

Claiming Dates:

~~15 May 2021 - Moulton Plant Sale - Cancelled~~

Parish Council meeting - Thursday 8 April at 7:00pm via Zoom

Editor's Note:

Welcome to the April edition. At last we can start to enjoy those lighter evenings and mornings. If you have anything to add to the newsletter please don't forget you can email me (Christine Bryant) at mtmvillagenews@hotmail.com. Or phone 01325 377746 or write to 2. Cumberland Gardens. DL10 6SE. Anecdotes, puzzles and stories are welcome. **AND I do hope that you enjoyed our first Letter to the Editor feature. More please!**

If anyone would like any documents printing please contact me to discuss prices. The Village News has an excellent printer available.

The cut off dates for entries into the Village news are:
 20th April for the May issue
 20th May for June issue
 20th June for July issue

Thank you to those who made a donation to the Village News last month - it is much appreciated. Contributions are always welcome and help to ensure the survival of the newsletter. Cheques or transfer to the Middleton Tyas Village News account at the following:
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Quiz. A reader kindly sent me a selection of Dingbats. Can you solve the following:

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I N F e R N O
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Middleton Tyas Memorial Hall

Volunteer required for the position of Secretary.

Whilst being an important position, the duties are not onerous, the principal job being the taking of minutes at the quarterly management committee meetings.

Come and join our friendly team.

For further details please contact : Geoff Smith

At geoffsmith53@btinternet.com

Or tel 01325 339030

THANK YOU to Geoff Yarrow.... for replacing the scratched and worn out Perspex in the notice board on Cow Lane, with shiny new glass. Residents will be very pleased that they can now read the village notices without having to squint through the gloom or open the doors. Not a lot of people know, but Geoff has done this work for the village, and other jobs in the past, 'free gratis' and we are very grateful for his craftsmanship and kindness. So a big thank you, Geoff, from everyone! MTPC

Please email, phone or write by 10th April. There is no prize this month.

Figure Out What's on Her Forehead - the answer was 50. The winner has been notified.

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TUES & WEDS – 10AM – NOON

Easter approacheth so before I fill this page with other stuff because I've forgotten this bit, please find below our Easter opening times. Good Friday and naughty Monday we will be open for three hours only so do please remember to come get your papers in time if you reserve them. Please also note that we won't be cooking any bread unless it has been pre-ordered, so if you want one or two of our lovely petit pains or the even more popular potato roll, order the day before. Or Saturday for Monday. Obvs.

Good Friday and Easter Monday – open 8am to 11am.

Saturday in the middle – normal opening hours of 8.30am – 1pm.

On the subject of Saturdays, Jude and I, the bacon butty team, will resume making these on Saturday 1st May. £2.50 a butty, sausages usually available to bung in too on request. Can't wait.

I've been eyeing up the bread on our supplier's website and have ordered some sunflower and honey star loaves, which frankly sound delicious/lush/tiptop (choose adjective of preference). Being artisan, they will not be cheap (we'll have to sell at £2.60) but we'll give them a go. Also not being cheap, these will have to be ordered in advance.

Sales of books and games etc from the Shop Shed made £60.50 in February, which we are donating to Comic Relief. Thank you everyone who bought or donated items.

We've got some new cards in from a different supplier, and among these are images based on various BBC programmes such as Springwatch, Countryfile, Gardener's World and Poldark. They're blank inside but are lovely and only £1.99 each. Find them in the Post Office bit as we ran out of room in the shop. And I may have made up the Poldark one. Wishful thinking. Oh how I miss him. Also new in are cards of water colours painted by a lady who caught me at a vulnerable time when I was too tired to say no and who I told to come back in a while. She did so I felt obliged to buy some (I'm being honest!) but they're actually really nice cards. £2.50 each.

This month we have an offer on our Cosy Cottage range – buy two soaps and get a free lip balm. If you haven't tried any of the stock yet, do give it a go. Its all made in Yorkshire, plastic and nasty stuff free. Being natural, the soaps don't leave as near as much soap scum as normal soaps but yet are still lovely and creamy when you use them.

Now here's something I've realised in the past year – why Banks are so keen to tell us that cheques and cash are so last year (man) (woman/other). Before all this Covid rubbish started, we paid about £40-50 in charges for card usage a month. In March and April last year, this shot up to about £150 each month, and has now settled to about £70-100 a month. This is not including the rental we pay on the card machine. Every time you use your card, we pay about three different charges on it, each a percentage of what you've spent.

Obviously I'm not asking you to carry cash around if you're not happy to do so, I'm just making you aware because not a lot of people know that. But what a couple of regular customers have done, particularly for the reason of the charges, is set up an account with the shop. So instead of spending 3 or 4 or whatever pounds a day on card, they've done one transaction of £50 and we simply take off each day's spend until that amount has gone. Then we send round the heavies.

In the twelve months since last March, the shop paid Barclays just shy of £1,500 in charges, which is quite a bit for a tiny shop. Anyway, just saying...

And lastly (hoorah, she's going to shut up), if anyone would like to do us a favour, there is an old pallet by the path from the old door, or the door to the Post Office bit if you don't know which the old door is. This could do with being chopped up and disposed of, but being that we are a bunch of girlies, we haven't been able to do it.

Stay safe, happy Easter and tata. Helen

From the Parish Council ~~

“Wanted – someone to manage a Facebook page!” We are looking for some help with managing/moderating the ‘Middleton Tyas Community’ Facebook page. It is up and running, but we need someone to take over the administration of it. If any resident feels they could take on this project on behalf of the Council and the community, please get in touch for an informal chat. Thank you!

Save our Boulders

A resident has noted a pile of big boulders which have been unearthed on the new housing development, Copperfield Park. They believe these to be ‘boulder erratics’, left after the Ice Age some 12,000 years ago. Similar boulders were unearthed further along the same stretch of ground when the site for the new school was being dug out; these can be seen just inside the main gates to the school. The resident has been trying to persuade Wynyard Homes to retain these boulder erratics and use them as a feature within the new housing development. They have now asked the Parish Council to take over this project. If anyone else would like to add their support, please let the Parish Clerk or any Councillor know so we can put a stronger case forward to Wynyard Homes. Thank you.

Vehicle Activated Speed (VAS) sign on Middleton Tyas Lane

Good news! After long consultation with the relevant authorities, the approval of grant funding from the Community Infrastructure Fund, and in respect of some objections to siting the sign within the Conservation Area, we are pleased to tell you that we can now move this project forward. It is essential that, amongst other considerations, the legal sightline limits are respected, the sign can be rotated at regular intervals and it can monitor traffic in both directions. NYCC Highways Dept has now approved a suitable site for the sign to be installed on the grass verge near West Close, where several items of ‘street furniture’ are already situated, the legal sightline distances are available, and it is outside the Conservation Area.

Double Yellow Lines at West End

We recently reported that this project had been approved and would soon be implemented. It transpires that the approval was for a similar overlapping project around the Services entrance which was linked to the A1M Upgrade works. The consultation on the West End double yellow lines is still under enquiry by NYCC Highways Dept and we will report back to you on progress in due course.

Pick up your Dog Poo!

There is still a problem with abandoned dog poo in some areas despite the many suitable waste bins provided around the village. Please be thoughtful on your walks

Bag it and Bin it! Thank you.

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Ringing the changes

Ore-some Copper Belles WI

For our March meeting, we enjoyed a very hands-on experience that not only tested our creative talents but required coordination, strength and some determination too! Our task was to make a dragonfly using willow following the guidance provided by our expert Victoria from The Willow Barn (who joined us on Zoom). Victoria made it look so easy, manipulating the willow effortlessly, whilst the rest of us (well, me) wrestled our willow into place. We certainly gained a true appreciation as to the time, skill and effort required in willow making. The end products though were well worth the challenge and we all have a beautiful willow dragonfly to place up on our wall. You might even spot some around the village. For more information on willow sculpting, visit <http://www.thewillowbarn.co.uk/>

Ore-some Copper Belles have also been supporting the Smalls for All@ charity this month by collecting new pants and lightly worn bras. Everything collected will be sent to help people in Africa and the UK. To date, we have collected 134 pairs of new pants and 17 bras. Well done you Ore-some Belles!

Next month, our annual Membership of £44 is due on 1 April 2021 and we would love to welcome anyone new to the group.

Then it's time for a pamper with Temple Spa on Tuesday 13th April at 7pm. Vicci Pace joins us again and will guide us through a DIY facial. Mini facial packs will be distributed in advance for members who would like to join in.

Find us on  @MiddletonTyasWI

email us: oresomecopperbellesWI@outlook.com

We too are still waiting to hear back from Trading Standards in respect of our application to be a No Cold Calling Zone but in the meantime, if we could continue to report cold callers with as much detailed information as possible that would help as none of the above would have been possible had it not been for people getting in touch with details and photographs as well as a report of them littering and being told to pick it up!

If we see anything suspicious we need to call 101 or 999 if it is still taking place. We can email our local Police officers Mark.Wood@northyorkshire.pnn.police.uk and Connor.Mattison@northyorkshire.pnn.police.uk or generalenquiries@northyorkshire.pnn.police.uk.

If anyone has lost a pair of gentlemen's spectacles please do get in touch as a pair has been found on a local walk to Moulton. You can email us at neighbourhoodwatch@middletontyas.org.uk or find us on Facebook.



Another Plea from a Concerned Resident

Today I had a visit from a resident of Middleton Tyas. She and a friend were upset and annoyed as they had been for a lovely walk in the sunshine along Cow Lane. Suddenly a pile of dog poo cast a shadow over their walk - well, under a shoe to be exact. Not very nice to have to go home and wash it off. PLEASE pick up, bag it and bin it.

Which brings me to my irritation - I often rebag discarded poo bags which have been left on the ground to rot for the next 20 years along various lanes. Or even forming interesting hanging decorations in the bushes. I can usually work out if the person is coming back to pick up on a return journey as discarded bags tend to be wet and dusty. PLEASE carry it with you and bin it. If you don't like carrying the bag because it is smelly, either double bag or take a carrier bag with handles to pop the poo bag in.

Thank you.



Middleton Tyas Neighbourhood Watch

We have had a couple of cold callers and with the improving weather and easing of lockdown we may well see some more over the coming weeks. The local police were contacted with details including a good description of the individuals and their clothing which had their company logo. This was followed up by the police who found that as they were selling building services rather than goods upon their person, their actions were deemed legal even if it did not sit well going door to door in a pandemic.

Our local police did contact the company who believed they were acting legally and it was felt that there was nothing more that could be done. That said, the Police did remind the company they should socially distance better and ensure they follow the instructions on any window stickers on display stating people don't want door step visitors etc. They have also emailed Trading standards and are awaiting a reply from them.

Moulton Matters

Books in the Moulton Book Stop

The sale of books DVDs, CDs, cakes, gifts, games and jigsaws in the bus shelter during February raised £223.79, thank you to all our supporters. All books, DVDs and CDs are priced at 50p.

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.

Best Kept Village Competition

The village was contacted by the Rotary Club of Richmond who are seeking views as to whether villages wish to enter the competition, given the potential relaxation of restrictions later in the year. Soundings were taken and the unanimous view was that we should enter. We have now received confirmation that the competition will take place. In the meantime, many thanks to residents who have been spotted enthusiastically collecting litter, especially from Scurragh House Lane and the road to Middleton Tyas . Litter pickers may be borrowed from John Gentry.

Moulton Memorabilia

The Black Bull is looking at showcasing more history of the pub and Moulton in the bar area. If anybody has any old photographs of either please get in touch with the Manager at The Black Bull: manager@theblackbullmoulton.com

Moulton Communications

We have a circulation by email (Bcc) to over 70 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.

Church Cleaning:

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

April: Mr and Mrs Whitehead. May: Mr and Mrs Stevens

Claiming Dates:

Moulton Plant Sale 2021: Saturday 15 May 2021 is now CANCELLED



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CHURCH SERVICES APRIL 2021

Please note that there may be changes to readings. I have taken a chance and put down readers and sidesmen. If you are unavailable, please contact me, or re-arrange to suit. Hopefully soon we will have a clearer idea of service patterns. Thank you.

Sunday 4th April	Easter Day	Middleton Tyas
9:30 Holy Communion		Rev. L. Ashton
Sidesmen	Mrs. S. Vaux	Mrs. D. Donnison
Reader	Mrs. V. Thomas	
Readings	Acts, 10, 34-43 P 482	Mark 16, 1-8 P 487
Sunday 11th April	Second Sunday of Easter	Middleton Tyas
9:30 Morning Prayer		Mr. A. Hindhaugh
Sidesmen	Mrs. J. Fogarty	Mrs. J. Nimmins
Reader	Mrs. S. Vaux	
Readings	Acts 4, 32-35 P 488	John 20, 19-31 P 489
Sunday 11th April	Second Sunday of Easter	Moulton
No service at Moulton		
Sunday 18th April	Third Sunday of Easter	Middleton Tyas
9:30 Holy Communion		Rev. L. Ashton
Sidesmen	Mr. S. Hill	Mrs. M. Hill
Reader	Mrs. E. Croft	
Readings	Acts 3, 12-19 P 491	1 John 3, 1-7 P 492 or Luke 24, 36b-48 P 493
Sunday 25th April	Fourth Sunday of Easter	Middleton Tyas
9:30 Morning Prayer		Rev. S. Ridley
Sidesmen	Mrs. L. Weightman	Dr. N. Weightman
Reader	Mrs. M. Hill	
Readings	Acts 4, 5-12 P 494	1 John, 3, 16-24 P 495 or John 10, 11-18 P 496

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.

01325 377867 elizabeth.croft213@btinternet.com

A message from Sara Vaux - We will be doing flowers for Easter in church on Saturday April 3rd at 10am. Look forward to seeing anyone who would like to join us. Sara

Church Cleaning:

March 29 - April 5 Mrs. Baxter, Mrs. Gentry

April 12 - 19 Mr. & Mrs. Hill

April 26 - May 3 Mrs. Cook, Mrs. Millar

Mrs. Potts and Mrs. Brooks will clean the brasses.

COMIC RELIEF 19th March 2021



Here is a lovely photo of Susan sitting on the green in the cold wind with her paper and a cuppa! Still smiling.
Thanks to the photographer who sent it to me (Ed)

How heartwarming of so many of you to donate to Red Nose Day on the Village Green.

That brought in £261.60 on the Day itself, which, along with donations totalling £45 that friends handed across ahead of the 19th March '21, made a total of £306.60 for Red Nose Day.

The 'Comic Relief from Covid' quiz made £60, grateful thanks to the Shop staff for selling them, and to those who bought them. Many entries were within one point of 40, but the perfect score of 40 was achieved by 3 entrants. The joint winners were:-
John and Heather Parr
Clare Lamb
Tony Conner
Congratulations to them. (Answers can be seen on Shop notice board.)

Middleton Tyas shop handed over £60.50 from their recent sales of books and toys, to go to Comic Relief, so a grand total of £427.10 has gone to Comic Relief from these endeavours.

My sincere thanks.

Susan.