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## Notes from the Chair

*There is a Village Meeting on 4th November at 7pm. We are looking for a successor to Eve, who has done a wonderful job as Secretary for many years. I would like to thank her for her enormous contribution to the smooth functioning of the Meeting. She will be a hard act to follow but I am sure someone in the village would like to volunteer. And please come to the Meeting – you never know — if you don't come you might be elected in absentia.*

*And we also have Bonfire Night approaching; anyone who is going to let off some fireworks could perhaps let the WhatsApp group know so that any animals can be looked after.*

*Best wishes,*

You can phone Christopher on 340358

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*Christopher*

## Village Meeting, 4th November - Agenda

A reminder that there's a Village Meeting in the Old Bakery on Monday 4th November 2024, starting at 7:00 pm. The Agenda is as follows:

### Formal Business

1. Welcome.
2. Approval of Minutes from previous Village Meetings.
3. Treasurer's report and update.
4. Election of Officers at AGM January 2025
5. Mid-Cherwell Neighbourhood Plan Review, update.
5. Traffic update.

### Informal Business

6. Christmas activities & events
7. Any other business
9. Date of next meeting

If there are other topics that you'd like to have raised at the Meeting, please contact the Secretary (details on the left) or raise them under AoB.

The venue has been confirmed.

## Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

Norman is unable to carry out his usual door-to-door collection this year for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. If you'd like to donate, and collect a poppy, knock on his door at No. 22 The Green, or check to see if his table is outside on the grass. Thankyou.



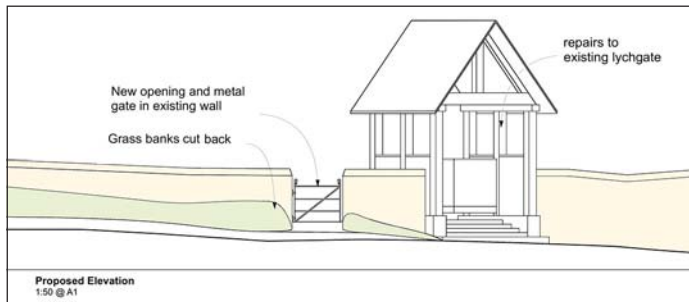
Get that First Friday Feeling! North Aston's Pop-up Pub, the unofficial "Baker's Arms", opens at 7 pm on Friday 1st November. Bring your own drinks, perhaps a few nibbles, and enjoy a convivial evening at The Old Bakery.

*Bradenstoke Barn, following restoration, with inset "Sunrise over The Park" by Jonathan Wiseman.*

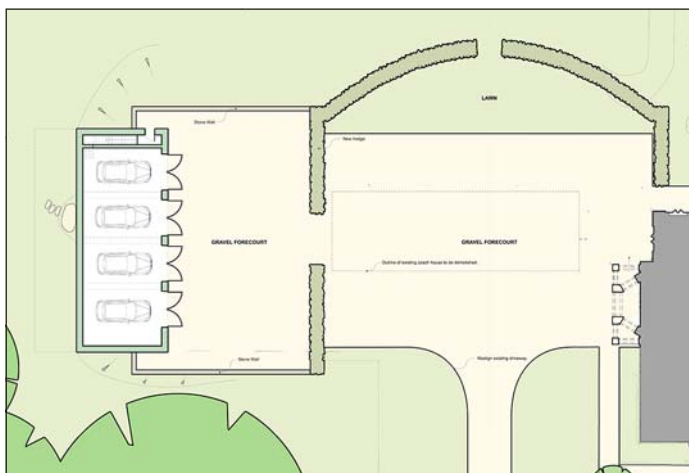
## Planning

Two new and significant applications this month. To determine the latest status, search for "North Aston" on the CDC Planning Register web page at [www.planningregister.cherwell.gov.uk/](http://www.planningregister.cherwell.gov.uk/)

**St Mary's Church, St Mary's Walk, OX25 6AA.** An application has been submitted to carry out repairs to the existing timber lychgate at the entrance to the churchyard and to improve disabled access by opening up the existing boundary wall. Comments on the proposal must be submitted by 21st November, and the target date for a decision is 18th December. Ref: 24 / 02768 / F



**North Aston Hall, St Mary's Walk, OX25 6AA.** An application has been made to demolish the existing western Coach House (to the left of the Hall) and construct a new stone-built, partially underground garage further to the north. A larger open space will front the Hall's main entrance. Comments by 20th November and a decision is expected 13th December. Ref: 24 / 02763 / F




**North Aston Hall, St Mary's Walk, OX25 6AA.** A decision regarding plans for internal renovation works has not been declared, and is now overdue. Ref: 24 / 02154 / F and 24 / 02155 / LB

DUNS TEW DRAMA GROUP PRESENTS

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 DUNS\_TEW\_DRAMA\_GROUP

The Duns Tew Drama Group's annual pantomime extravaganza takes place next month, and if previous years are anything to go by, tickets will sell out quickly. If you'd like to attend this hilarious and brilliantly entertaining evening, then get in there early and book your tickets.

If you've never been before, then you've been missing a memorable experience! The Duns Tew panto is a fun night-out for adults and older children, with a licensed bar, sitting at tables rather than in rows, and a two-course meal served during the interval by members of the cast.

Vicky Taylor (of North Aston Farms) is in charge of the kitchen this year, rather than acting, while the remainder of the cast is drawn from Duns Tew and surrounding villages. The menu includes a choice of Chicken, Chorizo & Butternut Casserole or (as a vegetarian option) Smoky Black Bean, Butternut and Roast Pepper Casserole, served with Baked Potato and Salad Leaves, followed by Black Forest Slice. The vegetables and salad are sourced from North Aston Organics. New members, on stage and off, are always welcome.

*Jude Forrest, Duns Tew Drama Group*


 **100 CLUB**

October's winners were:

**1st Prize (£25): Ellie Mae Young (#24)**  
**2nd Prize (£5): C. Graham (#33)**

Congratulations! Every month, two lucky winners get drawn out of the hat. If you'd like to learn more about the 100 Club, please contact Bev: Telephone 347434 or email [info@north-aston.co.uk](mailto:info@north-aston.co.uk).

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





# North Aston Nature Notes

## With Stephen Rees

Autumn is well and truly here now, with nights getting darker earlier and the clocks having gone back. There's a definite chill in the air morning and night, but saying that, we also had some really nice weather towards the end of last month, with bright sunshine and no rain or wind. Indeed, the last Sunday of October was like a mini heatwave. We were down to T-shirts again for the day, as the temperature went up and up through the day.

Whether it was because of the temperature, or just a coincidence, but on that Sunday there was a massive hatch of spiders. The air was full of silky threads that shone and glistened in the light, and millions of tiny little black spiders got into every part of our clothing, our hair and ears, and it was horrible and very annoying!

For a couple of weeks we had a Munty (Muntjac) barking its head off in Beesley's Close, the field behind us, between the Green and Banbury's Ground. It was so loud some nights! Our bedroom is downstairs, and overlooks the field. Getting out of bed and standing by the window we could see him very clearly, standing there calling for a mate, and prancing up and down. It's something that happens every autumn, but I've not seen or heard it so clearly before.

Talking of not seen before, Mark was down in the organic field recently and watched a stoat fly out of the hedge and attack a rabbit. There was a scuffle, but the stoat didn't manage to kill the rabbit before running off. I did see this myself once, years ago, when I was stalking a rabbit with my rifle. I was in the field that is now Nicholsons, but was then part of The Park. I was just getting into range of the Coney when a stoat came out of the wood and started to run in circles, round and round the rabbit. Finally the rabbit just lay down tight, and the stoat leaped on its back and killed it before dragging it away. That's the only time I've ever seen that in my life, but feel privileged to be able to say that I have.



Photo credit: Mike Lane

Weasels are actually my favourite English mammal, but I rarely see them these days. Ferreting many years ago, Fred and I always used to end the day by the same tree and gut out our rabbits. A weasel that lived in the tree would come out and drag the lights down into the tree trunk.

Owls will start to get more vocal again now, so listen out of an evening. We normally hear a Tawny on the Green. It's the perfect time of year to enjoy our walks, and Wendy kicks her way through the fallen leaves like a little schoolgirl. I like to go fishing. The Chub will be biting on bread flake, and I can watch out for the flocks of migrant birds down in the valley.

Finally, and I say this every year, so I'm sorry to bore you all to death and to state the obvious, but please, please, check bonfires before lighting them for hedgehog nests. There are so few of them around these days. It's also time to start thinking about putting out food for the birds. They really do appreciate it now that autumn is setting in.

Best wishes! Stephen & Wendy



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### James Mobbs, 1897-1917

A listing on eBay in February saw the WW1 medals of James Mobbs offered for sale, but this month seemed a more appropriate time to mention them.

James was born in North Aston, the youngest son of John and Annie Mobbs. As a teenager he delivered the papers around the village, but when war broke out, he signed up to join the 18th London Regiment. Aged just 18, he was posted to the front line and saw action at Aubers Ridge, Festubert and Loos in 1915, and Vimy Ridge and the Somme (High Wood) in 1916. He was killed during a large scale trench raid at Hill 60 on the 7th April 1917. Some five hundred men took part, with 32 killed and 25 reported missing. James Mobbs is remembered on the Menin Gate Memorial, Ypres, and appears on the Roll of Honour in St Mary's. We do remember them.

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# The clock moves on ...

Last month's issue included the first part in a feature about the renovation works being carried out at The Hall. This month Tony Salmon of Yiangou Architects explains a little more about what has also been happening in the neighbouring properties of the old Coach House and Bradenstoke Barn.

## Bradenstoke Barn

This is a listed building in its own right and, like the Coach House, started life as humble 17th century agricultural barn. Bradenstoke Barn was adapted in the 18th century with the construction of a distinctive new west elevation of semi dressed stone featuring sash windows and a parapet gutter. This may have been an attempt to domesticate and gentrify the building as a stable block for the rebuilt Hall. It was then converted to a dwelling in the later 20th century with a garage and terrace, and further windows were added to the east elevation, with a single storey end rebuilt.

The quality of the 20th century conversion was poor and the building was in a very dilapidated state by the time we first saw it.



The interior of Bradenstoke Barn during reconstruction, in 2021.



Carrying out intricate timber repairs to the C17th roof trusses of Bradenstoke Barn

The presence of bats dictated the timing, as the first job to do was to scaffold and protect the building so that we could strip the roof. This exposed the C17th roof timbers, all of which were extensively damaged by rot from the leaking parapet gutter. The trusses had to be extensively repaired by specialist craftsmen and it took several months before we could reinstate the roof in reclaimed Welsh slate.

The other tasks tackled through 2022 were to replace the 1980s sash window frames, block up the later window openings with rubble stonework, repair the stonework facades, and fully repoint internally and externally in lime mortar. We also had to replace the interior concrete floors with breathable limecrete floor, which is insulated below with glass beads.

We wanted to return this building to simple full height volumes, conserved and presented much as it would have been in the 18th century.



## The Coach House

The neighbouring Coach House was altered in the late 19th century to become the coach house to the Victorian phase of the Hall. It was refaced on the south side with a new façade of dressed local Hornton stone, with arches surrounded in brick. Sash windows were installed and, internally, a first floor structure was inserted.

Later, in the 20th century, the building was converted into a house and extended on two sides, with numerous openings inserted into the old walls and most of the historic first floor removed. Unfortunately any older roof structure was lost.

As with the other buildings, we carefully removed the later work and then set about reinstating and repairing the building. With that work completed, we can now see it as it would have appeared in the late C19th.



*Re-pointing the coach house after its facelift.*

One of the challenges with both buildings was how to incorporate technology, like heating, lighting, electrical points and alarms etc. We have been careful to keep this as minimal and as hidden as possible in every detail.



*The Coach House nearing completion as Bradenstoke goes under wraps.*

## The Later Outbuildings

Part of what we have done at the Hall is to look at the way that the outbuildings influence the immediate gardens.

We were keen to reinstate a lean-to greenhouse in the former location of the historic 19th century glasshouse, used for plant collecting, to give that part of the garden a sense of place and purpose (see top-right).

For the moment we have retained the West Coach House, next to the entrance of the Hall. We understand that it was built as recently as the 1980s. The 1990s extension for an indoor swimming pool has been removed and, as of this month, an application has been submitted to Cherwell District Council to demolish the West Coach House, expand the gravelled approach, and create a more discrete parking area hidden into rising ground to the north. See Page 3.



*The new Glasshouse and restored Bradenstoke Barn*

Adjoining the north east corner of the house is a partly historic wall which used to be incorporated in to a series of adjoined historic structures which were lost in the C20th. On the church side of this was a bulky modern garage block with a couple of flats. This building was removed in order to improve the relationship of the Hall with the church, and the historic wall will be repaired in due course.

## The Parkland Entrance

One of the most impressive features of North Aston Hall is the parkland on the south side of the house with its long parkland carriage drive which joins Middle Aston Lane.

Whilst the drive itself was in place and in very good condition, having been created as recently as 2011, the parkland entrance itself existed only as an unprepossessing industrial farm gate with the entrance unused.

We set about remodelling this entrance, with new surface, estate railings and natural hedgerow planting, eventually to blend with the native hedges on either side. The decorative metal gate is flanked by tall stone piers so that, when all of the new planting matures and becomes dense, the impression on approach will be one of framing the fantastic view of the Cherwell Valley beyond.

Once through the gate the parkland with its mature trees and lakes is revealed. A little further on and rounding a corner, the house comes into view to emerge fully at the end of the journey. Our aim to give the house the sense of arrival that it deserves.

*Tony Salmon, Director, Yiangou Architects Ltd.*



*The gateway and view from the Middle Aston Lane*

*The next phase in the restoration is due to begin imminently, with work starting on the renovation of the Hall's interior in the next few weeks. That will be followed by the construction of new facilities under the north-east lawn and the replacement of the modern Coach House. We hope to include a follow-up feature in the spring. We are grateful to Tony for his time in preparing these articles, and to Mario Lemme, for allowing us this insight into the works being undertaken at The Hall.*



## News From The Farm

In case you missed the last edition of the *News*, the farm's new honesty shop is now open for business, seven days a week, 8am - 7pm behind The Old Bakehouse.

It's been quite a month and we are incredibly grateful to all of you who have come to visit and buy our produce. We've been really touched by all the positive comments and useful feedback. Here is some we've received so far:

- "It's bloody brilliant. Goodbye Waitrose!"
- "Totally amazing. Thank you. Feel incredibly lucky to live so close."
- "The shop is spectacular! You've done a fabulous job - thanks very much."
- "We love your shop! Grateful for affordable organic produce - thank you!"

There have been a few teething issues with the self-service till, but most people have found it very easy to use, which is a relief! Of course, some of you have been disappointed that we don't accept cash, which we completely understand, but it just isn't feasible any more for a variety of reasons. If you are feeling daunted by the technology, we are very happy to show you the ropes. Once you've done it once or twice, we think you'll love it and find it very easy. Nick can be contacted on 07751084168 and is happy to help anyone struggling.

As expected, our organic milk, ice cream and beef has been flying off the shelves, and we've also seen good sales of the cupboard essentials we offer too. Nick has been working hard to keep the shop stocked with everything you might need and, since we opened, we've added biscuits, cornflakes, sugar, wholemeal flour, large eggs, sugar, kefir, cheddar cheese, crackers, mayonnaise and horseradish sauce, plus a wider selection of chocolate.

We are excited to be introducing a number of new products over the next few weeks, including some more cheeses, oatcakes, muesli, peanut butter, ketchup, vinegars, a new range of apple juices, orange juice, herbal teas, chilli jam, and hopefully some local honey too.



As the nights draw in, we'll be stocking the freezer with more and more cuts of stewing beef, braising steak and joints - as well as plenty of mince!

On the veg side, we've now got fresh leeks, potatoes and other root veg being harvested every week from the fields in and around the village, bagged up and put in the shop ready to go into some delicious warming winter stews. The mixed salad is well and truly the winter variety now too, with endive and radicchio leaves taking the place of the summer lettuces.

### Beef Boxes & Christmas Orders

Once a month, we sell fresh beef in pre-ordered selection boxes (small, medium and large) and our next batch of boxes will be delivered/available for collection from Friday 15th November. Please visit our online shop to pre-order your box, or order individual cuts of freshly-frozen beef, lamb and rose veal. We are also accepting custom orders for Christmas beef via email to [farmoffice@northastonfarms.co.uk](mailto:farmoffice@northastonfarms.co.uk).

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## NICHOLSONS

### Christmas Fair

Saturday 16th November, 10:00 am - 16:00 pm

This is not a ticketed event, but to help the organisers manage numbers, those hoping to attend are asked to pre-register their interest by visiting this website: <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx>

The run-up to Christmas is already looking busy in the Yurt. Anyone hoping to enjoy the special Festive Menu (introduced from 28th November) is advised to book soon, whether that's for a get-together with friends or a family celebration. To reserve a table and peruse the menu, visit: [www.nicholsonsgb.com/christmas/](http://www.nicholsonsgb.com/christmas/) or call 01869 340342.

## Christmas Fair!

The traditional Nicholson's Christmas Fair takes place this month, on Saturday 16th. Head for The Park here in North Aston where talented local craftspeople and artisans will display their innovative and tempting creations to inspire you with gift ideas and fuel your festive spirit.

Throughout the day, there will be seasonal talks and activities for all the family as well as warming treats to enjoy. Make the experience even more special by taking brunch or lunch in the Nursery's Michelin-recommended Yurt restaurant. The menu will feature a mouth-watering range of dishes inspired by the festive season.

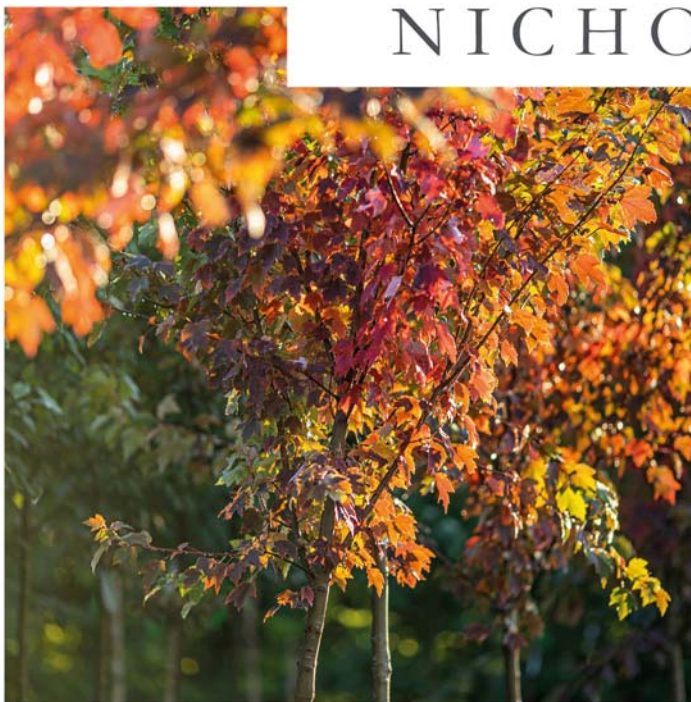
The event will also be highlighting one of Nicholson's dedicated charities, *Women in the Wild*. This is a project that works with communities to support and encourage tree planting on farms and at schools. Find out more on the day.

Gates open at 10:00 am, and the event runs through to 4pm.

## The Yurt

The woodburner will be ablaze and a warm reception is guaranteed in the Yurt this month. Things are looking set for a busy Christmas period, with a special Festive Menu on offer from 28th November. This includes such tantalising dishes as *Salt Cod Fishcake with Smoked Mackerel, Brown Crab and Razor Clam Sauce, chestnut emulsion, winter herbs and crispy kale*, or *Confit Free-range English Duck Leg with pickled red cabbage, roast parsnip and winter greens*. Round that off with *Poached Pear and Almond Curd Tart with cinnamon, sultana and salted honey ice cream*.

Booking really is essential! See details left, or email [theyurt@nicholsonsgb.com](mailto:theyurt@nicholsonsgb.com)



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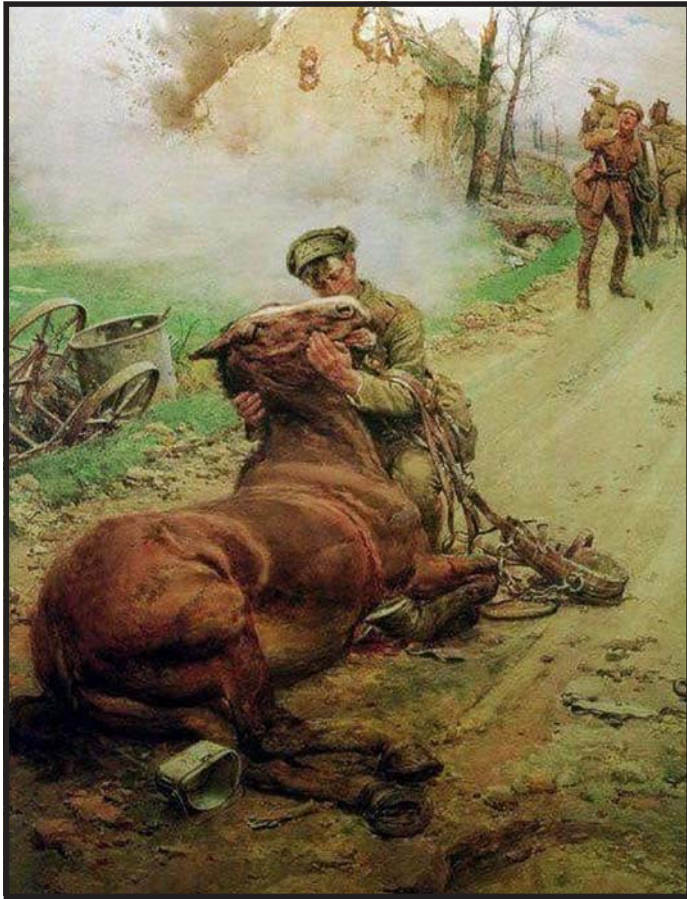
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**Good-Bye, Old Man.** After the watercolour by Fortunino Matania (1881-1963). A British gunner says farewell to his wounded horse, as his comrades urge him to keep moving. The painting was commissioned by The Blue Cross Fund in 1916 to raise funds to help relieve the suffering of horses on active service.

## I spoke to you in whispers

I spoke to you in whispers  
as shells made the ground beneath us quake.  
We both trembled in that crater,  
a toxic muddy bloody lake  
I spoke to you and pulled your ears  
to try and quell your fearful eye,  
As bullets whizzed through the raindrops  
and we watched the men around us die.  
I spoke to you in stable tones,  
a quiet tranquil voice.  
At least I volunteered to fight,  
you didn't get to make the choice.  
I spoke to you of old times,  
perhaps you went before the plough,  
and pulled the haycart from the meadow,  
far from where we're dying now.  
I spoke to you of grooming,  
of when the ploughman made you shine,  
not the shrapnel wounds and bleeding flanks,  
mane filled with mud and wire and grime.  
I spoke to you of courage,  
as gas filled the Flanders air.  
Watched you struggle in the mud,  
harness acting like a snare.  
I spoke to you of peaceful fields,  
grazing beneath a setting sun.  
Time to rest your torn and tired body,  
your working day is done.  
I spoke to you of promises,  
if from this maelstrom I survive.  
By pen and prose and poetry  
I'll keep your sacrifice alive.  
I spoke to you of legacy,  
for when this hellish time is through.  
All those who hauled or charged or carried  
will be regarded heroes too.  
I spoke to you in dulcet tones.  
Your eye told me you understood,  
As I squeezed my trigger to bring you peace  
the only way I could.

And I spoke to you in whispers ...

Neil Andrew, 2020



As we remember this month all those who gave their lives for this country, we should also think of the thousands who had no choice, yet also gave theirs. Over one million horses served with the British Army during WWI, and around half of them were killed in action. Neil Andrew's moving poem, written so recently, is inextricably linked to the War Horse Memorial, unveiled near Ascot in 2018, which pays tribute to the nobility, courage and loyalty these animals displayed in striving for the freedom we enjoy today. [www.thewarhorsememorial.org](http://www.thewarhorsememorial.org)

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# **From the FIRE STATION**

September was a very busy month at the fire station, with 41 incidents! These included fires (with FF Harber having her first operational Breathing Apparatus wear), multiple RTCs, animal rescues, assisting the police, lots of flooding and of course the usual standbys and AFAs (Automatic Fire Alarms).

On one such standby a call came in from the police station asking if we could come around as they had a prisoner stuck in a pair of handcuffs. We arrived to find some embarrassed police officers who explained that they'd snapped off the key while they were removing the cuffs from a prisoner. Thankfully the prisoner was calm and found the situation fairly amusing. We considered cutting off the handcuffs, but that wasn't going to work, so we set about taking them apart instead. We managed to remove the broken key and a second undamaged key was used to release the prisoner!

One morning we were mobilised to reports of a horse stuck in a river. We joined crews from Bicester with the Rescue Tender, which carries specialist equipment and a trained crew, and the 4X4 from Kidlington. We got as close to the location of the horse as we could in the fire engines, but then had to proceed on foot for about a mile to reach it. The animal was standing in the river, up to its stomach, but unable to get out due to how steep the bank was. A plan was formulated, with the animal rescue equipment loaded onto the 4X4 and moved closer to the horse. The crew from the rescue tender then entered the water wearing dry suits and floatation devices, placed a headcollar on the horse, and led it along the river to a point where the bank was low enough to clamber out. It was then time for a long walk back to the fire engine!

As you may remember, there was a lot of rain in September. Some places received nearly 140mm in 24 hours! This caused widespread flooding across the county, and we dealt with serious incidents in Adderbury and Kidlington. We spent much of the time assisting and advising residents, but due to the scale of the flooding, there was not always much that we

could do — apart from give advice or help the more vulnerable move their belongings higher up in their houses.

We've attended a lot of RTCs recently, and would just like to remind you of the Fatal Four – **1.** Using your phone while driving; **2.** Driving under the influence of drink or drugs; **3.** Speeding; and **4.** Not wearing a seatbelt

As the days are getting shorter and the weather conditions deteriorate, please remember to drive to the conditions of the road and to leave extra time for your journeys.

We would also like to thank everyone that attended our Charity Car wash for the Firefighters' Charity, we raised around £1000 which was an amazing result!

If you like the sound of what we do, we are now recruiting new firefighters. If you live or work within 5 minutes of the station in Deddington and are interested in joining our team then you can find more information on our website at [www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/council/working-oxfordshire-county-council/fire-service-recruitment/on-call-firefighters](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/council/working-oxfordshire-county-council/fire-service-recruitment/on-call-firefighters). You could also come to the station for a chat on a Tuesday between 1900 and 2100 when we will be training!

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# The Church MATTERS



## Remembering

Once again the seasons are turning, we have just moved our clocks back an hour, and the nights and weather close in. November with its beautiful autumnal colours is also the month of Remembering.

At the beginning of the month there's the special *Service of Remembering*, as we remember those who we love who have died. Everyone is very warmly invited to join us at St Nicholas Church in Tackley on 3rd November at 5:30pm for this quiet, poignant/reflective service.

Sunday the 10th November is *Remembrance Sunday* when as a nation we remember those

who have given their lives in service to our country. As an *Act of Remembrance* we buy and wear Poppies (raising money for the Royal British Legion) and at 11 o'clock we will stand in silence as we remember.

When we remember a loved one, we remember their quirks, some funny, others possibly annoying. We remember special moments shared together, holidays and celebrations. We also remember those times we didn't get to share, the things we didn't say, and the moments they didn't see.

As we stand unified in silence on *Remembrance Sunday*, what do we remember? Falling silent at 11 o'clock on the 11th day of the 11th month, we are invited to remember the guns falling silent over a hundred years ago. An event which now lies beyond living memory. Then people remembered the loved ones who didn't come home. The war had a very personal impact, which can be heard as the list of those who died is read out.

It was meant to be the "War to end all wars." Sadly that was not the case. Twenty years later the world was at war again, and the threat of nuclear war dominated the second half of the 20th Century. Wars continue around the world today, currently attention is focused on the Middle East.

This year as we fall silent let us again remember both the personal cost of war, the people killed, homes and lives destroyed and that violence only begets more violence. If we want peace then we have to work at it, beginning with learning to be at peace with ourselves. Jesus offered us this peace, when suffering violence (death on the cross) rather than revenge, or hatred he loved and forgave us. That we are all beautiful, loved redeemed children of God is something that we should all remember everyday.

God bless,  
Harriet

*Please note – my usual day off is a Monday.*



## Church Services in November 2024

### NORTH ASTON

### S. ASTON

### TACKLEY

#### Sunday November 3rd

9:30 am  
Holy Communion  
Book of Common Prayer

11:00 am  
Holy Communion  
Book of Common Prayer

5:30 pm  
All Souls Service

#### Sunday November 10th

9:30 am  
Remembrance Service

10:50 am  
Remembrance Service

5:30 am  
Remembrance Service

#### Sunday November 17th

9:30 am  
Holy Communion

11:00 am  
Holy Communion

5:30 pm  
Family Service

#### Sunday November 24th

9:30 am  
Morning Prayer

11:00 am  
Morning Prayer & Baptism

9:30 am  
Family Communion

#### Sunday December 1st

9:30 am  
Holy Communion  
Book of Common Prayer

11:00 am  
Holy Communion  
Book of Common Prayer

5:30 pm  
Evensong

The Reverend Harriet Orridge is Rector of the Parishes of Steeple Aston, North Aston and Tackley.

Details of this month's Church Services are on Page 2. More news is always available from: [www.sntchurch.com](http://www.sntchurch.com)

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## Announcements

### Deddington Farmers' Market

The Farmers' Market this month will be staged on Saturday 23rd November, from 9 am to 12:30 pm. Please park at the school.

### Dog Walking Service

Evelyn's Dog Walking Service is still available evenings and weekends @ £5/hr. Message or call Lucinda on 07869 282227.

### Somerton Christmas Market

This year's Christmas Market will take place in St James' Church, Somerton on Saturday 23rd November, from 11 am to 3 pm, with local businesses and craftspeople offering a wide array of Christmas gifts and offerings. Please support our neighbours!

### Pop-up Pub

This month's informal Pop-up Pub will meet in the Old Bakery on Friday 1st November from 7pm, and again on the First Friday of December, which will be the 6th. See Page 2.

### Road Closure

The Middle Aston Lane will be closed for one day only, on 8th November, from around 9:00 am through to around 3:30 pm, for (we hope) essential repairs. With any luck, this includes filling in some of the horrendous potholes.



**Bonfire Night!**

Bonfire Night falls on a Tuesday 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](mailto:info@north-aston.co.uk) with details.

## North Aston Choir

Weekly one-hour rehearsals for North Aston Choir, and the annual Carol Service, will start on Monday 18th November at 6:00 pm. Everyone is welcome to join in at The Old Vicarage, off the corner of The Green.

No previous experience is required, just enthusiasm! For further details please contact Miranda on 340625. The Carol Service will be on Dec 17th, exact time to be confirmed.

## Service of 9 Lessons & Carols

Sunday 22nd December

## 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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