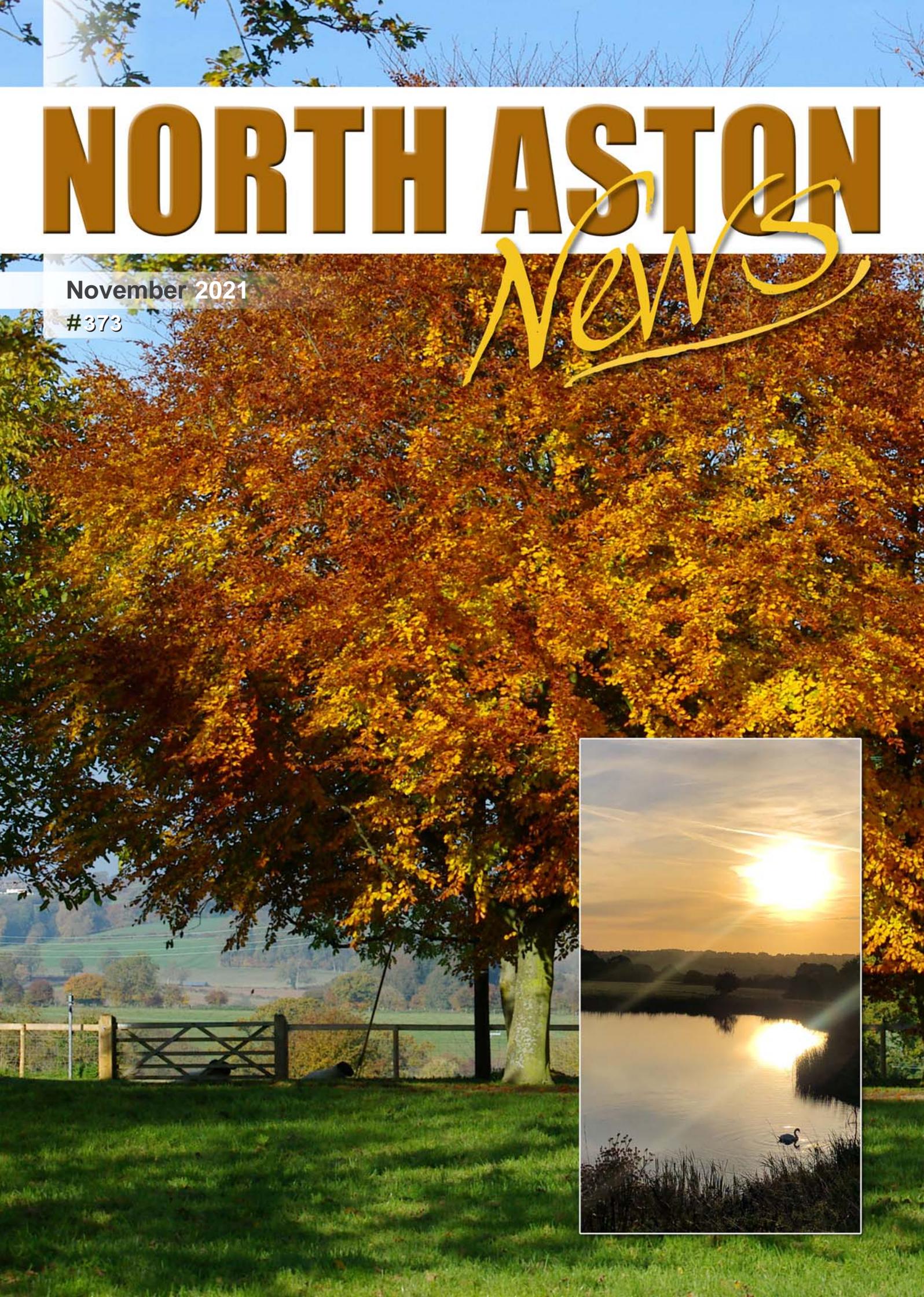


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Notes from the Chair

Hello Everyone ...

As I am sure you are aware, there have been ongoing discussions about a possible bus route coming to North Aston, with the bus stop being at the fountain (this is in addition to the one that collects from The Fox).

I have had a few people approach me with possible suggestions as regards destinations and so I hope that the proposed timetable (extract below) accommodates most, if not all of these. The full timetable was mailed out to the North Aston Mailing List at the end of October.

The cost will be the same as the standard bus ticket, and bus passes are also accepted, so there is no outlay to the village to be included in the service schedule. Therefore we will have a trial in the New Year. However, as with most things, if it isn't supported then unfortunately we will lose it. I'm super excited to have this new amenity for our small village and I am hoping that it will be well used.

Peter Durnin

I would like to thank everyone for their kind words regarding my father, Peter Durnin, who sadly passed away on the 27th October. He was a kind, gentle and patient man. He has left a huge hole in mine and my family's life and will be hugely missed. He was definitely one in a million!

You can telephone Lucinda on **340588**

or email: chair@north-aston.co.uk

Lucinda

Peter F W Durnin, 1951-2021

It is with much sadness that we report the passing, on 27th October, of Peter Durnin.

Peter was born in Somerton in 1951, the son of Albert and Olive Durnin. He married Jane, the daughter of Don and Mary Davidson (and a North Aston resident almost all her life) in 1976, and they moved into School End, at that time fresh from its conversion from former schoolhouse and part-time village hall.

At first they rented, but after a brief stint in Hook Norton, where their eldest child Daniel was born, they were able to purchase School End from The Hall, and return to North Aston. Lucinda, Olivia and Camilla followed, and the family became firmly entrenched in village life.

Peter is fondly remembered as an active and enthusiastic, but very fair and level-headed Chair of the Parish Meeting. He was instrumental in many community projects, including the restoration of the Foster-Melliard Fountain in 2000. For many years he and Jane operated a successful and much appreciated mobile fish and chip van, while simultaneously managing their smallholding, mainly breeding sheep. I recall with exhaustion helping Peter



recapture an escaped youngster that took us on a three-mile tour of the golf course before finally being tackled to the ground in a Hall Close garden.

After he and Jane moved out of School End, and settled into Godwin's Farm, the rest of us saw less of Peter. When we did catch up with him, it was always to be impressed by the good humour and stoic resolve with which he faced illness. He was inevitably the first to crack a joke, often at his own expense. I'm sure I speak for all when I express our sympathy to Jane and all the family for their loss, and assure them that Peter will be sorely missed.

MP, Oct 2021

Front Cover: Autumn arrives in North Aston, with thanks to Jonathan Wiseman for the inset photo of a visiting swan on one of the lakes in The Park.

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.

Progress on several current applications remains stalled at the pre-approval stage, and the list of unresolved notices remains a lengthy one this month, with some new additions, however.

North Aston Hall St Mary's Walk North Aston OX25 6AA. It has been decided that a previous application relating to the erection of agricultural buildings for landscape maintenance and storage now requires full planning consent. This will need to be applied for through the usual channels. Reference No: 21 / 03323 / AGN

21 The Green North Aston OX25 6HX. A decision relating to the felling of two trees is imminent. Reference No: 21 / 03224 / TCA

Lower House St Mary's Walk North Aston OX25 6AA. A decision regarding the pollarding and height reduction of an elderly tree was expected in September. Reference No: 21 / 02749 / TCA

North Aston Hall St Mary's Walk North Aston OX25 6AA. The application to restore and replant the gardens around the Hall has been approved. Reference No: 21 / 02703 / TCA

Bradenstoke Barn & Coach House, St Mary's Walk, OX25 6AA. Various applications relating to work proposed on both these properties is now three months overdue. Reference Nos: 21 / 02003 / LB and 21 / 02002 / F

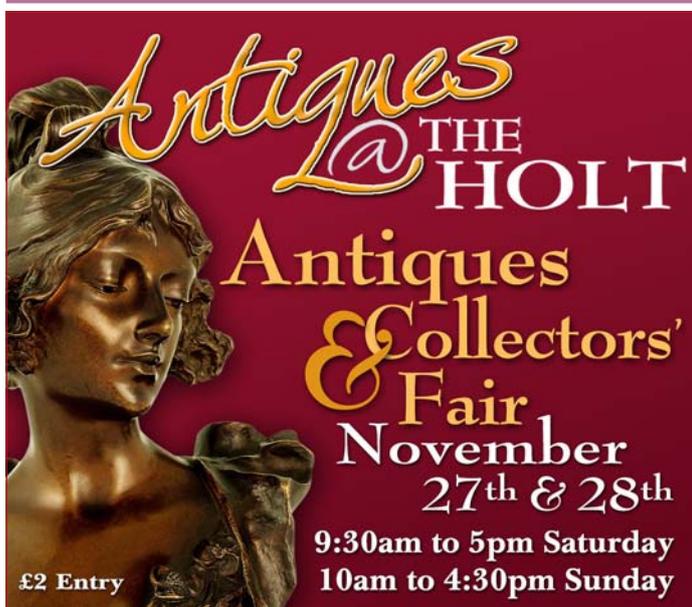
North Aston Hall St Mary's Walk North Aston OX25 6AA. Work proposed on trees close to the Hall has been approved. Reference No: 21 / 01996 / TPO

Gate Cottage Somerton Road North Aston OX25 6HX. The application to replace the existing kitchen extension has been approved. Ref Nos: 21 / 01861 / LB and 21 / 01860 / F

18 The Green North Aston OX25 6HX. A resolution on the question of the Willow is now five months overdue. Reference No: 21 / 01206 / TCA

North Aston Hall St Mary's Walk North Aston OX25 6AA. A decision regarding partial strip-out of some floors in The Hall is six months overdue. Reference No: 21 / 01012 / LB

See previous page for an update on traffic-related matters and other planning issues.



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- **Tuesday to and from Deddington**
Leave North Aston 08:55, arrive Deddington 09:00
Return, depart Deddington 12:07, arrive NA 12:20
- **Wednesday to and from Chipping Norton**
Leave North Aston 09:03, arrive Chippy 09:45
(via Steeple Aston, Middle Barton, Sandford, Great Tew, Little Tew, ALDI, Surgery, West Street & Co-op.)
Return, depart Chippy 11:55, arrive NA 12:37
- **Thursday to and from Deddington**
Leave North Aston 10:01, arrive Deddington 10:06/10:17
Leave North Aston 10:41, arrive Deddington 10:47
Return, depart Deddington 15:15, arrive NA 15:20
- **Friday to and from Bicester**
Leave North Aston at 10:38 am, arrive Bicester 11:10
(via Steeple Aston, Lower Heyford, Middleton Stony to the Market Place. Additional stops at Bicester Village Station, Bicester Tesco & Bicester Avenue retail park.)
Return depart Market Place at 13:37, arrive NA 14:13.
- **Every 4th Saturday to Deddington Farmer's Market**
Leave North Aston 09:52 arrive Deddington 09:57
Leave North Aston 10:53 arrive Deddington 11:03
Return, depart Deddington 11:05, arrive NA 11:12
Return, depart Deddington 12:05, arrive NA 12:12

The services could start in the New Year. If you could be tempted, please let Lucinda know - see previous page.



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North Aston Nature Notes

With Stephen Rees

Hello all! First off, did anyone else notice all the Ladybirds at the beginning of last month? Oh my goodness, they were everywhere! They were in our house, in my van, the workshop, and even in Wendy's coat and hair!

Also worthy of note, Little Owls and Tawny Owls alike have been very vocal down in our corner of the Green, all month. Auntie Viv said it was the same behind her cottage. I love them, and lay awake at night listening to them – far preferable to the shrill bark of the foxes, calling for mates all evening.

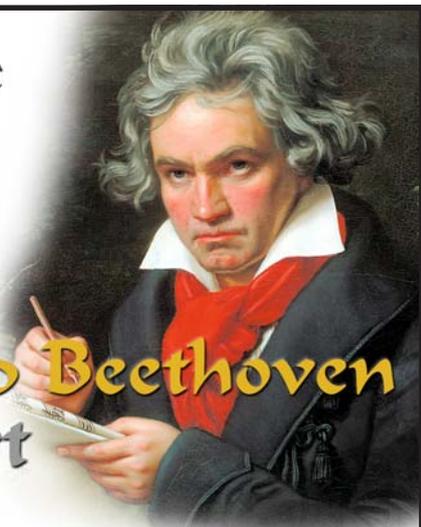
It's been good so far this autumn for mushrooms. There are loads growing behind our house, and the Shaggy Ink Caps are springing up in their usual place, towards the eastern end of The Green. They always put on a good display.



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Wendy counted eight kites sat in one dead tree last week. They looked like a load of vultures on the African plains, and my bestest old mate Fred was watching a Buzzard through his binoculars when it dived down, grabbed a stoat, and flew off with it. The stoat squirmed round and bit the Buzzard's leg, and the bird dropped it. Amazing spot Freddy!

I've spotted more Jays this autumn than I've ever seen before. Clearly, their numbers are rising. At the end of October, out on a bike ride, a Woodcock flew across in front of us, and that's the earliest I think I've seen one. I've also counted seven different Squirrels under the Sweet Chestnut tree on The Green, collecting and burying nuts. It's the same with the moles, who are hunting like mad for worms to take to their 'storerooms' for winter, and throwing up molehills.

For several mornings there has been a big skein of geese flying over the village, just as it's getting light. There must be 20 or 30 of them. They make a wonderful sight ... and sound ... but I'm not sure where they're coming from. I bet they're heading for a field of freshly sown crops! They'll be doing a fair bit of damage, so I'm glad I'm not the farmer.

Two final things Notes this month. Our spare bedroom has become a hotel for butterflies. We have dozens of them, all bunched up and happily ready to sleep through the winter. It's probably thanks to our lovely new warm heating system.

And lastly, working in the village for the last two months, I've got to say how impressive our traffic control officer Pedro is! He spends lots of the day standing in the middle of the road, slowing down the cars and making them drive round him. Excellent work. That's it then, and thanks for reading.

Steve and Wendy

BoB In NAston

This new group was set up to build on the positive energy which has been very apparent in the village over the past couple of years and we came together to talk about ways in which we could do small acts which continued to connect the community and give rise to positive feelings. The meeting was very jolly and well attended and the meeting notes follow. New participants are very much welcome and we hope this can grow into a positive and regular way of doing small things which we feel matter. Kindness matters. Please do let me know if you'd like to part of it (anniesavage0@gmail.com or 347767). The next meeting is on Thursday November 14th.

Initial Meeting. Thursday October 14 2021 at Middle Cottage.

Present: Annie Savage (AS) Rachel Lindfield (RL), Mary Healy (MH), Jeremy Taylor (JT), Nick Miller (NM), Julie Al-Nugaidi (JA), Freya Stay (FS), Ginnie Stay (GS), Eve Liberadzki (EL) Kildare B-Borrowes (KBB).

Interested parties unable to attend: Liz Nicholson, Gurli Kneale, Clare Hathaway, Franca Potts, Sue Hatz, Marcus Potts, Josh Potts, Amy Gay and children.

Annie welcomed all those who came and explained she wanted to get together to explore the idea of building on some of the energy and warmth which had flowed through the community during the pandemic. Events and gathering such as Aunt Sally, the village party and the exchanges on the Village WhatsApp have been very uplifting...

We had a discussion around what the word Community meant as there seems to be a feeling that this is shared but we all have different sentiments about it. We talked about the notion that a community of about 150 adults appears to be a nearly ideal number for maintaining stable social relationships where everyone knows each other, and appears to have been for thousands of years (sometime known as Dunbar's number-KBB). N Aston has about that number of adults. Added to which the village has a very special set of community features in terms of organic and sustainable land use, ownership continuity, affordable housing, multi-generational and very long-term residents, good local employment and a quite widespread and deeply felt focus on sustainability.

So what's good about Community and what can we do to Be our Best in it?

Some of the key points arising:

- One of the constraints on North Aston as a community is that we don't have a good place where people can naturally bump into and meet others. This constricts numbers of people, especially the elderly but as a balancer to that, the experience of being in the village is friendly.
- Community is a shared-purpose thing as well as a bumping-into thing.
- We have an older generation, some of whom live alone, and we should give thought to things which could meet their needs.
- Aiming for connection between people could overcome some of the changes in the village which may lead to lack of cohesion.
- Community can involve the whole sharing of things that we can, should and are doing to look after sustainability & the future of the planet – for the sake of our community and the global one.
- The climate crisis and so many of the problems in the world can be overwhelming and can result in people feeling frozen so the premise behind the group is finding ways to meet the community needs of connection and sharing by

doing small things rather than trying to address major issues. Bite size chunks (BoBlets for the kids?!) rather than huge projects:

We then discussed further ideas about Community action and some of the projects we talked about involving ourselves with are:

- North Aston News: we have a wonderful resource in the monthly newsletter and community focussed articles could be very powerful.
- Village Fête and other daytime events.
- Events such as film shows, perhaps in the Bakery.
- Village and parish clean up. While we should be picking up litter whenever we see it, organising a regular working party is an excellent way to meet other people, and it gets results.
- Skill sharing & cultural events. Lots of ideas emerged about a skills or knowledge exchange and it was interesting to hear some of things which we could exchange – crocheting, sourdough baking, Excel tuition, languages, preparation of food reflecting seasonality..
- Outreach. Let's see how we can help others more; N Aston has already given over 1,000 items to the Heyford Park pantry, but we can do more.
- We can try to help refugees, such as donating the many old coats we no longer need to Together 100.
- Short term volunteering of labour to support projects like planting at the Hummingbird Centre at Bicester and Headstart at Banbury.
- Joining other community groups such as the Bridge Street Community Garden in Banbury – enhancing our own connections and providing support to others
- Resource management. We have now a special collecting point for things such as crisp packets, coffee pods and blister packs at the bus shelter, but what else can we do to recycle more?
- Book library – bus shelter or bakery or maybe share photos of books we are happy to lend to each other.
- Shared orders of wholefoods from SUMA
- Make connections with some urban communities so that we can learn from each other.
- Shared meals.

Everyone thanked Annie for this stimulating initiative and her warm hospitality. Next meeting: Thursday November 14th.

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Kildare has been considering ways in which we can all play our part in responding to the climate emergency. There can be a feeling of overwhelm which freezes us, and these small steps, whilst not feeling massively challenging, are significant contributions if we all participate. here are his suggestions:

1. Reduce our cotton consumption by buying clothes from secondhand stores/charity shops.

Better still, could NA have a monthly or quarterly bring/exchange or pay a small amount for clothes and soft furnishings, maybe in the Bakery?

Growing cotton consumes vast amounts of precious water, a key commodity, wherever it's grown.

2. If buying new clothes, let's try to buy certified organic clothing, which helps the organic-sustainable movement across the globe.

3. Eat less meat.

Try to obtain "Pasture Fed / Pasture for Life" beef, lamb and pork. 'Grass fed' is not the same thing. This helps reduce the dreadful deforestation taking place to grow soya to feed livestock and helps sustainable farmers and animal welfare everywhere. Our very own NA Farms regularly have the very thing, and there are others locally. Local is really good.



4. Food packaging.

Let's try to resolve to buy products, especially things we buy regularly or a lot of, with the minimum of packaging. Of course take our own bags and buy bulk fruit and veg. Plastic packaging is a hard nut to crack, it is so perfect at what it does, but most of it doesn't actually get recycled, but ends up in incinerators, rivers, lakes and oceans.

5. Plastic Bags

Let's resolve to never accept or buy another disposable plastic bag from a shop.

6. Organic Food.

Support and buy as much veg from NA Organics as possible. Similarly milk, cream etc. from NA Farms. Local, in-season organic food is the only way to be best. Of course it may cost a bit more but it has everything going for it.





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7. Pesticides & Herbicides.

If we're not happy with living with caterpillars, aphids, etc., let's resolve never to buy non-Bio products again. There are plenty out there, and happily the major supermarkets are gradually taking the bad stuff off their shelves.

8. Plant more and more Pollinator-friendly plants.

There are so many of them, see www.rhs.org.uk/plantsforpollinators or try <https://friendsoftheearth.uk/nature/beefriendly-plants-every-season>.

Many 'weeds' are not only beautiful but are good for pollinators and a host of other insects like beetles, moths, micro moths, etc. Let's resolve to let them grow.

9. Allow our gardens to grow wild!

Why not let our lawn grass grow long? Mown lawns are almost like an ecological desert and don't help biodiversity one bit. Doing this is a plus-plus. Much better for biodiversity and much less greenhouse gases spewing out of the mower.

Perhaps we can have a competition for the best wild-kept garden as opposed to the best-kept garden; Jeremy would probably win!

Can the areas of the Green that's not used for sheep pasture or play be left wild?

10. Recycling

We have already set up several recycling initiatives, but there's so much more that we could still do. Let's add to our recycling as much as we can.

11. Carshares

If we're going somewhere by car, and have room, ask on the WhatsApp group whether anyone else would like a lift.



We had the benefit of some off-station drill nights across September, utilising unfamiliar derelict buildings to keep crew members up to scratch with vital BA (breathing apparatus) procedures, and allowing those working towards their BA Team Leaders to practice the required skills in the run up to their practical assessments. FF Wilby will soon be undertaking his initial BA training course, in which we wish him the best of luck. Among the nine fire calls we responded to in September, we attended our first chimney fire of the season. Fortunately it was extinguished before any damage was done, but serves as a timely reminder to get your chimney swept before lighting the fire on one of the chilly autumn days we have been having!
FF Corrie King

Rode & Strode?

Once again, thanks are due to Steven (Randall) for his effort in cycling to raise £220 for the Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust in September's *Ride & Stride*. Of that, £110 will be returned to St Mary's. The Trust has helped us financially in the past and will no doubt be asked again to assist in the maintenance and upkeep of our ancient village church. *Clive Busby on behalf of the PCC*

Road Closure

The road through Somerton will be closed for the day on Wednesday 24th November, from 09:30 - 15:30.



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Consultation on Admissions Policy 2023-2024

As required by the Admissions Code, the Governors of Dr Radcliffe's Church of England Primary School have initiated a consultation period on the Admissions Policy for 2023-2024 which will run from Monday 1st November 2021 until Friday 31 December 2021.

This consultation is to comply with our statutory requirements to consult at least every seven years. The only changes to the Admissions Policy are those required by the Schools Admissions code introduced in May 2021. There are no substantive changes to either our admissions criteria or catchment area. The draft policy may be viewed on the school website: www.dr-adcliffes.org.uk/admissions/. Hard copies may be obtained by contacting the school office on the address below or by phone on 01869 340204.

Any comments on the draft policy should be forwarded in writing to the Clerk to the Governors at Dr Radcliffe's CE Primary School, Fir Lane, Steeple Aston, Bicester, Oxon OX25 4SF or by email to admin.3828@dr-radcliffes.oxon.sch.uk. Letters or emails should be marked "Response to Consultation on 2023-2024 Admissions Policy".

Sue Hatzigeorgiou, School Secretary

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From the Councillor

Forgive me for the break in communication, but the district council has sprung back into action ... well, in truth we never stopped, and refuse collection, bottle bank emptying, dog waste collection, licensing, social housing, planning etc still needed to be done. It's just that the formal meetings and face to face gatherings went online whilst the manual work still had to be done by our loyal workforce.

With a relaxation in social distancing and the encouragement of 'Go back to the office' we're now meeting face-to-face again, but as I write the threat of further restrictions loom. The virus is certainly not done yet and we must all be vigilant, especially amongst the more vulnerable in our community.

The following notes outline the various initiatives that Cherwell District Council has been involved with, including the recommendation that 30mph limits be reduced to 20mph, which is especially relevant to North Aston, as is the continual problem of speeding traffic.

Support Schemes for those in Need

Support is available for those suffering hardship, whether directly or indirectly related to the pandemic.

From January 2020, we have run a local emergency support scheme through our community hub. So far we have supported 806 households, with a total of £220,000. This has included support with the costs of food shopping and help to pay energy bills. The government's **Household Support Grant** will enable us to extend and expand the scheme through to March 2022.

In the meantime, the same government funding helped to provide **free school meals** (or equivalent support) through the October half-term, with a similar scheme in place for Early Years. We expect the scheme will be continued for holidays through to Easter 2022. In addition, the *Holiday Activity Fund* will provide 800 funded childcare places in Cherwell during the Christmas school holidays. While the requirements change, residents required to self-isolate can still apply for the £500 Test and Trace grant.

Further information on welfare support is available on the CDC website or through Citizens Advice. Additional support includes the *Warm Home Discount Scheme*, *NHS Healthy Start Vouchers*, and help with the costs of childcare. Local Housing Allowance rates were increased in April 2020, while those on housing benefit but struggling to pay rent may be eligible for *Discretionary Housing Payments*.

Supporting Afghan Refugees

As part of a coordinated response, we have been working closely with local authority and NHS colleagues and local charity partners to find suitable accommodation for families fleeing Afghanistan. This needs to be a long-term solution, but we are in the process of securing ten family-size houses for a period of 12 months, supported by government funding. Working with the MOD and *Sanctuary Housing* we hope to begin matching families with properties in good time before Christmas. Further family groups are due to be resettled by *South Oxfordshire* and *Vale of White Horse District Councils*.

While awaiting more permanent housing, the County Council has been working with *Asylum Welcome* to provide a full wraparound offer for families, including securing school places for school-age children. All families have been registered with a doctor and dentist, and bank accounts and national insurance are being arranged; all families now have a phone and a laptop; English language classes are being held for adults, and the Local Enterprise Partnership is offering work placements and bite-size work-ready courses to adults.

Key Parish Boundaries could be Redrawn

Some of the lines which define where one parish ends and another begins could soon be updated. The council has approved a district-wide community governance review, which will take around a year to complete. There will be plenty of opportunity for residents to participate, with the first consultation beginning on 22 November.

County's new 20mph Policy

Proposals to enable 20mph to become the new 30mph across Oxfordshire have been approved. OCC's Cabinet voted to endorse proposals to make it simpler, quicker and less cost prohibitive to lower speeds to 20mph, especially in villages where it is both suitable and supported by residents. The county council will now carry out a countywide survey of parish councils to understand the potential level of interest.

The latest on Covid-19

During the last fortnight of October, cases in Oxfordshire rose by 44%, and across every age group. 12 to 15 year-olds are now being offered one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, and the *National Booking Service* is now open to parents wanting to book a vaccination for their child. 16 to 17 year-olds are also being offered a first dose, and anyone 16 or over can 'grab a jab' at the Kassam Stadium in Oxford without an appointment. Those 18 or over can book a vaccination on the *National Booking Service* without waiting to be invited. Booster jabs are also continuing to be rolled out across Oxfordshire.

Details on all these topics, as well as access to information on symptom-free and symptomatic COVID-19 testing, can be found on the county council's website.

Bryn Williams, District Councillor, Deddington Ward



St Mary's Church Flower & Cleaning Team is looking for new recruits

In the past we have had seven or more volunteers on the rota, but over the last 4-5 years this has dwindled down to three and we would really appreciate some help.

Flowers can be arranged at home if preferred and simply placed on the windowsills (2-3 arrangements). You do not have to be an expert! Cleaning takes about half an hour.

If you can help with the flowers, the cleaning, or both, we would love to hear from you! Please call Jane McArdle on 01869 347504 or 07790 090282



Thank you for Harvest!

Thanks to everyone who made our Harvest weekend at the start of October such an amazing success. As usual, we had the most amazing array of flowers and veg around the church - it's always wonderful to see such visual creativity at festival time in North Aston church!

And in our Harvest Festival service, in addition to singing Harvest hymns and being reminded of the power of taking a moment to be grateful, we took a special collection for three charities: for *Water Aid*, for the work of *Polly Preedy* among the homeless in Banbury, and for *Asylum Welcome*, caring for Afghan refugees here in Oxfordshire. The PCC also committed to match the amount given with a further donation to *Asylum Welcome*.

Thank-you for your amazing generosity - the collection was just shy of £200. Wonderful. And the PCC is, as promised, matching that donation.

Remembrance Sunday November 14th

Regular readers may recall from last month that we still have a COVID limit on attendance of around 60 people in church. This may be a bit of a push at Christmas time, but should be fine for everyone who wishes to come and join us on Remembrance Sunday, November 14th.

It's important every year to remember those who gave their lives in the awful wars of the Twentieth Century, fighting so that basic things we hold dear - political freedom, the right for all people to be treated equally and fairly - might be maintained and cherished. Those wars were long and hard, for those who left home and served, and for those who remained behind. These months of the pandemic have seemed unbearable for many of us, and perhaps should make us again lift our hearts in gratitude to those who served or died or who lost loved ones. Come and join us as we reflect together: 9.30am in church on Sunday November 14th.

Benefice Church Charity Quiz Saturday Nov 20th

Every November, Steeple parish try to run a quiz that raises money for a charity somewhere - and this year have decided to raise funds for a charity we often hold dear here in North Aston, the very wonderful *Mary's Meals*.

This year they are not holding the event in Steeple Village Hall, but are doing the quiz by Zoom. The benefit of this of course is that everyone across the benefice can join in - especially those of us in North Aston, who have spent so much time helping out with *Mary's Meals*! You can join in by gathering as a group together, or by playing as a family - or even just by yourself! The way it works is this:

First: email me at steeplerector@hotmail.co.uk and I will send you a link to my Quiz Just Giving page for *Mary's Meals*.

Second: go to that link and give as much as you like on that page. As much or as little. Not a penny goes to Steeple church - it's all for *Mary's Meals* and the terrific work they do in helping feed 2,000,000 children across Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe and Latin America. Your gift goes to their work.

Third: when you have given (and do either just add your name as you give or send me a note to say you've donated!) I will email you the Zoom link so ...

(Fourth!) you can join in with your team/family/by yourself, 'live' on Saturday November 20th at 7.30pm. Don't be late!!!



Revd Marcus Green

Call: (01869) 340903

Email: steeplerector@hotmail.co.uk

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

Church Services in November 2021

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Sunday 7th November

9:30 am Holy Communion <i>Book of Common Prayer</i> Revd Marcus Green	11:00 am Holy Communion <i>Book of Common Prayer</i> Revd Marcus Green	5:30 pm Evensong Revd Marcus Green
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Sunday 14th November

9:30 am <i>Remembrance</i> Revd Marcus Green	10:55 am <i>Remembrance</i> Revd Marcus Green	5:30 pm <i>Remembrance</i> Revd Marcus Green
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Sunday 21st November

9:30 am Holy Communion Revd Marcus Green	11:00 am Holy Communion Revd Marcus Green	5:30 pm Evensong Richard Bailey
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Sunday 28th November

9:30 am Morning Prayer Richard Bailey	11:00 am <i>Morning Prayer & Baptism</i> Revd Marcus Green	9:30 am <i>Family Communion</i> Revd Marcus Green
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Sunday 5th December

9:30 am Holy Communion <i>Book of Common Prayer</i> Revd Marcus Green	11:00 am Holy Communion <i>Book of Common Prayer</i> Revd Marcus Green	5:30 pm Evensong for <i>St Nicholas' Day</i> Revd Marcus Green
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You can also contact members of the PCC:

Church Wardens: Clive Busby, (casb@north-aston.com, 340470) and Annabel Bevan, (annabelbevan@hotmail.com, 345153).

Richard Bailey (LLM, ex officio), Vicky Taylor (secretary), Jeremy Taylor, Ginny Stay, Jane Jana, Beryl Greenwood.



Bonfire Night!

Bonfire Night falls on a Friday this year. Please remember that it is illegal to let off fireworks after 11:00pm on any other day except the 5th (midnight). If you're planning on having a fireworks party on any other evening, then please advise your neighbours so that pets can be kept safely indoors, call Eileen on 347210, and email info@north-aston.co.uk with details.

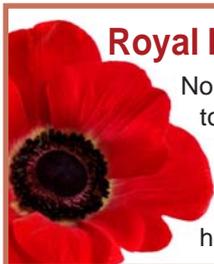
Announcements

Deddington Farmers' Market

This month's market will take place on Saturday 27th November, while the Church plays host to craft stallholders offering locally produced handcrafted items and gifts. Customers are requested to wear masks and to park at the school. Visit the website: www.deddingtonfarmersmarket.co.uk for the latest information.

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

After a few hiccups in recent weeks, due to illness, Van 99 is back on schedule, and will be on The Green every Wednesday at ten-to-six. You can pre-order by calling 07484 360719, emailing van99orders@gmail.com or visiting bit.ly/findvan99



Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

Norman has already started visiting door-to-door making his annual collection for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. If he's missed you and you'd like to donate, and collect a poppy, knock on his door at No. 22 The Green. Thankyou.



NORTH ASTON 100 CLUB

October 2021

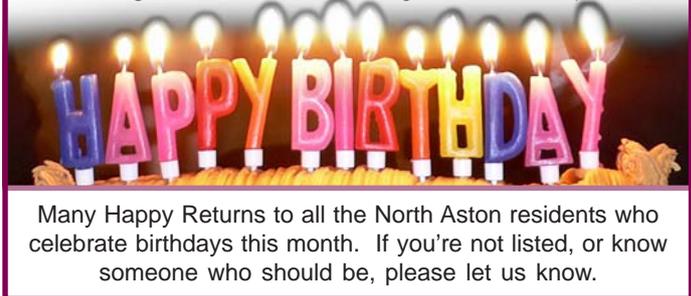
The winners of last month's draw were:
 1st Prize (£25): Dany Howe (#66)
 2nd Prize (£5): Louise Young (#56)

Congratulations to this month's winners! For more info on the Club, call Bev on 347434 or email info@north-aston.co.uk.

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

November Birthdays

Rebecca Brown
 Anna Clara Liberadzki
 Liz Nicholson
 Pat Parry
 Billy Rees
 Archie Stay
 James Taylor
 Magdalena Waszynska-Tejza



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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