

MIDDLETON TYAS & MOULTON VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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Claiming Dates:

Thursday 9th March - Parish Council meeting in Village Hall

Friday 10th March - Talk about 'Secret Darlington' in

Memorial Hall 7:00 for 7:30pm

Editor's Note:

A very happy and prosperous 2023 to you all. I hope that you had a lovely Christmas and enjoyed welcoming in the New Year. As always, if you have anything to add to the newsletter or require printing or scanning please email me (Christine Bryant) at mtmvillagenews@hotmail.com. Or phone 01325 377746 or write to 2. Cumberland Gardens.

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

20th February for March issue

20th March for April issue

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St. Michael & All Angels Church

A talk by Chris Lloyd on "Secret Darlington"

In the Memorial Hall

Friday, 10th March 2023

7pm for 7.30 pm

Tickets £7.00 with a complimentary

glass of wine or soft drink

Chris is a long serving Northern Echo &

Darlington & Stockton Times

Journalist and Author

Tickets available from Diana 377641,

Jean 377868 and the Village Shop.

Look forward to welcoming you.

Memorial Hall Festive Supper



The Festive Supper held in the Memorial Hall on the 2nd of December was a wonderful evening enjoyed by all.

The roast dinner supplied and professionally served by "Game Cart" was excellent as always, with some people having seconds of the main course and desserts.

The Hall itself looked very festive: the hall walls and the Christmas tree, having been beautifully decorated by our village elves. (They know who they are)

Thanks to the generosity of our lovely villagers who donated the wonderful prizes for both the raffle and sealed

auction, the Hall managed to raise in excess of £1,000.00 on the night, and two lucky people went away with a mini break in Middleham and a stay at Middleton Lodge from the sealed auction!

The Memorial Hall Management Committee would like to thank everyone who attended and hope to see you all again next year.



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Let's start with a note of positivity for a change. I love January. The wet and the cold and the dark, all lovely. Nobody's spending much money as the cupboards are still full and the bills too, are also lovely. The coughing, the sniffing, muddy boots, muddy builders, wet customers, great, lovely. Sarcasm, lovely.

Our **volunteer** numbers have depleted to a point where if anyone else gets ill, breaks anything, moves away or goes on holiday, we are a bit screwed, bugged, desperate - well, you get my point. Before Covid we were even able to open on a Friday night, we had that many willing people, now it's a struggle to keep to our regular hours. Its nothing we do, honest, it's just the way it has gone.

If you have two or three hours spare a week, please come and help. If there is anything putting you off, be it using the till, or the ham machine, or working with me (yeah, I could see that), come in and have a chat and we'll find a way around it. We really do need you!

As always I'm full of gratitude for various things and people at this time of year. Firstly, our amazing (but small – and not just their height) team of staff and volunteers for all their hard work last year. Even though two of us are paid, we all put in an awful lot of hours for free and without them, there would be no shop. Thank you everyone who had a go on our Christmas raffle and well done to the winners. Thank you to Clare Lamb for once again making wreaths and table decorations and donating the £5 deposit to the shop, which made us £110. Thank you to our cake collectors. Thank you to all those people who make monthly donations to shop funds, which makes it easier to cover costs and keep prices down. And lastly, thank you to all you lovely customers who gave us cards and gifts before Christmas – it really is a lift to know how appreciated we are!

Thank you also to Richard Palmer who runs our Football Prediction Game. For all those who like a bit of rugby, he's prepared a game for the **Rugby World Cup**. Its £2 to play with a prize of £40 cash money wonga to whoever predicts the most correct wins, losses or draws in the series of games. Get your entry forms quickly as the close to get them back is the 4th of February.

Another way to win going on at the moment is the 'Guess the Name of the Monkey'. This is to raise money for both the Memorial Hall and the Shop. Simply pay a pound and choose the name you most like. Or the name most connected to a person who you consider to be a right monkey if you like. I've got a few of them...

100 Club – yes, its that time of year again where we start asking with hope in our eyes and hearts and, if it's being a pretty ugh kind of FY, butts, if you would like to renew or join our 100 Club. For just £24 a year, not only do you support our wonderful (if I say so myself) community shop, but stand a chance of winning £30, £20 or £10 in vouchers to use in the shop every month. So come armed with a 'yes please' but also £24 in cash, plastic, cheque or we can take it off your account if you have one.

BACON BUTTIES – NOT SURE YET
WIN £40 ON OUR RUGBY WORLD CUP SWEEP
WIN ON GUESS THE NAME OF THE MONKEY

FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL ~

Play Park Equipment

The new play park equipment has now been installed and we hope will be well used and enjoyed. We also have grant funding for two new picnic tables which will be installed as soon as the weather improves and the ground is suitable for fixing. Please note the small gate, adjacent to the MUGA, is being taken out of use as it needs a repair to its closing mechanism.

Parish Precept 2023-24

The Parish Precept for the year from 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024 has been increased for the coming year after several years of staying at the same rate. The increase is due to the rise in all our general running costs and to support the ongoing repair/maintenance of the Play Park.

Speeding and Parking

A few gentle reminders to everyone, if we may:

- the speed limit throughout the 'centre' of the village is **20mph** – please respect this limit;
- the Vehicle Activated Speed (VAS) sign near West Close is working – if it doesn't light up, it means you are not exceeding the speed limit at that point;

Also, that you should not park any vehicle:

- on double yellow lines around the village;
- as a courtesy, on white lines outside properties, making access difficult;
- on the pavement in such a way as to cause an obstruction for pedestrians and pushchair/wheelchair users.

Thank you!

Village Green

You may be aware already that the Village Green is protected by Law and you must not drive or park any vehicle on it, nor encroach on it in any way, without the prior permission in writing from the Parish Council. (Any member of the public can, of course, walk/sit/play/relax on it at any time!)

Village Handyman

The Council still has a vacancy for a Village Handyman for 2 – 3 hours each week. Further information is available from the Parish Clerk (07542 809587).

Next Meeting of the Council

There will be no meeting in February. The next meeting will be held on **Thursday, 9th March 2023** in the Memorial Hall starting at 7.00pm. You are all welcome to attend as 'observers'. Agendas and Minutes of previous meetings are available on the website at www.middletontyas.org.uk /Parish Council /Agendas & Minutes, under the relevant dates. If you wish to raise a matter for the Council's consideration, please let the Parish Clerk know at least 7 days before meeting.

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## News from Neighbourhood Watch

As we entered 2023, I am pleased to record that our Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) Elliot Brown reported that crime in the Middleton Tyas area fell from 9 to 1 from November to December 2022, even greater than the 33% fall in the wider Richmond area. I had been a little concerned that our November figures had contained a reference to 2 offences of 'violence against the person' and so I wrote to Elliot seeking clarification. His helpful response gives a useful insight into the nature of crime statistics, so I reproduce it here: 'The title of violence against the person is extremely broad and basically covers anything from assaults of any kind, stalking, harassment, malicious communications all the way up to murder. However, I am sure you would hear about the more serious levels of crimes through our press releases etc. I can confirm on this occasion however the violence against the person incident was domestic related therefore wouldn't impact on the wider community. Hope that helps.'

North Yorkshire Police have also provided advice on driving in winter conditions:

### Advice

Here's some tips to keep you safe and sound on your winter journey:

Before you set off:

- Check your tyre pressures are at the recommended level and that the tread depth is correct
- Check your vehicle's lights are clean and in working order
- Check your wiper system is working effectively and that your washer bottles are full and contain a suitable additive to prevent freezing
- Make sure that all your windows and mirrors are completely clear of ice and condensation
- Make sure you have a can of de-icer and a scraper in your vehicle
- For longer journeys, consider taking a flask of a hot drink, a blanket and a shovel
- Download the What3Words app – this can help breakdown or emergency services reach you quickly, wherever you might be.

On your way:

- When driving, travel slowly and at a safe distance from the vehicle in front
- Avoid harsh braking or steering
- Always use dipped headlights when visibility is poor
- Travel on main roads that have been treated with salt, rather than untreated minor roads
- Keep an eye out for black ice - remember this happens on dry roads when early morning dew falls on cold road surfaces and freezes on impact.
- And remember, watch your speed. It's much better to arrive late than not at all.

Have a good trip! 🚗

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Police have also received a number of reports since Christmas about fraud where a fraudster contacts victims by telephone claiming a fraud has been detected and sometimes asks the victim to phone the number on the back of their bank card. The fraudster then stays on the line to deal with the victim's follow up call and subsequently asks the victim to transfer money. We are reminded that the police will NEVER ask anyone to withdraw money for any reason.

Finally, our local police team consists of:

Sgt Lauren Wilkinson -- [lauren.wilkinson@northyorkshire.police.uk](mailto:lauren.wilkinson@northyorkshire.police.uk)

and Police Community Support Officer Elliot Brown -- [elliott.brown@northyorkshire.police.uk](mailto:elliott.brown@northyorkshire.police.uk)

If you wish to contact me regarding any Neighbourhood Watch matter, please email me (Mac Bryant) via [neighbourhoodwatch@middletontyas.org.uk](mailto:neighbourhoodwatch@middletontyas.org.uk)





## **Warm & Welcoming Safe Spaces**

The Memorial Hall Committee and our friendly Volunteers Would like to invite you into our Warm and Welcoming safe space in the Memorial Hall.

The hall & its toilet are wheelchair accessible.

There will be free tea, coffee, biscuits, soup and toast for anyone wishing to spend some time in a warm and friendly environment or bring your own food if you prefer.

**The hall will be open for 10 weeks between 11.00am and 2.30pm on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, commencing the 11<sup>th</sup> of Jan 2023.**

We have a selection of games, jigsaws, books and magazines for your enjoyment, with WIFI availability and charging facilities for your phones / tablets etc.

Come and avoid the cold weather, enjoy a warm safe environment with your friends or family (young children must be accompanied by a responsible adult), or simply enjoy the company of others in our wonderful Hall.



It was a bitterly cold night on 13th December but it was warm inside the Memorial Hall. The Christmas tree looked a picture and the fairy lights around the room twinkled. Twenty ladies gathered to eat, drink and be merry ... and we managed all three! Our Treasurer - Clare Lamb - had saved some funds, which paid for Prosecco, Nosecco, mince pies and Christmas cake. Members brought along a huge selection of other savoury and sweet delights, red and white wine was also consumed and we enjoyed a very pleasant evening.

Our Secretary – Heather Parr - was presented with a bottle of Prosecco, as a 'Thank You' for all her work. Many thanks to Clare Lamb, for buying the provisions and preparing the room.

In the first week of January, some of us got out our passports and ventured across to Richmond, attracted by the bright lights and the Georgian theatre's panto 'Pinocchio' ... oh yes we did! It was a lot of fun and we even got a 'shout out' from the dame. Thank goodness we were all on our best behaviour!

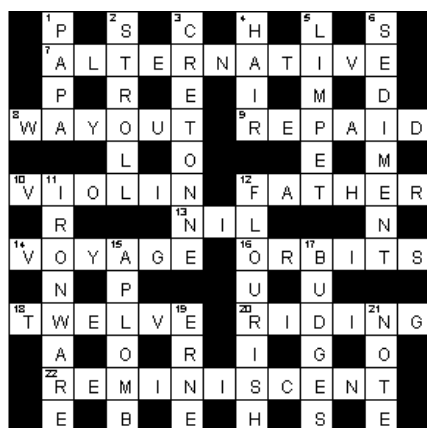
Linking in nicely for our January meeting, we had a very illuminating and amusing talk and slide show on the history of theatre, in particular the one in Richmond, by Tony Smailes, local resident and writer. Tony was a volunteer at the theatre, for a number of years, so had plenty of stories and backstage gossip. By the sound of it, theatre going could be smelly, uncomfortable, dangerous and downright salacious! Thank goodness times have changed! If you haven't been to a show or done one of their tours, it's well worth checking out.

14th February may be a special day for romantics but for us it means AGM time! We promise to get through the official stuff as quickly as possible, then we'll enjoy some wine & cheese. As usual, 7pm in the Memorial Hall - visitors and new members welcome.

Finally, proving we are a warm hearted bunch, a lot of our members have volunteered for the Warm & Welcoming Safe Spaces initiative, in the Memorial Hall.

For further information, about our group, contact [oresomecopperbelleswi@outlook.com](mailto:oresomecopperbelleswi@outlook.com), phone Membership Secretary Hazel on 01325 339133 or Clare on 01325 377168 or check out our Facebook page.

## Crossword Solution - December January Issue



## Sudoku HARD - Solution page 7

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| <p><b>2016 Vendor of the Year</b><br/>awarded to Tony's Taxis<br/>A Vendor that has worked with ProPharma Group and remained flexible to our changing requirements if needed.</p> <p><b>420 Consecutive 5* Reviews on Yell.com</b><br/>Find us on Yell.com<br/>"TONY &amp; GILL'S TAXIS"</p> <p><b>IN RICHMOND SHIRE</b><br/><b>PRE BOOKINGS are a MUST!</b></p> | <br><br><br> | <p>WEDDING DAY / GUEST TRANSPORTATION</p> <p><b>TONY &amp; GILL'S</b></p> <p><b>TAXIS &amp; EXECUTIVE PRIVATE HIRE!</b></p> <p>LOCAL &amp; LONG DISTANCE</p> <p>SERVING SCOTCH CORNER &amp; ALL OUTLYING VILLAGES</p> <p><b>07775 911354</b>   <a href="mailto:taxitonyuk57@gmail.com">taxitonyuk57@gmail.com</a></p> | <p><b>'DEMENTIA FORWARD'</b><br/>One of the first companies to complete Richmondshire District Council's Dementia Friendly Training, to give drivers confidence to help people with dementia so they can safely maintain their independence!</p> <p><b>BOOK EARLY BY:</b><br/>TELEPHONE, WHATSAPP, GOOGLE - TONY'S TAXIS DL10, EMAIL</p> <p> </p> |
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## Moulton Matters

February 2023

### Books in the Moulton Book Stop

The sale of books DVDs, CDs, plants, cakes and jigsaws in the bus shelter during November and December raised £177.68. Thank you to all our supporters. All books, DVDs and CDs are priced at 50p.

During 2022 £1883.22 was raised in the bus shelter. Thanks to all who have donated books and other items and of course, to those who have supported the fund raising efforts. The proceeds will be used to for social events, the Christmas tree on the Green, the flowers in the tubs and boxes, maintenance of the Diamond Jubilee Garden, and other local projects in the Moulton community.

Good quality fiction books, plants and any other produce are always welcome. Please leave them on the benches in the bus shelter. Unfortunately for safety reasons, we are unable to accept electrical items.

All proceeds will go towards Moulton Village Association funds.

### Vehicle Activated Sign

Residents will note the sign has now been installed and in operation. Thanks to Richmondshire District Council for their financial support and also to Cllr Angus Thompson for his support from the County Councillor Locality Budget.

### Moulton Village Voices

The Village Voices were pleased to be able to perform after an absence of two years at the Black Bull in December. A bucket collection raised £176.69 for Herriot Hospice Homecare. Diners enjoyed a cheery evening and eagerly participated in the finale. If you would like to join the choir later this year, please contact Tim at [timwhite36@gmail.com](mailto:timwhite36@gmail.com) or ring 01325 339808

### Moulton Communications

We have a circulation by email (Bcc) to over 80 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.

February: Mrs Osbaldeston and Mrs Jowett

March: Mrs Vaux

Sudoku Solution.

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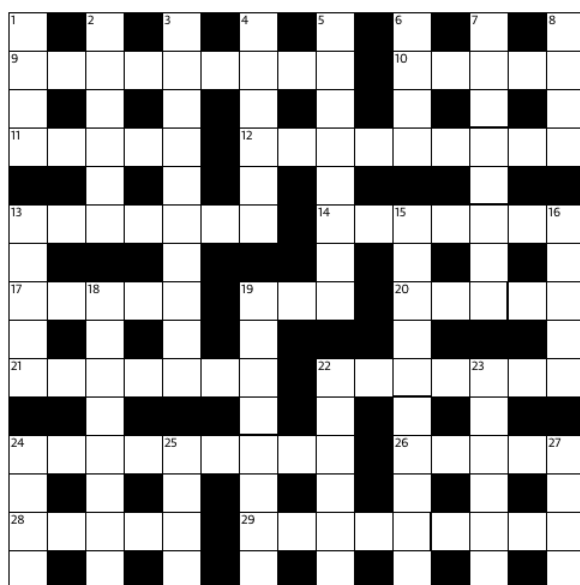
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- 22 Increase organised valet parking in large parts of East End (7)
- 24 Encountered Oliver's friend in London suburban area (9)
- 26 It's put in the kind of barns churches once found helpful (5)
- 28 Become aware of things smelt, heard but not seen (5)
- 29 Part of bicycle that doesn't make it to 24 across? (5,4)
- 19 Deity repeatedly upset another — that's very unusual (4,4)
- 22 Denouement that's heart-rending? Not half (6)
- 23 King or president (6)
- 24 Source of inspiration and great power in the writer (4)
- 25, 27 Old author I'd pronounced woke? (4-4)
- 27 See 25



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- | Across                                                                   | Down                                                                              |
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| 9 Hungarian saint containing the blaze I mishandled (9)                  | 1 Booker? With prize ultimately secured, trim one's sails (4)                     |
| 10 Love label linked with old wine-producing region (5)                  | 2 Power of the mind seen in part of 24 across (6)                                 |
| 11 Bird presented in last part of French chapter (5)                     | 3 If pedant is confused about hard recipe initially, he seeks way to proceed (10) |
| 12 With repetition of first part, contrive changes to sentence again (9) | 4 One of six in charge of our land, one a so-called farmer (6)                    |
| 13 Large rodent, hard to handle, not keeping up like pig (7)             | 5 Restrained, cut line in second edition (8)                                      |
| 14 Found pound and ounce, say, in abbreviated dictionary (7)             | 6 See 7                                                                           |
| 17 Endless fortune I had put together, that's clear (5)                  | 7, 6 Imaginary character, one of the first two Wells wrote about (3,2,3,4)        |
| 19 Like the Chairman's little work (or books in general, we hear) (3)    | 8 Part of painter's work starts off collection of art treasures (4)               |
| 20 Don't allow to leave with odd characters out of discretion (3,2)      | 13 Beat seed (5)                                                                  |
| 21 Agent in European capital backed Julian, say (7)                      | 15 Novel form in old verse penned by Conservatives (5,5)                          |
| 22 Increase organised                                                    | 16 Letters from London nearly delivered for poet (5)                              |
|                                                                          | 18 Coping partly with limited capital, just under fifteen pounds (8)              |



## CHURCH NEWS

### Church Cleaning

Jan 30 - Feb 6    Mrs. Croft & Mrs. Fogarty  
Feb 13 - 20      Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Weightman  
Feb 27 - Mar 6   Mrs. Mahaffy and Mrs. Donnison

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

### Church Flowers

Sara will be in charge of the flowers this month until Lent when we don't have them until Easter. The rota is in church and if anybody who would like to help out please fill in a slot. You don't have to be a flower arranger to help out in this way, flowers in a vase will be more than appreciated, have a go!

### St Michael's Majors.

I am trying to think how we could meet up in the Spring, perhaps in my kitchen for tea in March or April when the daffodils will be out and the weather might be warmer. If more people were interested we could try the old ways again. Sara



### Wedding News

**Congratulations to Nicholas and Harriet who were married on December 3rd.**

### THANK YOU.....

To all who gathered round the Christmas Tree on The Green and put money in the bucket. A donation of £95.00 was given to the Salvation Army.

To all who are donating to the food bank. I have been taking the goods to Colburn where they are received with gratitude. I will continue collecting until, hopefully, there is no longer a need. Goods can be put in church, or left on my doorstep. (Non-perishables please). Liz Croft

### A STRANGE SIGHT

A Belted Galloway was spotted on the Village Green, one evening in late October.

But, I heard some of you ask, what is a Belted Galloway? Here is a photo of a Belted Galloway cow with her calf born in the 2nd week of January 2023.



| <b>CHURCH SERVICES – FEBRUARY 2023</b> |                                    |                       |
|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Sunday 5th February</b>             | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Lent | Middleton Tyas        |
| <b>9.30 am Morning Prayer</b>          |                                    | Mrs E Croft           |
| Sidesmen                               | Mrs D Donnison                     | Miss M Brown          |
| Reader                                 | Mrs A Rea                          |                       |
| Readings                               | 1 Cor 2 1-12 P61                   | Matthew 5 13-20 P62   |
|                                        |                                    |                       |
| <b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February</b> | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent | Middleton Tyas        |
| <b>9.30am Morning Prayer CW</b>        |                                    | Mr H Swanston         |
| Sidesmen                               | Mr S Hill                          | Mrs M Hill            |
| Reader                                 | Mrs P Greijer                      |                       |
| Readings                               | Romans 8, 18-25 P 78               | Matthew 6, 25-34 P 78 |
|                                        |                                    |                       |
| <b>Sunday 12th February</b>            | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent | Moulton               |
| <b>6pm Holy Communion</b>              |                                    | Rev A Cozens          |
| Readings                               | Romans 8, 18-25 P 78               | Matthew 6, 25-34 P 78 |
|                                        |                                    |                       |
| <b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February</b> | Sunday next before Lent            |                       |
| <b>9.30am Morning Prayer</b>           |                                    | Mrs V Waugh           |
| Sidesmen                               | Mrs E Croft                        | Mrs P Greijer         |
| Reader                                 | Mrs S Vaux                         |                       |
| Readings                               | 2 Peter, 1: 16-21 P82              | Matthew 17, 1-9 P82   |
|                                        |                                    |                       |
| <b>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>       | Service of Ashes                   | Rev A Cozens          |
| <b>Ash Wednesday</b>                   | 10.30 Eryholme                     | 6.30 Moulton          |
| <b>Readings</b>                        | Psalm 51, 1-18P 89                 | Matthew 6, 1-6 P 91   |
|                                        |                                    |                       |
| <b>Sunday 26th February</b>            |                                    |                       |
| <b>9.30am Holy Communion</b>           | 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent     | Rev Alison Cozens     |
| Sidesman                               | Mrs S Vaux                         | Mrs J Nimmins         |
| Reader                                 | Mr S Hill                          |                       |
| Readings                               | Romans 5, 12-19 P95                | Matthew 4, 1-11 P96   |
|                                        |                                    |                       |

All readings are as detailed in the Revised Common Lectionary unless otherwise shown.  
 If anyone needs the services of a priest, please contact Rev Alison Cozens on 10325 377310 or e-mail [Alison.Cozens@leeds.anglican.org](mailto:Alison.Cozens@leeds.anglican.org). Church Warden – 01325 377867  
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