

MIDDLETON TYAS & MOULTON VILLAGE NEWS

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Claiming Dates:

~~1st Apr 11am - 12:30pm Grand National Bacon~~

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~~24th April Memorial Hall AGM~~

~~16th May 2020 - Moulton Plant Sale~~

All now cancelled

September - 12 for 12.30pm Lunch and flower demonstration.

15 May 2021 Moulton Plant Sale

Editor's Note

If you would like anything in future editions

please send to Craig Jones

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

20th April for May's issue

20th May for June's issue

20th June for Jul & Aug issue

20th Aug for September's issue

Village News editorship - Volunteer

I have notified the Parish Council that I intend to step down as editor after producing May's issue of the Village News due to work commitments. The Parish Council and I are keen that the Village News continues. With this in mind should anyone wish to volunteer to take on this very worthwhile job please let Christine Jones know by email at clerk.mtyas@live.co.uk A full and supportive handover is available for anyone wanting to take on this very much needed post. Please call either Christine Jones on 377062 or Craig Jones on 07525466755 for an informal chat about the post.

Support in Middleton Tyas for Coronavirus

The sad news of the spread of the virus and the need to self-isolate must be playing on the minds of many. As a community we must come together to support those in need in our village. Should you need any help, (dog walking, food delivery, a friendly phone call from someone or, indeed anything else) please see the Parish News on the third page. Please also remember those in the community who are still working in the NHS and other essential roles. If you are able to spare a little time to help someone in need please let me know at mtmvillagenews@hotmail.com and I will match those able to help with people in need. If we work as a community we will all help each other when we need it most!

January - Soup & Cake Lunch and. March - Scones and Coffee

Huge Thanks go out to everyone who helped and supported these events, lovely to see new and old faces enjoying the morning. Please try to come along to our next events. We look forward to greeting you.

St Michael's Majors

Teas will be cancelled until further notice. If any of our members need any help at any time please ring me, Sara, for Moulton 377228, or Liz 377867 or Jean 377868 for Middleton Tyas. Hope you all keep well.

We, the Over-70s, have been touched by the amount of help we have been offered in the village. A very big thank-you to you all. The offers have been much appreciated - and are truly re-assuring.

Moulton Matters

Coronavirus

At this difficult time we are all looking out for our neighbours. If you or anyone you know is in need of support (shopping, prescription collection, a friendly chat or even dog walking), please contact Shirley 377234 or Chris and John 377328. Take care and stay warm and well.

Plant Sale 2020

Following Government advice the Plant Sale in May has been cancelled. We know many of our friends will have surplus plants which we are very happy to sell in the Moulton Book Stop. Just leave them on a bench or call at Garth Cottage and we'll look after them while waiting for a customer. We look forward to seeing you at the Plant Sale next year on Saturday 15 May 2021.

MVA Annual General Meeting

The meeting scheduled for April 23rd has also been cancelled - we will re-arrange in due course. Watch out for notices and emails regarding future events for the summer and autumn.

Books in the Moulton Book Stop

The sale of books DVDs and CDs in the bus shelter during February raised £46.61, thank you to all our supporters. All books, DVDs and CDs are priced at 50p. 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.

Moulton Speedwatch

Thanks to a grant from RDC, we now have our own speed gun and signs. Please contact John Gentry if you wish to join the group.

Church Cleaning:

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

April: Mr and Mrs Whitehead, May: Mr and Mrs Stephens.

MIDDLETON TYAS VILLAGE SHOP

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

TEL: 01325 377198 EMAIL: MTVILLAGESHOP@GMAIL.COM

I was surprisingly saddened the other week to send a 14 year old boy back to whence he came. He wasn't faulty, it was just time for him to go. I couldn't legally keep him anymore. Being German, he ran on time. We told him when we were going out, and there he was, by the front door, five minutes early. I miss the many pleases and thank yous, the tidy bedroom, the 'that was delicious'. I love my own 14 year old, I do, its just that the German spoke to me like I was human, rather than a parent. Ho hum.

So, to the serious stuff. If you need or choose to self-isolate, please do let the shop help you. You will not be a burden, we are all part of the same community. We can deliver items to you if you need them. If you are on your own, we can organise a daily phone call. Any help you want, please do not be shy in reaching out.

Either ring the shop – 01325 377198, or me at home – 01325 377434 or 07368 424343.

I have already had several offers of help, extra to the wonderful volunteers we have already, so don't worry about it being just me and a Granville bike, slogging up School Bank with a basketful of loo rolls...

We are already delivering to 6 or 7 customers, and have set up accounts for them so we are not dealing with money each time. Simply give us a cheque or cash, enough to cover a few deliveries, and we'll set you up with an account.

A couple of rest assureds now – we are not bumping up prices and, secondly, every staff member or volunteer you see in the shop is not only under 70, but are there entirely of their own choosing, to serve and help our community.

We have lots of puzzle books in stock if you get bored and I personally have loads of DVDs or jigsaws I am happy to lend out to stop you from going so stir crazy. Of course the BBC will let us off a few months of the licence fee (hahahaha) because filming new stuff will come to a screeching stop and we'll eventually be left with repeat after repeat (but they can show Poldark again, I'd let them off that). All books in the shop are free at the moment so come and have a browse.

We are facing the same stock issues as people heading for supermarkets only to find empty shelves. The cash and carry is fairly bare when we visit (which of course has nothing at all to do with the fact that Tesco's now own Bookers and are of course not diverting stock to their own stores) but we are trying our best to keep stock levels as normal as possible – even if its not the brands we usually carry. And when they do have the important things in (loo rolls!), we too are limited to how many we can buy.

While this is all going on, we are closing off the old entrance to the shop and limiting the amount of customers in the shop at any one time to 3. Please use the garden entrance, be aware of social distancing when waiting to come in and when you are in. We are taking utmost care to keep the shop clean, including the doors/handles/card machine etc etc.

So take care, stay well, keep in touch and we'll see you on the other side. The other side of this, not the other other side, obviously.

Finally, a message to shareholders. Obviously we are not going to be able to have the AGM as normal. We are obliged to hold it within 6 months of the end of the last FY, which was October last year. What I will do is send out the accounts, a Chairman's message, the Treasurer's notes and any

other blurb that usually goes with it to all shareholders by the end of April. That'll be exciting. You'll just be glued to your inboxes or letter boxes now won't you?

FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

CORONAVIRUS

Now that this pandemic is seriously affecting the UK, and indeed local areas, the Parish Council would urge you to follow Government / NHS / your own medical practitioner's advice on how to keep yourself safe from infection. Avoid unnecessary contact with others, especially for the 'at risk' groups. Wash your hands as recommended.

We have many elderly residents in Middleton Tyas, some of whom will find themselves needing to self-isolate, perhaps for some considerable time. While many of them may have family, friends and neighbours who can help during any illness or isolation, there may be situations when this is simply not possible.

We do not want anyone in the village to worry unnecessarily if you do find yourself in need of help, and your usual helpers are unavailable. So please add the contacts below to your list of people who will be more than happy to help with shopping for essentials, collecting your prescriptions, dropping off a book or newspaper, contacting others, or just having a chat so we know you are fine.

PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE to call for whatever reason.

And could we ask other residents to be aware of your elderly or at risk neighbours – a thoughtful check from time to time to see if they are managing would be a kind gesture.

Someone on the Internet said we should be thoughtful and ***Not spread Coronavirus – but spread kindness instead.*** A sentiment I'm sure we all support!

CONTACT NUMBERS

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Martin Bartle	377553
Leanne Harknett	377321
David Henderson	07976 903407
Parish Clerk – Christine Jones	377062
Craig Jones	07525466755

Village Shop – See their page for phone numbers opening hours.

If anyone would like to be added to the volunteer list, please contact either Helen Foulds (377198) or Christine Jones (377062).

MAY YOU ALL KEEP VERY WELL!

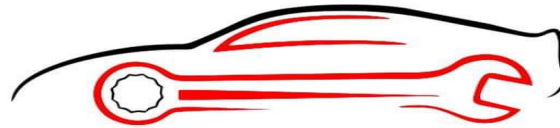
Children's Play Park & Playing Field

As you will be aware, fund-raising for refurbishment of the Play Park and Playing Field is well underway. The main committee is currently very small and is seeking one or two new members to join them. You will need to have some spare time and enthusiasm for raising funds, sourcing grants and helping to push this project to fruition. For further details, please contact Cllr Gordon Davies on 377450.

Parish Council Meetings

The Memorial Hall is no longer open to the public following the Management Committee's decision to close the Hall until further notice in compliance with current Government advice. As a consequence, Parish Council meetings will not be held in public until further notice. The business of the Council will continue as long as this is possible and updates will be posted on the village website – www.middletontyas.org.uk / Parish Council.

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Ore-some Copper Belles WI

Well what a strange time we find ourselves in presently. Not at all what we expected at our last meeting with our guest fitness expert, Val from Scotch Corner. She took us through a variety of stretches and flexes – I'd like to say gentle exercises, but some were really hard! We all felt very relaxed and definitely exercised afterwards. Thanks Val for a fabulous session.

Unfortunately, now we have had to postpone all our face to face events until further notice following guidelines from the Government and advice from our WI Federation. This includes the Community Litter Pick on Saturday 21 March and April's Willow Sculpting Demonstration. We will continue to keep you all informed about when we can resume our meetings in person but in the meantime if anyone has any ideas as to how we can enjoy our monthly meetings online, let us know. Hopefully, we will find a method of bringing the WI meetings into your homes virtually by some means.

In the meantime, we would really like to pull together as a community to offer help and assistance to those that need it. Many of us are offering support to the residents in our village and surrounding area. If you want to help too or you feel you need any support, please contact us. We will do our best to help where we can.

Use the Facebook at Ore-some Copper Belles WI to stay connected or contact us directly via the Facebook private messenger service or email oresomecopperbelles@outlook.com

Stay safe everyone.

School News

Well the weather has certainly been diverse recently, with gale force winds, snow and more rain than we know what to do with but, dare we say it, Spring seems to have finally arrived!

Over at our Eppleby Forcett site the Pre-school children have been looking for the first signs of Spring and have noticed the snowdrops and daffodils are starting to bloom. They have talked about what plants need to grow and have planted some seeds. The children in Reception enjoyed flipping some pretend pancakes on Shrove Tuesday and recording their tossing scores. They have also been learning about Lent, which means Spring, and have talked about some special Lenten promises.

In Year 1 the children have started their new class novel "The Pirate Cruncher" and have been making predictions about what might happen next in the story based on the illustration on the front cover. They were delighted to receive a letter from 'dastardly Captain Purple Beard and his band of cut-throat Pirates' asking if they wanted to join the crew! The children discussed reasons for and against this and came up with some very persuasive arguments!

In Year 2 the children have been scientists, drawing and labelling the different parts of a plant. They have also been using their senses to write detailed and descriptive sentences about the islands they designed in English and have been making plans in DT to build their own pirate ships! The children have also been talking about how and why it is important to be healthy.

Over in Year 3 the children have been mathematicians, learning about measurement, length and perimeter and have been going round school measuring a variety of objects.

They have worked out that a million £1 coins stacked on top of each other would be 3km high! They have also begun reading their new class novel "Clockwork", a spooky story about automaton!

Meanwhile our Year 4 children been busy writing their own stories based on the characters and events in the book "Hugo Carbet". They have also been talking about Lent and setting personal Lenten goals to achieve during this time.

The children in both these classes have also been very busy rehearsing their Easter production, 'Daniel'. Our Year 5 and 6 children enjoyed a trip to Beamish Open Air Museum as part of their Industrial Revolution topic. They learned about the invention of the steam engine and how the expansion of the railways affected different people. They listened to various arguments and had to decide if they thought this was a good idea and whether they should invest in the new railway or not, giving reasons for their choices.

The Year 5 children have also been learning about Eco-systems, climate change and how things we do can

affect our planet. They produced some very persuasive posters explains how we can all help do our bit to save planet Earth.

We must say a big 'Thank You' to The Woodland Trust who have very kindly donated 130 saplings which the children have planted around the school grounds with the help of Mrs Booth and Mrs Clarke. The children and staff celebrated World Book Day by coming to school dressed as an historical character. Everyone had a wonderful time and the costumes all looked amazing!

We had a real array of famous characters including suffragettes, knights, Cleopatra, soldiers, various Queens, Florence Nightingale and we even had Jesus!

With the coronavirus closing schools across the UK, it may be a while until we can start sharing our school news with you all again. Stay safe everyone xx



With coronavirus Covid-19 we are now in a time where many of us are self-isolating and social distancing is a must for us all, so we need to be even more careful in how we stay safe and keep in touch.

There are a number of networks of volunteers popping up as well as unscrupulous people trying to take advantage of those who are alone and vulnerable. North Yorkshire Police have been in discussion with NYCC Local Resilience Forum, Ready For Anything and Major Incident Response Team about how they best administer spontaneous volunteers. However they recognise that communities are self-organising and know their communities best. Due to the potential risks to the public and organisation in coordinating volunteers in this setting without DBS checks and putting people at risk, they consider the best way forward is to speak with one voice and to sign post people to the following support and advice about

keeping well and looking after your neighbours and communities:

<https://healthwatchnorthyorkshire.co.uk/information/coronavirus/>

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/coronavirus-covid-19-community-support>

Sadly it has not taken long for coronavirus linked scams and dodgy claims to start, including protective face masks that never arrive or are not fit for purpose, and coronavirus-themed phishing emails to trick people into opening malicious attachments or revealing sensitive personal and financial details. Often they purport to be from research organisation's affiliated with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the World Health Organisation (WHO), claiming to be able to provide a list of coronavirus infected people in our area but to access the information you click a link to a malicious website or request for payment.

Coronavirus linked scams and dodgy claims are not just online. Trading Standards have been made aware that a company is putting flyers through our letterboxes here in Middleton Tyas, offering to deep clean the exterior of our homes, as a deterrent against the coronavirus, at a cost of £80. Based on advice from Public Health, Trading Standards believes that the company has made unsubstantiated and misleading claims and has instructed them to immediately stop. They urge everyone to be on the look out for this and other types of coronavirus scam, which prey on genuine worries and concerns in order to make quick money. If you have any information about this or any other coronavirus scam please do report it to Trading Standards.

Our application for the village to be a No Cold Calling Zone has been received by Trading Standards and they have said it will be actioned as soon as the coronavirus situation has settled. In the meantime, should we have a cold caller, we should ask to see a copy of their Pedlar's Licence. This is free of charge from any Police Station and if they are genuine sales people, they should have one and show it on demand. If not, advise them to go and get one. If the caller does not have a Pedlar's Licence or you are suspicious of them, phone the Police on 101 immediately and report the incident.

North Yorkshire Community Messaging is a free messaging system that allows us to register to receive the latest crime notifications and community news happening here in Middleton Tyas. You can tailor it for the type of the message you receive, your preferred channel (phone, text, or email) and the locations you want. You can get information on:



- Crime and other police incidents, including missing people and witness appeals.
- Rural policing, including crimes against farms and rural businesses.
- Anti-social behaviour.
- Road safety, including road closures and traffic updates.
- Neighbourhood news and events, such as invitations to public meetings.

To get started, visit www.nycm.co.uk and create an account, or download the phone app from your App Store.

The Police have also been using WhatsApp as another means of communicating and it proved invaluable in reducing quad bike thefts with several arrests made following local people contacting them through the various WhatsApp groups. There have been a number of poaching and curtain sided lorry thefts nearby and patrols were increased resulting in several arrests of individuals caught trying to steal items from parked lorries around the Barton and Scotch corner areas, as well as a number of men being given a dispersal order to leave Middleton Tyas on 16/01/20 as they were believed to be poaching.

In addition to all the above sources of information, Middleton Tyas Neighbourhood Watch keeps a page on Facebook with information relayed from various local sources, focusing on that which affects people in our village. If you wish to get in touch you can find us on facebook and "Send Message" or email us at neighbourhoodwatch@middletontyas.org.uk but if you see anything suspicious please report it immediately via 101 or if at the time you believe a crime is taking place call 999.

CORONA VIRUS AND THE CHURCH - WHAT NOW?

I regret to announce that there will not be any church services until further notice.

However.....

THE CHURCH BUILDING WILL STILL BE OPEN.

We will ensure that the church is open daily, as normal, so that people can go in and spend some quiet time as they please.

ON SUNDAYS , THE CHURCH WILL BE OPEN FROM 9.30 UNTIL LATE AFTERNOON. We cannot hold services, but we can go into church for quiet reflection, prayer and just to get away from what could be an increasingly difficult time for us all.

Below you will find the readings set for the Sundays in April. Each Sunday I will open these readings in the red book and leave them for anyone to read, or you can study them at home.

We will miss our normal services, our clergy leadership and being together, but there is plenty that we can do.

What is most important is that we remain aware of the needs and concerns of those around us in the community and do all we can to offer help and support where needed. If anybody needs the services of a priest, please contact me and I will do my best to arrange things for you.

Readings for April

April 5th Palm Sunday

Matthew 21, verses 1-11 or Matthew 26,
14-end, Matthew 27, 11-54

Isaiah 50, 4-9a

April 10th Good Friday

John 19, 1-37

April 12th. Easter Day

Exodus 14, 12-end, Matthew 28, 1-10

April 19th

Acts 2 14a, 22-32 1 Peter, 1 3-9

April 26th

Acts 2, 14a, 36-41 1 Peter 1, 17-23

I hope these references are useful.

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