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# Notes from the Chair

## Blimey! June already ...

... and only a couple of weeks until we can officially say it is summer! (Not that the May weather seemed to have had that memo).

Exciting times are ahead for us all. With the easing of lockdown we are now able to look forward to the theatre coming to town, and by that I mean *The Green*. The Mikron Theatre, the amazing annual Flower & Produce Show, a Village Party and, of course, Aunt Sally, which has started up again! What is not to get excited about?

All of the above will of course be explained in more detail further in the News, but with months of not really being able to announce anything except cancellations and Covid reports, I'm sorry I just had to list it all!

In other news, I'm really sorry to have to announce but I will be stepping down as Chair at the end of the year, at the latest. I have so enjoyed the role, but unfortunately due to personal circumstances I cannot continue with it. I have discussed this decision with Sue and Annie and they have both agreed to stay for a little longer in their roles, which is fantastic because whoever then takes over from me is in exceptional hands.

With this said, if anyone in the village, whether you're a newbie or a seasoned pro would like to take on the role, please do get in touch with either myself or Annie and we can explain a little more about what it involves.

Have a wonderful start to your summers and fingers crossed for some drier, warmer weather.

You can telephone Lucinda on **340588** or email: [chair@north-aston.co.uk](mailto:chair@north-aston.co.uk)

Lucinda

## Traffic Update ...

Four members of the Traffic Committee - Clive, Les, Marcus and Tony - had a very useful follow-up site meeting with County Council road officers in May. It was established that the road along the Green is currently within the statutory width, so there would no case for the council narrowing it. However, we then discussed possible measures to calm traffic through the village.

It was agreed that signage alone will not deter the worst and most determined offenders, who constitute the greatest threat to life and limb. The officers therefore offered to draw up a plan which would comprise a number of physical restraints but with a minimum of visual impact on the village.

They promised to submit this proposal in the near future. The next phase would be a consultation with the village, and if approved, the negotiation for funding to carry out the work.

Tony Buxton, NATC Chair



This picture appears in the village book, *North Aston ~ A Millennium*. However, we have no idea where it came from. Do you recognise it? Do you have the original? If you can shed any light, please let us know.

Last month Niel Nicholson set us a challenge; to identify the specific variety of tree that was pictured on the front cover. We had several entries, and almost everyone recognised it as a Maple. Some got closer with Norway Maple, which Niel acknowledged was "a very good guess – but not quite there". It is was in fact *Acer platanoides* "Crimson King", and only one entrant got this spot on, so congratulations to Gurli. This month's front cover is a reminder that the birds are still nesting, so please continue to feed them ...

## Planning

### Planning Applications

Notice of various Planning Applications have been received from CDC. Visit <https://planningregister.cherwell.gov.uk/> and keyword search "North Aston" for more information.

**Gate Cottage Somerton Road North Aston OX25 6HX.** An application has been made to demolish the existing kitchen extension at the rear and erect a new single-storey extension and outbuilding. Comments are invited, and a decision is due by 20th July. Ref Nos: 21 / 01861 / LB and 21 / 0 1860 / F

**4 Hall Close North Aston OX25 6HR.** An application has been made (supplemental to a previous application, since approved) relating to the reduction in size of the extension at the east end of the building. Ref Nos: 20 / 00664 / F and 21 / 01719 / NMA

**North Aston Hall St Mary's Walk North Aston OX25 6AA.** The original application to demolish the pool building, gym and coach house beside The Hall has been approved. A decision on a secondary and related application is expected on 11th June. Ref Nos: 21 / 00989 / LB and 21 / 01360 / F

**18 The Green North Aston OX25 6HX.** A decision on the application to clear fallen limb and reduce height of a Willow was expected on 19-05-2021. Reference No: 21 / 01206 / TCA

**North Aston Hall St Mary's Walk North Aston OX25 6AA.** The application to carry out the partial strip-out of the first and second floors of The Hall is now in the Consultation Stage. The anticipated decision date was 25-05-2021, so a final announcement is imminent. Reference No: 21 / 01012 / LB

**Stable Cottage, St Mary's Walk North Aston OX25 6AA.** The application to demolish Stable Cottage and Garage, behind the Church and Hall, has been approved. Ref No: 21 / 00998 / F

**The Wolf is at the Door.** In a move which has been described as both "devastating", the inquiry into the proposed hotel and leisure complex in Chesterton by Great Wolf Resorts has concluded that the project can proceed. A spokesperson for local residents said: "This will be one of the largest hotels outside London yet it will be situated on the edge of a village with only 800 inhabitants. We simply do not have the infrastructure to support it." In response, GWR has stated: "We are looking forward to becoming part of the community and are committed to working with residents and businesses to help ensure this resort brings economic, recreational and community benefits to Chesterton and the wider Bicester area." Work could start later this year.

**Coming Home to Roost.** Residents on the Mailing List will be aware that a revised application has been lodged with CDC for the redevelopment of the former poultry farm at Hatch End between Steeple Aston and Middle Aston (OX25 5QL). This will see the demolition of the existing buildings and the construction of new business units (CDC ref 20 / 01127 / F). There are serious concerns about the impact this may have on northbound traffic along the Middle Aston Lane, through North Aston. Comments on this proposal had to be submitted by 21st May (hence the mailing) and a decision is due by 31st July.

### The Village Defibrillator

The defibrillator is located in the porch at 4 Somerton Road, opposite the post box. CPR & Defibrillator training sessions are arranged from time to time. For more information or to book a session, please contact Mark: 347806



By the time you read this, North Aston's new Sustainable Recycling Collection Point will be up and running. The Bus Shelter (perhaps we need to change the name!) outside Nicholson's will include three new recycling bins - one each for Medicinal Blister Packs, Aluminium Coffee Pods and Plastic Coffee Pods. Currently, these are not huge, while we assess the level of support, but it would be wonderful if they proved to be too small, and we needed to get bigger ones!

The **coffee pod** recycling is part of the national *Podback* scheme, which enables users of several of the most popular coffee-making machines to recycle pods that would otherwise go to landfill. These include Tassimo, Nespresso, Dolce Gusto, Starbucks and L'Or. All we ask is that you place the empty pods into a knotted or sealed leak-proof plastic bag before adding them to the correct box - choose between Aluminium or Plastic.

The **blister packs** can be of any kind, but typically will be a mix of plastic and metallic foil. These are usually dry, so don't need to be bagged, unless you prefer anonymity. The choice is yours.

We will monitor the boxes regularly. However, if you visit, and one of them is full, please let us know by calling 347356 or emailing [info@north-aston.co.uk](mailto:info@north-aston.co.uk).

### Future Plans

We are actively seeking new ideas and fresh opportunities for sustainable recycling projects. The next one in the pipeline will be **crisp and snack packets**. Again, these come in mixed media packaging, with plastics bonded to foils, and cannot be placed in the regular recycling bin.

We're open to suggestions for future schemes, and we'd also welcome volunteers able to take on the managing of new programmes. Would you be prepared to take on printer ink cartridges, for example, or toothpaste tubes?

## Sincere thanks!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those who kindly voted for me in the recent local elections. It is a great honour and privilege to represent our community and I always do my best to give everyone a 'voice' at Cherwell District Council.

The past 18 months have been some of the bleakest in recent history, during which we have seen some breathtaking acts of selflessness, charity and community spirit in the face of adversity. I look forward to the return of normality and the opportunity to once again meet face to face with you all.

Thank you. *Bryn Williams, Cherwell District Councillor*  
(See back page for full table of results)

# Save the date ~ Saturday 4th September 2021

A village party is being arranged to mark 18 months since the onset of the pandemic and to thank the residents of North Aston for pulling together and keeping our community safe.

This will coincide with the *Flower & Produce Show*, and there will be activities for everyone ... children as well as adults. Something will be happening, either on The Green or elsewhere within the village, from late morning onwards.

For catering purposes we will need to have an idea of the likely numbers attending the evening element of the occasion, so please let us know if you would like to reserve spaces for *The Evening Do* by emailing [info@north-aston.co.uk](mailto:info@north-aston.co.uk) or by telephoning Franca or Marcus on 347356. More details to follow in next month's News.



## North Aston Gardening Club

We hope everyone is doing well with their Spud-in-a-Tub! You now have a target to aim for ... Saturday September 4th, which has been confirmed as the day for this year's Flower & Produce Show.

The show will be staged on The Green as usual. Although the range of categories in both the growing and craft sections may be a little reduced this year, for practical reasons, it's hoped that this first major Village Event since March 2020 will be an opportunity for the whole community to come together again. Not only will there be refreshments for visitors, but there will also be games for the children (of all ages!), judging of the Spud-in-a-Tub, and an extra-special celebration in the evening - see the advert above.

The entry list will be published with next month's News. Obviously the event will have to be held in accordance with the prevailing Covid guidelines, whatever they are on the day.

In the meantime, North Aston's gardeners and growers have been mighty relieved to see a change in the weather in the closing days of May. After the driest and coldest April on record, they've had to contend with one of the wettest and windiest Mays. As a result, just about everything in the garden (except the weeds) is running 'late'. Nature will make amends, no doubt, and June should see a rapid spurt in growth. The strawberry crop is already looking promising!

The WhatsApp group has been active. If you're a North Aston gardener and would like to feel more involved, then drop an email to [info@north-aston.co.uk](mailto:info@north-aston.co.uk) and you can be sent a link.

### Nicholsons Achieve 100% Peat Free!

After years of trials, research and development, Nicholsons Nurseries proudly announced in May that production in the nursery has become 100% peat-free. This has been a long-term goal and supports Nicholsons' commitment to environmental sustainability. It is also something that every grower should aspire towards ... and a practice they will all have to adopt in a few years' time.

Peatlands store half a trillion tonnes of carbon globally and it is essential to protect them. In recent years the environmental impact of peat usage within the horticulture industry has been widely recognised, and garden centres, growers and gardeners have been weaning themselves off peat-based growing mediums ever since. In April this year the Government announced that the sale of all peat-based composts will be banned in the UK from 2024.

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## Heyford Park Pantry

Thanks to all of you who have continued to support the village's monthly collection for the Pantry. The donations are really valued and last month we focussed on cleaning and personal hygiene products and gathered a really good collection ranging from loo rolls (52!), shampoo and conditioner through to kitchen and bathroom cleaning products, so a massive thank you.

The boxes will be out again next weekend (Friday 4th June, pm to Sunday 6th pm) - one outside Middle Cottage on St Mary's Walk and one in the bus shelter at Nicholsons.

Once again, anything you can spare will be appreciated. The Pantry really would value the same sort of items - soaps, shampoo/conditioner/toothpaste/cleaning products etc. If you could think about adding an extra item or two to your shopping list, that would be great. Thanks again, Annie.

# North Aston Nature Notes

## With Stephen Rees

Hopefully, by the time you are reading this, it has stopped raining and the sun has finally come out. I think it has been one of the wettest Mays on record – it feels like it rained every day, as well as being cold and windy.

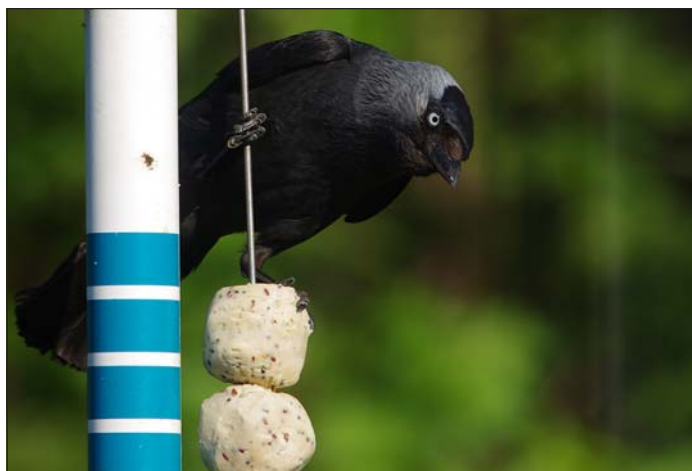
Despite that, we managed to get out a bit and have had a few walks (mostly to Steeple shop) and have seen a few interesting things to share with you.

We have certainly seen a few fights! We've spotted Rooks fighting while other rooks crowded round to watch. We saw a pair of cock Robins fighting to the death, with feathers and claws flying. We even came across some beetles fighting in the middle of the road. They were really colourful ones, rising up on their back feet and really going for it!

We've got a Rook down here without a tail. It looks very funny in flight, but this is the second year we've seen it, so it seems to manage okay. Sadly, we haven't seen George the one-eared rabbit yet this spring, so we're not sure he has made it through the winter. He was a great character. It would be nice to think he might have had a one-eared offspring, so we'll keep looking.

The big bird feeding station out the back of our cottage is still busy every day with Jays and Woodpeckers regular visitors. I missed a fantastic photo-opportunity a few nights ago when a Greater Spotted Woodpecker flew in and landed on one of the pigeon decoys, which are there just for fun.

The Dandelion have now gone to seed and the fields have turned from yellow to white. I have read that if you fill a jam jar with water and then blow a few dandelions heads into it, it makes a good snow dome. After a few days the seeds sink to the bottom, the seed pods turn green, and then they start to sprout. Try this, top them out in a field or your lawn, and more will grow for the bees and bugs.



One weekend in late May our garden (and many others) was full of black flies that Wendy calls Parachute Bugs, because they hover and slowly fall. Tony, my big brother, told me they are really called St Mark's fly, because they usually hatch around St Mark's Day, 25th April. Their proper name is Hawthorn Fly (Latin name *Bibio marci*) and they are completely harmless, but the Pied Fly Catchers and Wagtails love them! They get to feast on them for one weekend a year. So, on to other spots ... We saw Swallows here at last on the 13th April, and Swift on the 28th, although we'd seen them much earlier by the river. Two people have told me they have

heard a Cuckoo in the valley, although none yet in the village. I haven't yet been able to get out with my cuckoo call and see if I can attract one, but will give it a go soon.

One of the very weirdest, strangest and saddest things we witnessed last month was one evening after work, while we were having a cup of tea in our summer house. As we sat there, talking about our day at work and drinking our tea, a small brown bird (unidentifiable at distance) flew across the view just in front of us. Suddenly, a jackdaw came flying in and took it out of the air, just like a Sparrowhawk does, and dropped to the ground with it. Then three other Jackdaws and a Magpie dropped in, and they all started to squabble over it. The magpie won and flew off with it. Honestly, you couldn't make it up – a real little Shakespeare drama with a murder. It was horrible.

I think that's it for now ... besides to say, I have seen four dead Hedgehogs on the road in the last week. I'm going to make some hedgehog houses and put them in the garden. I haven't seen a live one in years.

*Bye for now, from Stephen, Wifey & Penny the dog.*

PS. Don't forget to come and join us for Aunt Sally on the Green this month. It's great fun. Happy June all!



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# From the FIRE STATION

Could it get any quieter at the station? Four shouts and four stand-bys was all we had in April, but we have been able to do some drilling at station, albeit with reduced numbers. Chris Fenemore and Andy Hayward have been putting us through our paces with both BA and RTC drills, actively hiding casualties to hone both our search and observation skills, and our extraction techniques when up against the clock.



We are pleased to report that both Garin Wilby and Louis Martin have passed their "on the run" and will hopefully both have had a shout by the time you read this. And Corrie King successfully passed her RTC initial training.

So in summary, the fire station has found itself reassuringly, but somewhat frustratingly, quiet.

*James Greenwood FFD  
james@cyclogicalshop.co.uk*

## Planning for the Future

This summer the direction for Oxfordshire as we move deeper into the 21st century will be established for the next generation.

The **Oxfordshire Plan 2050** will define the development strategy for the county for the next three decades, including both the quality and quantity of housing and the broad locations for growth. If you want to get involved in planning for this future, and that of your children ... and their children ... now is the time to take action

This is our best, and possibly only, opportunity to influence development in Oxfordshire over the next 30 years. Waiting until actual planning applications come forward is too late – we need your help engaging now as policy is formed, so that we can give our county the best chance for the future.

This **Joint Statutory Spatial Plan** is being prepared by all four of our local District Councils, together with Oxford City Council and Oxfordshire County Council.

An over-arching *Strategic Vision for Oxfordshire*, which sits above the Plan, has already been agreed. This sets out the Growth Board's definition of 'good growth'. The next phase in this process, with opportunity for public consultation, is due to take place this summer 2021 and it will be critical.

The Growth Board has said that the views and needs of Oxfordshire's people should be at the heart of the *Oxfordshire Plan 2050*, which will determine every major project for the county, from house building to transport infrastructure.

To find out more visit the website at [www.oxfordshireplan.org](http://www.oxfordshireplan.org). There is additional information on [www.cpreoxon.org.uk/campaigns/oxfordshire-spatial-plan](http://www.cpreoxon.org.uk/campaigns/oxfordshire-spatial-plan)



## Helping Nature Thrive Along the Cherwell Valley

The villages and parishes of Somerton, Lower Heyford, Upper Heyford, Steeple Aston, North Aston, Somerton and Souldern ring the Upper Cherwell Valley Conservation Target Area, which encompasses over 1000 acres of predominately floodplain meadows and pastures.

The best examples of this habitat can support up to 40 species of grass and wildflower in just one square metre. A handful of meadows along this stretch of the Cherwell hold a high proportion of the UK's population of a very scarce member of the parsley family - narrow-leaved water dropwort. Other wildflowers found here include meadow-rue, ragged robin, meadow saxifrage and sneezewort. One of the meadows was historically the hay meadow for North Aston village, where lots were drawn to decide which part of the meadow local people could cut.

Floodplain meadows are cut for hay or silage and afterwards they are usually grazed by sheep and cattle. In the height of summer traditional meadows produce a fantastic array of plant life, which in turn supports a whole ecosystem of pollinators, other invertebrates, fungi, mammals and birds. Otters have returned to the river in recent years and several of our 'Red-listed' bird species can be seen in the area, including curlew reed bunting, skylark, grey partridge, yellow wagtail, yellowhammer and bullfinch.

The wonderful sound of a Curlew's 'bubbling' call slicing through the early morning mist in our river valleys is one of the most evocative sounds of springtime in Oxfordshire. Sadly, many of the Curlew's grassland breeding sites have become more intensively grazed or more frequently mown, and the numbers of generalist predators have increased, making nests more vulnerable. Curlews continue to breed in meadows beside the River Cherwell, albeit in reduced numbers. Sadly, each year most Curlew nests are lost before hatching, and only a few young survive to fledging. Farmers and local conservation volunteers, organised by the Banbury Ornithological Society,



are working together to help conserve these wonderful birds, but their future hangs in the balance. The majority of these precious wildlife havens are on private land but it is worth mentioning that sticking to footpaths and keeping dogs on leads reduces disturbance to ground nesting birds and their vulnerable chicks and other wildlife.

*Roselle Chapman  
Wild Oxfordshire*

To find out more about the Upper Cherwell Valley, other Conservation Target Areas and nature recovery projects in Oxfordshire, please visit <https://www.wildoxfordshire.org.uk>

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# CHURCH MATTERS



Some people will soon be living as if the last fifteen months or so never happened. Some of us will take a lot longer to move past the enormous events of this last year and more.

I remember, not long after I had been ordained, seeing a family who had lost their mum. The two young adult kids, brother and sister, almost came to blows in front of me. He hardly said a word; she hardly stopped speaking. Both of them genuinely felt the other one didn't care because they were handling the whole situation so differently.

We're a bit like that as a nation now. Some of us are running to embrace every freedom we can - every minute at the pub, or shopping, or at a concert or doing sport ... and some of us are looking at that behaviour and finding it all so irresponsible. We just want to be sure. Exactly like that brother and sister I saw years ago we're in danger of failing to spot that we're all going through exactly the same emotions as each other - it's just that we are different people, and so we handle the same things differently. So what do we do?

Jesus put it this way: Love your neighbour as yourself.

Be kind to each other. Remember that the person in front of you is a person too. None of us is the whole world; and the amazing truth that Jesus brings, is that both you and I and every person we struggle with are all wonderfully, amazingly, completely loved by God. We need to trust the love. And share it.

**Church Services:** At the end of June, if all goes to plan, we will resume our full rota of weekly services across the three churches of our Benefice for the first time since early March 2020. A service in each church, each Sunday. Our weekly benefice open air communions are very much appreciated by some, and we'll stick a couple more in the diary over the summer because of that. But we are going back inside, and we're hoping it's for good! We'll be following all the guidance we are given - so keep an eye out for that. If you still want to wear a mask when the requirement is lifted of course you may. I think we'll have hand gel with us for quite some time.

But do come and worship with us: I'm glad we've had the online services - thank you so much for watching them and for all the lovely emails you've sent about them; we'll keep putting them out from time to time - but now it's time to come back to church. You are very welcome to join us.

**The Fête:** No Fête in North Aston this year, though we are looking forward to a village party later in the summer. Tackley and Steeple Aston have decided to go ahead with their Fêtes though - 3rd July & 10th July respectively - so why not make the short journey down the road and support them? Tackley's happens on the large open field next to the village hall, and Steeple's is of course on Robinson's Close, so there is plenty of open space to make sure that we can all feel safe.

**Summer Concert:** And to celebrate the gradual return to freedom that's happening - mark the evening of July 17th in your diary. Nick Cleobury and the Aston Singers, plus special guest artists, are preparing a very special concert for us over in Steeple Aston - an hour's beautiful music, maybe drinks in the churchyard afterward, a terrific way to enjoy splendid summer's evening.



And let's keep praying that moments of hope may last and build and grow, and that all the good we have somehow found in the past year won't fade but become even stronger in the days ahead.

*Revd Marcus Green*

## Church Services in June 2021

**N. ASTON**

**S. ASTON**

**TACKLEY**

### Sunday 6th June

No Service

10.30 am  
United Benefice  
Open Air Communion  
**Revd Marcus Green**  
*Indoor Morning Prayer  
if wet*

No Service

### Sunday 13th June

10.30 am  
United Benefice  
Open Air Communion  
**Revd Marcus Green**  
*Indoor Morning Prayer  
if wet*

No Service

No Service

### Sunday 20th June

No Service

No Service

10.30 am  
United Benefice  
Open Air Communion  
**Revd Marcus Green**  
*Indoor Morning Prayer  
if wet*

### Sunday 27th June

9.30 am  
Morning Prayer  
**Richard Bailey**

11:00 am  
Morning Prayer  
**Revd Marcus Green**

9.30 am  
Family Communion  
**Revd Marcus Green**

### Sunday 4th July

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  
Informal Evensong  
& Baptism  
**Revd Marcus Green**  
and  
**Canon Robin Gibbons**

Any comments about the Church Matters page are very welcome, and you can always contact the Rector Marcus Green by calling 340903 or emailing: [steeplerector@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:steeplerector@hotmail.co.uk). More news is always available on the website at [www.sntchurch.com](http://www.sntchurch.com)

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## Announcements

### Local Election Results

The results for last month's local elections were as follows:

#### Cherwell DC, Deddington Ward

■ Bryn Williams (Conservative 1855 votes) ahead of Nigel Davis (Lib-Dem 686 votes) and Amanda Watkins (Labour 680). Of 7467 electors, 3246 voted, with 25 'spoiled' papers.

#### Oxfordshire CC, Deddington Ward

■ Arash Fatemian (Conservative 2221 votes) ahead of David Hingley (Lib-Dem 1078) and Amanda Watkins (Labour 710). Of 9625 electors, 4009 voted, with 42 papers rejected.

#### Police & Crime Commissioner

■ Matthew Barber (Conservative 267,404) ahead of Laetisia Carter (Labour 175,123), John Howson (Lib-Dem 110,072) and Alan Robinson (Ind. 77,210).

### Deddington Farmers' Market

This month's Farmer's Market will take place on Saturday 26th June. Customers are asked to wear masks at all times and to park at the school in Earl's Lane.

### Wednesday Fish & Chips: 5:50 pm to 6:20 pm

Van 99 brings Fish & Chips to The Green every Wednesday at ten-to-six. You can pre-order your meal by calling 07484 360719, emailing [van99orders@gmail.com](mailto:van99orders@gmail.com) or visiting [bit.ly/findvan99](http://bit.ly/findvan99).

### TVP Front Counter Changes

The "front counter" of five TVP offices will be closing later this year, including Bicester, HQ South in Kidlington and Witney. Most of these counters closed in March 2020 due to Covid restrictions, although HQ South in Kidlington has reopened. These changes, which were subject to a public consultation, will be implemented from 30 August 2021. These changes do not affect police officer numbers nor the number of operational police bases.



The winners of last month's draw were:

1st Prize (£10): David Hanna (#93)

2nd Prize (£5): Clive Busby (#118)

Congratulations to this month's winners! Renewals are going well, but if you haven't yet returned your envelope, you need to do so now. This month's numbers would have been honoured, but next month, they won't! Drop off your envelope with Bev at 21 The Green. If you haven't been a member before, it's not too late ... just contact Bev on 347434 or email [info@north-aston.co.uk](mailto:info@north-aston.co.uk).

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

## June Birthdays

Andy Brown

Adam Busby

Sebastian Fuoco

Rourdon Jolly

Elizabeth Harvey-Lee

Alex Hatzigeorgiou



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.

### Celebrations!

Happy Birthday to our gorgeous Sebastian! We hope that you have a wonderful day. We love you to the furthest star and back. Love Daddy, Mummy, William and Evelyn xxxxx

### Happy Father's Day

... to the best daddy in the whole wide world! We love you very, very much! Love William, Evelyn and Sebastian xxxxxx



### Aunt Sally!

This popular event made a welcome return last month, despite the rain! Come along on Wed 2nd June at 7pm for some more fun and games. To meet Covid rules, you can't just stand and watch - you've got to take part! All welcome!

### Protect Your Pooch

In response to the increased incidence of pet theft, Neighbourhood Watch launched a *Protect Your Pooch* initiative last month, which ran on social media and with a national poster campaign. It culminated in an online Dog Theft webinar, with speakers from the Met Police and Crimestoppers.

The campaign encourages people to keep their pets *Secure, In Sight and Searchable*. Make sure your dog is microchipped and the details are stored on one of the pet registration databases. You can also help to make Pet Theft a criminal offence by signing the petition or writing to your MP - it's not too late. You can visit [www.ourwatch.org.uk/protectyourpooch](http://www.ourwatch.org.uk/protectyourpooch) for more information, useful links and practical advice.

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