

Dates for your Diary

OCTOBER

- 1 Police Surgery 7 - 8 pm North Moreton Village Hall
- 3 Swap-Shop 10 - 12 noon Regal Centre, Wallingford
- 3 Jumble Sale 2 - 4 pm South Moreton School
- 4 Be the Change Seminar 2.30 - 6.30 pm The Old Stables
- 10 Book Sale 10 - 4 pm North Moreton Village Hall
- 14 W I Meeting 7.30 pm North Moreton Village Hall
- 17 Quinney Day 10am - 12 noon All Saints' Church

NOVEMBER

- 7 Soup Lunch & Charity Card Sale 12 noon - 2 pm
- 9 Parish Council Meeting 8 pm North Moreton Village Hall
- 11 W I Meeting 7.30pm North Moreton Village Hall
- 14 MCC Dinner at The Bear at Home

DECEMBER

- 5 Handel's Messiah Cuddeson Village
- 9 W I Meeting 7.30pm

FEBRUARY

- 6 MCC Quiz Village Hall
- 12 Concert in All Saints' Church

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The Church Tower Fund made a huge leap forward on 26 July, thanks to the energy and generosity of Peter and Polly Vacher. They had arranged for a flying display, a show of vintage cars and motorcycles and a hog roast and it turned out to be a splendidly memorable occasion.

We had a spectacular display from the Vachers' own Hurricane, two low-level passes by the RAF Battle of Britain Memorial Flight's Lancaster, a remarkable aerobatic display by a Pitts Special – as someone said, the one that looked like a particularly irritated wasp – then formation flying and individual salutes by three Tiger Moths, a beautiful glider display to music and finally a noisy and fast contribution from a Seafire, the naval version of the Spitfire.

There were over 40 vintage cars: many Rolls-Royces, Rileys and Bentleys but also even rarer ones including a Jensen and a glorious Bugatti. Chris Lewis's fine collection of motorcycles made an excellent complement to the cars.

We were delighted that over 700 people were able to be there and only sad that we couldn't meet the whole of the demand for tickets.

We owe special thanks to David Shepherd, who contributed an original drawing of two donkeys to be raffled and was himself there for the whole afternoon; to everyone on the group which organised the occasion and to the many others who helped in all sorts of ways; to Ollie Clark and his band; to the RAF for sending a Merlin helicopter from Benson; to the Air Training Corps for their efficient stewarding to keep us all safe; to Ray Park and his team for a top-quality hog roast on a grand scale; to all of the visiting car owners and pilots; and above all to Peter and Polly Vacher for making it happen.

The result was a contribution of over £9,000 to the Church Tower Fund – an excellent outcome.

Nick Sanders

North Moreton Parish Council

Footpath Litigation.

Exchanges with the solicitor representing a parishioner over disputed ownership of a footpath to the allotments behind Long Wittenham Road are still continuing with no apparent end in sight, and the Parish Council has been made aware by our legal advisor that it may well be necessary to return to the court to resolve the matter. It has been hoped that the dispute could be settled out of court. The continued uncertainty means that forward financial planning remains difficult, and we anticipate having to increase the premium on our litigation insurance policy as legal costs by both parties continue to rise.

Cost of Election for vacancy on Parish Council.

The PC were not exactly pleased to be charged nearly £900 by SODC for costs incurred in holding the election earlier this year. Maintenance of democratic rights is very important, but it sometimes comes at quite a price!

New gate for the Recreation Ground

A new large gate has been fitted at the Bear Lane entrance to the Recreation Ground (The Croft) to replace one that was falling apart. It has been inset further from the road to make it easier for drivers to turn in Bear Lane. John Jones and Gar Evans are warmly thanked for their financial contribution to the cost, and they, Chris Lewis and Jon Slade are also thanked for carrying out the installation. The gate will normally be kept locked, but keys are held by the PC Chairman and several officers of Moreton Cricket Club.

Ground maintenance - Thanks again.

I'm sure residents would wish to join the Parish Council in thanking Brian Hayes most sincerely for the tremendous work he has been doing (ably supported by Mark Baillie) to clear the scrub from the Rushcroft at the rear of the playground. The boundary at the back of the playground had become overgrown in recent years and the much-needed clearance will allow the PC to maintain the playground fencing. Children have broken the fencing in several places by climbing over it but it may be hoped that they will now find it unrewarding.

Charity Christmas Card Sale

Saturday 7th November

12 noon - 2.00 p.m.

North Moreton Village Hall

**Selection of delicious
home-made soups on sale**

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

OCC/SODC Councillor: Patrick Greene 07899 878 344

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: alternate 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

Apple Day at Brightwell-cum-Sotwell

Around 34 different varieties of apples will feature at the Apple Day to be held at the Red Lion, Brightwell-cum-Sotwell from 12.00 on **Sunday 18th October**. There will be an apple themed menu and tastings of traditional cider, different varieties of apples, honey and juice pressed using village apples. The Environment Group will also display the results of the Fruit Tree Survey.

For more information contact Alison 01491 835408 or Sue at the Red Lion 01491 837373 www.redlion.biz

On this note, if you have a glut of fruit this year (and some of the village trees are laden!) you could make a batch of chutney to sell at next year's Fete...

If this is not your scene, why not put a box by your gate for passers-by to help themselves or invite your friends/neighbours in to 'pick their own'?

ST PETER'S NURSERY & FARM SHOP

Bear Lane North Moreton

10am – 4pm Wednesday - Sunday and Bank Holidays

Pop in for Autumn planting ideas, Bedding, Bulbs, Baskets plus Mature trees, Cottage garden perennials, Shrubs, Bamboos & Climbers.

and whilst you're here visit our Farm Shop for Gift Ideas, Fantastic Planters & Pots, Garden Furniture and of course Beef straight from the Farm

**Come in and see us or call Jon & Annetta on
01235 519944 or 07850 040311/07855 951388**

Dog nuisance.

Despite numerous reminders to dog owners, parishioners continue to complain about dog mess not being cleared up on the Rec and elsewhere in the village. If you own a dog, please clear up after it! The PC is reluctant to spend the not-inconsiderable sum needed to have dog poo bins installed and emptied – they may not be used, even if fitted! We are also reluctant to take up the powers now available to us to fine dog owners for offences – but we may be forced to it.

Please also ensure that the pedestrian gates to the Rec and in particular those to the Playground are kept closed.

Roger Haycock, Chairman NMPC

Closure of Sands Road Bridge

Sands Road Bridge will be closed from **2nd November 2009 for 7 days** and from **14th December 2009 for 13 weeks**.

The November closure is to allow further exploratory work to take place. During this period the bridge will be closed to vehicular traffic between 07.00 and 17.30 hours daily although pedestrians and cyclists should be able to cross.

During the longer closure it is anticipated that pedestrians and cyclists will be able to cross during the first week and again once the main structure is rebuilt - although this will be at the discretion of the company carrying out the work. The actual demolition will take place between 24th - 29th December and while this takes place and the basic structure rebuilt, the only pedestrian route between the Moretons will be via Footpath 3 behind St Peters Farm.

During the closures all vehicular traffic will route via the A4130 and Fulscot Bridge Road.

Coffee Morning in aid of Macmillan Support

Jacqui and Annetta would like to thank everyone who supported the recent coffee morning. Thanks to your generosity a fantastic £275 was raised for this important cancer charity.

South and North Moreton Women's Institute

The July meeting, held at Pat Storch's, was a very enjoyable evening. Members were able to relax and enjoy a delicious supper, whilst catching up on all the news. Games of boules and croquet were also played.

The weather was fine for the August outing to Stonor Park. There was a tour of the house and gardens and the afternoon ended with a relaxing tea.

The speaker at the September meeting was Mrs Julia Freeman, who gave a very interesting talk about her experiences as a Wimbledon umpire. She brought along her uniform and passed round schedules and her personal records of matches she had umpired. The evening was a great success.

Our next meeting will be held in October and is a Bring and Share Harvest Supper.

Meetings are held 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

North Moreton Charitable Trust

A Book Grant of £50 is available to any young person resident in North Moreton who started University or Higher Education in 2008 or 2009. Please contact the Clerk to the Trustees, Nora Haycock on 812202 or via email.

The Trust would remind residents that allotments are available at very reasonable rates - from £5 to £10 per annum depending on size! Please contact the Allotment Warden, Stuart Bell, on 07946 626 645 for more information.

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.

Handel's 'Messiah' Saturday 5th December 2009

Do you like to sing? Do you love 'Messiah'?

If the answer to either or both of these questions is 'Yes', then please read on!

This year, Cuddesdon will be marking the 250th anniversary of Handel's death by presenting its own 'DIY' performance of George Frideric Handel's 'Messiah', on Saturday 5th December. Our venue will be the 12th century All Saints Parish Church right in the centre of Cuddesdon village.

In case you're wondering, the 'DIY' element of this rendition relates to the SATB vocal chorus. This will be made up of individuals who love to sing, who come together on the day; first for a morning rehearsal and then for the evening performance. Space permitting, the event is open to all - including those who prefer just to listen - so why not come and join us? Rehearsal: 10.00 - 13.15 - Performance: 19.30.

Great music and great fun! Conductor and Chorus Master will be Hugh Jones, currently Director of Music at Ripon College Cuddesdon. Selected choruses and arias will include 'O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion', 'For unto us a child is born', 'I know that my redeemer liveth', 'The trumpet shall sound', 'Lift up your heads, O ye Gates' and 'Hallelujah!' Chorus.

First performed in Dublin in 1742, 'Messiah' is a musical account of the life and significance of Jesus, from nativity to resurrection and beyond. Originally conceived as a Lenten piece, it has long since become a firm Advent favourite and for many an essential part of the run up to Christmas.

For more information please contact us at Messiah@ripon-cuddesdon.ac.uk

Fundraising in North Moreton

With so many fundraising events taking place in the village, it has been suggested that a readily available list of forthcoming events, both confirmed and projected, would help to prevent clashes.

The obvious place for this is the village website, North-Moreton.com, with a list in North Moreton News for those who are not on line.

In addition to events organised by the PCC, MCC, Village Hall Committee, etc, we would propose to include events at the Bear and South Moreton School as well as those organised by individuals i.e. the Air Pageant, Hat-Stand Opera etc.

We envisage providing just basic details on line i.e.

Date Event Provisional/Confirmed Contact Name

The date may be specific or as vague as 'end May/early June' - the idea being that if another event is being planned for this period, the two organisers can get together and discuss possibilities. The coordinator will provide contact details if required.

Sonia Willson (admin@north-moreton.com) has kindly volunteered to act as coordinator and will design & maintain an area on the website.

We hope to organise a meeting very shortly with some of the organisers to discuss this further but in the meantime, if you have any comments/suggestions, please contact Sonia or Nora.

Walnuts for Sale!

Walnuts for sale straight from the tree! Only £1.50 a bag! All proceeds (minus packaging costs) to the church.

Please call Vanessa Nash 811333 or email nashness@hotmail.co.uk.

Moreton Cricket Club

Despite the summer weather, the club has had a very good and busy season. On many occasions we have managed to put out three teams a week and played more than sixty games, winning the majority of them.

This year in July we visited the West Country for a short tour and played Brixham, Ivybridge and Kingsbridge, winning all three games. Perhaps the highlight of the season was the Cricket Festival which, combined with 'The Bear' Beer Festival, provided a very entertaining weekend. We managed to play twelve hours of cricket in all kinds of weather on the Saturday of the festival with eight teams taking part in a six-a-side competition. The eventual winners of the competition were our visitors from Amsterdam who will hopefully be back for the same event next year to defend the trophy. On the Sunday we played a full eleven-a-side game against them and managed to beat them this time!

There will a club dinner in November with prizes for some outstanding performances during the season and likewise some prizes for some performances not quite so outstanding but very memorable!!

Trevor Denning, President MCC

Open Gardens 2010

Prisms, the PTA for South Moreton School, are hoping to organise an Open Gardens Day in aid of School funds. The event would take place at the end of May or beginning of June and involve gardens in the Moretons and Astons. Tickets and teas would be organised by the school.

If you would be willing to open your garden to the public, please contact Susannah Stobart on 01235 810130 (suseandian@tiscali.co.uk).

South Moreton School PTA Jumble Sale

Saturday 3rd October

2pm in South Moreton School

Jumble can be brought to the school on morning of Sale

North Moreton Village Hall

A huge vote of thanks to Gar Evans and John Jones for all their hard work in sprucing up the outside of the hall. We now have notice boards on the outside & inside walls of the porch and would ask anyone wishing to put up a notice to use these and not the end wall of the hall.

After a quiet summer, fundraising has started again in earnest! The first event was the Harvest Supper on 26th September in aid of All Saints' Tower Fund which, thanks to the generosity of those who donated starters and puds, raised £490.

On **Saturday 10th October** we will be holding our Autumn Book Sale. We have, as always, an excellent selection of books on offer, including a section for children of all ages, so do make a special effort to come along and stock up for the long winter evenings! There is no entry charge and tea and coffee are available for purchase. If you have books to donate, or can spare an hour or two during the preceding week to help sort the different categories, please call Gar Evans on 813858.

Saturday 7th November is the date of our annual Charity Christmas Card Sale and Soup Lunch and we hope to have cards on sale in aid of Cancer Research, Helen & Douglas House, Oxfam & Save the Children. Once again there is no entrance charge and there will be the usual selection of delicious home-made soups on sale in aid of Hall funds.

We look forward to seeing you at these events.

Nora Haycock, Chairman VHMC

BOOK SALE

Saturday 10th October

10 a.m - 4 p.m.

NORTH MORETON VILLAGE HALL

in aid of Hall and Tower Funds

Refreshments available



2009 Ride and Stride

Thank you for the wonderful turn out for the Ride and Stride this year. Eleven people (maybe more) rode for North Moreton and it was lovely to have a number of children among them. From what I have heard, all had a great day, thanks largely to the perfect weather.

Thank you as well to Patrick, who was not riding this year. (Some excuse about a broken leg!). He took a turn in the Church to welcome our visitors and allowed his leg cast to be on display. Folk were invited to guess the cast weight and as well as providing considerable amusement, it raised an amazing £75.00 for OHCC and All Saints. Thank you Patrick for providing the two prizes, which were won by Maggie Parker, who guessed the nearest (1lb.2oz) and Veronica Gibbs (1lb 1oz).

Full details of the money raised will be available at the end of October. A gentle reminder to those who have sponsorship money, that I would like to finalise the account by mid-October. Thank you to those who have collected it already.

Beryl Jones (510035)

You are invited to a workshop on Climate Change, Sustainability and Social Justice.

We will look at the biggest challenges *and* opportunities we face today:

- The state of our industrial world.
- Our impact on the developing world.
- Where we go next.

and will include input from people in the village.

Sunday 4th October 2009 2.30 to 6.30.
THE OLD STABLES, ALDERS BARNSNORTH MORETON

To book a place please contact Sarah Mook. Email:
sarah.mook@btopenworld.co or phone 0780 8294669