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Notes from the Chair

Hello everyone .

What a busy month we had in April ... Easter, Egg Hunts and charity sales ... quite the place to be, and it looks like this month isn't going to be a quiet one either!

We have the Village Meeting on Tuesday (3rd) in the Old Bakery (details can be found below) and hopefully we'll see lots of you there. Topics for discussion range from electing the new Chair to discussing Jubilee celebrations, and everything in between, so lots to discuss and decide.

This will be my very last 'News from the Chair' segment and I must say, I have thoroughly loved waffling on each month!

Thank you again to everyone who has been so kind and patient with me over the last 3 years (particularly Annie, Sue & Marcus), I have really enjoyed my time being Chair of North Aston! Lots of love,

You can telephone Lucinda on **340588**
or email: **chair@north-aston.co.uk**

Lucinda

North Aston Village Meeting & AGM

Tuesday 3rd May 2022 - 7:00 pm - Old Bakery

The AGM for the Village Meeting and a Village Forum meeting will be held on Tuesday 3rd May at 7pm in The Bakery. It will be great to be back together again and meeting in person, and the committee hopes that as many people as possible will come along - everyone is welcome.

We'd especially like to ask people who haven't been to a Meeting before to join us, as there is a need for us to keep ideas fresh and communication between the village flowing.

It's also a time for change and opportunity, as the current Officers are standing down to make way for a new Committee. It's important that this is done regularly, not only as new ideas and ways of doing things are welcome, but it is also vital that North Aston remains independent. If we are unable to elect fresh Officers to create a Village Committee, responsibility for managing village business will pass to a neighbouring parish - Duns Tew or possibly Steeple Aston. To stop this happening, please do volunteer. The roles aren't onerous and it's a great way of meeting neighbours. The Agenda is as follows:

Village Meeting

- 1 Welcome and summary of structure
- 2 Approval of AGM 2021 minutes
- 3 Treasurers Report and Annual Reporting
- 4 Insurance and Risk Register
- 5 Election of Officers

North Aston Village Forum

- 1 Thanks
- 2 Traffic Committee Update
- 3 SRFI Consultation
- 4 Platinum Jubilee Celebrations and Fête
- 5 Bob Group and Preloved sale
- 4 Dog Waste
- 5 Mikron. Scheduled for Friday 24th June at 7 pm: *Red Sky at Night. The Wild and Wonderful World of Weather*
- 6 Aunt Sally
- 7 100 Club
- 8 Date of Next Meeting

Many thanks, Annie Savage (secretary@north-aston.co.uk)

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.

The CDC Planning Department has been busy again. There are some new applications, others have moved ahead at speed, while some remained stalled.

North Aston Hall, St Mary's Walk North Aston OX25 6AA. As outlined in the February issue of the *News*, an application has now been made to realign the existing southern driveway to The Hall. If approved, the drive would then run straight, south-south-west, from the existing cattle grid adjacent to St Mary's Walk, to a point near the footpath and gateway between the woods and Wings Ground. It will then join the existing driveway (built 2010-2011) to link with the Middle Aston Road. At that junction, a new gateway is proposed. Set back from the road, it will be in a similar style to the existing pillared entrance beside Gate Cottage (the Fountain) but will also incorporate a cattle grid, stone piers, and wrought iron gates. The vestiges of the existing driveway eastwards, looping round and past the cattle pen, will be returned to grass. Comments on these plans must be submitted to CDC before 20th May. Reference No: 22 / 01094 / F

Proposed new gateway
for the Middle Aston Road



North Aston Hall, St Mary's Walk North Aston OX25 6AA. The application to permit the replacement of all sash windows in the Hall with double-glazed sash units has now moved into the consultation stage. Reference No: 22 / 00881 / LB

Bradenstoke Barn, St Mary's Walk North Aston OX25 6AA. Various conditional discharges have been lodged relating to details of fireplace installations, flues, plumbing, chimneys and window cills as required to facilitate the restoration and renovation of the Barn. Those relating to the removal of various chimneys have been approved, others remain "under consultation". Reference No: 22 / 00881 / LB and others

North Aston Hall, St Mary's Walk North Aston OX25 6AA. The application to reinstate windows to the east elevation of the North Aston Hall, install new blind windows on north elevation, and replace one French window, has been approved. Reference No: 22 / 00354 / LB and 22 / 00353 / F

North Aston Hall, St Mary's Walk North Aston OX25 6AA. The decision on the application to build an estate office and vehicle storage facility is now overdue. Reference No: 22 / 00276 / F

North Aston Hall, St Mary's Walk North Aston OX25 6AA. The decision on an application to replace the agricultural storage barn remains overdue. Reference No: 22 / 00224 / F

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North Aston Nature Notes

With Stephen Rees

We spotted (Wendy spotted!) our first swallow on the 15th April, down by the canal. Just a single one that day, but we've seen a good few more since then, but none in the village yet. Chris the Shepherd says they are making nests at Park Farm and Jeremy has a pair at Cold Harbour.

We still have two cock pheasants coming to our feeder every day, but the seven hens that had been visiting have disappeared now, so hopefully they are sitting hard on nests and, even more hopefully, will bring their young to our feeder in a few weeks.

Our beech hedge started to shoot new green leaves on the 18th, and all the Hawthorn is vibrant and green and the blossom is smelling lovely.



Our bees are going bonkers every time it's sunny, and the hotels are filling up fast. The Apple trees down here are in beautiful blossom and the bees are just loving it. We've seen lots of little *Bombylius major*, more commonly called the Dark Edged Bee Fly. It has a long nose and hovers, moves a bit, hovers again, and is very entertaining to watch.

Butterflies are starting to get active now too. Besides the usual, I've seen a few early Painted Ladies and one Woodland Ringlet - a very pretty little brown job with yellow spots. Keep



an eye open for the beautiful sulphur-yellow Brimstone butterflies that can be seen in the flowering meadows and visiting gardens in the village, as well as the occasional Orange Tip.

Most of our bird boxes are occupied now and Deirdre thinks one may have two occupants: a Blue Tit and a Nuthatch.

On the night of the 25th someone must have lost a red chicken, because the fox killed it in our back garden and left a trail of feathers through our car park and on below Bill and Jean's house.



Bird of the Month ~ The Cuckoo

A bit of a rare visitor nowadays. I only heard one last year, but when we were kids there were loads about.

Love them or hate them, it's a shame not to hear them. Traditionally, April 28th was called Cuckoo Day, so maybe by the time you read this someone may have heard one.

I could write a book on cuckoo folklore, there's so much of it. A few that I like best include ...

If you hear a Cuckoo, take the soil from under your right foot and scatter it around your house and you will have a flea-free year.

If you hear a cuckoo from the West, you can ask it a wish and he will grant it, but if you hear him to the North, there will be a death that night. Blimey.

If you hear a Cuckoo, turn the coins in your pocket over and over and you may get extra wealth.

... and one last one ... On hearing the Cuckoo, you must roll over in the grass and not walk on gravel or you will be dead within the week.

Finally, we had a very dry April. Rainfall up to and including the 25th was just 13 mm, of which 8 mm fell on the 4th. The Oxfordshire average for April is 49 mm.

Regards, Steve & Wendy

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Recycling - Getting it Right

There was an interesting article on the BBC website recently which included a few tips on recycling, and I've definitely been getting things wrong. It featured recycling and sustainability expert and author of *The Rubbish Book*, James Piper and here's some of the tips he came up with:

DON'T crush bottles and cans. Crushing reduces the likelihood of effective recycling. When mixed recycling is collected from our homes, or when we're out and about on the street, it's likely to go to a material recycling facility. There the items are sorted by shape and size, so if crushed, cans or bottles may get misread as paper.

DON'T take off labels and lids. On their own, they are too small to sort. Better to leave lids and labels on bottles as that's going to increase the likelihood that they get found at the sorting facility.

Follow the tennis ball rule. As a general rule, anything smaller than a tennis ball is really hard to sort, If you're putting aluminium foil in the bin its always best to scrunch the aluminium foil into a ball bigger than a tennis ball.

Beware the anti-plastic rhetoric Varying products isn't always the greenest move. Stories about companies moving from HDPE plastic milk bottles, which are collected by every council and likely to be recycled, into plastic-lined cardboard cartons does not mean moving to a better product. These cartons are actually less likely to get recycled.

"So one of the things we need to be careful with, as consumers, is to believe this anti-plastic rhetoric," says James. We may miss opportunities to increase recycling by using

plastic, and cause retailers to move over to packaging that is actually less likely to be recycled.

Think Before You Bin!

An organisation called Hubbub did some research that found that "on average we spend less than two seconds on how to recycle something, so it is important to give thought to where the packaging will end up.

The next time you're about to throw something in the recycling bin, stop, think and check you've got it right.

Be a Critical Thinker

We need to be critical too when we read stories and stats, says James. Most of us would herald the 5p carrier bag charge as "a good thing" and believe that it's reduced the amount of plastic that we're using, but what that 5p carrier bag charge has really done is caused a lot of us to buy *Bags for Life*.

A Greenpeace report showed that, on average, people buy 57 bags for life a year, which is huge, Plastic use in carrier bags has actually gone up by 440 percent, according to reports, rather than down as we all believe. Why do we think it's gone down? Because the Government's reporting only reflects single-use carrier bag data, and not this negative knock-on effect of everyone then buying bigger, thicker *Bags for Life*.

There is an initiative running from 16th to 22nd May aimed at raising support for reducing single-use plastic – take a look at www.thebigplasticcount.com.
Annie Savage

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Many thanks to all who attended the Preloved/Freecycle Sale and fundraiser on the 23rd April. I know many went home with some marvellous buys and the Freecycle table was practically cleared. It was a fun time with many villagers dropping in for a browse and a chat.

Your generosity and support raised £510.00, a princely sum for a two-hour village event. This amount has been passed onto the Joanna Simpson Foundation, who aim to rebuild the lives of children who have been traumatised by domestic abuse and even murder of a family member. The money will be used to fund child trauma centres specifically dedicated to domestic abuse, child bereavement training and many more supporting services.

The sale was a joint effort by several people from within the village, and I am very grateful for all the assistance given. A particular mention to Annie Savage and Eve Liberadski whose hard work brought the idea to fruition. Also my thanks to Jeremy Taylor who kindly allowed us to use The Old Bakery, to Mary Healy for preparing the venue, to Marcus and Franca Potts who helped spread the word, and for Marcus's professional looking parking signs and their installation and removal. To Tony Buxton for being the parking attendant, and to Gurli for her creative internal signage. Truly a village affair!

Many Thanks, Julie Al-Nugaidi



After an exceptionally busy start to the year, this last month has been a little quieter, with 11 shouts in total encompassing stand bys, RTCs, fire and alarm calls.

Emma Flint has passed her emergency vehicle driving course and is now a full "Blue Light" driver and has chauffeured us to several emergencies – having the extra driver will definitely allow us greater flexibility with crewing.



The whole station is very pleased to announce that Deddington has won *Station of the Year* for 2022. Last year we were nominated but pipped at the post by Rewley Road. So, to win this year is something very special. It has been a complete

team effort, but the station couldn't have achieved this without leadership and guidance from our sterling watch Manager, Chris Fenemore.

The still cool evenings, and the propensity of nesting Jackdaws in the area means that there have been several avoidable chimney fires. Please check you chimneys for dropped twigs and blocked cones before lighting that fire.

James Greenwood FFD james@cyclogicalshop.co.uk

FAO: Julie Al-Nugaidi
28 April 2022



Dear Julie

CHARITABLE DONATION

I write to thank you most sincerely for the charitable donation made to the Joanna Simpson Foundation this month of £510.

The Foundation is very grateful to you and your friends and colleagues for thinking of us. Your donation means a lot to the Trustees and the work we can undertake. Kind regards.

Yours sincerely, Andrew Hunter, Treasurer

Brown Bins

We've now had a month or more to get used to the new regime for Brown Bin collections. If you haven't yet subscribed, and your old bin doesn't yet have a sticker, then it won't now be emptied, but it's not too late. You can still apply through the CDC website and take advantage of the fortnightly garden waste collection.

If you have decided to opt out, you can keep your old bin, but it simply won't be emptied (without the label). However, if you no longer need it, the waste team will begin collecting unmarked brown bins from July onwards. Residents will be able to contact CDC by calling 01295 221916 to request removal. The waste team will then collect the brown bin and, depending upon its condition, will either repurpose it or dispose of it for recycling.



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From 7th-29th May you can feast your eyes on a huge range of creative activity by hundreds of artists, makers and designers in artists' studios, pop-up galleries, glorious gardens, ancient churches, medieval tithe barns and hundreds of other amazing venues, all around Oxfordshire.

Some will be showing off their skills with brush and paint, while others will be displaying examples of photography, textiles, sculpture and ceramics, woodworking, glass and jewellery. Oxfordshire Artweeks is a chance to talk to artists about their work, watch demonstrations and even have a go yourself. Be inspired!

In the first week (7th-15th May) studios open across Oxford. During the second week (14th-22nd May) you can explore South Oxfordshire locations, and then North Oxfordshire venues in the third week (21st-29th May). All venues are drop-in, free to visit and have committed to be Covid-secure. Opening hours are generally 11am-6pm, but can vary, so check with individual artists before travelling.

Two local artists, Sue King and Nikki Thomas, will be taking part, and you'd be most welcome to visit their studio in the 'Creative Cabin' at the side of 9 Bradshaw Close in Steeple Aston during the third week of Oxfordshire Artweeks. Full details on www.artweeks.org, or check out their Instagram accounts: #sueking4207 and #nikithomasartist



21st May - 29th May 2022

11.00am - 6.00pm

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Broadband



The following message has been received from Martin Crutchley, Rural Engagement Manager at Openreach.

Gigabit Procurement Pause

Many of you may already be aware but your area is being considered as part of the Gigabit Fibre Procurement program. This is a Government led program to rollout out Fibre broadband. This is good news for your area and many properties will be picked up for delivery under this scheme.

What does mean for the Fibre Community Partnership?

We will pause the scheme temporarily while the procurement program defines the areas that will be part of the lots for the procurement. As a supplier we cannot request funding from the DCMS for any schemes in the procurement pause areas, because this may be a duplication of funding if part of the procurement. We will pause temporarily until we understand which areas are in and out which will be publicly announced in the near future. If you find a community partnership will not be part of the procurement programme then the DCMS will be open the eligible areas so we can then apply for funding for your scheme and continue on alongside the procurement programme.

I appreciate for some that have been working hard over some considerable months this pause generates frustration. Clearly any schemes that are not reliant on the funding will continue as normal and communities that wish to self-fund can also progress forward. For those reliant on funding we will wait patiently for the published data to come through in the near term.

For some schemes fortunate enough, they will be picked up as part of the procurement programme and built. The FCP scheme can be closed down as it will be unnecessary.

If you have any questions please come back to me otherwise I will send out further updates in due course to advise the scheme will continue forward or not.

More information is available from Project Gigabit here: www.gov.uk/government/publications/project-gigabit-phase-one-delivery-plan/project-gigabit-phase-one-delivery-plan

If anyone can understand what this means, please let us know. We hope to have clarification in next month's issue.



The 100 Club year is drawing to a close, and envelopes will be distributed this month inviting existing members to renew for another 12 months. It's all in a great cause, and the chances of winning are so much better than the Lottery! Please return envelopes promptly, and if you've never participated before, then please join in the fun. Call Bev on 347434 or email info@north-aston.co.uk for more information.

Notices

Local Elections, Thursday May 5th

Don't forget that we have local elections this month, with district elections being contested:

Cherwell DC, Deddington Ward. Four candidates:

- Aaron James Bliss (The Green Prty)
- James Henry Dean Hartley (Liberal Democrats)
- Annette Murphy (Labour)
- Eddie Reeves (Conservative)

Polling will be in the Old Bakery from 7 am through to 10 pm.

Take your polling card and some means of identification.

This month from TVP

Cold-Callers

Residents are being warned to be cautious of cold callers offering to do driveway, landscaping or roofing work.

Many traders will be booked up, so the advice is to be wary of anyone who claims they can start the work the following day, and who push for a quick agreement to employ them. Always make sure you receive a final total cost in writing before agreeing to any work. Oxfordshire residents can check the Local Authority's *Buy with Confidence* scheme for local traders who have been vetted and approved by Trading Standards.

If anyone believes that they have been the victim of such a rogue trader and wants advice, you can contact the Citizens Advice National Consumer Service on 0800 144 8848 or via its website at Citizens Advice.

Remote Access Scams

Million of pounds is lost every year to scams where victims are tricked into handing over control of their computer or smartphone to criminals. New data from Action Fraud reveals that 20,144 people fell victim to these scams last year, with reported frauds totalling £57,790,384 – an average loss of £2,868 per victim.

Remote Access scams will often begin with a browser pop-up saying that your computer is infected with a virus, or maybe a call from someone claiming to be from your bank saying that they need to connect to your computer in order to cancel a fraudulent transaction on your account. Regardless of the narrative, the fraudster's goal is to steal money or access financial information by tricking you into allowing them to connect remotely to your computer. Only install software or grant remote access to your computer if instructed by someone you know and trust, and never as a result of an unsolicited call, browser pop-up or text message

Christian Aid Week ~ 15-21 May

This month sees the annual appeal for support from *Christian Aid*, with the week of action running from 15th to 21st May. Envelopes will be distributed around the village mid-month, and it would be appreciated if donations could be returned by the 21st. There will be a collecting box in the Bakery.



This year's appeal focuses on the means to address the critical problems that have been prompted by the Covid-19 pandemic, conflict and drought on daily life in central Africa.



Moving on ...

This is my penultimate column in these pages. I'm just back from a long sabbatical to announce that in June I will be departing the Benefice. It has been an enormous privilege to be rector of Steeple Aston with North Aston and Tackley for the last nine years, and I will of course carry with me lots of very happy memories as I take my leave and move into Oxford.

The special joy of a role like this in a community like ours is that I am not only the pastor of the wonderful faithful people who attend worship each week; I'm rector of the whole village - of the whole benefice. I get to know lots of people who value the church for its place in the community, and who have celebrated and mourned and marked all sorts of things in our buildings. Faith comes in all sorts of shapes and sizes, and I believe in a God who loves people - all people: those who are devoted to the community of faith, and those who are not; those who pray often and those who only ask for prayer when life is tough or when they have something that particularly gives them cause for thanks; those who live by forgiveness, and those who neither forget nor forgive; people filled with sorrow and with joy. God loves us all, and the privilege of my job is often simply to stand and watch that love happen.

The truly wonderful thing about God's love is that it is for everyone. Youngest to oldest. Saints and sinners. Church buildings like ours are supposed to be a symbol of this - here for everyone too. Open each day, available whenever, offering opportunity and time and space for any and everyone to quietly come before God as hundreds and thousands have done across the years before us.

Every rector also knows that nothing happens without an army of willing volunteers, led by the church wardens, all of whom deserve more thanks than can ever be properly given. From Sunday services to church fêtes and everything

in between - the rector is often the undeserving face at the front getting the credit, but there are countless others who have actually done the hard work. So - thank you. To everyone. Thank you.

And every rector knows that he (so far, here, only "he", but who knows - hopefully "she" as well before we see very many more rectors pass through) is just one more person in a long line of those who have gone before, seeking to serve, to help, and to do a bit of godly good while in situ. Entertainers, ascetics, scoundrels and scholars - we rectors are just like everyone else: people occasionally overcome by the kindness of God, seeking to share something of that gift.

I stood and watched the schoolchildren of Dr Radcliffe's give their Easter service, and as I listened to them sing, I realised it was the last time I would do that. It was a bit of a moment for me. I'm beginning to pile up 'last times' now. So for all my many mistakes I ask your forgiveness - and for everything else, but principally, for having had this time here in this place with you, I thank God with all my heart.

And I'm not going far, though life as chaplain of Worcester College may indeed seem like a different world...

We will all have a terrific time celebrating Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee together at the start of June. My final service is the week after, and everyone is invited to Steeple Aston at 11am on June 12th if you'd like to mark that occasion too.



Revd Marcus Green

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Church Services in May 2022

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Sunday 8th May		
9:30 am Family Service Revd Marcus Green	11:00 am Family Service Revd Marcus Green	5:30 pm Holy Communion Revd Marcus Green
Sunday 15th May		
10:30 am <i>United Benefice</i> Holy Communion Revd Marcus Green	No Service	No Service
Sunday 22nd May		
9:30 am Morning Prayer with baptism Revd Marcus Green	11:00 am Holy Communion Revd Marcus Green	5:30 pm Informal Service Revd Marcus Green
Sunday 29th May		
9:30 am Morning Prayer Richard Bailey	11:00 am Morning Prayer Revd Marcus Green	9:30 am Family Communion Revd Marcus Green
Sunday 5th June ~ Pentecost - Jubilee Weekend		
9:30 am Holy Communion <i>Book of Common Prayer</i> Revd Marcus Green	6:00 pm Coronation Songs of Praise Revd Marcus Green	11:00 am Jubilee Celebration Service Revd Marcus Green

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

Announcements

Deddington Farmers' Market

This month's market is scheduled for Saturday 28th May, starting around 9 am and open through until 12:30. Please park at the school if possible, and take your own bags and containers to save on single-use plastics. For further information and the latest news, visit the website: www.deddingtonfarmersmarket.co.uk

Wednesday Fish & Chips: 7:25 pm to 7:40 pm

Van 99 will continue to treat us to freshly-fried Fish & Chips for the time being, visiting The Green each Wednesday evening, from 7:25 pm to 7:40 pm, but it's a case of "use it or lose it". Please support Howe's van when you hear the bell. You can pre-order by emailing van99orders@gmail.com or calling 07484 360719. You can also track the van's progress on bit.ly/findvan99

Baby Sitting Service

Susie Taylor is available for babysitting on Friday or Saturday nights, or weeknights during school holidays. She has plenty of experience with looking after younger children. If you'd like to book her services, call Vicky on 07483 291277.

Greetings from the Borders!

Some of you may remember Pete Bryden, who moved away to Herefordshire a few years ago. It was his birthday at the end of April, and he wished to be remembered to his friends in North Aston. As well as bass guitarist with the group *Satori*, Pete was co-creator of the animated children's TV series *Summerton Mill*. He has now moved full time into art, and following a series of successful exhibitions, his abstract paintings have become very desirable. You can view examples here: www.petebryden.co.uk

Temporary Road Closure - Advance Notice

OCC plans to close Water Lane in Somerton next month to facilitate the long-overdue resurfacing of the road and the subsequent reinstatement of all road markings and lines.

The area of closure will run from the river bridge through to the narrows, and operate between 07:00 and 19:00 from 23 June for a maximum of five consecutive days. There will be limited access for emergency service vehicles and to frontages within the closed section only.



It's the Big One! This month's winners were:
1st Prize (£100): Iris Busby (#8)
2nd Prize (£5): "Basil" Savage (#131)
Congratulations! Renewal time again soon. For more info, call Bev on 347434 or email info@north-aston.co.uk.
You've got to be in it to win it!

May Birthdays

Richard Boss

Linda Brown

Clive Busby Hal Busby

Holly Busby Iris Busby

Sarah Godwin

Oscar Le Clercq

Deirdre Oakley

Matthew Rees

Oscar Taylor

Bianca Waszynska



Many Happy Returns to all the North Aston residents who celebrate birthdays this month. If you're not listed, or know someone who should be, please let us know.



Aunt Sally Returns!

With the days getting longer, and a little warmer, Aunt Sally will resume on The Green from May 11th, starting at 7 pm.

If you've never played before, then now's the time to start! This traditional Oxfordshire contest requires no great skill to be enjoyed, and can easily be

picked up in minutes by a complete beginner. All you need to do is knock a ball off the top of a post by throwing a stick at it. What could be simpler! It may help to bring along your own bottle of beer or a glass of wine. Everyone welcome!



The Blandford Menace!

Our annual warning that the season for the Blandford Fly is upon us. Keep lower legs covered and watch out for these vicious little flies whose bite can easily turn septic.

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