the Play Park and Sports Field. The Parish Council has received very positive feedback so far, but would value your feedback on the proposals to ensure the views of villagers, parents and children are all taken into account when the bid for funding is finalised. Please contact Cllr Gordon Davies ([cldr.gdavies@gmail.com](mailto:cldr.gdavies@gmail.com) / 377450) if you have might be interested in joining the Project Team to help move the refurbishment scheme forward to completion.

### PARISH PRECEPT 2020-21

The Parish Council set its Precept for 2020-21 at the 9<sup>th</sup> January meeting and it was Resolved that this will include an increase in the rate charged to residents over the 2019-20 figure, when the Precept was not increased at all. The cost of services, and the responsibility for their provision, increases each year and Councillors always strive to ensure residents receive good value for money.

### A66 ROAD CLOSURES

We are informed by Highways England that the A66 will be closed westbound from Scotch Corner for 4 consecutive weekends from Friday 9 pm until Monday 6am commencing on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2020. Full details of the roads affected can be found on the Parish Council notice boards, in the Village Shop or from the Parish Clerk/any Councillor.

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### St Michael's Majors

The tea this month will be on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup>. Please let us know if you need transport.

## MIDDLETON TYAS VILLAGE SHOP

MON-FRI: 8AM – 2PM FRI EVE: 5PM-7PM SAT: 8.30AM-1PM

TEL: 01325 377198 EMAIL: [MTVILLAGESHOP@GMAIL.COM](mailto:MTVILLAGESHOP@GMAIL.COM)

*WELL* hello there new decade. 2020. The decade I hit my forties. The decade I stop doing stuff I shouldn't, and more of the stuff I should. The decade I lose three stone. The decade I learn to count. The decade the Post Office gets off its bottom and provides us with an Outreach service. Gee, what is this I'm smoking?

So yes, Post Office. Dorothy had a wee nag and they have promised us news soon. Meantime, now that we are ordering our stamps direct from the Royal Mail, we are making a profit on them. Didn't know a mere shop like ours could do that, but hey ho, learning new things. It is only a tiny profit, but a profit is always good. Small things in good packages. Or something. First and second class available, so remember that.

*AS* February rolls in, it's time to renew or join our 100 Club. It's our biggest fundraiser and it would be great to fill all 90 spaces (we only have 90 balls, but 100 Club has a better ring to it). Didn't manage it last year so crossing fingers for this one. Its only £24 (£2 a month) and you could win £30, £20 or £10 in vouchers to spend in the shop every month. And if you don't, just remember you've invested that £2 a month into helping keep the shop open!

*I'VE* been busy recycling candles, so if you like candles, call in and see what we've got. And once I've replaced my pyrex jug that I was melting the wax in the microwave in (apparently they explode big time eventually), I shall get on and make some more.

And once you've settled in the bath with your lovely recycled candle burning stripely by your side, you can pull out your recycled book (lots more books in the shop now we have more room) and pick up your glass of whatever you fancy and raise a toast to that Swedish lass because aren't you great, all this recycling. And then yes, promise that this will be the year you remember to take a bag to the shop and not leave it in the car/your other bag/coat/oooh I have one, oh no, that's a dog poo bag. And your shopping list .. and your door key (she knows who she is).

*MARK* Denton's Yorkshire calendars are right down to £3.99, simply because he doesn't want them back! The pics are beautiful, with plenty of room to write my birthday in, so if you haven't got a calendar yet, get one now.

*WE* have had donated two framed aerial pics of Village Farm, which we will now offer to sell. One even has my house in it, before my patio became its very own separate ecosystem. Taken in 2013, they were apparently on sale then for £30 each, but to help reduce the amount of stuff in my house (one of my resolutions for this year), we will let them go for £15 each. Please let me know if you would like to have a look and I will get them back into the shop – which has even less room than what is left in my house.

*NOW* here's some sage advice that I picked up, probably from Facebook – ahah, another resolution, to stop losing hours watching cat videos. Now that we are in 2020, watch how you date important documents, in case of fraud. Don't just put 30 June 20 (a good date that one), because some low life might come along and insert a 17 or similar after the 20. I'm not exactly sure how this would help the bad guy, but that's only because I'm such a good girl. So just put the whole 2020, for good measure.

Another good tip I learnt, this time from a wise volunteer, who got it from that Mrs Hinch (off the internet) – if you have pets, or hairy children, or hairy pet children, use a squeegee on your carpet and furniture to get the fur up. Its magic – I used it and half my cat came up, easily. Once I'd manhandled our Christmas tree out from the living room, I also used it to gather up the needles which I could just then throw into the bin. My Dyson breathed a sigh of relief and the cat thought we'd got new carpets. I will see if I can get some squeegees (how deep is your love, how deep is your love, I really mean to learn), stock some and then you can share my joy.

## What is this about ?

Those of us who go to church are supposed to spread the word but nearly all of us can't do it because we are British and it seems rather rude to suggest we know better than others and we are quite reticent to have a go. With no vicar and a space in the newsletter I am trying this . How can religion have such an awful reputation at times, with wars, persecution ,infighting and abuse of children and others in their care ? The answer to that is fairly simple . The church is run by human beings not God and like all huge organisations and countries things can go badly wrong. The trouble is, when we are supposed to be doing good and showing the way, it seems doubly bad. Anyway, why should those of you who never or very rarely attend church, think about coming. Well, when we read the news, watch TV or listen to the radio it seems to me that loads of us are rather at sea about how we should lead lives with any purpose. Time and again we hear stories of those who can't cope with problems relating to money, health or family and don't know where to turn.

So do church goers have the same problems? Of course they do but they do have guide lines even though they may be clothed in some old fashioned words and music and ideas. Why not give it a try?

Our services at St Michaels on a Sunday are usually at 9.30 a.m but may vary while we haven't our appointed vicar but it's shown in the Village News . I know this is a bit early but our programme has to fit in with other churches in the group. We manage a service four Sundays each month by having a mix of full time clergy , part timer professionals and lay people .When you come it's the luck of the draw whether you like the hymns .or the prayers or the address but of course that is the same every time you switch on the this.

It would be rather nice if this letter is so successful that it's standing room only next week ! Anyway, thank you for taking the time to read this, best wishes to you all for 2020. Andrew Hindhaugh

## 2020 VISION... AND BEYOND

I am organising an event in the Memorial Hall, for the evening of **7<sup>th</sup> Feb 2020**, when an illustrated talk will be given by a speaker from The Auckland Project (a charity based in nearby Bishop Auckland). It will include the origins, current attractions, and the future plans and developments of this exciting Project. Jonathan Ruffer, multimillionaire, philanthropist, art lover, man of Faith, first came to local attention when, in 2012, he saved for the nation, twelve important C17 paintings by the Spanish artist Zurbaran. He also saved Auckland Castle, once the Palace (with throne room) of the powerful Prince Bishops of old, and in which these paintings hung.

In 2015 Jonathan Ruffer brought to Bishop Auckland the unique outdoor spectacle of 'Kynren'; an epic tale of North East England over the centuries. Performed to a crowd of 8000, and initially led by the noted French group 'Puy du Fou', it has subsequently been staged annually by a local cast and crew of over 1000. I'm sure we'll all be fascinated to learn much more about the Auckland Project, and of the founder himself- what he has done, and what he fully intends to do for his community, and how he is putting Bishop Auckland firmly on the map.

On my most recent visit up the newly built Auckland Tower in the Market Place, then into the Mining Art Gallery close by (showing the work of the Pitman Painters), an employee spoke with genuine warmth and sincerity, telling me "**Mr Ruffer? He's the real deal...**". That says a lot. *Entry tickets £7- ticket includes a pre-talk glass of wine and nibbles, served from 7pm in the Memorial Hall. **Talk begins at 7:30pm.** Tickets can be purchased from the village shop, or directly from myself (Susan- Tel: 377600). Please note, ticket numbers are limited. **Profits will go to help Middleton Tyas Community Shop.***



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## COFFEE MORNING.

St Michael & All Angels  
Church

Please come along on  
Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2020

10.00 am until Noon  
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Homemade Scones  
with jam and cream  
Coffee, Tea or Juice.

Entrance £3.50, Children £1.50  
We look forward to your company.  
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## Moulton Matters

### Books in the Moulton Book Stop

The sale of books DVDs and CDs in the bus shelter during December raised £108.71, thank you to all our supporters. All books, DVDs and CDs are priced at 50p. During 2019 we raised £888.77 in the Moulton Book Stop. Proceeds will be used to maintain the bus shelter and the Diamond Jubilee Garden, to fund social events and other projects in the village. Thanks to all for your support throughout the year – 2019 has been our best year ever. Good quality fiction books are always welcome. Please leave them on the benches in the bus shelter. All proceeds will go towards Moulton Village Association funds.

### Plant Sale 2020

Yes, it's that time of year once again. The Plant Sale will be held on Saturday 16 May. The date has been changed as the May Day Bank Holiday is now on Friday 8 May to coincide with the 75th anniversary of VE Day. Please remember to plant a few extra seeds for the Sale and while cleaning out the shed ready for the season, why not let us have any garden paraphernalia such as pots, tools, feeders, machinery and children's garden toys that you no longer need. Please contact Chris and John: 377328.

### Village Voices

The Moulton Pop-up Choir performed on 23 December at the Black Bull. Welcoming singers from surrounding villages "Village Voices" is now their most appropriate name. During the interval a collection was made for Herriot Hospice Homecare and this raised £239.82. Thanks to all the diners for your donations and for enthusiastically joining in with the "Twelve Days of Christmas". Village Voices will be back at the Black Bull again next Christmas and if you wish to join for some fun singing, please contact Tim at [timwhite36@gmail.com](mailto:timwhite36@gmail.com).

### Moulton Speedwatch

A number of residents have volunteered to join this scheme and training will take place on Wednesday 12 February in St Andrew's Church at 2.00 pm. More volunteers are most welcome. Please contact John Gentry if you wish to join. We are very grateful to Next Gen Clothing of York who have kindly donated the hi-vis vests for the scheme. Next Gen are also suppliers of school uniforms locally. We are hoping to obtain grants for other equipment needed for Speedwatch to operate as opposed to needing to share with other villages.

### Grass Cutting

There is currently a group of residents who undertake to cut some of the village verges, the Diamond Jubilee Garden and the Church lawn. The more volunteers we have, the less often you would need to do your bit. The mower and strimmer are provided by the MVA. Please contact David Whitehead ([whitehead262@clannet.co.uk](mailto:whitehead262@clannet.co.uk)) if you are able to join the rota.

### Church Cleaning:

Thanks to all who have volunteered to clean St Andrew's.  
February: Mrs Osbaldeston  
March: Mrs Vaux  
April: Mr and Mrs Whitehead



Middleton Tyas Neighbourhood Watch will be holding a Crime Prevention Event between 6pm and 8pm on Thursday 20th February in the Memorial Hall. The girls from Rescue Rucksacks will be selling cakes to raise money and awareness of their good work.

Our local Police Officers PC Mark Wood and PCSO Helen Sutherland will be there providing crime prevention information and advice. We will also have the Fraud Ambassador attend too if we can. The Richmond Neighbourhood Policing Team have some equipment that households can request to loan, free of charge when they go away on holiday. This includes items like shed alarms and plug timers so that a light will come on for a period of time to make it appear someone is home. If anyone would like to discuss this further, please contact PCSO Helen Sutherland by email at [Helen.Sutherland@northyorkshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Helen.Sutherland@northyorkshire.pnn.police.uk) or see her at the Crime Prevention Event on the 20th.

The Neighbourhood Watch is looking at setting up a No Cold Calling Zone, regular Neighbourhood Watch / Police drop-in sessions and replacing the Neighbourhood Watch signs. We are hoping to write a regular column in the village newsletter and updates to the Parish Council. We are also liaising with our neighbouring Neighbourhood Watch groups.

If you would like your area to be included in the No Cold Calling Zone, please let us know either at the Crime Prevention Event or email us [neighbourhoodwatch@middletontyas.org.uk](mailto:neighbourhoodwatch@middletontyas.org.uk)

You can find us on Facebook [facebook.com/middletontyasneighbourhoodwatch](https://facebook.com/middletontyasneighbourhoodwatch) and we are also at [ourwatch.org.uk/scheme/50373/middleton-tyas-neighbourhood-watch](http://ourwatch.org.uk/scheme/50373/middleton-tyas-neighbourhood-watch) on the OurWatch Neighbourhood Watch website.

If you would like to be kept informed please do not hesitate to get in touch and hopefully see you at the Crime Prevention Event between 6pm and 8pm on Thursday 20th February in the Memorial Hall.





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## CHURCH SERVICE FEBRUARY 2020

Would you please note that in the absence of a priest, we may have to change some service times and content. We aim to make sure that there are services here each Sunday. Please bear with, and try to support the retired visiting clergy who are doing their best to cover the whole of the seven churches. Thankyou

Sunday 2nd. February	The Presentation of Christ	Middleton Tyas
9.30 Holy Communion Family Service		Rev. S. Ridley
Sidesmen	Mrs. S. Vaux	Miss M Brown
Reader	Mrs. V. Thomas	
Readings	Hebrews 2, 14-18 P 56	Luke 2, 22-40 P57
Sunday 9th February 9.30	Third Sunday before Lent	Middleton Tyas
Morning Prayer CW		A. Hindhaugh
Sidesmen	Mrs. P Swanston	Mrs J Nimmins
Reader	Mrs. M. Hill	
Readings	Isaiah 58 1-9a P 58	Matthew 5, 13-20 P 62
Sunday 9th January	Epiphany 5	Moulton
Evening Prayer BCP		A. Hindhaugh
Sunday 16th February	Second Sunday before Lent	Middleton Tyas
• <b>11.00AM</b> Holy Communion CW (T)		Rev. L. Ashton
Sidesmen	Mrs S. Hill	Mrs M. Hill
Reader	Mr. R. Congreve	
Readings	Romans 8, 18-25 P	Matthew 6, 25-34 P78
Sunday 23rd February	Sunday next before Lent	Middleton Tyas
9.30 Morning Prayer CW		Mr. M. Idale
Sidesmen	Mrs. S. Mahaffy	Mrs J. Fogarty
Reader	Dr. N. Weightman	
Readings	Exodus 24, 12-18 P 79	Matthew 17, 1-9 P 82

- Please note: 11am SERVICE

If you need the services of a vicar, please contact me, Liz Croft, and I will do my best to put you in touch with the most appropriate person. By the time you read this our vacancy will have been advertised. Prospective candidates will be interviewed on March 16th.  
01325 377867 [elizabeth.croft213@btinternet.com](mailto:elizabeth.croft213@btinternet.com)

### Church Flowers.

Muriel Hill will be in charge this month until Ash Wednesday after which we don't have flowers in church until Easter.

### Church Cleaning:

3<sup>rd</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> Mrs Croft & Mrs Hall 17<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> Mrs Smith & Mrs Wakeman