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Upcoming Events

Coffee Morning

Weds 6th July. 10:30am-12:00pm. Old Bakery

North Aston Village Fête

Saturday 23rd July. 2:30pm, On the Green

North Aston Big Lunch

Sunday 24th July. 12:30pm, On the Green

Village Hall Meeting

Wednesday 27th July. 7:30pm, Old Bakery



CHAIRMAN Chewing the Cud

By the time of the next AGM I will have served as the Chairman of North Aston Parish Meeting for the last three years. At this meeting I will not be seeking re-election.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my time as Chairman, along with Franca and Sue, and we have achieved a great deal - the recycling bins, speed monitor etc. I now believe that I have taken the village forward as far as I can. I always give 100% to every project I undertake and in doing so it has meant me spending up to 40 hours a month on Parish matters which I can no longer sustain.

I have other interests that I want to pursue and these will take precedence.

We have the village fête coming up in July. It is unfortunate that it clashes with the CLA Game Fair at Blenheim Palace, but please make every effort to attend as there will be a display from the ORCC on the community led village plan and the Village Hall project. More of that in the Newsletter.

You have six months to find another Chairman, if the village wishes to retain the Parish Meeting, though on reflection, I have my doubts about the viability of retaining the Meeting with the impending CDC's decision to make us a Parish Council and from what I see as a lack of potential Parish Councillors. Still that's one for the village to sort out.

Chris Tuffrey

You can call me by telephone on 07903 339155, send me an email: info@offac.co.uk, or just knock on the door at Gilmore's, The Green.



100 Club



The lucky winners of the June Draw were:

First Prize (£10): David Greenwood (#43)

Second Prize (£5): L Pocock (#67)

Many thanks to all of you who renewed your membership so promptly in May. For the rest who haven't, this is your last reminder. Subscriptions not received soon will lead to lapsed membership and missed opportunities.

Please use the envelope included in May's News to renew your annual subscription. Place a £5 note in the envelope for each member of your household that wishes to take part, and put it through Norman's letterbox at 22 The Green. If you'd prefer not to continue, or you're not currently a member and would like to join the North Aston 100 Club, please call Norman on 340368.

You've got to be in it to win it!



Mail to: info@north-aston.co.uk

A Village Hall for North Aston?

A village hall is now a possibility, but it is NOT inevitable. Marcus and Chris have given an amazing amount of their time and effort into researching the options and possibilities for creating an attractive and useful community meeting place in the village.

Just as Kildare did when he contacted so many other small rural communities to show that there were successful precedents for churches like St. Mary's to retain their ancient purpose as religious centres but also to offer space for secular meetings too. But the village voted by a substantial majority that they wanted St. Mary's to remain as it is.

Now the residents of North Aston will have the opportunity to decide, once and for all, whether they would like to have a village hall. Jeremy and James support the idea of a purpose-built village community centre and have offered to gift a plot of land for the purpose, so that we the villagers can organise, design and build our own meeting place.

Rather like when you're in a restaurant and the waiter asks what you would like - your immediate answer is "Let's see the menu" or, in effect, "What have you on offer and what will it cost?"

At the Village Fête there will be a small exhibition to show the possible shapes and sizes of 'Hall' buildings, the locations for placing a hall in the village, and the various costings both for building a hall and maintaining it. The involvement of the Council Planning Department and the possible sources of grants and funding.

In the past there have been various questionnaires asking your opinions about activities that might take place in a village hall. Now is the time for a decision about the construction of the village hall itself. Does the village really value this opportunity to have its own community space or not? Some of you may be totally against it at any price, and you have every right to say so. Others may be in favour in principal, but have concerns about the positioning, the shape, the structure or financing of such a hall.

As I understand it, we should be able to address most of these concerns through the Village Hall Exhibition at the Fête on July 23rd. Also at this exhibition there will be another opportunity to "vote" for your preferences on the village hall. Quite how this will be structured has yet to be decided, but you will be able to say that you are either For or Against the construction of a village hall and express your opinion on particular concerns - such as size, style and location, and state any specific questions that you would like answered. After the Fête there will be a public meeting in the Bakery to discuss the future of the village hall project with every resident invited to attend.

John Harvey-Lee

See the Village Hall page for further details and some clarification on the points raised here by John.

Community Spirit

Over the years I have been asked many times why I bother to put so much time and effort into the North Aston community, whether that's by striving to meet the expectations of those who want to see a new community centre, editing the News, or simply attending Village Meetings. Of late I've even asked myself the same question, but while I was away last month, working at Le Mans, I think I found an answer.

I'd had to leave Franca and Josh to fend for themselves for eight days, and during that time they had a visitor. A knock on the door heralded the arrival of the Cherwell District Council Dog Warden. As many will now, we took on a rescue dog a few months ago. If he were human, Dylan would probably be described as a "delinquent teenager" from a broken home, but no less deserving of love and affection for all that. As a two-year-old Labrador, he's still growing up and has lots to learn, but in Dylan's case, he also has even more to "unlearn". He'd had no training and no discipline, and had picked up a barrow-load of bad habits.

Dylan loves people and thinks everyone adores him with just as much boisterous enthusiasm. We had to go through a lengthy vetting process to prove that we were capable of handling a dog of Dylan's temperament, and with a long history of owning Labradors, the Trust felt we were well suited. He arrived last September, and in the few short months since then we've been told several times that what we have achieved with Dylan is remarkable. We're actually quite proud of that fact, even though there's still a long way to go. Miracles don't happen overnight, and certainly not with delinquent teenagers!

So it was quite a surprise to be told that someone in the village had contacted the Dog Warden to complain that there was an out-of-control dog in North Aston. Apparently, they had seen Josh seeming to struggle to manage Dylan, although he's been taught the right techniques and is usually well able to cope. I suppose it's just a case of 40 kilos of very strong dog being a handful at times, and when Dylan sets his mind to something, grabbing the nearest tree sometimes provides a more secure anchorage than simply bracing ones feet.

It only took a matter of moments for the Dog Warden to be reassured that someone had been wasting his time, although the visit actually proved to be very helpful and he came up with some useful advice and sensible suggestions.

Understandably, Josh was very upset to think that someone in the village had picked on him in this way, supposedly with the intention of separating him from his new "best friend". Anyone who has watched them playing together on the Green will recognise that they already share a very close bond, and I think we were all hurt by the thought that anyone in North Aston could be so spiteful.

My initial disappointment was replaced by a realisation that this is exactly the kind of neighbourly mis-behaviour that I'm working to counteract. If we had a more vibrant community spirit here in North Aston - one that included somewhere that encouraged people to meet socially, chat about topical things, and share interests - couldn't misunderstandings like this be avoided? Surely talking to one another is better than writing letters to the Council, phoning the authorities, or dropping anonymous notes through letterboxes? Earlier this week we received a note advising of a change to the Electoral Register, and the departure of a family from Hall Close. I was saddened to think I'd never even known they'd arrived. That too is wrong.

Marcus

Join us for **The Big Lunch** 24th July 2011



the big lunch

an eden project

On the Village Green from 12:30

Bring along a starter and main course for you and your party, a dessert to share, and crockery, glasses, cutlery and something to drink.



The Church MATTERS



Clive Busby has been our Churchwarden for 40 years

May 13th 1971 was the day. It was Clive's birthday and he was still in his 20s, and there he was appointed Churchwarden, perhaps the youngest one St Mary's has ever had. Celebrations? He does have a drink once every few years, and then probably regrets it, but he does know how to celebrate - in a quiet kind of way. In fact almost everything he does is rather quiet; he has usually finished it before you notice - IF you notice, because he never draws attention to what he's done. It would be no exaggeration to say that he does or is involved in practically everything that happens in our church, and that is rather a lot. It's an extraordinary record of service, devotion and dedication, and at our Friends of St Mary's Service on June 26th we were able to persuade him to accept a rather splendid Waterman pen inscribed with his initials and the dates of his 1st 40 years 'on station'. We were also able to pay tribute to Trudy, who has been such a comprehensive support to his activities for so long.



Rev Mark Clavier arrives

There was a splendid Licensing Service at Steeple Aston on June 16th with our Bishop Colin presiding, where Mark was 'sworn in', welcomed and handed the keys of the three churches. His first service in North Aston was on June 25th, attended by many parishioners, where we loudly welcomed him. He, Diane and Paul are slowly moving into the Rectory, assisted by their puppy Cuthbert (the great saint of Durham where they have come from).

If you see him around, do go and chat to him. He's one of those very busy people who seems to have all the time in the world for other people.

Dorothy Willatt leaves

Dorothy has been our Benefice Children and Families Worker since October 2010. She made a huge impression on everyone, especially our children. She did fun, laughter, messy stuff and loads of creative things.

For her last service in North Aston, she and the children built an 8 foot tall Goliath which was erected in the Church, slain with his slingshot by Oscar 'David' Taylor, and then fell with a crash into the Nave aisle and broke into pieces. Wonderful.

She has gone to live near Plymouth; we miss her (& her incredible soprano voice) a lot. A new person is being sought.



Any comments about the above are very welcome.

Please email Kildare: k.bourkeborrowes@btinternet.com or tel: 340 200

If you wish you can also email Clive: casb@north-aston.com or tel: 338 434 or our priest Mark Clavier: mark.clavier@gmail.com

Any other member of the PCC will also be very happy to talk, and they are: Bill Adams, Richard Bailey, Nick Bevan, Beryl Greenwood, Jenny Martin, Ted Short, Jeremy Taylor and Norman West.

It's your Church



THE
NORTH ASTON FETE
Saturday July 23rd 2011

Gates open 2:30. Fête closes 5:00pm

The Village urgently needs your help!

We desperately need contributions and donations of items for all the main stalls, including White Elephant, Raffle, Tombola, the Book Stall and, nearer the time, Cakes & Produce:

Adult Tombola

Bottles, cans, tins and other suitable goods - all within sell-by date please!

Children's Tombola

Small toys (new only), bottles or cans of soft drinks, and packets or bags of sweets.

White Elephant Stall

Items in excellent, as-new sellable condition, or of antique or collectable interest.

BookStall

Books in tidy, readable condition, hardback or paperback.

Also DVDs, Videos, CD's & Computer Games.

Raffle Prizes

Brand new or very special items, as well as gifts, promises or services!

Cakes & Produce

Home-baked cakes & biscuits, home-grown vegetables & fruit.

Please deliver these to the marquee on the day. Thankyou!

For now, items can be dropped off at Two School Cottages for storage elsewhere.

We also need . . .

Gazebos, Awnings, Tables & Chairs

If you have an ez-up gazebo, or something similar, that we could borrow for the day, as well as garden chairs & tables, please bring them along to the Green on Saturday morning.

Volunteers

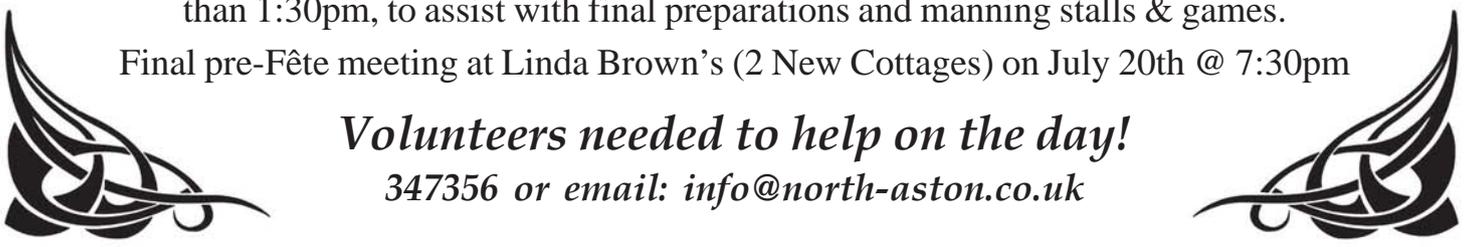
We will need volunteers on Friday 22nd July from 6pm to help in setting-up

We will also need stallholders and helpers on the day, to assemble on the Green no later than 1:30pm, to assist with final preparations and manning stalls & games.

Final pre-Fête meeting at Linda Brown's (2 New Cottages) on July 20th @ 7:30pm

Volunteers needed to help on the day!

347356 or email: info@north-aston.co.uk



North Aston Gardening Club

The month of June saw another very successful meeting of the Gardening Club. Sixteen members attended and the evening was a lively affair - and before I forget, the next meeting is the 25th July, 7.30pm at The Green.

The main topic of conversation was the Club's inaugural Flower & Produce Show. It was decided at the meeting to hold it the week before the Harvest Festival in the Church. This though has created a problem. The Church festival is at the beginning of October, and this would mean having the Show during the last week in September. Nights will be drawing in by then, and the best of the growing season will have passed us by.

After consultation with our President it has been decided to hold the Flower & Produce Show on the 3rd September. Members, I am sorry that I could not get around to consult you all, but a snap decision had to be made.

The schedule as agreed is in the Newsletter and all entries will be taken on Thursday 1st September between 6.00pm and 8.30pm at The Green.

The Gardening Club Flower & Produce Show is open to all residents of North Aston Parish and Gardening Club members. It is our intention that this should be a village event. In the evening we are hoping to have a barbecue and licensed bar, again open to all.

A winter programme of events has started to be formulated and we already have two events booked, with dates to be confirmed. In August we will be making a visit to David Barbour and his nut woods, and in November there's an evening with the Bees.

Members are already using their discount cards. I am always looking to add to the list of businesses giving us discount so members let me know if you have any ideas. We are always looking to recruit new members too. If we keep growing at this rate we will have to find a larger location. If you would like to join give me a call or just turn up at the next meeting.

Next Meeting:
Monday 25th July
Gilmore's, The Green



For further information, please contact Chris. You can call him on 07903 339155, or email info@offac.co.uk.

2011 North Aston Flower & Produce Show Schedule of Categories

Section A: Vegetables & Fruit

Section rules: ALL exhibited vegetables and fruit must be home-grown and where appropriate displayed on plain white paper plates.*

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| 1. Oddest Shaped Vegetable | 8 | 6 different vegetables in a shallow tray |
| 2. 4 Carrots | | |
| 3. 4 Potatoes | 9 | 4 Tomatoes |
| 4. 3 Onions | 10 | 1 Cucumber |
| 5. 3 Beetroot | 11 | 6 Plums |
| 6. Heaviest Marrow | 12 | 4 Eating Apples |
| 7. Longest Runner Bean | 13 | 4 Cooking Apples |

Section B: Plants & Flowers

Section Rules: All plants, flowers and herbs must be own-grown. Exhibitors to provide their own container. All exhibited pot plants must have been in the exhibitor's possession for at least 3 months

- 14 1 Single Rose
- 15 3 Chrysanthemums
- 16 Plant in a pot
- 17 Geranium in a pot
- 18 Flower arrangement in an unusual pot
- 19 Arrangement of 5 flowers picked from your garden
- 20 1 flowering house plant
- 21 1 cactus or succulent in a pot
- 22 Herbs (4 different herbs each displayed in a separate pot)

Section C: Cookery

Section rules: All jams, marmalade, chutneys etc must have been made by the exhibitor since September 2010. They must be displayed in 1lb (360 – 400g) jar with a screw top.

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| 23 Jar of Jam | 28 Fruit Cake |
| 24 Jar of Chutney | 29 2 Scones Plain/Fruit |
| 25 Jar of Pickle | 30 Fruit Pie |
| 26 Jar of Marmalade | 31 Men's only cake |
| 27 Victoria Sponge | |

Section D: Photography, Arts & Crafts

Section rules: Photographs must be unmounted and not larger than 18cm x 13cm

- 32 Photograph of village life relevant to North Aston
- 33 Photograph of wildlife or flower
- 34 Photograph of North Aston in the Snow
- 35 Something made from Wood
- 36 Something made from Wool
- 37 A limerick starting
"There was an old farmer from North Aston"

Section E: For Children up to 8 years

Rules for Sections E and F: All entries must be wholly the work of the children themselves, and to have been created by the exhibitor since September 2010.

- 38 A painting of North Aston
- 39 A creature made from vegetables
- 40 4 Cup Cakes
- 41 A miniature Garden on a Plate

Section F: For Children 8 years but under 15 years

- 42 Photograph taken of North Aston on your mobile phone
- 43 A model you have made
- 44 A person made from vegetables
- 45 4 Cup Cakes
- 46 A drawing or painting of the village.

*Paper plates or bowls will be supplied by the organisers. Children may also enter all other sections. Judging will be by ballot.

Entry fees: 30p adult per exhibit, 20p per exhibit for children.

Entry Forms and full rules will be distributed in August.



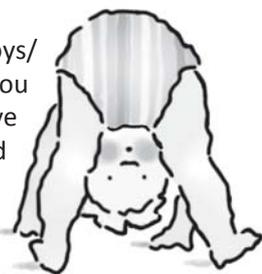
THE ORIGINAL CORNBURY FESTIVAL
THE GREAT TEW PARK OXFORDSHIRE

Just a timely warning that the Cornbury Festival has moved to Great Tew this year and takes place over the weekend of July 1-3. There is likely to be a significant increase in traffic through North Aston village, to and from the M40, and possibly at all hours of the day and night

BABY & TODDLER GROUP

The Group meets in Duns Tew Village Hall every wednesday, from 9:30-11:30am, and is open to any local parents and tots. Just drop in on the day or call Beth Leach (07817926366) or Helen McRae (01869 340029).

The group is in search of donations of toys/books/games/baby bouncers etc. If you think you have something suitable, give them a call. Please support them and spread the word, or pop in for a cuppa, play and chat. Drinks & snacks provided. £1.50 per family



oxfordshirecarshare.com

The scheme provides a free service for those concerned by rising fuel prices to help them find like-minded others to share the cost of journeys. The scheme is available to anyone in Oxfordshire and registration is completely free. You can choose whom you wish to share with from the matches generated for you; how often you wish to share; whether you wish to be the driver or the passenger, or to alternate. You don't even need to own a car to use the site – just register as a passenger.

Register today at www.oxfordshirecarshare.com

Oxfordshire Library Service Consultation

Oxfordshire County Council has recently launched its public library service consultation, which sets out OCC's proposals to work in close partnership with local people to provide a bright and modern future for Oxfordshire's 43 libraries. Details of the consultation can be found on the county council website:

www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/libraryserviceconsultation

The consultation will run for four months from 27th May to 30th September 2011. Anyone can have their say through the following channels:

Complete the online feedback form on the county council website above.

Send back the Freepost feedback form at the back of the consultation document. Copies are available at all libraries and council offices.

Come along to a library service consultation event.

If you would like to discuss these proposals or if you think it would be helpful for OCC to take part in a public meeting here in North Aston, please contact Carole Stow, Consultation & Involvement Manager on 01865 323742 or email libraryserviceconsultation@oxfordshire.gov.uk.

COFFEE MORNING

Come and join us for an informal get-together at the Bakery on the first Wednesday of each month. Tea, coffee and cakes will be served from 10:30am till 12:00 noon.

EVERYONE WELCOME!

If you would like transport, or a helping hand across the road, please ring Gwen Short (01295 810762) or Beryl Greenwood (340122) to arrange.



WE HOPE TO SEE YOU ON WEDNESDAY JULY 6th



North Aston Village Meeting

Thursday 2nd June 2011

MINUTES

Present: **Chris Tuffrey (Chair)**, **Franca Potts (Clerk)**, **Sue Hatzigeorgiou (Treasurer)**

Present: **Eileen Gilmore, Clive Busby, Trudy Busby, Marcus Potts, John Harvey-Lee, James Taylor, David Greenwood, Lynn Quek, Jane McArdle, Sandra Reeves, Linda Brown, Mark Stay, Kildare Bourke-Borrowes, Sarah Bourke-Borrowes, David Hanna, Jocelyn Parsons, Jeremy Taylor, Miche Fabre-Lewin, Flora Hardy, Annie Savage, Tuck Hatzigeorgiou.**

Apologies: **Vicky Taylor, Beryl Greenwood, Peter Durnin, Jane Durnin, Don Davidson, Mary Davidson, Niel Nicholson, Liz Nicholson, Nick Bevan.**

Village Meeting

1. Welcome & Apologies

Chris Tuffrey welcomed everyone to the meeting

2. Minutes of the last meeting

The Minutes of the last Meeting, as published in the North Aston News, were approved unanimously. Proposed by John Harvey Lee (JH-L), seconded by Marcus Potts (MP).

3. Treasurer's Report

The report was proposed by Jocelyn Parsons (JP), seconded by JH-L.

4. Risk Assessment

Sue Hatzigeorgiou (SH) went through the Risk Assessment and explained to the meeting why it was a necessary requirement as part of the Audit. There was a brief discussion about the content, and then the Risk Assessment was proposed by David Hanna (DH), seconded by JH-L and accepted by the Meeting.

5. The Annual Governance Statement

The annual Governance Statement was approved.

6. Any Other Business

There was no further business relating directly to the Village Meeting. As a result, the Meeting moved on swiftly to the Village Fund Meeting:

Village Fund

Those attending, and apologies for absence, as above.

1. Welcome & Apologies

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2. Minutes of the last meeting

The Minutes were approved unanimously. Proposed by John Harvey Lee (JH-L), seconded by Marcus Potts (MP).

3. Treasurer's Report

The longer Report for the Village Fund was introduced by SH, briefly discussed, and proposed by Trudy Busby (TB), seconded by JH-L.

4. A Village Plan for North Aston

Chris Tuffrey (CT) handed out copies of a comprehensive brochure produced by ORCC that helped to explain the concept and creation of a Village Plan.

He told the meeting that he was very enthusiastic about village matters and spoke from a paper he had prepared about his desire to help create a community spirit in North Aston. He said he felt there was a lack of interest in the village and that residents were afraid of change. He told the meeting that he was very keen to create a Village Plan to protect the future of the Village. He explained how this had been done in Duns Tew and Steeple Aston with great success, and that a number of surrounding villages had either already created Village Plans or were considering it. He quoted from a copy of the Duns Tew Village Plan to indicate what it covered. This included meeting places, communications, affordable housing, the countryside and farmers, rights of way, street lighting, youth and private sector services.

JH-L commented that a Village Plan had been considered before, but that a lot of North Aston residents were unsure of what it meant. CT explained that a Village Plan is a parish-led community plan which will take 12-18 months to complete. An ORCC representative was willing to come to the village fête to launch the programme and be on hand to answer any questions from residents.

CT went on to tell the meeting that if North Aston was to undertake a Village Plan, it would need a commitment from the entire Village and it would need a steering committee of about 12 people. Once in place it should be reviewed every 5 years. CT then referred to the brochure and went through the 9-step process and asked the Meeting why we should undertake it. He felt that North Aston is a growing community with many young people and that it should include everyone of every age. When Sibford launched their Village Plan, over 50% of residents at the launch were between 50-70 years.

MP asked whether, if the village meeting became a Parish Council, a Village Plan would become a legal requirement anyway. CT thought possibly not.

Kildare Bourke-Borrowes (KB-B) was not clear about what the Village would do with the plan.

CT explained that small groups of people would have to take responsibility for investigating various aspects of the Plan, and that each area should have agreement from the Village. These groups would not be associated directly with the village meeting.

MP asked whether under the Localisation Bill and powers being handed down, would a Village Plan assist. CT thought this would be the case.

Tuck Hatzigeorgiou (TH) suggested that those present should read the example of Bloxham in the ORCC brochure as it was an excellent case study.

Jeremy Taylor (JT) referred to the Transition Town Movement and the desire for North Aston to reduce its carbon footprint and suggested we needed a sense of what a Village Plan encompasses.

CT responded that a Village Plan is created by the community and is then maintained by its supporters.

Miche Fabre-Lewin (MF-L) was in favour of a Village Plan as there would be an opportunity for focus groups and that North Aston did not need to follow other villages.

MP proposed that North Aston should create a Village Plan, seconded by JH-L.

CT commented that there was some funding available to help.

There was a show of hands in favour of the Village Plan being launched at the village fête.

There were 15 in favour, 6 abstentions, and no votes against. (Not everyone was present at this time).

In future, the Village Plan will be discussed under the Village Meeting and not the Village Fund Meeting.

CT will arrange for some more brochures which will be distributed to all households.

5. Village Fête – planning

The village fête will take place on Saturday, 23rd July 2011. There will be a planning meeting in The Bakehouse on Tuesday 28th June at 7.30pm.

MP has been contacted by a foreign language school to ask if their students can come to the fête and we are expecting 140 Japanese students to attend.

MP asked if the meeting would allow him to have some banners made to advertise the fête. He had been in touch with a company who could produce a banner for £30. He would like to order two of these which will allow for the date to be changed each year.

6. The Big Lunch

This will take place on Sunday 24th June using the marquees left up after the fête. There was a short discussion about the Lunch, and how successful it had been in previous years. However, there was a suggestion that those attending should be fully responsible for their own food and drink. It was thought that the “welcome drink” provided out of village funds was perhaps unnecessary, although Mark Stay (MS) felt that there might still be some who would bring drinks to share.

Further details will be published in the *News*. The North Aston Big Lunch will start at 12:30pm.

7. Kerbing the Green

MP reported that Nathan had been away after an accident but was now back working at the Hall. He had submitted a more competitive quote of £2,400 and was confident he would be able to start soon.

The number of granite setts needs to be checked to see whether any more would be required. There was a discussion about the width of the road, and how the kerbing would be implemented. There was also a clarification of the “passing place” where the road would be left at the current width to allow lorries and farm vehicles a wider area to pass. The overall width either side would be reduced to the span specified by the Council, and sufficient for two cars to pass with ease.

Jane McArdle (JMC) asked what the infill would be. MP told her it would be soil and then grassed, to reinstate the Green lost to successive road repairs and widenings.

8. Gardening Club and Flower & Produce Show

CT told the meeting that 16 people had attended the meeting of the Gardening Club on Monday 20th June and that a winter programme was now taking shape. The date of the next meeting will be published in the Newsletter and that there would be a Flower and Produce Show in September. The exact date was yet to be confirmed, but may be related to the Harvest Festival. Further information will be published in the *News*.

CT asked the meeting whether the Gardening Club could use the village marquees at no charge. The meeting agreed unanimously.

9. The Village Hall

MP said that he expected there might be a lengthy discussion about the proposed Village Hall, and that perhaps the best move would be for the Meeting to propose a date for a special meeting when the Hall could be discussed exclusively. However, there were a number of issues that those present wished to raise immediately.

David Greenwood (DG) commented that he did not remember ever being asked whether the village wanted a village hall. He was reminded that he had actually participated in two surveys; one in 1994 and another in 2006, when the whole community had been asked exactly that question - himself included.

JMC asked when the last full survey was undertaken. MP told her this had been in 2006/7 but that there had been a supplementary survey in the recent May edition of the *News*. JMC thought there should be a further review as four years was a long time and there were new people now living in the village. She said that she had spoken to a number of people who were not in favour of a village hall.

Clive Busby (CB) said he thought there should be published Minutes from Village Hall Meetings so that everyone was aware of what had been decided.

Eileen Gilmore (EG) commented that all the Village Hall

Meetings have always been open to everyone to attend and have been held in a fully democratic way.

CB said that he felt that the reports in the *News* had tended to show the Village Hall Meetings in a more positive light than might actually have been the case.

EG responded that there was a group of people working exceptionally hard to help create the facility of a community centre in the Village and that their efforts were repeatedly being put down by a small number of critics, and that if those people had genuine concerns, then they really should be attending the meetings and voicing them there.

JT suggested that if the Village got a Village Plan up and running this would help to progress the village hall plans. MF-L agreed with JT and said this would make it a transparent process.

CT agreed, but said it could take up to two years to implement a Village Plan and therefore a village hall could be 7 – 10 years away. He agreed we could call a meeting but it would probably be the same faces that turned up. He also commented that he felt that the updates in the *News* were true and accurate.

JMC reiterated that she had been told by “many people” that they did not want a village hall. She was not willing to tell the meeting who these people are. She went on to suggest that the residents should be asked once and for all whether they want a village hall. She was also concerned by the recent suggestion of an alternative site for the Hall on the Allotment fields, since this might spoil her view of the cows. She also had concerns over noise and traffic.

CT said that since the suggestion was a very recent one, the exact position of a Hall in the Allotment field had not yet been established. Similarly, the precise site for a Hall in Beesley’s Close was still open to debate.

EG said that she had been in the Village for 39 years and the proposal for a Village Hall had been an almost constant feature of those years, but that there had never been any real progress until recently. Now there were plans for a village hall ready to go, and perhaps a final survey would provide the mandate for those plans to be implemented. She insisted that the survey should not be anonymous, and that anonymity was the poison of community.

It was suggested that the survey could be based upon the electoral register, and that this would also help to ensure that everyone in the village had a fair and equal opportunity to express their views.

JMC asked who would caretake a village hall. CT said that we were not yet at the stage of planning the details of how the hall itself would be run.

Linda Brown (LB) suggested that the village hall plans could be made available for everyone to see at the fête. This was widely welcomed as being the perfect opportunity for as many residents as possible to examine the proposals and comment on them.

CB wanted the meeting to know that he appreciated all that had been done so far by MP and CT. He also stated that his preference was for a Hall in the style of an old Tythe Barn. MP agreed that this was also his preference, but that consideration had to be given towards the overall cost of the project, and a stone-built building could be prohibitively expensive. However, MP had had a meeting with Niel Nicholson recently, and been shown the new barn at the Nursery, and thought that this style of building offered a compromise that might be within budget. He said that he would have further discussions with NN if this proved to be a popular option.

Flora Hardy (FH) told the meeting that she had experience of projects such as this and would be wary of another ballot. She suggested that the Meeting opens a conversation with the residents of the Village and that there was no need to start all over again.

EG said we should be asking residents for a simple yes or no to a village hall.

Mark Stay (MS) said there were two huge questions to be answered – where would a village hall be and what would it look like.

Sandra Reeves (SR) said she could not comment as it wouldn’t really impact of her as she did not live near any of the proposed sites.

JMC asked why the old Pavilion site could not be used as it affects the least number of people. It was explained that OCC Highways did not favour the old Pavilion site, and that the implementation of the necessary footpaths and mains services made the site the most expensive to adopt. In addition, it’s position on the edge of the village had disadvantages of security, potential use and pedestrian access. She suggested that there could be a footpath through the allotments to provide access to a Hall on this site. However, it was thought unlikely that this would satisfy the Highways Department.

MS said we must include everyone in the village and we should tread carefully and not try to rush things through. It was pointed out that the process had already taken nearly twenty years.

MP said it had been a long journey, and that people only start to raise objections when things get close and it looks like something is going to happen. CT said that neither he nor MP really has the time to start all over again with more surveys and questionnaires.

LB said there should be a vote at the next village hall meeting and that would be the Village’s last chance.

DG said he felt that the Bakehouse was not looked after very well and that he doubted whether a village hall would be looked after any better. EG commented that a reason for that might be that the Bakery was not “owned” by the village, but a new Village Hall would be, and that this would provide the impetus and enthusiasm for people to use and take care of the new Hall.

IT WAS AGREED that there would be a display at the village fête.

Marcus Potts, Clive Busby, Chris Tuffrey and Jane McArdle will meet to discuss the extent and form in which the new survey should be worded, which will be launched at the fête.

There will then be a Village Hall Meeting on Wednesday 27th July at 7.30pm in the Bakehouse.

10. Any Other Business

MF-L told the meeting that she had formed a group to discuss the future of the honey bee in North Aston. A number of events have already been planned although dates have yet to be settled. These will include practical demonstrations, talks and films. She and KB-B will also be hosting the "Bee Pages" in the *News*, and MF-L invited those present to sign up to join the group.

Jocelyn Parsons (JP) suggested a vote of thanks to MP for the work he puts into the *News*.

MS asked if people attending meetings in the Bakehouse using cars, could park in the allotted spaces behind the Bakehouse (near the packing shed).

CT and FP announced that they would not be standing for re-election at the AGM in January 2012. CT explained that they had both served on the Village Meeting for three years, and felt it was time for someone else to have a go. He had other interests and commitments which deserved his time, and he encouraged anyone who wished to do so to put their names forward for nomination. He briefly explained that failure to appoint new officers might lead to the winding-up of the Village Meeting and the incorporation of North Aston into the Parish Council of a neighbouring village, either Duns Tew or Steeple Aston. By announcing their "retirement" now, they was giving the village six months to find suitable replacements.

MP reminded everyone that renewal of membership to the 100 Club needed to be done as soon as possible.

The date of the next meeting will be published in the *Newsletter*, but will be in early September.

The meeting closed at 9.45pm.

The Village Archive

The request for material to go towards a Village Archive has coincided with the arrival, via email, of some fascinating photographs from Ian Carrick, a descendent of the Rose family who for many generations owned and operated North Aston Mill. These three photographs include a wonderfully rural view of the Mill, a shot of James Ambrose Rose dodging chickens on his motorbike, and a family group (right).

This shows, from left to right, starting with the back row, Cyril Carrick (Ian's grandfather) Bertha Rose, Ellen Rose, Emma Rose, Edith Rose and James Ambrose Rose, the last miller. In the front row, from the left, is Gordon Carrick (Ian's father), Alice Rose (his grandmother), an unknown lady in black, Margaret Rose, Kate Rose and Douglas Hopcraft.

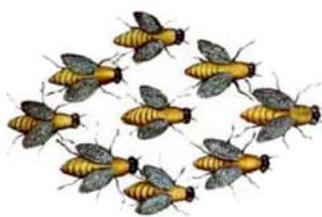
If anyone can identify the "lady in black", please contact the *News*.



North Aston Mill



Welcome to **B E E PAGES**
a new monthly forum
hosted by Miche & Kildare
Please email contributions to miche
by the middle of the month
michefabrelewin@mac.com
call 0773404 9407



B E E PAGES

HONEYBEE GROUP is an informal gathering of villagers from North Aston. Our dedication is to learn more about the lifecycle & sustainable habitat of the honeybee to discover how North Aston village can offer:

sanctuary from chemicals
landscapes with bee-kind blossom
natural beekeeping to strengthen colonies

‘Honeybees are symbols of positive & desirable qualities such as harmony, hard work, and selflessness.’ Jurgen Tautz

B E E PAGES is a journey to understand the inspirational nature of honeybees - their communities & the healing benefits of the medicinal substances they produce. We welcome personal experiences, stories & observations about honeybees, honeybee images, fascinating facts & myths about the honeybee, & recipes with honey. We look forward to your ideas for creating North Aston as a village which is a safe & sustainable haven for the honeybee.

Food is our most intimate connection with nature. Honeybees, the lovers of flowers, pollinate ninety per cent of the plants which feed us making the honeybee an integral part of the food ecosystem. The flora of colourful forms & fragrances attracts & feeds the honeybee. And thus a cycle of reproduction is set in motion to bring to the table the mouth-watering fruits & vegetables which nourish us. And as part of this fruitful exchange between the flower & the honeybee, we can also enjoy the offering of their gift of honey, & celebrate the web of biodiversity within which insects, plants, animals, & humans thrive. Without the honeybee we limit our food choices to plants which are wind pollinated, such as grains & grasses, & root crops which can be propagated.

The honeybee is disappearing & the beehives colonies are collapsing. The causes are complex yet we know our planet is out of balance. We are learning how a food industry supported by mono-cultured, chemical farming is having an impact on the life of the honeybee. And there are questions about how the design of hives might play a role in the health of bee colonies. Miche

Bee populations are in decline across the world & this is most serious in developed industrialised countries. It's most dramatic in the honeybee population, probably because they are closely compacted in hives & nests of immense numbers – up to 60,000. In the USA it's estimated that they are losing up to 1/3rd of all their honeybees each year; in the UK this can be as high as 25%. The most marked & serious evidence for this is when entire colonies suddenly die in the hive, or just disappear – known as Colony Collapse Disorder. We're talking about the sudden death of billions of bees, but the reasons aren't yet clear-cut & may be a combination of things – the varroa mite, a virus, widely used systemic herbicides, insecticides, loss of habitats, climate change & stress. We'll look at these issues in the **B E E PAGES**, as well as how bees are essential to our lives & what WE can do to help.

Where have all the bees gone?

There sometimes comes a moment when things you half notice from the corner of your eye suddenly become centrally important, like that faintly dripping tap. At the beginning of 2010 we had 3 honeybee nests high up in our old roof; one had been there for 25 years & probably much longer, while the other two were more recent. They all seemed very happy there deep in the roof space & so were we. Then one day I saw that, in the space of a few days, the old nest no longer had bees coming & going. This spring the second one ceased activity, and now the 3rd one has. That's about 120,000 bees died, ceased, vanished. Then, the flowering clover used to be alive with one species of bumble bee, but today I'm lucky to see one or two; the lavender, previously trembling with bees, has almost none. At last, with me, the penny has dropped. Kildare

HONEYBEE GROUP

FILM SHOWING: *The Vanishing of the Bees*
with the Gardening Club in November DTBC

Village Hall

I feel I have to begin this month with an apology, to all the many residents of North Aston who thought they'd heard it all before. Well, you have, and now you're going to hear it all again.

As you will read from the Minutes of last month's Village Meeting, a discussion about the proposed Village Hall concluded with a suggestion that another survey is needed in order to establish, conclusively, how the current residents of North Aston feel about the idea. The last full survey, carried out in 2006/7 (and augmented twice since) demonstrated general support for the concept of a community centre for the village, with just four households out of 78 expressing their opposition. However, since then the population has not been static, and around a dozen households have changed hands. It was argued that it would be unfair to proceed with plans for a Village Hall without giving these new arrivals another opportunity to voice their opinions.

I can hear the sound of palms slapping foreheads echoing all around the Green even now. Yes, it is rather like the independent candidate at a by-election demanding a recount when he's just lost his deposit, but this process has to be seen to be open and democratic. It could affect the nature of the village for generations to come, one way or the other - as indeed did the survey of 1994.

The observation has since been made that, by the time any decision is made, and the process restarted (or abandoned), yet another raft of residents could have swapped homes. Will the process have to be revisited every time a house sells, or a tenancy expires? Isn't democracy a process whereby decisions are made based upon the views expressed by the majority, and those in the minority accept those judgements with good

grace? Anyone viewing the saga of North Aston's Village Hall from outside might think that this basic precondition for fairness has been rendered sadly lacking in this case.

Nevertheless, the Meeting conceded to the demands being made (although it has been pointed out that no vote was taken, so was it constitutionally sound?!) and it was agreed that the new survey will be launched at this month's Village Fête. An exhibition will be staged which will include information on major aspects of the proposals, including:

The Style of Building. Those under consideration include an all-wooden hall like the one erected by Balscote village; a stone building resembling a traditional tythe barn; or one of mixed stone and timber construction, perhaps similar to the new barn erected recently by Nicholsons Nurseries.

The Site for the New Building. This question has been re-opened to include the old Pavilion site, as well as Beesley's Close and the Allotment Field. The benefits and shortcomings of each site will be illustrated by plans and diagrams.

Funding and Running Costs. Information on how a new Hall might be funded, and then how it could be maintained after completion.

The survey itself will be kept as simple as possible.

For or Against? Residents will be asked to express an opinion on the basic premise of whether or not they favour the idea of a Community Centre for North Aston.

As well as this straightforward 'yes' or 'no' to the broad concept of a community centre, everyone will be asked to express their preferences for a site, whether or not they are in favour of the general idea. The survey will be based upon the Electoral Register, and everyone will be encouraged to participate. *Marcus*

Traffic Speed Monitor - May

The data for May largely confirmed the findings derived from the April results, which were the first that relied wholly on monitoring traffic heading west from Somerton.

The total for through traffic was almost identical, with 14,240 one-way, or an estimated 28,000 plus when doubled up to account for vehicles travelling in both directions. Perhaps, then, the 15,000 or so typically recorded when the monitor faces west (usually extrapolated to a monthly total of around 30,000) is significant after all? We will leave the monitor facing Somerton for another month, to make sure.

As with April, the recorded speeds were also generally lower. The fastest vehicle went through at 54 mph on Wednesday 4th May at 09:52 (whereas fastest eastbound recordings have always topped 60 mph). Only four others exceeded 50 mph. 37 were clocked exceeding 45 mph (identical to April!), 200 topped 40 mph, and

2086 vehicles would have earned points on their licence. An overall total (one way) of 4552 exceeded the 30 mph limit, representing 32% of through traffic.

This is the lowest percentage we've yet recorded, and goes some way to reinforcing the belief that traffic heading west through the village is not as much of a problem as that travelling the other way. It also underlines last month's observation that perhaps the support pole for the monitor needs to be moved a little further up the Green towards Duns Tew, to act as a greater deterrent to those accelerating through the village after negotiating the narrows and emerging onto the Green.

The Fox: There's still time to contact OCC about the Fox crossroads. Please quote the reference Number: 392979 and entitle your email or letter "The Fox Crossroads, North Aston and Duns Tew". You can email: highwayenquiries@oxfordshire.gov.uk, or write to: The Highway Enquiries Team, Customer Service Centre, Oxfordshire Customer Services, 3rd Floor Clarendon House, 52 Cornmarket Street, Oxford. OX1 3EJ. Telephone 0845 310 1111 or fax 0845 606 9628.

Announcements & Adverts

Village Marquees & Generator

There are trestle tables, chairs and a hefty 4.0 kVA diesel-powered generator available for hire as well as three marquees - two traditional and one tubular-framed plastic. If you would like to book any of these items, or for further information, please contact Marcus (347356) or email info@north-aston-co.uk.

Need a Baby Sitter ?

Responsible baby sitting service available most evenings, including weekends. Also dog walking.

Phone **Josh** on 01869 347356 anytime

Gardening and Lawn Mowing

Get your garden looking its best this Summer! Weeding, planting, mowing the lawn. Can bring own equipment or use yours. Excellent rates.

Phone **Thomas** on 07522 342093 or 01869 347918 after 4:30 Mon-Fri or Saturday & Sunday anytime.

Babysitting Service

Mature and responsible 14 year-old available for babysitting.

Please contact **Yvie** on 01869 340090

ORCC Trading Oil Scheme

If you use oil for your domestic heating, this scheme could save you hundreds of pounds each year. If you would like further details, please contact Chris Tuffrey, North Aston's liaison officer with ORCC. Call him on 07903 339155 or email: info@offac.co.uk. You could save the cost of the annual membership fee of £20 many times during the same period.

Fish & Chips!

Every Thursday afternoon from 5:00pm until approx 5:30pm, by the telephone box

Mobile Library

Here's a case of "use it or lose it". If you value the facility of having a library that actually visits the village, then pop across and say hello next time it calls.

**Every Second Thursday of the Month
09:40-09:55 by the Telephone Box**

Not a member? Enrol at the library in Deddington, or on-line at www.libcat.oxfordshire.gov.uk. It's free.

Computer Problems Solved

Look no further for a reliable computer repair and maintenance service. We'll remove viruses, fix hardware failures, boost the performance of your PC, or tackle a broad range of tasks.

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An Exciting Opportunity for a Church Children & Families Worker

Part-time flexible working for eight hours a week @ £10.50 an hour, from September 2011.

The post is based in the three parish rural benefice of Steeple Aston with North Aston and Tackley, and is to support and develop the children's ministry in the churches and schools. It is for one year in the first instance.

Further details can be obtained from Ms. Rebecca Hoare on: 07585 337165 e-mail: bechoare@googlemail.com

Application by CV and covering letter to Ms. Rebecca Hoare

Closing date Friday 8th July 2011
Interviews 15th July 2011

If you're "on-line" and have your own email address, and would like to be informed of happenings in the Village, Neighbourhood Watch updates etc, please contact:

info@north-aston.co.uk

Use this address to submit items for the NA News.

This Month's Birthdays

Mary Davidson

Rosie Nicholson

Eddie Hatzigeorgiou

Jane Durnin

Marcus Potts

Eileen West



Many Happy Returns to all the North Aston residents who celebrate birthdays this month. If you're not listed, or know someone who should be, please let us know.

Congratulations also to

Clive & Trudy Busby

Don & Mary Davidson

on marking their wedding anniversaries this month

NICHOLSONS

Pot Recycling

Do you ever think about what you should do with your empty plant pots?

Now Nicholsons will be pleased to receive all your old and unwanted rigid plant pots. They must be clean, empty and with no labels attached.

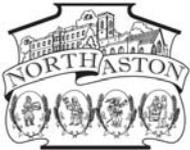
We can reuse or recycle most of these and if you need plastic pots for your own use please come and help yourself to donated pots from the designated bay in the plant centre.

For every 100 pots we get back, we will donate from £5 to £50 (per 100 pots, depending on the size) to the Vana Trust charity.



Open weekdays 7.30am –4.00pm

North Aston, Bicester, Oxfordshire. 01869 340342 www.nicholsons.gb.com



JOB OPPORTUNITIES IN NORTH ASTON

The North Aston Village Meeting is seeking nominations and volunteers for the following posts in the village:

Chairman of the Village Meeting

This post will become vacant at the AGM in January. This post **MUST** be filled if North Aston is not to become amalgamated with one of the neighbouring villages - either Duns Tew or Steeple Aston. For further information about the responsibilities and duties associated with this position, please speak with Chris. Tel: **07903 339155**.

Clerk to the Village Meeting

This post will become vacant at the AGM in January. This post **MUST** be filled if North Aston is to remain independent. For further information about the responsibilities and duties associated with this position, please speak with Franca. Tel: **01869 347356**

Editor to the North Aston News

This post is vacant as of now. Anyone willing to take on the editing and production of the News is invited to speak with Marcus. Tel: **01869 347356**

Traffic Monitor

This post is vacant as of now. Anyone willing to take on the task of replacing the battery (weekly) and downloading the data (monthly) and interpreting the results is invited to speak with Marcus. Tel: **01869 347356**

Other positions are also likely to become vacant in the coming weeks, for which additional volunteers will be required. Being "too busy" is not an excuse.

NORTH ASTON ORGANICS

Vegetable Stall

Open Mon-Sat from 9.00am
In the car park behind the Old Bakery

- Wide variety of fresh seasonal organic veg at affordable prices
- Minimal packaging
- Zero food miles
- Supporting the local economy



Too busy?
Why not try our veggie box scheme - Fresh veg delivered to you door.

New This Month:-

Sugar snap peas, bunched carrots, fresh garlic and later on tomatoes and french beans.

Email: northastonorganics@gmail.com

Tel: ((01869)) 347702

Councillor Calling



If you think things have gone a bit quiet on the policy front since the election – it's true! The main focus of the new shared Chief Executive (in addition to getting to know two councils in detail, a daunting task in itself) is to design and implement a new joint management team to deliver the savings we need without any loss of efficiency. This is naturally an internal process, so it should not be a surprise that there is a dearth of new resident-facing initiatives. Saving money isn't very dramatic, but failing to make the savings would be, so I'll happily settle for a period of apparent calm on the surface while much work goes on out of sight.

Keeping in Touch

Calling the Council was difficult on Monday 13th as something came down the BT line that was so powerful it fried the internal exchange system. An unintended benefit of the link to South Northants Council was that we were able to route many calls via their exchange and were thus not totally cut off for the day it took engineers to fit a new system. So, apologies to anyone who could not get through, but nice to report that, without joint working, it could have been much worse!

Bins - Beware

Rubbish collection dates will change for all of us from the last week of July. We are mounting a huge awareness campaign but, with 23,000 households to contact, some are not going to get the message, especially in the holiday season. The reason for the change is that, with the growth in numbers of houses in the district, we are now at the limits of our capacity. To put on just one extra bin round costs £125,000 a year in pay and equipment so it makes sense to reorganise, if we can, to avoid this. In fact, the new rounds will actually save £10,000 a year and a lot of fuel as well as allowing for several years of future growth. So, please look out for notices on your bin, news in Cherwell Link, the press, etc and don't be surprised when your bin day moves back one, two or even three days. If your neighbour is on holiday during the changeover, do please pass this on.

Making Collections

Weekly collections were in the news this month but, I am glad to say, the Government has thought better of imposing the huge costs involved. In Cherwell, of course, the smelly stuff – food waste – is collected weekly, as in recycling weeks it can go in the brown bin and in waste weeks in the green one. So we will be allowed to stick with a system that is cost effective and allows you to

recycle nearly 60% of all your rubbish, meaning that you do not waste a lot of your council tax on landfill charges. There's been a lot of stuff in the news about how fortnightly collections promote vermin and fly tipping, but experience in this district is that the number of calls for pest control has fallen and incidents of fly tipping are down by over a third in the past couple of years, which puts the lie to all that.

Developments

Bicester Town Centre redevelopment got a boost with the inquiry into Compulsory Purchase Orders finishing early as all the objections bar one (on which no evidence was offered) being resolved at the final hurdle. This should mean a speedier decision and an earlier start to the new Sainsbury's, cinema and so on. On the outskirts, though, do watch out for the changes to the A41 dual carriageway from the M40 junction down to Bicester where, despite many warning signs and a 40mph speed limit, people have been driving straight into the new roundabout at high speed, with devastating consequences for some of them.

The Cost of Parking

Parking charge increases, which were due to be scrutinised in the autumn, will now be looked at rather sooner, following the appointment of a new scrutiny committee chairman. There's no system that cannot be improved by a thorough review, so this is welcome. When I increased these in my budget last year, I could not see a fairer alternative and nor could the then scrutiny committee who reviewed it (nor has anyone else who has commented publicly since, for that matter!) but, with a fresh team on the job, maybe something new will come up.

On the Verge

Cleaning road verges, I learned, costs a shocking £90,000 a year – and could absorb a lot more if we could afford to put in more resources – but is still a never-ending task. The A34, which runs through Cherwell between Wytham and the M40, being so busy, is incredibly expensive as we have to clean it out of hours so as not to disrupt the traffic and we need to hire expensive equipment to protect our cleaning team from the high speed traffic. And all because drivers cannot be bothered to take their rubbish home or pull over to a layby where we maintain innumerable bins. It really is a case of throwing taxpayers' money out of the window!

James Macnamara

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CHURCH SERVICES

JULY 2011

STEEPLE ASTON

NORTH ASTON

TACKLEY

Thursday 3rd July

9.30 am
Holy Communion
Fr Mark Clavier

8.00 am
Holy Communion
Fr Mark Clavier

11.00 am
Holy Communion & Children's Church
Fr Mark Clavier

6.00 pm
Evensong
Fr Robin Gibbons

Sunday 10th

11.00 am
Holy Communion
& Children's Church
(Prayers for Healing)
Fr Mark Clavier

9.30 am
Family Service
Mr Clive Busby

9.30 am
Holy Communion
Fr Mark Clavier

6.00 pm
Evensong
Fr Robin Gibbons

Sunday 17th

10.30 am
United Benefice
Family Communion
Fr Mark Clavier

No service

No service

6.00 pm
Evensong
Fr Mark Clavier

Sunday 24th

11.00 am
Family Communion
Fr Mark Clavier

9.30am
Informal Service
Mr Richard Bailey

9.30 am
Common Worship
Morning Prayer
Fr Mark Clavier

6.00 pm
Holy Communion
Fr Mark Clavier

Sunday 31st

No service

10.30 am
United Benefice
Holy Communion
Fr Mark Clavier

No service

6.00 pm
Evensong
Fr Robin Gibbons
Fr Mark Clavier

Other Events this Month

A short service of Morning Prayer is said on most Tuesdays at 9.30 am in Steeple Aston
A short service of Morning Prayer is said on Wednesdays at 9.00 am in Tackley
Wednesday 6th North Aston 10.30am to noon Coffee in the Old Bakehouse
Wednesday 20th Steeple Aston 10.30am to noon Coffee & Chat at The White Lion
Saturday 23rd July North Aston 2.30pm. North Aston Village & Church Fête