

Dates for your Diary

JUNE

- 4 County and European Elections
- 9 South Moreton School Open Day 9am - noon
- 10 WI Meeting 7.30pm Village Hall
- 18 Ladies Day (Ascot) at the Bear at Home
- 28 South Moreton Garden Party 3pm The Hall
- 29 Parish Council Meeting 8pm Village Hall

JULY

- 8 WI Garden Meeting
- 8/9 South Moreton School Production 7pm
- 12 South Moreton School Summer Fete 1 - 4pm
- 26 Air Pageant & Pig Roast, Melhuish Farm noon - 4pm
- 30/31 Beer & Cricket Festival

AUGUST

- 1/2 Beer & Cricket Festival
- 12 WI Summer Outing

SEPTEMBER

- 9 WI Meeting 7.30pm Village Hall
- 14 (prov.) Parish Council Meeting 8pm Village Hall

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Once again the sun shone on the North Moreton Fête and brought out the crowds. With 600 adults through the gates and an Electoral Roll of only 300, it is obvious that we had huge support from outside the village.

Perhaps this is a good moment to point out that South Moreton will be holding their 'Summer Garden Party' on Sunday 28th June and that they would no doubt appreciate as much support from us as we had from them and the other local villages.

A huge thank you is due to those who worked so hard both on and off the field; who so generously donated raffle prizes, cakes, produce, bricabrac, etc. etc.; who bought & sold raffle tickets; and to everyone who came along with their friends and family to support us on the day. The amount raised (£6646 after expenses) was a record but more important in many ways was the fact that everyone enjoyed themselves.

North Moreton Fête has earned a reputation of being one of the best in the area. It is time for new blood to take on the organisational challenge - they will be assured of the full support of the 'old guard'!

North Moreton Parish Council

NMPC Chairman and Vice-Chairman

Roger Haycock and Keith Hutchence were re-elected as Chairman and Vice-Chairman respectively at the Annual Meeting of North Moreton Parish Council held on 11th May.

Parish Transport Representative

Ros Templeman (01235 813913) has agreed to take up the vacancy as Parish Transport Representative for North Moreton. Parishioners should contact her with questions or concerns about public transport in the village. Routine queries may still be best answered by the relevant bus company.

Future Housing in Didcot

NMPC does not support SODC's preferred area for growth of Didcot post 2016, which is to the North East of Didcot. NMPC is very concerned about increasing traffic density on the A4130, and believes there is more logic to continue growth in the West. That said, in the current economic climate, it seems likely that all building projects will be delayed, maybe for several years.

Proposal for Incinerator in Sutton Courtenay

Roger Haycock attended a "Technical" meeting between Sutton Courtenay representatives and the Environment Agency on 27th April on the Incinerator proposals. His file note on the meeting will be put on the Parish Council section of the North Moreton website.

Village Walk

About a dozen people joined the annual village walk which introduced new residents to the complexities of North Moreton's Rights of Way. We were blessed with sunshine, everybody seemed to enjoy themselves, and nobody got lost!

June Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Monday 29th June** at 8 p.m. in the village hall: anyone is welcome to come along.

Roger Haycock, Chairman NMPC

Moreton Beer & Cricket Festival

Thursday July 30th - Sunday Aug 2nd 2009

The **BEAR at HOME's** BIG event of the year

Enjoy

Real Ales from our Beer Marquee in the car park

Freshly cooked food from our BBQ & Alison's Paella on Saturday

Oysters & Champagne for those that require something different

Local bands: The Bacuma Boys, Loopy and Audio Acoustic

Cricket matches daily against local sides and Amsterdam CC

*For more information call 01235 811311 or visit
www.bear-at-home.co.uk*

Useful Information

Beat Officer: WPC Susan (Pip) Walker - 0845 8505505

PCSOs: Clare Beale & Paul Cole - 0845 8505 505

Crime Stoppers: 0800 555 111

Parish Clerk: Andrew Wise 01235 511427

Parish Council Chairman: Roger Haycock - 812202

Village Hall Bookings: Anne Silvester, 17 Bear Lane - 811646

Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator: Nora Haycock - 812202

Concessionary Travel Tokens: SODC - 01491 832000

Mobile Library: Wk 1 Wednesdays: Toddler Care 15.55 - 16.20

Wk 2 Wednesdays: Bus Shelter 10 - 10.15

Refuse & Recycling Collections: Thursdays

Garden Waste Collection: alternate Thursdays

Postal Services: The Village Hall, Brightwell - Mondays,

Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Fridays 9.30 - 12.30. 01491

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Citizens' Advice Bureau, Didcot 01235 813632

THE OXFORDSHIRE BEFRIENDING NETWORK

**Volunteers supporting people with life-threatening and terminal illness
Would you like to make a difference in 2009?**

Being diagnosed with a serious illness can be one of the most overwhelming experiences anyone can face, as it involves not only coping with the symptoms of the illness, but a huge adjustment in lifestyle and often social isolation.

Having a regular visitor, someone outside the immediate family, who will listen, can offer emotional support and be willing to accompany the ill person on their 'journey' can be invaluable.

We are currently looking for new befriending volunteers and we offer free training, expenses and on-going support. Our next Befriending trainings start in Oxford in May/June and October 2009.

If you can offer 2 - 3 hours a week to befriend someone living in your area, are warm, compassionate and emotionally mature please contact us on 01865 791781 or email: enquiries@oxonbefriending.net for a Befriending information pack and application form.

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Large selection of Bedding Plants

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01235 519944 or 07850 040311/07855 951388**

North Moreton Village Hall

Eli Bucket and the Haybalers played to a full house and, in addition to raising a very welcome £312, it certainly 'made I laugh'!

We have purchased 10 traffic cones for use at Village Hall and Church events. These are also available for private events but we will require a returnable deposit because, despite their weight, cones do have a tendency to 'go walkies'!

Whilst on this subject, the committee would be most grateful if everyone hiring or borrowing chairs, tables and other equipment ensures that they are booked in and out. There is a book available for this purpose in the kitchen and it does help us to keep track of items - once upon a time there were 100 green chairs but now there are 88.....

We would also remind hall users that they should take their waste and recycling away with them. This is particularly important with the new waste collection coming into force; the main access is unsuitable for wheelie bins, they cannot be left on the ramp as this would obstruct both disabled access and the fire exit, and pulling them through the hall to the ramp could damage the floor, particularly in wet weather. We wait to see what SODC suggests but, in the meantime, there will be no dustbins or recycling facilities available.

Nora Haycock, Chairman VHMC

Fête Quiz

Two entrants correctly answered all the questions, two got 39½ (Ford instead of Bike for q. 24 - which we thought was a good alternative) and one got 39 - well done. If you would like the answers to the quiz or your marked papers back, call Nora on 01235 812202.

North Moreton Toddler Group.....

meets every Thursday from 9.30 - 11.30 a.m. in North Moreton Village Hall. Fun activities and a sing-song for the children - coffee and a chat for the adults. £2.00 per session.

For more information contact Jane Gwinnell 01235 813635.

South and North Moreton Women's Institute

At the AGM in March, Sandra was re-elected as President and the new committee was voted in. The April meeting was cancelled due to a daytime visit to Highgrove House. The coach took members and friends to Highgrove, where we were given a very interesting and informative tour of the gardens. Lunch was provided by the local WI and was delicious.

The Resolutions meeting in May was very different this year. It concerns the decline in the honeybee populations and the implication this has for us all. We were fortunate to welcome local experts, Robert and Jo Nickless of R & J Apiaries to give us a detailed and interesting talk, which provoked much discussion.

The June meeting is about the "Flora and Fauna of Ewelme Watercress Beds" and the meeting in July will be a garden meeting, when we will be hoping for better weather than last year! A summer outing is being planned for August.

Meetings are held at 7.30 on the second Wednesday of the month at North Moreton Village Hall. We are always pleased to welcome visitors and new members. Please contact Sandra Monk on 812721 or Liz Elliot on 812562 for details.

Penny Busby

Moreton Cricket Club

Despite the changeable weather, the club has got off to a winning start this season, the most impressive being two wins in the National Village Competition; both midweek teams have also won their matches.

Don't forget to put the 1st August in your diaries, the Beer and Cricket Festival, (not necessarily in that order!). There will be a limited over competition which should produce some exciting matches amongst the various local teams taking part. If you wish to play some cricket this season then contact the membership secretary, Simon Steen on 814617 or any club member.

Trevor Denning, President MCC

An invitation to the

south moreton summer garden party

Sunday 28th June, from 3pm onwards
in the gardens of The Hall, South Moreton
(Opposite The Crown pub)

BOUNCY CASTLES
bar. barbecue and cream teas
homemade cake stand
pony rides
birds of prey show
country stalls and games
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Police Neighbourhood Team

The Neighbourhood Team have been busy focusing on neighbourhood priorities throughout April and May with the priorities in this area (Cholsey/Moulsford - which includes the Moretons) being Speeding, Parking and Vandalism.

With regard to speeding, the neighbourhood team have been out with the speed device and will continue to do so throughout the coming months. We used the speed device on the Reading Road, Cholsey and as a result of this 7 vehicles out of 90 were caught speeding. Any vehicles caught speeding will receive a warning letter and will be recorded on our database.

In relation to parking, the team are continuing to monitor problem areas. Vehicles that park on double/single yellow lines will receive £30 fines when necessary. We would also remind residents that parking obstructions can also lead to a £30 fine.

Areas around the neighbourhood that are being vandalised are being closely monitored. High visible patrols take place in order to help prevent crime and the problem areas are highlighted to other neighbourhood officers.

We plan to hold more Police Surgeries in the coming months. We would advise residents to attend these Surgeries as this is a great way for us to get together and discuss local policing issues. We can then put together a plan of how we can resolve these problems.

If you would like to find out more about your local neighbourhood team or would like Police advice, visit www.thamesvalley.police.uk or contact 0845 8 505 505.

*Clare Beale, C9445
Police Community Support Officer*

I would like to thank our Beat Officer, PC Pip Walker, and her colleagues for attending the Fête and hope that residents were able to take the opportunity to meet them and discuss any concerns. I will keep you informed of any forthcoming Surgeries via posters and the village email system.
Nora Haycock, Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator

South Moreton School (www.south-moreton.oxon.sch.uk)

What an exciting year it has been at South Moreton School! I can hardly believe that I have been at the school for nearly a year - it has flown by!

We are very fortunate in belonging to a very active Didcot Partnership of schools. Many sporting events are organised through the partnership and the schools work closely together on a number of projects which benefit all the children.

Recently a class from South Moreton participated in a joint musical event taking the part of scientists in a choral work titled 'Volcanoes'. Below is one child's work expressing their enjoyment.

'One cold wet morning we went to Chilton School. We went on the mini bus. Mrs Redding drove it. We had volcano hats! Some children were scientists. Some of us were very very nervous. Half way through we had a drink and biscuit. There were other schools there. We all did a dance. At the end Mrs Redding told us we were the best school there!'
By Gwendolen Year 2.

Another music project that the school very much enjoys being a part of is a Vocal Instrumental Programme. This is run by the county music service and this year has enabled all Y3 and Y4 children to learn musical notation and rhythm, initially through vocal and clapping work. Skills are quickly built up with children using recorders to extend and apply their notational understanding. In the second term, the pupils learn to play either the cello or violin. The whole class learning one of these two instruments is very exciting and their progress is impressive! At the end of the year there is an opportunity for pupils to continue lessons in small groups.

Below are some dates for your diary - please note the revised date of the summer fete.

Open morning: Tuesday 9th June 9 a.m. - 12 noon. Come and see the school in action.

School production: Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th July at 7 p.m.

Summer Fete: Sunday 12th July 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Susan Gopall, Headteacher

Moreton Table Tennis Club

The 2008-2009 Didcot and District Table Tennis Association League season has now come to a close and each of the 6 Moreton TTC teams had an enjoyable time representing the club in each of the 5 divisions.

The most successful team was our young 'D' team who finished fifth in division 4 and only 13 points away from promotion. The team showed a vast improvement in the second half of the season, winning 7 and drawing 2 in their last 11 games. 15 year old Charlie Lane the No1. player in the team won 60 of his 66 matches played and finished top player for the whole division with a 91% winning average.

Our new Moreton F division 5 team comprising of Frank Widdonson-Ilett, Joseph Wilson and Howard Hawkins also achieved remarkable results in their first season. They finished fifth out of 8 teams after starting the season in September as beginners. They obtained winning averages of 37% to 47% in the 57 matches they played in.

Outside of the league results the club achieved the following :-

Division 4 Divisional Champion – Charlie Lane

Division 4 Divisional Runners-up – Sean Stinson

Cadet (Under 15) Runner-up – Sean Stinson

Handicap Shield Winners – Moreton D (Charlie Lane, Jessica Cheong & Nathan Cheong)

Handicap Shield Runners-up – Moreton A (Nick, Joe and Paul)

In April the club hosted the Oxfordshire Inter-League Championships which had representation from the Banbury, Oxford and Didcot table tennis leagues. There were 5 Moreton juniors who represented Didcot in this competition. They were Charlie Lane, Sean Stinson, Joseph Wilson, Jessica Cheong and Nathan Cheong. After a full day's table tennis, the Didcot league team remained unbeaten and finished as eventual winners.

The club will also host the DDTTA Senior Closed Championship at the end of May.

From this point onwards the club will hold a weekly club/practice session (usually Wednesdays 7:30pm to 9:30pm) which is open to all members, but non-members whatever standard are most welcome to come along We will also be looking to recruit for new players for the 2009-2010 season which begins in September. .

Further details can be found on the club's website www.mttc.moonfruit.com

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