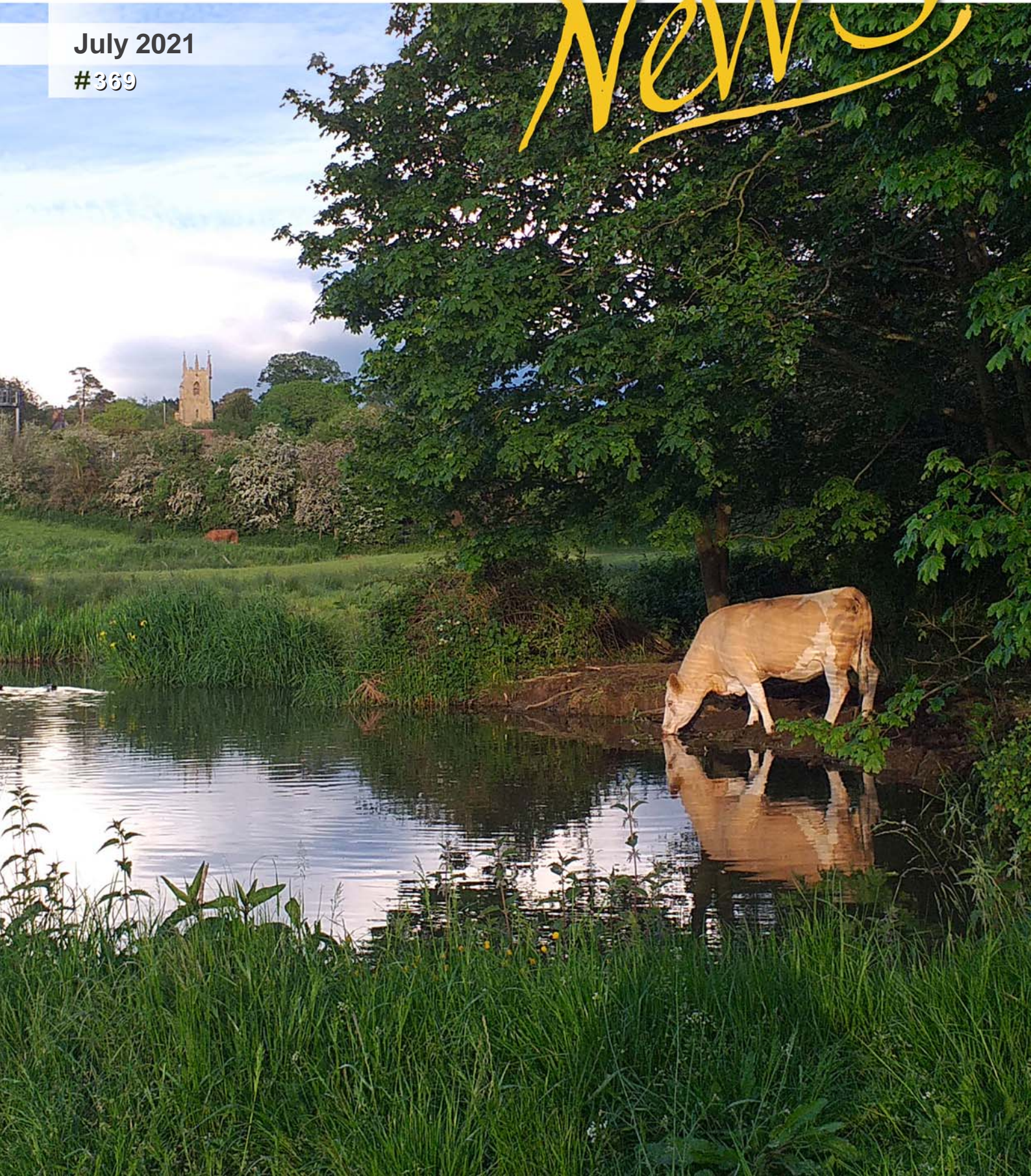


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Notes from the Chair

Summer Sunshine?

Well summer has officially begun however if somebody could remind the sun of this then I'd be hugely grateful!

Thank you so much for all those that ventured out on to The Green for our Village Meeting at the end of June. It was so lovely to see you all. If you missed it then please do have a read of the Minutes that will be further in the News.

Along with the Traffic Committee update and other such things we also discussed the eagerly anticipated village party ... which I for one am extremely excited for. Keep your eyes peeled for more information on this in the coming weeks.

The possibility of a village bus was also discussed, and with this being said, I would be grateful if you could get in touch to tell me exactly where you would like the destination of the bus to be and how often. I was thinking once a week to Deddington and perhaps every other to a bigger town such as Chipping Norton or Bicester. It is completely up to you.

One last thing that I would like to remind you of is that I am standing down at the next AGM so if you would like to take over the role or would like more information then please don't hesitate to get in contact.

You can telephone Lucinda on **340588**
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Lucinda

A Village Celebration! Saturday September 4th

A series of events will be staged on Saturday 4th September to say thank you to all the residents of North Aston for the way they have pulled together over the past 18 months to make the Covid restrictions more tolerable. People have helped one another at every turn, by offering to make shopping trips, collect prescriptions, cook meals, check on those living alone, and generally being wonderful. As a result, the pandemic has had almost no direct impact on this community. We are so fortunate.

Flower & Produce Show

The Green - Open to the Public from 1 pm

This year's *Flower & Produce Show* will be 'professionally' judged, to meet possible Covid guidelines. Public viewing will be from 1 pm, with tea, coffee and cakes available all afternoon. There will also be games and activities on the Green for everyone. Voluntary donations for refreshments welcome, but otherwise everything will be free of charge. This event will be open to anyone, and visitors are welcome.

Evening Party

The Orchard Barn from 6:30 pm

In the evening there will be a Buffet Supper, with a welcome drink, followed by musical entertainment, dancing and games in the Orchard Barn and surrounding grounds. This will be open to permanent village residents only, including the under 16s, and there will be no charge. Those attending will be asked to bring their own refreshments, and a dessert to share would be appreciated. Crockery, glasses and cutlery will be provided. For catering purposes places *must* be booked in advance, so please let the organisers know how many spaces you'd like to reserve before August 14th. You can email info@north-aston.co.uk or telephone Franca or Marcus on 347356. All dietary requirements can be catered for - please advise at the time of booking. All the above is conditional upon any prevailing Covid-19 requirements applicable during September.

Front Cover: Thank you to Sarah Bourke-Borrowes for the very evocative, bucolic view of North Aston from the valley. The church of St Mary's is visible through the trees.

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.

Bradenstoke Barn & Coach House, St Mary's Walk, OX25 6AA. An application has been made to enact alterations and repairs to both properties, and to introduce change of use from dwelling houses to ancillary use of the Hall and Estate. Comments are invited before 15th July. Target date for a decision is 2nd August. Reference Nos: 21 / 02003 / LB and 21 / 02002 / F. Also discharge notices 21 / 02017 / DISC and 21 / 02018 / DISC

North Aston Hall St Mary's Walk North Aston OX25 6AA. An application has been made to reduce/reshape the size and canopies of four trees adjacent to the Hall, previously subject to TPO 02/1987. Reference No: 21 / 01996 / TPO

Gate Cottage Somerton Road North Aston OX25 6HX. The application to demolish the existing kitchen extension at the rear and erect a new single-storey extension and outbuilding is now at the consultation stage. A decision is expected by 20th July. Ref Nos: 21 / 01861 / LB and 21 / 01860 / F

4 Hall Close North Aston OX25 6HR. The supplemental application relating to a previous (approved) application has also been approved. Ref Nos: 20 / 00664 / F and 21 / 01719 / NMA

North Aston Hall St Mary's Walk North Aston OX25 6AA. The secondary application to demolish the pool building, gym and coach house beside The Hall has also been approved. 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 remains under consultation. 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 remains at the Consultation Stage. An announcement is overdue. Reference No: 21 / 01012 / LB

New Rail Freight Interchange. Those attending the Village Meeting last month will be aware of a major proposal to construct a Rail Freight Interchange on land between Ardley and Middleton Stony. This is a national infrastructure project over which North Aston, as a Parish Meeting, has no influence. The direct impact on our community may be modest, but there are potential benefits arising from its construction, including by-passes for Ardley and Middleton Stony. First mooted in 2017, plans for the project are gathering pace. If built to the full extent, it will occupy all land between the existing (narrow) railway bridge on the Somerton to Ardley road, eastwards to the similar bridge near Ardley Fields waste and recycling depot, and then south, beyond the new Incinerator plant by around 50 metres. All land west of the B430, to the lanes bordering Heyford Park, will be employed for warehousing. There will be eight new roundabouts (including modifications to the M40 link road) as well as railway sidings and freight platforms.

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



North Aston Gardening Club

For all of you who were unable to attend the Village Meeting, which was held on The Green at the end of June, the next Flower & Produce Show will be held on the first Saturday in September. This is the same day as the village party, assuming that the government guidelines allow us to go ahead.

It will follow a similar format to the previous Shows, with some modifications to the usual format. The judging, unlike in previous years, will be done by some impartial, independent judges who have kindly agreed to assess all the various entries on their merits. This will include the usual vegetable, flower and children's entries but, unfortunately, there will not be any judging for Produce (such as the jams and cake entries) this year, as we will need to keep to the social distancing guidelines and advice recommended by the government.

Rather than the usual photography competition we would like to have entries that highlight North Aston during the pandemic. This could include things that have happened in the village, photographs of landscapes, pets, people or anything else related to life in the village over the previous 18 months.

We will be having tea and cakes and games for the children and the usual Spud-in-the-Tub competition.

An entry form is attached to the back of the printed version of this month's *North Aston News* (or offered as a PDF to the electronic edition) so we are hoping we will get lots of entries. If we also get some excellent weather we can celebrate, hopefully, getting back to some sort of normal life following what has obviously been quite hard year due to the pandemic.

We look forward to seeing everybody enjoying themselves on The Green. If you have any questions regarding the Flower & Produce Show, please do feel free to contact Chalce or myself.

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North Aston Nature Notes

With Stephen Rees

Some of you will already know, but we would like all our readers, friends and villagers to know that, very sadly, we lost Penny a few weeks ago.

Pen Pen had been with us for 12½ years. She came from a gamekeeper up north, and was the runt who nobody wanted. When Billy and I went to pick her up she was hiding behind a table in the kitchen and wouldn't come out. The keeper's wife said that she would be a "bad doer" as a gundog, but might make a good pet.

Penny turned out to be the best gundog we ever had, the best house dog we ever had, and my best friend.



Coming out of lockdown sees the station getting busier – 17 shouts picked up this month, several being running calls (out and completing a job when we receive a call to attend another incident before we get back to our home station), two alarm calls, seven standbys at Banbury, Bicester and Chipping Norton, five fire calls and two rescues / RTCs.

The alarm calls proved false but with good intent. Our fire calls ranged from a car well alight in Steeple Aston – with the driver safely out of the vehicle – to fallen live power cables and a lightning strike. We also had an external chimney breast in the recent stormy weather, and brakes alight on an HGV on the M40.

Both our new recruits, Garin Wilby and Louis Martin have had multiple shouts and have settled perfectly into station life. Corie King will have attended her *Immediate Emergency Care* course, covering practical casualty care and will be hard at work completing the in-depth theory booklet that accompanies the course. Three firefighters will be starting their driver training soon, which will allow increased cover;

We trained her on the village green, where there were lots of distractions. She lived in kennels with Tess, Billy's Springer Spaniel, and Billy taught them both to jump into the back of the car in cages when we were going shooting – Tess to the left, Pen on the right.

Penny was small, runty and ugly for her breed, but she was so intelligent. She didn't think she knew what to do like Tess, but she would watch me like a hawk and wait to be told, and when she got the nod, she wouldn't hesitate, and she always did exactly what she was told to do.

When shooting in a line of guns or on my own, if a bird flew over us; a pigeon or pheasant, or duck, if it was too low and not a sporting shot I would let it go. Pen Pen would look up at me as if to say, what was wrong with that one then boss?

We nearly lost her one night while out duck shooting over floods with Billy and Tony. By a fluke I shot two ducks with one shot, and they both fell in the river. Penny jumped straight in and came back with one that I took from her, and then she turned back and went off for the other.

By then it was pitch dark and I started to panic, but she came back up the river with the other duck, and Billy and I had to drag her out and carry her back.

While shooting in a line at Rousham (our last ever shoot together) Penny saw the neighbouring gun drop a bird two fields away. After the whistle blew and I moved, she set off. The whole line of guns watched as she worked the area, found the bird, and brought it back to me. I have never been so proud in my life.

Both myself and Penny retired from shooting a few years ago, preferring to sit in our summer house and watch the birds. Penny moved into the house and took over the sofa, paying Wendy much more attention than she did me.

We have lost a companion and a real friend.

Steve and Wendy

however, it will be at least a year before any of them will be driving the pump!

With crew numbers back up to 11, Deddington's cover stats are increasing, with the station nudging 70% availability – rather good as we are purely on call, and all have separate employment outside of the Fire Service.

As it is looking highly likely that July will see the end of lockdown restrictions for most of the country, hopefully as many of you as possible will continue to stay safe and aware as summer approaches.

James Greenwood FFD
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North Aston Village Meeting & Forum

Monday 28th June, 6:30 pm on The Green ~ The Minutes

Officers present: Chair Lucinda Fuoco (LF), Treasurer Sue Hatzigeorgiou (SH), Secretary Annie Savage (AS).

Those present: Tony Buxton (Chair, Traffic Committee, AB), Les Parry (LP), Marcus Potts (MP), Franca Potts (FP), Tuck Hatzigeorgiou (TH), Jocelyn Aziz (JA), Mark Stay (MS), Ginny Stay (GS), Robert Hite (RH), Trudy Busby (TB), Clive Busby (CB), Jo Pochron (JP), Adam Pochron (AP), Jane Durnin (JD), Kevin Merry (KM), Bev Merry (BM), Vicky Merry (VM).

Apologies: Bev Rees, Tony Rees, Liz Nicholson, Niel Nicholson, Annabel Bevan.

Village Meeting

LF opened the meeting by welcoming everyone.

1: Traffic Committee

AB opened the report by advising that a National Infrastructure project has been announced that will be constructed very close to the village. A new International Rail Freight Depot is planned for a site on the road between Ardley and Middleton Stoney. It is a significant project and, due to the scale and nature, comments have only been invited from selected locations in closest proximity. North Aston does not fall into that category, so no response is required from the Traffic Committee, although individuals are not precluded from commenting directly.

A discussion ensued and there was a general feeling that this could be a positive development with little impact being likely through the village. There might be some visible light pollution at night but overall the project could be beneficial, with freight being moved off the roads and proposed bypasses for Ardley village Middleton Stoney easing local traffic. It might also mean that the proposed Busgate is shelved.

AB then updated the meeting on the current position with regard to road safety in the village. Representatives from OCC Highways have visited and are in the process of developing a proposal for traffic calming measures in North Aston. Once this is complete, there will be a consultation amongst residents carried out by OCC. This is a statutory obligation for which the village will be charged a fee of approximately £3,500. The cost of any works should be borne by the council.

CB mentioned that the Council Officer has proposed changes to the speed limiting measures as the village is entered. The 30mph zone will be moved further away, beyond Bee Cottage, and a 'buffer zone' introduced between there are the Fox crossroads, within which the limit will be set at 40mph.

LP further commented that the Council is unlikely to be proposing a wide range of improvements, although AB remarked it is likely that raised platforms could be introduced, but this will not be confirmed until the consultation has taken place. SH asked for clarification as to when we will be obliged to pay the fee and ALB said he would confirm once he had a further update from OCC but he understood it was when the proposal had been received.

2. Succession

LF reiterated that she would be standing down as Chair at the end of the year, as she will have completed three years in the role. Family commitments meant her time has become more restricted. She asked for volunteers to come forward to stand as Chair.

AS thanked LF and said the village appreciated what she had done. AS added that she and SH had completed 4 years and a second term of 3 years in the roles of Secretary and Treasurer respectively. The village faces an absence of willing volunteers to take on the positions and yet people generally express enjoyment at living in such a positive community. AS said she hoped others would step forward as the tasks, which are not onerous, should be shared amongst the village and not simply left to a few people. It is hoped that residents will take their turn. Unless we continue to run as a committee, the business of running the village will transfer to Duns Tew.

MS reminded the Meeting that this issue is always challenging, as it runs to the wire every time, and it would be a positive sign if people stepped up in advance. LF reiterated that the role was not difficult when the team worked together.

3. Village Party

FP reminded the meeting that the suggestion for a village celebration had been put forward at the last Meeting and a small committee had been formed to take the idea forward.

The plan is for a day of festivities on Saturday September 4th to mark the way in which North Aston has pulled together to weather the Covid storm and how exceptional as a community the village has been during the past 18 months.

The proposal is for the Flower & Produce Show to be a free event with tea and cake refreshments as well as children's games. With Covid in mind, the structure will be differently organised this year with no public judging and no entrance fee.

The festivities will move on in the evening to a party at The Orchard Barn, which Nicholsons have generously offered to host. All residents of the village are welcome and there will be a buffet supper and entertainment and music. There will be a welcome drink and a generous buffet supper. People will need to bring their own liquid refreshments and are invited to contribute a dessert. In addition to the Orchard Barn, there will be a marquee outside, so numbers won't be a problem.

FP confirmed that Nicholsons' insurance is in place. It is hoped by starting around 6.30, people will bring their children so babysitting isn't an issue.

FP has budgeted for food and the hire of crockery and requested a sum of £1,000 be made available for the event from the Village Fund. MS proposed. Seconded by JD. A show of hands was taken and the request was approved, with no votes against.

MP confirmed that details would be published in *The NA News*. Places must be reserved by 14th August. Obviously, if national restrictions have been amended, the event could be delayed. FP confirmed that, if this was the case, the village would not suffer any financial loss, as the event could be held at a later date.

4. Mikron.

AS reminded the meeting that Mikron will be performing their play about the history of Women's Football on Friday 9th July. Covid rules have meant a few changes this year. Tickets must be booked in advance (visit: www.mikron.org.uk/tour-dates-detail?show=2021-07-09-north-aston-village-green) and audience members must take their own chairs to sit on. Similarly, there can be no supply of refreshments, so people will need to take their own. A significant number of tickets have been sold and MP confirmed he would be promoting the event on Social Media in the week before so that neighbouring villages can join in. All will need to book soon if they want a ticket.

5. Any Other Business

1) LF confirmed she has been speaking to **Barton Bus**, who have agreed they could provide a service to the village, but we need to advise journey requirements. She will detail in the *North Aston News*.

2) CB mentioned that there had been loud noises like **fireworks** late at night (10.30) on two consecutive nights, coming from the direction of Heyford Park.

3) MP offered thanks to the organisers of the **Aunt Sally** on the Green (Stephen and Wendy, Tony and Bev). It had been great fun and a large number of people had turned up.

4) TH reiterated the plans for the **Flower & Produce Show** on September 4th – no village voting but specific judging. Free tea and cake. There will be no entrance fee or charge for refreshments. Marquees will be required.

6. Next Meeting

The next Meeting will take place on Monday August 9th at 6.30 pm on The Green.



In June, Niel and Liz made an important announcement regarding the future of Nicholsons Nurseries.

At Nicholsons we are very fortunate in that we have been able to continue our core business throughout the pandemic but, like everyone, we have also had time to reflect and reconsider our purpose.

Our company ambition is clear – to plant trees at scale to mitigate Climate Change and work towards Net Zero, and to offer Plants, Forestry and Landscapes with a core focus on sustainability.

In line with this ambition, our business is expanding rapidly, and we have outgrown our resources of nursery production, car parking and office space at The Park. At the end of July, we will be restructuring the business to accommodate business growth as follows:

Our Plant Centre has been awarded *Plant Healthy Certification*, an international standard to protect our ecosystems against destructive pests and diseases. This is significant progress, marking us as industry leaders in the field and has encouraged us to focus on our expanding plant sales. All customers are invited to come in and select from our broad range and receive expert advice from our onsite trained horticulturalists.

From the 2nd August ...

The shop will no longer be selling gifts and interiors but will make way for space to meet with clients for complimentary horticultural consultations – an essential part of our offer. We will continue to stock essential sundries.

The Yurt is refining its offer to restaurant service only, hosting breakfast, lunch, and Frankie's exquisite afternoon tea **by booking only**. Enrico and the team will provide locally sourced, seasonal, and innovative menus.

Please note that we will no longer be offering coffee and cake.

Rosara will continue to offer our curated outdoor garden furniture via our website and our existing warehouse, Monday to Friday and by appointment, Saturday.

Christmas In our strive for sustainability, we regret we will no longer be hosting the Christmas Fair and will not be selling Christmas trees ... but we are working on a plan. More later.



To put this development in context; Oxfordshire aims to plant 23,000 hectares of woodlands by 2050. Despite being the leading forestry company in the county, Nicholsons only planted 50 hectares of woodlands last year. You can see the scale of the endeavour and our need to focus on the solution. Our nursery grows excellent quality trees in peat-free compost, and our role as founders of the *Forest Canopy Foundation* will result in a great opportunity for woodland creation.

We realise that our offer is significantly changing, and we hope to bring our customers along with us in supporting our developing focus – we have loved the positive interaction with our community and have been truly grateful for the encouragement and enthusiasm for our brand we have received. This support has enabled us to reach for this next vital step and take our place in the important journey to Net Zero and beyond. Thank you.

Liz, Niel and all the Team at Nicholsons

In a nutshell ...

The Plant Centre will be open for plant selection, buying, collection and deliveries as usual, Monday to Friday 7.30am to 4.30pm and Saturday 8am to 4pm

Rosara will be online, with viewing possible Monday to Friday and on Saturdays by appointment. www.rosara.co.uk

The Yurt Restaurant will serve Breakfast, Lunch and Afternoon Tea, but booking is essential. Visit the website at www.nicholsonsgb.com/retail/yurt-cafe/

The Nursery will be closed on Sundays and Bank Holidays

Forestry & Landscapes services will continue as before, but much expanded

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CHURCH MATTERS



So as I write this in mid-June, we've all just learned that "June 21st" will not have happened by the time the July newsletter gets published. That God is good and loves us all is at the heart of every day I get to live and walk in this beautiful part of the earth we inhabit; but that there are mysteries beyond our knowing is something we all have got used to this last year, and right now it seems the exact date of "June 21st", the long hoped-for final end of Lockdown, is one of them. What I do know is this: barring some unforeseen thing, we have four things planned for July, and all of them are going to happen.

Church Services in North Aston Every Sunday

From now on we are back to a rota of weekly church services in each of the villages in our Benefice. This means that we are back to 9.30am services every Sunday in North Aston. Now - there will be exceptions. Once in July (and twice in the five weeks of August) there will be United Benefice services, and these will be at 10.30am just to catch folk out, but these are exceptions. We are getting back to normal.

What does normal mean? Well - we are still waiting to see! We don't know if we can sing, and we don't know if we still have to wear masks, but we do know that we will be inside the church rather than outside in the churchyard, and that services will be here every week. Check for details at the back of the newsletter, or on the church notice board, or on the 'What's On' page of our website www.sntchurch.com. We are so looking forward to welcoming you back to join with us - it's going to be wonderful.

Church Fetes, July 3rd & 10th

Village Fetes have been legal since April 12th, so **Tackley** (July 3rd) and **Steeple Aston** (July 10th) are fine to roll, even if "June 21st" gets put back a whole month or more. North Aston has taken the decision to hold off again this year, but other parts of our Benefice community are looking forward to gathering - in Tackley on the sports field by the village hall, and in Steeple Aston on Robinson's Close: with stalls and classic cars and (in Steeple) big band jazz, and games and teas and raffles and tombolas and all sorts. Do bring cash with you - and come ready to have fun. If the weather is set to be awful, things won't happen. Otherwise - we will be there. Everything will be in the open air, and we have a great space to help us be safe. Feel free to wear a mask if you would like, and do use hand gel too. Do help local communities as we would hope they would support us.

Annual Parochial Congregation Meeting, July 13th

The 'Easter Vestry' as it's called in some circles is happening in church on Tuesday July 13th at 7.30pm. It's been a strange year but we still have to receive accounts, review the year, vote for wardens and PCC members and try to plan ahead together. All welcome.

Music for a Summer Evening, July 17th

At the end of last year we managed a *Christmas Concert* with Nick Cleobury directing the *Aston Singers*, a choir with a good North Aston representation. Good news - they're back! On **July 17th at 7pm** Nick brings the *Aston Singers* back to Steeple Church for a concert of *Music for a Summer Evening*. And as a special treat we have young Australian soprano Cassandra Wright and accompanist Elli Welsh joining us too. The concert will last around an hour, with tickets available at £10 each from Eileen Baglin-Jones on 340099 in advance. Church funds in every part of the benefice need a bit of TLC after the last year, and proceeds from this concert will go towards helping in Steeple.



After the music, we will have refreshments in the churchyard - no charge for these, but please do feel free to make further generous donations to the funds as you enjoy whatever refreshments we're allowed to offer!!!
Revd Marcus Green

Church Services in July 2021

N. ASTON	S. ASTON	TACKLEY
Sunday 4th July		
9:30 am <i>Holy Communion</i> Book of Common Prayer Revd Marcus Green	11:00 am <i>Holy Communion</i> Book of Common Prayer Revd Marcus Green	5:30 pm <i>Evensong</i> Revd Marcus Green & Canon Robin Gibbons
Sunday 11th July		
9:30 am <i>Family Service</i> Revd Marcus Green	11:00 am <i>Family Service</i> Revd Marcus Green	5:30 pm <i>Holy Communion</i> followed by APCM Revd Marcus Green & Canon Robin Gibbons
Sunday 18th July		
No Service	10:30 am United Benefice <i>Open Air Communion</i> Revd Marcus Green	No Service
Sunday 25th July		
9:30 am Morning Prayer Canon Robin Gibbons	11:00 am Morning Prayer Revd Marcus Green	9:30 am <i>Family Communion</i> Revd Marcus Green
Sunday 1st August		
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 <i>Evensong</i> Revd Marcus Green

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. More news is always available on the website at www.sntchurch.com

You can also contact: Clive Busby (340470, casb@north-aston.com) and Annabel Bevan (345153, annabelbevan@hotmail.com) or any other member of the PCC, who include Richard Bailey, Beryl Greenwood, Vicky Taylor, Ginny Stay, Ted Short, Jeremy Taylor and Norman West.

Announcements

Deddington Farmers' Market

This month the Farmer's Market will be on Saturday 24th July. Customers are asked to wear masks and to park at the school in Earl's Lane. Several stallholders now offer customers the opportunity to use their own containers, to save on single-use plastics. Check with the event website to see who's adopting the scheme: www.deddingtonfarmersmarket.co.uk

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

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

Many congratulations!

On Sunday 25th July two members of staff at Nicholsons will be getting married, and they will be celebrating their wedding at the nursery. They will be joined by family and friends, fully in accordance with the Covid rules in force at the time, and will be celebrating in the Yurt and Orchard Barn, as well as outside if weather allows. There will be some music and dancing but all will be over by 11pm at the latest. Nicholsons would like to apologise for any inconvenience etc in advance.

Village Bus Service

Would you be interested in making use of a local bus service, linking North Aston with Deddington, or occasional trips to Bicester, Banbury or Chipping Norton? A local bus company has offered to establish a regular service, but it will depend on potential use, as well as routes and timetable. If you think you could be tempted, contact Lucinda: Telephone 340588 or email her using chair@north-aston.co.uk.

Cherwell Link ... online

Do you remember Cherwell Link magazine, which used to drop through the letterbox every blue moon? It provided news from CDC and information on decisions and services. Well, as part of revised budget plans, it's now gone digital. If you'd like to receive a copy, you'll need to subscribe - at no cost. Sign up by visiting the web page at www.cherwell.gov.uk/sign-up.

Digital Covid Passport?

There is a Covid Vaccine Passport email scam doing the rounds that purports to come from the NHS. It encourages recipients to apply for a "Digital Coronavirus Passport" through a fake NHS website that ask for personal and payment details and an administration fee. Do not be tempted! Your vaccination status is obtained **free** through the NHS App, website or by calling 119. If you haven't yet downloaded the app (not the same as the Covid-19 "track and trace" app) you are encouraged to do so.

Mikron on The Green

In case you've missed all the announcements, Mikron returns to NA on Friday 9th July with a new production, *Atlanta Forever*. You must book in advance, on www.mikron.org.uk.

July Birthdays

Jane Durnin
Eddie Hatzigeorgiou
Robert Hite
Marc Le Clerq
Rosi Nicholson
Marcus Potts
Colin Rainbow
Eileen 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.



Aunt Sally!

This popular gathering on the Green takes place every fortnight. This month's dates will be Wednesday 14th and 28th July, starting at 7pm. Come along and take part! Bring a chair, something refreshing, and a good eye! All welcome!



The winners of last month's draw were:

1st Prize (£10): Jane Howe (#105)

2nd Prize (£5): Deirdre Oakley (#39)

Congratulations to this month's winners! The grace period for late-payers to the 100 Club subscriptions is now over. However, for one more month, you can still enroll, even if you've never joined the 'club' before. Call Bev on 347434 or email info@north-aston.co.uk for more information.

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

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