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*News on Broadband ~
'Installing' Revd Marcus Green ~ The slowly-turning wheels of change ~
... and Piling on the Pounds - The Flower & Produce Show 2013*

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Upcoming Events

September Coffee Morning

Wednesday 4th Sept 10:30 am, The Bakery

Village Meeting

Thursday 12th September, 7:30 pm, The Bakery

Village Hall Forum - TBC

Thursday 19th September, 7:30 pm, The Bakery

October Coffee Morning

Wednesday 2nd Oct 10:30 am, The Bakery

Your Village Chairman

Country-living people are quite conservative. Unlike city dwellers (where change is almost endemic) we tend to like things as they are; they have usually worked for a previous generation and will likely work OK for the next one, and when change comes we like it to be slow and gradual, just as the evolving seasons are.

We see it at this time of year when the natural world, having grown, flowered and fruited in abundance, imperceptibly becomes weary and begins to give all that up, slowly shrinking back into its long winter rest. However, the pattern of change in North Aston has not been like that, because successive new owners arrive and change things to the way they want – and so we have seen periods of rapid change followed by long periods of slow evolution.

This seems to have been the case with the Anne family in the 15th Century, the Brookes family at the end of the 16th Century, the Bowles family in the 18th and again in the early 19th Centuries, Foster-Melliard in the 1860s. From then on until 1983 there was little change, but in that year Hermione Hitchens sold the Hall and its land, and since then there have been five owners – on average one every six years, with considerable change and accompanying speculation – ‘what are they doing now?’

This has all been brought to my mind following the arrival of Trevor and Allison Green-Parkes as the Hall estate managers and with them a new spirit of transparency prevailing.

We now know that the construction of the new lakes and that area is now finished, that a gated entrance will be made into the new drive from Middle Aston Lane, that the drives will be tarmacked and that Bradenstoke Barn will be converted internally. No other developments are contemplated, and what is being done will have little impact on the life of the Village; the re-surfacing of the drive down from the Green to the Church will certainly be very beneficial in winter.

When we move in somewhere new we all make our changes, we stamp our identity on the place and get it the way we like; it's natural. What I'm sure of though is that whether it's our garden or our mansion with an estate we all need to remember that we are merely guardian tenants of our plot for a little while, that we'll soon be gone, and what we've done and leave behind is part of our legacy and contribution in the long roll of history. It can be said, I think, that the Taylor family in North Aston are more sensitive to this philosophy than most land owners, and we can be very grateful for that.

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

Kildare

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Ride & Stride

This year's Ride & Stride in aid of the Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust (and specifically our own church of St Mary's) will take place on Saturday September 14th. Sponsorship forms can be obtained by calling John Morrison on 01865 876625. Last year the Ride & Stride raised over £120,000 for Oxfordshire churches. If you don't want to "ride'n'stride", but would be prepared to spend some time in the church signing forms for visiting participants, please email info@north-aston.co.uk.



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

Dog Fouling

The text within the dog fouling article in the August *North Aston News* is incorrect - where it states that farm animal faeces is relatively harmless and not a risk and to human health.

People who have acquired an immunity by constant exposure to farm animal faeces - farmers - are not at risk of illness. Everyone else that comes into contact with animal faeces is at risk of serious illness or death, especially the young, the old, and those with suppressed immunity.

I think it is incorrect to highlight dog faeces as a greater risk to human health than farm animal faeces. Faeces always carries potentially harmful bacteria. After contact with any faeces, hands should be washed with soap and water. Sanitizing sprays and wipes etc are ineffective. Doubters should Google 'Godstone Park Ecoli outbreak'.

Tony Godwin

Apologies for any confusion caused by last month's piece. It was never actually stated that farm animal waste is harmless - just that it's less dangerous than that of dogs (or, as it happens, cats). However, it is easy for dog owners to clean up after their animals, while farmers and horse-owners face more of a challenge. Ed.

Congratulations to Eve Rodgers
on attaining a 2.1 degree in Law and Business
from the Open University

Six years of hard work, in addition to a full time job
and running the family!

Well done and with great admiration
from Jan, Stefan and Anna

Sport, Health & Wellbeing

Saturday 7 September, 9am – 1pm
Spiceball Leisure Centre

There will be a free event for local residents at the new Spiceball Leisure Centre this month where visitors will be able to participate in various sport activities and taster sessions, including **scuba diving, swimming, table tennis, body combat, seated exercises, table tennis, squash, Zumba, boxing** and many more.

Attendees will be also be able to learn more about local organisations and services and will receive information and advice on many subjects, such as **volunteering, local services, community safety & policing, employment, education, activities for young people, health** and many more.

About 40 local organisations will be in attendance, and there will also be a large indoor section with activities for children, including bouncy castle and play area.

Announcements

Road Works

Aside from some on-going but occasional works on the **M40**, the main closure likely to affect road users from North Aston in the coming weeks involves **Fenway in Steeple Aston**.

This temporary closure was originally planned for the beginning of August, but was then postponed, and will now take place through a 'window' that could extend from 2nd September right through to the end of the month. The interruptions will enable contractors to carry out essential drainage and service connection works for a new development. The work may last for up to four weeks.

For those who don't recognise the name, Fenway is the northern road that links Steeple Aston with the A4260, so anyone wishing to access Steeple will have to use the southern (Red Lion) road. The houses on the Shepherd's Hill development will remain fully accessible via North Side and Paines Hill.

Harvest Supper

Another reminder that the Harvest Supper this year will be staged on Saturday October 5th, in the Orchard Barn.

Please make a note in your diaries. Details will be decided at the Village Meeting on September 12th. Thanks to Niel and Liz for allowing us to use this fabulous venue once again.

ORCC Trading Oil Scheme

It's heading up to that time of the year when we start thinking about keeping warm through the winter. Full details of the Oil Scheme have been published regularly in the *News*, but in simple terms, if you use oil-fired domestic heating and would like to save hundreds of pounds each year on your fuel 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. Based on an annual membership fee of just £20, savings of over £250 a year can be had.

Help with Essential Repairs

Cherwell District Council is offering an essential repairs grant to help vulnerable people, which covers such jobs as replacing a defective door or window, repairs to roofs and minor electrical works. You may be eligible if you meet the following criteria:

- You have owned your home for at least 3 years and
- You are eligible for a means-tested benefit, and/or a tax credit with a household income below a set level.
- You are over 60yrs of age or in receipt of child benefit for a child living with you.

For more details contact: Private Sector Housing Team, Cherwell District Council, Bodicote House, Bodicote, OX15 4AA

NEXT VILLAGE MEETING

There will be a Village Meeting in the Old Bakery on Thursday 12th September, starting at 7:30pm

If you have any items that you would like to have added to the Agenda, please email them through as soon as possible, or telephone 01869 347356. Topics for discussion include: Review of the Village Fête, The Harvest Supper and Broadband.



Fred Hoare, 1938 - 2013

We are saddened to report that Fred Hoare passed away last month. His funeral was held in North Aston on Friday 23rd August, and was well attended by many of his friends and relatives from within this village and the local area. Fred, who was born in Wooton near Woodstock, married Mary (West) in 1960, and they lived together in North Aston, where Mary was born, for over fifty years.

Our thoughts and sympathies are with Mary, their two daughters, Susan and Brenda, their grandchildren, and the many members of the extended family who live in North Aston.

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Mary, Brenda, Susan and Family would like to thank everyone for their kind words and thoughts during their recent bereavement. It really meant so much. Also, many thanks to all who attended Fred's funeral and your generosity which raised £260.50 in aid of the Parkinson's Disease Foundation. Finally, a big thankyou to Linda for providing the refreshments after the funeral.

Norman West

Annie Maslen, 1939 - 2013

We have learned of the death in France of Annie Maslen. Together with her husband Eric, Annie moved to Juniper House in North Aston in 1993. Eric was a skilled craftsman, and carved the original village sign which, sadly, suffered from the inclement weather and had to be taken down a few years ago. It is currently stored at Park Farm Barns.

For the sake of Eric's health, he and Annie moved to France about ten years ago, but they always kept in touch with friends here in the village. Annie maintained a very active Facebook profile, and it was through this that we learned of her battle with cancer.

She remained cheerful throughout an ordeal of surgery and chemotherapy that lasted several years, facing her ill health and declining strength with remarkable fortitude. Earlier this year, after some months in remission, Annie discovered that the cancer had returned, and despite beginning a course of new drugs last month, she passed away on Thursday 29th August. She is survived by Eric and daughter Sally, to whom we extend our sympathies.

Marcus



Two contrasting views of North Aston Hall, recently added to the village archives. The top photograph is one of the rarer views of the Hall from the Percy Simms collection (Chipping Norton) and dates from around 1920. The image of the Great Western Railway's 4-6-0 locomotive *North Aston Hall*, in BR livery, was probably taken in around 1960, prior to her withdrawal from service in 1965.

North Aston Gardening Club

August has been quite a month for the club. Our monthly meeting was hosted by Chris and David Hazle who gave us a tour of their lovely plot tucked away in the corner of the village, including the developmental history (with photographic evidence!) of the garden since they took it over some 20 years ago. So a big thank you to them for being informative and generous hosts.

Saturday 1st saw our annual Flower & Produce Show, now in it's 3rd year. We had in total 43 different individuals taking part in the competition, with nearly 300 items entered. The weather was kind to us and the display on the day was fabulous.

Thank you everyone who helped to organise the event: all of you who set up the marquees (2nd time lucky), propped up the tables, hitched up the generator, supplied the refreshments, manned the tea and plant stall, ushered and arranged on the day, weighed potatoes, measured beans, stuck on labels, put up photos, counted the points, totted everything up and wrote up the certificates, auctioned our produce: and then all those who dismantled and cleared everything away again.

We were fortunate to have Mrs. Julia Hadfield from Ardley who did the cookery judging for us at late notice. She was especially impressed at the spread of cakes entered on the day.

Of course this event would not have happened without the support of everyone in NA who came and told us all what they thought about the fruits of our labour. I think we all had a good time, so same again next year!

Full results of the F&P show will be published next month.

The next NAGC meeting will be held on Wednesday the 25th of September at the Hazle's. Come along to have your say on how we can improve on the FnP show for next year.

Thanks, *Lynn*



The lucky winners of the August draw were:

First Prize (£10): Tuck Hatzigeorgiou (#114)

Second Prize (£5): Gwen Short (#52)

Anyone who missed out on renewing their membership this year - or who hasn't previously been involved - will now have to wait until next April to sign up. Be prepared! If you'd like to reserve a number, please speak to Norman West, or call him on 340368. You've got to be in it to win it!

This Month's Birthdays

Thea Busby Matt Dale

Nicholas Oak Dale

Don Davidson

Camilla Durnin

Karen Hack (née Brown)

Sam Hatzigeorgiou

Clara Nicholson

and congratulations to

Peter & Jane Durnin

on their Wedding Anniversary!

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.



Chippy Jazz!

Sunday 29th September

For the 16th year, CN Rotary Club is proud to present a day of jazz and music around the town, much of it free to attend.

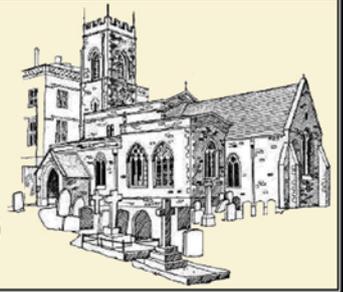
Once again Chippy will be throbbing to the sounds of live bands playing at venues including The Town Hall, The Blue Boar, The Chequers, Old Mill Cafe, Red Lion Inn, Bitter & Twisted, Crown & Cushion, Methodist Church, the Town Square, and Number 24 Cafe.

Bands include: *Swing from Paris* with Jo Silver and Tom 'Spats' Langham, *Silverthorne & Rachel Chai*, *CNS Allstars*, Dickie White's *Allstars Walking Jazz Band*, *Backroom Music Boys*, *FiddleBop*, *Evenlode Jazz Band*, *Eric Stevens Jazz Band*, Perry Lock and his Trio, *Hot Fingers*, Carl Sinclair *Boogie Duo*, *Softshoe Trio* and *Saxophone With A Difference*.

There are four ticketed events, including Tom 'Spats' Langham with his Hot Fingers Trio at The Chequers, and a special Evening Concert to be staged at the Chipping Norton Theatre. Full details of bands, venues, timings and businesses supporting CJAM will be published in the programme booklet, price £2, and available widely throughout the town. All profits go to local charities.



The Church MATTERS

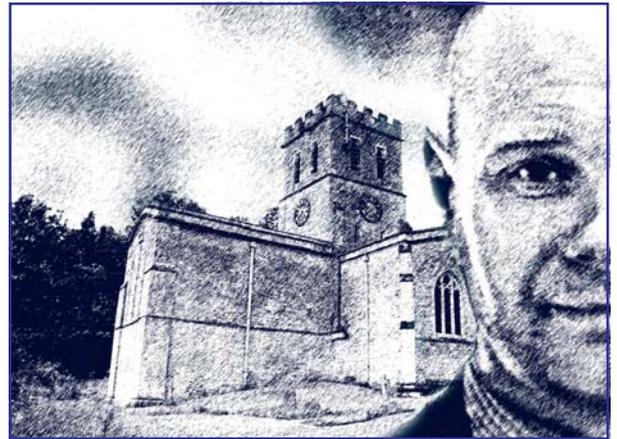


LET'S WELCOME REVD MARCUS GREEN - OUR NEW RECTOR

Service of Installation

Wednesday September 11th, 7:30 pm. Tackley Church.

Anyone and everyone is welcome to come along to this Service, conducted by our Bishop Colin. It has old traditional stuff like the Churchwardens solemnly handing over the keys of our Church to Marcus so he can take possession of it, and new stuff, especially the hymn 'Salvation's Song' composed specially for the occasion by Marcus himself. It will probably finish about 9:00 after which, knowing Tackley, there will be some refreshments. Parking at Hill Court at the bottom of the hill below the Church.



Family Service - Marcus's First Service in North Aston



Sunday September 22nd, 9:30 am.

We hope that as many of us as possible will be there to welcome him for the first time to our village.

This will be a very 'family-friendly' service, with input from our children and refreshments afterwards, when everyone will at least be able to say hello to him.

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 Rector Marcus Green: steeplerector@hotmail.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, Jane McArdle, Ted Short, Jeremy Taylor and Norman West.

It's your Church

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 September 4th

No improved Broadband for isolated North Aston

The long-awaited announcement about the roll-out of high-speed Broadband across Oxfordshire was published towards the end of last month, and the news was not good.

The map of the county is generously splattered in blue, denoting the communities that will benefit from extended rural broadband coverage, but there's a distinct white patch centred right across North Aston.

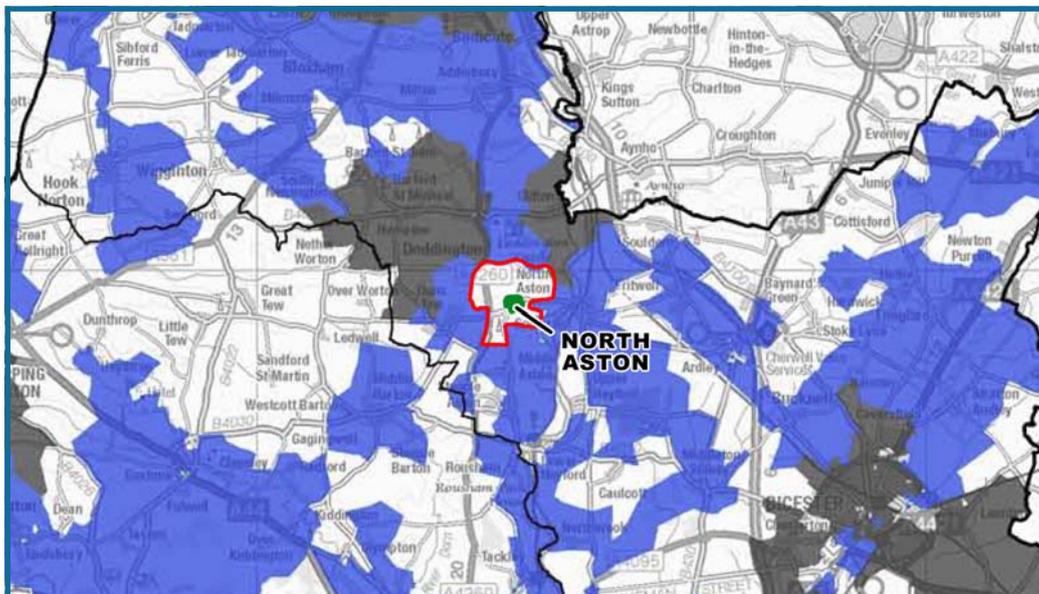
A number of residents have already contacted OCC and expressed disappointment that the village has been left out in this way, and had a stock reply which reads as follows:

The County Council did not take an active role in drawing the boundaries of the coverage. The contract was based on achieving the maximum coverage for the county for the funding available. As such, there were no priorities or other interference with the modelling for coverage. Those areas that find themselves in the 2-24 Mbps areas on the map are those which are the most challenging properties to reach with the broadband grid.

The decision to publish the map prior to detailed survey results was taken to support community projects which need this initial information to progress bids to the Rural Community Broadband Fund. It is also in response to a recent mandate by the Secretary of State's office for local authority projects to be as transparent as possible or risk future tranches of broadband funding.

New Government Funding

I would add that this map is a preliminary position and we are hopeful that the end coverage position will exceed the



estimates that are confirmed in the contract. For example, there is a new tranche of broadband funding which has just been announced for £250M which is earmarked to taking national coverage to 95% and beyond. We do not yet know the impact of this new funding for Oxfordshire and whether that may go towards addressing the perceived gaps in the villages you refer to.

The interpretation that can be drawn from this final paragraph is that the door is not completely closed, although the crack is very narrow! I therefore urge you to log on to the web page at <http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/content/broadband-coverage-map> and then click on the "Contact us" link on the right hand side and express your concern.

The exact extent of the demarcation has not been set in stone (which was why I suggested that publishing the map before any on-the-ground surveys had been completed was somewhat premature) and it could be that we can yet persuade OCC to use the additional funding to extend Broadband to North Aston.

If you haven't already done so (and anyone on the regular mailing list will already have been encouraged to do so) please make a noise! Visit the website and '**comment**'. *Marcus*

From Thames Valley Police

This month's appeal for witnesses or information:

Burglaries & Tack

There have been several audacious burglaries from villages in the Bicester area in the last few weeks. The culprits head up to the front door of the property, force entry using a crowbar (or similar) and steal property from within. In every instance, the break-in has taken place in broad daylight, and in full view of passers-by. The police are appealing for witnesses, and advising neighbours to be vigilant.

With saddles especially remaining a popular target for thieves, TVP is continuing to offer its *Tack Marking Service*. Even if you only own a single saddle, contact them, and they will call in and mark your tack to make it easier to trace. It won't stop it being stolen, but it might help you get it back again!

On Speed, and Hot Nights

Random speed checks have been carried out again in Ardley, along Somerton Road in Upper Heyford, Station Road in Lower

Heyford, Murcott Road and Norris Road in Arncott, and Green Lane in Chesterton. We will be requesting a visit to North Aston later this month - you have been warned!



Finally, during the recent spell of good weather, patrols in the small hours of the morning have found some serious security breaches. Please close your front doors (yes, TVP officers have been waking people and asking them to close their doors!) and downstairs windows overnight. Don't make it easy for burglars, no matter how hot your nights may be!

Contacting TVP

Should you wish to contact the police about any non-urgent matter, please use the 101 number. They want to hear from you, no matter how trivial you think the incident may be. In the event of an emergency, use the familiar 999 number.

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or

Thursday 7 November from 18.00 to 20.00

Please phone us on 01865 225878
for more information or visit our website
www.sobell-house.org

We do not recommend this work for those who have themselves been bereaved in the last two years.

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Old Road,
Headington, OX3 7LE

Sobell House

email: SMSH.BereavementService@ouh.nhs.uk



Classifieds

Lamps for Sale

We still have some of the Ikea lamps for sale, as advertised in last month's *News* (see full details there).

These are of two types. The first is the Ikea Kvalt spotlamp in black, with flexible stem and fitted with an expensive low-wattage, high-intensity LED type bulb.

The second is the Ikea Jansjo lamp, in white with neat flexible stem and small high-intensity LED spotlight.

The lamps are priced at £10 each, including bulbs. Please email info@north-aston.co.uk or call 347356 for further information. All money raised will go back into Village Funds.



Make a pledge to keep Oxfordshire top of the recycling league!



Oxfordshire councils are challenging residents to make a pledge to recycle one more thing in the hope that our impressive recycling rate of 60% can be improved on even further. In return for making a pledge residents will be entered into a prize draw to be in with a chance of winning an annual family pass to Blenheim Palace.

All district councils in Oxfordshire have introduced new recycling collection schemes in recent years and this has led to huge reductions in the amount of waste landfilled. However there is some evidence that recycling rates are now levelling off or even dropping. Recycling as much as possible is important both for financial as well as environmental reasons, as it costs around £1000 for every lorry load of waste to be buried in a landfill site and only half as much to recycle.

Recent additions to the kerbside recycling collections include batteries, juice cartons and aerosols. **Batteries** should be left on top of any bin in a clear bag (such as a sandwich bag). **Juice Cartons** and **Aerosols** can go in with the rest of your recycling. There are also now pink containers at several local recycling banks for **electrical items**.

Visit <http://www.owp-reuseguide.co.uk/> for a comprehensive list of items that can be recycled or reused locally or call us on 08450 50 45 50 if you are unsure whether an item can be recycled or not.

Pledge to recycle more for your chance to win an Annual Family Pass to Blenheim Palace!

To make your pledge, visit:

www.oxfordshirewaste.gov.uk/recycle1morething

or send your name, address, telephone number and what you pledge to recycle more of to:

FREEPOST RSCJ-BHGB-BKSG, Oxfordshire Waste Partnership, Thorpe Lane Depot, Banbury, OX16 4UT.

**POLICE
& CRIME
COMMISSIONER**
THAMES VALLEY

The Police & Crime Commissioner for Thames Valley, Anthony Stansfeld, will be holding a public meeting in Banbury this month.

The event will be an opportunity for the PCC along with the Local Police Area Commander, Colin Paine, to meet and greet residents and deliver

presentations about the role of the PCC and local policing in Cherwell. A representative from the Community Safety Partnership will also be in attendance to tell the public more about the work they carry out in the area.

Residents can also ask questions and feedback any concerns they have about policing and crime.

Members of the public can also ask questions prior to the event or get involved during it by using the hash tag #AskPCC_Chерwell on Twitter.

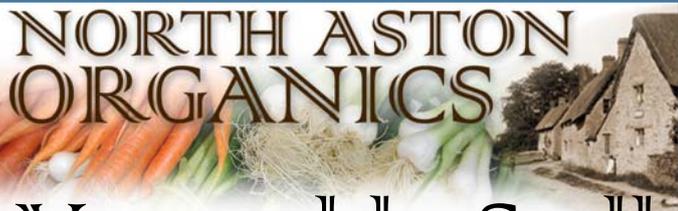
Questions can also be submitted by emailing:

pcc@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

The meeting will take place in

Banbury Town Hall

Monday 16 September, 7:00 pm



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Banbury Young Homeless Project

Last year BYHP worked with over 700 young people from all across the Cherwell area, including South Northamptonshire and West Oxfordshire, providing support, advice and a real sense of community.

Now, more than ever, the organisation needs support. They are particularly looking for people willing to help with fundraising, specifically by assisting in the organisation of a charity ball at Stowe House. This will be the charity's major fundraiser of the year and BYHP is hoping to attract a small group of people with a range of skills to help. If you think you could be one of those, then please contact them as soon as possible.

Clowning Around 2013 – 5km Fun Run

The 13th October will see the great British Public descend on Spiceball park, don their clown shoes and costumes, and get running, walking, skipping, hopping, hula hooping, and back flipping their way around a 4.8km track in the world's first ever Clown Race. The hope is to set a Guinness World Record for the largest clown race!

The fun run is open to children and grownups of all ages, with loads of prizes. Registration needs to be completed in advance and, to cover costs, entry will be £10 for adults and £6 for children. Participants will be sent sponsorship forms to raise funds, but there is no minimum sponsorship to take part.

For further information or to register, please contact Kim on 01295 259442 or email kim.hopkinson@byhp.org.uk.

Oxfordshire Community Woodfuel Programme

News from the Oxfordshire Woodfuel Programme: Sept/Oct 2013

Be smart when you buy firewood. Please buy from a local supplier, as this minimises 'fuel miles' and supports local businesses. Ask your supplier whether they provide OxLogs (www.oxlogs.com), which are the Oxford quality standard for woodfuel. Otherwise ask (1) what the moisture content of the wood is (it should be 25% or less), (2) what volume of wood you are getting (you should know what weight or volume you are getting, not just 'a load'), (3) whether it is soft or hardwood (a hardwood log has more energy than a softwood log of the same size), and (4) how long the logs are.

Wood with a high moisture content will burn badly, since much of its energy will first go into turning that moisture into steam before it can heat your house. Last summer was terrible for drying wood, but this year has been much better. You can buy a moisture meter for about £15 online. For more information see www.oxonwoodfuel.org.uk/our-community-wants-to.

Join Logs for Labour. L4L matches up woodland owners whose woodlands need managing ('log offers') with people who are willing to help out in return for logs ('labour offers'). The woodfuel programme is organising a series of L4L events for the autumn and winter. If you would like to make either a log or a labour offer, contact manager@oxonwoodfuel.org.uk or 'like' www.facebook.com/oxonwood to get updates on log offers.

Attention woodfuel boiler owners: If you own a chip, pellet, log batch or wood burning stove with back boiler – please could you fill out a short survey at www.surveymonkey.com/s/9SZBD9T? The results will help others who are thinking about installing similar boilers.

Ash die-back. The Forestry Commission has a very good website in case you are worried that an ash tree has *chalara* (ash die-back): www.forestry.gov.uk/chalara. See also the useful pages on the Nicholsons website: www.nicholsons.gb.com.

Events & Talks. The woodfuel programme will have a stand at the *Local Environment Group Conference* at Trap Grounds, Oxford on Sunday 22 September, and at *Chipping Norton Energy Day* on Sat 28 Sep; and will be talking to *Transition Eynsham* on Wed 16 October at 7:30pm. There will also be a woodfuel conference in Dorking on Friday 4 October, and one on productive woodland enterprises in Birmingham on Thursday 17 Oct. Please see www.oxonwoodfuel.org.uk for more information.



01865 243488 ~ manager@oxonwoodfuel.org.uk



CHURCH SERVICES

PARISH WORSHIP IN SEPTEMBER 2013

STEEPLE ASTON

NORTH ASTON

TACKLEY

September 1st - Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

11:00 am
Holy Communion
Revd Stephen Pix

8:00 am
Holy Communion (BCP)
Revd Geoff Hunter

9.30 am
Holy Communion
Revd Geoff Hunter

6 pm. Evensong

September 8th - Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

11:00 am
Holy Communion
Revd Geoff Hunter

9.30 am
Matins (BCP)
Revd Geoff Hunter

9.30 am
Holy Communion
Revd Stephen Pix

6:00 pm
Evensong

September 11th - Wednesday

Induction of
Revd Marcus Green
as Rector of the Benefice
by **Bishop Colin**
7.30 pm

September 15th - Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

11:00 am
Holy Communion
United Benefice
Revd Marcus Green

No Service

No Morning Service

6:00 pm
Evensong

September 22nd - Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

11:00 am
Holy Communion
Revd Marcus Green

9.30 am
Family Service
Revd Marcus Green

[10.30 am. Methodist Harvest
Festival]

6:00 pm
Holy Communion (BCP)
Revd Marcus Green

September 29th - Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

11:00 am
Holy Communion
Harvest Festival
United Benefice
Revd Marcus Green

No Service

No Morning
Service

6:00 pm
Evensong

Families are welcome to all Sunday services.

Other Events this Month

Wednesday 4th September – 10.30-12 pm *Coffee Morning* at the *Old Bakehouse* in *North Aston*
Saturday 28th September - Steeple Aston Harvest Supper, Village Hall, 7pm. Tickets from Malcolm Hensher.