



Village Mode

November 2014



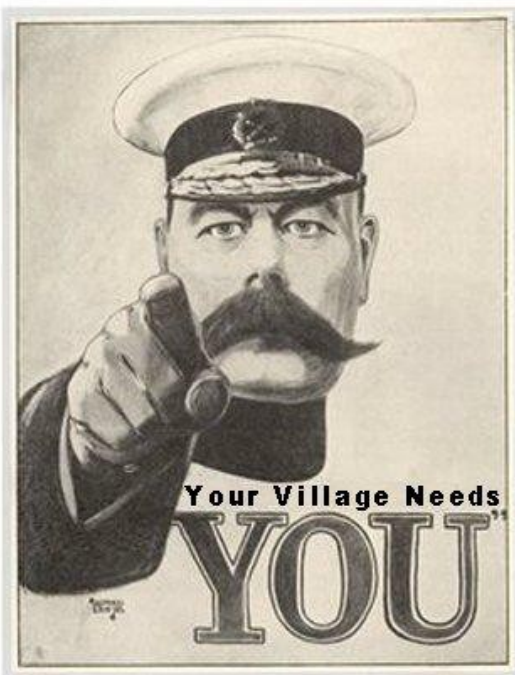
LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

I do hope you like this festive edition which contains some very important messages on the front cover - messages requested by you.

It's been a momentous year for Scotland, what with the Referendum, Commonwealth Games, World Cup, the Battle of Bannockburn's 700th anniversary and what has been lauded as the best ever Great British Bake Off which inspired many of us to don our aprons and pick up our rolling pins on 26 September for Macmillan Cancer Support when Emma Tobin organised the Come for Coffee & Cake Event at the Village Hall raising £340!. Well done to Emma and to everyone involved.

Which leads onto the future of our Village Hall (see below). Why not pop along to a Committee Meeting for an idea of what contribution you could make to help keep our Village Hall running. Who knows what events the future could hold for our Village eg one village hall in the sleepy village of Carrbridge near Aviemore recently played host to the 21st Golden Spurtle World Porridge Making Championships! Meantime, thank you to everyone who assisted with this edition, especially to Andy for copying. Happy Reading everyone and whatever you do over the festive period I wish you a very Merry Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year. Please get in touch, any time, with any ideas for future editions and I very much look forward to speaking with you throughout 2015.

Susan Owenson, Editor
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The Village Hall urgently needs committee members.

If you can spare a few hours a month please use it to support your fantastic Village Hall.

We need new committee members to ensure that we can keep it going into 2015 and beyond.

It's serious and if we can't get more support we may have no choice but to consider the future of the Hall.

The demands on the current committee are unsustainable, if we want to keep our Hall we need more help.

contact Wendy on 820466 or wendy.rowat@btinternet.com for more info on when meetings are.

DOG WASTE – DON'T GET YOUR DOG A BAD NAME



BAG IT & BIN IT EVERY TIME

You and your dog share the outdoor with others. Dog waste (especially if dogs haven't been regularly wormed) can carry diseases that can affect humans, farm animals and wildlife. Infected dog waste left on grazing land can even result in the death of sheep and abortion in cattle.

A number of people have requested this advice be given special notice – some are so concerned they are cleaning up after other dogs whilst out with their own! If your dog fouls, always bag it and bin it or take it away with you. Any public litter bin will do.

BORTHWICK WRI

The Rural resumed in September when we had a talk from the Costume Society of Scotland. This was a really fun evening, when the demonstrator modelled some of the costumes and had lots of stories to tell about each one.

We celebrate our 93rd birthday in October when we will be joined by other Rurals for a lovely birthday tea in the Village Hall.

Frances Smail

FRESH FISH - a van selling fresh fish visits the Village each Tuesday morning

BORTHWICK CHURCH

2/11/14	communion service	9:30am
9/11/14	remembrance service	9:30am
23/11/14	normal service	9:30am
30/11/14	united service - St Andrew's Day	10:45am**
7/12/14	normal service	9:30am

Special Services

Messy Church - for all the family - Sunday 30 November - 4pm - Middleton Village Hall



Christingle Service - Wed 24 December - 4pm - Borthwick Church
Watchnight Service - Wed 24 December - 11.15pm - Borthwick Church

ST ANDREW'S NIGHT FAMILY CEILIDH



Saturday 29th November 2014

Entertainment 7.30pm - 10pm by Gary Copeland
(bar open 7pm - 11pm)

Tickets £5 per adult - available from 3rd November from:-

Sarah Clapperton 07545 468094 / Wendy Rowat 07812 064628 / Middleton Post Office / Hall Bar

MOORFLIX

Moorflix Season 5 Programme - Part 1 - All film showings are hosted in Temple Village Hall.

22/11/14	Saturday	16:30 for 17:00	Frozen - Cert PG
22/11/14	Saturday	19:30 for 20:00	Nebraska - Cert 15
20/12/14	Saturday	17:00 for 17:30	Miracle On 34th Street - Cert U
20/12/14	Saturday	19:45 for 20:00	SIY: The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug - Cert 12A
10/01/15	Saturday	16:30 for 17:00	The Jungle Book - Cert U
10/01/15	Saturday	19:30 for 20:00	Boyhood - Cert 15

Please always check our website www.moorflix.org.uk for latest news and sign up to our newsletter.

Moorflix Community Cinema Facebook/Twitter: @moorflix

Drink & Chat at the Village Hall

Festive Opening Times

The Bar will be open Christmas Eve 5pm-9pm. It will be closed Friday 26th December but open as normal on the 28th. New Years Day - The bar will be open 2pm-7pm.

The Bar is open on Friday 7.30-11.30 pm & Sunday 5-9pm.

Well behaved children allowed until 9.30pm on a Friday if accompanied by a parent. Come down for a cheap night out and chat with your neighbours.

Proceeds help keep the Village Hall running. Please note that the Hall have a Facebook page - please visit and "like". **You can also visit the website - middletonvillagehall.org.uk.**



**Children's Christmas Party - Sunday 7th December - 1pm - 3pm
Entertainment by Peter Pepper & Dusty Bin**

Tickets £5 per child (children must be accompanied by an adult)

Tickets available from Monday 3rd November from:

Sarah Clapperton 07545 468094 / Wendy Rowat 07812 064628 / Middleton Post Office

**PLEASE NOTE THAT TICKET NUMBERS HAVE BEEN LIMITED THIS YEAR
TICKETS CANNOT BE HELD WITHOUT PAYMENT**



CAROL SINGING

24 December - 7 pm

Around the Village. Meet at the Village Hall - wrap up warm. We will go back to hall for some well earned mulled wine and mince pies.

Please contact Carrie Bennett 820050

LIVE MUSIC AT THE VILLAGE HALL

Saturday 1 November
Highway Jones
pop and rock covers



Doors open 7.30 pm 'till late.

All tickets £5 available from
Callum Smail - 07845 732 777 or
from the Hall Bar.

Youth Club

Every second and fourth Thursday

6.00pm - 7.30pm

Fun times for local lads and lassies from 8-12years. £1 admission.

Club runs until end of December before finishing up for the school holidays.

For more information email middletonyouthclub@hotmail.co.uk



Line Dancing

The Line Dancing Christmas Party will be on Wednesday December 3rd.

The line dancing will then not begin until after the New Year on January 14th.

Anyone wishing to come and join us on that date will be made most welcome. All you need is a sense of fun.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from the A7 Stompers.



ACTION FOR DOGS TRAINING SCHOOL

Latest news from Max Muir -

I currently have no plans to run any classes although I may use the Hall in future to hold a day seminar or something similar.

I have details available of a day course for puppy owners if it would be of interest to anyone. It already has quite good interest.

Max Muir 07999 866989 or visit www.action4dogs.co.uk

RACE NIGHT

We would like to say a big thank you to all who supported us - our sponsors and horse owners and those who turned up to take part in what was a fun night.

3D autos, Fairley Haulage, Michael Ross, Billy Collins
Carrie Bennett

BE SAFE & BE VIGILANT

If out and about this festive season don't forget to lock your doors and vehicles.

Report anything suspicious to the police by calling the new Non-Emergency Number 101 which connects you with your nearest police station.

GARDEN TIPS

For garden colour in 2015 there's still time to plant some spring bulbs. If you can't be bothered making dozens of holes for individual bulbs either plant in large groups or in containers in different layers for interest and transplant the whole cluster into the garden next year for a spectacular display the following Spring.

Share your garden knowledge - contact the Editor.



MOORFOOT PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

The start of the 2014-2015 academic year in August saw us welcome 13 new Primary 1s and 4 new children in the Nursery class at Moorfoot Primary School and we are happy to report that they have all settled in really well.

Children attending Moorfoot Primary School are encouraged to take part in our Moorfoot Medal initiative. This is based on the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme but tailored for younger children where they develop over the year within three areas of Sport, Skill and Service. Their successes are recognised through the awarding of bronze and silver certificates and finally a gold medal which are presented and celebrated at special assemblies in school.

Within school, children are encouraged to recognise and record all their achievements in Personal Learning Portfolios and these are shared with parents throughout the year.

As usual, our children are kept busy and this term will see our older children take part in a Cross-Country event and a block of skiing lessons at Midlothian Snowsports Centre.

We are looking forward to the festive season when our Nursery class will attend the last ever 'The Singing Kettle' show and the whole school will go to see a production of Roald Dahl's 'The BFG' at the Lyceum Theatre in Edinburgh.

Our Parent Teacher Group have been doing a great job fundraising, raising £180 from our stalls at Middleton Fete and a whopping £1300 from the annual duck race held in September. Thank you to everyone for supporting us at these events!

Rhona Holland

MIDDLETON MUNCHKINS

The Under 5s Group has been indefinitely suspended.

The group did run with a small group of parents/grandparents for 8 months from January to August 2014. However, the basis of the group was always to be self-run and now that the initial organisers own children are over 5, no new organisers have come forward. This suggests that there is currently no demand for a self-run group in North Middleton. It proposed that the remaining funds (including £20 grant funding) be used to support a coffee morning in the near future.

Please contact emma.softley@gmail.com if you are interested.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE

PLEASE BE AWARE OF THE VILLAGE SPEED LIMIT -



DON'T FORGET TO FEED THE BIRDS THIS FESTIVE SEASON & THROUGHOUT THE COMING WINTER MONTHS



THE BIRDS IN OUR GARDEN

The Robin

Over recent weeks a robin has been seen and heard around our garden. Numbers of the UK's favourite bird increase during winter when resident birds are joined by migrants from Scandinavia and continental Europe. The visitors are less tame than our robins. Although males and females look identical their offspring have no red breast until 2-3 months old. Until then they are spotted golden brown to avoid other adults attacking them during disputes. They are fiercely territorial. You will often hear them sing at night next to street lights. Robins love worms, seeds, fruit and insects.

Susan Owenson

Walkers Shortbread & RSPB Join Forces to 'Give Nature a Home'

Walkers Shortbread has partnered with the RSPB, the largest conservation charity in Europe, to support its 'Give Nature a Home' campaign which aims to create the largest area of natural woodland in Britain, providing vital habitat for many of Scotland's most threatened species. Walkers Shortbread will contribute **10 pence** from every promotional pack sold to the RSPB for native forest regeneration at the charity's Abernethy and Loch Garten Reserve in the heart of Speyside, which has also been home to Walkers for the past hundred years.

Please send your comments and suggestions for the next edition of Village Mode to Susan Owenson, 32 Borthwick Castle Terrace

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