

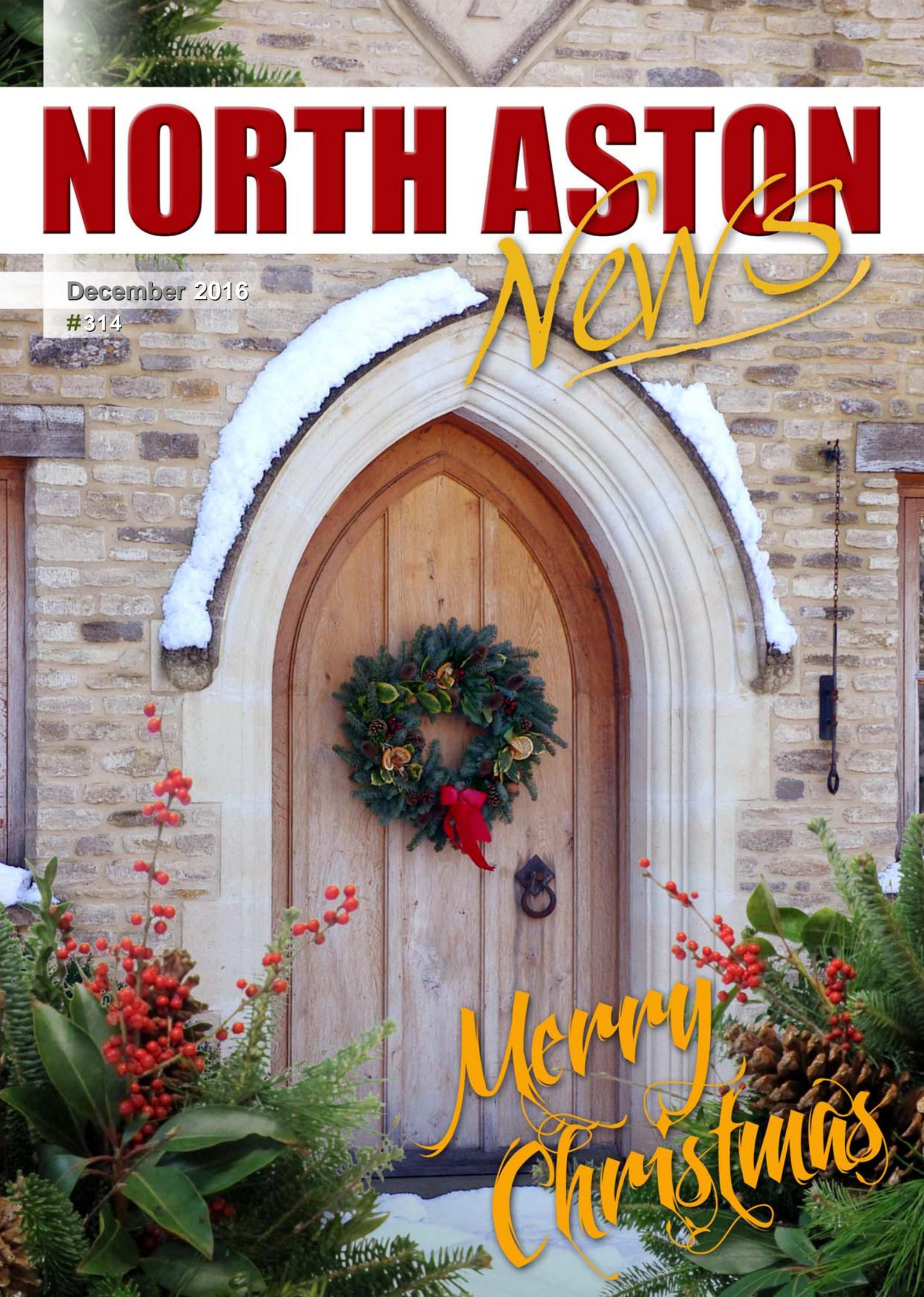
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The Chairman's Mark

A thought ...

As Christmas accelerates towards us it is worth pausing to reflect how fortunate we are to be living here in North Aston. With this in mind please give generously when the carol singers go around the village collecting for local and international charities.

Designated Green Spaces

As part of the on-going Mid-Cherwell Neighbourhood Plan, one aspect is looking at the protection of local green spaces. Local Green Space designation is a way to provide special protection against development for green areas of particular importance to local communities. An obvious candidate would be The Village Green. It would be good to have your thoughts on this and other spaces around the village. You can get a more detailed definition by visiting planningguidance.communities.gov.uk/open-space. If you don't have access to a computer I can give you some printed information.

Village Meeting AGM - January 8th 7:30pm

The AGM is one of the statutory requirements that enables the village to maintain its independent status and not be incorporated into Steeple Aston Parish Council (or is it Duns Tew?). Please take the time to attend on January 8th, if nothing else than to make your committee members feel wanted!

Mark

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Franca, Josh and I were very touched by the kind messages we received, including cards through our letterbox, following the sudden death last month of our adorable and utterly bonkers dog, Dylan.

His six years with us simply flew by. He came to us, grossly over-weight, from a broken home via the Labrador Trust. We didn't know it then, but he not only suffered from epilepsy, but he also had a canine version of ADHD. That meant he never grew up, possessed no social skills, and had the mental age and enthusiasm of a demented puppy. For all that, he was the kindest, most affectionate dog I've ever known. He loved everyone, and everything, and his exuberance knew few bounds.

Like his weight, we did manage to get some of it under control, and he settled down with us to become a dearly loved member of the family. He travelled with us everywhere, simply relishing any opportunity to get into the car - any car would do - and he accompanied us on countless trips to France, as well as to the many antiques fairs where we 'stood'.

On 16th October he was diagnosed with lymphoma. He travelled with us to France a few days later, and at first seemed to be largely his usual self, but the cancer was merciless. We were lucky to get him home again. Within a week, he was gone. It was the cruellest, most unremitting end to such a joyful life.

Josh has been away at university, so was saved the heartache of seeing his best friend's rapid decline, but we shall all miss Dylan dreadfully.

Your kindness has been a great comfort. Thank you.

Marcus



This Month's BIRTHDAYS

Paul Brown
Stefan Liberadski
Joyce Morley
Joshua Potts
Tony Rees
Caroline West
Peter 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.

Here We Come A-Wassailing

Once again The North Aston Carol Singers will attempt to sing to every house in the village (including all outposts).

Please reward their efforts by donating generously to *MSF* (supporting doctors in Syria), *The Gatehouse* (Homeless in Oxford) and *Homestart* (Helping young families in Banbury).

The Singers will be in action over the course of two days. They will set out on Sunday 18th December (All outposts, the eastern end and northern side of the village) and then again on Monday 19th December (everyone else).

If you do not wish to open your door but would like to support the charities, please leave an envelope outside. Thank you.

Please feel free to join in the singing at any stage and for more information please call Mark Stay on 347806.

Sunday 18th & Monday 19th December



Announcements

Deddington Farmers' Market

The traditional Farmers' Market in Deddington normally takes place in the market square every 4th Saturday of the month, but this month the date has been moved forwards to the third Saturday, December 17th, since the fourth is Christmas Eve.

The extra week will ensure there's plenty of time to buy your sprouts early and have them on the hob, bubbling away, and cooked through perfectly for Christmas Day.

As usual North Aston Organics will have a stall - wish them a Merry Christmas!

North Aston Choir

The North Aston Choir continues to meet on Monday evenings at 7 pm in The Old Vicarage, North Aston.

The choir is working towards this year's Carol Service, which takes place in St Mary's on December 18th at 4pm. If you're feeling in good voice, please join them! Contact Miranda on 340625 for details or just come along.

Experience welcome but not necessary!

The Oxford Waits at Swerford

The famous Oxford Waits will present an authentic 17th Century Christmas in music and the spoken word on Saturday 3rd December 3rd from 7:30 pm in Swerford Village Hall. Tickets are £10 and can be ordered by phoning 01608 737155 or 737871. Take your own refreshments!

Stamps for Katherine House Hospice

Every year, especially around Christmas, Deirdre Oakley collects hundreds of used postage stamps for Katherine House Hospice. Katharine House in Adderbury offers specialist palliative care with a focus on holistic methods that enable patients to live as full a life as possible while having their needs attended to. Where possible, patients remain in their own homes.

Katherine House Hospice can raise valuable funds through the donation of used, recycled stamps, so please save yours this year, and pass them on to Deirdre. Call her on 340646 for more information, or to arrange collection.

Deirdre also collects tinfoil for Guide Dogs for the Blind, but can no longer accept old greetings cards for recycling - sorry!



The winners of the November draw were:

First Prize (£10): Val Short (#27)

Second Prize (£5): W Rees (#43)

It's now too late to join this year's 100 Club, but watch as others win! Two former members missed out this month, when their numbers were drawn, but they'd not renewed their subscriptions. If you decide you'd like to join this worthy cause, then contact Norman (340368) for further information. Your chances of winning are better than the Lottery!



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

North Aston Nature Notes

With Stephen Rees

This autumn has been one of the most colourful I can remember for a long, long time.

With no real wind or rain for weeks on end, the trees managed to keep hold of nearly all of their leaves for much longer than usual. They turned into beautiful shades of red, gold, copper and a dozen other colours that were a delight to see.

Now the leaves have nearly all fallen and the trees stand bare and stripped ready for winter proper to start.

They say you are never too old to learn, if you have half a mind to do so. I certainly learned something new last week. Wendy, Penny and I went out for a nice walk last Sunday and, as we were walking up the hill beyond Rams Spinney, I found what I thought was a small button on the floor. Picking it up I soon realised it was actually a small four-sided fruit that really did look like a small plastic button.

Wendy immediately told me it was from the Spindle Tree, and that her Dad had pointed it out to her a few years ago.

I have been walking past this small tree for well over forty years and just thought it was an old elder, and not even given it another look. The spindle tree isn't a rare tree, but it is definitely not common either, and it is a delight. I've just been to have another look, and the berries have now turned bright pink. They've opened up to drop their seeds and it really is pretty.

Having read up about this tree I have found out that the wood is extremely hard and was used to make spindles for spinning, hence the name. It was highly prized and looked after, so I'm going on a hunt now to see if I can find any more. It's quite

humbling to realise just how little I actually do know about trees and shrubs and flowers. Lucky for me I have Wendy and her Dad to teach me!

We have a Barn Owl in the field below us now, and catch sight of it on a regular basis. We also hear a tawny owl most nights but I haven't seen him yet.

Apparently the weather is about to turn much colder, if it hasn't already done so by the time you read this. Personally, I'm looking forward to some clean crisp frosts!

More next month, but make sure you leave some holly berries for the birds!



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**Save a trip into town ...
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shopping in North Aston!**

Golly Gosh Gifts is my fledgling business offering gifts & accessories based around a selection of colourful designs, most under £10, so great for stocking fillers!

For 'her' ... there's scarves, jewellery, bags, keyrings, scented candles etc.

For 'him' ... glasses cases, 'designed' mobile phone chargers, travel mugs etc.

For kids ... lunch bags & boxes, tins of picture plasters, pads & pencils, purses etc.

I also stock a range of individual cards.

You won't find these products on the High Street, so get Christmas wrapped up with some original gift ideas by visiting my new website or call round to view the range.

Jane McArdle, Windana, North Aston
Telephone: 01869 347504
www.gollygoshgifts.com (website now live!)

North Aston Village Forum

Thursday 3rd November 2016 ~ Notes

This month we were joined by one of our three local Councillors; Bryn Williams from Deddington.

1. Treasurer

The meeting started with a quick overview of the Village Fund accounts.

The balance at the end of September showed £9,881.53 in the bank but Bev reminded us that £3286 was still to come out of that for the Church. (Profit from this year's Fête)

The Village Meeting accounts were discussed. The question as to why we still retained £2,753.97 after the spending of most of the precept. Well, it was originally ear-marked for the possible kerbing of the Village Green and we decided that this remained a possibility.

The Village Meeting Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2016 had been audited and Bev read out the Auditors Report to the meeting. There was one minor issue - which was that Section 2 of the annual return did not add up by £1. Bev explained that this was probably a result of the rounding up of the figures.

2. Election of Officers

The subject of officers for the Village Meeting arose, and Beverly Rees confirmed she would continue as Treasurer for the following year. James Taylor confirmed he would also continue as Secretary for the following year.

3. Harvest Lunch

We had a brief discussion about the Harvest Lunch. The Nicholson family were thanked for once again providing a wonderful venue. Those who had attended enjoyed it very much but felt that the attendance was low.

Various ideas were suggested as to why this was so:

- The change in menu from quiche, cold meat and baked potato to a cooked meal?
- Sports taking place on Sunday making some families feel unable to attend?
- Or just it being a lunch instead of an evening meal?

4. Christmas

Arrangements for Christmas were discussed, including **Carols on the Green**. This would continue with the same format as previous years. It was felt that more mulled wine was needed as it was becoming quite popular and last year we ran a bit low. It was agreed to spend up to £150 on mulled wine and that 5 vats would be heated up this year.

Clive was asked if he could light the fire a little before the 6.00 pm start so that the main blaze would have died down before we gathered round to sing.

It was suggested that there should be no formal requests for donations - but that a bucket should be available for people to donate should they wish. Monies raised would go to help the Syrian refugees.

Beverly Rees and Ginny Stay agreed to organise the **Christmas Presents** for the senior residents in the village – along the same lines as last year.

There would be no children's **Christmas Party** this year.

The annual **Wassail** would go ahead as usual over two days - these being the Sunday and Monday before Christmas, the 18th & 19th December.

5. Verge Trimming

Verges at the North Aston/Duns Tew crossroads.

Mark clarified that it would cost £80 for a contractor to cut the grass on both sides of the crossroads. Duns Tew Parish had said they were happy to organise this and charge North Aston £40. This would only be done if the Council have not done it in a timely fashion and visibility is becoming an issue.

6. Fox Crossroads

A brief discussion ensued about the future of the crossroads and what could be done to make it safer. A roundabout, traffic lights

and traffic islands were all touched on. A roundabout just about came out as the most favoured option. Jeremy raised his concerns over speeding motor bikes.

7. Mikron Visit 2017

The Mikron Theatre Company has already said that they would love to come back next summer – the date of 23rd July 2017 has been suggested.

There are two plays to choose from: "Best Foot Forward", which is described as "a hike through the history of hostelling" with a edge on land use and the right to roam. The second, entitled "In at the Deep End", is all about the RNLI, and visitors are invited to revel in marvellous maritime music and fathoms of fun as Mikron dives through two hundred years of saving lives at sea!

8. The Village Notice Board

The new notice board is on its way! It was suggested that it should still go where the current notice board is – subject to approval from The Hall.

9. Community Speed Watch

More volunteers are needed, PLEASE! If you have the time to help, perhaps only one morning a month, then please contact Clive or Robert.

10. Any Other Business

James wondered whether a donation had been made to the **Deddington Library**, which he thought had been agreed some time ago and also whether the Village could donate takings from the Book Stall at the Fête to the Library in future years.

Bryn Williams told us that the CDC **Local Plan Part 2**, which was due to go before the Council in November, would now be reviewed at the January executive meeting. This was because the **Local Plan Part 1** was undergoing a partial review in which CDC were looking at various sites to help make up the 4500 extra homes that Cherwell has agreed to have as a result of Oxford City's shortfall. He pointed out that various sites had been put forward in Middle Aston and Steeple Aston.

11. Date of next Meeting

The next Village Forum and AGM for the Village Meeting was set for Thursday January 8th at 7.30pm in the Bakery.

Village Meeting AGM & Forum

January 8th 2017
The Old Bakery from 7:30 pm

The annual Village Meeting takes place on Thursday 8th January. This is now the only official Meeting held in North Aston, all the Forums being "informal". There will be an agenda and minutes will be taken. However, there may still be refreshments and a chance to catch up on recent events.

Subjects on the Agenda include:

- The Election of Officers.
- Treasurer's Report.
- Feedback on Christmas, including Village Wassail, North Aston Choir, Carols on the Green, Gifts etc).
- Update on the Mid-Cherwell Neighbourhood Plan.
- Broadband - an update on progress.
- The Village Notice Board.
- Events for the year ahead.
- The North Aston 100 Club.
- and confirming dates for the next Forum Meeting.



**Saturday December 3rd at 7:30pm
Steeple Aston Church**

The *Marcus Green Quartet* returns for an evening of jazz and entertainment with Marcus performing and singing alongside Sue Greenway (saxophone); Ed Wiles (piano), Danny Moss Jr, (bass) and George Wilson (Maynard Ferguson Big Band).

Tickets priced £10 (£5 for children) are available from the village shop, via the church or on the door, and include a glass of wine. All proceeds will go to the church re-ordering project.

Medical Aid Appeal

The appalling situation in Syria continues, and it's easy to feel despairing - but there are things we can do to help. In association with the charity *UK Action for Refugees*, we are collecting medical aid to be shipped out directly to hospitals in Syria. We need any of the following medications in sealed, unopened condition, as well as walking aids and wheelchairs:

- Painkillers ● Antiseptics ●
- Walking Sticks ● Medical Tape ●
- Gauze & Bandages ● Antacid Tabs
- Diarrhoea/Constipation Treatments

The list includes medicines specifically for children, as well as reading glasses. Donations can be dropped off in the porch of 4 Somerton Road and Ginny Stay will deliver everything to Witney. She will collect larger items, prescription medicines or any items you'd rather not leave in the porch - phone or email her on 347806, ginnystay1@gmail.com

Witney Refugee Action Group

You can join and follow Witney Refugee Action Group on Facebook, and keep up-to-date on all their appeals, follow the progress of this aid programme, and see the results of bringing aid to children who are desperately in need.

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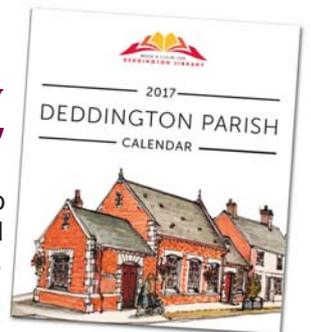
Wednesday 7th December, 10:30 am

All Welcome!



All proceeds towards The Village Church

The Friends of Deddington Library Calendar 2017



A reminder that it's not too late to get hold of a copy of this colourful calendar, featuring photographs taken in and around Deddington.

The calendar costs just £10 and can be purchased from the Library throughout the month, and also from the Library Stall during the Farmers' Market on 17th December. All funds raised go towards maintaining a full service at the library.





The Church MATTERS



Thank you ...

First, a continuing thank you for all the generosity we are seeing in the Parish right now. The Harvest Offering for *Mary's Meals* across the Benefice means that 200 children in Malawi are being fed for a year. Here in North Aston we played a significant part in that, with collections from the Church Harvest Festival Service, and from the village Harvest Lunch. Thank you. We also donated vouchers to the work of Polly Preedy with the needy and homeless, and will be supporting the Britannia Road Children's Centre in Banbury as usual with a collection at our Carol Service.

I'm grateful to those who are taking time to make sure that the projects we have in the church are progressing; I'm sorry these things don't go quickly, but it's better to get them right than to do them too fast. Thanks to the wardens and to our architect for their care and input on ideas and designs, and hopefully in the New Year we will have very precise costings for what is proposed and can begin to look for some generous grants (and perhaps do a little local fundraising) so that we can move forward.

This is a good time of year to reflect on the generosity that is all around us.

After all, Christmas is when God turns the idea of his generous love for everyone into the reality of Jesus. Christmas is when God becomes one of us, and all the glory and peace of heaven gets hung on a coat hook while Jesus rolls up his sleeves and feels what we feel, sees what we see, laughs at our jokes and cries our tears.

Making sure we do work with our church building is all about generously making this wonderful treasure we have more accessible to more people more of the time - not just for regular worshippers, but for everyone. Deciding to help others in a world where we are often more comfortable looking out for ourselves is a choice about caring generously (and about keeping on caring generously). Perhaps at the end of a bruising year our whole society needs to mend itself with a communal healing moment of generosity; it wouldn't be easy, but then deciding to be right with each other (rather than just being right) never is. Oh for such a day...

But the generosity of Christmas is not just about gifts on one day at the end of December - at its heart is the hard work of God putting aside the glorious fun and joy of heaven so that Jesus might share our highs and lows, so that whatever we do we might never be alone. It's about a generosity of heart that seeks to bless others all the time.

I hope that as you come to any of the village Christmas services - the Carol Service, Carols on the Green, the Midnight Communion in Steeple, Christmas Morning and the rest - you might re-find the glorious truth of the generous God coming to be one of us. Caring for us always. He takes us by surprise sometimes - as the carol says: "How silently, how silently the wondrous Gift is given." Perhaps in the silence and the music and the words and the colours of Christmas, we might all freshly gain a sense of just how close this God has come in Jesus, so that the words of another Christmas carol might become a self-giving response for us to pray together:

"What I can, I give Him - give my heart."

Revd Marcus Green

Our Christmas Services are all on the Rota in the Magazine; Bible Study is on Mondays at 2pm, and there will be Morning Prayer on Thursday Dec 8th at 10am. More news is always available on our website: www.sntchurch.com



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

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You can also email Clive: casb@north-aston.com (tel: 338 434) or Annabel: annabelbevan@hotmail.com (tel: 345153)

Any other member of the PCC will also be very happy to talk, and they are: Richard Bailey, Kildare Bourke-Borrowes, Beryl Greenwood, Vicky Taylor, Jenny Martin, Ted Short, Jeremy Taylor and Norman West.

Your Neighbourhood Plan Forum has now developed the proposed Policies and the separate Community Action Plan proposals to the stage where these can be presented to our third and probably final public Meetings. These will be taking place across the Mid-Cherwell area early in 2017, and ours will be held at 7pm on Wednesday January 25th at Nicholsons Orchard Barn. There will be a reminder about this in January's *North Aston News*, and every house will receive a leaflet about the Meeting and the Plan in early January.

This will be everybody's chance to examine the content of the Plan in detail, and make comments and suggestions. Those will be considered at the subsequent review before the Plan is finalised and formally submitted for formal consultation and then submission.

So – please COME TO THE MEETING, join in and have your say. This is about US and our area's future.

Chloe and Kildare

For more information, visit: www.mid-cherwell.org.uk

You may also contact our Forum representatives:

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email: cewoodhead@btinternet.com

Kildare. Tel: 340200

email: k.bourkeborrowes@btinternet.com



..... **Cleaner Required**

We are seeking to appoint a part-time cleaner to work 10 hours per week at Dr Radcliffe's School. This is to be worked Monday to Friday from 3.15pm to 5.15pm, although some flexibility around these hours may be possible. This is a term-time only post.

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Salary: Grade 1 (£7.52 per hour)

The successful candidate will have energy and enthusiasm, and a flexible approach.

Application forms are available from the school office.

Closing date for applications:

Monday 12th December 2016

Provisional interview date:

Wednesday 14th December 2016

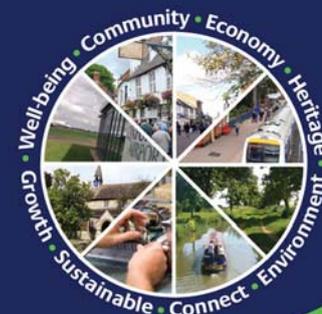
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Tel: 01869 340204

Email: admin.3828@dr-radcliffes.oxon.sch.uk

Public Consultation

14 November 2016 to 9 January 2017

Cherwell Local Plan Partial Review - Oxford's Unmet Housing Need



Options Consultation - Your Chance to Comment

Cherwell District Council is undertaking a Partial Review of its Local Plan to determine how it can help Oxford with its unmet housing need. It would like your views in preparing the Review.

All Oxfordshire Councils have accepted that Oxford cannot fully meet its own housing needs.

As its contribution, Cherwell District is being asked to accommodate 4,400 homes by 2031 in addition to the housing planned to meet its own needs.

Cherwell District Council has previously sought views on the issues it needs to consider in planning for the additional development. It has considered these comments and is now consulting on options for housing development.

Submit your comments to:

PlanningPolicyConsultation@cherwell-dc.gov.uk

Or by post to: Planning Policy Team, Strategic Planning & the Economy, Cherwell District Council, Bodicote House, Banbury, OX15 4AA

For more information call **01295 227985**

Are you also interested in how Cherwell funds its development infrastructure? Cherwell District Council is also consulting on its draft Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) and a Draft Developer Contributions Supplementary Planning Document.

Hear more details Speak to Cherwell officers at public exhibitions:

Franklins House, Wesley Lane, **Bicester**, OX26 6JU

Saturday 3 December 2016 -10am to 6pm

The Pavillion, Cutteslowe Park, **Oxford** OX2 8ES

Saturday 10 December 2016 -10am to 6pm

Exeter Hall, Exeter Close, **Kidlington** OX5 1AB

Monday 19 December 2016 - 2pm to 9pm



Ask your Councillor!"

Last month one of our local councillors, Hugo Brown, suggested that we start a new column, and here it is. This is your chance to pose questions and raise concerns directly with your local CDC representatives, and have them answered here for all to see.

The first question we had concerned recycling and the variously coloured wheelie bins that we diligently set out kerbside each week. What happens to it all? Is it genuinely recycled, or does much of it simply go to landfill. Does some go to feed the new incinerator at Ardley? Also, why are we asked to separate out the coloured glass from the clear, when some centres simply lump it all together in a single huge skip?

"I think I may have found the answers for you," replied Hugo, in what turned out to be a succession of emails.

Blue Bin

The recycling we collect in the blue bins is taken to two nearby depots, one in Cassington, Oxon and the other in Helmdon, Northants. It is then picked up by UPM, a company which sorts and recycles it all. It is transported to Cheshire, where it goes through a number of high tech sorting systems that separate all the different materials.

The facility in Cheshire recycles 70% of the material on site, mostly paper and card. The rest is separated and sent on for recycling. Most of it will only move another 10-20 miles before being made into new products, and often within a few weeks.

Although the waste travels to Cheshire, the carbon and financial cost of doing so is tiny compared to the savings made by recycling it in such a high-tech facility.



Brown Bin

All of the food and garden waste collected in the brown bins is taken to a site near Ardley, almost opposite the new incinerator. The waste is shredded before being put into large sealed composters. These work in much the same way as the compost bin at the bottom of the garden. The contents are heated to over 60°C for at least 48 hours and then left to mature, like a fine wine. Some 4 to 6 weeks later, the result is a peat-free compost.

The entire process is carried out within Oxfordshire, meaning transportation costs are minimised and the process reduces greenhouse gas emissions compared with sending to landfill.

Green Bin

All of the waste put into the green bin goes to the Energy Recovery Facility in Ardley - the place we know as Ardley Incinerator. There is very little sorting, checking or filtering, so anything that you put into the green bin will go straight through the Energy Recovery process.

Over time, the process of incineration will work out cheaper than landfill, but there is still a cost compared to recycling, which actually generates revenue.

Although energy is released and used through incineration, the materials burned can never be recovered and can never be recycled again. That is why it is vital that any recyclable content is taken out and sorted by you, the primary consumer, and not sent to the incinerator where it will be lost for ever. So, anything that can be recycled should always go into your blue and brown bins.

Glass Collections

There are over 100 glass recycling sites spread across Cherwell to make it as easy as possible for residents to recycle their glass bottles and jars. The glass is collected regularly and taken to Helmdon, where it is transferred to bigger lorries for onward transportation to the recycling facility in Cheshire. There it is sorted, washed and sent on to bottle and jar manufacturers for re-use.

Local residents are particularly good at recycling glass, and last year over 5 million glass bottles and jars were recycled in Cherwell. Amazingly, glass is 100% recyclable and can be endlessly re-used without any loss in quality!

"Regarding glass, I took some bottles to the bottle bank at Ardley the other day and they specifically do not require the glass to be separated by colour."

To find out why, Hugo contacted Debbie Pickford at CDC. "We get a higher price for separated glass than mixed," she explained, "but we do not run the recycling centre at Ardley, which is operated by Viridor and OCC. They have a different contract, and do not separate their glass. It is one of the reasons why we don't collect glass directly from households." Instead, residents are asked to take their glass to roadside recycling bins like the ones at Park Farm Barns, which are collected and serviced by CDC.

"I can assure you, all our waste is recycled correctly," added Debbie. "The value of recycling is now rising again, after a fall when global fuel prices were so low a few months ago. When oil prices are low, it is less attractive to use recycled plastics, but when it rises, then recycling becomes more cost-effective."

Thanks to Hugo for finding these answers for us. If you have any similar concerns or queries, then email us here at [NAN](mailto:info@north-aston.co.uk) and we'll try to find the answers: info@north-aston.co.uk.

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal



Many thanks to all those from North Aston who, once again, gave so generously to the British Legion Poppy Appeal. A total of £425.30 was donated by residents of the village, bringing the total raised by the RBL Deddington branch to just over £5000. Thank you so much for your kindness.



CHURCH SERVICES

PARISH WORSHIP IN DECEMBER - JANUARY NORTH ASTON STEEPLE ASTON TACKLEY

Sunday December 4th - Second Sunday of Advent

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

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

5:30 pm
Evensong
**Revd Marcus Green and
Canon Robin Gibbons**

Tuesday December 6th - St Nicholas' Day

No Service

No Service

3:30 pm
Christingle Joint Service
with Tackley CE School
Revd Marcus Green

Sunday December 11th - Third Sunday of Advent

9:30 am
Family Service
Revd Marcus Green

11:00 am
Family Service & Baptism
Revd Marcus Green

5:30 pm
Holy Communion
**Revd Marcus Green and
Canon Robin Gibbons**

Sunday December 18th - Fourth Sunday of Advent

4:00 pm
Carol Service
Revd Marcus Green

6:00 pm
Carol Service
Revd Marcus Green

5:30 pm
Carol Service
**Canon Robin Gibbons and
Revd Geoffrey Hunter**

Saturday December 24th - Christmas Eve

6:00 pm
Carols on the Green

4:00 pm
Crib Service
Revd Marcus Green

4:00 pm
Crib Service
Canon Robin Gibbons
10:00 pm
First Communion of Christmas
**Revd Marcus Green and
Canon Robin Gibbons**

Sunday December 25th - Christmas Day

9:00 am
Holy Communion & Carols
Revd Marcus Green

10:30 am
Holy Communion & Carols
Revd Marcus Green

10:30 am
Holy Communion & Carols
**Archdeacon Judy French and
Richard Bailey**

Sunday January 1st 2017 - The Holy Name

No Service

11:00 am
Holy Communion
Revd Marcus Green

No Service

Families are welcome to **all** Sunday services within the parish.

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