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May 18 – 27



*Don't miss the Easter Egg Hunt!  
Details on Artsweek & Scarecrow Competition, upcoming events, birthdays . . .*

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## Upcoming Events

### Coffee Morning

Wednesday 10th April 10:30 am, Old Bakery

### Village Hall Forum

Friday 12th April 7:30 pm, Old Bakery

### Village Meeting

Thursday 18th April 7:30 pm, Old Bakery

# Your Village Chairman

Having just suffered another week of snow and ice, it's now hard to remember that last year's March was the third warmest since records began, some people in the village were eating outside and an official drought had been announced! With just over 11 weeks to go to mid-summer's day we have to remember that when it does get warmer, nature will have to catch up fast. Keep feeding your birds – they are just itching to make nests and have their babies (like everything else), and for that they need as much food and strength as they can get. Let's remember too the challenges facing the farm and the dairy, with no grass, with winter feed running very low and hay now hard to get and very expensive. The water-logged ground and mud is hard for everyone working outside – Organics, the Nursery, even the building sites, of which we still have three in the village. And then there are our much-neglected gardens and veg plots to see to.

It's disturbing that we have thieves about in the village, but we do. There have been several after-dark break-ins to sheds and outhouses (at least one quite early - between 8 and 9 at night). They rip off the bolts and locks and take whatever looks like ready cash. Not just easy targets either; in one case this was from a well-hidden and hard to access barn, and that needed planning. It looks like they will keep coming and that we are all targets. So if you have anything out there that you don't want to lose, then probably the safest thing is to bring it indoors. Please keep vigilant, and report anything suspicious you see (999 if an emergency, 101 if a non-emergency). Thieves often get away with it because the reporting is done too late – they've gone.

The next Village Meeting is coming up on **Thursday April 18<sup>th</sup>** at **7:30** in the Bakery. PLEASE try to come. It may indeed be parochial stuff, but it's YOUR Parish and you can raise issues and vote on others. It's direct democracy – live.

The second half of May will be a lively time, we have our **Art Show** in the church (have you created yours yet?), and our **Scarecrow Show** and competition, and it would be very nice to see **every household** contributing something to one or both of those. And please don't forget that the grand opening **Reception and Concert** will be taking place there at **4pm on Sunday May 19<sup>th</sup>**, to which everyone is of course invited. Drinks on the house! There will be notices about these things in May's News. Then it's on to the Fete.

Huge congratulations to the Brown & Hite families for raising so much money for charities with their lights, and likewise to Mark and the carol singers. It can be done!

If you have any suggestions about Village life, please do call or email me.

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### Road Closure

A request has been received from Centurion Site Services for a temporary road closure to apply to Water Street, Somerton whilst essential rail bridge inspection works are carried out. This will also have the effect of closing Somerton Road, North Aston in order to deter motorists from driving right up to the closure points and then having to reverse or make tight turns. A *Temporary Traffic Regulation Order* is being made to implement the temporary closure and will operate on Monday 22 April 2013. The estimated duration of the works is one day only (07.30 to 15.30).

Signs will be erected and diversion routes clearly marked. Vehicles will only be able to proceed beyond the closure to gain access to frontages and make deliveries.

Further information regarding the works may be obtained by contacting Chris Speight of Centurion Site Services on 01924 372957.

*TTRO Requests, Oxfordshire County Council*

**Don't forget! Monday, April 1st . . . .**

**Easter Egg Hunt**  
Monday  
10:00am  
on the Green

## Announcements

### To Norman, Dad and Grandad

Congratulations on your 80th Birthday

We hope you have a wonderful day relaxing and doing nothing!!!

All our Love and Best Wishes

Eileen, Tracy & Richard, Linda & Andy, Karen & Alex, Paul & Becky

### To Gramps

Happy 80th Birthday, I hope you have a lovely day

Thanks for all my walkies

Love you lots

Lucky xx

### Norman West

Everyone is welcome to join Norman for a celebratory drink on 16th April between 5 and 8pm to celebrate his Birthday.

## This Month's BIRTHDAYS

Tracy Boss

Peter Durnin

David & Beryl Greenwood

Kath Hazell

Liz Hite

Mary Hoare

Olivia Kneale

Franca Potts

Susannah Taylor

Norman 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.

### Liz Hite

Best Wishes on your Birthday for the 10th April, with all our love Mum & Clive x x

# North Aston Gardening Club

Just a brief reminder this month that the Club will be hosting its annual **Plant Swap & Sale** on Saturday May the 25th. That's only a few weeks away, so now is the time to be thinking about planting up into pots and preparing your stock to sell or swap.

The **North Aston Flower & Produce Show** will be held on Saturday the 31st August this year. The full list of categories was published in last month's news, so do check to see if there's anything you'd like to enter that might need thinking about sooner rather than later. Seeds for the *Tallest Sunflower* will be distributed shortly, and seed potatoes and containers for the *Spud in a Tub* competition will be available for collection any day now. Full details to follow!

## Oxfordshire Community Woodfuel Programme

As ash trees come into leaf, it will become apparent if they have *chalara* (ash die-back disease). Signs include wilting leaves and browning of young stems. Forestry Commission advice is not to fell ash trees unless they are infected, but felled wood can still be used as firewood. See [www.forestry.gov.uk/chalara](http://www.forestry.gov.uk/chalara) or the Nicholsons Forestry website for further information

This is the time to buy firewood and store it for next autumn, and also to think about installing a wood stove or boiler. See [www.oxonwoodfuel.org.uk](http://www.oxonwoodfuel.org.uk) for advice. There will be woodfuel themed study visits on 15th April, 1st June and 8th June. The first and last of these will each involve a visit to a woodland, a wood processor and an interesting wood boiler. The 1st June event is at a Ministry of Defence woodland, and involves tasting wild rabbit and taking away firewood if you want. More information is at [www.oxonwoodfuel.org.uk/woodfuel-site-visits](http://www.oxonwoodfuel.org.uk/woodfuel-site-visits).

We have had five successful 'logs for labour' events this spring, and will run more next autumn. If you are a woodland owner who could use some free help with woodland management, or you would like to work outdoors in return for some firewood, please see [www.oxonwoodfuel.org.uk/logs-for-labour](http://www.oxonwoodfuel.org.uk/logs-for-labour).

The Oxfordshire Woodfuel Programme is setting up a quality standard for firewood called 'OxLogs'. OxLogs suppliers will clearly state the volume, type, length and moisture content of their wood. Please ask your supplier if they provide OxLogs.

Riki Therivel, manager@oxonwoodfuel.org.uk  
Telephone: 01865 243488

# Bring & Buy Plant Sale

in aid of the Fairbridge Programme of  
The Prince's Trust and  
Restoration of the Lady Chapel Window  
in North Aston Church

**Saturday 27 April 2013**  
**at Westcott, Middle Aston**

Parking through gate in North Aston Lane  
**10.00 - 4.00**

- Perennials: crocosmia, dianthus, erigeron, erodium pelargonifolium, various geraniums, iberis, lysimachia, Michaelmas daisies, phlox (white), poppies (white with a black eye), sedums, verbena bonariense, viola labradorica, and so much more
- Good ground cover: geranium macrorrhizum, ophiopogon and stachys Byzantina
- special annuals: salvias, sweet peas, tall and graceful Nicotiana mutabilis, and other lime green or scented types, plus Cleomes, the annual that flowers till November
- scented leaf pelargoniums
- vegetables: extra flavoursome Tomato 'Black Russian', courgettes, squash, sweetcorn, and hopefully some donations.
- Home made marmalade

If you want a complete plant list or have any contributions, please ring May Woods on 07958 912271 or email: [may.woods17@gmail.com](mailto:may.woods17@gmail.com)

## PLUS+ A SECOND HAND BOOK SALE

Organised by Christopher Compston

Please tell all your gardening  
and bibliophile friends!



# Your art is needed for the spectacular 'Spirit of North Aston' Arts Festival May 18 - 27 2013

**Media:** almost any, whatever you like working in - Digital Art, Drawing, Painting, Engraving, Mixed Media, Paper, Photography, Pottery, Printmaking, Textiles, Wood - and more.

**Prizes:** You can win one of the 3 'Peoples' Choice' Prizes.

**Big:** This is part of Oxfordshire Artweeks - country's oldest and biggest open studio event. Thousands of people attend it.

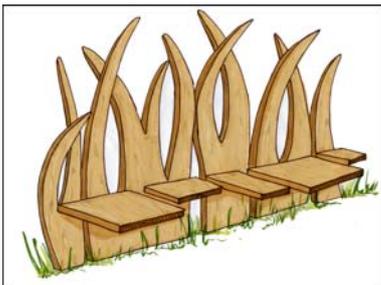
**Promoted:** our North Aston show will be actively promoted in the local press, on radio stations, in village newsletters and on notice boards.

If you haven't started yet, then GET CREATING!!



**Artweeks Contacts:** Kildare: 340200 ~ John: 347164 ~ Nick: 345153 ~ Chris: 347210

## Jubilee Bench

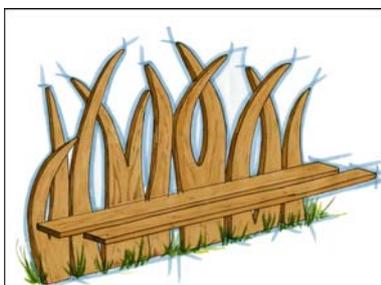


A final reminder of Daniel's designs for the planned Jubilee Bench to be erected on the Green.

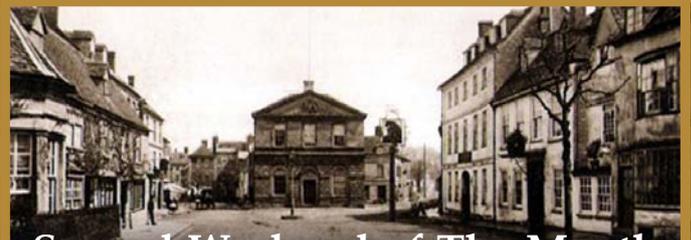
The intention is to unveil the bench on Sunday 2nd June, to commemorate the 60th

anniversary of The Queen's Coronation in June 1953. This will also coincide with the beginning of the *Coronation Festival*, which will begin with a service of celebration at Westminster Abbey on Tuesday 4th June. The *Festival* will culminate in a major exhibition and *Coronation Gala* to be staged in the gardens at Buckingham Palace between the 11th and 14th July.

If you have views and opinions on the bench, then come along and express them at the Village Meeting on April 18th, when the choice will be decided and the siting for the bench discussed.



## Woodstock Antiques & Collectors Fair



### Second Weekend of The Month

Staged in the historic Town Hall in Woodstock, this Antiques & Collectors Fair brings together between a dozen and twenty dealers every month. Items on offer range from silver and jewellery, through ceramics and glass, to general collectables, paintings and ephemera. Some of North Aston's own dealers are regular exhibitors! Open Saturday & Sunday, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm. Free Parking around town or in the main car park, near the library. Entrance £1.

**Next Fair: April 13th & 14th**

# The North Aston Scarecrow Show & Competition

Every Family or Household in the Village is invited to make the most imaginative Scarecrow (small, large, friendly, fun, scary, terrifying, static, moving, silent, noisy) they can, and take part in the great Village Scarecrow Show.

May 18th-27th 2013.

The Show will run in conjunction with North Aston Artweeks 'The Spirit of North Aston', and then will be mounted up again for the Village Fete.

Three members of our Farming-Dairying-Vegetable Growing-Nursery community will form a judging committee, and there will be prizes.

No 'live' exhibits!

When you're making yours, remember - your scarecrow's job is to scare off birds! Also remember that it has to stand out in all weathers. More news soon. Meantime please

**GET SCARECROW MAKING!!**



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## Beyond the Veil

DCI Mark Starkey thinks he's got a quiet patch in sleepy Thistledale, but all that is about to change dramatically when there's a sudden, unnatural death on the local allotment...



The grisly discovery down by the beehives is only the beginning for Detective Starkey. To unmask the murderer he must first uncover an altogether less savoury side of life in Thistledale; the bitter grudges, thwarted passions and murky pasts.

And then there are the bees. The life of the honeybee might be described as one of great sweetness and harmony, punctuated by sudden, desperate, acts of violence. The same could be said for Thistledale.

Detective Starkey soon realises that the more he knows about bees, the closer he gets to the killer!

Yes, the *Mikron Theatre Company* is returning to North Aston with an all-new production that's right up our street. Make a note in your diary now.

**Tuesday August 13th in The Orchard Barn**

Performance starts: 7:30 pm. Tickets: £9

Please reserve your seat in advance  
by calling Julie Hillier at Nicholsons

on 01869 340342 or email [julie@nicholsons.gb.com](mailto:julie@nicholsons.gb.com)

## Village Meeting

The next Village Meeting will take place in the Old Bakery on Thursday April 18th, starting at 7:30 pm

Topics for the Agenda include:

- The Jubilee Bench - selecting design and site
- Artweeks Festival 2013 - final preparations
- Scarecrow Competition - details & deadlines
- The Village Fete - setting a date
- The Village Hall Project - update on progress and discussion on exact siting

If you have any other items you'd like to see added to this list, then please email your suggestions to [info@north-aston.co.uk](mailto:info@north-aston.co.uk).

## Village Hall Forum

The next Village Hall Forum will gather in the Old Bakery on Friday 12th, starting at 7:30 pm. All village residents are welcome to attend.

Prior to the Forum itself there will be an inspection by members of the Planning Committee of the Village Green and Beesley's Close area. This will be to gain a better understanding of the exact siting of the Hall, and its likely impact on the area.

## From Thames Valley Police

The number of thefts and break-ins within the immediate area of North Aston continues to give cause for concern, especially when it strikes so close to home.

There was a theft from a stable in Banbury Road, North Aston (along the main road) at some time between 19th February and 4th March. On this occasion, a chainsaw was stolen. Did you see or hear anything?

Thames Valley Police is also appealing for witnesses after a theft from a car in Fewcott, just this side of Ardley. The incident took place between 11 pm on Thursday 14th March and 6 am on Friday 15th March. The offenders gained access to the car parked in Fritwell Road by forcing the lock on the driver's side door. They damaged the steering column and removed the ignition barrel, but were unable to steal the car, so settled for a pair of sunglasses, but not before causing considerable damage. If you have any information please contact 9593 Chris Kidd from Bicester police station via the Thames Valley Police Enquiry Centre on 101.

In general, please remain extra vigilant. If you see anything suspicious or have any information please telephone Bicester Rural Neighbourhood Police on 101 or 999 for immediate police response.

## Community Policing Awards 2013

Have you been impressed with the service given to your community by a member of your neighbourhood policing team? Residents are being asked to nominate community police officers, Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs), volunteers, and Special Constables who have had a positive impact on their local community.

The *Community Officer of the Year Awards* recognises staff who have made the greatest contribution to addressing the concerns of local residents over the past year.

Assistant Chief Constable Richard Bennett said: "The Community Policing Awards is an aspect of this job that I particularly enjoy and value. It is an opportunity to pay tribute to the important grassroots work that neighbourhood policing teams carry out in their communities.

"The nominations show a range of innovative and effective initiatives carried out by neighbourhood teams to address the



concerns of residents, and it is clear that these are greatly appreciated by the people we serve."

The awards will be taking place in July and nominations will be open until 12 April. The categories you can vote for are: community police officer, PCSO, volunteer and Special Constable.

If you would like to nominate someone for an award you can do so by submitting a nomination form on the Thames Valley Police website: [www.thamesvalley.police.uk/newsevents-events-cpa-nominate](http://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/newsevents-events-cpa-nominate). Alternatively, send an email to:

[communitypolicingawards@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk](mailto:communitypolicingawards@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk)

## Contact the Police

Should you wish to speak to a local officer about crime prevention, advice on securing your property, deterring burglars, suspected theft, or any other aspect of police work, please contact Thames Valley Police by dialling 101. If you witness a crime in progress, or suspect that one may be about to be committed, dial 999.

## Village Mailings

Those on the North Aston Village Emailing List are kept up to date on nearby incidents. If you use email but don't yet receive our messages, and wish to be included on these group mailings (which often include other useful information about village events), then please make sure you submit your address to us at [info@north-aston.co.uk](mailto:info@north-aston.co.uk).

# COFFEE MORNING

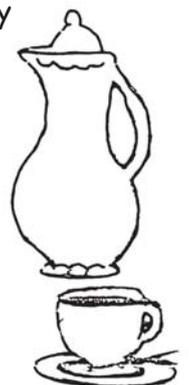
Come and join us for an informal get-together at the Bakery on the first Wednesday of each month. Tea, coffee and cakes will be served from 10:30am till 12:00 noon.

## 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 April 10th



# 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 Veg Box Scheme?

Fresh vegetables delivered to you door!

Email: [northastonorganics@gmail.com](mailto:northastonorganics@gmail.com)

Tel: ((01869)) 347702

## Adverts

### Babysitting Service

Mature and responsible 16 year-old available for babysitting.  
Please contact **Yvie** on 01869 340090

### Need a Baby Sitter ?

Responsible 18 year-old baby sitter available most evenings, including weekends. Also dog walking.  
Phone **Josh** on 01869 347356 anytime

### 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.  
Phone 07522 342093 or visit the website at

[www.naenterprise.co.uk](http://www.naenterprise.co.uk)



The lucky winners of the March were:

First Prize (£10): A Rees (#26)

Second Prize (£5): G Short (#52)

Next month will be the last in this year's series of draws, so if you're not currently a member and would like to join the North Aston 100 Club, then please call Norman on 340368 to reserve your number. Call him today!

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

There is nothing - absolutely nothing - half so much worth doing as simply messing about in boats\* . . .



. . . but if you can't manage that, then watching them is a close second-best.

The Environment Agency, the navigation authority for the River Thames, is now recruiting for the 2013 season and is looking for volunteer lock assistants who can commit to working at least one day a week between May and the end of September. Volunteers can agree their hours with lock keepers but need to be available at least from 11 am to 5 pm. Volunteers are particularly needed along the river between Reading and Lechlade.

Volunteer Assistant Lock Keepers work alongside paid lock keepers. They help boats pass through the lock safely: taking ropes, directing traffic, and operating sluices and lock gates. They help maintain the site and provide information to visitors so that they can make the best of their time on the river.

Applicants are invited to an assessment where they will have the role explained to them and to determine whether they have the required physical capabilities. It will also be decided which site may be most appropriate for them. Chosen volunteers then attend an induction course which focuses on safety and preparing them for working lock-side.

There is a fully documented training programme before volunteers may take charge of the lock on their own, although this will only be for short periods while the keeper is at lunch, for example. Volunteers are there to augment the regular staff rather than to replace them.

Volunteers are provided with some uniform and can claim mileage for travel to and from their lock (subject to a daily maximum). They also receive a monthly newsletter which keeps them in touch with what is going on along the river and other activities of the Environment Agency.

If you would like to find out more about volunteering on the Thames and to receive an information pack and application form, please contact the Volunteer team. You can telephone on 01491 828360 or send an email to:

[thames.volunteers@environment-agency.gov.uk](mailto:thames.volunteers@environment-agency.gov.uk)

\* Kenneth Grahame, *Wind in the Willows*

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# Councillor Calling



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## All in the Planning

For some reason, it all seems to be about planning these days.

This month's Planning Committee was long and, in parts, contentious. The most intense argument was around a new 700-space multi-storey carpark for **Banbury station**. The current arrangements for parking in a series of industrial units on the Tramway estate are inconveniently far from the station and, anyway, coming to an end so something had to be done.

Chiltern have secured a sizeable grant from Network Rail for their proposal so it's certainly good news for passengers. However, in Planning, there's always bad news for somebody, in this case local residents directly opposite (who would want to look out on a multi storey carpark?) and those affected by all the extra traffic going to the far side of the railway lines, so it was not an easy decision: ultimately, there was a majority in favour.

## More Retail Therapy

In Banbury town centre, I gather plans are afoot to enlarge greatly the **Castle Quay** shopping mall to counter-balance the proposed Gateway edge of town shops at the M40 junction. While clearly there is hardship around, one can't help feeling that the economic gloom can't be so intense round here if major companies are planning these huge retail investments.

**House building** is, I admit, pretty much stalled, much to the government's chagrin. My belief is that this is largely their own fault for forcing councils to issue so many planning permissions (they insist on six years' worth of new houses at any one time) that no sane developer dares commit to building for fear that his competitors will swamp a fragile market, so more permissions means less houses – a shot in the foot, if ever there was one!

## Moving on up

In Bicester, meanwhile, **Sainsbury's** riposte to the enlargement of Tesco, in the form of lots of extra shopping space on a new mezzanine floor with no external changes, was much easier to approve. This really does look like a rare proposal where everyone wins. Following that, Sainsbury have confirmed that they will definitely be opening this summer. They will start recruiting some 300 new staff shortly, so there's good news for more than just shoppers.

## Officer Classes

Closer to home, the **Heyford Park Free School** won

outline permission both for its permanent home in the distinguished former Officers' Mess and for immediate occupation of the Sports Hall. While I worry about the long term impact of going against the Base masterplan in retaining this huge concrete structure in a rather prominent location, it is an immediate boost for parents who want their children educated close to home that this should secure the school's opening this September.

## Legal, Decent, Honest & Truthful

In the background, the *Telegraph* reports that some councillors (none from these parts, I should hastily add) are taking thousands for somehow fixing planning permissions. I must say, even if it were legal or ethical, I wouldn't know where to start: Cherwell has eighteen councillors on the Planning committee from all three parties, divided between those from Banbury, Bicester, Kidlington and the villages. I really don't see how such a disparate group could be "fixed" by anything other than force of argument.

Schemes that accord with Cherwell (and, increasingly, contrary to all the talk of "localism", national) policy get approved and those which don't are rejected. Since all rules are open to interpretation, there can be fierce clashes over this but, in over ten years on the Planning committee, I could accuse my fellow councillors of many and various errors of judgement (ie disagreeing with me!) but I've never suspected even a hint of corruption. The nature of planning is that somebody is always going to be upset by every judgement but, however aggrieved, I hope they will see that due process was followed.

## Councillors Bonding

Meanwhile, on the financial front, more savings, it seems, for next year's budget could be achieved painlessly by the prospect of turning our links with South Northants Council into a three-way sharing arrangement with Stratford District Council in Warwickshire, ambitiously covering not only three counties but also crossing the boundaries of three Regions. The first combination has delivered continually improving services for a lot less money so I'm hopeful of more of the same.

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## ORCC Trading Oil Scheme Don't get caught out by the cold!

For full details of this scheme, see previous editions of the *News*, but with the hope of warmer weather on the horizon, don't get lulled into thinking you can overlook the heating system! If you use oil-fired domestic heating and would like to save hundreds of pounds each year on your oil bill, then join the North Aston 'Collective'. Please contact Chris Tuffrey, North Aston's liaison officer with ORCC. Call him on 07903 339155 or email: [info@offac.co.uk](mailto:info@offac.co.uk). Savings of over £250 in a year based on an annual membership fee of just £20 seem like a bargain.

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# CHURCH SERVICES

## PARISH WORSHIP IN APRIL 2013

STEEPLE ASTON

NORTH ASTON

TACKLEY

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**Sunday 7th - First Sunday of Easter**

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11.00 am  
Holy Communion  
Revd Mervyn Puleston

No service

9.30 am  
Holy Communion  
Revd Mervyn Puleston

6.00 pm Evensong  
Fr Robin Gibbons

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**Sunday 14th - Second Sunday of Easter**

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11.00 am  
Holy Communion  
Revd Stephen Pix

9.30 am  
Family Service  
North Aston to organise

9.30 am  
Holy Communion  
Revd Stephen Pix

6.00pm  
Evensong  
Fr Robin Gibbons

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**Sunday 21st - Third Sunday of Easter**

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No service

9.30  
United Benefice  
Revd Mervyn Puleston

6.00 pm  
Evensong  
Fr Robin Gibbons

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**Sunday 28th - Fourth Sunday of Easter**

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11.00 am  
Holy Communion  
& Children's Church  
Revd Mervyn Puleston

9.30 am  
Holy Communion  
Revd Stephen Pix

9.30 am  
Holy Communion  
Revd Mervyn Puleston

6.00 pm  
Evensong  
Fr Robin Gibbons

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Families are welcome to **all** services.

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**Mid-Week Services & Morning Prayer - Every Week**

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9.30 am  
Morning Prayer, **Tuesdays**

9.15 am  
Morning Prayer, **Mondays**

9.15 am  
Morning Prayer, **Wednesdays**

12:00 Noon  
1662 Holy Communion, **Thursdays**

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**Other Events this Month**

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**10th April** – 10.30-12 pm *Coffee Morning* at the *Old Bakehouse* in North Aston

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