

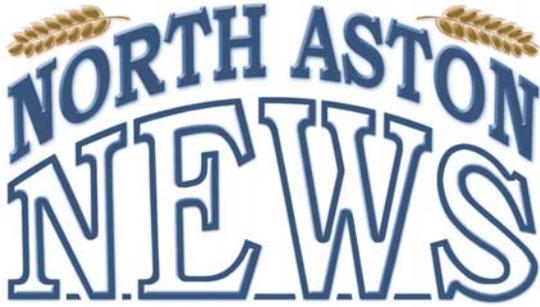
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The Chairman's Mark

The Village Fête

There will be a Fête sub-committee meeting on Thursday 11th May at 7.30pm in The Bakery. It would be great to have a few more people join in to help spread the load. If you are unable to come but are planning to help on the day, please let me know, ideally before the meeting.

As you will see from The Forum minutes, half the profits will go to The Church. What do we want to do with the other half? Personally I would like to see the village be a bit more outward looking. We are, after all, an incredibly wealthy community compared to many parts of the world, where owning a pair shoes would be considered one rung up the ladder of life. To give you an example, Great Rollright has a monthly market and some of the profits go to a charity in Uganda providing education for the poor. Could we do something similar? And it doesn't mean we couldn't do things for our own community. Suggestions at the forum included children's play equipment and a footpath to the main road.

Mid-Cherwell Neighbourhood Plan

I still have not had any offers for a representative to replace Kildare. Can you spare one evening every other month to attend the MCPN forum meetings?

Community Speedwatch

Still no new volunteers coming forward. Can you spare one hour per week, every other month. Is there anybody out there? Please email Liz Hite dizzyhite@aol.com

Fancy a Walk?

And finally, if you are someone who has perhaps occasionally wondered about going to a church service other than just at Christmas, can I recommend Rogation Sunday on 7th May (see back page)? This is a church service with a difference. It takes place entirely outside and involves a walk around the village, giving thanks for our families, homes and community and is a celebration of Spring.

Mark

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Job Vacancy

Do you like working with children and young people?

Would you like to gain valuable residential experience on a fixed-term basis? There is a vacancy with Hillcrest at Park Farm for a Night Residential Care Worker. It is a fixed term opportunity for 6 months to cover maternity leave.

The post is part-time - 3 nights on shift, 2 nights off shift, 2 nights on shift, 3 nights off shift. Salary: £75 nightly rate Monday-Friday, £101 Weekend rate.

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or call Kerri Stent (HR) on 02392 008542



The winners of the April draw were:
1st Prize (£100): D. Greenwood (#43)
2nd Prize (£5): V. Baimbridge (#12)

This is the last draw of the current year, and it's the Big One! The top prize of £100 goes to David Greenwood - many congratulations.

Norman will be distributing envelopes shortly inviting everyone either to renew their membership, or join in for the first time. This really is a worthy cause, and raises important funds for the community. What's more, there's a genuinely high chance of winning, so please do return your subscriptions and take part. If you'd like to know more, please contact Norman (340368) for further information.

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

Incidentally - the winning number this month was actually the fourth drawn from the 'hat' - the first three were either held by lapsed members (more fool them!) or had not been selected this year. Don't be a mugwump ... give it a go!

This Month's BIRTHDAYS

Richard Boss
Linda Brown
Clive Busby Hal Busby
Holly Busby Iris Busby
Sarah Godwin
Deirdre Oakley
Matthew Rees
Oscar Taylor
Bianca Waszynska



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.



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Announcements

Welcome Back!

We are delighted to welcome a familiar face back into the village. Lucinda, granddaughter of Don & Mary Davidson, has moved into the old "family home" at Aston Cottage (1 New Cottages) with her husband Vinnie and children, William, Evelyn and Sebastian. Over recent months the house has undergone some extensive restoration and is now fit for another generation!

The rest of the Durnin family, including Lucinda's parents, Jane and Peter, as well as Daniel, Olivia, Adam, Camilla and Rowan, send their love and best wishes.

Deddington Farmers' Market

The traditional Farmers' Market in Deddington takes place in the market square every 4th Saturday of the month, and in May will be staged on the 27th. As usual our own North Aston Organics will have a stall, so please do support them.

Front Cover

The cover image this month shows the modified Great Western "Hall Class" locomotive *North Aston Hall*, 7917. Built at the Swindon workshops in April 1950, she covered 618,190 miles and consumed nine boilers before being scrapped in 1965.

North Aston Nature Notes

With Stephen Rees

I'd not been home long the other day, and went straight out to walk Penny. Looking out across Aynho and Clifton it was blowing a proper old hooley, and we are just starting to catch the tail end of it. In the distance the sky was full of rain and it was all dark, cold, wet and wintery. Yet, over Hempton and Deddington, the sun was shining brightly and the green grass fields were looking wonderful, with scatterings of yellow dandelion heads.

Over the top of Bustards Hill (just east of Ram Spinney) a Buzzard was being mobbed - no, more like "attacked" - by five Rooks. We see this a lot, but this was different. The Rooks were being almost vicious and truly not pleasant to see, as they were actually grabbing the Buzzard and rolling in the air with it. With the dark sky behind them, it was amazing to watch.

One Sunday evening we saw a Sparrow Hawk being mobbed and chased away by the Rooks over the top of our house. They can be very aggressive birds, but still one of my favourites. I love having the rookery in our little corner of the Green.

We have still only seen two Swallows down here, although I've seen lots on other estates where I've been working. I don't know why they are not here yet, and I haven't seen any House Martins either. Hopefully the Swifts will come.



On a really weird note for this month, and I hope this isn't too distasteful, but I was sat on the loo the other morning and watching a Silverfish wandering around, as they do, in a random fashion. Suddenly a spider came running down its web, grabbed the Silverfish, bit it, and then started to spin it around and around, covering it in its silky web. Poor little Silverfish! I like to see them and wanted to save it, but that's nature I suppose. It probably fed the spider for a week.

We put another sixteen bird boxes out last month, bringing the total so far to 55, which is getting near to our target. It always amuses me that our small birds use them rather than natural holes.

More next month. I wonder who will hear the cuckoo first?
Steve, Wendy & Penny

It's a vote for your community

County Council election
Thursday 4 May

OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/elections

It looks set to be a busy few weeks on the election front, and first-up are the Oxfordshire County Council elections, which take place on Thursday May 4th.

Oxfordshire County Council provides many of the important services in your community, such as Fire and Rescue, looking after vulnerable children and adults, libraries, roads, waste disposal, school nurses and tackling rogue traders, to name just a few.

The county council elections are your opportunity to influence directly how these services are run in your area.

The councillor elected in your area will be representing you and your community, taking important decisions that affect where you live. They will also be the person you get in touch with if you want to improve services over the next few years.

The North Aston polling station will be in the Old Bakery and will be open from 7:00 am to 10:00 pm. If you care about local services, don't forget to vote and remind your friends and family too!

You can find the full list of candidates standing in your area by visiting www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/elections

North Aston Village Forum

Thursday 13th April 2017 ~ Notes

Those present included: Mark Stay (Chairman), Beverley Rees (Treasurer), James Taylor (Secretary), Bryn Williams (CDC), Tony Rees, Jeremy Taylor (JDT), Mary Healy, Lucinda Fuoco, Jane Durnin, Clive Busby, Trudy Busby, Robert Hite, Niel Nicholson, Tuck Hatzigeorgiou, Gareth Hughes.

1. Treasurer

The Annual Governance Statement 2016/17 was reviewed and accepted.

The Village Meeting Accounts 2016/17 had been finalised and were ready to go to audit. The balance at 31/03/17 was £2,806.12. The income during the year had been; the Precept (£600), some interest, and a small grant that comes with the precept. The only outgoings were £566.15 on insurance.

The Village Meeting accounts 2016/17 were unanimously approved by the Forum. Proposed by Tuck Hatzigeorgiou and seconded by Niel Nicholson.

The Village Fund Accounts. The balance at the 31/3/17 was £5,258.60. Expenditure during the year had totalled £9,685.11, which had included £3471.19 on the Speed Monitors, £1026 on the new Village Notice Board, £3,286.42 donation to the PCC (profit from the Fête to go towards restoration of the Church) and £1,100.94 Fête expenses.

Income during the year had included £4067.06 takings from the Fête and £3703 from The Dorchester Group (Heyford Park developers) towards the cost of the Speed Monitors.

Jeremy Taylor asked whether the £190 spent on MCNP (listed as *village plan*) as our contribution towards the Mid-Cherwell Neighbourhood Plan's running costs should come out of the Village Meeting Account. It was agreed that future payments to MCNP would be paid from the Village Meeting Account.

2. Community Orchard

Gareth Hughes informed the meeting about the latest developments regarding the setting-up of a community orchard. A team of about half a dozen people had volunteered to be core leaders willing to take the project forward. Two sites had been considered. A plot by the allotments and a plot to the right hand side of the gate going into Beasley's Close. The Beasley's Close site was considered to be the most favourable due to its central location and proximity to the Village. GH hoped that the Village might like to take on the Orchard in order to cover any Insurance and Public Liability issues.

It transpired that some – but not all – residents who looked out onto Beasley's Close has been consulted about the proposed site. Tony Rees suggested it would be courteous to consult all residents who overlooked Beasley's Close. A discussion was had about funding. GH wondered if the Village might be happy to contribute to some small fixed costs in the initial setting-up phase. Niel Nicholson asked if the Taylors were happy to "give up the land use" to the Village. JT said yes, however the land would still remain in the ownership of the Taylor family.

MS proposed that the Community Orchard come under the umbrella of The Village. Proposed Gareth Hughes, Seconded Tuck Hatzigeorgiou. Unanimously approved.

3. Easter Egg Hunt

£50 had been spent on eggs this year – as has been the case in previous years.

4. Mid Cherwell Neighbourhood Plan

MS reported that Kildare Bourke-Borrowes had had to step down from being one of our Village representatives on the MCNP due to work commitments away from home and needed to be replaced. Being a representative would entail going to a meeting every couple of months at Heyford Park and, when necessary, acting as a conduit to feed information to and from the Village.

The other representative currently is Chloe Woodhead. The plan is due to go to referendum in 2018. There was a brief discussion about rural exemption sites (sites which would not normally get

planning permission but could be used for affordable housing - see *footnote*) for Category C villages - which some villages in the MCNP were keen to include in the Plan. No conclusion was reached. MS said he would knock on some doors and try to find a replacement for Kildare Bourke-Borrowes.

5. The Fête

A discussion was had as to how to split the proceeds from this year's Fête. JDT suggested that it should all go to the Church again if the Village was not raising money for anything in particular, as there was still a great need there.

CB proposed that we split the proceeds 50/50 as in previous years. This was seconded by Mary Healy and was unanimously approved.

MS said that he thought the Village should be more outward looking with money it raises and we should consider a charity to support.

BR said she would like to see more investment in children's play equipment and TR suggested that now the hedge had been cut and laid up the road we could consider putting a sensitive footpath up to Park Farm.

MS said he would like to form a Fête sub-committee. TR, LF, CB, BR and MS all agreed to be on it. A first meeting date was set for Thursday 11th May.

6. Village Notice Board

The new village notice board had not been in use because a drip rail had needed to be fitted. This has now been done. It was agreed that one side would be kept unlocked and the other two sides locked. A map of the village was to be placed in the central window. Keys for the notice board would be available from the Village Officers.

7. Village Defibrillator

A discussion was had as to whether we wanted to have a defibrillator in the Village. It was reported that Kyle Hite had said he would like to help raise money for one for which he was thanked. However, after talking about cost, positioning, and security, the meeting came to the conclusion that there was insufficient appetite for one at present. MS did, however, ask if he could spend £50 on a First Aid Kit for the Fête. This was approved.

8. Jubilee Bench

It was reported that part of the bench had been damaged and that it could benefit from some oiling. Jane Durnin said that she would get Daniel Durnin to have a look at it.

9. Any Other Business

A discussion was had as to the future of the **100 Club**. Lucinda Fuoco agreed to talk to Norman about assisting him in the future. MS agreed to apply for a **Drinks License** for the Fête.

Niel Nicholson informed the village he had applied for a Premises Licence for **The Yurt** in order to serve wine at lunch time.

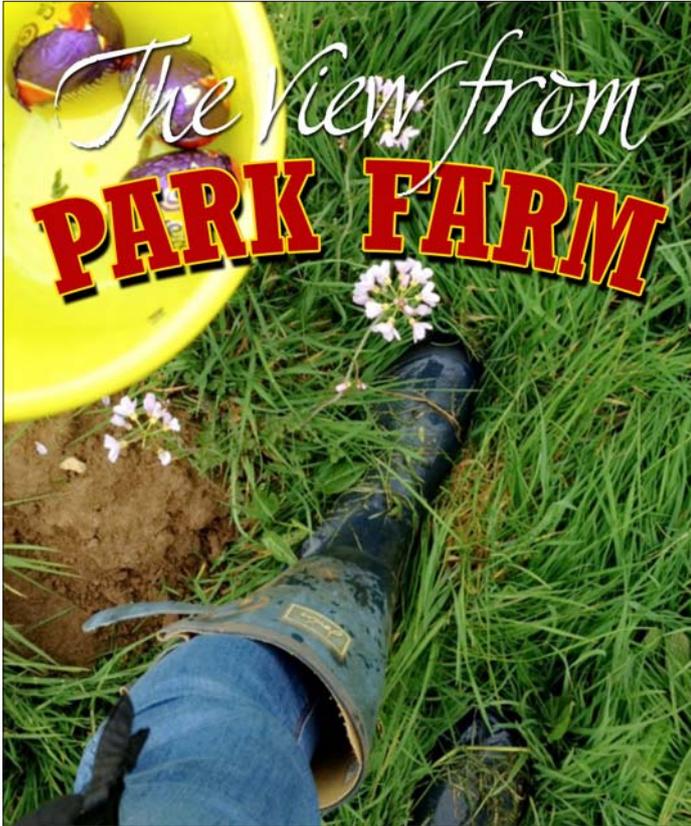
Robert Hite appealed for more help with the **Speed Watch** campaign. He had caught seven people in an hour last time out with a top speed recorded of 47mph. For more info and to volunteer please email Liz Hite: dizzyhite@aol.com

10. Date for Next Forum

The date of the next meeting was set for Thursday August 17th in the Old Bakery.

Footnote

In response to the question regarding Exception Sites, and whether CDC still had any or was still considering any for affordable and/or social housing, Councillor Bryn Williams advises that he has made further enquiries since the Forum. He relays that the answer is 'yes', and further to this, CDC has also confirmed that the Council has been speaking to Martin Lipson at the Mid-Cherwell Neighbourhood Plan regarding potential Exception Sites within the Mid-Cherwell district, but would not elaborate on where or how far discussions had progressed.



It has been a really busy month for us here at Park Farm, and we have spent most of it celebrating Easter and eating lots of chocolates!

We have been exploring the wider community more this month, and we have been on an open bus tour around Oxford, which was really good and we learned about the history of the buildings in Oxford. We then went to the Natural History Museum and the Pitt Rivers Museum, which was fascinating.

We have also been to Stratford-upon-Avon, to the Butterfly Farm and Mary Arden's Farm. The Butterfly Farm was beautiful and Mary Arden's was fascinating and we learned all about living on a Tudor Farm! Some of us also had a go at archery, which was really fun!

We have spent a lot of time outdoors this month, which included taking part in the Easter Egg Hunt on the Green. We all really enjoyed this and we felt like a part of the community. It was very welcoming and we enjoyed joining everyone to look for the eggs – well, the ones that hadn't been eaten by the squirrels! We all hope you enjoyed the Easter cakes we made for you.



The girls have also decided they would like to celebrate Sophie becoming our new registered Manager, so we are planning a 'Parkchella' festival in the garden in the summer. Look out for your invites in the *North Aston News*!



Our newest friend Blu also enjoyed a walk around North Aston in the sun. We love it when Blu comes to visit us; she is now part of the Park Farm Family!

Thank you for reading!
Park Farm

Broadband Cometh!

I'm sure you will have noticed that the new DSLAM cabinets have now been installed on the verge beside the Green, and you'll be champing at the bit, wondering when your internet connection is going to go ballistic. Well, you don't have much longer to wait!

Claire Hutchins-Lee of *Better Broadband for Oxfordshire* tells me that she "anticipates the new cabinet (known as Steeple Aston Cabinet 7), which serves North Aston, will go live in May." The preliminary date for this to happen is May 12th.

She also advises that the upgrades to superfast broadband will not happen automatically. Users will need to contact their Internet Service Provider to request an upgrade that can exploit the new improved connectivity. A choice of suppliers is available, and customers are advised to shop around to find the best and most appropriate deal. She recommends trying the various broadband comparison sites to determine the best package. The chances are your current supplier will not want to lose your custom, and will offer a good deal, but you may also be tied into a period contract, in which case remaining may be your only option.

A Story of Grass

Before I returned to England a few weeks ago from Kenya Kildare emailed to warn me that our mower had broken and when I came home I would find the grass would be 'waving'!

Oh grass, green, green grass! What a joy ... how to explain to anyone the exultation of treading on green, wet, soft, healthy, abundant grass! Coming back I felt almost blinded by all the shades of green in North Aston.

Some parts of Kenya, as the rest of parts of East Africa, have been suffering a terrible drought. Not all of it, (some of Kenya is more fertile and productive than the UK) but large areas where the tribal herders live and graze their animals. Drought is not unusual but this year it is acute - cattle and wildlife are dying. It is pitiful to see the huge areas of barren dusty earth with the occasional tiny clump of white raffia dry grass. Dust gets in your eyes, your hair, and your nose.



Every morning we woke to a clear blue sky over Mount Kenya and during the afternoon great black rolling rain clouds gathered over the mountain, but above us still hot sun ... looking west for perhaps a hundred miles in the far distance, yet more rain clouds on the horizon, but not near us.

Every morning I prayed to hear the clatter of raindrops on the tin roof over my head. It didn't come. The local women smallholders have resorted to cutting with blades little stumps of grass out of my brother's compound to feed their animals and to replant for when the rains finally arrive.

Yesterday I heard that the Maasai herders are driving hundreds of head of cattle down the track next to his house in search of grazing. So far all is very calm, unlike further west where there have been violent invasions on game ranches by the Samburu and Pokot tribesmen with their thousands of head of cattle. Farm houses and lodges have been torched and a number of people killed and shot ... not to mention the slaughter of wildlife. Water is running low in the tanks.

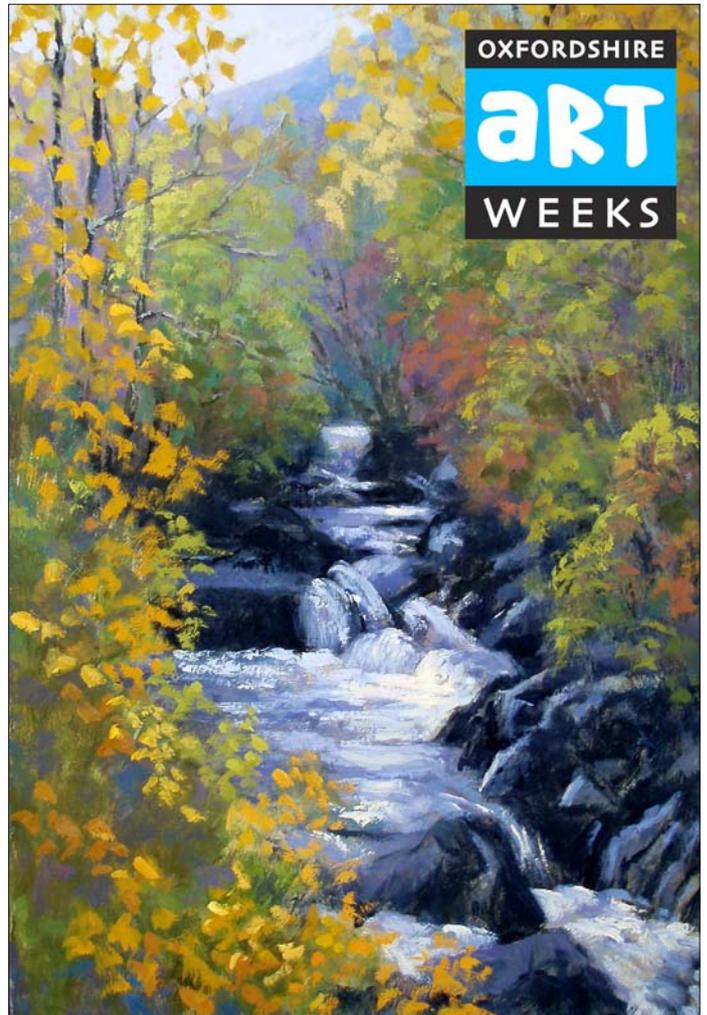
There is no easy solution.

It is complex. In my lifetime the indigenous population of Kenya has risen eight-fold (imagine that in the U.K.!) to in excess of 50 million, whereas the whole European population has remained steady at around 743 million.

In so many ways Kenya is a booming, very sophisticated 21st century nation, but at the same time the herding pastoralists continue their ancient way of life. What has changed is the increase in numbers of pastoralists as well as their herds. Drought, global warming, different rain patterns, pressure on land, overstocking and overgrazing has caused a terrible problem. Added to the mix is tribalism and politicians trying to whip up support amongst their followers. There is an election being fought in August.

Tragically, in the long run, and against all these odds, the final victim may be Kenya's wildlife. By comparison, how peaceful, verdant and unchanging North Aston seems to be!

Sarah Bourke-Borrowes



Oxford Artweeks, the longest running, most successful visual arts festival in the country, begins countywide on May 6th. Exhibitions in our area run from May 13th to the 21st, and brochures are widely available.

Andrea Bates is holding an exhibition of recent work, including about 80 paintings in pastels and oils, at her converted barn gallery in Enstone.

The exhibition will feature local and Scottish landscapes, as well as a selection of work based on foreign travel in recent years. Prints and cards will also be available.

Open daily 11 am - 6pm, May 13th-21st at Hillside, Oxford Road, Enstone OX7 4NE. Parking is available in "The Drive" by the Artyard Café, which is directly opposite. Everyone welcome, bring a friend!



There will be a collection this month, on Friday 19th and Saturday 20th May (sometime during the afternoon or early evening) on behalf of Christian Aid.

If you know you will be away and would still like to make a donation, please leave your envelope at No.3 Somerton Road.

*Many thanks,
Vicky Taylor, Annabel Bevan & Ginny Stay*

Friends of Deddington Library



The Friends of Deddington Library met in early April to review progress and plan future fundraising projects.

Previously the group has raised some cash by collecting and recycling empty printer ink cartridges, but the company they've been using no longer takes the bulk of cartridges donated in their 'Trash for Cash' fundraising (*probably Epson, if I can hazard a guess. Ed*). They have looked at other recycling companies but can't find one to take the cartridges, and faced by an increasing number of stock that they can't recycle, have reluctantly decided to stop collecting them. They are now working on other fundraising initiatives for this year that will be more productive moving forward.

It is now full steam ahead on the 2018 Deddington Parish Calendar and Photo Competition. We advertised the 2017 calendar in previous editions of the *News*, but with North Aston now more closely associated with our neighbouring parish (even if largely from a political standpoint!) we hope our own residents may be tempted to get involved. So, please get your cameras out and start shooting in and around Deddington. Send in your entries as soon as you've taken them and don't wait until the final deadline, which is August 18th. Files should ideally be 5mb or larger and saved as high-resolution JPEGs. Every image submitted will be reviewed.

The group's subscriber base is holding up well but is still some way short of the 200 goal. If you'd like to help support Deddington Library, please consider becoming a *Friend of Deddington Library* subscriber. It's a very worthy community asset

On Sunday 2nd July the Friends will be holding their first Parish Garage Sale! Look out for posters and more information around the area. For the uninitiated, this is like a car boot sale, but sellers don't leave their homes! Deddington residents will be opening their garage doors and offering all kinds of items for sale. A map of all the 'sellers' will be available on the day.

Finally, the FoDL is looking to expand the size of the Committee, and would welcome at least a couple of new members. If you have some skills that would prove useful, such as fundraising, marketing or web/social media, then they'd love to have you on board. Likewise, if you're just keen, have some time to spare and want to join us to contribute in any way you can, they'd would love to hear from you too! Please contact Bryn Williams: abw@brynwilliams.com

From Thames Valley Police

This month's updates and information:

Welcome to Sergeant O'Leary

From 1st June 2017, Sergeant Kerry O'Leary will be taking over from Sergeant Steve Willis on the Bicester Neighbourhood Team. Sergeant O'Leary will be the new Neighbourhood Sergeant for Bicester and Bicester Rural. "I am very much looking forward to working with everyone in Bicester and have spent the last two years as the Neighbourhood Sergeant in Witney." He hopes to offer the same high standard of service in the coming months and years. You can contact him at kerry.o'leary@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk.

Not such a Good Samaritan

Not quite the usual warning about phishing emails, but worth keeping an eye open for an email from someone pretending to do you a good turn. The subject line contains your own name and the main body of text begins ...

"Hi, [your name]!

I am disturbing you for a very serious reason. Although we are not familiar, I have significant amount of individual info concerning you. The thing is that, most likely mistakenly, the data for your account has been emailed to me.

For instance, your address is: [your real home address]

I am a law-abiding citizen, so I decided that your personal data may have been hacked. I attach the file [yoursurname].dot that I received, so that you can explore what info has become obtainable for scammers. The file password is – 2811

Best Wishes,"

The trouble is, the attachment is thought to contain the Banking Trojan Ursniff/Gozi, hidden within an image in the document. The Ursniff Banking Trojan attempts to obtain sensitive data from victims, such as banking credentials and passwords. The data is subsequently used by criminals for monetary gain. As always, the trick is ... don't open email attachments until you are 100% certain you know where they are from, and what they are likely to contain. If you weren't expecting it, then the chances are it's fraudulent ... delete it!

New TVP Website

Last month Thames Valley Police launched a new website.

This is the culmination of a collaboration project between Thames Valley Police and Hampshire Constabulary, working with the Police ICT Company and the Digital Policing Programme. It's a new look, but the address is the same: www.thamesvalley.police.uk. Go explore!

Prank Caller

There has been a recent rise of prank pre-recorded calls in the TVP area giving the impression that recipients are receiving a genuine call from a real person - they are not!

The calls vary, but one has been described as an angry Scottish man claiming that someone is 'stealing' his Wi-Fi! Sometimes there is a mobile phone number showing and other times the number is withheld. It appears that these calls are predominantly targeting elderly and young people and can cause alarm and distress to the call-taker.

Don't recognise the number? Suspect it's a recording? Fed up with being bothered by cold-callers? Just hang up!

If you've been affected by any kind of fraud, report it to Action Fraud at www.actionfraud.police.uk or call 0300 123 2040.



The Church MATTERS



And we're off!

As Spring gets into full swing with lots of sunshine (and occasional real warmth) we also find ourselves in election season. To our surprise, this doesn't just mean a local vote, but after seeing in a new government two years ago, and the 'joy' of the Referendum last year, we now have another General Election coming at us in early June. I think I'm probably not alone in feeling that I'm not sure I can bear another night of waiting and watching to see what happens...

Here's the thing though. Surely after the last year, both in this country and abroad, we now know that each vote counts. Choosing to make a choice or to stay away and let others choose for us has real consequences. So the first lesson here is: participate.

And the second lesson has to be: find the truth. In an age where anyone can say anything, and it appears as 'fact' on the screens in front of us, we have to learn again to be able to tell what is right and what is wrong. Just because I read it somewhere doesn't make it so.

Both these lessons are (and always have been) key parts of Christian living. Christianity isn't a spectator sport. If you want to sit in a pew and watch other people 'doing worship', you have the wrong religion. Christianity's two main commands according to Jesus, are that everyone (and by 'everyone' he means 'everyone') should love God and love people. And that can't be limited to words we say or songs we sing. That's not love, that's choir practice.

Participation means - doing something about our words. OK, no-one's perfect, and we all make mistakes (thank God for forgiveness). But if our hearts are hard or cold when we hear of the suffering of refugees or the lonely, or we know of someone in need and don't even think about helping - then it's something of a push to begin to call ourselves 'Christian'. One simple practical way of showing this in May is always through the Christian Aid Week, celebrating 60 years of practical care this year.

And Christians aren't supposed to be gullible, believing six impossible things before breakfast every day. For sure, we should always try to believe the best about the people around us. Yet truth matters. So hard questions are always the friend of faith, because they are real. Truth and faith belong together. Jesus asks us in John's Gospel to trust that he is the Truth. But John, in writing his Gospel, never avoids a single tough question: from suffering to the resurrection, he tackles them all. He invites us to do the same.

As we face the next few weeks together, I encourage us to approach the election in a fully Christian manner. Let's participate in as full a way as we can. Let's seek truth as much as we can. And then - let's choose.

For God sent his Son to participate in our living, seeking us in the complex truth of our lives, dying and rising to show that through all and knowing all he would always choose us.

Revd Marcus Green

Bible Study re-starts on Monday May 22 at 2pm in the Rectory; there is no Wednesday Communion in May. More news is always available on our website: www.sntchurch.com.



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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.



CHURCH SERVICES

PARISH WORSHIP IN MAY-JUNE

NORTH ASTON

STEEPLE ASTON

TACKLEY

Sunday May 7th 2017 - Fourth Sunday after Easter

9:30 am
Rogation
Clive Busby

11:00 am
Holy Communion
Book of Common Prayer
Canon David MacInnes

5:30 pm
Evensong
Canon Robin Gibbons

Sunday May 14th 2017 - Fifth Sunday after Easter

9:30 am
Holy Communion
Revd Geoffrey Hunter

11:00 am
Morning Prayer
Richard Bailey

5:30 pm
Evensong
Canon Robin Gibbons

Sunday May 21st 2017 - Sixth Sunday after Easter

9:30 am
Family Service & Baptism
Revd Marcus Green and
Open the Book

11:00 am
Family Service & Baptism
Revd Marcus Green and
Open the Book

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

Sunday May 28th 2017 - Seventh Sunday after Easter

9:30 am
Morning Prayer
Revd Marcus Green

11:00 am
Holy Communion
with Children's Church
Revd Marcus Green

5:30 pm
Informal Service
Revd Marcus Green and
Canon Robin Gibbons

Sunday June 4th 2017 - Day of Pentecost, Whitsunday

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

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