

Claiming Dates:

~~15 May 2021 (Saturday) - Moulton Plant Sale - Cancelled~~

Parish Council meeting - Thursday 11 March at 7p.m. via Zoom

Editor's Note:

Welcome to the March edition and the start of Spring and clocks going forwards. And goodbye to snow, sleet, rain, cold.....one can but hope. And I hope that you are well and many of you have been vaccinated.

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 think it would be nice to make Letters to the Editor a feature so please pick up your pens or launch your emails.**

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 March for the April issue
20th April for the May issue
20th May for June issue - That's summer!!

Thank you to those who made a donation to the Village News in January - it was a lovely surprise. 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:
Sort code: 20-25-29.
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Thank you.

Quiz.

Figure Out What's on Her Forehead
Charlotte loves testing the logic of her very logical friends Ella, Julian, and Levi so she announces:
"I'll write a positive number on each of your foreheads. None of the numbers are the same, and two of the numbers add up to the third."
She scribbles the numbers on their heads, then turns to Ella and asks her what her number is. Ella sees Julian has 20 on his forehead, and Levi has 30 on his. She thinks for a moment and then says, "I don't know what my number is." Julian pipes in, "I also don't know my number," and then Levi exclaims, "Me neither!" Charlotte gleefully says, "I've finally stumped you guys!"
"Not so fast!" Ella says. "Now I know my number!"
What is Ella's number?



Ringling the changes

Ore-some Copper Belles WI

Try Before You Buy

This February, Ore-some Copper Belles WI celebrated the beginning of our 4th year at our AGM and set out plans for 2021. As a group, we have continued to meet remotely during the pandemic with a variety of excellent speakers and activities. It has been a great way to keep connected and we very much welcome new members for the year ahead.

Annual Membership of £44 is due on 1 April 2021

For anyone wishing to try us out, our next meeting is 9th MARCH 7.00 p.m. – VICTORIA from the WILLOW BARN will be demonstrating, via the Zoom platform, how to make a Dragonfly which we will be making from the comfort of our own kitchen/dining table.

Cost for Visitors is £10 to include all material. Numbers are required by 26th February to sign up; please contact Clare on 01325 377168

Thereafter, our provisional diary of events (second Tuesday every month at 7.00 p.m.) for the first quarter are A PAMPER EVENING, GAMES NIGHT and HANDS-ON ART CLASS. For further information, please contact Hazel Ducker on 01325 339133

Find us on  @MiddletonTyasWI

email us: OresomecopperbellesWI@outlook.com

Please email, phone or write by 10th March. Correct answers into hat and first 2 out - small prize - usually some chocolate.

The answer to the last puzzle is : **9**. 2 parents plus 6 sons = 8. PLUS ONE sister = 9. If you are wondering why - Each son can say to someone - 'I have a sister'. It is the **same** sister for each of the them.

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Flash. There went February and here I am back again looking blankly at a blank screen with a blank head wondering what to type. Bang my blank head on laptop. Nope, nothing. Hurt mind.

Interestingly, I have just reread my drivel from last March's page, and there is nothing on Covid. As blank on Covid as my head is now. As perhaps many people did, I was hoping it was a lot of noise about nothing. Haha, you stupid woman. Or just optimistic. Maybe next March it will all be a fast receding memory and we'll be looking forward to a summer sitting in our gardens, alcoholic something in one hand, drumstick in the other, welcoming unmasked friends and family without sanitising them first.

So, March 2021, what will you bring us? No more snow hopefully (though someone told me today its forecast – oh lordy). Mother's Day is coming (14th), and we'll have some cards in. Hopefully by then those lesser spotted postmen will be a common sighting again and we'll get some mail more than once a fortnight.

Head still blank. We have some remaining slots open on our 100 Club, so if you fancy a go or still want to renew from last year, walk, paddle, ski or whatever suits the weather to the shop with your £24 to do so. Thanks to everyone who has either joined or renewed so far.

Recently added to our plastic free Cosy Cottage range of soaps, balms and lotions are their deodorants. Completely natural (ie no aluminium and other nasty stuff), it comes in vanilla, geranium and tea tree flavour. All made in Yorkshire.

Here's something we can crow about. There we were, swanning about getting stock for the shop, and we pecked up some bird food. People are raven about it. Now don't get into a flap about it, we have plenty, so duck into the shop and have a gander. We won't be robin you, its nice and cheap so pay the bill at the end and we'll stick a feather in your cap. Or your mask, whichever you prefer.

The eagle eyed will have spotted that we've added Vicks vapour rub to our medicines bit. Which gives me a good opportunity to remind you what we stork in that category ... Nurofen, Anadin, paracetamol, Deep Heat, Germolene, Strepsils, Halls menthol, lozenges, cough medicine, Piritese, Imodium, Rennies, cold pills, warm pills, hot pills, Nurofen for kids, Calpol, TCP, plasters, Lemsip and Sudafed.

There's still time to get one of Susan M's quizzes from the shop to test what's left of your brain cells. All for a good cause (Comic Relief) and if I can do it, anyone can. And don't forget that money raised from February's sales of books and puzzles from the shop shed or inside the shop is also going to Comic Relief.

I give up now because Christine will be having kittens soon if I don't send her this, and its time for a Crème Egg. Which we are also selling.

From the Parish Council ~~

The Gunnel - We have been asked to put out a reminder that the one-way road which runs from the top of Five Hills Lane to the top of School Bank – The Gunnel – is **ONE WAY**. Despite being signed as such, someone appears to be repeatedly using it the wrong way, at speed, generally early mornings. The matter has been reported to our local Police Officer. We appreciate this could be someone passing through the village, and not a resident, but if anyone has any further information to offer, please report to the Police on 101 or to PC 1908 Mark Wood, Richmond Rural Beat Manager [mark.wood@northyorkshire.pnn.police.uk]; or to the Clerk or any Councillor.

Litter Pickers – We have a few Litter Pickers available for loan to any resident who kindly collects litter on their village walks. Contact the Clerk (377062) to borrow one.

Council Tax 2021-22 – The Parish Precept has not been increased for the coming year. However, RDC has published the following information on its website...

Council Tax increase

Richmondshire District Councillors look set to increase council tax by just £5 this year. The rise – to £225 for an average Band D property - equates to a 2.27% increase from April 2020.

“Council tax underpins all our corporate priorities providing a key source of income that enables the delivery of services and balances our budget,” said Council Leader, Councillor Angie Dale.

“We agreed late last year that we would look to freeze either council tax or our fees and charges – things like pest control, car park and toilet charges and our lifeline service. We couldn’t do both. So we chose to freeze all our fees and charges which will have an impact on everyone in Richmondshire whether a resident, visitor or business.

“It was a very tough decision to make but we feel this small council tax rise, which for an average Band D property will be less than 50p per month increase, will have less impact on people’s lives. These are hard times for everyone. Covid is having an effect on all our budgets whether at home, for a business or here at the council, so it was important we keep any rises we have to make to a minimum.”

The authority’s Corporate Board last night (Tuesday February 9) recommended the increase for approval by Full Council later this month (February 23).

- Corporate Board members also approved a budget of £6,762,100 for 2021/22. This increase applies only to Richmondshire District Council’s tax requirement. The actual increase to a householder’s bill will be greater once precepts are applied by North Yorkshire County Council, North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority, the Police and Crime Commissioner for North Yorkshire and local Town/Parish Councils.
- Richmondshire District Council is responsible for the billing and collection of council tax on behalf of all these authorities.

The cost of Rural Crime has been rising over the past 8 years and in the North East was valued at £8.6m in 2019. You can read about the National Rural Crime Survey at www.nationalruralcrimenetwork.net/research/internal/2018survey/

Rural crime is often linked to Organised Crime Groups who target a range of crime types such as organised plant theft, livestock theft, burglaries targeting firearms, poaching and hare coursing. The National Police Chiefs Council has developed a Rural Affairs Strategy which sets out police priorities in this area:



- Farm machinery, plant and vehicle theft - including quad bikes, modern and vintage tractors, tools and equipment from outbuildings
- Livestock offences - including theft, worrying and attacks
- Fuel theft - including heating oil, diesel and petrol, hare coursing, deer poaching, fish poaching.
- Equine crime - including horse trailer and horse box theft, horse theft, tack theft, fly grazing and neglect
- Fly tipping - including household and commercial waste, waste through organised criminality
- Poaching which crosses over with the wildlife priorities - including

The Neighbourhood Watch wishes to raise awareness of rural crime and has launched a rural crime section on the national website covering topics such as: fly-tipping, heritage crime, theft of livestock and machinery and livestock worrying. You can check out their latest information at www.ourwatch.org.uk/rural-crime

The main issue currently around Middleton Tyas is poaching. This usually entails a group of males with lurcher type dogs on private land using those dogs to hunt for hares and rabbits. This is particularly distressing for the land owners, many of whom take great pride in the wildlife they encourage and it also often results in serious damage to land, such as fencing and gates. This is caused when these people take their vehicles off road, again mostly on private land.

During the last lockdown we had a number of fly tipping incidents which the Police have investigated with the council, these are currently ongoing but they did find fly tipping increased quite significantly around the area. On asking PC Mark Wood about this he replied "I'd urge anyone to report anything like this they see, paying specific interest to the vehicle registration number, and capturing evidence on dash cams etc.

Worrying livestock is an offence and will be investigated by police. People often think they know their dogs and they'd never chase or attack a sheep but Police advice is to always keep your dog on a lead around livestock and to avoid fields that contain calves with their mothers as this can lead to tragic circumstances."

If you see anything the best thing is to call 101 or 999 if it is still taking place or you can email our local Police officers; PC Mark Wood, Richmond Rural Beat Manager and Wildlife Crime Officer in relation to rural crime or PCSO Connor Mattison in relation to any other village matter. Their email addresses are Mark.Wood@northyorkshire.pnn.police.uk and Connor.Mattison@northyorkshire.pnn.police.uk, and we can always email generalenquiries@northyorkshire.pnn.police.uk regarding any matter.

You can email the Middleton Tyas Neighbourhood Watch at neighbourhoodwatch@middletontyas.org.uk or find us on Facebook where you will find any new advice and/or information including the latest scams and fraud advice.

Notice of Memorial Hall AGM

This year the Middleton Tyas Memorial Hall Annual General Meeting, which would normally take place in April 2021, will be a virtual one

There are 10 trustees for the Memorial Hall of which 3 are known as custodial trustees and are appointed by their organisations.

These custodial trustees meet with the elected trustees once a year at the AGM.

The 7 other trustees are elected for a period of two years. Two of these elected trustees stand down at the AGM though may be eligible for re-election.

Any village resident of 18 years or older may also seek to be elected at this meeting.

Anyone considering election and requiring any further information on the previous year's AGM or regarding trustees' responsibilities should contact Peter Monaghan, Secretary, tel 377548
Email peter.monaghan84@gmail.com

Nominations in writing should be received by the Secretary no later than 1st March 2021.

The business of this AGM will be carried out solely by the Trustees and a more open AGM convened when Covid restrictions are lifted.

Litter picking - a message from Harriett

Hello all. Now the snow has melted and the warmer days are ahead it would be really appreciated if you could come to our litter picking session at the services - date to be advised shortly- I recently walked up to the services and was disgusted by the amount of litter. It would be great for the environment if we picked it up. Did you know one plastic bottle can take up to 450 years to decompose which is more than 5 average human life spans! Hopefully, lockdown restrictions will be lifted soon and then I can arrange a date for our litter picking but in the meantime if you are struggling for ideas for reducing your plastic waste here are a few of mine: You could try getting a soda stream and it could also save you money in the long term, or you could bring your own reusable bag to the shops instead of buying a 5p plastic bag. You could try buying soap in a bar rather than plastic bottles, I noticed recently that high street name Garnier are now selling shampoo bars! You could buy a drinks flask to keep your drink hot or cold! There are so many ways for you to cut down plastic, so I hope I've given you some ideas! I'll let you know the date for the litter pick when Covid restrictions settle down. 😊👍

Don't panic, we're still here!

Tony's Taxis and Team would like to inform all of our customers past, present and new, along with all of our local business associations that our Resilient Family Business is moving, but the good news is we won't be far away and still covering Middleton Tyas, Moulton and all surrounding Richmondshire areas!

From March 1st 2021, we move into exciting, BIGGER premises with ample space for our whole fleet under one roof, making Valeting and Maintenance of vehicles on a regular basis much easier - **Secure, Dry and Local!** We are all very excited as a family to get back into the full swing of business when restrictions are fully lifted with the high standards we've always striven to achieve.

As always you can still contact us on **07775 911354** for enquiries and future pre bookings!

We would also like to take this opportunity to **SINCERELY THANK YOU ALL** for your past and continued support and for your patience throughout these trying times.

We send the best of wishes to everyone with a hopeful outlook for the future.

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Stay safe, fit and well!

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

POODEMIC - I would like to bring to everyone's attention the terrible issue of dog fouling on our pavements.

We have the most beautiful village which is being spoiled by a small minority of selfish people who fail to pick up their dog's poo.

As a family we walk everyday through our village and this week have been so annoyed at the amount of dog poo which has just been left on the pavement. The children are on dog poo alert as they have trailed this back home on a couple of occasions. To add insult to injury someone actually had picked up their dog waste on Tuesday and dropped the bag on my front garden! The school field is another area which is being spoiled by these irresponsible people. During lockdown more children are using the school field for exercise along with dog walkers and discarded dog waste has health risks as we all know, causing harmful bacteria to us all, our fields and surrounding areas.

The school path was covered last week and I was saddened to see our lovely school children had left a rainbow stone to brighten our day next to a tree at the play park and a dog had pooped directly next to it! How can people be so disrespectful?

There have been a number of angry people who have mentioned this matter to me in passing and I would be grateful if you can once again highlight this terrible matter. This is not acceptable.

Dog owners ..Don't run, bag it and bin it.
Thank you for your assistance.

Regards
Sue Wilkinson, Middleton Tyas.



Moulton Matters

Coronavirus

Once again 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, cakes, gifts, games and jigsaws in the bus shelter during January raised £209.67, 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.

Thefts from the Bus Shelter

It was with regret that during February, sales of cakes were suspended in the bus shelter, due to theft. There have been incidents recently of cakes being taken without payment or less than the sales price being left in the honesty box. In addition, three jigsaws were taken without payment on Monday 8 February. Car registrations have been noted.

The sales from the bus shelter enable the Moulton Village Association to organise and fund events and support the village appearance.

We suspect these incidents have been carried out by non-residents as those living in the village have been very supportive of the fund raising activity for the past 10 years.

Best Kept Village Competition

The competition has been cancelled this year. However, as we did last year, let's keep the village tidy and looking attractive. The crocuses are coming up in the tubs and the daffodils will soon be out. The Moulton Grasscutters will be back in action during the spring and summer.

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 Jill, Manager at The Black Bull:

manager@theblackbullmoulton.com

Moulton Village Association

Many thanks to Ralph Wilkinson for the generous donation of wine glasses. We all look forward to an opportunity to celebrate and use them!! Thanks Ralph.

Dog Fouling

Residents have noted increased incidence of dog fouling on Hall Road between Moulton Manor and the cattle grid at Moulton Hall and at Barley Garth on Scurragh House Lane. Whilst dog poo disappeared in the snow, it soon re-appeared once the snow melted. Please pick up after your dog and don't leave it for others to remove.

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.

March: Sara Vaux

April: Mr and Mrs Whitehead

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

NEWS FROM THE CHURCH

When are we open?

At present, the church is open for private prayer on a Sunday morning, from 9.30 until 10.30. Martin Idale, Viv Waugh and Rev. Lesley Ashton are providing us with a service sheet. There are printed copies in the church on Sundays, are you can also receive one by e-mail on a Friday evening.

When will we have services again?

Until we have a rector in place, we are dependent on retired clergy, voluntary readers, and voluntary church members to take services. Most of these people will have had their first vaccine by now, but it makes sense to keep safe, get second vaccines, and so until the scientific advice says 'go ahead', they are stepping back from preparing and taking services. SEE STOP PRESS BELOW

News from our bishops.

There has been some adverse press recently about the role of the church during this pandemic. If you go on enews@leeds.anglican.org you can read a response from The Archbishops of Canterbury and York. I have printed off a copy which is now displayed in the church porch for you to read, when you wander up to sit amongst the snowdrops and aconites.

There is also a message on the website from Bishop Helen- Ann about Ash Wednesday and Lent. She refers to her efforts when running on icy , puddly, snowy days and highlights a simple message-

LOOK FOR THE PATH, NOT THE OBSTACLES

Good advice, I think, as we battle on in these strange times. Take Care

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IF THE PCC AGREE WE WILL BEGIN SERVICES IN MARCH, WITH HOLY COMMUNION (REV ASHTON ON MARCH 7TH, AND MOTHERING SUNDAY SERVICE ON MARCH 14TH). NEED TO GET THIS TO THE EDITOR..... NOW!

Liz Croft 01325 377867 elizabeth.croft213@btinternet.com

Church Cleaning:

March 1 - 8

Mrs. Mahaffy, Mrs. Donnison

March 15 - 22 Mrs. Brookes, Mrs. Potts

March 29 - April 5

Mrs. Baxter, Mrs. Gentry

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