

NORTH ASTON

NEWS

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As the birds drink and so lift up their head. peep
So must man sip and think
FM
Of better drink
Or he may attain to after he is dead

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Your Village Chairman

Ted Short

Owing to health problems, Ted has reluctantly had to cease playing our Church organ after over 62 years. As we said when the PCC took him and Gwen out to lunch (paid for if I may add by the PCC members themselves) 'Some organ – Some Player'. 62 years – it may be some sort of UK record, I don't know. Anyway, in spite of this huge loss, music will continue to be played in the Church in a make-do-and-mend fashion until our new organ arrives, when things should be much easier. Thank goodness we have a really musically-talented Rector!



The Fountain

I hope that many people will have noticed the crisp black lettering which now allows us to read the little rhyme very clearly, probably almost as clearly as when it was first made 150 years ago. It's on the front of this Newsletter. Thank you to Beryl who suggested Humphris, who produced the least expensive and most effective solution to this. The bad news is that sadly the inscription is much eroded and weathered, and the next time it is conserved the whole panel may need replacing. Or something.

The Millennium Bench

I hope that everyone has got used to the lovely design, and likes the nice way the oak is weathering. Anyway lots of people go and sit on it, and when the electricity poles are finally removed, the view over to Deddington will be almost perfection. We decided at the last Meeting that we should put a plaque on it; some of us have agreed a wording, it is now being made and will be added to the Bench by Daniel before Christmas.

Heyford Park and the proposed Neighbourhood Plan

The planned meeting at CDC to discuss the Plan Application due in mid-October was postponed to November, and there have been no other developments that I know of.

Village Meeting

Thursday November 20th at 7:30 in the Old Bakery. Your say as always is crucial, otherwise what's the point of having a meeting for the village without the village. I would really like to see some younger people coming to this; there are plenty of excellent young people in the village now – come and join in! There are some interesting Agenda items.

Kildare BB

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

Telephone: **01869 340 200** ~ email: chair@north-aston.co.uk

Village Meeting Agenda

November 20th 2014, The Old Bakery from 7:30 pm

VILLAGE MEETING

1. Welcome and Minutes of Last Meeting
2. Treasurer's Report
3. Broadband
4. Heyford Park/Dorchester/Neighbourhood Plan
5. ORCC Oil Buying Scheme
6. Mains sewerage
7. Any Other Business
A village orchard?

VILLAGE FUND

1. Welcome and Minutes of Last Meeting
2. Treasurer's Report
3. Cost of Harvest Supper
4. Village Sign
5. The Fountain lettering
6. New Picnic Bench for the Green
7. TVP Speed Check
8. Any Other Business
Meeting Room arrangements
A War memorial?
9. Date for next Meeting - AGM

On the Land



October-November 2014

North Aston Dairy

We are fortunate that the land is dry and the grass is still growing at quite a good rate. As things stand it seems our cows should be able to remain productive outside for a few weeks before we need to start supplementing their diet with the grass we conserved earlier in the year. Whilst many dairy farms like to have their cattle inside for much (or even all) of the year in order that conditions (diet, movement, temperature) can be manipulated, we prefer to keep them out harvesting the grass for as long as possible.

However our concentration is beginning to turn to making preparations for the cattle to move into the buildings and barn space that we have next to the parlour at Manor Farm where they will reside until temperatures pick up in the spring.

In October we invited our customers to come to the farm to meet the cows, have a walk around the pasture and help with the milking. There were around 50 people that took us up on

the offer. It was a pleasure to see such fascination and excitement in our every-day activities. *Josh*



From the archives - a view of *The Green, Sparrows* and the Village Shop taken during the 1950s. Does anyone know who the lad is lying on the grass?



This Month's Birthdays

Rebecca Brown
Anna Clara Liberadzki
Billy Rees
James Taylor



Congratulations to
David & Isobel
on their Wedding Anniversary!

Congratulations to all the North Aston residents who celebrate special events this month. If you're not listed, or know someone who should be, please let us know.

Bonfire Parties

If you're planning on having a bonfire party this November, please don't forget to notify your neighbours - and Deirdre, of course, on (01869) 340646 - so that those with pets can have them safely indoors before the explosions begin. If you're planning on setting off fireworks on any day other than November 5th, then also remember that you cannot do so after 11:00 pm. The only night when it's legal to set off fireworks later than this is November 5th (as well as New Year's Eve and Diwali).



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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH



From Thames Valley Police

Now that the clocks have gone back, police in Thames Valley, Sussex, Surrey, and Kent are working together to target cross-county burglars.

For the first time, each force will co-ordinate activities during a three-week regional burglary campaign to catch offenders and educate residents on how to prevent themselves from becoming victims.

This year a co-ordinated approach means that one campaign will run between 27th October and 16th November and stretch from Milton Keynes in the north to Chichester in the west, and to Margate in the east - an area of more than 5,600 square miles and more than six million people.

Insp Angie Jones, from TVP, said: "Officers will be patrolling neighbourhoods and burglary hotspot areas identifying houses that could be at risk of burglary and posting a leaflet through the door advising people to contact them for further crime reduction advice."

Halloween and Bonfire Night are two of the busiest nights of the year for Thames Valley Police. On Halloween an average of 3,700 calls are received in a day - mostly in the evening. The police want everyone celebrating these events to have a good time, however they will not tolerate anti-social behaviour of any kind. To report any issues you may have, please call the Police Enquiry Centre on our 24-hour non-emergency number - 101. If it is a crime in progress, call 999 immediately.

You can also report crime online via the TVP crime reporting form, and the website FAQ section contains a wealth of advice and information on a huge variety of topics.

In the meantime, with the clocks having gone back, and evenings becoming darker earlier every week, don't invite burglars into your home by advertising that you're out. Set lights to come on automatically at dusk if you're going to be late home from work.

Classifieds

Baby Sitter

Looking for a local, reliable, sixteen-year-old baby sitter in the village? Call Freya on 07806 477401 or (01869) 340625.

Deddington Farmers' Market

The traditional Farmers' Market in Deddington takes place every 4th Saturday of the month. This month's will be on **22 November**.



The Church MATTERS



November is full of Remembering.

In Church life, the first Sunday of November includes the All Souls Service over in Tackley: through the year we've said goodbye to some dear friends and relatives from within village life. The All Souls Service is a lovely, gentle opportunity to Remember those we love who have gone before us, to again give thanks to God for life and love shared, and to light a candle in remembrance. November 2nd, 5.30pm, Tackley Church.

November 5th is of course a Great British Tradition, which we observe with fireworks and bonfires around the country. I think it's especially poignant this year. We look at the terror of the Islamic State in Syria and Iraq and at the horrible things they are doing to people who don't share their warped version of religion, and we see them to be evil. But five hundred years ago Guy Fawkes and his companions were implicated in a devastating plot because they had political and religious disagreements with King and Parliament who themselves were beheading people who didn't share their own religion and politics. Evil?

In our own time in our own United Kingdom, differing political groups claiming Christian allegiance bombed and killed each other in Northern Ireland and here in England. Evil? Hardly Christian, for sure. Not like Jesus. Far from godly.

And yet, as was shown in the recent death of Ian Paisley, one of the most sectarian and strident voices of that recent period of our history, truth is stranger and more complex than the headlines and the battle-lines would have us believe. A man who once called the Pope 'antichrist' became friends with the Catholic enemies of his youth and in his old age worked hard to make peace work.

Sometimes we Remember our own past in order to not judge someone else, but rather to pray that they and their world might change as we must change. And that we might not pretend to be better; but find ourselves humbly grateful. We will pray for those being persecuted (and for those persecuting) constantly. We took a collection for the work of the Barnabas Fund, working with Christians who have been persecuted by ISIS, and across the Benefice raised £300. The annual Church Charity Quiz in Steeple on Nov 22nd will again Remember this fund - please support it.

Remembrance Sunday is November 9th. We Remember those who have served this country, and we give thanks for all we have in our society as a result of that service: freedom, respect, tolerance, difference. Self-deprecatingly brilliant true Christian values that underlie our nation. Please join us.

Family Service this month is on November 16th: we Remember that God's love is for everyone of every age, and we will be collecting the shoe boxes for the Operation Christmas Child Appeal at this service.

And finally - November 30th is Advent Sunday! We are holding a very special United Benefice Festival Service at 5.30pm in Tackley that day. There will be no morning service in North, but instead a wonderful evening Advent Carol Service, from Darkness to Light, as we begin to Remember Christmas and the coming of Jesus.

It will be a terrific occasion: do put it in the diary & join us.



Revd Marcus Green



Any comments about the above are very welcome. More news is always available on our website: www.sntchurch.com

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If you wish you can also email Kildare: k.bourkeborrows@btinternet.com or tel: 340 200

or Clive: casb@north-aston.com or tel: 338 434

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

Steeple Aston Players

presents

Cash on Delivery

by Michael Cooney

A brilliant comedy blockbuster from The Steeple Aston Players!

**Thursday 6th, Friday 7th & Saturday 8th November
at Steeple Aston Village Hall at 7.30 pm (doors open at 7:00 pm)**

Directed by Lorraine Watling, 'Cash on Delivery' by Michael Cooney is cleverly written and one of the funniest farces we've come across. It's an average day for Eric, who has been claiming welfare benefits. However, over time his claims have been getting out of hand and into the realms of ... er ... serious fraud. Inconveniently, a DSS Inspector calls, and, reaching an epiphany, Eric desperately tries to cover his tracks whilst shielding his wife Linda from the awful truth. Very soon the plot thickens as Eric wriggles precariously to get off the hook ...

Replete with cultural stereotypes, double entendres, boobs and willie jokes, it is classic English humour at its best. We have a good script, good acting and a good set. Come along and bring friends. Everyone has a very enjoyable evening at our shows.

Tickets on the door £8 (£6 concessions) - Price includes a Free Drink from the bar!

Tickets 01869 324875 or 01869 347346 or wightmanaln@aol.com

Tickets also available in advance from Harris's Stores in Steeple Aston.

The play is suitable for children 12 and over.

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Friday 5 Dec
Saturday 6 Dec
Friday 12 Dec
Saturday 13 Dec

7.30pm Village Hall

Matinee

(Free drink & crisps)
Saturday 13 Dec
Under 16's £4.00
Adults £6.00

2.00pm Village Hall

Don't miss it
Book your tickets now
Jenny Martin
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Bonfire Night!



**Saturday November 1st
Sunday November 2nd
(No later than 11:00pm)
Wednesday November 5th
(No later than midnight)
Any other evenings
(No later than 11:00pm)**

Bonfire Night is another mid-week date this year, which means that there are likely to be fireworks heading skywards on other evenings as well, including the weekends both before (1st & 2nd) and after (7th, 8th & 9th). Please remember that it is illegal to let off fireworks after 11:00 pm on any November date except the 5th, when the cut-off is midnight.

If you're planning on having a fireworks party on any other evening except the 5th, then you must advise your neighbours. This will enable pet owners to keep their animals safely indoors and so be less likely to be frightened. Knocking door-to-door or doing a leaflet drop is the first step, but to help with wider distribution, please email details of your fireworks party to info@north-aston.co.uk. If you're not on the mailing list but want to receive such information, then please submit your email address as soon as possible.



The lucky winners of this month's draw are:
First Prize (£25): A Hanna #96
Second Prize (£5): J Parsons #32

It's too late now to join the 100 Club this year - so you'll just have to watch others winning prizes! If you'd like to reserve a number for next April, please speak to Norman West, or call him on 340368.

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



Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

As usual, there will be a door-to-door collection this month for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. Please give as generously as you can. Thankyou

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**Saturday 8th & Sunday 9th November 2014
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Plough Wednesday 2015
January 14th 10am to 3.30pm



Visits

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to cover the costs please (payable on the day)**

We will be joined by the Bishop of Dorchester.

Appropriate footwear and clothing

for the time of the year is recommended.

The day has been organised by John Hirons, formerly Farm
Manager of Warriner School Farm, Bloxham.

For further details and to book your place contact:

Revd Canon Glyn Evans, Diocesan Rural Officer

07581 491713 <glynevans@gmail.com>

Last date for booking is December 14th 2014.

Full itinerary available early January for those booked

Councillor Calling



Long Term Plan ...

The Local Plan saga continues with a formal vote in full Council on the summer's amendments. These added in all the extra houses demanded by the Inspector and then made provision for all the associated infrastructure. With such a tight timetable, it's hard to believe there won't be something amiss but I've been reassured, both by studying the detailed amendments and follow-up conversations with the portfolio holder and senior planning officers, not to have found anything.

The village policies have added what sounds like a menacing 750 houses for the larger settlements but, after subtracting 250 earmarked for Kidlington, this leaves 22 per village over the whole Plan period: one or two a year seems not unreasonable. Policy in smaller settlements has also been eased to allow infill within the village boundary, which, again, might prove welcome in not having to fight tooth and nail for the odd, perfectly acceptable (and often much-needed) extra home. Assuming it is voted through, the Inspector will resume his Examination in Public in November, giving a chance for anyone who doesn't like the new version to put their case. Assuming he then approves the Plan, it will come into force next Spring, ending a saga that has been running for more than a decade.

Referendum

Meanwhile, the Mid Cherwell Neighbourhood Plan process is under way. If completed (and the process is nothing if not tortuous, culminating in a local referendum, so you have the final say), it will direct where our parishes' share of this would go, and where, within each parish, are the favoured sites, if any. The aim is both to apply genuine local knowledge at parish level, to where houses are needed and wanted and to provide a level of protection from aggressive developers inflicting inappropriate using the "five year housing supply" loophole. The first stage is consultation on the overall boundary (ie the parishes that have chosen to join in), and then serious choices have to be made about what each parish wants – that's your chance to protect and enhance your environment for the next twenty years.

Making it Safe

The Chief Constable, Sarah Thornton, will also be at the Council (making a long meeting – the agenda and papers run to nearly 600 pages!) for her annual report. With most crime diminishing in most places, this has become quite a pleasant event, compared to her predecessor, who was skilled at hitting government targets but less good at delivering a service people in the villages were happy with.

By listening to us through the Neighbourhood Action Groups (NAGs!) and deploying what resources she can to focus a visible police presence on the issues that are important to us, the perception of crime, which is infinitely more pervasive

than the relatively small number of actual crimes, has steadily been reduced and we are one of the safest areas in the country.

More Mobile ...

Mobile libraries are a County Council matter, but we're all being consulted on a major change. OCC's five mobile libraries will more than halve their number of stops from 467 to about 200, each of which will last longer, to try and reflect current usage patterns. I suspect this is a much-loved service that most of us don't actually use in practice so, if they can concentrate on where they really are needed, they will do more good. However, if that's wrong, you've got until the New Year to make your views known to OCC.

Riding High

Your satisfaction with Cherwell, meanwhile, has risen to 77% in this year's survey, having risen steadily from 60% when surveys began in 2006. Considering the council's budget has been cut by nearly half over that period, this shows that local authorities can deliver efficiencies to match any private business. A major contributor to backroom economies has been sharing services with South Northants and others. A reward for leading the way in this is a stream of government grants to encourage progress: the latest news is £775,000 to fund computer integration – a double bonus when your council tax doesn't have to pay to do stuff that will reduce your council tax! Let's hope these grants keep coming...

James Macnamara

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CHURCH SERVICES

PARISH WORSHIP IN NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 2014

NORTH ASTON

STEEPLE ASTON

TACKLEY

Sunday November 2nd - Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost, All Saints

9:30 am
Holy Communion
Book of Common Prayer
Rev Marcus Green

11:00 am
Holy Communion
Rev Marcus Green

5:30 pm
All Souls Service
**Rev Marcus Green and
Fr Robin Gibbons**

Sunday November 9th - Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am
Remembrance Service
**Rev Marcus Green
and Richard Bailey**

10:55 am
Remembrance Service
**Rev Marcus Green and
Richard Bailey**

5:30 pm
Remembrance Service
**Rev Marcus Green and
Fr Robin Gibbons**

Sunday November 16th - Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am
Family Service
Rev Marcus Green

11:00 am
Family Service
Rev Marcus Green

5:30 pm
Evensong
Fr Robin Gibbons

Sunday November 23rd - Last Sunday after Pentecost, Christ the King

9:30 am
Holy Communion
Rev Marcus Green

11:00 am
Holy Communion
Book of Common Prayer
Rev Marcus Green

5:30 pm
Holy Communion
**Rev Marcus Green and
Fr Robin Gibbons**

Sunday November 30th - First Sunday of Advent

No Service

No Service

5:30 pm
United Benefice Festival Service
Advent Carols
From Darkness to Light
**Rev Marcus Green and
Fr Robin Gibbons**

Sunday December 7th - Second Sunday of Advent

9:30 am
Holy Communion
Book of Common Prayer
Rev Marcus Green

11:00 am
Holy Communion
Rev Marcus Green

5:30 pm
Evensong
**Rev Marcus Green and
Fr Robin Gibbons**

Morning Prayer
10:00 am Every Thursday

Families are welcome to **all** Sunday services.