

# MIDDLETON TYAS & MOULTON VILLAGE NEWS

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### Claiming Dates:

29 September - 12 for 12.30pm Lunch and flower demonstration NAFAS. Black Bull, Moulton  
15 May 2021 Moulton Plant Sale

### 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> June for Jul & Aug issue

20<sup>th</sup> Aug for September's issue

20<sup>th</sup> Sep for October's issue

20<sup>th</sup> Oct for November's issue

### Village News editorship - Volunteer

I am delighted to say that Christine Bryant has agreed to step in as Village News Editor. I am sure that you will all support her as you have supported me. The email address will remain the same for all entries (see above).

I will continue to do the editorship for the time being as Social distancing rules prohibit me from doing a full handover. Watch this space for more details.

A thought as things start to get back to normal:

*I always get to where I am going by walking away from where I have been.*

A.A. Milne

Mike Amos, more than 30 years in Middleton Tyas, has published a 390-page memoir of 55 years in provincial journalism, almost all with The Northern Echo.

*Unconsidered Trifles*, comprehensively illustrated and vividly anecdotal, embraces a happy lifetime of writing but also reflects the inexorable decline of local and regional journalism.

"I remember 20-odd years ago doing my elder son's paper round for a few days – he claimed a rugby injury – and was astonished even then how few people took any newspaper at all, even in a village like Tyas," he says. "These days most titles will be selling very many fewer."

Mike was seven times North-East Journalist of the Year between 1988-2005, won several national awards for his sports column, was appointed MBE in 2006 for services to journalism in North-East England and was an inaugural member of the Provincial Journalism Hall of Fame.

The book's dedicated to his wife Sharon – probably more familiar around the village than he is – "who nagged me into writing the thing in the first place." He has decided to publish during lockdown because the pre-Christmas books market is likely to be even more crowded than ever. Available from June 1, the book costs £10 paperback or £22 hardback and can be bought – once social distancing is sorted out – from 8 Oakfields, telephone 01325 377463. Local delivery, adds the author, can no doubt be arranged – even if a handover in the Shoulder probably can't.

## RESTORING POST OFFICE SERVICE TO MIDDLETON TYAS



- **Temporary outreach service at Middleton Tyas Memorial Hall**
- **Permanent solution sought**

The Post Office will be restoring Post Office service to Middleton Tyas with a Hosted Outreach Service at the same location of The Memorial Hall, Middleton Tyas, Richmond, DL10 6QY.

The service will begin on 25 May at 10am.

The Hosted Outreach Service, whereby a nearby postmaster provides a service at a set time and location every week, will be operated by the postmaster from Middleton St George Post Office.

It will operate on Tuesday and Wednesday from 10am – 12noon.

The branch closed temporarily in October 2019, following the resignation of the Postmaster. We are pleased to be able to reinstate the service as a Temporary Hosted Outreach whilst we continue to seek a permanent solution.

The hosted outreach service will offer a wide range of Post Office products and services. Customers will be able to take advantage of a wide range of banking services including cash withdrawals and balance enquiries for customers of all the main UK banks.

Post Office Change Manager, Ian Murphy, said: "We are pleased to be able to restore Post Office service to Middleton Tyas whilst we continue to look for a permanent solution."

Thank you, the staff and volunteers of the Village Shop, our 'front line' workers.

As a Village, we are indebted to them for their hard work, resilience, dependability and cheerfulness. I hope they, and the Shop, won't be forgotten once we are free of this limbo.

Peter Monaghan

# MIDDLETON TYAS VILLAGE SHOP

MON-FRI: 8AM-1PM SAT: 8.30AM-1PM

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

So here we are, almost in June, day whatever of the lockdown. Restrictions are easing, which is great until you come across those who think everything is back to normal. Hmm. More traffic on the roads again, which is almost a shame really, I was enjoying whizzing to the cash and carry and back with no slow people in my way. Don't do slow people in my way.

Taylor's are back open again, great for pie lovers. We order on a Friday for Monday, Wednesday for Thursday so if you want to guarantee getting those 4 pork pies or scotch eggs or Cornish pasties (excellent things those, cos they're Cornish), give us a ring.

The cash and carry is slowly getting things back in, and if we're quick enough, we get them. Domestos at normal price, loo rolls, kitchen rolls etc etc. While we had them all along, plus loads of other stuff, we were having to charge more than normal simply because that's what suppliers were charging us – it was a case of getting them where we could.

What I have been finding though is that I get very excited when I see something on a previously empty shelf that I buy it, even though we weren't stocking it before. So now some of our shelves are bursting, oops. Vanish, now got that. Germolene, not had that since I've been there. Atora suet, because someone asked for it. Imperial leather talc, ditto. TCP, which I didn't know still existed. And so on.

Now some Post Office news. When Dorothy retired, there was only supposed to be a three-ish week gap before we got an Outreach service. Haha. But, lo and behold, it may be about to start.

Yes, I know that's vague, but having dealt with them for a while now, I'll believe it when I see it. Harsh maybe, but having found out their plans through Facebook of all places, I think harsh is justified. The shop pays for that area of the building, it always has done, but do they consult the shop first, given the current situation? No. Something gets plonked on Facebook.

Anyway, I won't go into that. Eventually I got a phone call from the chap who is 'organising' this, and who couldn't believe it was on FB, even though he was directly quoted. And I must add that the page for our Post Office on the official website said the premises had been withdrawn, which is absolutely not true.

Sorry, right, I'll stop seething, because obviously it is a good thing, however they have gone about it (grr). The plan is to open on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May, and then the Wednesday, and then every Tuesday and Wednesday after that, 10am-1pm.

Entry and exit will be via the old path and that door, one customer at a time. Entry and exit to the shop on the days the PO is open will be via the Memorial Garden, one customer at a time. You will not be able to get to the PO bit from the shop, and vice versa. While this may be a pain for some, we have tried very hard to keep the shop stocked and open, and our staff, volunteers and customers safe, and I am not willing to put the shop or anyone at risk. Grumble grumble.

Enough of that and just a quick mention that we do still, most of the time, have self-raising and plain flour, will be getting back in some bread flour and yeast, and have some baking powder too. Ooh.

Stay safe people.

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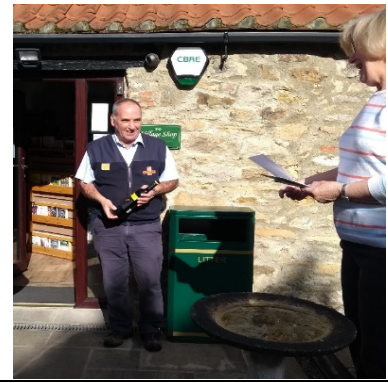
**We received a card from Steve the Postie which reads:**

*Just to thank you and all the residents of Midd. Tyas for the kind gifts and friendship on my retirement. I was surprised at the generosity of the Village and hope you pass this message on to as many as you can, in these strange times. I will certainly miss you and hope you all keep healthy. Hopefully I will call in the Village sometime when this virus has cleared and see some of you*

Steve

*Ps golf is on hold at the moment*

**The card is in the Shop for all to see.**



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## 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.**

### Books in the Moulton Book Stop

The sale of books DVDs, CDs plants, cakes, biscuits, games and jigsaws in the bus shelter during May raised £512.34, thank you to all our supporters. All books, DVDs and CDs are priced at 50p. Please leave a donation for the plants unless otherwise priced. Good quality fiction books, plants and any other produce are always welcome. Please leave them on the benches in the bus shelter. All proceeds will go towards Moulton Village Association funds.

As previously announced, the Plant Sale this year has of course been cancelled. This event is the key fund raiser for Moulton as we do not raise a precept. All activities in the village and maintenance of the Diamond Jubilee Garden are thus funded either by contributions or fund raisers, such as the Plant Sale. The Bus Shelter provides another valuable source of income and this year we will need to rely on sales here which have been record breaking in March and April. Sarah Richardson (30 + lemon drizzle), Chris Wiper Gentry (80+ tea loaves), Sue Jones (rock buns), Ian (Mars Bar Traybake) and Mo and Violet (cookies) have done sterling work in baking produce for sale which fly off the shelf. Thanks for their hard work and more amazingly, resourcefulness in obtaining the ingredients, especially the flour and caster sugar. More bakers are welcome to contribute as folks have an insatiable appetite for cakes at this challenging time!

The Constitution of the MVA has a commitment to give half the proceeds from the village major fundraising event in alternate years to St Andrew's Church which the village uses, just like a village hall, with no charge. This year is one of those years and thus half the proceeds from the Bus Shelter will go to St Andrew's this year. We still hope to have a big party once we are able to get together as well as our other regular activities.

### Plants in Moulton

Even though the Plant Sale has had to be cancelled this year, plants and cuttings are thankfully still growing and folks are leaving surplus stock in the bus shelter. We know there will be bedding plants and more tomatoes once the weather is warmer and more settled. Thanks to all who have left plants in the bus shelter. Do call in if you are passing on your daily exercise.

### Upkeep of village appearance

Despite there being no Best Kept Village Competition this year, residents are commended for taking care of our appearance. Steve has been cutting the Green and some verges, the "Moulton Grasscutters" are looking after the church verge, church lawn and the Diamond Jubilee garden. Those who have kindly adopted a tub are doing a grand job. The pansies sadly will soon be going over and "trios" have been ordered as their replacement. Thanks to Sara Vaux and Chris Bladen for treating the benches.

### Dog Fouling

Residents have noticed an increase in dog mess, especially on Hall Road between the village Green and Moulton Hall and at Low Gatherley. Please pick up after your dog – thank you.

### Moulton Communications

We have a circulation by email (Bcc) to over 50 residents in Moulton. If you are not receiving these or perhaps are new to the village, please contact the Parish Meeting and you will be added to the list: [moultonparishmeeting@yahoo.com](mailto:moultonparishmeeting@yahoo.com).

### Church Cleaning:

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

June: Chris Bladen and Julia Stephenson

July: Mr and Mrs Gentry

THE  
**STAY ALERT**  
QUIZ  
FOR THE  
**STAY AT HOME**

While COVID-19 concerns abound,  
Lockdown keeping feet on one's ground,  
Nasty thoughts let us spurn,  
Brains to trees and birds turn  
To a quiz – for only one pound!

**Quiz sheets £1 - available from Susan 377600  
or from our community shop 377198, from 1<sup>st</sup>  
June 20**

**Completed quiz sheets back by 12<sup>th</sup> August 20  
The winner will receive a shop voucher for £10**

Proceeds will go to Middleton Tyas Shop  
Funds in appreciation of the invaluable work  
that the staff and volunteers are doing for  
our community in these present difficult  
days.

***Proposed bridleway diversion***

Landteam Farms and AWSM Farming, wish to consult with the village residents about a proposal to divert a short section of bridleway away from the farm yard at Brook House Farm.

With the current numbers of walkers, runners and bikers, there is a potential risk of injury to the public as they pass through the farm yard at Brook House Farm. This risk has been highlighted by a recent health and safety inspection and enhanced by the general increased use of this right of way for exercise, in particular during the Covid19 lockdown. There are a wide variety of operations involving large farm equipment that take place in this yard and around the buildings, as well as third party operators who use the yard for the collection and loading of haylage, silage, straw and other feedstuffs. To control risk to the public, Landteam Farms and AWSM Farms are now considering making a joint application to divert the bridleway in order to separate the farm operations from the public users of the bridleway. This issue has been brought into sharp focus locally, with the occurrence of a fatality on a footpath adjoining a farm yard in a nearby village. This accident has been a life changing event, not just for the member of the public who was tragically killed, but also for both the farm owners and the operator of the farm machinery.

Landteam Farms fully recognise the amenity value to the village of the existing route linking Cow Lane and Five Hills Lane, creating a loop back to the village. The proposed diversion is a parallel route which, will be in part, over some existing farmland, but mainly on pre-existing tracks behind the farm yard and through some woodland with views to Murky Hill and out to the Cleveland Hills. Whilst this route is slightly longer, it is hoped this will be of some additional benefit for those walking and taking exercise. There is also a tight bend in the bridleway towards Murky Hill and the intention would be to use this opportunity to reduce the risks here also, ensuring separation at key points and that the sightlines are better for both the farm vehicles and those using the bridleway.

The proposed diversion route will be marked out and opened up for viewing for one week w/c 15 June. For more information or to arrange a time to walk the proposed route, please contact Edward Speir by email on [edward@landteamnorth.com](mailto:edward@landteamnorth.com).

**Neighbourhood Watch**

The Police are conducting patrols in our communities, providing some reassurance and offering advice. They have also been conducting patrols in our local beauty spots to make sure that we have not been getting visitors travelling long distances putting themselves or us at further risk.

Due to the closure of our local waste and recycling facilities there has been an increase in reported cases of fly tipping. This has resulted in several joint investigations with North Yorkshire Police and Richmondshire District Council whereby a number of fixed penalty notices have been issued.

PCSO Helenor Gwatkin, our local Fraud Ambassador, is joining PC Mark Wood and PCSO Helen Sutherland in the Rural Team so be sure to say hello whenever you see them out and about on patrol.

Please continue to report suspicious incidents through 101 or to Mark, Helen and Helenor unless you believe a crime is taking place then please do call 999 immediately. If you would like to contact Middleton Tyas Neighbourhood Watch please feel free to message us on our Facebook page or email [neighbourhoodwatch@middletontyas.org.uk](mailto:neighbourhoodwatch@middletontyas.org.uk)



# The Shoulder of Mutton

## Take Away/Delivery Menu

Tuesday-Saturday 4.30pm-8.30pm

10% Off for Collection

DELIVERY service is ONLY for people who are vulnerable & self isolating

<b>Confit Duck Leg</b>	<b>14.50</b>
With Creamy Mash, Seasonal Vegetables and Orange Sauce OR With Chinese Pancakes, Cucumber, Spring Onion and Hoisin Sauce	
<b>Chicken Schnitzel</b>	<b>12.00</b>
Caper Butter and Double Dipped Chunky Chips with Seasonal Vegetables	
<b>Chicken Wrapped in Bacon</b>	<b>12.50</b>
With Double Dipped Chunky Chips, Blue Cheese Sauce with Seasonal Vegetables	
<b>Our Famous Deep Filled Beef and Ale Pie</b>	<b>13.50</b>
with Double Dipped Chunky Chips and Seasonal Vegetables (Freshly Baked, Please Allow an Extra 25mins)	
<b>Curry of The Day(G)</b>	<b>13.25</b>
Homemade curry, Served with Rice, Poppadoms, Raita and Mango Chutney	
<b>Fresh Beer Battered Haddock</b>	<b>12.95</b>
In Local Ale Batter, Double Dipped Chunky Chips, Mushy Peas and Tartare Sauce	
<b>6oz Yorkshire Steak Burger</b>	<b>12.95</b>
100% Steak Burger, Chargrilled with Bacon, Lettuce and Tomato and Yorkshire Blue Cheese or Cheddar in a Toasted Bun with Fries	
<b>Steak Stroganoff</b>	<b>13.95</b>
with Rice or Chips and Seasonal Vegetables	
<b>Thai Vegetable Curry ( V )</b>	<b>12.95</b>
Served with Rice and Prawn Crackers	
<b>Children's Menu</b>	<b>7.95</b>
<b>Fish and Chips</b> or <b>Homemade Chicken Nuggets, Fries and Beans</b>	

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## Ore-some Copper Belles WI

It was lovely to see our members virtually this month for our Bingo night. Although we cannot be with one another physically during this time, it is important that we continue to 'get together' via other means and a game (or two) of Bingo was perfect to allow us to do this. Drinks in hand (and knitting needles for some – see about our red hearts below), players waited in anticipation for their numbers to be called; rather patiently I felt, especially during the moments of chaos at the Bingo caller's (my) end as some unexpected 'helpers' decided to join in...oh the joys of life during isolation with small children and a puppy. In true WI spirit we played on, embracing the challenges and enjoying the game for its social company, laughter and, of course, the celebrations of winning! A fun evening to raise spirits and feel a little more connected.

Our WI members have also continued to support others during the past month with members, their families and friends having now knitted 200 red hearts. These have been sent to 8 major hospitals and a residential home within a 40 mile radius of our locality. For those not familiar with this project, pairs of knitted red hearts are provided to hospitalised patients and their families currently separated by Coronavirus. This allows the families to remember their loved one and have a tangible item to hug, squeeze and keep in touch with them. Following the success of this project, we have received

several letters of appreciation and some very touching support from others who have been inspired by what our members are doing. In particular our coordinator, Clare, would like to express huge gratitude to the Tesco Delivery Driver who when hearing that the packaging required to despatch further hearts was unavailable he arrived voluntarily the following day with 2 rolls of sandwich bags for her to use. Along with all NHS and Care staff, these other key workers are truly invaluable to our community and we thank them for going above and beyond in their support for us and in keeping us safe.

Our next meeting will again be online on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June. We will send out details nearer the time by email and WhatsApp. Hopefully, we will enjoy some reflexology (safely in your own homes of course); if not we will have another plan in place. Until then, stay in touch by Facebook at Ore-some Copper Belles WI, email [oresomecopperbelles@outlook.com](mailto:oresomecopperbelles@outlook.com) or via our members [WhatsApp group](#).  
[New members are always welcome to join; please get in touch if you are interested.](#)

Stay safe everyone.

~ FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL ~

Another 30-ish days ticked off the calendar and we are still in lockdown, albeit with relaxation of some regulations since 13 May. Some of you may have returned to work and this includes our **Handyman**, Mike Ramsey, who is back keeping the village neat and tidy. A public note of appreciation to Mike for all the work he does in his usual cheerful and helpful manner.

The **Village Shop** is still open and well stocked, delivering to those who cannot get out and about. Please give them your support.

The **Children's Play Park** is still closed until further notice. The **Playing Field** remains open for your 'as much as you like' daily exercise – please continue to respect social distancing at all times. The conditions around use of the playing field say that it must be retained and protected for use as 'a community leisure facility' at all times. **However**, there has been a suggestion that the School may find it helpful to have access to this large green space during the early transition months of getting fully open again. Under the School's requirement to comply with child protection legislation, this would mean that during any times when the school was given access to the playing field, it would be necessary for the playing field to be closed to the public. This could be for specific hours during term-time weeks (i.e. play times, after lunch) and the restricted hours would be clearly posted at the field entrance gates.

If any resident has a view about this **temporary change of use conditions**, either for or against, please contact the Parish Clerk ([clerk.mtyas@live.co.uk](mailto:clerk.mtyas@live.co.uk), 377062) as soon as possible to enable the Parish Council to make a decision. Your comments will be confidential. It is **your playing field** but, in these unusual circumstances, it would be good to offer to help the School in this way.

The '**Best Kept Village Comp 2020**' has been cancelled. Notwithstanding that bit of news, we would like to thank you for complying with the following...

-- Please remember to **cut back your own shrubs and trees** which overhang the public footpath, or NYCC will be asked to do it, and they will charge you!

-- Please do not **drive, park or store goods on any grass verges**, or on the **village Green** (which has legal protection). It costs 20% of our budget to have them cut them and any damage just costs us (you) more, and looks a mess.

-- 'Someone' has been throwing several **dog poo bags** into a private garden (why would you?!). Please be thoughtful and responsible and take all your litter home or dispose of it in any of the waste bins provided around the village.

**Zoom!** The Parish Council is planning to hold a virtual meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> June. Details will be posted on notice boards and on the website [www.middletontyas.org.uk](http://www.middletontyas.org.uk) / The Council / Agendas & Minutes / <date of meeting>.

**And last but not least a message from our Chairman, Cllr Gordon Davies:**

**THANK YOU** - to all the unsung heroes of our village:

- *The Village Shop* – to Helen and all the volunteers in keeping us all going, obtaining scarce supplies that the supermarkets ran out of, providing call and collect groceries and a delivery service for the vulnerable and self isolating. Thank you.
- *The Shoulder of Mutton* – to James and Hana for providing a new takeaway service and a free delivery service for those who need it. Thank you.
- *To our villagers* – young and old for making our village gardens and paths look so neat and tidy, those who keep an eye on their neighbours who may need help, and those who show their appreciation for the emergency service providers each Thursday evening. Thank you.

**Thank you all** for making Middleton Tyas a truly supportive village.

**KEEP WELL AND STAY SAFE!**

## NEWS FROM THE CHURCH- JUNE 2020

Ascension Day.... and crayfish.....

Last night I was mulling over the changes in our lives, no church services, important days like Ascension Day and Pentecost being celebrated 'virtually', and my mind drifted back to a memorable school day. When I was at primary school, Ascension Day was hugely significant. I remember tall men in black suits coming into Standard 4 class ( Y6 now), looking very severe and important. We had to recite The Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and I think the Beatitudes, with lots of questioning. Presumably we 'passed', and the whole school went into the church for a service. Our reward for knowing our stuff, and pleasing the men in black was to have the afternoon off. I remember going in Mr Wilson's little car (A40?) with two other pupils somewhere in Wharfedale, armed with fishing nets and a large bucket. We went river dipping, and came back happy, wet, dirty with a bucket full of river water, teeming with creepy crawlies... and two crayfish. I remember holding onto that bucket in the footwell for dear life. The contents were carefully tipped into a fish tank at school. Best day at school ever. The following morning there was a tankful of water, not so many creepy crawlies, and only one crayfish. Mr Wilson never did tell us what happened, but I have my suspicions. So what is the relevance? Well, in that one day, I experienced being tested, sharing an amazing story, the kindness of a grown-up opening up the wonders of nature, and although I didn't realise at the time, I learnt that if we mess with wild creatures and their environment the outcomes may not be good- and I had my first ever ride in a car!

We are all being tested, some to the limit of their endurance, but the care and love of those around us, and our faith will see us through. Hopefully, when we are through the worst of the effects of this pandemic, we will be able to look back at the significant good things that happened, the caring, the sharing, the different ways of worshipping, and for many the chance in ages to put aside some of the hassle and pressure of 'normal' life. We will learn, in a good way, from our experiences.

There is light at the end of the tunnel- the trouble is it's a rather long tunnel! The church leaders are in constant discussion regarding opening our churches, and I am expecting some further clarification from the the diocese in the next ten days or so. In the mean time we must carry on as we are. There is a huge amount of good happening around our local communities, making sure that everybody has someone to care for them. Long may it continue. There is work going on behind the scenes to try to make sure we are ready when the time comes to re-advertise our post of rector. Obviously everything has been delayed. Let's hope that someone somewhere is taking this time to consider the chance of working in our rural benefice.

What about our young people?

It is unlikely that there will be after school clubs like St Michael's Club for some time yet, even if schools re-open. The diocese has prepared some family friendly weekly activities, beginning in June, and I enclose a link <https://www.leeds.anglican.org/children-youth/faith-at-home>

Stay safe, and look forward.

Suggested Bible readings for the end of May and the month of June

Ascension day (21st may)	Luke 24, 44-53
31st May- Whit Sunday.	Acts of The Apostles 2, 1-21, John 20, 19-23
7th June Trinity Sunday	2 Corinthians, 13, 11-13, Matthew 28, 16-20
14th June 1st After Trinity	Romans 5, 1-8 Matthew 9,35 - 10, 8
21st. June 2nd After Trinity	Romans 6, 1-11 Matthew 10, 24-39
28th June 3rd after Trinity	Romans 6, 12-end Matthew 10, 40-end

If you require the services of a vicar, please contact Liz Croft who will put you in touch with someone

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